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THESE youngsters from Papunya in Central Australia were far from camera shy when the ARMtour (Athletes as Role Models) and the Dare to Lead programs rolled into their community late last month. Gold Coast Titans NRL player Chris Walker (pictured right) was one of 25 top Australian athletes who visited Papunya, Ntaria (Hermannsburg), Mutitjulu, Santa Teresa and Imanpa under the joint initiative, forged through a share appreciation of the importance of achieving education and healthy living outcomes in Aboriginal communities. Each community hosted an ARMtour team of five role models from sport, academia, music and culture backgrounds and a team leader who holds a strong relationship with the community. The role models delivered activities which emphasised healthy food choices, avoidance of harmful behaviours and substances, and the benefits of attending school and keeping fit through sport. ● See Pages 78-79 for more

No new ATSI

But options paper will kickstart consultations

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma has strongly rejected a claim that he's pushing for 'another ATSI' to represent Indigenous Australians.

Senior Australian Labor Party (ALP) figure Warren Mundine made the claim last week after Melbourne's *The Age* newspaper reported that Mr Calma had commissioned a centre headed by Professor Mick Dodson to explore how a new representative body might work.

Advice provided by the Australian National University's National Centre for Indigenous Studies (NCIS) will inform an options paper which Mr Calma will give to the Rudd Government at the end of the month to kickstart community consultations on the issue.

The former Howard Government abolished the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSI) in 2005 amid claims of corruption and incompetence. By that time, many people in the Indigenous community had grown disillusioned with the organisation but the decision to scrap

it without an alternative in place still stung. Establishment of a new representative body is ALP policy but, until the recent Australia 2020 Summit, it had taken a back seat to the national apology to the Stolen Generations and increased commitments to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous health and life expectancy.

Delegates in the *Options for the Future of Indigenous Australia* stream at the Summit backed a new representative body, angering some of their number as well as Indigenous delegates participating in other sessions.



TOM CALMA

Early last week Mr Mundine, who once sat on the former Howard Government's now-defunct National Indigenous Council (NIC), described suggestions of a replacement for ATSI – especially one which might have legislative power as suggested by Mr Calma – as 'crazy' and 'a disaster' which should not even be entertained.

"If you look at the *Little Children Are Sacred* report (into sexual abuse in the Northern Territory), anyone who thinks a national representative body

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My FAMILY Phyllis Orcher – Sydney, NSW



Phyllis Orcher with her grandson, Biarmi, 4, and her son Phillip.

LET me introduce my family. My name is Phyllis May Orcher and I am one of ten children and two stepbrothers. I'm a Ngemba and Murawari woman born in Brewarrina and raised in Goodooga, in north-western NSW.

I came to Sydney in 1976 and attended Mackellar Girls High School in Manly Vale.

My visits home are limited these days due to my working life in Sydney. I go home for funerals and to connect with my mob whom I love dearly and don't see as much as I would like to.

I'm a very proud mum of Phillip and two beautiful grandchildren – Biarmi, 4, and Kijana 2, and daughter-in-law Kelly.

I feel very blessed with my family life and it gives me pleasure to promote stability and love in the home and the Aboriginal community that I live in, and represent.

As an older Aboriginal woman in the community, I have a responsibility in guiding

and mentoring the Aboriginal children with disabilities, youth and carers, and to see that our Aboriginal Elders are treated with dignity and respect.

I have always and will continue to respect and acknowledge the Elders, past and present, as we as Aboriginal people with jobs wouldn't have a job without all the hard work that Charlie Perkins, Essie Coffey (Bush Queen), Pearl Gibbs, Bill Ferguson, Pam Ingram, Ester Carroll, and everyone that has been in Tent Embassies, and the political arena with the governments. I thank you.

As an Aboriginal woman/worker representing my Aboriginal people in the community and workplace, I have a responsibility to abide by Aboriginal protocols and procedures set by the Aboriginal community that I represent and live to ensure they get the services that are culturally appropriate, accessible and available.

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OUR CHILDREN



Hundreds of thousands of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians around the country honoured Australia's war heroes on Anzac Day, including these Townsville schoolgirls. The Townsville parade down The Strand and commemorative service at Anzac Park saw a particularly big turnout of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Diggers, their friends and supporters. See Page 15 for more.

Photo by Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON

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Singapore didg tribute to fallen



Lance Corporal Cedric John at Singapore's Kranji War Memorial, inscribed with the names of 24,000 lost WWII soldiers and POWs on Anzac Day this year. Inset: Lance Corporal John and fellow North West Mobile Force soldier Lieutenant Adam Goodall with Darwin schoolboy Joshua Bowling at Kranji memorial.

Story and photos by
PHOEBE STEWART,
courtesy of the NT News

UNDER the cover of darkness, a lone didgeridoo echoed across 4500 marble graves of fallen soldiers and POWs, glistening in the early morning dew.

As the pink dawn sky warmed Kranji War Memorial Cemetery, 22kms south of Singapore, the man behind the haunting tones was revealed.

Twenty-seven-year-old Lance Corporal Cedric John sat at the foot of the massive stone monument, inscribed with some 24,000 names of World War II casualties lost in the fall to the Japanese, with the cemetery cascading below.

It was the Borroloolua man's first trip overseas, thousands of kilometres from his homeland.

The Army Reserves member of the North West Mobile Force was unaware that his song, the song of the Rainstorm bird, was causing tears to run down the faces of hundreds gathered at the sacred memorial to celebrate ANZAC Day on 25 April.

But when his didg subsided into a low slow beat, and then finally stopped, he

looked up at the faces that had been captivated by his performance for ten minutes.

Children rushed to see him up close, and cameras flashed as adults queued to take his photo and talk to about his music.

The attention continued as people from all nationalities came to shake the young apprentice carpenter's hand.

Afterwards, Lance Corporal John said he found all the attention a bit overwhelming.

"It was a bit like I was famous or something," said the keen fisherman and hunter. "This is my first trip and I'll tell them at home what it's like. Singapore is all right, but I miss the bush."

Lance Corporal John, who plays in a band called High Tide, has always loved music. His father, who died last year, taught him to play the didgeridoo when he was nine.

"I was asked (to come to Singapore) a few weeks back. I had to rush into Darwin and get my passport and all that," he said. "I was pretty confident I could do it. I played one of the songs for the bird that sings in the morning. I chose that one because I hear it singing every morning and in the afternoon."

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Celebration of families

CONSIDERED against the backdrop of high Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander unemployment levels, the theme for National Families Week (NFW) 2008 of 'Work and Family - Getting the balance right' might at first seem a bit incongruous. But NFW Indigenous Ambassador Sharon Williams believes the occasion is an important opportunity to celebrate our families' strengths and resilience in circumstances that go well beyond common work/money/mortgage pressures.

"In recent times, a lot of negative things have been said about Aboriginal families and parenting," she said before NFW, which will be held from 11-17 May. "Everyone says how bad things are for us in terms of education and employment rates and, of course in some respects, they're right."

"But it's important we don't lose sight of how strong we really are in keeping our families together."

Ms Williams said it could be argued that Indigenous people faced heavier family pressure

because of marginalisation and historical neglect by governments. And she said that in metropolitan environments 'we are being pushed further and further away from each other'.

"Some of our families are getting fragmented and we need every opportunity to remind us of the things that keep us together," she said. "National Families Week helps us to do that."

A Narungga/Kaurna woman with seven brothers and one sister, Ms Williams said organisations such as Aboriginal Family Support Services found that more and more families were coming in for support.

Enjoy life

"We are finding that our people get so busy meeting responsibilities and expectations that they forget to enjoy life," she said. "They think that unless they're looking after their whole family, they are failing."

"We're working with families to develop their skills to cope, to recognise their strengths and be positive about the future."

"It's about the physical, of course, but it's also about our

culture, our storytelling, our sense of humour. They're our real strengths, our treasures. In that sense we're rich."

Families Australia CEO Brian Babington said the aim of National Families Week was to encourage all Australians to do practical things to more effectively balance work and family responsibilities.

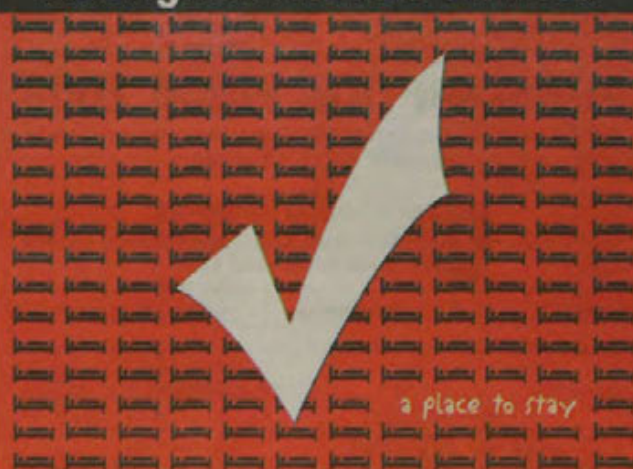
"Many families and individuals are struggling to strike a good balance between work and family roles," he said.

"Effectively balancing work and family responsibilities makes for stronger families, workplaces and communities."

The head of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), Steve Larkin, and the Chairperson of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC), Muriel Bamblett, are also NFW Indigenous Ambassadors.

Last year, more than 110,000 people celebrated National Families Week in events across the nation. For more information about what is happening this year, visit www.familiesaustralia.org.au/familiesweek/nfw08.htm.

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\$205m sewerage plan



WATER and sewerage services in 60 Aboriginal communities

will be upgraded under a \$205 million plan.

NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Paul Lynch said the Government would work with the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) to deliver the program to more than 60 communities.

The NSW Government and the NSWALC commitment would amount to about \$205 million over the next 25 years.

Mr Lynch said the lemma Government currently upgrades



NSW Premier Morris Iemma

water and sewerage infrastructure through the Aboriginal Communities Development Program.

"In recent months, the Government has inspected a number of communities to determine what is needed to operate and maintain water and sewerage infrastructure," he said.

"Aboriginal people remain disadvantaged in health outcomes. By providing quality infrastructure and on-going maintenance we can improve the health of Aboriginal people."

"Through the State Plan we are working in partnership with Aboriginal communities to deliver better services and new infrastructure."

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- Regular collection and testing of water



NSW Aboriginal Land Council chairperson Bev Manton chats with Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch at an unrelated event earlier this year.

NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton said the nine-member council had no hesitation in supporting the partnership with the State Government to improve the health and well-being of Aboriginal men, women and children in the affected communities despite the massive call on the Council's limited financial resources.

"Council unanimously

endorsed the proposal at its meeting in March this year. It will see NSWALC provide more than \$100 million in recurrent funding for at least the next 25 years," Ms Manton added.

"We recognise the need to provide safe and effective drinking water in the affected communities, which are former missions and reserves, managed by more than 50 of our Local

Aboriginal Land Councils.

"After nearly 25 years of land rights in New South Wales we now have sufficient resources and the statutory power to deliver real benefits to our people."

"We intend to do so."

Premier Morris Iemma made the announcement at the Labor Party State Conference in Sydney.

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Winning NAIDOC artwork recognises new attitude



DARWIN artists Duwun (Tony) Lee and Laniyuk (Ian) Lee have won the prestigious National

NAIDOC Art Award for 2008.

The Larrakia brothers' collaborative artwork named *Advanced Australia Fair?*, after this year's NAIDOC Week theme, will now be reproduced on the 2008 NAIDOC Week poster, which will be distributed throughout Australia during the coming weeks.

The work was judged best in a field of 100 entries from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists across

Australia, including some from remote desert communities and, for the first time, the Torres Strait. The competition carries a prize of \$5,000.

The winning entry features the word 'Sorry' on a vibrant red and orange background, with an emu and kangaroo (both in ochre) in the foreground. These are surrounded by the Southern Cross, connected by bold, wavy black lines.

"For the background, we have used the colours of the land, the sorry is in blue representing water and a healing point," the Lee brothers said.

"The Southern Cross is in the colours of the sunset, the time when it first comes out. The lines connecting the Southern Cross represent the spirits of our ancestors that are looking down on us and keeping an eye on us... (and) the orange is power and knowledge that they have and have given."

The emu and the kangaroo from the Australian coat of arms have been swapped left to right to represent the switch in the Government's attitude



The winning artwork by Duwun (Tony) Lee and Laniyuk (Ian) Lee, which will be reproduced on the 2008 NAIDOC Week poster.

with its decision to apologise to members of the Stolen Generations.

Congratulating the brothers on their win, National NAIDOC Committee Chairman Aden Ridgeway said the committee was very pleased with the standard of entries.

"This is a prestigious award that is getting harder to win each year as an increasing number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists take the opportunity to showcase their talent," Mr Ridgeway said.

Duwun Lee was taught traditional Aboriginal painting technique as a young boy and has been painting for most of his life.

He has travelled around the world learning, teaching and exhibiting his art works. He has been a finalist of the Telstra Aboriginal Art Awards five times (and aiming for number six this year).

Laniyuk Lee has less experience with traditional Aboriginal art work and is developing a distinctive style using traditional and contemporary images in a digital format.

Laniyuk has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Computer Science from the University of Canberra. He is currently working at Charles Darwin University in Information Technology Management Support.

This year, NAIDOC Week will run from 6 to 13 July. The theme encourages Australians to reflect on the principle of a 'fair go' and to consider the inequalities still experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

For more information on NAIDOC Week, and to nominate for the NAIDOC Awards visit www.naidoc.org.au. Go to your nearest ICC office or phone 1800 050 009 to obtain free copies of the poster.

Report highlights our sick situation

By DARREN COYNE



GOOD news, bad news and no news.

That's one way of summing up a new report showing some slight improvements in the health and welfare of Indigenous people.

The Health and Welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, 2008, report was released on 29 April.

The report shows falls in infant mortality rates and unemployment, and increases in home ownership and Year 12 completion.

The bad news is that the poor health of Indigenous Australians has not improved when compared with other Australians.

Indigenous people are twice as likely to report their own health as fair or poor. More than half are overweight or obese and half are regular smokers.

Twenty per cent of those living in remote areas reported no usual daily intake of fruit, with 15 per cent saying they had no daily intake of fresh vegetables.

It also found that 100,000 Indigenous people lived in sub-standard, over crowded houses.

The report shows 'glaring gaps' in the collection of data, with NSW, Victoria and Tasmania invisible to the government because full data was only collected in Queensland, Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia.

The report's statistics come out of a joint venture between the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said despite small gains in some areas, improvements to Indigenous health and welfare were 'frustratingly slow'.

Ms Macklin was particularly unhappy with figures showing that 250 people in the Top End and Central Australia had contracted Acute Rheumatic Fever.

"As you all know, Acute Rheumatic Fever is almost unknown in developed countries yet rates in some Australian Indigenous communities are among the highest in the world," Ms Macklin said.

"The fact that new cases were still presenting when this data was collected is a shameful indictment of Indigenous health."

She said the gaps in data had to be addressed.

"The Government knows that if we are to close the gap in Indigenous disadvantage we must fill in the gaps in data collection," she said.

"That's why we recently launched the first longitudinal study of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children called Footprints in Time."

"The study will track around 2,200



Dr Sandra Eades was critical of gaps in the data.

children in two age groups in locations across Australia over at least four years.

"By collecting this data we can better understand the links between early childhood experiences and later life outcomes."

She said the Government was committed to closing the gap.

"We really have, I think, an absolute responsibility to set ourselves the tough targets that we have set."

She said the Government was committed to promoting economic participation, reducing welfare dependency, better engaging Indigenous people and strengthening communities to tackle Indigenous disadvantage.

Sandra Eades, Director of Aboriginal health research at the Sax Institute, said to close the gap it was vital that the statistical data was accurate and comprehensive.

"More Aboriginal people live in NSW than in any other state or territory," Dr Eades told *The Australian* newspaper.

"One in three Aboriginal people aren't represented in those mortality statistics."

Greens spokesperson on Indigenous issues, Senator Rachel Siewert, said the inequality was a national disgrace.

She said adequate housing for Indigenous people should be at the top of the list of priorities.

"The report indicates the Indigenous impact of the housing crisis, with over a

quarter of Australia's Indigenous population living in overcrowded conditions," Senator Siewert said.

"The highest rates of overcrowding among Indigenous households were in the Northern Territory (38 per cent) followed by Western Australia (16 per cent)."

She said evidence of an 'urban drift' of Indigenous Australians from rural and remote areas into cities that could not cope with an increased population was an issue raised at a Senate Inquiry visiting Darwin and Alice Springs last week.

"It seems that the focus of the NT intervention on welfare quarantining ahead of housing and child protection is only making these problems worse - by increasing the number of families living rough in makeshift camps of the fringes of town," Senator Siewert said.

"We need to focus on the things that really make a difference and work with communities to achieve positive outcomes."

"Inadequate housing and infrastructure can be linked to the increased spread of infectious diseases such as skin infections, respiratory problems, eye and ear infections, diarrhoeal diseases and rheumatic fever."

"These diseases have the greatest impact on Indigenous children and are directly related to factors such as inadequate water supplies, sanitation and overcrowding."

Indigenous maternal deaths way too high

ALTHOUGH Australia's overall low maternal death rate has fallen, the mortality rate among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women is still high.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) last week released a report called *Maternal deaths in Australia 2003-2005*, which showed that overall there was a considerable drop.

Nationally, 65 deaths were reported, compared to 84 over the previous three-year period.

This represents a maternal death rate of 8.4 per 100,000 women, one of the lowest maternal death rates in the world. But the rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women was far higher - 21.5 deaths per 100,000 women; more than two and half times the non-Indigenous rate of 7.9.



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New ATSIC ruled out

about the need for a national body had been aired in public.

"Warren Mundine, Mick Dodson and everybody else who have an opinion need to get in the same room and put their ideas in the same melting pot," he was reported as saying.

Minister Macklin said the Government 'will not be replicating any failed policies of the past and the new body will not be another ATSIC', but promised to consider Mr Calma's options paper as part of broader consultations.

"We intend to go about the creation of this body in a careful way taking into account many different people's points of view," she told ABC Radio. "Lots of people have very different views about the nature and form and responsibilities that this new body should have."

Late last week, Minister Macklin wrote to delegates from the *Options for the Future of Indigenous Australia* stream at the Australia 2020 summit asking them to remember that 'the aim of the Summit was not consensus'.

"The aim of the Summit was to develop big ideas through creative and productive discussion. The Indigenous stream certainly met that mark," the Minister wrote, adding that representation of Indigenous views across the Summit 'did not mean the emergence of a single, unified Indigenous position'.

"This is neither achievable nor desirable. Instead, many Indigenous voices meant that a wide range of ideas for supporting Indigenous Australia were represented and discussed across the Summit."

The first report of Summit recommendations across a total of ten streams was presented to the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd at the end of the event. However, Ms Macklin said that a more formal and detailed record of all discussions would be included in the final Summit report and available later this month.

Last week, Mr Calma and about 50 other Indigenous Australians attended the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) in New York. Professor Dodson is the Pacific Indigenous Representative on the Permanent Forum.

Mr Calma did not venture an opinion on Warren Mundine's description of he and Professor Dodson as part of a 'champagne and caviar circuit' criticising Australia's performance in Indigenous affairs.

He said he didn't claim to have all the answers, but he did maintain that his role as a 'non-government independent Indigenous watchdog' was a vital one in solving the problems facing Indigenous people.

"This is not about symbolism, but about ensuring that Indigenous policy and any policy that affects Indigenous peoples, is robustly scrutinised from all angles," Mr Calma said.

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JENNY MACKLIN



WARREN MUNDINE

and international levels, and the appointed NIC had not allowed real Indigenous input into government decision-making, nor had it adopted a consultative approach to its work.

"Ultimately, there is a need for a new national representative body to ensure such input and engagement with Indigenous peoples occurs," Mr Calma said.

Professor Dodson's centre is researching what lessons can be learned from other representative 'mechanisms' in Australia and overseas, how to make sure a national representative body is sustainable, and the outcomes of national meetings held by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in 2006 and 2007.

"This information should provide a solid basis for informed debate among Indigenous peoples as to the different aspects of models for representation that are most suitable to meet our needs," Mr Calma said.

He said such debate would take time so he had proposed that the Government meet in the meantime with Indigenous peak bodies including land councils, affiliated health organisations, Aboriginal child-care agencies and educational bodies – most of which were elected and representative.

"Such a process would provide an interim approach to ensure that Indigenous peoples are at the table as vital decisions about our lives are made by the Government," Mr

Calma said.

"Such a voice should not be denied for the year or more that it is estimated that it will take for a representative body to be functional."

The interim arrangement proposed by Mr Calma appears to be similar to the former Federal Council for the Advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI). Inaugural ATSIC Chairperson Lowitja O'Donoghue, who last week mounted a campaign against the increasing use of the word 'Indigenous' to describe Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, is understood to favour such a model.

However, the matter will likely continue to split community opinion – including on whether any new representative body should be elected or appointed.

There are those who share Mr Mundine and Mr Aird's views. But others like the new SA Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement and former ATSIC Zone Commissioner, Klynton Wanganeen, and the head of the Kimberley Land Council, Wayne Bergmann, insist that Indigenous people have lost a lot of political ground and funding since 2005.

In Canberra last Wednesday, Mr Bergmann told journalists at the National Press Club he was disappointed that disagreements between Indigenous leaders

is going to solve the problems in those Aboriginal communities is mad," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"Let's get real here. The real issues are health, education, the trauma that our communities have been suffering for 200 years, economic development, and building a future for our kids."

"If we can get our people into jobs and proper housing, if we can get them to live longer, all that other stuff will just flow because we'll be in an economic and healthy position to take it on."

"We have to get our people out of poverty and you do that by getting them jobs and educated. I don't know why these people waste their time."

Mr Mundine was in tune with another former NIC member Wesley Aird who urged Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin to resist the revival of symbolic agendas, including a treaty, advocated by 'blokes with big beards and black hats'.

He was also critical of governments of all persuasions which he said had continually failed Indigenous people.

"I'm getting sick of politicians all around who spend all this money. They love all these committees and research, surely we are the most researched people in the world?" Mr Mundine said.

"I want less money spent on bureaucracies, committees and other time-wasting exercises and more action on the ground."

"Can you imagine the likes of Geoff Clark or Sugar Ray Robinson with legislative powers?"

However, Mr Calma maintains that none of the options to be provided to the Government at the end of this month will look like ATSIC.

"ATSIC as it existed was a department in itself and it was an administrative entity that administered funds and provided policy advice and it advocated for Indigenous people," he told *The Age*.

"This body wouldn't be a body that would administer funds, it would advise on policy, and it depends on how the Government wants to structure it. It could go anywhere from a stand-alone commission to an advisory body."

"It could be legislative in role – that's part of what we're looking at. (The Government) could turn to the body and ask it to draft legislation or the body might propose legislation."

And while Mr Calma first argued for a new representative body in his 2006 Social Justice Report, he told *The Koori Mail* that he had yet to write his report and, even when he did, he would not be advocating any particular model.

Suffice to say that ATSIC's abolition had created a pressing need for Indigenous representation at the local, regional, national

Praise, criticism at UN forum

By KIRSTIE PARKER



MEMBERS of a large Australian delegation have begun arriving back from an international forum

where the Australian Government received kudos for its formal apology to the Stolen Generations but was condemned for the ongoing Northern Territory emergency intervention.

The seventh session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, which had climate change as a central theme, closed in New York on Friday with a range of recommendations considered critical for survival and wellbeing of the more than 370 million Indigenous people worldwide.

A record 3300 people attended the 21 April-2 May gathering, giving Indigenous peoples from around

the world a platform to voice their concerns and dialogue with governments and the UN system about their concerns.

Last year's adoption of the landmark UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – though not yet by Australia – saw this Permanent Forum session take on added significance.

During the session, Forum members heard from delegates on ways in which their respective countries needed to take measures to implement the UN Declaration, and discussed how the body could be more effective in encouraging implementation.

Amongst the 50-strong Australian delegation were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA) Chairman Les Malezer, NSW Aboriginal Land Council

Chairwoman Bev Manton, representatives from the National Native Title Council and several young leaders undertaking training. Professor Mick Dodson is Pacific Indigenous representative on the Permanent Forum.

On the opening day of the Forum, the Deputy Secretary of Australia's Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FAHCSIA), Bernie Yates, reported on the Rudd Labor Government's February apology to the Stolen Generations.

On the issue of climate change, Mr Yates said the Government was determined to play an active role in the solution and had ratified the Kyoto Protocol on its first day in office.

He highlighted the 'Working on Country' program which he said Government expected would see 400 Indigenous rangers working on country to manage Indigenous

lands and waters within three years.

"Domestically, the Government is committed to a target of a 60 per cent reduction in carbon emissions by 2050," Mr Yates said.

"One of the Government's strategies is to assist one of the country's largest land-holder groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, to take advantage of carbon trading through abatement enterprise."

"Australia is very vulnerable to the effects of climate change...With a population concentrated along our coastline, rising sea levels and extreme storms are a risk to the sustainability of coastal communities."

Mr Yates outlined the Australian Government's commitments under the Close the Gap campaign and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's moves to form a bipartisan Joint Policy Commission with the Leader of the Federal Opposition.

He said building working partnerships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians was central to the Government's approach.

"The Government is committed to the emergency response in the Northern Territory to protect Indigenous children from the shocking levels of abuse and neglect reported in the *Little Children Are Sacred Report*," he said, adding that massive Government resources had been expended to address related problems.

He said the result was more police presence and night patrols; school nutrition programs were providing children with lunch in schools; food security was being upgraded on a region-by-region basis, through community stores licensing arrangements; jobs occupied by Aboriginal people had been recognised as Government

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Applications open for WA Redress Fund

Criticism, praise at New York gathering

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By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



A FORMER crusader for the victims of abuse in institutionalised care in Western Australia has become the first person to officially lodge an application for compensation under the \$114 million WA

Redress Fund, announced by the State Government in December last year.

The fund has started accepting applications and will keep the application period open until April next year when each application will be assessed for eligibility for compensation payments of between \$10,000 and \$80,000.

The first official applicant, 65-year-old Paul Irvine, claims he was physically abused at one institution and sexually abused at another while a ward of the state from his birth in 1943 until age 21.

Mr Irvine discovered he had Nyoongar heritage when he tried to join the army in 1962, but was told that he would need his mother's signature for permission to join up, and when he could not find any records he was advised to contact the Native Welfare department.

"I went to the Native Welfare and I waited and then they told me that I had a mother who lived near Margaret River and that she was Nyoongar," Mr Irvine said.

"I was shocked and devastated but I realised that was the reason that a lot of the boys called me 'nigger' and the cops in Katanning used to give me a hard time if they found me in town after curfew at six o'clock.

"I was working and I didn't even think about being Aboriginal because I thought I was English, but I never went to see my mother to get that signature because I couldn't go and see someone I'd never met.

"I didn't join the army in the end."

Mr Irvine said he never tried to reclaim his culture or get in touch with family, and his claim has nothing to do with loss of culture or family or the reasons why he was taken from his mother.

"I don't blame my mother for putting me in the orphanage. She did what I feel was the right thing and as far as I'm concerned her reasons I don't know and I'm not there to judge her for that.

"My grievances are with the way that I was cared for, not in the first orphanage but the other two orphanages."

Mr Irvine headed the lobby group Victims of Institutionalised Cruelty and Exploitation (VOICES) and another group when some of the institutions offered to settle out of court, but he saw the Redress Fund as a fairer scheme.

"I think \$80,000 would be enough but maybe I didn't get treated as badly as some of the boys I met through VOICES had been treated," he said.

WA Communities Minister Sue Ellery said there were estimated to be about 3500 Aboriginal West Australians who may qualify for a compensation payment, and those who did would also receive an apology.

"The State Government sincerely regrets that abuse like this happened," Ms Ellery said.

"We want to help correct the wrongs of the past through Redress WA, a very significant program that is the most generous of its kind in Australia.



'My grievances are with the way that I was cared for, not in the first orphanage but the other two orphanages'

— WA Redress Fund applicant Paul Irvine

'We want to help correct the wrongs of the past through Redress WA, a very significant program'

— WA Communities Minister Sue Ellery



"While we know that money can never make up for the suffering endured by these people, our hope is that this program will help them come to terms with their past and move into the future as happier and healthier individuals."

Ms Ellery said WA was one of only three States to offer such compensation, but the WA scheme was much more generous than those offered by the Queensland and Tasmanian governments.

"Our scheme is open now for one year, and after that applications will be assessed and

those people who are eligible will start to receive their payments," the Minister said.

Redress WA application kits can be obtained by phoning the Redress WA free-call number 1800 617 233, or can be downloaded from <http://www.redress.wa.gov.au>

Redress Fund applications are open for 12 months and must be lodged by 5pm on 30 April 2009.

Formal assessment of applications will begin on May 1, 2009, and all claims are expected to be resolved by December 2010.

service delivery jobs, and workers given the appropriate entitlements.

"A comprehensive, independent review of the NT emergency response will be undertaken at the 12-month mark, and will start in the middle of the year. This will identify what is effective and what needs to be changed or strengthened," he said.

Mr Yates said the review would take into account concerns about racial discrimination and Mr Calma's report.

He also said the new Labor Government recognised the importance of the UN Declaration globally and was currently consulting with Indigenous organisations and other key stakeholders about it.

However, Les Malezer said the Government had failed to reveal at the Forum that it had suspended the Federal Racial Discrimination Act 1975 in law to allow draconian actions to be taken against poor and vulnerable Aboriginal people.

"The suspension of the RDA removes any opportunity for the victims to appeal to the courts on the grounds of racial discrimination," he said.

"The suspension is a breach of Australia's obligations to the International Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, a treaty signed in 1966 and ratified in 1975.

"For many of the Aboriginal delegates in the meeting it was offensive, for this reason, that the meeting applauded the (Australian Government's) statement."

Amongst other Indigenous representations at the Forum:

● NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton called for the full participation of Indigenous peoples in measures to reduce the negative impacts of climate change and maximise the opportunities for Indigenous sustainable development.

● Tom Calma praised the Government for its formal apology, and called for greater human rights protection in the Pacific through the appointment of a special rapporteur for the region's Indigenous peoples.

● Alice Springs town camper Barbara Shaw called on the Government to rescind the NT emergency legislation and invite the Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Rights to visit the NT to assess the situation firsthand.

● Wiradjuri traditional owner from NSW Neville 'Chappy' Williams called on the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to investigate the rights of Aboriginal Peoples to their natural resources and traditional lands.

Delegates told the Forum that Indigenous peoples must have a say in decision-making processes on how to combat global climate change, because solutions currently being implemented are often further violations of Indigenous rights.

SA Council named

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE South Australian Government has named the members of a new Aboriginal committee formed to fill the void created when the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) was scrapped in 2005.

To be chaired by Kerry Colbung, the SA Aboriginal Advisory Council (SAAAC) will advise the Government on programs and policies on Aboriginal people in areas such as justice, health, education, training and community development.

Six of the committee's ten members, including chairperson Kerry Colbung and deputy chairperson Parry Agius, also sat on an earlier interim committee charged with determining future mechanisms for Aboriginal involvement in Government.

They'll stay on for a year while four new members will have two-year terms starting from May 1, 2008.

The interim body last year recommended creation of a Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement and a permanent Aboriginal Advisory Council. Former ATSIC Zone Commissioner Klynton Wanganeen was appointed to the Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement role in January.

"Aboriginal people need a representative voice at Government level to consult and negotiate on issues important to them," State Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Jay Weatherill said on Friday.

"The Advisory Council will be integral in ensuring Aboriginal people in metropolitan and regional areas are very much part of shaping the way services are planned, delivered, monitored and evaluated.

"The Council will provide a strong, consistent and collective voice for Aboriginal people."

Mr Weatherill appointed members following a public call in which about 80 nominations were received, many of them strong.

"People appointed to the Council need a very high level of commitment and experience," the Minister said. "They need a deep understanding of Aboriginal culture, policy and service delivery experience and, most importantly, good standing within the Aboriginal community."

Mr Weatherill said the new Council – of five men and five women – was a good mix of people from a range of professional backgrounds.

"The appointees are experts in different areas of Aboriginal and community affairs including a lawyer, a senior academic, the Deputy Chair of Aboriginal Congress, and a leader in the field of drug and alcohol policy," he said.

Ms Colbung, who is Director of the SA Aboriginal Sports Academy, said the Advisory Council would complement the advocacy role of the Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement.

"The Advisory Council and the Commissioner



SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill (fourth from left) with appointees to the SA Aboriginal Advisory Council, from left, Aaron Stuart, Mary Anderson, Scott Wilson, chairperson Kerry Colbung, Harry Miller, Mary Gollan and Parry Agius. Absent when this photo was taken were Lewis O'Brien, Alice Rigney and Khatija Thomas.



ALICE RIGNEY



LEWIS O'BRIEN



KHATIJA THOMAS



KLYNTON WANGANEEN

for Aboriginal Engagement will ensure Aboriginal people have an advocacy voice to support them as well as a representative body involved in government decision-making," Ms Colbung said.

"As an advisory group, it will be our (the Council's) job to provide honest, fearless and reflective representation on behalf of Aboriginal people across the State."

Following his appointment as Commissioner in January, Mr Wanganeen said he was looking forward to helping to fill the gap left by the demise of ATSIC.

"Having the opportunity to be a bridge-maker to help Aboriginal people engage with government is a huge job," he said. "Aboriginal people are among the most disadvantaged people in the community and sometimes struggle to have their views heard."

Before attending the recent Australia 2020 Summit in Canberra, Mr Wanganeen said Indigenous communities had suffered real funding cuts while being deprived of advocacy at regional, national and international level.

Establishment a new national Indigenous

representative body was one of the key recommendations of the Indigenous stream at the Summit.

Also on Friday, Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Dr Duncan McFetridge said that Mr Wanganeen should have been made a member of the Government's Executive Cabinet.

"Mr Wanganeen is the new Commissioner and as his position has the same title and status as the Commissioner for Social Inclusion, David Cappa, I believe it is very important for him to be included in Executive Cabinet," Dr McFetridge said in a statement.

"The advice presented by the Commissioner will remain confidential, but the issues of and for the Aboriginal people should be open and on the public record and should be frank and honest."

Dr McFetridge said the most pressing challenge facing the new SAAAC would be child abuse in remote communities and "Commissioner Wanganeen should be able to report directly to State Cabinet on this issue and all others".

The Council members...

Kerry Colbung (Chair – reappointed) has worked for both the Federal and State Governments in a variety of service delivery, program and policy roles, including the Social Inclusion Unit.

Parry Agius (Deputy Chair – reappointed) is Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement's Native Title Section.

Mary Anderson (reappointed) is a Yankunytjatjara woman who has worked with many different organisations around the Anangu-Pitjantjatjara-Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands.

Harry Miller (reappointed) is the CEO of the Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service.

Lewis O'Brien (reappointed) is a Kurna Elder and Adjunct Research Fellow, Indigenous College of Education and Research at the University of South Australia.

Dr Alice Rigney (reappointed) is a Narungga and Kurna woman and a retired school principal.

Khatija Thomas (new member) is a solicitor with the Women's Legal Service of South Australia. Originally from Port Augusta, she has also worked for the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement.

Sharon Gollan (new) is a renowned Aboriginal academic who has 25 years' experience in the public health, youth, children and community services sector with a focus on creating better services for Aboriginal people.

Aaron Stuart (new) is based in Port Augusta and has spent more than 17 years with the South Australian Police. He is a senior project officer in the Suicide Prevention Strategy area of Centacare Catholic Family Services.

Scott Wilson (new) has been CEO of the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Inc – the only State-based peak Indigenous substance misuse organisation in Australia – for more than 15 years.

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Noongar back to square one

By ELIZABETH MURRAY
in Perth



THE 2006 Single Noongar Native Title decision was last week determined to be flawed, sending Western Australia's local Indigenous people back to square one in their pursuit of recognition as the traditional land owners of the state's South-West region.

The 23 April decision has left Noongar people frustrated and disappointed, and led to renewed calls for an overhaul of the Native Title Act 1993.

The full Federal Court found that continuous acknowledgment and observance of the traditional laws and customs by the single Noongar society and connection to the land and waters had not been adequately established when Justice Murray Wilcox found in claimants' favour in 2006.

South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) CEO Glenn Kelly said it was essentially neither a win nor a loss and 'the decision you get when you don't get a decision'.

"We didn't get the answer we wanted and the State didn't get the answer they wanted," he said.

"The answer that we got was 'go back and do it again'. From here we go back to the docket judge and he considers the matter again.

"There may be only certain parts of the matter he will be considering, but we'll need to discuss that and basically we are just back to square one."

Mr Kelly said SWALSC would now consider what further action needed to be taken and it had 14 days to respond.

"We've worked very hard over the last 12 months to set up negotiation processes that could continue irrespective of the result," he said.

Acting State Premier Eric Ripper said Justice Murray Wilcox had made serious errors in applying High Court rules for the proof of native title and said he realised Noongar people would be very disappointed with the decision.

Mr Ripper said he took no personal satisfaction from the court's finding, but believed the State Government had a responsibility 'to seek legal clarity in native title law for the benefit of the whole community'.

"The State Government respects the special relationship of Noongar people with land in the South-West and we look forward to continuing our negotiations with them," he said.

"With this decision, we now have a clear and consistent understanding of the law, one that will give both the Government and Noongar people a solid platform for negotiations."

Mr Ripper acknowledged Noongar people as the traditional owners of the South-West region and said the WA Government would continue to negotiate



Noongar man Ray Hansen said: "I thought the sun was going to open up and we'd see nice rainbows and smiles on everybody's faces but I'm not saying that we've lost - we've just got to go back again and stand together united."

with the SWALSC to resolve their native title claims. "The State Government has been negotiating with SWALSC since the decision to appeal and the Government is also working with the Commonwealth to reach a resolution with Noongar people," he said.

SWALSC Councillor Barbara Court said she didn't feel disappointed because she was of the old school, 'brought up the way our parents taught us,' she said, 'to be tall and proud'. "This is our country, nobody can deny us that, and our children's children, our babies, are Australian citizens not just kids and I'm proud to be a Noongar Aboriginal Australian and do what my ancestors did."

Ms Court said she would like to see better education and housing - particularly for the homeless, 'because we're old and tired - we are a weary, tired people because we've been waiting a long, long time'.

Ray Hansen, said 'it was a sorry day' that the clouds have opened up and 'the old people are crying up there now'.

"I thought the sun was going to open up and we'd see nice rainbows and smiles on everybody's faces but I'm not saying that we've lost - we've just got to go back again and stand together united," he said.

Mr Hansen said he considered that for the Noongar nation to get recognition, all Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people must

stand together as one nation of people and 'support us for our fight'.

"Kevin Rudd can say sorry but now it's up to the premiers themselves to acknowledge things, it's not just a Noongar claim, it's something that can bring nations together," he said.

Despite subsequent doubts over native title in the area, the Noongar people should be congratulated for their commitment and strength in pursuing their rights, said the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Tom Calma.

Mr Calma said the decision highlighted what he had said in his 2007 Native Title Report, that the system was in 'gridlock' and 'there was tension between the interpretation and application of the Act and the original intent and purpose underpinning the legislation'.

"I am concerned that the courts are denying how societies and cultures evolve and are instead choosing to stick to narrow, unnecessarily legalistic interpretations and effectively restricting Indigenous peoples' exercise of their human rights," he said.

Mr Calma said the common law interpretation of the definition of native title outlined in Section 223 of the Act, 'being the requirement for a "society" and substantial continuity of traditional laws and customs', was particularly concerning.

"The Native Title Act as currently interpreted and applied can only be used by Indigenous people in very limited circumstances to access very limited and specific rights," he said.

National Native Title Council Chairman Brian Wyatt also questioned the current effectiveness of the legislation, and welcomed the Federal Attorney-General's announcement of a new approach by the Commonwealth Government to native title considerations.

Mr Wyatt said the original spirit of the Act was the principle that the 'recognition of Indigenous peoples' ongoing connection with their land should be resolved by negotiation and mediation - not to be bogged down in the Courts where no one ends up a winner'.

He added that the Noongar decision showed the current process needed to be reviewed to 'come up with better ways of doing business,' and the Attorney General had now 'opened the door to having a genuine look at how we can make the system work'.

"The Labor Government has an opportunity to resolve these issues and really focus on better ways of using

taxpayer's money in native title...that means, sitting down and talking with Traditional Owners to negotiate for economic and cultural benefits for their communities," he said.

"It's time that the Government had a serious look at amending the Act to ensure the rights of Indigenous people are upheld in these matters."



South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council CEO Glenn Kelly



West Australian Acting Premier Eric Ripper



South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Councillor Barbara Court

Legal service chiefs still unhappy

By DARREN COYNE



A ONE-OFF top-up of funding has failed to appease the heads of Aboriginal Legal Services.

The Federal Government announced on 18 April that an additional \$4.9 million would be spent supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (ATSILS).

Home Affairs Minister Bob Debus said the funding would assist with reducing financial pressures faced by ATSILS around Australia.

The funding announcement

followed warnings from legal service chiefs that they would have to withdraw services unless the Government delivered on its pre-election promise to strengthen funding to the sector.

But the heads of services in West Australia, South Australia and NSW/ACT all said the one-off funding was welcome, but would not address funding plight being faced by ATSILS.

Neil Gillespie of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement of South Australia, which will receive \$240,000 under the announcement, said the ALRM had lodged a formal complaint with the Prime Minister about its funding levels.

Mr Gillespie said in pre-Budget negotiations, the legal service was being offered a contract which increased its funding by only \$1000 over the previous year.

"They made an election promise to increase funding and in the event that there is nothing in the May Budget we will proceed with a formal complaint to the United Nations Human Rights Council."

Uncovered

In Western Australia, WA Aboriginal Legal Service head Dennis Eggington said the top-up funding would help address the increased workload that had resulted from child-abuse cases uncovered by a police task force.

"Our ability to retain services in remote and rural WA is essential, but it is only a one-off grant and will not really adequately address some escalating matters which are out of the control of the ALS in WA," he said.

"These include exceptionally high office rental properties, a continuing growing demand from new court circuits, and having more magistrates appointed and, of course, continued offending rates and over policing of our people."

"We're still hoping that the May Budget will bring some financial relief to providers of legal services to Aboriginal communities. If not it will be just another disappointing

moment where our legal services will need to consider what sort of work we do and who we do it for."

Mr Eggington said it might be necessary for the ALS to divert its resources to remote and rural areas, and leave other cases to mainstream legal aid services, where they exist.

ACT/NSW Aboriginal Legal Service Director Trevor Christian described the Federal Government's funding top-up as 'a spit in the bath tub'.

The Board of his service was due to meet last weekend to discuss whether it would proceed with the reduction of services if more funds were not forthcoming in the Budget.



2007 Young Australian of the Year Tania Major holds aloft the Beijing Olympic torch outside Parliament House in Canberra, flanked by Australian and Chinese security officers. AAP Image

Our people have major torch role



THE pro-Tibet versus pro-China controversy dominated media coverage of the Beijing Olympic torch's 16km journey around the nation's capital on 24 April, but the iconic exercise still paid respects to Australia's first peoples.

"It's everyone's dream to have the Olympic torch and to have the Games in the name of peace," said local Aboriginal Elder Matilda House, welcoming the torch.

And the 2007 Young Australian of the Year 2007, Tania Major, from Cape York, was the first relay runner on Australian soil.

Flanked by police, press and several Chinese attendants, she made her way to the edge of Lake Burley Griffin where the Australian Women's Rowing Eight

team took the flame across the water.

"Mate, words alone cannot explain how I'm feeling," the young Queenslander said.

"I just had this big emotional pride, it was such an honour to be the first runner and kick it off, particularly with all the press that's been going on in the lead up."

Ms Major said she had felt uncertain on the morning of the torch relay, but was pleased the torch's journey had begun peacefully.

More than 1000 pro-Tibetan and pro-Chinese supporters had gathered outside Parliament House by the time the torch arrived there. Hundreds of police lined up along the protest area. Tension over the relay mounted as it approached Parliament, and at least two pro-Tibetan protesters were wrestled away as the flame approached. - with AAP

School is goal for overhaul



AN overhaul of remote education in the Northern Territory will focus on encouraging Aboriginal communities to send their kids to school. NT Education Minister Marion Scrymgour announced the overhaul on 30 April, saying it would concentrate on school attendance and basic literacy and numeracy skills.

She said local community education boards would be set up to assist the process. The boards would initially be set up in eastern Arnhem Land and the Warlpiri triangle - Lajamanu, Yuendumu, Nyirpi and Willowra - in central Australia.

Ms Scrymgour said her statement, *Transforming Indigenous Education*, sought to change attitudes to education in Indigenous communities so that going to school received the highest priority.

"Some Indigenous parents and communities put a high value on education - others don't, and we need to change those attitudes," Ms Scrymgour said.

"While we are rolling out our Closing the Gap package to improve outcomes across a range of areas, including education, transforming Indigenous education includes further and broader policy reforms that go to the delivery of education."

"These reforms aim to get kids to school, attending regularly and free of the social and health problems that hamper the learning of basic literacy and numeracy."

"The NT Government will work with the Commonwealth to provide the facilities and resources needed to achieve these goals in partnership with these communities."

"The upcoming Budget delivers \$17.6 million for Closing the Gap education initiatives including extra teachers, upgrades to remote schools, new mobile pre-schools, an attendance team and a campaign on the value of schooling."

Ms Scrymgour announced five new major projects would be pursued by the Government to transform Indigenous education:

- The establishment of Community Partnership Education Boards, which she said would give communities strong and genuine community ownership over a range of education services in their area,

from schools and libraries to school-based nurses. The model could include a regional residential hostel.

- In partnership with the Federal Government, investigate the establishment of early learning and development family centres.
- The establishment of community based residential hostels so young people in remote Indigenous communities could access a quality secondary education in or near their home communities
- Investigate establishing Fit for Learning services to provide health, welfare and well-being needs for Indigenous students in town camps so they could concentrate on learning at school
- The expansion of Growing Our Own, to build the Territory's local Indigenous education.

Schools to receive funding in Budget 08 as part of Closing the Gap include:

- \$1 million for Alekarrange to construct a new specialist senior learning space
- \$2 million to convert the homeland centre at Alparra into a school
- \$1.15 million for upgrades to the Ngukurr School including additional specialist senior learning space
- \$1.25 million for additional classrooms and facilities at Ramingining
- \$2 million to convert the homeland centre at Yilpara to a school
- \$1.55 million for Yirrkala to replace the current demountable block with four new classrooms
- \$1.25 million for improvements to the primary school area facilities at Yuendumu.

Country Liberal Party Leader Terry Mills said he broadly agreed with Ms Scrymgour's new policy direction, but would like to see punitive measures increased for parents who do not send children to school.

He said the NT Opposition had a clear view on the principle of a good education policy.

"Three broad areas of responsibility: One, that parents have a responsibility to send their kids to school, secondly, that Government has a responsibility to provide a teacher before every class and that there is a properly equipped and framed curriculum," he said.



Susan Russell, 81, from Taree and her great granddaughter Olivia Clarke at the Coloured Diggers march with photographs of Susie's four brothers who fought in WWII

A little sister remembers

By KIRSTIE PARKER

NSW FOUR brothers went to World War II. And they all came home — unbeknownst to

their mother Susan Miller who was so griefstricken with the belief that they'd all die in battle that she was admitted to a mental hospital while they were away. This left her and her travelling shearer husband John Wallace's four remaining children, including 14-year-old daughter Susie, to largely care for themselves.

By the time two of her sons returned home to Purfleet mission near Taree on the NSW mid-north coast, Susan's mental state had deteriorated so far that she was past knowing who they were. By the time her other two sons returned, she was dead — effectively dying without knowing that all four sons had in fact returned home, alive if not well.

There may be other stories as sad as this one, and many will have been told and re-told on Anzac Day just past.

However, what makes the story of Susan Miller's four soldier sons — Donald, James, Duncan and Jack Wallace — even sadder is that these were Aboriginal men who willingly enlisted to serve a country that refused to even recognise them as citizens.

"When my brothers were away, they were treated as equals by the soldiers they lived, slept and served alongside," their little sister Susie Russell, now 81, told *The Koori Mail*. "But when they returned, the colour bar was still in place in Taree. They could only stand outside the pubs on Anzac Day and their mates would come out and bring them a beer."

"They just had to revert back to the way it was before they went to war. They didn't receive anything."



Private Duncan Wallace's war grave at Sandgate, NSW

Susie's granddaughter Tina Russell is writing a book on the family's history and said her Nan told her that the brothers came back from war 'completely different people'.

Unable to forge lasting relationships, only one married and had children. All took to drinking methylated spirits (it was easier for them to buy than beer) and at times lived in parks and under bridges.

"Uncle Jimmy was the only one of the four brothers who got any counselling and was the only one who would even mention the war," said Susan's daughter Sueanne.

"If the other brothers were asked about it, they'd just say 'It was a terrible, terrible thing and no more.'"

All four of the veterans have now passed on but their surviving family members are on a quest to ensure that the country that benefited from their courage but treated them so shabbily will at last pay them the respect they deserve.

Thanks to the family's

perseverance, in the past two years all four veterans have received an official war grave from the Australian War Graves Office.

This Anzac Day, Susie joined tens of thousands of other people to watch the main parade in the Sydney CBD and was thrilled to witness the battalions of two of her brothers passing by.

"My mum is a very quiet and reserved person but she called one of those diggers over and just shook his hand," said Sueanne.

"She couldn't speak because she was so emotional but it was so important to her."

"Then when she went to Redfern to the Coloured Diggers March, Tina asked 'Nan, would you like to march?'"

"We were all amazed when she said yes. She has a bad hip but walked every step and when she finished she was just full of adrenaline."

Susie surprised herself too but said it was worth it.

"I have always thought my brothers should be recognised for what they did and what they came back to, what they had lost," she said. "Making the decision to voluntarily enlist, they earned that right."

"I felt very proud but also very emotional and sad. I would have loved to have seen my brothers march."



Susan Russell pins her brothers' names to a map of Indigenous Australia at St Saviours Church in Redfern

Our 'Forgotten' heroes take pride of place



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women are beginning to get the recognition and respect

that they deserve.

Until the 1960s and 70s, our diggers were good enough to serve Australia on battlefields and in war zones, but not good enough to join their white comrades for a beer upon their return.

As Pastor Ray Minniecon says, 'Bullets don't discriminate', but people did and do.

Some diggers returned home to find that their children had been taken from them and placed in institutions or their families had been denied access to their pay.

Later on, Aboriginal diggers were not permitted to march with their comrades on Anzac Day or to join with them in after-march events and, for a variety of reasons, many did not gain access to veterans' benefits.

"All too often, the names of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Diggers were omitted from war memorials in cities and towns across the length and breadth of Australia," Mr Minniecon said.

"All too often our people were denied the honour, recognition and respect accorded to other servicemen and servicewomen."

The memory of that inequality still lingers, but has failed to discourage our heroes from taking their place in Anzac Day celebrations in recent years.

And in some quarters, Indigenous servicemen and women are receiving special recognition, as in the second Coloured Diggers March held in Redfern in inner Sydney on Anzac Day, 25 April.

The afternoon march from The Block to St Saviours Church for a church service followed the traditional mainstream Anzac parade through the central business district watched by tens of thousands of spectators. About 500 people stood and applauded the coloured diggers and their families as they passed by during the Redfern event.

Pastor Minniecon, who organised the Redfern event, said the event aimed to recognise, respect and honour the thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women

who had gone to war, 'in a way in which we felt necessary for our community'.

"Many of our Aboriginal diggers did fight over in every world war, and on the battlefield they were all mates," Pastor Minniecon said.

Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore agreed that Indigenous people had been forgotten in Anzac Day ceremonies.

"(For) too long the role they played went unrecognised," Ms Moore said. "We have a lot of catch-up to do in order to recognise the very important role that our Indigenous people played in both our wars."

Ms Moore was joined at the St Saviours church service by NSW Governor Marie Bashir, who said the ceremony was an expression of the 'gift the Aboriginal people are sharing with us'.

Aboriginal Vietnam veteran Phillip McLeod said the white Australian soldiers he fought beside 'couldn't work out how I got there'.

"Aboriginals on Aboriginal community reserves were exempt (from the rule that Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders were not conscripted) and (because they didn't know that) they couldn't work out how I got through the system," he said.

Supported by two generations of his family, Mr McLeod said the march filled him with pride.

"How often do you ever see an Aboriginal returned soldier march? We're just like one little person in the main march, whereas this really sends out the message," he said.

An honour roll was unveiled during the church service for Indigenous ex-servicemen and women, titled *The Best That We Forgot*.

The honour roll will tour the country to allow descendants of Aboriginal veterans to add the names and Aboriginal Nation/s of their loved ones to the list.

At the end of this month, several ceremonies will be held across Australia during National Reconciliation week, in recognition of the service and sacrifice of Indigenous veterans. — with AAP

● See pages 12 and 13 overleaf for a pictorial spread by photographer FELICITY JENKINS on the event they are calling 'the people's march'.

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Coloured Diggers



Terry Olsen performed a welcome dance at St Saviours Church, Redfern.



Lyall Munro and Mark Spinks of the Babana Men's Group carrying the Coloured Digger banner during the march.



NSW Governor Dr Marie Bashir and Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore were amongst the VIPs at St Saviours.

Lest we forget

FELICITY JENKINS caught these moving images from the Coloured Diggers march and memorial service held in Redfern, Sydney, on Anzac Day.



Covered in glory... The medals worn by one of the veterans at the service.



Larissa Minniecon showed her colours during the march.



WO1 Colin Watego salutes wreaths laid at St Saviours, while ATSIWA (NSW) Secretary Harry Allie and Linda Boney look on.



The scene in St Saviours Anglican Church, Redfern. Izak Sebastian is pictured in camouflage gear.



Ray Finn and his son at the service.



Two diggers in a reflective mood during the church service.



Laying a wreath at the Redfern Park War memorial were (WO1) Col Watego and Barbara Asplitt.

Coloured Diggers



Wayne Langlo, Glen Doyle and Terry Olsen lead the people's Anzac Day march in Redfern.



David Williams, President of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans' Association (ATSIVA), NSW.



ABOVE: WO1 Col Watego, Les Long and Roy Mundine at the procession in Redfern, Sydney.

RIGHT: Uncle Max Eulo conducts a smoking ceremony outside St Saviours Anglican Church, Redfern.



Former Vietnam War serviceman Uncle Bill Coolburra (Army) at the Palm Island Anzac Day service.

150 at service on Palm Island



MORE than 150 people attended the Anzac Day memorial service held on the North Queensland Aboriginal Community of Palm Island.

Amongst those honoured were local veterans Uncle Bill Coolburra (Army), Keith Walsh (Army) and Thomas Prior (Navy).

Lt Colonel Peter Power, from 11 Brigade, and Lee Smallwood, a Department of Defence Indigenous Liaison Officer NQ Region, based at Lavarack Barracks, were the VIP guests.

"There were 150 people at the event, including police officers,

reservists from 51 FNQ Regiment, Ambulance service, both schools, school children, councillors, and family members of armed forces service members who have passed on," Ms Smallwood said.

The traditional service included an opening prayer, a welcome speech by Palm Island mayor Alfred Lacey, the customary laying of wreaths, the Ode, the Rouse, and a minute silence.

The MC was Rio Walsh who recently received his National Service medal for his contribution in the Army.

The Palm Island Aboriginal Council then hosted a lunch for the community. - By ALF WILSON

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Townsville turns out

By Townsville Correspondent
ALF WILSON



THERE was no mistaking the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women to the defence of Australia during wartime, judging by the turnout for this year's Townsville Anzac Day parade and commemorative service.

Several thousand Indigenous people attended the event as marchers and spectators, including an estimated 500-plus Torres Strait Islander people and several hundred schoolchildren, amongst a broader crowd of tens of thousands who lined The Strand and Anzac Park.

Among them was Elder Alex Illin who walked to the cenotaph with his wife Theresa and their grandchildren to place a wreath in to remember Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who lost their lives in conflicts.

"This is one of the biggest Anzac Day ceremonies here," said Mr Illin, who served with the Australian Army in the Vietnam War.

Torres Strait Islanders came from as far away as Boigu Island, Australia's northern-most outpost, which is within sight of Papua New Guinea.



Indigenous men were among the many marchers to take part in the Townsville Anzac Day service.

Eleven members of the Toby clan were there, with nine having that surname, the two others being Bob Banu, and 12-year-old Phyliss Audu.

Sanike Mareko, from Yam Island, and his wife Bertha Mareko, who was watching in a wheelchair, were among the crowd.

"There are a lot of people here, this is touching," Mr Mareko said.

Local Reg Maza clapped

throughout the parade as he stood in a crowd lining the street five-deep.

"I have been to a few of these and I have enjoyed it," he said.

Townsville Mayor Les Tyrell said the local event was growing in popularity and he praised the relationship between the community and the military which had a large presence.

The crowd enjoyed the hymn Amazing Grace and speeches by invited guests.



Alec Illin, wife Theresa and grandchildren after laying a wreath on behalf of Indigenous servicemen and women.



Reg Maza at the parade



Yam Island couple Sanike and Bertha Mareko.



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Service in Thuringowa



BINDAL Elder Manny Ross gave the Welcome to Country speech at the Anzac Memorial Service held at North Queensland's Thuringowa State High School on April 24.

Mr Ross has Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and was one of the invited guests amongst the official party, along with New Guinea-born elder Albert Abdul Rahman.



From left are Albert Abdul Rahman, student cadets Teighlor Hayward, Cheyde Hayward, Keiran Thompson and Bindal Elder Manny Ross.

Indigenous teacher Rick Garcia said that the school had about 300 students, of which about about half were either of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

"About half of the Indigenous pupils are of TSI descent," he said.

Mr Ross has many descendants on Darnley Island in the Torres Strait.

The memorial was held a day before Anzac Day, which is a public holiday, to give

students an opportunity to take part.

Mr Ross was a former champion Townsville AFL footballer with Indigenous club Garbutt Magpies. He was delighted to meet his granddaughter Jalissa Ross, who is a pupil there.

Mr Abdul Rahman was a former member of the Australian Army based at Townsville's Lavarack Barracks and had also played local AFL with another club, South Townsville.

— Report and pictures by Alf Wilson



Students at the Thuringowa State High School Anzac service.

On the Rocky road to closing the gap

By CHRISTINE HOWES



EXPERIENCED professionals in the fields of health, housing, employment and education had a go at identifying some gaps,

particularly local ones, during a Close the Gap forum at Rockhampton's Central Queensland University on Close the Gap Day (22 April) last month.

CQU Indigenous Unit Director Associate Professor William Oates said he wasn't sure 'holistic' was the right word to describe their approach.

"I'm not too sure what they mean when they say that. I think we have to look at all the parts that uphold communities are working together for a better future," he said.

Jen Tsen Kwok, the local branch organiser for the National Tertiary Education Union which supported the event, said he felt it was a good starting point for more discussion in



Speakers at Rockhampton's Central Queensland University Close the Gap Day event, from left, Nat Minniecon, Vicki Pascoe, Brian Rutherford and Joan Smith.

Rockhampton about Indigenous social disadvantage.

"Indigenous health issues are part of a much larger web of Indigenous social disadvantage, and that's what this event reinforced," he said.

Nearly 40 people, at what Professor Oates described as a 'good event', from a broad range of university faculties and

administration, community organisations and local residents, were at the event, including the CQU deputy vice-chancellor.

"The university, if it does have a role to play in that, they ought to close the doors and go home because I think a lot of it's got to do with dialogue, getting people to talk, conversations, and because it has to do with humanising the

problem," Professor Oates said.

"To do that involves running sessions like we had here where it involves the university and the local community coming together to talk and it's in those conversational approaches to things we find out the problems people face."

Blackwater Bidgerdii Community Health Services Clinical Manager Joan Smith said gaps in life

expectancy, early childhood and development growth, education, substance use and misuse, environmental health and economic participation were all key factors.

Brian Rutherford, from the State Department of Housing, outlined issues around obtaining housing and new arrangements for accessing public housing in Queensland which he said would start towards the end of this year.

Minniecon & Burke job network agency partner Nat Minniecon touched on barriers to employment and racism in schools.

"The first thing we know about employment is that it certainly improves mental health issues in terms of how people relate to one another and their family, and it also improves physical well-being in terms of our people start to look after each other," he said.

And CQU education lecturer Vicki Pascoe spoke on the many factors outside the classroom which could have an impact on education.

New health model call

By DARREN COYNE



A NEW model of primary health care is needed to address the 'persistently appalling' health status of Australia's Indigenous people. That's according to Dr Mark Wenitong, who was speaking

during a Close the Gap forum at Parliament House in Brisbane last Tuesday, 29 April.

Dr Wenitong told Queensland MPs that a community-based approach to delivering primary health care was the only way to address ongoing health problems.

Dr Wenitong is the senior medical officer at Apunipima Cape York Health Council, a former president of the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association (AIDA), and was a delegate to the recent 2020 Summit.

"The time has run out for incremental and piecemeal approaches to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health," he said.

Dr Wenitong's statements were made as the State's political leaders – including Premier Anna Bligh, Opposition Leader Lawrence Springborg, and their ministers and shadow ministers for health and Indigenous partnerships – signed a statement of intent to close the 17-year gap in Indigenous life expectancy.

The statement was similar to one signed in February by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, his health and Indigenous affairs ministers, and Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson.

Dr Wenitong said experience in Australia and overseas showed that a properly funded, well co-ordinated, community-controlled primary health-care sector could improve outcomes for Indigenous people.

Dr Wenitong said the Rudd Government's commitment to improving health standards for Indigenous people was laudable. But he questioned whether the targets could be achieved in Qld without a major overhaul of current arrangements.

He said the young population profile of



Queensland Opposition Leader Lawrence Springborg and Premier Anna Bligh sit with students from The Murri School at the Close the Gap Forum held on 29 April at Queensland's State Parliament. Photos by SAMANTHA JEFFERSON

Indigenous people meant more resources were needed to deal with the increased 'disease burden' they faced.

As well, poor planning in the existing public system, highlighted recently by concerns for safety and security of nurses working in the Torres Strait, had to be addressed.

Dr Wenitong said the health system had to recruit and retain high-quality professional and technical staff, and be more accountable to the broader social determinants of health.

He said while innovative practices had been implemented in pockets of Queensland, for example under the Cape York Health Deed of Commitment, other areas were operating under old systems.

He also warned that welfare reform trials

to address some of the social determinants of poor health were perceived by some as heavy-handed and paternalistic, and had created divisions within communities.

Dr Wenitong said there were many examples in Australia where community-controlled health care had led to better health outcomes for Indigenous people. There were also larger-scale examples of success overseas – in the United States, New Zealand and Canada where treaty-based arrangements combined with 'close the gap' campaigns had seen real gains, using community-controlled health-care models.

He said there needed to be key structural changes to the current system – more money was needed for the community-controlled sector to deliver comprehensive primary



Dr Mark Wenitong speaks at the forum.

care, and better ways to allocate funds were also needed to achieve better efficiencies.

He said governance arrangements also had to be improved so that people involved in community health organisations – the board, the CEO, administrators, and medical staff – understood their roles and responsibilities.

As well, the community-controlled sector should reflect on the hard lessons learned by the mainstream health system through the Bundaberg Hospital experience and the Health Systems Review, he said.

Dr Wenitong said a key component of reform was to build up a substantial Indigenous medical work force, and also enshrine the role of the community-controlled sector in legislation.

The forum was organised by Oxfam Australia, the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) as the peak body for the State's community-controlled Indigenous health sector, and Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTAR).

Meanwhile, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma used national Close the Gap Day on 22 April to urge the Federal Government to make closing the gap a daily priority.

"While the Prime Minister's commitment to report on progress in closing the gap on the first day of Federal Parliament each year is welcomed, I implore all governments around Australia to continue consulting, planning and implementing the steps along the way towards ensuring that benchmarks and targets for achieving these fundamental human rights for Indigenous Australians become a reality," Mr Calma said.



Veteran truckie Ralph Close with his Hernes Freight Service Western Star prime mover. Ralph followed in the footsteps of his late uncle Dave Close (inset picture), who inspired him to become a truckie.

Keep on truckin'

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



BUNDJALUNG trucker Ralph Close is showing no signs of slowing down after 44 years in the transport industry, recently declaring 'I don't want to stop until I am at least 70 years old'.

The Lismore Elder first sat behind the wheel of a truck when he was just 13 years old.

He fondly remembers his Uncle Dave Close, who was also a truckie, showing him the ropes, and says he knew at that moment that he was destined to be a truck driver.

"My uncle used to give me a what for if I made a mistake," Mr Close said. "From knee high to a grasshopper, I wanted to be a truck driver, and I still do."

Mr Close has seen a lot of changes in

the industry over the years, and believes the job is far more dangerous these days, compared with when he started.

He said many truck drivers, including himself, were getting fines for not taking a mandatory 10-hour break during a 24-hour period.

"It's about revenue, not safety," he said of safety cameras which were used to monitor truck travel on roads.

"They give you a minimum amount of time to go through the camera and if you arrive any earlier, then you get a fine. It's all revenue."

It seems that truck driving might be in Ralph Close's bloodline, because he was able to list at least seven family members who were also trucking.

But if one of his grandsons wanted to follow his footsteps, Mr Close said he would shake it out of them because of the danger.

"It's young truck drivers speeding," he said. "They just fly past you, that's why there is news about so many accidents."

A reminder of the danger for Mr Close came when he had his first truck tip over about five years ago.

He described that as a day he lost his pride.

While he still loves his job, he said he missed out on parts of the kids growing up.

However, Mr Close's daughter, Sandra Evans, the youngest of four siblings, said she didn't mind her dad travelling around the country because she always got presents, and sometimes they even got to go with him.

Now it's the grandchildren who sometimes get to travel with Mr Close.

So next time you see a Lismore-based Hernes Freight Service Western Star cruising down the Pacific Highway, take a 'Close' look because it might just be him.

Historian Huggins tipped for Qld Governor



INDIGENOUS academic and historian Jackie Huggins would be 'absolutely delighted' to be Queensland's next governor, but said it was a decision for State Premier

Anna Bligh.

Dr Huggins told *The Koori Mail* that she was 'humbled' that people had tipped her for the position, but was hesitant to comment further.

Reports surfaced last week that Dr Huggins, who is the deputy director of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit at the University of Queensland, was in the running.

The reports followed Dr Huggins' appearance as co-chair of the Indigenous stream at Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's Australia 2020 Summit.

Ms Bligh has refused to reveal who will replace Governor Quentin Bryce when she replaces Governor-General Major-General Michael Jeffrey in September.

Dr Huggins said time was running out for any Australian State to appoint an Indigenous governor because the momentum was building for a republic.

Asked what type of governor she would be, Dr Huggins said: "I'd like to be one who is inclusive. I still, of course, would like to keep Indigenous issues at the forefront of the agenda."

A mother of one, Dr Huggins was born in north Queensland to two Indigenous parents in 1956. She was just two when her father Jack Huggins - who had been a prisoner of war on the Burma-Thailand railway in World War II - died.

Her mother Rita, who died 12 years ago at 75, helped organise the 1967 referendum that recognised Indigenous



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KULLILLI PEOPLE'S NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

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| 1. Joe Barney | 14. Dick 'Gunta' Richards |
| 2. Neba Brighton | 15. 'Kullilli' Rosie and her husband |
| 3. Daisy (spouse Harry Pilot) | 16. 'Cura' Jack Thompson |
| 4. 'Gnadolle' Hevel | 17. 'Bunda' Tiger |
| 5. Ida (spouses Peter Williams, Buckley) | 18. Tilby and 'Djogo' Hugo |
| 6. 'Mary Ann' Jinie (spouse William Conlan) | 19. Trinda and Lollipoo |
| 7. Mary (spouse Harry Barney) | 20. Toby and Topsy |
| 8. Mary (spouses Chinese, Dick Richards and Alexander Brierty) | 21. Jack 'Noney' Wallace |
| 9. 'Ippi' Mary (Bob Gray) | 22. Monitor Wallace |
| 10. Mary-Ann (Billy Phillips) | 23. Wilico |
| 11. Mina' Maryann (Alick, Charlie Turner, Jack Williams) | 24. Harry Willis |
| 12. 'Munga' Maryann | 25. Harry Willy-Boy |
| 13. Jeannie 'Jinnie' Mossman and Charlie Fitzroy | 26. Monday Willoughby. |



This Notice invites all members of the Kullilli People (the description of whom is set out above) to attend a meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: 10 May 2008
Venue of Meeting: Thargomindah Town Hall
Time of Meeting: 9.30AM - 4.00PM

Purpose of this meeting is to authorise a native title determination application for the Kullilli People relating to the recognition of native title rights and interests over Kullilli lands. The proposed claim area is situated in the western region of Queensland as shown in the map below.

All Kullilli People are invited to contact Queensland South Native Title Services (Richard Sporne or the Communities Section on 07-3221 5500) to register their intention to be present at the authorisation meeting.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the meeting. However, morning tea and lunch will be provided to participants at the meeting.



Empowerment 'key to future'

Communities must benefit from boom — KLC leader

By DARREN COYNE



ANY DEVELOPMENT of multi-billion dollar gas reserves off the Kimberley coastline must benefit the local Aboriginal

communities. That's according to Kimberley Land Council Executive Director Wayne Bergmann, who said the Federal Government must back traditional owners to ensure the resource boom benefited communities in the Kimberley.

Mr Bergmann was a guest speaker at the National Press Club in Canberra last week, and told the gathering that economic empowerment for Aboriginal communities was the best way to ensure responsible development of the gas reserves off the Kimberley coastline.

The KLC, WA Government and mining companies are in the process of identifying a site along the Kimberley coast to develop a single gas processing hub to deal with gas from massive reserves in the Browse Basin. No development would go ahead, however, without the informed consent of traditional owners.

Mr Bergmann said the KLC, under instructions from traditional owners, had embarked on a process to ensure communities had a full understanding of what was being proposed in the Kimberley area.

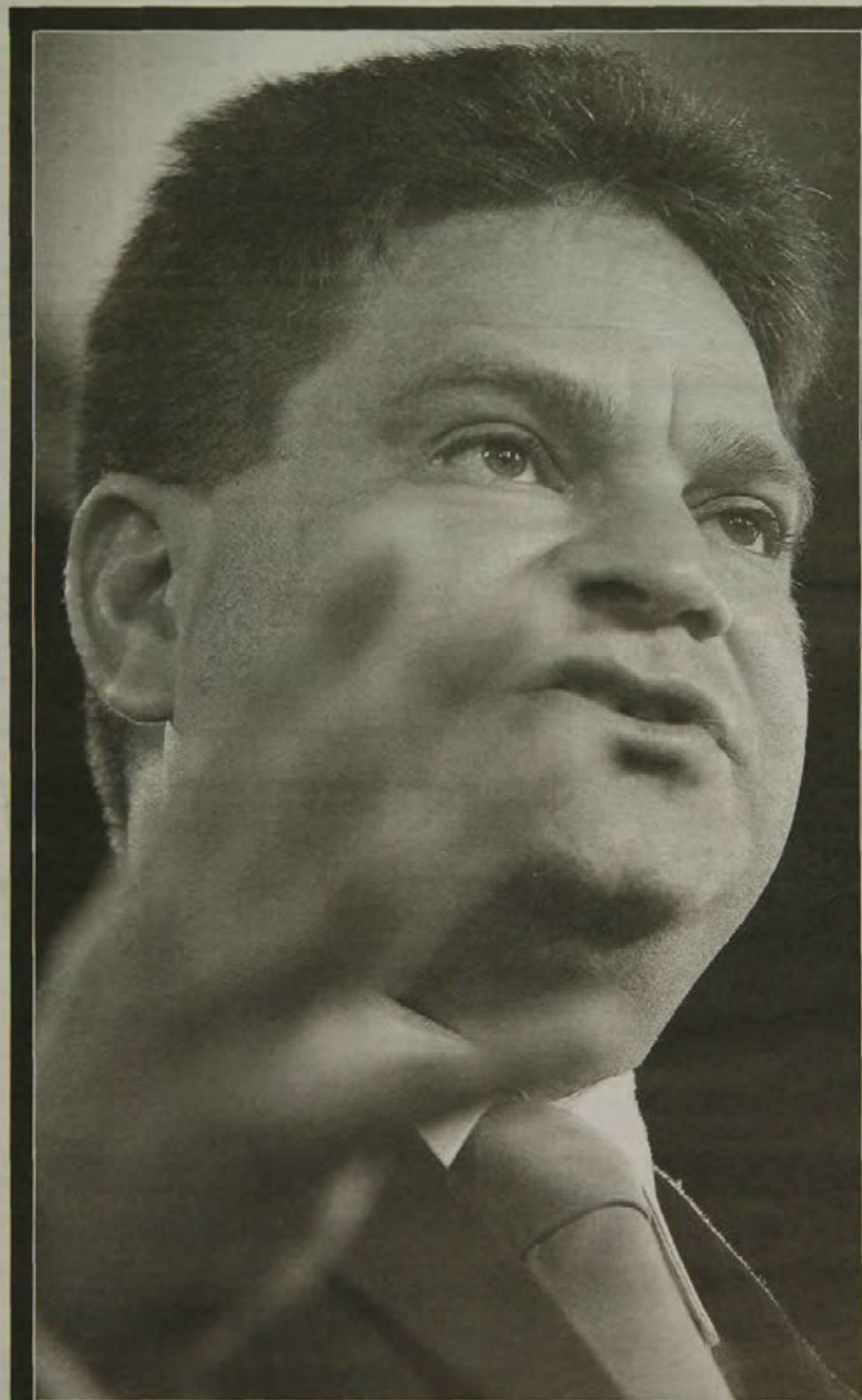
"From this informed position, we will be able to make the right decisions for our culture and heritage, our children, our environment, and our future," he told the Press Club audience.

Mr Bergmann said the Rudd Government, and the Australian community, had new challenges to deal with.

He said the first was to ensure that the principles of informed consent were respected, and that mining companies were not simply allowed to roll over the top of the wishes of the traditional owners.

"Secondly, that the Prime Minister and his Government will work to understand this new approach to economic partnership we are pioneering and actually work with us to see it succeed," Mr Bergmann said.

"And finally, that the new Commonwealth Government will bring its expertise and resources



Kimberley Land Council Executive Director Wayne Bergmann speaks at the National Press Club in Canberra last week. The KLC is calling for the Federal Government to ensure the resources boom benefits aboriginal communities in the Kimberley. — AAP/IMAGE

to this partnership."

Mr Bergmann said the resources boom must deliver for all Australians, in particular the Aboriginal people on whose land it took place and who were directly affected.

"Development of gas reserves off the Kimberley could deliver revenue of \$20 billion per year for up to 100 years," he said.

"Through our native title rights we can use resource development to bring our people

out of poverty and take care of our culture and environment.

"But the State and Federal Governments must back Aboriginal communities to be able to do long-term partnerships with mining companies that recognise

traditional owners and the environment.

"They need to support us to find the balance between economic, environmental and cultural values.

"In the Kimberley we are pioneering a new way of doing business with mining companies.

"Our focus is on building economic partnerships that give us greater control and responsibility and mean we don't rely on government the way we do today.

"It is no longer acceptable to traditional owners or the general community for development to go ahead at the expense of people or the environment.

"The way to make the mining boom pay is to allow Aboriginal people to look after country and have an economic stake in resource development. That way we will ensure social and environmental benefits.

"We are not seeking a deal at any cost — we are becoming partners — on our terms, for the long term, for future generations.

"The national apology (to the Stolen Generations) marked a new beginning, and our approach is part of it."

Mr Bergmann said the aim of economic partnerships would be to establish a benefits package that created a long-term sustainable capital base to underpin the social well-being of Aboriginal people.

"This would see the development of services in health, housing, education and land management delivered by the local community — where Aboriginal people would run, administer, make decisions and, critically, create an employment base in the region," he said.

"We aren't letting governments off the hook from these responsibilities. But we will lead the way in securing the future for our people."

As an example, Mr Bergmann pointed to the lack of skilled people in communities.

"Currently there is \$40 million allocated to housing in the Kimberley, but no Aboriginal company to build it; the tradespeople fly in and fly out from the community," the Kimberley leader said.

"Under an economic partnership, we would implement our own trades training program in the Kimberley, skill up our own youth and then have them work on the projects.

"Then when there are repairs needed, we have the skills to fix them locally.

"That creates local economic activity while cutting costs of running the community.

"This isn't rocket science — it's just about thinking strategically and having the resources to set up the training."

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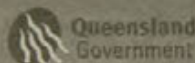
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Grafton man makes it into Who's Who

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



BUNDJALUNG Elder Rex Marshall says he's honoured to be in the company of the likes of Cate Blanchett, Ita Butrose and Aden Ridgeway in being named in the inaugural edition of the New South Wales *Who's Who* publication.

But it is his grandchildren's company that he cherishes most.

Who's Who in NSW profiles more than 6000 eminent but diverse New South Welshmen - and women - from all walks of life.

The honour acknowledges unsung heroes and prominent public figures, and Mr Marshall is one of the few Indigenous people to be recognised.

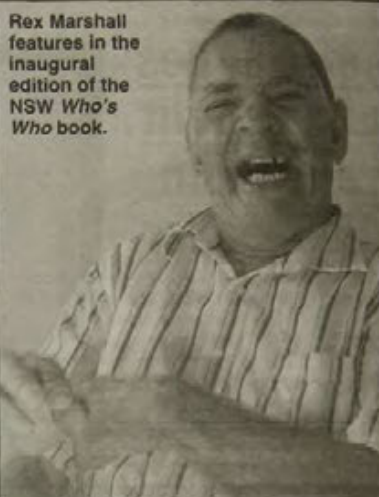
While the Grafton-based 65-year-old doesn't know who nominated him, he said it was good to have his achievements in mental health and Aboriginal affairs acknowledged.

Having spent a lifetime working in the field, Mr Marshall said there was a need for an improvement in mental health for all Australians and that more people were falling through the gaps.

"These people are human beings and it doesn't matter who they are and we need to treat them that way," he told *The Koori Mail*.

Mr Marshall said his family was also pleased that his achievements had been recognised, but it was an honour he shared equally with all the Aboriginal communities he had worked with, and who had given him so much support.

Rex Marshall features in the inaugural edition of the NSW *Who's Who* book.



"If I didn't get that support, I wouldn't be where I am at today, and I am grateful," he said.

"And the support that they give me, there is a recognition at times, that I as an Aboriginal person needs to stand up and be counted. And they expect that."

Other notable Indigenous persons included in the *Who's Who* of New South Wales were Professor Donna Craig, Stephen Page, Aden Ridgeway, Lesley Salem, Faith Bandier, Bev Manton, Bronwyn Bancroft, and Patricia Davis-Hurst.

Apology documentary relives historic day



THE legend surrounding the Federal Parliament's formal apology to the Stolen

Generations grows daily, with many people declaring it one of the most significant days in the nation's history.

Helping to remind Australians - Indigenous and non-Indigenous - of their shared pride on 13 February 2008 is a new documentary simply called *The Apology*, produced for Reconciliation Australia.

Narrated by Jack Thompson with music from some of Australia's top musicians, including Powderfinger, Silverchair, Missy Higgins, John Butler and the Stiff Gins, the 30-minute film has been produced in time for National Reconciliation Week 2008 (27 May-3 June).

Reconciliation Australia is asking friends and supporters of reconciliation to organise special screenings of *The Apology* on 26 May (the 11th

anniversary of the *Bringing Them Home* Report) and/or during National Reconciliation Week.

Screenings are expected to be hosted by government agencies, school communities, sporting and social clubs, churches and workplaces, as well as State/Territory and local reconciliation groups across the country.

"Just as the community took part in the apology itself by tuning into live broadcasts on 13 February, organisations everywhere are using National Reconciliation Week 2008 to gather Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to relive and reflect on the day Australia said sorry," a spokesperson for Reconciliation Australia said.

The organisation originally intended to capture behind-the-scenes footage for its own archives in the two days leading up to the apology, and of the event itself.

But the footage captured by film company Indigenous Film Services was so powerful that Reconciliation Australia asked

director Sarah Spillane and the IFS crew to turn it into a documentary.

Bulk DVD copies of *The Apology* are being provided to the Stolen Generations Alliance and the National Sorry Day Committee for distribution through their networks.

Copies are also available for special screenings of the film in communities. The idea is to get together with a group of people because there aren't enough copies for individual use.

Reconciliation Australia will list all screenings open to the public on its website so if people or organisations wish to organise a screening of *The Apology*, they should fill out the request sheet at www.reconciliation.org.au.

Inquiries can be emailed to documentary@reconciliation.org.au or call Brooke Pettit on 02 6273 9200.

The Apology was supported by a grant from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FAHCSIA).

CDEP resuscitated

By DARREN COYNE

THE FEDERAL Government is set to reintroduce the CDEP scheme into 30 prescribed Northern Territory communities.

The announcement reverses the former Howard Government's decision to abolish the scheme, and is an interim measure until a new employment strategy is formulated.

That's according to Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Employment Minister Brendan O'Connor.

Meanwhile, the Government is also planning to introduce measures to allow income management to be extended to CDEP participants in the Cape York welfare reform trial area.

Ms Macklin and Mr O'Connor also announced that the Government would soon begin consultations on Indigenous employment services reforms, which would form part of a broader Indigenous Economic Development Strategy.

"These employment services reforms will complement the Government's new Job Network arrangements and include substantial reform of the Community Development Employment Program (CDEP)," they said in a statement.

"The forthcoming review of the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) will provide an opportunity to examine the effectiveness of employment and income support measures trailed over the last twelve months and these findings will also be taken into account in formulating the final strategy."

The Ministers promised that all new measures would be in place by 1 July 2009.

"The Government will, as an interim measure, introduce CDEP from 1 July 2008 in the 30 prescribed NT communities where CDEP was abolished to ensure individuals are required to work to receive their pay," they said.

Under the Government's interim arrangements, CDEP participants will be paid, on average, a weekly wage of about \$240. Participants will be subject to the CDEP 'no work, no pay' policy.

"The previous Government's rushed decision to abolish CDEP in the NT means former CDEP recipients are currently eligible to receive up to \$794.80 a fortnight without any requirement to work," Ms Macklin said.

"The Australian Government is committed to removing the inconsistencies in the existing system and stopping further decline into passive welfare."

Ms Macklin said she also would be encouraging a direct debit system with people involved in CDEP.

"Welfare quarantining will continue in those communities for those people who are on welfare. What we'll do is make sure that those CDEP providers continue to provide CDEP opportunities in their communities, she said.

"What we want to do is make sure that we have employment and work readiness programs available in remote and regional areas where labour markets aren't as strong as they are in urban areas," she told ABC radio.

Meanwhile, Harry Scott, the CEO of the Titjikala community, 130kms south of Alice Springs, said the restoration of CDEP would breathe the new life into the community.

Mr Scott said a community operated tourism venture that collapsed because of the cuts would now be revived.

"We've already started about getting our tourism venture, Gunya Titjikala, up and running again," he said.

30 prescribed Northern Territory communities to retain jobs program axed by Howard Govt

"It was a really successful enterprise done with private money and without government support. It was one of those casualties that the former government didn't really expect."

Mr Scott also criticised a report in the Australian newspaper which suggested that CDEP allowed the previous

government to 'massage the figures on social breakdown'.

"The real issue with CDEP isn't the question of whether it's a labour market hire mechanism or a job, it's that for years government departments were using CDEP labour to deliver services," he said.

"We copped a hell of a lot of flak

because we are meant to have the same rules as every other Australian, but the government wasn't delivering the same services to Indigenous people in remote communities.

"They were having everything delivered by CDEP."

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Meet the band
Fitzroy Xpress

Oops...

In our last edition, we carried photos of some of the delegates at the Australia 2020 Summit including, including Megan Davis. We said Ms Davis was from UTS, whereas she moved from UTS to become Director of the Indigenous Law Centre at the University of NSW two years ago. Our apologies for the mix-up.



DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



LEST WE FORGET • WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Quote



'Bullets don't discriminate, (but) when they came back here they were discriminated against because of their Aboriginality'

— Pastor Ray Minniecon
Organiser of the second
Coloured Diggers march at
Redfern on Anzac Day, 25 April

● See report on Page 11

Unquote

Washing up after 2020

WHEN Ngambri Elder Matilda House welcomed delegates to the Australia 2020 Summit in Canberra last month, she finished by effectively encouraging the women in the audience not to fear being seen as 'mad or bad' as they dreamt big during the subsequent two days.

It was a great line and raised many a chuckle from both genders, especially amongst the blackfellas who know it's not impossible for them to be accused of rioting or affray if they crack a joke to more than two friends on a street corner.

But it was also wise advice because it reminded us that it's okay to disagree because we should all be grown-up enough to allow other voices and perspectives to be heard. We should respect the right of others to make complete fools of themselves and to be wholly wrong, just as we'd like them to extend the same courtesy to ourselves.

There does seem to have been a distinctly snippy tone to some of the recent communications between Indigenous and other interested parties, especially in what seems to be the new soapbox of choice, the daily press. And we're not just saying that because we're forthrightly, honest!

But snippy we can cope with. What's less acceptable are personal attacks on people's character and we respectfully suggest that our mob might play the ball, not the man or woman.

We think it might amount to what the



OUR SAY

Canadians refer to as 'lateral violence', where oppressed people turn upon each other for a whole range of complicated reasons, rather than addressing the source of and reasons for their oppression.

The Kimberley Land Council's Wayne Bergmann suggested last week, after Warren Mundine's 'champagne and caviar' barb at Tom Calma and Mick Dodson, that 'Warren Mundine, Mick Dodson and everybody else that have an opinion need to get in the same room and put their ideas in the same melting pot'.

We totally agree. The problem is that in order to do so, we'd probably need to be organised, coordinated and resourced and to have some ground rules. Uh oh, sounds like a job for...dare we say it... a rep body.

And we'd need more than just a balmy weekend in Canberra to listen to all of the wrongheaded and wrong-footed ones amongst us before we could put forward our own top ideas.

Bubbles and fish eggs anyone?

A Yarn With...



DOT HENRY
Health educator
Padbury, WA

Your position?
Health educator with Heart Foundation WA

Favourite bush tucker?
Kangaroo and damper

Favourite other food?
Roasts, stews and casseroles

Favourite drink?
Diet Coke until it made me put on weight. Now water.

Favourite music?
Country and Western.

Favourite holiday destination?
Esperance, WA

What are you reading?
Di Morrissey. I love all of her books.

What are you watching?
Home and Away.

What is your greatest highlight in life?
My family. Three kids and three grandkids.

What do you like in life?
I'm passionate about dealing with issues faced by Indigenous people, especially health and welfare.

What don't you like?
Rude people. Ignorant people who just push you out of the way.

Who would you most like to meet?
I always admired Lady Diana, and now I admire Princess Mary.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Hugh Jackman, Rhys Muldoon, Kevin Rudd, Julia Gillard and Jenny Macklin.

Who inspires you?
My mother. She always said be proud of you are and where you came from.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
I'd have that campfire gathering with leaders and people from communities and have a good yarn. The main question would be 'What can YOU do to make things better'?

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Opportunities lost

INDIRA GANDHI (1917-1984), Prime Minister of India from 1966 to 1977 and 1980 to her assassination in 1984, once said: "I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people."

THE Australia 2020 Forum held in the nation's capital on 19-20 April was designed to provide a unique, possibly once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Australia's brightest Indigenous minds to come together in an atmosphere of impartiality to pool their collective thoughts on solutions for the future.

As part of that privileged group of 100 who participated in the Options for the Future of Indigenous Australia stream, I was optimistic of constructive and practical outcomes emanating from the weekend gathering.

Although I was in a buoyant mood in my approach to the weekend, I'd be deceitful if I didn't say I was, at times, somewhat anxious at the thought that there could well be a conference implosion from the weight of divergent views of high-profile personalities who might find proceedings not to their liking.

I gathered that Dr Jackie Huggins, Co-Chair of the Indigenous stream, had similar thoughts as well when she addressed Indigenous participants on the 2020 Forum website preceding the Forum in a succinct, if not a tad audacious, manner to leave their egos at the door.

On the Forum's opening morning, delegates could be seen excitedly greeting one another inside the Great Hall in Parliament House while waiting for the national address by the Prime Minister.

Although powerful in his delivery, I must say the delegate who impressed me more than the PM in the introductory session was Sana Nakata, who spoke after a notable Welcome to Country address by Matilda House.

Ms Nakata, a PhD student of Torres Strait Islander descent and daughter of eminent UTS Professor Martin Nakata, left an indelible impression on the 1000-strong delegation and large media throng and in so doing, assured them that the future of Indigenous affairs was in safe hands.

Besides Dr Huggins, who spoke on the final day closing session, the other Indigenous delegates who spoke to the full assembly during the two days – Tim Goodwin and Rachel Perkins – were outstanding ambassadors for Indigenous Australia and were deserving of their positions on the official dais on separate occasions.

The two-day Forum for me was a dichotomy of chances taken and opportunities lost.

It wasn't for want of trying that opportunities were missed. In respect to the management of individual streams, I believe the sessions were well organised and for that credit must go to the efficient facilitators from the private sector who managed to elicit big-ticket items and actionable strategies from delegates after only one-and-a-half days of deliberation.



2020 Forum participants Stephen Hagan and Bobby Brazil, both from the Darling Downs region of south-east Queensland, with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in Canberra.

The big-ticket items were able to be arrived at as a direct consequence of facilitators presenting delegates with a strategically-controlled environment: Ten participants in ten round-table diverse groupings; multiple scribes per table, television cameras constantly recording every word spoken; photographers clicking away at will recording participants from all angles; time limit of two minutes per speaker, to name a few of the conditions for debate engagement.

In fact, the first day's outcomes exceeded most delegates' expectation, with the Treaty and a Futures Fund to alleviate Indigenous disadvantage the number-one and -two big-ticket items respectively, followed closely at number three by the revitalisation of a national representative body.

It wasn't until the following morning that dismay and outrage came to the fore for delegates when Cape York leader Noel Pearson was reported in *The Canberra Times* as saying the Indigenous stream was struggling to come up with the big ideas and that there were no ideas he had not previously heard.

As delegates entered the meeting room for the start of the second day, it became apparent that things were about to change dramatically with the unannounced arrival of new Indigenous delegates who were in different session the day prior; including Galarrwuy Yunupingu and Marcia Langton.

All of a sudden high-profile delegates who were relatively quiet on the first day; including Peter Yu and Pat Dodson, became more animated and could be seen networking delegates around the room.

And all of this on top of the Pearson article had many delegate minds' ticking overtime.

As Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin introduced a new controversial format for the ten round-table sessions, breaking the momentum from day one, the



Stephen Hagan

HAGAN'S VIEW

● Stephen Hagan, 2006 NAIDOC Person of the Year, is an academic at the University of Southern Queensland, film-maker, award-winning author of *The N Word* and publisher of *Australia's Blackest Sporting Moments: The Top 100 and Melly and the Bilby* ● www.stephenhagan.net and www.ngalgawarralu.com.au/

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euphoria from the opening day turned chillingly sombre.

Highly respected lawyer Kate George from Western Australia had to be consoled by friends as she, like many others, saw the dynamics of Indigenous politics unfold and knew in that instant that the summit was about to go pear-shaped.

Predictably for delegates, the day ended as it began when Minister Macklin took advantage of strained relations between members by misrepresenting our

expressed views on the big-ticket items of a Treaty and Future's Fund to the full assembly of 1000 delegates and a large national audience viewing proceedings live on ABC TV.

Disappointingly, as delegates made their way home from the Forum, the real power brokers in Indigenous affairs came to the fore with attack after attack on the gains made on day one through the media.

On 21 April, *The Australian* ran a story under the headline *Push for a treaty divides delegates* with quotes from Warren Mundine and Sue Gordon. Dr Gordon said she was so worried the rights agenda had 'hijacked' the Indigenous stream on Saturday, by yesterday she and many others met to push the economic issues.

"I think that there was a push to have the rights and symbols agenda and, when there was talks of treaty and rights, not a lot of people supported it," she said.

"There were two different types of thinkers there... people of the rights agenda pushing symbols and another group who wanted to move the agenda into what we other Aboriginal people are thinking. We need to move from just symbols to practical reconciliation."

Indigenous leader Warren Mundine said that although constitutional recognition was important, it should not have been allowed to dominate discussions.

"I think they could have spent their time better," he said.

Central Land Council Director David Ross, speaking to *The Centralian Advocate* on 23 April, slammed Noel Pearson's boycott of the 2020 Summit.

The Centralian Advocate noted that Mr Pearson did not turn up to the summit on Sunday, after criticising Saturday's sessions for failing to generate new ideas.

But Mr Ross said: "Even though the views were nothing new, you have to fix the past to move forward. Noel Pearson got the sails because we weren't coming up with

anything new. He basically dictates through his column in *The Australian* what he wants in his own view."

"You put him with other Aboriginal people and has difficulty dealing with different views."

Indigenous lawyer Megan Davis was also critical of Noel Pearson in her *Sydney Morning Herald* perspective piece on 24 April.

"For some, the writing was on the wall when Noel Pearson appeared to sleep through much of Saturday's session and was animated only when Kevin Rudd was in the room. Pearson then failed to turn up on Sunday, showing great disrespect to the others in the stream and wasting a place at the summit table that many others would have been honoured to take," she wrote.

"The Government must break the spell cast by Pearson and his colleagues. It would be a grave error to ignore the extraordinary goodwill and strong consensus generated in the Indigenous stream at the summit in favour of vocal but marginal sectional interests that the Government appears to believe are more palatable to the wider population."

In *The Australian* on 29 April, Wesley Aird continued to air dirty linen on prominent pages: "We need to stop people getting pissed and beating each other up. How is that going to happen in Canberra? If I was sleeping in the park tonight or in a party house in Aurukun or Yuendumu, I couldn't give a stuff (about a new body)."

Personally, I thought the 2020 Forum was a success in bringing a diverse group of Indigenous leaders together and the big-ticket items in the main were a positive outcome. The issues raised by disgruntled leaders, some who weren't even there, of addressing chronic social issues, missed the point. Those issues have been identified and are currently being funded – this Forum was about big-ticket items.

In that respect to the Treaty – or constitutional changes – it was designed to offer protection to Indigenous Australians against the government in instances where they use Race Laws (exclusion of the 1975 Race Discrimination Act in the NT Intervention) to the detriment of Indigenous peoples.

One thing that is patently clear to me after witnessing events unfold at the 2020 Forum and the debate that raged between media-savvy Indigenous leaders who continue to spitefully attack one another post-2020 Forum, is the urgent need to reinstate a national representative body.

Until we have a representative body with a mandate from Indigenous voters to speak on our behalf, the Government will continue to laugh at our fractured, unelected leadership as viewed farcically in the national media – and play wedge politics to their convenience.

As Indira Gandhi once said, "...leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people," and to that end I believe the new representative body, when elected, will resemble nothing of the old ATSIIC where muscle appeared to have prevailed.

Sorry anthem sung to a hopeful nation

From little things, big things grow (2008 version)

'As Prime Minister of Australia, I am sorry.
On behalf of the Government of Australia, I am sorry.
On behalf of the Parliament of Australia, I am sorry.
And I offer you this apology without qualification.

To say sorry means to give respect
It's long overdue
Now you failed to imagine
What if it happened to you

Now they're not only words now
It's not just a symbol
Accepting the past, well it's not always simple
When thinking of yesterday
We live for tomorrow
We can't face the future now
Till we face the sorrow

Now under the colours, yeah
Of red, yellow, black
We say "Never again"
We say "No turning back"

From little things, big things grow
From little things, big things grow
From little things, big things grow
From little things, big things grow

Lighting up the path
With good in our heart
See the more that you look
The better for all
So he sang as he walked
And together we stand
For we're sure to stand tall
We must all play our part
[Rudd: "Indigenous and non Indigenous"]
Tears within our brow
Yes forward we struggle and all we've achieved
Will be nothing if greed was the only motivation of man
So we can love one another, and with respect for each other
Then we move forward
["reconciled"] together

From little things, big things grow
From little things, big things grow
From little things, big things grow
From little things, big things grow

There are moments in the lives of nations
Where hope and history rhyme
And now's one of those times
Let's close the gap and if we truly mean it
we can stare down our future and find
we can see through those eyes
And let us not stand with those who deny

It seems to me that if we can imagine the injustice
We can imagine the opposite
And we can have justice

From little things, big things grow
From little things, big things grow
From little things, big things grow
From little things, big things grow

All of us are one, because we are human
And if I cut you, you cut me, what comes out?
Red blood, not different colour blood, only red blood.

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



IT'S already an anthem for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

people. Now, Kev Carmody and Paul Kelly's song *From little things, big things grow* has been modified to fit a new milestone.

The remake of the 1990s song, which painted the story of the 1966 Gurindji Strike led by Vincent Lingiari, now tells the tale of this year's national apology.

The melody remains the same but the words reflect on the Federal Parliament's 13 February apology to the Stolen Generations, closing the gap, and reconciliation.

It includes 'sound bites' from Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology speech, and former Prime Minister Paul Keating's 1993 Redfern Park speech, during the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

Both Kev Carmody and Paul Kelly feature on the song, joined by the likes of Urthboy, Missy Higgins, Mia Dyson, Radical Son, Jane Tyrrell, Dan Sultan, Joel Wenitong, Ozi Batla, Pat Dodson, and John Butler forming the GetUp Mob.

Carmody told *The Koori Mail* that he and Paul Kelly were happy for the classic song to be remade after being approached by The Herds' Tim (Urthboy) Levison.

"Apparently the damn thing is up against Madonna and Kylie so we're doing pretty good," he said of the song, which debuted at number four on the ARIA charts. "It is such a positive thing, 'cause it is like the old tradition of people updating the song with the next generation."

"Before copyright came in the 20th century and corporations and publishers owned the song, communities owned the song."

For Carmody, the recent Stolen Generations apology symbolised the first step of the nation becoming mature.

"If you deny the truth of the past, the future is a lie," he said. "Crikey, just the fact they put in both those speeches, if you look at (Paul) Keating's speech, it has taken a long time to take that one step."

"There is a positive air now ... you think it was simple to say sorry, but it went to the core of our being. We are strong now."

GetUp Executive Director



Brett Solomon said the apology sent a tiny ripple of hope around the nation.

"We made this song to harness that ripple - this week it has made a splash, rocketing up the charts to take reconciliation to an audience of millions," he said.

"The fact that this song ... has made it to the top of the mainstream charts shows that reconciliation can and will be realised."

"The song has clearly resonated on a scale previously unimaginable, showing that when we work together for a common aim, the sky's the limit."

At the launch, Federal Arts Minister and former *Midnight Oil* front man Peter Garrett described the apology as a turning point in Australia's history. He said the reworking of this song was a fitting commemoration of that event.

"From little things, big things grow is an emblematic tune capturing the spirit of the story of Vincent Lingiari and the Wave Hill Walk-Off," Mr Garrett said.

"It captures the struggle for reconciliation while celebrating the power of people to make a difference in the face of injustice."

"This reworking of the song, incorporating some of those turning points in Indigenous relations like former Prime Minister Keating's Redfern speech and Prime Minister Rudd's apology, reminds us of the journey past and the challenges ahead."

"Music so often reflects and responds to the politics of the moment, at its best creating a soundtrack for our times."

"This version of this amazing song will, I am sure, be enjoyed by many as a record of that day in February."

All profits raised by the song will go to GetUp's Reconciliation Fund and Aboriginal community organisations.

● To download the song visit www.getup.org.au/campaign/MakeThisAHit



Launch group: Peter Garrett, Tim Levinson (Urthboy), Brett Solomon, Kev Carmody, Barbara Livesey (Reconciliation Australia) and James Hackett (Hackett Films).

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Correction to WA close the gap story

In our last edition there were some inaccuracies in the story titled 'WA pledges to close the gap' (page 17, edition 424). These included naming the WA Aboriginal Health Council as WAACCHO, which was wound up in 2005. WAACHO CEO Darryl Kickett was incorrectly quoted as saying that 40 per cent of Aboriginal

children born in WA had low birth weight, whereas this should have read 14 per cent, and that \$6 million was needed to achieve wage parity in Aboriginal Medical Services whereas the actual figure used by Mr Kickett was \$4.56 million. We apologise for these inaccuracies and any inconvenience they may have caused.

YOUR SAY



Regular contributor Coralie Cassady, of Kirwan, Qld, has penned a poem in tribute to stolen wages campaigner Yvonne Butler (pictured).
Read the poem on Page 26

A sense of oneness

D DAY! Today is Anzac Day and it is also my father's birthday. Because I cannot visit my father's grave, I attend the Port Augusta Anzac Dawn Service to honour him and his relatives who fought and died for our country, this also includes other Aboriginal service people.

My grandfather, William Brown, also enlisted in World War II, but did not get on the ship because his mother did not want him to go.

The family yarn is that on the day he was to ship off overseas to fight in war, his mother went to the ship and she dragged him off it by the scruff of his neck because the Government had once taken him forcibly from her before and she was not to going to let it bloody happen again.

I am thankful for what she did, otherwise I may not be here today because many of his relatives who did go off to war did not return.

The following is a letter I had sent previously to our local newspaper (in South Australia) to commemorate the 2007 Anzac Dawn Service.

The feelings I experienced that day were the same as today in 2008 when I attended the Anzac Dawn Services this morning...

Anzac Day should be celebrated, remembered and honoured by all Australians: Black and white. On Anzac Day I attended the Dawn Service for the very first time and I did this to honour and remember my ancestral relatives and other fellow Aboriginal servicemen who fought and died for their country in all theatres of war.

I was also there to stand in solidarity with my fellow Australians to also honour and remember the death and sacrifice of their ancestors as well.

Most may not be aware that Aboriginal South Australians have participated in each war Australia has contributed to since the Boer War. It is estimated that between 400 and 500 Aborigines served in World War I, and that 3000 served during World War II.

There are many Aboriginal servicemen and women who served this country in battle, but this country didn't even recognise them as citizens. These returned servicemen and women did not get the same treatment when they returned. They were still subjected to the racist legislation that governed Aboriginal peoples from then until 1967.

Today, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are represented in the armed forces in numbers roughly



Photo by WAYNE QUILLIAM

corresponding to their representation within the community.

As I stood with my fellow Australians at the Anzac Dawn Service, I felt a sense of

oneness, kinship and brotherhood with them for we were all there connected in one place, in one mind, in one heart and with one thought – to remember and honour the sacrifice of our ancestors who had fallen in war and who had never returned to their country.

I thought to myself, if only we could bottle or duplicate this sense of oneness and kinship in our everyday life and on a daily basis rather than only at an annual sacred event, for if we did, then indeed, we will truly remember and honour our ancestors who sacrificed themselves for their country and we their descendants.

I would like to share this poem (right) with you all.

MARVYN MCKENZIE
Yappala Station
Hawker, SA

The Coloured Digger

By Sapper Bert Beros*

He came and joined the colours, when the War God's anvil rang, He took up modern weapons to replace his boomerang, He waited for no call-up, he didn't need a push, He came in from the stations, and the townships of the bush.

He helped when help was wanting, just because he wasn't deaf, He is right amongst the columns of the fighting AIF. He is always there when wanted, with his Owen gun or Bren, He is in the forward area, the place where men are men.

He proved he's still a warrior, in action not afraid, He faced the blasting red hot fire from mortar and grenade; He didn't mind when food was low, or we were getting thin, He didn't growl or worry then, he'd cheer us with his grin.

He'd heard us talk democracy – they preach it to his face – Yet knows that in our Federal House there's no one of his race.

He feels we push his kinsmen out, where cities do not reach, And Parliament has yet to hear the Abo's maiden speech.

One day he'll leave the Army, then join the League he shall, And he hopes we'll give a better deal to the Aboriginal.

* Sapper Bert Beros was a non-Aboriginal soldier in World War II. He wrote this poem about an Aboriginal soldier, Private West.



Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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WHEN this country wakes on 25 April to the many dawn services around Australia to commemorate the tradition of Anzac, I for one will be remembering my father who fought in World War II and my brother who was in Vietnam.

However, there will be many Aboriginal soldiers who gave their lives for this country who will not be remembered.

There will be many coloured soldiers who returned after putting their lives on the line for this country who will remember the racism that they faced from white Australians.

I would like to congratulate the organisers of the Redfern Coloured Diggers Anzac March that gives pride and place to

many returned Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soldiers. It brings jubilation to the crowds of Aboriginal, and hopefully non-Aboriginal, people who line the street to watch these men and women march.

To all the coloured Diggers around Australia, I salute you on a special day when you

should be recognised by all Australians.

WAYNE COOK
Central Coast, NSW

This letter was received on 22 April, a few days before Anzac Day and the second Coloured Diggers March, held in Redfern.



Another perspective on Australia Day

THIS is one of two* proposed designs for T-shirts and posters for next year's Australia Day. We wanted to share them with your readers and see what they thought.

We are completely opposed to the continuation of the celebration of this day in any form and have been lobbying all sections of government to this effect.

We have never received any reply to our inquiries and letters from government at any level, so we decided if you can't beat them, join them, so to speak, and have Australia Day our style. We should be sort of putting it out there.

SHARON LIVERMORE
CEO
Kempsey Koori Artists
Aboriginal Corp
Kempsey, NSW

Unfortunately, we couldn't run the second proposed design as it would not have reproduced well in the printing process. - Editor



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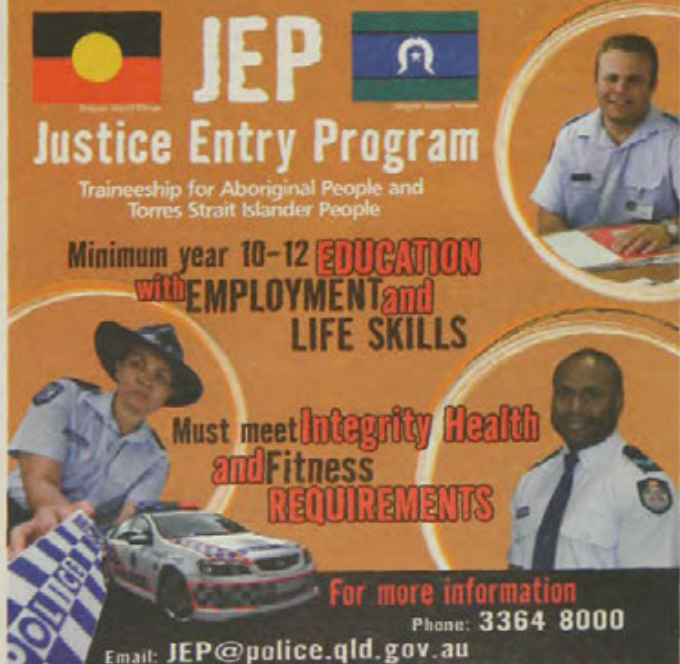
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Cyril Hennessey – a man of the people

Cyril Hennessey departed this life on 11 April 2008, aged 69 years. He is best known for being the founder and co-ordinator of The Glen Rehabilitation Centre at Chittaway Point, on the NSW central coast.

Cyril was born in Bourke, NSW, and raised in tin shacks on the banks of the Paroo River near the little town of Wanaaring, 200kms west of Bourke.

By the time he was nine years old, the whole family had moved to Bourke. He was active in tennis, football and boxing and excelled in cycling until an enlarged heart put a stop to that.

On leaving school, Cyril did most types of bush work – shearing, station work, operating heavy machinery on main roads and, eventually, along with his wife and three children, he moved to Long Jetty, on the NSW central coast, where he set up his own concreting business and overcame an alcohol problem.

In the late 1970s he was given the position of managing Broken Hill's first drug and

alcohol rehabilitation centre.

He moved on from there and joined the Aboriginal Health section of the NSW Health Commission as a counsellor.

In the mid-1980s Cyril joined the Department of Corrective Services as a Probation and Parole Officer and after becoming well established in that area, he accepted a position at the Aboriginal Community College in Adelaide.

The idea of rehabilitation was in Cyril's blood.

At the end of a year in Adelaide, he returned to Probation and Parole with the Department of Corrective Services and availed himself of resources within that service to further his goal of establishing a residential rehabilitation service.

Cyril's search ended when he was led to a property previously owned by the Salvation Army. That was ten years ago and in that time Cyril and his committed staff developed The Glen Centre, a 20-bed hostel so named after his son Glen who pre-deceased him.

The Glen became so well known and so popular that Cyril looked further afield and was able to set up a 15-bed annex to The Glen at a property at Rothbury, in the Hunter Valley.

Those properties and the work being done there are a fitting monument to a man whose life was committed to helping others overcome 'substance abuse', the disease that almost took his own life more than 30 years ago.

Cyril was farewelled on 18 April by several hundred friends and family members at The Glen.

He is survived by three brothers – Roy, Eric and Harold (author of this letter) – and four sisters – Doreen Suckling, Beulah Parlett, Rachel Martin and Coral Schultz, his daughter Joanne, her mother Netty and grand children Bianca and James, also by his second wife Maureen.

Cyril and Netty's sons Tony and Glen predeceased him.

Long live his memory.

HAROLD J HUNT
St Marys, NSW

Keep us posted

AN open letter to Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin:

Dear Minister,
Please keep us all informed of the progress and findings of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee's examination of the Democrats Senator Andrew Bartlett's Stolen Generations Private Member's Bill.

And please show cause why the Government should

not set up a national compensation scheme for the long-suffering victims of past government policy, considering that it will cost merely 0.001 per cent of Australia's Gross Domestic Product, according to Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Director Darren Dick, (Courier Mail, 17 April).

MAUREEN BRANNAN
Murgon, Qld

Setting the record straight

THIS is a letter to correct information in the article 'Right Pedigree' (Koori Mail Edition 423, Page 87).

Kevin Yow Yeh was not from Thursday Island. He was born in Gladstone, Queensland. His grandfather was blackbirded (kidnapped) from the Pacific Island of Tanna, Vanuatu (New

Hebrides) during the Queensland sugar trade.

His grandmother is an Aboriginal woman from the Bailieu/ Dinah peoples from the Gladstone/Boyne Island region.

I would appreciate if you would acknowledge this correction in The Koori Mail.

TESSA MORRIS
Mullumbimby, NSW

The article Tessa Morris refers to was an AAP report about Brisbane Broncos rugby league prospect Jharal Yow Yeh. It said that Jharal's great uncle, Kevin Yow Yeh, was born on Thursday Island. We have spoken to Jharal's mother, Rhonda Yow Yeh, and she understands Kevin Yow Yeh was born on Tanna Island. Kevin has since passed away. – Editor

Go for 2 fruit and 5 veg for good health.



Two serves of fruit and five serves of vegies.

Most people know that fruit and vegetables are good for you. It's recommended adults eat at least 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegies every day. For children, serves should be adjusted according to their age.

As a group, fruit and vegies are particularly rich in vitamins, minerals, and contain other important components such as dietary fibre. Legumes (eg. dried peas, beans, lentils and chick peas) are included in the vegie group and contain protein and fibre.

Fresh is best. Canned and frozen fruit and vegies can be a convenient alternative when fresh isn't available, but look for varieties without added salt or sugar.

So how much is a serve?

One serve of vegies is about half a cup of cooked vegetables, one medium potato, or one cup of salad vegetables. One serve of fruit is one medium piece (e.g. apple), two small pieces (e.g. apricots) or one cup of chopped or canned fruit.

Hungry to find out more?

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1/2 cup cooked vegies or legumes	=	1 medium potato
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	=	1 cup salad vegies
FRUIT		
	=	
1 medium piece (e.g. apple)	=	2 small pieces (e.g. apricots)
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	=	1 cup chopped or canned fruit



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ACT Minister for Women, Katy Gallagher is seeking nominations for membership to the ACT Ministerial Advisory Council for Women.

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Nominations are invited from individual women or from women representing organisations in the ACT community. Members will be selected for their expertise and experience in issues affecting women.

For an information package please contact the ACT Office for Women on 6205 0515 or email women@act.gov.au or via the website www.women@act.gov.au

The closing date for expressions of interest is Friday 16 May 2008.



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June 2007

Sharing is caring...

If you know a young person aged 13 to 25 who actively makes a difference in the Northern Rivers* community of New South Wales, we'd like to hear from you. Nominations are now open for the **Kids in Community Awards**. These awards are an important way to thank and recognise young people who enrich our community as well as older individuals who support our youth. **Don't delay; nominations close on 31st May 2008 with the awards night on 5th August.**

Categories:

- Peer Support
- Community Support
- Indigenous Youth Support
- Homeless Youth Support
- Against All Odds
- Role Model
- Mentor
- Group or Individual Supporting Youth or Youth Programs

Have you read or heard a story in the media that positively promotes young people in the Northern Rivers Region? Nominations for the Media Reporting on Youth Awards are now open in the following categories.

1. Print Media
2. Television/Radio
3. Young Media

Nominations:

Nomination forms can be completed online or downloaded from the KIC website www.kic.com.au

They're also available by phoning **02 6624 4053** or by collection from high schools, LJ Hooker agencies and Southern Cross Credit Union branches within the Northern Rivers region.

* For the purposes of the KIC Awards, the Northern Rivers region comprises the Kyogle Shire, Urmahine City, Ballina Shire, Byron Shire and Richmond Valley areas.

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Your Say

Married 50 years, and still going strong

ON 3 May, my parents May and Allan Oliver, of Edmonton, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Childhood sweethearts, they married in 1958 at 19. They have ten children, four girls and six boys, 33 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

They have strong involvement with rugby league. Both are life members of the Southern Suburbs club at Gordonvale, and Allan was the first Murri to become a life member of Cairns District Rugby League in 2007.

Allan worked for various sugar cane farmers around Edmonton and the timber mill in Cairns while living at Wrights Creek.

He retired in 1996 after 26 years with the Mulgrave Shire Council.

They have lived the past 35 years at their Edmonton home and are local icons. They lead a full social life, attending family parties and football games. Both were good darts players.

They are holding a golden anniversary dinner on 17 May in Gordonvale with their family and friends.

CHARLOTTE WONE
Edmonton, Qld



Far north Queensland 'sweethearts' May and Allan Oliver in their younger days and more recently. They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with friends and family later this month.



YOUR POETRY

Stolen Wages – Lousy Little Offer

(Inspired by Yvonne Butler)

Decades ago Aborigines worked hard for their wages
Wages which they never got to spend
Couldn't really help their families
because they didn't have the money to send.

We're now in the year 2005 and we still haven't received our 'savings'
Successive governments won't address our stolen wages issue
How much longer will it take government leaders to stop lying and misbehaving?

Government documentation verifies our stolen wages claim
Yet government denies those facts and are running out of excuses
They promote equality and prosperity but completely overlook Aboriginal abuses.

For many years Aborigines were employed as housemaids, nannies, cooks and drovers
They thought that their money was being 'saved'
But government used Aboriginal money to fund developments, and no 'savings' were leftover.

How dare they take our land, use our labour and then spend our hard-earned money!
Did this degrading and stealthy practice occur within their white society?
If it happened to them, recompense would have been paid immediately.

For so-called compensation they are offering a lousy \$4000
Is the oldest culture in Australia really worth that much?
And why are Aborigines still living in increasing squalor?

If Australia is such a 'lucky' country
Why is government's compensation offer so very paltry?
Australian governments paint a deceptive vision of 'equality' in Australia
The true picture tells a different story of suffering and injustice.

Would they have accepted their money being held in 'trust'?
No way! Okay to do it to Aborigines though
How grossly unjust!

Prominent Aborigine David Unaipon appears on our fifty dollar note
Is it government's purpose to hide behind his image and gloat?

In this age of litigation perhaps Aborigines should venture overseas and expose their stolen wages claim.

Lobby the international monetary organisations and hope that they are able to resolve our Aboriginal stolen wages shame!



CORALIE CASSADY
Kirwan, Qld

● LEFT: Stolen wages campaigner Yvonne Butler, who inspired this poem, during a Townsville community meeting on the issue of stolen wages at the end of March.

'Rocky' mourns Ursula

Let the people march on Anzac Day

Ursula Doyle
30/10/1933 to 20/1/2008

URSULA Doyle was the first daughter born to Andrew and Louie Coolwell and is survived by three siblings, Reggie, Morris and Yvonne and her second sibling family, Elizabeth, Joan, Rhonda and Peter. Four of her siblings have also passed away: Noel, Andrew, Mervyn and David.

Born a Malunjali woman from the Beaudesert region and whose maternal grandmother was from the Gungaloo tribe at Woorabinda, Ursula's extended families are the Kemps, Fogertys, Longs, Coolwells, Drumleys and Yowries.

Ursula attended Beaudesert and Glen Eagle State schools as a child, completing Years 1 to 6. She worked at cotton picking and housekeeper around the Beaudesert region.

Ursula was 11 years old when her mum passed and she went to live with her Auntie Elsie and Uncle Jack Sandow at Clermont from age 15-18. During her teenage years, Ursula idolised the showbiz talents of Deanne Durbin and later in life, Elvis.

On 1 April 1950, Ursula met her husband Ernest Doyle on a train at Capella. They married on 7 February 1952 in Emerald, spending married life at Emerald



Ursula and Ernie Doyle

and Rockhampton before settling into their very first home at Glenmore Road, Rockhampton, in 1956.

As the family grew, they moved into their second and final home at Main Street, Rockhampton. The family also lived in Alpha (central Qld) for two years due to Ernie's railway work.

Ursula and Ernie opened their homes to a lot of young people and children, mainly nieces and nephews. During school holidays, they fostered children from their

homes, never turning anyone away from their home and were always happy to offer a bed and feed to all.

Ursula and Ernie loved playing cards, and many a card game was played at Glenmore Road.

Ursula loved hand sewing for the home and children, baking and cooking – a favourite was her ice-cream – shopping for clothes, red being her colour, dressing her children in matching outfits, playing bingo, driving around with her children visiting others, and having extended family stay.

Ursula and Ernie loved having the grandchildren stay with them as much as possible and even had some of the grandchildren live with them from time to time.

When all the children were grown up, Ursula began her work at the Park Avenue School where she stayed for 16 years as a cleaner. Children always played a big part in her life.

One of Ursula's most treasured moments was the celebration of her and Ernie's 50th wedding anniversary on 7 February 2002.

In May 2005, Ursula was

diagnosed with cancer. Soon after her operation for this cancer came the news of Ernie's cancer. Ursula took this in her stride and after he passed on in August 2005, she went for her own six-week treatment in Brisbane, a sad and broken woman for his passing.

Twelve months went by and the cancer reappeared and this time Ursula was flown to Brisbane for treatment, and although the treatment was successful, she lost the will to live without Ernie.

Ursula's life can be summed up as: Ursula lived this life as one – with her proud husband Ernest – they together were a very caring couple who had respect for all and offered support and kindness to everyone. They will live in our hearts forever. Ursula and Ernest are survived by their nine children: Ernest Noel Jnr, Malvena, Cedric, Debra, Valda, Carol, Sandra, Brian and Darrin; 26 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

The passing of both Mum and Dad, brings an end to an era. They will be greatly missed, forever.

MENA TRACEY
Wollongong, NSW

CAROL WALKER
Rockhampton, Qld

THE memory of Anzac Day is something that needs to be given a real good look over.

To me, it is just a celebration of suffering, and I'm sure many will agree with me. However, the focus has always been the death and suffering of the soldiers. What about some thought for the suffering of families? Trying to keep families from marching in the front line with what's left of the soldiers – does that mean that when those heroes pass on, that will be the end of the Anzac era?

In some little country towns, there aren't any of their returned soldiers left, but the people still observe the memory.

For goodness sake Australia, wake up and live.

HAROLD J HUNT
St Marys, NSW

Searching for sons

I AM trying to find my two sons. I haven't had contact with one for 20-21 years and the other for over 10 years. Their sister is also anxious to contact them.

Would James and Steven Celar please contact their sister on (02) 8226 5752 or on (0414) 748 958.

A HAGUE
Ashfield, NSW

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For more information phone **1800 818 490** or visit **www.ilc.gov.au**



Australian Government
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Business ideas to benefit our people

By NEIL WILLMETT*

INDIGENOUS and non-Indigenous delegates in the Future of Indigenous Australia stream at the recent Australia 2020 Summit produced several new and innovative Indigenous business ideas.

If implemented, these ideas could indirectly result in more Indigenous businesses and the creation of thousands of jobs by 2020.

During the two-day summit, delegates in this stream with backgrounds in business, employment, education and community development came together to share and discuss their innovative business ideas.

On behalf of this smaller group, I presented these ideas and their rationales to the session's co-chairs, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Dr Jackie Huggins.

Here is a summary of the rationale and benefits of the main Indigenous business ideas that were presented to the Government at the Summit:

1. A national review of Indigenous business in Australia

This idea was proposed because within Australia, limited baseline information is available on numbers, types, locations and size of the Indigenous business sector. Similarly, little is known about how much money these Indigenous businesses contribute to the Australian economy, how many people they employ or which business categories require target assistance.

The benefits of a national review would include the collection of valuable data that can be used to write targeted policy to foster Indigenous entrepreneurship in Australia.

Summit delegates discussed how Indigenous business policy can only be successfully developed and implemented across Australia if the actual sector is accurately defined and understood in the first instance.

2. An annual Australian Bureau of Statistics National Indigenous Business Survey

Currently, a number of sources, including all levels of government, collect data on Indigenous businesses. However, there is no nationally collected and analysed statistical survey data on Indigenous businesses in Australia. This is predominantly due to the fact that the sector is relatively new and emerging and also because some levels of government have poor linkages with each other.

Other countries such as Canada and the United States of America already undertake national 'Aboriginal Business Survey' annually.

If Australia decides to implement



Queensland Aboriginal business entrepreneur Neil Willmett with Tania Major, left, and Qld Premier Anna Bligh at the recent Australia 2020 Summit.

such a survey, it will benefit social researchers, policy makers and other interested people (including Indigenous business owners) because they will be able to better identify and document the characteristics of the Aboriginal business sector.

In doing so, it will increase the capacity to develop targeted Indigenous business policy and Indigenous business assistance programs.

3. An annual report to Parliament on Closing the Gap on Indigenous business ownership

The Commonwealth Government has shown a commitment to building a new partnership to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia in the areas of health, education and employment.

On 5 April, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd released a statement saying that on the first working day of every parliamentary year that as the Prime Minister, he will report to the Parliament on the progress the Government has made in closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

This annual Prime Ministerial statement on closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians will report on six key areas, three of which are Indigenous health, education and employment.

There is no doubt that these areas are of great importance and all delegates agreed that they need urgent attention. However, a number of delegates would also like to see the large gap between the rates of Indigenous businesses and non-Indigenous business ownership reduced.

By including an annual report by the PM to Parliament on Indigenous business ownership in

Australia it will promote the importance of Indigenous business ownership and bring a greater intent to building more Indigenous enterprises.

4. Co-ordination of national, state and local government resources that are dedicated to Indigenous business

Within Australia there are currently several sources of assistance for Indigenous business owners. This includes Commonwealth, State and local government business support. Most of these agencies provide business advice or development assistance in one shape or another.

Although government support is welcomed, little co-ordination occurs across Australia, leading to significant duplication of services. Although a reduction in the services that are currently being provided is not necessarily needed, a co-ordinated approach would be beneficial.

This business idea focuses on the better use and co-ordination of government resources so that there are better co-ordinated Indigenous business services and, importantly, a sharing and collaboration of resources.

5. Establishment of Indigenous Business Alliances

Within Australia, there are over 350,000 businesses represented through chambers of commerce in each State and Territory, and a nationwide network of industry associations. The role of the chambers of commerce is to represent the interests of business at a local, state and national level.

Few mainstream chambers of commerce have promoted the importance of Indigenous people being in business, or have advocated for their specific business development needs. As a

result, Indigenous business owners have started to form Indigenous business alliances (Indigenous chambers of commerce) across Australia.

The role of these alliances has been to actively educate, promote, support and advocate Indigenous businesses so they can be sustainable and successful.

6. Establishment of an Indigenous entrepreneurial fund

During the Summit, the establishment of an Indigenous entrepreneurial fund was proposed. The purpose of this fund would be to support the establishment of sustainable Indigenous businesses across Australia by providing investment funding for Indigenous enterprises.

The fund would be established with seed funding from the Government and would then seek public and private contributions that could be matched by the Government.

7. Tax incentives to encourage Indigenous business development in Australia.

At the Summit, considerable discussion focused on how more Indigenous-owned and operated businesses could be established. An innovative proposal looked at introducing lower tax rates for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people working in Indigenous-owned businesses and reducing the company tax for all Indigenous businesses.

These proposals were based on minority business schemes in the US and other parts of the world.

8. Fundamental Change in Property Rights Leading to Ownership

During the Summit, changes in property rights and their relationship to business were

discussed. Discussions included that Indigenous people must have the right to own their property and the resources on that land. This included the recognition of commercial rights needed as well. For example, fresh water, surface water, ground water, biodiversity, carbon sequestration, carbon credits and trading.

Models in Canada, where the Indigenous people own the resources as well as land, were identified as successful models that could lead to enterprise development.

In summary, business was a key issue over the two days of the Summit.

I am disappointed that people who were not present at the Summit publicly criticised it as a 'talk fest' or full of 'con artists' who peddled the same old rhetoric.

I don't dwell on these negative comments. They have prevented us as Aboriginal people from getting on with the job of fixing the issues.

I believe the Summit produced some great Indigenous business ideas that would have been lost if they weren't presented. It created a space for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people who are genuinely committed to a better future for our people to share their innovative business ideas.

I can assure readers that if these ideas are implemented correctly, they will have a serious impact on Indigenous business ownership and Indigenous employment in Australia.

I realise that changing policies and programs can be difficult. This is not being defeatist - this is being realistic.

Our approach is to offer ideas to government that are based on evidence so that Indigenous business and employment opportunities are created. Under this collaborative approach, we believe that we will bring about substantial and sustainable improvements.

I am confident that the current Government will implement these ideas and that substantial and sustainable improvement in Indigenous business ownership and employment will occur.

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Boarding scholarships are needed, says expert



AN Indigenous education expert has called on more Australian boarding schools to offer indigenous students scholarships.

Waverley Stanley, who graduated from Year 12 at Toowoomba Grammar School, was addressing the Independent Schools Queensland Indigenous Education Forum on 28 April in Brisbane.

Mr Stanley founded Yalari Limited in 2005 to provide Indigenous children from regional, rural and remote communities with the opportunity to apply for full scholarships to attend some of Australia's highest achieving boarding schools.

"If the education system and indigenous communities work more effectively together, we can help erase the word 'shame' from the Indigenous education vocabulary," Mr Stanley told the gathering of principals and teachers.

He said 12 Australian boarding schools, including Toowoomba Grammar School, The Glennie School in Toowoomba, Rockhampton Grammar School and Anglican Church Grammar School, partner with Yalari Ltd to provide 39 full scholarships to Indigenous students.

The scholarships are funded by a combination of corporations, individual benefactors and the schools themselves.

"Some boarding schools we partner with offer 50 per cent off their fees and organise their own fundraising to attract high-potential Indigenous students from remote areas," Mr Stanley said.

"However, we are only skimming the surface - we need more schools to step up to the plate."

"With 69 per cent of the Indigenous population living outside major urban centres, it is imperative we add another ten boarding schools around Australia to the program this year."

"Sadly, only 10 per cent of Indigenous children currently graduate from Year 12, with a paltry 3 per cent completing a university degree. This simply isn't good enough - Indigenous people must have the same access to education as non-Indigenous Australians."

Executive Director of Independent Schools Queensland Dr John Roulston welcomed Mr Stanley's involvement in the Indigenous Education Forum.

"Forums such as this, with a particular focus on improving student outcomes for indigenous students, are an important part of the work of independent schools," he said.

"Schools and corporations have a crucial role to play in helping Indigenous communities overcome the obstacles they face to educate their children. Economic disadvantage, health issues and geographic isolation are weighing down our Indigenous communities and they need assistance to break the cycle."

"Boarding school offers indigenous students a broad education in every facet of their lives. It's not just about what they learn in the classroom - equally important is the opportunity to network with students from a range of cultures and backgrounds. This type of education opens doors for them to become whoever they want to be once they graduate."



Back, from left, Aunty Eunice, Randyjupi Yunupingu, Gulumbu Yunupingu, Linda Duncan, Aunty Jenny Binge, Phil Bligh, Danny Swan and Grant Duncan. Front, from left, Kevin Duncan, Helen Holmes and Harley Swan.

Healing exchange

By BRITTA LYSER



TRADITIONAL Aboriginal healing from the Top End has 'gone south' as part of an

ongoing collaborative cultural exchange.

The program began several months ago with women from Mirring Women's Group from the Wyong area on the NSW Central Coast being selected to travel to the Garma festival in the Northern Territory in an effort to establish, maintain and promote a healthy exchange of culture and ideas between the two very different tribal groups.

Aboriginal women of Trangie, west of Dubbo, also benefited from the program with several workshops on the art of native fibre weaving being conducted at the Trangie Agricultural Research Station.

"Weaving native fibres is a traditional practice of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia, including the various nation groups living in the Central West Catchment area", according to Cultural Heritage Officer, Su Williams.

The workshops gave the wider community the opportunity to meet traditional knowledge holders and learn about a variety of unique cultural practices.

Guest presenters came from as far a field as the NT, South Australia and the NSW Hunter Region to share their unique knowledge and skills.

What began as a traditional tribal weaving program organised by the Western Management Catchment Authority eventually has developed into a fully-fledged program aimed in particular at Aboriginal traditional healing.

When Yolngu people of the NT found that western medicine was not working for them. They approached officials at Royal Darwin Hospital and with their blessing and support they began a traditional healing program that has achieved a wide range of successful results and valuable knowledge.

Djuwandayngu and Gulumbu Yunupingu travelled all the way from Garma to the Yula-Panaal Healing Centre set amidst the Mandalong Forest on the NSW Central Coast, working in closely with the Mirring Women's Group to establish a long term collaborative effort aimed at establishing a specific traditional healing centre in addition to identifying local beneficial herbs, barks and berries.

The women worked in close conjunction with several of the local Aboriginal communities who have widely endorsed the project and consulted closely on

how best the project can work on an individual basis.

All of the communities have also been quick to exchange and pass on knowledge of a medicinal and healing nature specific to each individual area.

Plans for a traditional healing hut have already been designed and while Djuwandayngu and Gulumbu Yunupingu have returned to their traditional homelands locals have been quick to assure the work will continue and a long-term exchange of ideas beneficial to the community as a whole will continue.

Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council Cultural Heritage Officer, Deborah Swan, was glowing in her praise for the program and its participants.

"This could be the beginning of something imperative in the way as we as a community deal with health on a holistic level", she added.

Info days for Wilcannia and Broken Hill



DO you have live in Wilcannia or Broken Hill and have a burning consumer question you're dying to know the answer for?

If so you're in luck, because the Good Service mob is visiting the two New South Wales towns later this month and will be holding a free information day in each.

The days will include information for Indigenous consumers having issues or problems with:

- Banks, credit cards and loans
- Businesses, contractors and consumer rights
- Discrimination
- Electricity, gas and water companies
- Federal Government agencies (Centrelink, taxation)
- Legal issues
- State Government agencies (housing, police, child protection, community services, correctional centres)



The Good Service mob at a forum which was held in Lismore last August. Second from the right in the front row is local Bundjalung Elder Aunty Hazel Rhodes.

- Telephone, mobile and internet companies.

The Good Service mob is a collaboration between the Banking and Financial Services Ombudsman, Commonwealth Ombudsman, Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW

(EWON), Legal Aid NSW, NSW Anti-Discrimination Board, NSW Office of Fair Trading, NSW Ombudsman and the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman.

The information days will involve a presentation from each organisation. After lunch staff from each of the organisations will be available to discuss individual enquiries.

Over the past year, the Good Service mob has visited Indigenous communities in Dubbo, Cowra, Condobolin and Bankstown.

The Wilcannia information day will be held on Tuesday 20 May at the Community Hall from 9.30am until 4pm. The Broken Hill information day will be held on Wednesday 21 May at the Centre for Community, 200 Beryl Street, Broken Hill from 9.30am until 4pm.

If you are interested in attending, contact Rose Gordon, Indigenous Project Officer, Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW, on phone (02) 8218 5221 or email roseg@ewon.com.au.



The local ranges (Wirada) make a spectacular backdrop for the residents of Warakurna.



Ngaanyatjarra Councillor Preston Thomas and WA Industry Minister Francis Logan seal the agreement for stage two of the high-speed broadband rollout.



Media Co-ordinator Daniel Featherstone

Ngaanyatjarra go high tech

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



THE Ngaanyatjarra communities of Wingellina, Warburton, Jameson, Blackstone, Warnan and Warakurna in Western Australia have gone high tech, switching to high-speed broadband via a fibre optic network.

The community of Warakurna, near the West Australian, Northern Territory and South Australian borders, will be the central administration post for the new network, which is connected to the community and all government services in the region.

The new network, officially launched at Warakurna on 23 April, allows for high quality data transfer and instant teleconferencing, bringing significant benefits to the strained health services of the region.

The project, which also delivered a new training centre and other essential equipment to the community, was a joint partnership arrangement between the Federal and WA governments, the Ngaanyatjarra Shire and the Ngaanyatjarra Council and involved the laying of 400kms of optic fibre between the six communities, plus associated infrastructure.

Ngaanyatjarra Councillor Preston Thomas said the capability of the new network in the justice and health systems would mean that many people could do their business at home instead of travelling long distances to Kalgoorlie or Perth.

"It's very important because with the health system you can talk to special doctors on the tele links," Mr Thomas said.

"Not only for that, but even for people going down to courts and stuff."

"A lot of people travel from here to Kalgoorlie and once somebody goes down there you get the problem of families worrying about families then people go down there and get stuck and all this and that."

Ngaanyatjarra Shire President Damien McLean said the improvements in general communications with the delivery of the new network were immeasurable.

"We used to use satellite, the alternative. It used to hang, you would lose connections to it. You just could not use it reliably as a tool when you're working in a clinic," he said.

"The whole system became what you did for a living, your health treatment came off the back, it was just an aside."

"This is a good real-time tool where clinicians, doctors and nurses can use this,



Children from Warakurna Community try out the new high-speed broadband service at the local community media centre.

enter, and get really good data capture.

"Everything that they do now goes into a record, everything that they've done can now be examined."

The network has been linked to the newly opened Warakurna Multi Functional Police and Justice Centre, which has a courtroom equipped for teleconferencing, meaning that people scheduled for court appearances can now do so without leaving the community.

'Cutting-edge'

Police Officer in Charge, Senior Sergeant Keith Davies, said the new broadband capability would bring cutting-edge modern policing right into the Central Desert region, with positive results for the community.

"There are a number of issues in the lands regarding court appearances by people and the distances they have to travel, and this equipment will most definitely enhance our ability to have people dealt with here in the lands without having to leave to go elsewhere," Senior Sergeant Davies said.

The video link-up in the newly appointed courtroom was demonstrated to the 20 or so

government officials present to witness the launch of the network, which has also been installed in the local medical clinic and in the new training centre.

Mr Thomas said the training centre would deliver real job opportunities for the local communities, as well as providing a vital link to the outside world for the medical profession.

"It will be good for them ... instead of them going away and learning, they can learn through the learning centre, plus if they want to talk to different doctors in relation to ears or something like that, a specialist talking about ears, they can go over to the centre here and talk to them," he said.

"A lot of people in the lands don't like going out of their communities and going down to cities to do training."

Ngaanyatjarra Councillor Gerard Coffey said the training centre would be a vital facility because of the high level of interest in the region by mining companies which have carried out exploration work over the past decade.

"There is a lot of mining looking like taking

place in this area over the very foreseeable future, and this facility will give all Ngaanyatjarra people, young and old, an opportunity to access a first-class facility," Mr Coffey said.

"Obviously with the advent of the telecommunications upgrading, we've got second to none in that regard as well."

WA Industry Minister Francis Logan said the new network would also bring big investment money into the region.

"The very fact that you've got these communications services here underpins the efforts that are going to be put in by the mining companies," he said.

"The very fact that they know they've got fast fibre optic to transmit their information to and from the mines just underpins the reason why they should invest here rather than somewhere else. So that's the sort of benefits that this project brings."

The communities will have direct access to the new network via a series of multimedia centres set up by local communications firm Ngaanyatjarra Media, and spokesman Daniel Featherstone said it would help people communicate with the world on their own terms.

Telstra WA Project Support Manager Conrad Edge summed up the project and the future possibilities while showing government officials the infrastructure associated with the fibre optic network.

"Working together, Federal and State governments, the local shire and community leaders, the telecommunications industry, have been able to deliver a very positive outcome for this community," Mr Edge said.

"Telstra applauds and shares the vision of government to extend access to broadband services to all Australians."

"High-speed broadband will encourage more regional investment, and will open up many health, educational and social benefits."

Mr Logan announced stage two of the project, which will include the communities of Cosmo Newbury, Patjarr, Kanpa, Tjirkarli, Tjukurla and Kiwirrkurra, during his visit to Warakurna.

"These communities are all now going to be brought on as stage two of the project, and all of those six communities will also then be hooked, this time by satellite technology, not by fibre optic, to broadband services," the Minister said.

"These are all very remote communities and they're all being linked up to high-speed broadband services."

Child sex abuse strategy is questioned



NO ONE at a NSW Aboriginal community troubled by child sexual abuse seems to have a clue about a large government-funded program operating there to improve their lives, the commissioner of an inquiry into child protection services says.

The NSW Government inquiry's commissioner, retired Justice James Wood, and his assisting counsel, Gail Furness, also expressed surprise at the terrible state of the Toomelah community, near Moree, in northern NSW.

It had been without water for days and had dangerously poor lighting and housing when the legal figures visited as part of their investigation, a hearing in Sydney on 24 April was told.

The Commission addressed the effectiveness of strategies to protect Aboriginal children and young people from abuse and neglect.

In particular, Justice Wood and Ms Furness spoke about the Toomelah-Boggabilla strategy, which started in 2005 to tackle Aboriginal child sexual assault in those two communities.

Justice Wood said there had not been any great increase in either the reporting of child sexual abuse or of prosecutions as a result of the strategy.

"On paper, it looks an excellent strategy, but if it doesn't work, it doesn't work," he told the inquiry.

"The actual knowledge of what is happening in the community is zero.

"We spoke to a number of people, including Elders, who didn't have the faintest idea what the project involved or what was happening."

Ms Furness told the inquiry that she and Justice Wood also were concerned by the state of the Toomelah community.

"To us that seemed surprising in 2008 that we visited this community where such basic resources such as water, housing and lighting weren't, according to what (Elders) told us, in place," she said.



JUSTICE JAMES WOOD

Ms Furness then asked the Director-General of the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Jody Broun, if Toomelah's condition was unusual.

"Those sorts of specific issues we've been addressing through the Aboriginal communities development program, including at that location, so I'll have to look into that," Ms Broun told the inquiry.

Ms Broun also said she was surprised to hear about the observation that nobody at the community seemed to know about the Toomelah-Boggabilla strategy.

But she said it was probably too early in the program to say if it was actually making a change.

Justice Wood said the strategy seemed more focused on developing the program's workforce than actually delivering services to reduce the incidence of child sexual assault.

-AAP



RHODA ROBERTS

Rhoda Roberts heads Sydney's New Year party



NEW Year's Eve 2008 in Sydney is going to have a touch of Aboriginal flavour

now that Rhoda Roberts has been announced the event's Creative Director.

The acclaimed broadcaster, actor, artistic and creative expert will add her extensive experience to the world-famous celebrations

Planning has been under way on the event for several months, but for now mum's the word on this year's theme.

"I'm so excited to be part of the City of Sydney New Year's Eve team, which is behind one of the finest displays of fireworks anywhere in the world," Ms Roberts said.

"I've had the opportunity and privilege to work on a number of major events in Australia and internationally, but to help create a little magic for Australians on Sydney New Year's Eve 2008 will be something really special.

"I think Sydneysiders, visitors and those watching the show from home or around the world will see a wonderful celebration with bright coloured fireworks, incredible music and great effects that will bring people together to have a great time, celebrate and look forward."

Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore said Ms Roberts was a great asset to the New Year's Eve team.

"With more than 20 years' experience in the arts, she brings new ideas and vision to the event for 2008," Ms Moore said.

"I have no doubt Rhoda will help ensure New Year's Eve 2008 will be a fantastic celebration that Sydney can be proud of."

Spotlight on child services

By MARGARET SMITH in Sydney

THE Inquiry into Child Protection Services in New South Wales had its last hearing before Commissioner James Wood recently, where it focused on Indigenous communities.

The Inquiry team has toured the State since its inception in February. At its first hearing, reported by *The Koori Mail*, it appeared that the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) was not working co-operatively with other government departments or with Indigenous citizens.

Justice James Wood, who previously headed the Inquiry into the NSW Police Force, told the Inquiry he was especially concerned with the high incarceration rate of Indigenous adults and children, the poor health, housing, education, job prospects, and the level of homelessness.

Through Justice Wood's questioning, it was revealed that DoCS had a seven per cent Aboriginal staff. The Department of Health only had 1.2 per cent although it was now actively recruiting to increase this to two per cent, and the NSW Police Department had 215 sworn Aboriginal officers. The Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) revealed they had only five solicitors working with their child clients right across the State.

Budget 'not enough'

In response to further questions, DoCS revealed it had committed 23 per cent of its overall budget to dealing with Aboriginal children, but Justice Wood suggested this was not enough.

Ms Linda Mallett, DoCS' Acting Deputy Director-General, said that 85 per cent of Aboriginal children who were removed were given Aboriginal placement, a figure doubted by Justice Wood.

Julian Pocock from the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) suggested to the hearing that when DoCS consulted with Aboriginal caseworkers, 'they are in fact consulting with themselves'.

"What are the opportunities to remove risk from the child, rather than removing the



JODY BROUN

child?" he asked.

The Director-General of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Jody Broun, stressed the importance of consultation.

"Only that I think the consultation issue is a big one in that it has to be, a system has to make sure there is genuine consultation with the communities, and I think the point that DoCS caseworkers are in the community, I think, is a good one," she said.

"DAA has been establishing relationships and engagement models on the ground in a number of communities around the State, that we would encourage government organisations to use."

Ms Broun added that her department was working 'to establish for some time a workforce development right across the public sector, and trying to increase Aboriginal employment levels within the system, and in decision-making roles'.

The Aboriginal Legal Service's John McKenzie said there had been very little consultation from DoCS.

"They have a poor compliance with the Act, (Children and Young Persons' Care and Protection Act 1998) and many Aboriginal children have several placements before we are able to see them," he said.

"Care plans need to be amended, and DoCS have to state why they have removed a child. Family conferencing should take place early rather than later. Nowra Care Circle is a good example of early consultation."

There was also disquiet expressed that only five per cent of official DoCS carers were Indigenous, and that these carers often reported lack of respect from DoCS.

DAA said extra expenses such as transport and medical services were often quibbled over, and grandmothers asking for respite care weren't taken seriously enough.

On the issue of Indigenous boarding schools, Ms Broun said, "I would have thought that any response would have a range of models available, and again it is about the consultation with the community and the family about how they want that child placed".

More children on remand

ALS representatives warned that 75 per cent of young persons in trouble with the law came from out-of-home care, and said there had been an increase of 50 per cent of Aboriginal children on remand in detention centres.

"Many of these children wouldn't be there if there was bail accommodation, and the ALS suggested this is an urgent option," they said.

The Commission said there was a recent case of a 13-year-old girl being granted bail by the magistrate, but DoCS was not able to find a placement for her, so she was incarcerated.

After the hearing, ALS representatives told *The Koori Mail* that they were pleased with the way the Inquiry had handled the whole issue of child protection. However, 'what gets implemented is the real question', said John McKenzie.

He said the ALS was now in dire straits because 'the Government has locked down our funding for the next 14 months and its very hard for us to look after our clients when we are so short staffed'.

Youth Council nominations now open



YOUNG South Australians are being encouraged to apply to join a high-level forum that provides advice to the State Government on issues of concern to young people.

Applications are open to join the 16-member Minister's Youth Council (MYC), with three vacancies available and a further four vacancies coming up later in the year.

The Minister's Youth Council is a primary source of advice from young people to Youth Minister Paul Caica on policy areas being considered by the State Government, as well as on items raised by the council's membership.

Appointments will be made by the Minister for Youth, with the initial new members due to start their three-year terms in June.

"The Council provides young people with the opportunity to advise me directly,

as the State's Youth Minister, through their monthly meetings," Mr Caica said.

"We discuss all areas of government policy affecting young people, such as health, education, employment and the environment.

"The Council seeks a diverse membership and as such I encourage young people from all cultural backgrounds and regional areas to apply."

Some of the issues the council will be examining this year are:

- Youth debt and credit traps
- Mental health issues in the youth sector
- Liaising with other advisory councils such as the Youth Road Safety Task Force.

Applications for the Minister's Youth Council positions close at noon on Monday 12 May. To apply, visit www.officetoyouth.sa.gov.au or contact Jane Dewar, MYC Executive Officer, at mcy@saugov.sa.gov.au



Blessing by the Pope a highlight for couple

BY CHRISTINE HOWES



MORE than 180 family and friends from Ingham, north Queensland, and Sydney and a lot of

places in between celebrated Edna and Graham Alley's 50th wedding anniversary towards the end of last year in Rockhampton.

They're still talking about it, with the occasion also being marked by letters from the Governor-General, Queensland Governor and — indirectly — the Pope himself.

What's known as a Papal Blessing, organised for the happy couple by the local parish church, reads: *The Holy Father Benedict XVI cordially imparts the request Apostolic Blessing to Graham and Edna Alley (nee Brown) on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary as a pledge of heavenly favours (October 26, 2007).*

Mrs Alley said the letters, blessing and family coming together meant the world to her and her husband.

"We had a beautiful night," she said. "My husband comes from Charters Towers, I was born in Woorabinda and we met in Clermont."

"We were married in the Catholic Church in 1957. We have one daughter, four grandsons and six great-granddaughters and one little great-grandson."

Mrs Alley said she and her husband were still working.

"I'm on the Fitzroy Basin Elders Committee, I work for Murri Court and juvenile justice, and I visit the prisons," she said.

"My husband is still working in his 70s, driving trucks for Boral roadworks. He's a very lovely man and a very healthy man."

● **Pictured:** Edna Alley with the special Papal Blessing and a picture of her with her husband Graham.



A NATIONAL campaign is under way highlighting the link between

racism and sickness.

Launched on 21 April, the *Racism Makes Me Sick* campaign is collaboration between ANTaR, Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation, and The Body Shop.

The Body Shop has 80 stores in Australia, and is a retailer of toiletries and cosmetics. The company markets its commitment to environmental protection and respect for human rights.

Anyone visiting any of its outlets up until 12 May will see posters, and also be offered fact sheets linking them to the ANTaR website.

The website then offers people the chance to sign a personal pledge to show

Racism truly is sickening

their commitment to ending racism.

ANTaR National Director Gary Highland it was vital that Australians had the information and resources to tackle racism.

"Racism, as a direct and negative influence on health,

helps explain in part the Australian Indigenous health crisis. Appallingly, three out of four Indigenous Australians experience racism in their everyday lives," he said.

"Heart disease, premature births,

hypertension and mental illness can all result from personal experiences of racism.

"Standing up to racist attitudes in workplaces, schools and family is a fundamental step in overcoming the Indigenous

health crisis in Australia.

"There is a 17-year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Improved health care alone may not close this gap, unless positive changes occur in attitudes and

behaviour towards Indigenous Australians.

"The Racism Makes Me Sick campaign aims to engage all Australians, particularly those who feel at a loss for ideas on how they can contribute to removing Indigenous disadvantage."

Mr Highland said ANTaR was asking Australians to combat racism by getting the facts about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, challenging and speaking up to racist stereotypes and misinformed comments, and taking positive action in support of Indigenous people. "All Australians are encouraged to sign a personal pledge to show their commitment, challenge their own assumptions, and speak up to racist or misinformed comments using hints and fact sheets available from www.ANTaR.org.au," he said.

Partnership will help fight sex infections



ABORIGINAL people and communities will benefit from a new partnership ensuring they have access to the latest research findings on sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the peak body for Aboriginal medical services, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), and the National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research (NCHECR) at the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

NCHECR has national responsibilities in the co-ordination of epidemiological surveillance and clinical trials related to HIV and hepatitis C in Australia. Over recent years the centre has become increasingly involved in projects related to sexually transmitted infections and has developed an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Program.

"This MOU will also help Aboriginal Medical Services in the delivery of sexual health and blood-borne viruses programs through co-operation with NCHECR and having access to their expertise in workforce development, training and

mentoring for NACCHO's Sexual Health Policy Officer and Sexual Health Program Co-ordinators," said NACCHO Chairman Dr Mick Adams.

"Many Aboriginal communities face high rates of STIs that can cause discomfort and shame, as well as serious complications such as infertility, but also increase the risk of HIV infection," said Professor John Kaldor, the Deputy Director of NCHECR at UNSW.

"A partnership is an essential step in undertaking research with Aboriginal communities."

The MOU includes a range of principles

concerning collection, use and ownership of data, and promotes collaborative research and the development of a comprehensive evidence base to guide policy.

The MOU was signed in Sydney on 1 May by Dr Adams, NACCHO CEO Dea Thiele and Professor Les Field, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) UNSW and Professor Kaldor.

A new consultative body will meet at least once every six months to discuss issues and review progress under the MOU. NCHECR will report regularly to the NACCHO board on activities coming under the MOU.



From left, Troy Walker, Kasey Edwards, Leigh Saunders and Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Richard Wynne at the Ricci Marks Aboriginal Young Achiever Award ceremony in Melbourne last month.

Victorian DVD to promote culture



A NEW DVD promoting cultural awareness in the Hume region of Victoria has been launched.

Deputy Premier and Attorney-General Rob Hulls said the DVD *Legacy of the People* told the story of the Shepparton Aboriginal community.

In launching the DVD, Mr Hulls said: "Cultural awareness training – learning to understand where a group of people is coming from – is vital for anyone who dreams of an Australia where Indigenous and non-Indigenous people live in harmony."

The DVD is part of a multi-media cultural awareness strategy by the Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative, which received funding for the project under the Aboriginal Justice Agreement.

"The DVD is already being used to support cultural awareness training camps for local police and is an excellent tool for teaching others about the rich Koori heritage of this area," Mr Hulls said.

Legacy of a People follows the story of the Maloga and Cummeragunja missions through to the establishment in 1958 of Rumbalara, a Koori-specific public housing settlement.

Local State MP Kaye Darveniza said Cummeragunja was known for the activism and strength of its people.

In 1939, 200 of the residents, fed-up with the conditions on Cummeragunja and their treatment by the manager, walked off in what is now known as the Cummeragunja Walk-Off, the first-ever mass strike of Aboriginal people in Australia.

The people of Cummeragunja began fighting for rights to their country soon after the station was established in 1881.

This claim for land continues through to today, with the Yorta Yorta being the first community to lodge a native title application in Victoria. In 2004, they won the right to co-manage part of their lands with State authorities.

"Australians are incredibly fortunate to live in the midst of their complex and diverse cultures and to have the opportunity to learn about them," Mr Hulls said.

Young achievers take out award



SPORTSMAN, artist and musician Leigh Saunders and post-graduate student Troy Walker are the joint recipients of the 2008 Ricci Marks Aboriginal Young Achievers Award.

Fundraiser and youth leader

Kasey Edwards has also received an encouragement award.

Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Richard Wynne presented the awards last month at the State Library of Victoria to coincide with National Youth Week celebrations.

Each winner will receive a \$5000 bursary.

"It is with great pleasure that I present the Ricci Marks Award to these two outstanding young Indigenous people who have demonstrated community leadership, great determination and initiative and dedicated so

much of their time to improving the lives of other people," Mr Wynne said.

Leigh Saunders has a long history of involvement with the Aboriginal community and is a role model and mentor to many other young people through his voluntary work with Radio 3KND and his church.

sportsman, playing at the statewide basketball carnival with the Black Eagles Basketball Club and representing Victoria nationally in the National Aboriginal Basketball Championships.

Troy Walker is enrolled in the Masters Program at the School of Chiropractic, Royal Melbourne

Institute of Technology (RMIT), and has volunteered his time to mentor students at St Joseph's College and Echuca Secondary College.

The 23-year-old Echuca man is living in Melbourne, having made the relocation to undertake his Masters Program in the School of Chiropractic at RMIT.

"Troy's enthusiastic approach to delivering health-care programs and encouraging students to complete Year 12 studies is widely recognised by the Aboriginal community in Echuca," Mr Wynne said.

An encouragement award was presented to 16-year-old Kasey Edwards, a Year 11 student at Bundoora Secondary College. She is active in her school community, leading fundraising activities and acting as a role model for other students.

"I am pleased to pay tribute to all of the young people who were nominated for this year's awards and who are all making important contributions to their communities," Mr Wynne said.

For more information on the 2008 Ricci Marks Aboriginal Young Achiever Award, visit www.dpcd.vic.gov.au

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Whitlam welcomes action on Indigenous problems



FORMER Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam, who recognised the need to improve living standards for Aborigines more than 60 years ago, says he is happy steps are being taken to address the problem.

Speaking in Sydney at an Anzac commemorative event, Mr Whitlam said his exposure to Aboriginal communities as a World War II flight navigator gave him greater insight into Indigenous living standards than any other parliamentary member of his time.

"In the RAAF I was able to see and observe the living conditions of Aboriginal Australians near all of the airports in Queensland and in the Northern Territory," a wheelchair-bound Mr Whitlam told the Sydney gathering.

At the time, Aborigines were 'peripheral' and regarded as a 'security threat', he said.

"Where we were stationed, we had very good terms with the Aborigines ... they taught us how to fish ... (but) you didn't open the canteens to them," Mr Whitlam said after his address.

"We could see how the Aborigines were treated, they were peripheral."

At Cooktown in northern Queensland, Mr Whitlam said, Aborigines were relocated from near the airport because they posed a 'security threat'.

Initiatives

Among the initiatives of the Whitlam Labor Government – in power from December 1972 to November 1975 – was an inquiry into Aboriginal land rights.

"I had a great advantage when I got into Parliament of having seen more Aborigines, where they were still living, than any other Member (of Parliament)," he said.

"I could see ... that the Federal Parliament had to do something about the conditions of Aborigines throughout Australia."

Mr Whitlam, now aged 91, declined to comment when asked if current Members of Parliament would benefit from greater exposure to Aboriginal communities.

The Federal Government is pushing ahead with a controversial program of intervention, designed by the former Coalition Government, aimed at combating child sex abuse in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities.

"I'm very glad with the initiatives that have been taken," he said when asked his view about the current Government's approach to addressing Aboriginal living standards.

Mr Whitlam was guest speaker at an event hosted by Australian Hearing, a government agency providing services to veterans and the elderly. –AAP

Scheme aimed at helping offenders



THE Victorian Government has launched a scheme aimed at supporting

Aboriginal offenders to complete their community-based orders.

"The Local Justice Worker Program will operate in 10 cities and towns across Victoria, and is dedicated to ensuring there are supervised community work opportunities for offenders on orders," Deputy Premier and Attorney-General Rob Hulls said on 24 April.

"When work opportunities are provided in a culturally friendly environment, offenders are more likely to meet the conditions of their orders."

In addition to finding offenders

appropriate community work to do, local justice workers will help offenders link in to development programs run by service providers.

They will also assist Aboriginal people with outstanding fines to negotiate payment plans with the Sheriff's Office and act as one key point of contact between local Koorie communities and Justice agencies.

Mr Hulls was at the Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative to celebrate the establishment of the Local Justice Worker Program. He said the State Government had allocated \$2.1 million to operate the program in the following locations:

● Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Co-operative Limited, Horsham

- Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation, Wodonga
- Njernda Aboriginal Corporation, Echuca
- Western Suburbs Indigenous Gathering Place, western metropolitan Melbourne
- Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative, Bendigo
- Gunditjmara Aboriginal Co-operative, Warrnambool
- Gippsland Lakes Community Health Incorporated, Lakes Entrance
- Swan Hill Aboriginal Health Service, Swan Hill
- Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-operative Limited, Dandenong
- Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation, Drouin and Warragul.

Towns and cities were chosen based on the daily average number of Aboriginal offenders reporting to Community Corrections Services offices in each region.

"The local justice worker will be an important link between Koorie offenders on orders, Indigenous organisations, and local justice agencies," Mr Hulls said.

The program is an initiative of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement – part of a policy by the State Government to work in partnership with the Aboriginal community.

Its purpose is to tackle disadvantage and inequity, reduce Koorie contact with the criminal justice system, and improve justice outcomes for Indigenous Victorians.

Boys building their futures

By ALEX AMON



Back row left to right, Ronald Douglas (concrete), Les Lockwood (carpenter), Maurice Kelly (carpenter), Raymond Griffin (carpenter), and Anthony Cowen Snr (painter). Front, from left, Anthony Cowen Jnr (carpenter) and Ben Baines (concrete).



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 in Kempsey, northern NSW, especially when they're all members of the local Indigenous community.

The early morning barbie last month was 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 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 Mayor Betty Green.

Looking on was Dunghutti 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, 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 lousy 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 my own company."

Yawning gap in NSW



ABORIGINAL people in NSW die 16 years earlier than non-Indigenous people, while their infant mortality rate is also 79 per cent

higher, a new report shows. The *Two Ways Together 2007* report, released on 22 April also shows Aboriginal adults are seven times more likely to appear in a criminal court than the general population.

The Aboriginal population in the State's jails has also increased to 20 per cent of all adult male prisoners and 33 per cent of female prisoners, while the number of Indigenous males on remand has jumped 49 per cent since 2001.

The NSW Opposition said the report, prepared by the NSW Government's Department of Aboriginal Affairs, showed the Lemna Government had made little progress on addressing disadvantage faced by Indigenous people.

Another report highlights the shocking state of our people

"Here we have a report ... that shows the gap is not closing and in fact it might be widening in some areas," Acting Opposition Leader Andrew Stoner said.

"(Premier) Morris Iemma was front and centre on National Sorry Day but when it comes to actually addressing these areas of disadvantage in NSW Aboriginal communities, he is nowhere to be seen."

At 8.5 deaths per 1000 Indigenous births, the mortality rate for Aboriginal infants in NSW was 79 per cent higher than the rate for the total infant population, the report found.

According to the report, NSW has Australia's largest Aboriginal population at almost 150,000 people, or 2.2 per cent of the State population.

Almost 30 per cent of all Aboriginal people in Australia live in NSW – more than in Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, the ACT and Northern Territory combined.

The unemployment rate for Aboriginal people in NSW was 11.5 per cent higher than for the total population.

From 2001 to 2005, there was no improvement in the literacy and numeracy skills of Aboriginal students.

Aboriginal students rated at least 10 per cent lower on national benchmarks compared to the general population, and they actually went backwards from Years 3 to 7.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said the report also showed some areas of improvement, but "there is more work to do".

"We are working with Aboriginal people to build safe communities, improve access to education, provide clean water and sewerage systems and deliver meaningful jobs," he said. "We understand the need to build community resilience by supporting Aboriginal leaders to develop strong and optimistic communities."

Positive aspects of the report include a rise in the number of Aborigines enrolled in TAFE, while hospitalisation rates for whooping cough, measles and influenza were now level with the general population. — AAP



A yarn with Dixie

Why did you audition for *Big Brother*?

I auditioned for *Big Brother* because I wanted to do something different. I'm a little bit on the mad side, a little bit of a wild child – I've kind of had the same lifestyle for the last three years and just wanted to have a go at doing something different.

How do you think your life will change if you became a Housemate?

I dare say it will change quite dramatically. People will recognise me in the street a lot more than they do now, not saying I'm all that, but people might be, 'Hey I voted for you'. I don't think I'll change personally. I'll still be the same mad, funny person that I am and hopefully I won't turn into a stuck-up person – but we'll see what happens!

What have you learned not to do from watching *Big Brother*?

Not to do the things which I don't already do anyway. I don't talk about people. That's a really big thing because if you run someone down in the *Big Brother* House they're going to find out about it, and the whole world is going to know you're a snitch.

What's your most valued possession?

A photo I have of me with my two younger cousins. It was taken when we were three or four or something like that and we had no teeth, snot everywhere... but we were gorgeous and I love it. It's such an old picture but it's just gorgeous.

At high school what would you have been voted most likely to do or be?

I was probably most likely to be successful. I was a bit of the teacher's pet because my Mum wouldn't let me go out and party or anything like that so I was basically in the books.

In three words how would your best friend describe you?

Annoying, kind, obnoxious.

How would you describe yourself?

Outrageous, funny, free-spirited, opinionated, obnoxious, rude, arrogant, selfish and hot.

— courtesy of *Big Brother*, Channel Ten

Dixie's in the House

By SOLUA MIDDLETON

WHILE many Australians don't want to bother with *Big Brother* after recent years of featuring too many simple-minded, cookie-cutout Aussies, this year's reality TV series looks like it might be interesting with the addition of Aboriginal mental health worker

Dixie, from Brewarrina (pictured). The 21-year-old who grew up on the outskirts of an Aboriginal mission describes herself as an outgoing country girl.

She has been in the *Big Brother* house for a little over a week now, and still seems to be finding her groove. Already there have been a few tears, and she seems to have

formed friendships easily. And she certainly has no problem speaking her mind.

I can't wait to see this sister really settled in the House and maybe become this year's winner.

● *Big Brother* is on Channel Ten nightly at 7pm. Visit www.bigbrother.com.au for more details

Documentary on Aboriginal family's fight for country wins major award

By DARREN COYNE



A DOCUMENTARY which tells the story about a group of Aboriginal people fighting to save their heritage has just won a major prize in America.

The South Australian documentary *Sacred Ground* received the Special Jury Selection Award at the inaugural Global Green Indigenous Film Festival, held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA.

The film, produced and directed by Port Pirie filmmaker Kim Mavromatis, tells the inside story of Quenten Agius and his family's fight to save what is left of their ancient heritage and culture on their traditional Adjahdura land in the Yorke Peninsula.

Mr Mavromatis told *The Koori Mail* he was delighted with the win.

"This was *Sacred Ground*'s USA Film Festival premiere and it was the only Australian film selected for screening at the festival," Mr Mavromatis said.

"To win this award is just amazing and it's a great honour to be the inaugural winner of this wonderful event."

"This award gives Quenten Agius and his people and their story international recognition and exposure."

The documentary begins with the discovery of human skeletal remains in the middle of a multi-million-dollar housing development, covers the family's fight with government and developers, and ends with a thought-provoking conclusion.

The award was the second international award in 2008 for *Sacred Ground* – the first was a Special Jury Prize at the Pacific International Documentary Film Festival (FIFO Tahiti).



Kim Mavromatis, centre, is presented with the Global Green Indigenous Film Festival Award in Santa Fe, USA. Festival organiser Veronica Tiller and festival director Tony Estrada are also pictured.

Quenten Agius said he was proud the film and his family's story.

"I hope this film inspires other communities and Aboriginal peoples to have the guts to stand up for what they believe in, to take the criticism, not just from our own people, but black and white," he said.

"I urge people to get a copy of the film and sit down and watch it, especially those people who live in our area, so they

can understand our feelings and our fight."

Meanwhile, Mr Mavromatis, said the film had been entered in a number of film festivals around the world.

"We're doing a lot of travelling with *Sacred Ground* because we want the exposure and international recognition," he said.

"I have received an email to say it's been nominated for an award in the

international documentary category at the International Film Festival in England," he said.

"And we're thinking of travelling to New Zealand this month because it's been selected for the Reel Earth Aotearoa Environmental Film Festival."

Sacred Ground was produced and developed in association with the South Australian Film Corporation, the Australian Film Commission and the ABC.

Conferences focus on climate change

By MARGARET SMITH



TWO separate conferences on different sides of the continent hosted climate change conferences last

month, one in Sydney and one in Darwin.

The Sydney conference was organised by Green Left and featured Sam Watson, a Biri Gubba Munnejarl man and Deputy Director of Queensland University's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit, and Pat Eatock, an Elder and filmmaker from the Kairie community in central Queensland, with Ruth Jackson sending a speech from the Northern Territory.

It was held at Redfern Community Centre and attended by a large crowd, who heard Ms Eatock's account of how Indigenous people had looked after the land before the white arrival.

She argued that it was time for Australia to value the environmental skills of Indigenous people.

Mr Watson said the overwhelming desire of Indigenous people was to get back to country, but 'mainstream politics will always work against us'.

He said this was clear from

Combat Climate Change was addressed by Indigenous leaders and academics on the role they could play in future action.

The conference was organised by the UN University's Japan-based Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) in conjunction with Charles Darwin University (CDU) and the North Australia

region they are facing the worst impacts of climate change, and there have been increasing calls – including at the recent United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues – for Indigenous traditional knowledge to be used to combat climate change.

NAILSMA Executive Officer Joe Morrison said that in northern

marginalised," he said.

"Our perspective is that Aboriginal people are the custodians of the land, so we need to be consulted on all issues involving climate change."

Mr Morrison said Indigenous communities in rural and remote northern and central Australia were 'vulnerable to climate change

through being the poorest, among the least healthy and furthermore the most reliant on the environment for food, shelter, economics, health and nutrition as well as customary purposes."

"We have an added advantage through the use of traditional knowledge, lore and customs," he said.

Aboriginal ranger Dean Yibarbuk also spoke on fire-abatement programs and a world-first 'carbon trading' deal harnessing ancient traditions of Indigenous fire management to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas pollution.



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– NAILSMA Executive Officer Joe Morrison

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's recent talks in China, that he was keener to keep on selling 'dirty coal' than to promote more sustainable energies.

In Darwin, the United Nations *International Conference on Indigenous Knowledge Helping to*

Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA).

The organisers acknowledged that Indigenous peoples had contributed the least to world greenhouse gas emissions and had the smallest ecological footprints on Earth. In the Pacific

Australia there had been no consideration of Indigenous people's concerns and practices.

"The Federal Government signed the Kyoto Agreement with no consultation with us. We have the smallest greenhouse emissions, but we have been

Scheme to help NT ecotourism

By MARGARET SMITH



A NEW scheme to assist Indigenous ecotourism has been launched in the Northern Territory.

The launch, by NT Tourism Minister Kon Vatskalis, was attended by the scheme's first three participants - Amuwarnka Tours, from Groote Island, RT Tours, from Alice Springs, and Nitmiluk Tours, from Katherine. Also on hand at the launch was former NT Minister John Ah Kit.

The scheme is geared towards small operators, helping them take on Indigenous trainees and to establish a business that is viable in the long term. It offers mentorship over 12-24 months and advice on how to expand operations and attract more clients. It is hoped that the scheme will expand from three to 12 tour operators in the next 12 months.

"Accreditation programs provide operators with the opportunity to have their business processes and service delivery measured against industry standards," Mr Vatskalis said.

"This mentoring program will enable businesses to improve their standards to achieve accreditation, which will in turn



Focus on Northern Territory ecotourism ... an Aboriginal man painting on bark, while a woman holds marra seeds used in the making of traditional food. Pictures: S Nowakowski



improve the overall visitor experience in the NT."

Traditional owners Ida Mamarika and Christopher Maminyamanja, from Groote Eylandt, attended the launch. Ms Mamarika said it was good to learn about other people and to get to know their ideas, and what could be achieved.

She said her company,

Amuwarnka Tours, had eight Indigenous people working in groups of two through the Dugong Beach Resort.

"Most visitors want to do the tours, and people seem genuinely interested," she said.

Ms Mamarika told *The Koori Mail* that their work could help youth. "When Indigenous young people see what we are doing

they take more interest in their culture," she said. "We take young people out of the towns to show them their country. We are talking to young people and they are showing more respect to their Elders."

Mr Ah Kit said education was the way of the future.

"Our culture is eroding and nothing is going to stop that. We

live in a world that is always progressive and we have to meet those challenges," he said.

The former Minister believed that one of the keys to improving Indigenous enterprises and education was housing, because children needed an uncrowded house to get a good night's sleep and proper food to be ready for schooling.

NITV looking to the future

By DARREN COYNE



SHARING Indigenous stories with a global audience leads to greater understanding,

knowledge and hopefully mutual respect. It also helps build a bridge on the road to reconciliation, according to NITV CEO Pat Turner.

Ms Turner was at the World Indigenous Broadcast Television Conference in New Zealand recently outlining her vision for NITV.

The 'Reclaiming the Future' conference, hosted by Maori Television, brought together Indigenous broadcast services including the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC), S4C Wales, BBC Scotland, the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) Canada, Taiwan Indigenous Television (TITV), TG4 Ireland, and Australian public broadcaster SBS.

Ms Turner said the power of television enabled Indigenous people to share their stories in a way that they had never been able to do.

"By giving our people access we're taking our own stories to Australia, and in fact, to the world,"

she said.

"This is at the core of why NITV is so important. NITV is at the right place at exactly the right time. NITV has a major role to play in ensuring a strong voice and proper representation for our people through the medium of television."

The purpose of the New Zealand conference was for Indigenous Broadcasters to build strong collaborative relationships and to discuss ways of opening up opportunities for increased audiences, access to resources, knowledge transfer and international advocacy.

'Growing fast'

Ms Turner told the audience that NITV was the 'baby of the Indigenous broadcasters' at the conference, but 'we're growing fast and want to learn from the other first nations broadcasters the lessons of history'.

"Like virtually all other Indigenous broadcasters we have a primary focus on cultural maintenance and promotion," she said.

"We, too, face the challenges of staying off cultural imperialism, not just from white Australia but also imported culture, particularly from the United States."

Ms Turner told the audience that

NITV faced particular challenges in delivering relevant content, which was locally produced.

"Let's take language. We have more than 50 distinct language groups within Indigenous Australia spread across a vast geographical area," she said.

"From Byron Bay to Broome, and from the Torres Strait to Tasmania, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are as diverse as the membership of the European Union."

"We are not bilingual, nor are we mono-cultural. This truly is a rich grouping of cultures and languages."

"We do all this on a staff of less than 20 people - we are not the ABC, that's for sure."

"Our small team feed on three primary principles: Passion, pride and perseverance. We must work together for true sustainable change."

But while NITV is still small, already it appears to be punching above its weight. The broadcaster has been invited to join eight other Indigenous organisations as a member of the new World Indigenous Television Broadcasting Network, which was launched on the final day of the conference.

The WITB Network aims to work globally to promote Indigenous broadcasting into the future.



NITV Chief Executive Officer Pat Turner ... "Our small team feed on three primary principles: Passion, pride and perseverance. We must work together for true sustainable change."

Healing tourism the Yolngu way



Yolngu healing hands



THE Garma Festival in Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory is the Yothu Yindi Foundation's (YYF) increasingly popular annual showcase event. This year's festival will be held from 8-12 August.

But, behind the scenes, the Foundation is active in supporting a range of other practical social, cultural and economic initiatives that contribute to the maintenance and propagation of traditional Yolngu culture.

One of the most recent of these initiatives is Dilthan Yolngunha: The Healing Place, a ground-breaking community respite and rehabilitation service at Gulkula, near Nhulunbuy in north-east Arnhem Land. It was set up in May 2007 under a trial sponsored by YYF and has proven extremely beneficial to all involved.

At Dilthan Yolngunha, Yolngu women led by artist and senior healer Gulumbu Yunupingu are treating Indigenous people through traditional healing practices, using medicines from the 'bush pharmacy' and time-honoured cultural practices and traditions.

"It is a mini-hospital," said Ms Yunupingu.

"The patient has the treatment. After the treatment, maybe in the evening, we put on a musical or someone to sing songs for dancing or make them happy. Not



A traditional Yolngu bark wrap.

Photo courtesy of YYF
Photographer Andrea Kenington

just treat them and leave them there."

From the middle of the year, Dilthan Yolngunha will extend an invitation to non-Yolngu visitors who want to learn from and experience these traditional, holistic healing techniques in a remote bush setting.

The centre will offer a three-day 'Healing Tourism' program with a focus on traditional healers, bush

medicines and foods, and well-being through connections to land and Yolngu culture.

The program has been developed by senior Yolngu women as a way of sharing their knowledge and preserving their traditional healing systems. Traditional herbalists and masseurs will be on-hand, and opportunities for questions, observation and demonstrations will be scattered throughout the program.

"Our mission is to establish a good working relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous medicine," said Ms Yunupingu.

"This is about showcasing our healing and proving it is equally important as the white man's tablets."

One of the long-term goals is to establish more Healing Places in Arnhem Land.

For more information, go to www.healingplace.com.au

Each Garma Festival features a key forum, which is attended by policy makers, commentators, experts, students and tourists from around Australia and overseas.

This year's key forum from 9-11 August will have a theme of *Indigenous Knowledge: Caring for Culture and Country*.

It will explore the cultural, environmental, and economic importance of Indigenous knowledge, and the many benefits and opportunities emanating from the nurturing, preservation and use of that knowledge.



Arnhem Land woman Gulumbu Yunupingu, the senior healer at Dilthan Yolngunha.

Photo courtesy of YYF/The Healing Place
Photographer Amy Jo Vickery

Jail 'one of a kind'



PLANS for the West Kimberley Prison are progressing well with architects now engaged, surveys on site, one community advisory group established and another in the advanced planning stages.

Corrective Services Minister Margaret Quirk visited the prison site, 6km south of Derby, last week to deliver a project update.

"As I have said all along, I am determined that this facility will be different from existing prisons in WA," Ms Quirk said.

"It is being designed to specifically meet the needs of Aboriginal offenders, setting a benchmark for future prisons and the management of Aboriginal prisoners."

The prison's 50ha site will be surrounded by an extensive buffer zone and will have a minimal visual impact on the surrounding area and the Derby town site.

"The site will not be cleared entirely; we have surveyors currently identifying which trees need to be preserved for both cultural significance and to be used for shade," Ms Quirk said.

"Community input into the process continues to be an integral part of this project, with two special community groups established to provide advice to the Department of Corrective Services about the cultural requirements of the future prison population and to inform Derby locals about the new development."

"The Derby Community Reference Group is up and running and I had my first meeting with the group."

"It will focus on the need to inform Derby residents of the development and to consider ways in which they can positively contribute to the new facility."

The second group, the Kimberley Cultural Advisory Group, will reflect the requirements of the facility to be culturally aware and sensitive to the needs of a mainly Aboriginal prison population.

"It will provide advice on cultural protocols, local practices and culturally appropriate services and programs with representatives from across the region," Ms Quirk said.

"This \$93 million commitment by the West Australian Government to improving custodial services in the Kimberley will be the first prison in Australia designed, constructed and operated to meet the unique cultural needs of Aboriginal people."

The facility will accommodate 150 prisoners of varying security

classifications, with separate areas for men and women.

Meanwhile, Corrective Services in Derby received a boost with the opening of the first-ever Department of Corrective Services office in the town.

Ms Quirk opened the office and

addressed the initial meeting of the Derby Community Reference Group.

"This is an exciting time for the Kimberley and Derby in particular," she told the group, which consists of a number of representatives from service organisations, local businesses, community and local government, and will be chaired by Derby/West Kimberley Shire President Elsie Archer.

"I thank the members of the group for their commitment to this important project. They will be responsible for representing the interests of the whole community and helping the Department keep local people informed," Ms Quirk said.

"The office will house local West Kimberley Regional Prison project staff and provide the focal point for locals wanting to know more about the development."

Sharing the office with the project team will be Broome Community Justice Services staff, who will use the office on a part-time basis. "People on community-based orders will be able to report directly to a local office, providing a real plus for the Derby community," Ms Quirk said.

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Healthy career choice



INDIGENOUS students in far north Queensland have been encouraged to consider a career in the health service, following a careers day at Innisfail.

The careers day was held at the Chjowai Hall in Innisfail last week, organised by a partnership comprising representatives from Queensland Health, Innisfail State High School, Good Counsel College, Mamu Health Service Ltd and Vocational Pathways Group Inc.

Queensland Health Indigenous Workforce Project Manager Cheryl Belbin said the aim of the day was to introduce Indigenous students to the wide variety of jobs and careers available in the health field and

encourage them to stay at school longer so they could develop the skills needed to take up a career in health.

"We also want to build a rapport between Indigenous students and local role models in the health industry," Ms Belbin said.

"This is important because part of Queensland Health's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Strategy is to build partnerships with schools to encourage their students to consider health as a career."

Ms Belbin said Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders were under-represented in all areas of health throughout the Northern Area Health Service, which extended from Mackay to the Torres Strait.

"We are working to change this and the best place to start is

with the school-aged population as they are going to be the future workforce," Ms Belbin said.

"Indeed, within the Northern Area Health Service, 45 per cent of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population is under 20 years of age."

The careers day allowed about 120 Indigenous students from Innisfail State High School, Good Counsel College and Rivermount College the chance to rotate through eight different health career information stations focussing on nursing, health worker, medicine, allied health, operational services, administration, paramedic and CPR.

Students from James Cook University were also on hand to talk to the Indigenous students about university and university life.



Paramedic Claine Underwood with students, from left, Dylan Smith, Tristan Buller, Eli Dennis and Brendan Anning.



Taking part in the leaders program in the South Australian Public Service were, back, from left, Leanne Coleman, Ribnga Green, Andrew Smith, Rodney Welch, Terry Sparrow and Les Wanganeen. Front row, from left, Vicki Dodd, Scharlene Iuliano, Shona Wall, Annette Giarretto and Debbie Moyle.

SA public servants train for leadership positions

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FIFTEEN Aboriginal employees in the South Australian public sector have already signed up to pursue leadership roles under a new career development program.

The program aims to deliver a new contingent of Aboriginal leaders.

Leading Your Path To Our Future is a development program for Aboriginal employees. It is expected that 50 employees will take part over the next two years.

The initiative is aimed at staff at the ASO6 (middle management) level and above who want to be leaders in the public sector.

Shona Wall, 28, a lead program officer for Families SA, said the program had already been beneficial.

"It's connected me with other people who are great leaders and I feel

privileged to be guided by them," Shona said.

"The program is giving me the courage to act on opportunities when they come up.

"I want to motivate and inspire others to take that path with me - Aboriginal people and non-Aboriginal people alike."

SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill said the program presented fantastic opportunities for employees, the public sector and the community.

"This program develops and strengthens leadership skills through training, mentoring and practice," Mr Weatherill, who also is Minister Assisting the Premier in Public Sector Management, said.

"Participants have to work hard but it gives them support to achieve personal and professional goals they may not have thought possible.

Mr Weatherill said SA's Strategic Plan

set out important targets for increasing Aboriginal leadership and employment in the public sector.

"This program will not only help us meet these goals but build the momentum for years to come," he said.

Through the two-year program, participants are offered the chance to undertake work shadowing, short-term career development placements and forums to discuss issues impacting on Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal public sector employees.

A panel of Aboriginal leaders working in the public service provides information to participants about their own personal journeys. It also gives them an insight into the challenges and rewards of public service leadership.

Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement, Klynton Wanganeen, who is on the panel, said it was crucial for Aboriginal leaders to lead by example.

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Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer Program

Call for Applications for 2008/2009

RICHMOND/TWEED REGION

The NSW Department of Education and Training is seeking applications from non-Government and community organisations wishing to be considered as a provider of its Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer (AEDO) program within NSW.

The aim of the program is to assist Aboriginal people to access education and training pathways to facilitate the establishment and retention of viable Aboriginal business enterprises.

The objective of the program is to increase the confidence and expertise of Aboriginal people to enable them to participate in self-employment opportunities and to encourage an entrepreneurial culture within Aboriginal communities.

Interested organisations will be responsible for managing, administering and coordinating the project.

Please note that this call for applications does not commit the NSW Department of Education and Training in any way to the provision of funding or assistance to a prospective service provider.

Application forms and program guidelines are available by contacting Aboriginal Community Programs on (02) 9266 8085.

Before completing the application form, please make sure that you have read the program guidelines thoroughly. Please complete all questions and use attachments where required.

Applications close COB Friday 30 May, 2008 and should be submitted to: Mr Mick Coombes, A/Senior Project Officer, Aboriginal Community Programs, NSW Department of Education and Training, Level 13, 1 Oxford Street DARLINGHURST NSW 2010.

Applications will not be accepted if they are:

- late;
- submitted by facsimile or email; or
- incomplete (ie. the application form must contain all essential information and any requested attachments).

La Perouse youth service secures funding



A SYDNEY youth service which helps hundreds of young people from the Aboriginal community of La Perouse in Sydney with education, health and link-up services will receive \$145,000 in funding to extend the service until June 2009.

Up to 30 young people from the La Perouse community will also be given the opportunity to participate in the successful Indigenous leadership program run by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said last week that young people had the potential to create positive change in their communities and 'the Australian Government wants to encourage them to become leaders and strong role models'.

The La Perouse Youth Haven, affectionately known as 'Lapa Bummers', was started by local volunteers to support young people in the area.

Over the past two years, the Youth Haven has provided educational, social and cultural opportunities to more than 230 local young people.

"It's a safe, friendly meeting place for 12-to-25-year-olds and at the same time it offers a range of education, health and information services," Ms Macklin said of the service.

Information

The centre provides school certificate courses, a homework centre, school holiday activities and cultural activities. Young people also have access to computers and workshops that provide drug, alcohol and sexual health information.

"The service successfully reaches out to

'at-risk' youth, helping overcome issues such as anti-social behaviour, school absenteeism and providing support for local families," the Minister said.

"It also links up young people to government services and not-for-profit organisations."

Ms Macklin said the Government recognised the important role played by the La Perouse Youth Haven in supporting the entire La Perouse community through encouraging local volunteers, providing positive role models and nurturing future community leaders.



Brooklyn Project participants together during their recent gathering. Photo: Jude Butcher

Our youth aim high

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



YOUNG people definitely have a lot to offer, says Edmund Rice Centre Director Phil Glendenning after encountering a group of young Australians who came together recently to dissect the formation of our nation.

As part of the Brooklyn Project, the 25 young Indigenous and non-Indigenous people aged between 18 and 30 talked about the birth of the 'Australian nation' and making society more just, and rewriting the constitution.

Mr Glendenning told *The Koori Mail* that the Brooklyn Project was inspired by Aboriginal leader Patrick Dodson, who thought that it wasn't enough for the current lawmakers and older people to duplicate the past.

The project brought

together those who were originally excluded, to have a crack at doing a better job in forming the Australian nation.

Mr Glendenning said the project's aim was for the young people to come up with something creative and challenging.

"And they have done that," he said.

"They put forward a draft Bill of Rights, they called for a treaty between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, they prepared a Charter of Indigenous Rights in Australia as first peoples, and they put together a preamble for the Constitution that talks about the national aspirations that would form and develop the country for the next 100 years.

"What they have done was pretty outstanding, and instils us with a fair bit of confidence. The significant thing was that they were all as one, and they all wanted an inclusive Australia."

Young Indigenous people were seeking ways



Jess, Anna and Kana: The Brooklyn Project brings together the diverse voices of today's Australia.

to include people, which was the exact opposite in the way that Indigenous communities were not only treated in the draft of the Constitution when they were excluded, but that they have been treated historically. That is something that we can learn from.

"These very talented and emerging young leaders see a future for the nation, not built on the old

values of social exclusion, but built on the values of inclusion and justice, and saying that 'everyone in the nation has to have a place'."

Mr Glendenning said Australia needn't be scared of what the young people offered, which was something better and different.

"It's a hopeful story, not just an exercise in tightening and

straightening, but that young people have a role to play," he said.

Torres Strait Islander participant Lluwannee George said the future was safe in young leaders' hands.

"We have seen, and look up to, many people in our communities ... who have fought with blood, sweat and tears to give us the opportunity to make a difference and make a change for our people," she said. There is no way that we as young people will let them down."

Ms George said putting together the constitution and wording the declaration was challenging.

She said to really strive for change and justice it was important to take pride and acknowledge your culture while also taking into consideration that for thousands of years Indigenous and non-Indigenous people have been striving for the same thing.

"In saying that, in today's society we have a

lot of non-Indigenous people who are just passionate about our issues, stories and culture. If we really want to make a difference we need to do it together and not limit ourselves to just black-and-white politics," Ms George said.

"Now is the time to implement the stages for change in all areas, whether it be health, education, housing or employment."

"There are so many intelligent and knowledgeable young and old Indigenous leaders, and together we can push for these things for change."

"Before we can help our individual communities, we need to help our community/nation as a whole."

"It sounds radical, but if we can't strive to accomplish national goals and commitments then there is no way we can push our individual issues without a holistic approach. It could be called strength in numbers."

Otttil, Myrtle tracked



FOR two years, the Torres Strait Regional Authority's (TSRA) Land and Sea Management Unit (LSMU) has been working with eight Torres Strait Island communities on the Torres Strait Dugong and Turtle Project.

The project is part of a north Australia-wide project co-ordinated by the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAISMA), and funded by the Natural Heritage Trust.

The LSMU employs a Dugong and Turtle Project Co-ordinator and a Dugong and Turtle Project Liaison Officer who work with community project officers employed on the islands of Badu, Boigu, Mabuiag, Iama, Horn, Erub and Mer and at St Pauls community on Moa Island.

The project is designed to empower and strengthen Indigenous involvement in dugong and turtle management in the Torres Strait through a community-based approach that involves each of the eight island communities determining their own management of these important species.

It aims to:

- Develop sustainable Dugong and Turtle management plans

- Assist island communities in monitoring the catch and health of dugong and turtle habitats and

- Deliver training in order to promote community awareness of dugong and turtle sustainability.

Training and education is a key part of the project, with LSMU staff providing the community project officers with training opportunities and

information to assist them in raising community awareness about turtle and dugong life cycles and sustainability.

In December, under the project, James Cook University delivered a week-long turtle nesting training program, during which a group of project officers attached satellite transmitters to two nesting green turtles captured at Dowar, near Mer.

Following their paths

The purpose of the satellite trackers was to determine where the Dowar green turtles went when they finished nesting.

Research has shown that turtles have set nesting locations in one region, but set feeding areas in another. This means that female green turtles may travel distances up to 2500kms when moving between locations.

During the tracking project at Dowar, Year Three students from

Tagai State College on Mer Campus named the two turtles Myrtle and Otttil.

Mer Dugong and Turtle Project Officer Moses Wailu has played an important part in the project, educating his community about the two nesting green turtles and ensuring their welfare.

Mr Wailu liaised with numerous community members, including school students, informing them of the movement patterns of the two green turtles and placing notices throughout the community promoting an awareness of the work performed by himself and the project officers.

The two turtles have now been tracked by satellite for three months. Otttil has remained close to Mer for the majority of the time, having been seen by Mer community members at Dowar in January 2008 and on

the reef in February. Recently, for the first time in three months, Otttil has begun to move, heading further west from Mer. The most recent sighting occurred close to Wednesday Island.

Myrtle, the bigger of the two turtles, spent some time around Dowar, near Mer, before heading west. After a short stop near Warrior Reef, she is now south of Hawkesbury Island.

James Cook University's involvement in the training was made possible through the Marine and Tropical Science Research Facility (MTSRF) project.

University members Dr Mark Hamann and PhD candidate Mariana Fuentes assisted with the training and are also working with Mer and Erub communities to study turtle nesting and nesting beach sand temperatures at Dowar and Bramble Bay.



Traditional owner and Mer Dugong and Turtle Project Officer Moses Wailu preparing to release Myrtle.



● ABOVE LEFT: The satellite tracking device used for the Mer project.

● ABOVE: Myrtle is returned to the water at Mer (Murray) Island in the Torres Strait.

● LEFT: Pensio Nawle from Erub (Darnley Island) and David Amber from Mabuiag apply glue to one of the satellite tracker.

● BELOW: Pensio Nawle from Erub (Darnley Island) applies the final touches to a satellite tracker.

Photos by LACHLAN SUTHERLAND, courtesy TSRA



New home for Derby men's sanctuary



A CENTRE for men from Derby and other Kimberley communities dealing with alcohol and drug issues has re-opened in new premises.

West Australian

Indigenous Affairs Minister

Michelle Roberts officially opened the Derby Men's Centre in Ashley Street, Derby, last month.

The centre was established in 2001 by Neil Buckle, a director of the Wamba

Niigee Burru Ngardu Aboriginal Corporation, which was established in November last year to run the centre.

Previously, the centre had operated out of the Shire Building on Elders Street, but a more suitable space became available in Ashley Street.

Mrs Roberts said that visitors to the centre had the opportunity to socialise and participate in alcohol and drug education classes in a supportive and encouraging environment.

"Up to 40 men visit the centre every day to use the showering and washing facilities, cook meals for themselves in the communal kitchen, watch television and play pool," she said.

The Minister said the centre also ran art classes and organised fishing trips.

"These activities are doing more than just giving the men something to occupy their time - they are regaining valuable social and life skills," she said.

Kimberley MP Carol Martin said the

centre was an asset to the Derby community and the Wamba Niigee Burru Ngardu Aboriginal Corporation should be commended for its valuable work.

"The Men's Centre is a great example of the local community, providing valuable support to men dealing with alcohol and drug abuse," Mrs Martin said.

The Department of Indigenous Affairs has donated two computers to the centre for patrons' use.

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 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

Ongoing: Australian Indigenous Global Sports Academy (AIGSA) and Prokick Australia are looking for Koori male youths ages 15-17 to play a series of American gridiron games against high schools in the USA. Venues and locations to be finalised. For details call Richard Young on (0422) 866 201 or email rd@bold.net.au

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 8000 or (0417) 232 204 or visit 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

Ongoing: Day Club. These clubs provides social and recreational activities for veterans, their spouses, war widows/widowers and any other members of the community. For details call Margaret Morgan on (02) 9213 7225 or Erica Greig on (02) 9213 7482 or visit www.dva.gov.au/health/day_clubs

Ongoing: Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. These courses are for Aboriginal people who want to become TAFE teachers or workplace trainers. This qualification will enable you to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to competently perform the role of a skilled trainer, facilitator and assessor in the workplace and the VET sector. Held in Ballina. For details call Deb Evans on (02) 6681 8911 or email debbie.evans@tafnsw.edu.au or 131601 or (02) 6586 2249 or email ncl.courseinfo@tafnsw.edu.au

Until 9 May: International Visual Arts Residency. Indigenous visual artists are invited to apply for a new residency at the Josef and Anni Albers Foundation studio in Connecticut, USA, from 1 September to 28 November 2008. For details call Dennis Stokes on



Christine Anu and Deni Hines yesterday opened their 'The Two of Us Tour', which will end on 28 June. In the two hour show, each artist performs a 45-minute set of their hits and favourite songs and then combine for a duet session. Tickets \$25-\$30 per person. For details on event locations call Dorry on (02) 9331 5888 or email dorryk@theharbouragency.com or visit www.myspace.com/deniandchristine or www.deniandchristine.com or visit www.christineanu.com.au

(02) 9215 9173 or visit www.australiacouncil.gov.au/albersresidency

Until 9 May: Youth off The Streets Scholarship Program 08 calling for nominations. This program offers financial and personal support to young people throughout Australia who show determination and potential but who lack the support networks and resources that will allow them to reach their goals. The scholarship is of \$5,000 each. For details call Kate on (02) 8332 5000 or katef@youthoffthestreets.com.au or visit www.youthoffthestreets.com.au

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) 3891 5551 or email email@wag.harryscollar.com or visit www.wag.harryscollar.com

Until 10 May: Ninuku Arts Inaugural Sydney Show. Artists featured include, Puntjina Monica Watson, Yangi Yangi Fox, Samuel Miller, Nyaru Watson, Ronae Fox, Josephine Watjari 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 or visit 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 Kerinaula, Pius Tipungwuti, Raelene Kerinaula, Kenny Brown, Linus Warlapinni, Pedro Wonaemirri, Conrad Tipungwuti and Mary Magdalene Tipungwuti. Held at Hogarth Galleries, Paddington. For details call (02) 9360 6839 or email info@hogarthgalleries.com or visit 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 rsvp@bosciagalleries.com or visit www.bosciagalleries.com

Until 11 May: Performing Arts Week. All are invited to enjoy Indigenous culture with song and dance performances. This week also features Celebration Day on the 11 May. For details call (07) 3403 8888 or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries

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 or visit 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 or visit www.artmuseum.uq.edu.au

Until 12 May: The Foundation for Young Australians – Indigenous Small Grants. Indigenous small grants provide funding to Indigenous organisations, organisations that work with Indigenous young people and communities to develop new initiatives, as well as the expansion of existing successful initiatives. Grant of up to \$5,000 to successful applicants. For details call (03) 9670 5436 or 1800 252 316 or visit www.youngaustralians.org

Until 15 May: Dance Grants Program. New work grants aim to encourage artists to take the time to develop a work over the course of its life cycle, and can be used for one or more development stages of the one work. Individual artists, companies and other organisations are welcome to apply. For details call (02) 9215 9000 or 1800 226 912 or email mail@australiacouncil.gov.au or visit www.australiacouncil.gov.au

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

Until 23 May: 2008 Indigenous Arts Fellowship calling for applications. Indigenous artists working across all art forms are invited to apply. Activities assisted through the fellowship may include further study or training, professional research or the undertaking of a particular arts project. For details call and to obtain applications forms call

Angela Sidoti on (0419) 629 818 or email mail@arts.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 9228 5533 or visit www.outbackarts.com.au or www.arts.nsw.gov.au or free call 1800 358 594.

Until 23 May: Veteran and Community Grants-calling for submissions. These grants aim to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of members of the veteran community by providing financial assistance for activities, services and projects that sustain and or enhance well being. For details call Katrina Zmuda on (02) 9213 7128 or 1300 550 465 or visit www.dva.gov.au

Until 23 May: Qld Premier's Literary Awards '08. The David Unaipon Award rewards, promotes and supports Indigenous authors from across the nation. The winning author of this manuscript award will receive \$15,000 and have their works mentored and published by University of Queensland Press. For details call (07) 3405 5215 or email literaryawards@premiers.qld.gov.au or visit www.literaryawards.qld.gov.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

Until 25 May: Coolamon – Carrying the culture. Brisbane Square Library and Customer

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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 Bwgoolman 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.

Wiluna's new \$7.1m school officially open



WEST Australian Education and Training Minister Mark McGowan has officially opened the new \$7.1 million Wiluna Remote

Community School, following a visit to some of the State's most isolated schools.

Mr McGowan travelled to the Goldfields and Pilbara regions last week, visiting Kiwirrkura Remote Community School, Wingellina Remote Community School and Warakurna Campus in the Yulara to Ngaanyatjaara Lands.

The Minister said on Thursday that the new Wiluna School, which opened in December, would ensure local students had access to a good education and would go on to employment.

"There's no reason why geographical isolation should be a barrier to an excellent education and the Wiluna Remote Community School demonstrates this perfectly," he said.

"The school is equipped with the very latest educational facilities and technology, such as high-speed internet access, while the modern classrooms and school grounds provide a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students.

"With an early childhood

Art panels feature in design

facility and TAFE-WA adult learning centre to be added, Wiluna Remote Community School will provide an outstanding educational hub for the whole community for many years to come."

The new school was designed by TAG Architects, which modified 13 transportable buildings to respond to the extreme weather conditions in the desert location.

The school, which is next to the shire sports oval, swimming pool and hard courts, includes a general administration block, staff room and collegiate area, pre-primary building, three primary classrooms, two

secondary classrooms, library resource area and a cultural room. Local Aboriginal people helped design the exterior of the school, with striking themed art panels representing the 1300km Canning Stock route from Wiluna to Halls Creek in the Kimberley.

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Mexican lunch a Tassie reunion

THEY say 'it's a small world', and the adage rang true recently when one of Tasmania's most talented sons and occasional *Koori Mail* guest photographer, Wayne Quilliam, travelled to South America.

Mr Quilliam and Sydney-based Aboriginal arts specialist and women's advocate Cathy Craigie were in Mexico as special guests of the Cumbre Tajin Festival in Vera Cruz - Mr Quilliam as an Indigenous art ambassador and photographer and Ms Craigie as a cultural advisor and festival organiser.

While there, they accepted a lunch invitation from Australia's Ambassador to Mexico, Katrina Cooper, at the Australian Embassy in Mexico City Radek Divis. And it turns out that both Ambassador Cooper and Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Mexico City Radek Divis are themselves former residents of the 'Apple Isle'.

The lunch was attended by prominent Mexicans in government, business and



Aboriginal photographic artist Wayne Quilliam, right, in Mexico City with Australia's Ambassador to Mexico, Katrina Cooper, and Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Mexico City Radek Divis.

culture, as well as representatives of non-government and international organisations and the business community, and had a particular focus on Indigenous women's issues.

Mr Quilliam had developed a special series of images from his international collection *Lowanna* to accompany Ms

Craigie's address relating to the Australian Government's national apology to the Stolen Generations.

Mr Quilliam has exhibited extensively throughout Australia and overseas and, after the event, continued to shoot in the United States and Bolivia before returning to Melbourne to prepare for the

major international launch of *Lowanna, Aboriginal Nudes* in Berlin, Germany, this June.

Next on his busy schedule will be a visit to his family back home in Hobart and Launceston where he will be delivering a seminar at a photographer's conference.

Marngrook scores



THE team behind National Indigenous TV's *Marngrook AFL Footy Show* is celebrating a win in the 2008 Antenna

Awards - Australia's annual community television awards. The live sports panel show won Best Sports Program at the awards, announced in Melbourne last month in front of an audience including Federal and State politicians, media personalities and producers, and community figures.

Categories for the annual awards span music, Indigenous affairs, sports, lifestyle, arts and production and *Marngrook* was also nominated in the Best Indigenous Program category, as well as Best Special Presentation/One-off Program for last year's grand final two-hour live special.

The show's producer and host, Grant Hansen, was unable to be at the awards as the team were in the midst of producing the live Anzac Day Special, but was delighted by the news of the show's win.

"This is a fantastic achievement, and is owed to the dedication of the panel and the crew make it the best show possible," he said.

"*Marngrook* hasn't received recognition from the mainstream as yet, but the power of the people will ensure that it gets noticed."

NITV commissioned the successful *Marngrook Footy Show* radio program which saw the



The winning team from the *Marngrook AFL Footy Show*.

format transform to a live television panel. The show premiered two weeks after the official launch of the NITV service in July last year.

NITV CEO Patricia Turner was

thrilled with the sports show's win, too.

"We are all ecstatic for the team at *Marngrook* and hope that this is one of many awards to come," she said.

"NITV will continue to showcase more sporting talent and sports programming from a community level to the professional level this year."

● Tune in to watch the

Marngrook AFL Footy Show every Thursday on NITV, Channel 31, Channel 180 FOXTEL and AUSTAR. To see what's on NITV this fortnight, see the next page or visit www.nitv.org.au

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The Marngrook Footy Show - Thursdays 8pm @ AEST

When too much sport is never enough, NITV brings you **The Marngrook AFL Footy Show**. Join hosts Grant Hansen, Gilbert McAdam and roving reporter Leila Gurruwiwi as they uncover the 'darker' side of the AFL season. Get your weekly tips, interviews and views, as well as the dirt, gripes and fights on our premier sports wrap up. Tune in every week and see local yams from around the country, the inside stories of our best footballers, the latest club news as well as current affairs. Aussie Rules - Indigenous Style.



The Barefoot Rugby League Show - Thursdays 8pm @ AEST

The **Barefoot Rugby League Show** is a 30min panel based show with a live audience. Catch all the weekly NRL match highlights, profiles of indigenous players involved in the NRL, regular coverage of regional and junior competitions in NSW, QLD and the Northern Territory, yams from local communities and junior rugby league teams and players from the above noted regions, and guests, both on the panel and via live broadband crosses, to keep indigenous people informed and entertained about the game of Rugby League.



NITV National News Weeknight @ 6.55pm AEST

NITV National News has launched its daily 5 minute bulletins, 5 days a week, hosted by well known and respected indigenous journalist Catherine Liddle. The daily bulletins culminate in a 'Week in Review' program which captures the highlights of the week that was. Hosted by News Presenter Ryan Liddle, the program airs on NITV on Saturdays and Sundays.

NITV National News features the rich diversity of contemporary life within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, broadening and redefining the news and current affairs landscape.

NITV programming is subject to change, please refer to your Pay TV Electronic Program Guide or the TV Guide on the website at www.nitv.org.au for any updates

visit: www.nitv.org.au

Indigenous writers galore for Sydney festival

THE Sydney Writers' Festival later this month will feature one of the most comprehensive Indigenous writing strands seen at any Australian literary festival.

"We will be marking the Prime Minister's landmark apology to Australia's indigenous people on February 13 this year," said Dr Wendy Were last week, in her second year as the festival's artistic director.

"Sydney Writers' Festival 2008 features a major program strand dedicated to Indigenous writing and politics involving dozens of writers across more than 20 sessions covering writing, politics, art and activism."

Participants include Anita Heiss, Marcia Langton, Marilyn Lake, Ruby Langford Ginibi, Gayle Kennedy, Megan Lewis, John Maynard, Anna Haebich, Kathleen Mary Fallon, Peter Minter, Sam Wagan-Watson and many more, including actors, singers and photographers.

The festival centrepiece will be a screening of *Liyan Ngarn* (meaning 'coming together of the spirit' in the Yawuru language of the West Kimberley) at the Sydney Theatre on the evening of 21 May.

Australian journey

This is a powerful and important documentary charting British actor Pete Postlethwaite's personal journey with songman Archie Roach into Aboriginal Australia.

After the screening, Postlethwaite, Pat Dodson and Archie Roach will

discuss the ongoing path towards reconciliation.

The festival's Indigenous strand includes readings, panel discussions and conversations in venues across Sydney and New South Wales.

Sydney Writers' Festival 2008 will run from 19-25 May in Sydney and some regional centres.

Most events are free, but some, including film screenings, will cost and bookings are advised.

For the full festival program and details of ticket prices, go to www.swf.org.au



● ABOVE: Dr Anita Heiss and Peter Minter, editors of the Macquarie PEN Anthology of Aboriginal Literature will attend a writers' festival event at the Sydney Dance Company on 24 May.



● LEFT: Macquarie PEN Anthology of Aboriginal Literature contributor, poet Sam Wagan Watson.

Anthology packs a real punch

Macquarie PEN Anthology of Aboriginal Literature

Edited by Dr Anita Heiss and Peter Minter
May release from Allen & Unwin
RRP \$39.95
ISBN 978 1 74175 438 4
Paperback, 260 pages with index



MACQUARIE PEN
ANTHOLOGY of
ABORIGINAL
LITERATURE

Edited by Anita Heiss and Peter Minter

IT'S a big rap, but the touting of the *Macquarie PEN Anthology of Aboriginal Literature* as 'a project of national importance offering a rich panorama of over 200 years of Aboriginal culture, history and life' is on the money.

Edited by Indigenous author Dr Anita Heiss and award-winning poet, editor and scholar Peter Minter, it is the first comprehensive anthology of Australian Aboriginal writing from the late 18th Century to the present, and does pack a real literary punch.

"This volume is extremely significant from an Indigenous cultural perspective, containing many works that afford the reader a treasured insight into the Indigenous cultural world of Australia," said Professor Mick Dodson.

And the journal of the Australian book industry, Australian Bookseller & Publisher, would seem to agree, venturing 'an outstanding collection which is a history of Aboriginal writing in English, a cultural record and a reflection on Aboriginal contact with White Australia'.

The ground-breaking collection has been developed under the auspices of Macquarie University and Sydney Centre of International PEN, and funded by major grants from the Australian Research Council and the Australia Council for the Arts.

Not surprisingly, the list of writers whose works are included in the anthology reads like a who's who – past and present – of Indigenous literature, from David Unaipon and a swag of more contemporary writers who have won the prestigious annual award in his name, including Larissa Behrendt, Samuel Wagan Watson and Tara June Winch, as well as the likes of Bennelong, Pearl Gibbs, Oodgeroo Noonuccal, Charles Perkins, Lionel Fogarty, Sally Morgan, Ruby Langford Ginibi, Sam Watson, Archie Roach, Jimmy Pike, Doris Pilkington, Alexis Wright, Mick Dodson, Wesley Enoch, Kim Scott, Jackie Huggins and many more.

Powerful tool

Literature has been a powerful tool for Indigenous Australians, a group which has been rendered largely voiceless in the mainstream Australian political system. These works chronicle the ongoing suffering of dispossession, but also the resilience of Aboriginal people across the country, and the hope and joy in their lives.

Included are selected pieces of literature, poetry, drama, letters, autobiography, radio broadcast and political statements beginning with a 1796 letter by Bennelong (the first known text in the English language by an Aboriginal author) and culminating in

the most recently published, from Tara June Winch's *Swallow the Air*, which won the David Unaipon Award for Indigenous Writers in 2004 and a NSW Premier's Literary Award in 2007.

The resurgence of Aboriginal writing in recent years has taken place during a widespread and vigorous renewal in Aboriginal culture, which has seen the production of highly significant works that appeal to readers around the world. A central initiative of this project is to encourage the study of Aboriginal literature in schools and provide a much-needed text to which teachers and parents can refer, to expose Indigenous children to their own literary heritage, as well as non-Indigenous children.

This celebration of Indigenous literature is sure to be a positive contribution to Australia's current social climate, given the importance and growing focus on literacy standards of Indigenous children.

Dr Anita Heiss is a member of the Wiradjuri nation of central NSW and a writer, poet, activist, social commentator and academic.

Peter Minter is an award-winning poet, editor and scholar.

● See our next edition for a report from the Sydney launch of the Macquarie PEN Anthology of Aboriginal Literature.

21st Anniversary edition of
My Place
Sally Morgan
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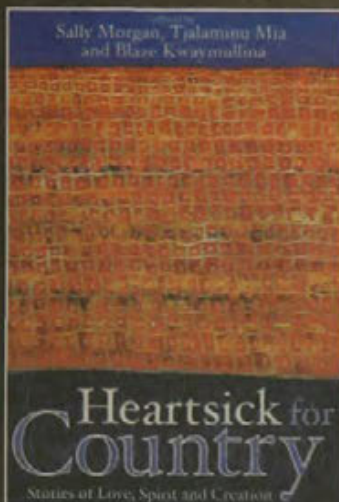
Heartsick for Country: Stories of Love, Spirit and Creation
Sally Morgan, Tjalaminu Mia and Blaze Kwaymullina (editors)
May release by Fremantle Press
RRP \$27.95
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Bawoo Stories
May L O'Brien
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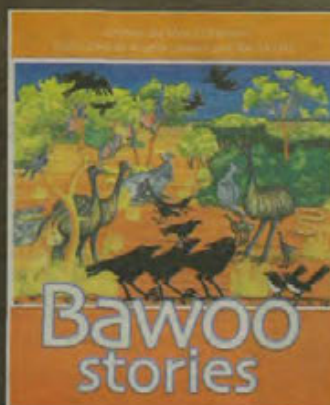
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MY PLACE
SALLY MORGAN



Heartsick for Country
Stories of Love, Spirit and Creation



Bawoo stories

Indigenous voices promoted at Fremantle Press

It has been 21 years and more than half a million book sales since Fremantle Press first published *My Place*, by Sally Morgan. Fremantle Press, in Western Australia, has marked the occasion by printing a hard-cover anniversary edition of the best-selling Australian classic.

My Place is a powerful and deeply moving memoir of three generations of the author's family, told with passion, compassion and humour.

It received high praise from Alice Walker, author of *The Color Purple*, who said 'Sad and wise and funny... unbelievably and unexpectedly moving. Sally Morgan's love for her own spiritual and racial roots and her struggle to uncover them reveals a new Australia (the old) and a new way to embrace the Elders and the young of all our peoples, whether (and whoever) they might be. A book with heart'.

The *New York Times Book Review* described it as 'a book for everyone: A book with the form and texture of a novel and the complexity and pace of a mystery not solved until the final pages. It is wonderfully entertaining'.

Sally Morgan was born in Perth, WA, in 1951 and grew up in suburban Manning. She completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of WA in 1974, majoring in Psychology.

She also has postgraduate diplomas from the Western Australia Institute of Technology (now Curtin University of Technology) in both Counselling Psychology and Computing and Library Studies.

Also a successful visual artist, the

mother-of-three is currently Director of the Centre for Indigenous History and the Arts at the University of WA.

Along with Tjalaminu Mia and Blaze Kwaymullina, Morgan is also one of three editors of *Heartsick for Country: Stories of Love, Spirit and Creation*, an anthology of personal stories from Indigenous writers lamenting the environmental decline of their countries.

The trio worked together at the Centre and co-edited *Speaking from the Heart* (Fremantle Press, 2007).

The stories in *Heartsick for Country* speak of the love and deep connection Aboriginal peoples have for their countries.

Personal accounts

They are personal accounts that share knowledge, insight and emotion. Each speaks of feeling heartsick because of the harm that is being inflicted on country even today, through the logging of old-growth forests, converting millions of hectares of land to salt fields, destruction of ancient rock art and significant Aboriginal sacred sites, and a record of species extinction that is the worst in the world.

"It is one of this nation's great cultural and historical tragedies that first-person accounts of Aboriginal life, such as those recorded in this book, were not collected assiduously in the 19th and 20th centuries," said *The Sydney Morning Herald* of the collection.

The final of three Indigenous new releases from Fremantle Press is *Bawoo Stories*, a collected edition of

May O'Brien's best-selling traditional teaching tales of the Wongutha people, namely: *Barn Barn Barlala; The Kangaroos Who Wanted to be People; How Crows Became Black; and Why the Emu Can't Fly*.

First published as individual titles in 1992, these stories were seen as ground-breaking publications, presenting traditional Indigenous stories in a bilingual text.

Sales of the individual titles now exceed 26,000 copies each.

Updated with a vibrant new design, the stories are still as fresh and appealing as ever.

The collected work contains a map, explanatory note and a simple pronunciation guide for the Wongutha words used in the text.

May L O'Brien was born in the Eastern Goldfields of WA and, at the age of five, was taken to Mount Margaret Mission where she spent the next 12 years.

She taught in WA rural and metropolitan primary schools for 25 years.

O'Brien served in a number of other positions before being appointed Superintendent of Aboriginal Education, a position she held until her early retirement in 1988.

She is currently National Indigenous English Literacy and Numeracy Strategy Ambassador for the Department of Education, Science and Training, and Patron of the Australian Principals Associations Professional Development Council's 'Dare to Lead: Taking it on' Project.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MOB

MEGAN LEWIS



Glory of the Martu

Conversations with the Mob
Photographs and words by Megan Lewis
April release by Published UWA Press
(Imprint)
RRP \$49.95
ISBN 978 1921491039
Hardcover

OVER six months, Walkley Award-winning photojournalist Megan Lewis lived with the Martu people – one of the last Aboriginal groups in Australia's vast Western Desert to come into contact with Europeans.

The Martu told Lewis stories of their history and allowed her to create this photographic account of desert living today.

The result is a stunning collection of more than 200 sometimes confronting photographs and oral stories.

Conversations with the Mob captures the beauty, humour, sadness and friendship of a brave and resourceful Aboriginal community juggling the demands of traditional and Western cultures.

Megan Lewis migrated to Australia from New Zealand in 1993 and began working full-time for Reuters. She has also worked at *The Australian* as a general news photographer. Her photographic essay, *The Martu Mob*, won a Walkley Award in 2005.

Journey through life

"I want to bring back 'Thinking' places. I want to bring back the songs. I want to bring back the stories. I want to bring back the sense of belonging. I want to help with the healing. That's what I want."

So declares Wirradjurri educator and healer Minmia of her book, *Under the Quandong Tree*, launched earlier this year.

Billed as 'entertaining, enlightening and practical' with 'a universal application', the book shares Minmia's traditional lore/law in a broad sense for the first time. Dreamtime stories outline ancient philosophy with its contemporary relevance.

Under the Quandong Tree follows the Canberra-based author's journey from teenage mother, to teacher, healer, artist and administrator, as well as her 'vision quest' for six sacred stones on three continents.

It is a plea for help with modern lifestyle challenges – personally, tribally, culturally and environmentally, offering Lore as part of the solution to help us remedy the challenges – especially facing Indigenous communities.

Minmia's writing style is reverential and irreverent and laced with self deprecating humour and entertaining observations.

Under the Quandong Tree, is available from Kuracca Consultancy through www.kuracca.com

Under the Quandong Tree

By Minmia
Published by
Quandong Dreaming
Publishing
RRP \$29.95
ISBN 978 0 646 48348 1



Woman's brave fight to save beloved island

THIS is the story of Doreen Kartinyeri and her ten-year fight to protect the secret women's business of Hindmarsh Island, in South Australia, known to her Ngarrindjeri people as Kumarangk.

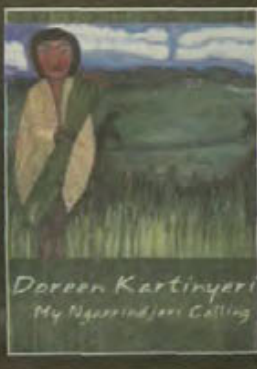
For the first time, in the words of this remarkable Ngarrindjeri woman who passed away in December, rather than the media, politicians or lawyers, we hear about the tumultuous struggle for Kumarangk.

Beginning in 1995 with the leaking of secret envelopes to Parliament, through to the Royal Commission and the women's final vindication in the Federal Court, Doreen Kartinyeri, along with Sue Anderson, takes us on a gripping ride through the racism, dirty politics, tabloid sensationalism and court proceedings of this infamous affair.

For Doreen Kartinyeri, her story of Kumarangk was not just a legal battle played out in the national media for years, but about protecting her ancestors' stories and heritage, though it was only a part of her extraordinary life.

Doreen Kartinyeri: My Ngarrindjeri Calling

By Doreen Kartinyeri With Sue Anderson
May release by Aboriginal Studies Press
RRP \$34.95
ISBN 978 0 85575 659 8
Paperback, 232 pages with index



With warmth and frankness, she recalls stories of cooking duck on open coals, selling rabbit and water rats skins, to losing her mother at the age of ten and being removed. Doreen later learnt cultural knowledge from her Auntie Rosie and other elders.

My Ngarrindjeri Calling is a passionate story about justice, integrity and culture.

Sue Anderson says: "I don't feel like a biographer, but rather like someone privileged with hearing the stories of Doreen's life and sharing her loyal friendship... I felt strongly pressured by the need to 'get it right' for this much maligned and misrepresented woman."

Doreen Kartinyeri established the Aboriginal Family History Unit at the SA Museum, was awarded an honorary doctorate and published several books of genealogy.

She had nine children of her own and fostered 23 others.

Sue Anderson has worked as a cultural heritage consultant and oral historian for many

years, producing many articles and publications, including the Bringing Them Home Oral History Project.

Overseas experience 'shows value of Indigenous apology'

THE Rudd Government's apology to Australia's Stolen Generations in February was warmly welcomed by Indigenous groups, but some were still concerned that the apology represented an 'empty gesture' or an end of the road for restitution.

The Politics of Official Apologies examines the experience of Western settler societies in apologising to Indigenous people.

Examining the history of official apologies in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States, Melissa Nobles, Associate Professor of Political Science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, finds that while apologies themselves are not a tangible change, they 'provide Aboriginal issues with great moral weight and Aboriginal leadership with greater political leverage to press for social, political, and economic reforms moving forward'.

"Scepticism is certainly understandable because, without some form of compensation or policy reform, the apology is apt to be judged as empty words," Nobles said.

"Yet, the apology itself, even without action, is not completely worthless. Indeed, it is valuable because it brings moral reflection to bear and assists in the public examination of the historical record."

The Politics of Official Apologies
By Melissa Nobles
Published by Cambridge University Press

www.cambridge.org
ISBN 9 780 521 69351
Paperback, 166 pages
RRP \$39.95



Nobles believes that the international experience shows that an apology will in fact be followed by more real and tangible benefits.

"In cases such as Canada and New Zealand where governments have apologised, Government officials have paid attention to and made changes in State policies regarding Indigenous affairs," she said.

"The apologies themselves are part of larger efforts to more effectively address Indigenous concerns."

"In Canada, the Government apologised for the

treatment of Indigenous children at State-sponsored residential schools and eventually agreed to a compensatory scheme for abuse victims.

"In New Zealand, the Queen's apologies accompanied land settlement claims."

"In political life, organised groups and citizens must compete to have their voices heard and their issues addressed. An apology is one way that politicians can signal their intentions and the demand for apology from marginalised groups is an effective way of commanding attention."

"Moreover, apologies are a means through which fellow citizens can express empathy and agreement. In short, an apology is valuable, in moral, intellectual, social, and politically strategic ways."

RAN tells her story

WHEN Maureen Helen reached her late 50s and the six children she has raised alone were grown, she decided she wanted to do something different.

Spurred on by an adventure in Thailand, she made the decision to use her rusty skills to become a RAN: A remote area nurse in the isolated Aboriginal community of Jigalong, in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

Faced with the terrible health problems of the community, inadequate equipment and a growing sense that she doesn't belong, Maureen is forced to manage her own crisis of confidence as well as the harshness and hostility of her environment.

Other People's Country is an examination of the unexpected consequences of one woman's wish to 'do good'.

Other People's Country offers insights into the cultural clash

Other People's Country

Maureen Helen
RRP \$24.95
Non-fiction,
paperback
ISBN 0733333716
Published by ABC Books



between Aboriginal and white Australia, as well as taking a cool look at the author's own moral compass when faced with a demanding environment.

Helen trained as a nurse and midwife and returned to nursing when confronted with the task of raising six young children alone. It took her 13 years to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree, working by day and studying

when the children were in bed. Her varied career has included tutoring in sociology at a university; working as a nurse and midwife, and night management of a teaching hospital.

On her 65th birthday, she retired from her position as chief executive officer of a non-government agency to pursue her dream of writing seriously. She completed a PhD (Writing) at Edith Cowan University three years later and *Other People's Country* is part of her thesis.

Book traces history of Australian camels

THIS beautifully illustrated book brings to life the role that Muslim cameleers from Afghanistan and British India played in pioneering transport and communication routes across outback Australia's vast expanses.

European exploration and settlement of inland Australia depended heavily on the expertise of these cameleers.

During the late 19th Century, their network of transport routes opened up the arid interior.

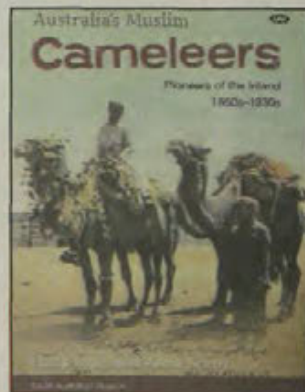
More efficient than bullock or horse teamsters, the cameleers were in great demand. They helped construct the Overland Telegraph Line and inland railways, took part in exploration expeditions, and supplied mining towns and pastoral stations.

The cameleers' small Muslim communities were a feature of Australian outback towns for more than 50 years. But when motor transport reached the region during the 1920s, the era of the cameleers ended.

Amongst other things, the

Australia's Muslim Cameleers: Pioneers of the Inland 1860s-1930s

By Phillip Jones and Anna Kenny
Published by Wakefield Press
RRP \$39.95
ISBN 9781862547780
Large paperback, 160 pages



book also focuses on exchanges between the cameleers and Aboriginal people, from the transport of traditional goods along trade routes, the incorporation of camel hair into traditional Aboriginal string artefacts, and information about

desert waters and plant resources to personal partnerships and marriages.

Australia's Muslim Cameleers: Pioneers of the Inland 1860s-1930s is a rich pictorial history of the cameleers, their religious and cultural life.

Many of the images and artefacts in this fascinating account are published here for the first time. The book contains a biographical listing of more than 1200 cameleers.

The release of Australia's Muslim Cameleers was timed to coincide with the touring exhibition *Pioneers of the Inland: Australia's Muslim Cameleers 1860s-1930s*, which is touring regional centres until the end of June 2008.

Phillip Jones is a curator and historian based at the South Australian Museum in Adelaide.

Anthropologist Anna Kenny is based in Alice Springs and has conducted field research with Aboriginal people in Central Australia since 1991 involving land and native title claims and mining.

New paperback edition of a cheeky favourite

Anna the goanna
Is fat and slow.
Her belly is like jolly,
Wobbling to and fro.
Here come the hunters
Looking for her high
and low...
Go Anna, go Anna
Goanna, go

FIRST published in hardback in 2000, this lively collection of illustrated poems takes readers into the richly textured lives of Aboriginal children as they camp under the stars, go hunting for tucker and play footy in the dust.

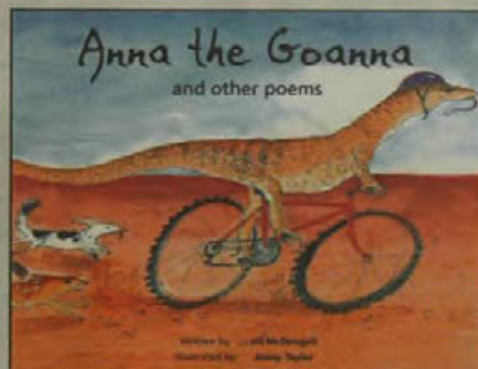
There are cheeky dogs, slippery snakes and crocodiles with big smiles. Affectionately illustrated, the poems are rhythmic and memorable, with a jaunty beat.

They're designed specially for school performances and presentations and are easily read by students: Even those who aren't strong readers.

One Northern Territory school principal reported teachers waving a copy of the book after recess to get the kids to come back inside.

For all of its joie de vivre, *Anna the Goanna and Other Poems* does not shy away from some

Anna the Goanna and Other Poems
Written by Jill McDougall
Illustrated by Jenny Taylor
Published by Aboriginal Studies Press
RRP \$19.95



challenging aspects of Aboriginal community life, for example in 'Too Many Drunks' and 'Sad Boys', a lament about petrol sniffing.

"What a truly excellent book for kids on our communities," award-winning Aboriginal novelist Alexis Wright said of the collection.

Jill McDougall has written more than 20 children's books and *Anna the Goanna* was written with children from remote communities in the Northern Territory, Queensland and Western Australia.

She began writing for Aboriginal children so as to provide reading materials which reflected the daily experiences of her students.

Koori Mail book café

HERE are some of the latest books that have come across our desks at *The Koori Mail*. Some of them are written, illustrated or published by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and publishers.

Others are about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, cultures and history but come from non-Indigenous writers or mainstream publishers.

The Koori Mail features information about both, in the interests of promoting greater awareness and understanding about our people.

While we publish book reviews from time to time, the information shown here also draws upon material provided by publishers and should not be taken to be *The Koori Mail's* opinion.

Author advocates black control of black justice

CRIME, *Aboriginality and the Decolonisation of Justice* explores contemporary strategies that might diminish the extraordinary levels of imprisonment and victimisation suffered by Aboriginal people in Australia.

Author Harry Blagg argues that enhancing Aboriginal ownership and control over justice and justice-related processes is a key factor and focuses on ways this can be achieved.

He explores the potential for 'hybrid' initiatives in the complex 'liminal' space between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal domains, for example, Aboriginal community/night patrols, community justice groups, healing centres and Aboriginal courts.

Blagg disputes the relevance of the Western, urban, criminological paradigm to the Aboriginal domain, and questions the application of both contemporary innovations such as restorative justice and mainstream models of policing.

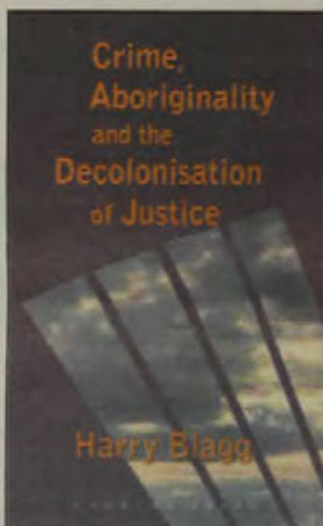
He also refutes allegations that Aboriginal customary laws condone violence against women and children, pointing to the wealth of research to the contrary, and suggests these laws contain considerable potential for renewal and healing.

Harry Blagg is Director of Studies at the Crime Research Centre University of Western Australia.

He has worked on projects monitoring the recommendations of the 1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, the impact of policing on Indigenous and other marginal youth, Indigenous self-policing initiatives in Australia, the impact of family violence on Indigenous communities, and violence

Crime, Aboriginality and the Decolonisation of Justice

By Harry Blagg
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Paperback, 228 pages



prevention programs for Indigenous communities.

Non-Indigenous Blagg has published widely on these issues, including a number of critiques of 'restorative justice' as it impacts on Indigenous people. From 2001-2005, he was Research Director on the West Australian Law Reform Commission's project: Aboriginal Customary Laws.

Historian's critique of a famous film

The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith

By Henry Reynolds
April release by Currency Press
RRP \$16.95
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Illustrated paperback



the chant
of jimmie
blacksmith

HENRY REYNOLDS

THE Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith,

starring Tommy E Lewis, was one of the most significant Australian films of the 1970s.

Fred Schepisi's ground-breaking 1978 film was based on Booker Prize-nominated novel of the same name by Thomas Keneally.

The dramatisation of the real-life story of Jimmy Governor, the Aboriginal bushranger hanged for multiple murders in 1901, told a powerful and confronting story of a black man's revenge against an unjust and intolerant society.

Henry Reynolds' critique views the film in its political and historical context, and examines the ways in which a study of Australian cinema is also a study of Australian social issues, the difficult relationship between fiction and history.

Reynolds is one of Australia's leading historians and public intellectuals and currently holds a Personal Chair in History and Aboriginal Studies at the University of Tasmania.

His work, including many books on Indigenous history and culture such as *An Indelible Stain?*, *Black Pioneers*, *Fate of a Free People* and the award-winning *Why Weren't We Told?* (with Marilyn Lake) has been instrumental in changing the way Australians understand their country's past.

The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith is the eighth title in the Australian Screen Classics series, a series of film monographs, matching some of Australia's best-loved films with some of our most distinguished writers and thinkers, drawn from the world of culture, criticism and politics.

2009 Arts Grant Applications

The City of Melbourne's Arts Grants Program provides arts funding to enhance and strengthen the community and to support our reputation as a creative and liveable city.

Applications are invited from individuals and organisations with innovative proposals that will make a strong contribution to the City's cultural vitality in 2009.

Grants are available in the following categories:

- ArtPlay
- Arts House Presentation
- Community Cultural Development
- Signal
- Young Artists
- Arts House CultureLAB
- Arts Projects
- Indigenous Arts
- Writing about Melbourne

The closing date for applications is 5pm Tuesday 24 June 2008.

A general briefing for all grant categories will be held Wednesday 14 May 5.30pm, Supper Room, Level 3, Melbourne Town Hall, corner of Swanston and Collins streets, Melbourne (enter via Swanston Street). To RSVP call 9658 9658 by Monday, 12 May.

See the guidelines for details on additional briefing dates and locations.

For guidelines, application forms or further information telephone the City of Melbourne on 9658 9658, visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/grants or e-mail artsgroups@melbourne.vic.gov.au

Fellowship covers all art forms



INDIGENOUS artists working across all art forms have been invited to apply for the 2008 Indigenous Arts Fellowship, jointly funded by the Arts New South Wales and the City of Sydney Council.

The biennial Fellowship, valued at \$15,000, was established in 1996 to assist

in the development of an Indigenous artist's career in the arts. It also provides recognition of the valuable contributions being made by Indigenous artists in NSW.

It is expected that the specific project put forward by the applicant will result in artistic work of significant quality and be of lasting benefit to the applicant's professional development.

Activities assisted through the fellowship may include further study or training, professional research, or the undertaking of a particular arts project.

The closing date for applications is Friday 23 May. Application forms and guidelines will be available from www.arts.nsw.gov.au or by contacting Arts NSW on phone (02) 9228 5533.

Short film wins

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



'A FLESHY vehicle for art' is how Aboriginal artist Jenny Fraser describes herself.

Ms Fraser was named the overall

winner in the Gold Coast City Council's Indigenous Art and Design Award for her short film from the *other[wize]* project.

The screen-based project celebrates the lives of her Yugambeh family members who were moved from their traditional homelands in south-east Queensland to work on properties in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

The film uses family photographs, audio, and text, including Yugambeh language, to highlight an era of colonial Australia, exploring the prickly issues of dispossession, displacement, 'native' policing and survival.

"Given that, my Aboriginality is of utmost importance in this instance," Ms Fraser said.

"In other works it may not be so apparent, but that's just a marker of the times that we live in."

Ms Fraser said it was a great honour to be acknowledged for her work and especially heartwarming because it was on her country.

"I could feel my old people



The overall winner in the Gold Coast Indigenous Art and Design Award was Jenny Fraser with her DVD entry *other[wize]* from the New Media and Photography Category.

with me there, smiling," she said.

"It was a bit of a surprise to me that the work won, not just because it's a screen-based artwork, but because the subject matter deals with the unpleasant history of the land clearing, and people dispersing from the Gold Coast and Hinterland.

"It's definitely not the usual feel-good pretty picture that most city councils would want to be promoting."

Ms Fraser said she didn't want to let the dust settle for too long, and that the *other[wize]* video would also feature at the Wairoa Film Festival in Aotearoa

(New Zealand) with upcoming shows in Brisbane, Lismore, Darwin, Sydney, China, Japan and Noumea.

More than 200 people attended the opening of the Gold Coast City Council exhibition to view artworks depicting the theme, Dhagun ya Borrogora

(Land and Sea of the Gold Coast), in a range of artistic mediums.

The award, which recognises establishing and emerging local Indigenous artists, featured a diverse range of traditional and contemporary Indigenous art and culture.

A total of \$13,500 prize money was awarded.

Entries were invited across three categories – new media and photography, 2D and 3D.

Other winners were Kayla Ellis for the Youth Award with her photographic series *Liquid Neon Icons*; Janelle McQueen for the 3D Award with her sculpture *Life*, and Anthony Walker for the 2D Award with his painting *Lizards*.

All works submitted in the award will now be considered for selection as part of the City Gifts program, which recreates the work of local artists in gifts and mementos for official visitors to the city, potentially leading to national and international exposure.

● The exhibition will be displayed until 19 May at the Crowne Plaza, Royal Pines Golf Resort and Spa, Ashmore. For more details visit www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au

For more information about *other[wize]* visit websites home.pacific.net.au/~lcarroll/text/otherwise.htm or www.geocities.com/dot_ayu

Janelle McQueen won the 3D Award for her sculpture *Life*.



Kayla Ellis won the Youth Award for her series *Liquid Neon Icons*.



Anthony Walker won the 2D Award for his painting *Lizards*.

Murray cod in focus



A NEW exhibition of paintings, photographs and sculptures

inspired by Australia's largest freshwater fish, the Murray cod, has opened at the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre at the Melbourne Museum.

Murray Cod: the Biggest Fish in the River is a rich showcase of visual art inspired by Australia's most iconic fish and exploring the artists' spiritual and personal association with it.

Consisting of more than 40 works by 27 artists – most of them Indigenous – the exhibition examines the significance of the fish that has come to symbolise the Murray River itself, and documents the relationship that inland Australians have with the cod.

First illustrations

Exhibition curator and Museum Victoria Producer John Kean said the show included some of the first illustrations of the Murray cod by European scientists and explorers, as well as the ongoing association of Indigenous people with the fish.

"We also continue the story into more recent times, when the fish has been harvested commercially and has been a target for anglers," Mr Kean said.

"Collectively, these works tell of a great fish, with a mouth as big as any storyteller and a tail as long as any yarn."

"While its environment has changed markedly and the fish may no longer dominate the river as in years gone by, the Murray

Pictured at the opening of *Murray Cod* are Bunjilaka Manager and Boonwurrung Elder Caroline Martin and Bangerang Elder Sandy Atkinson, who spoke at an exhibition forum.

Photo by Jon Augler, Museum Victoria



cod continues to hold a special place in the nation's imagination."

The Indigenous works in the exhibition include:

- An oversized Murray cod sculpture made from recycled materials by Lorraine Connelly-Northey
- Paintings and prints by Ian

Abdulla that depict his family hunting, fishing and working on Riverland farms

- Sedge grass weavings by Yvonne Koolmatie, who grew up in camps along with river and who learned the customary art of weaving at a time when just a handful of older women held the traditional technique

- Carved and painted emu eggs by Bluey Roberts (Yvonne's brother) who has cultural associations with both the Western Desert and the river, through his Ngarrindjeri inheritance

- Paintings by Kurwingie Kerry Giles, a Ngarrindjeri woman

from the Lower Murray, whose work depicts the creation of the river downstream from its junction with the Darling

- Lino-cut prints of the Murray cod using geometric patterns to create an image of the fish moving slowly in deep water consuming its favoured food – freshwater crayfish – created by Badger Bates

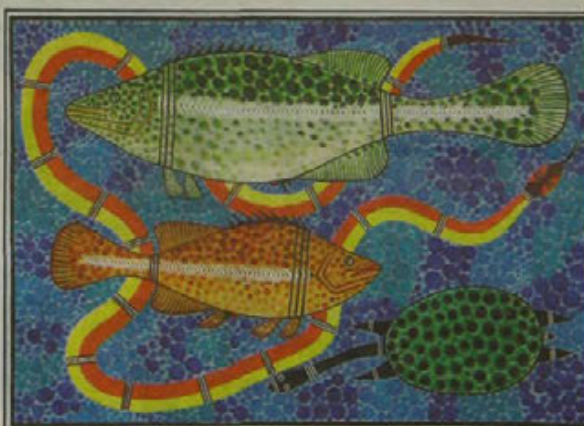
- A slide show of historic photographs that provides a profound insight into the cultural and social importance of fishing for Murray cod. The slide show invites visitors to the gallery to share their own cod tales.

18-month tour

After its showing at Bunjilaka, Murray Cod will undertake an 18-month tour along the Murray from Swan Hill to Mildura and from Albury to Adelaide.

● Murray Cod: the biggest fish in the river will show at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum in Nicholson Street, Carlton, until 27 July.

Murray Cod: the Biggest Fish in the River is a Swann Hill Regional Art Gallery exhibition, toured by NETS Victoria.



● ABOVE LEFT: *Finding grubs for the cross line* (1988), Ian Abdullah, screen print on paper.

Courtesy of the artist and Greenaway Art Gallery, Adelaide

● ABOVE: *River spirit dreaming* (1989) by Bluey Roberts, synthetic polymer paint on canvas.

Photo courtesy of the artist

Ten more DVDs added to Black Screen's film compilations



BLACK Screen has 10 new DVD compilations of contemporary Indigenous films, which it loans to individuals and organisations for community screening events.

The new titles are from the 2008 Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival.

The Australian Film Commission's (AFC) Black Screen program provides Indigenous communities and the broader Australian public with access to Indigenous films.

To see what's on and to access films, see the What's On web page for information about the 2008 Black Screen partnerships in screening Indigenous films as part of programs being run by Deadly VIBE Australia and Wakarri National Story Festival in remote and regional areas.

Also available is *Dreaming in Motion* – a new book which celebrates the work of the AFC's Indigenous branch, the filmmakers it has supported and the network of organisations that have made Indigenous filmmaking such a success. It contains three essays, the profiles of 26 Indigenous directors, producers and cinematographers selected by the AFC for their achievements, and a DVD highlighting some of the key films of the last decade from Indigenous directors.

Free copies are available by emailing publishing@afc.gov.au

As part of NAIDOC Week 2007, Black Screen compilations were screened at more than 87 locations with audiences of more than 7000 people in July alone. Black Screen screened at the 2007 Dreaming Festival, Woodford, Queensland, showing 26 Indigenous films to a further 1000 people.

The Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival national tour screened to more than 5000 people, kicking off with a three island tour to Waiben, Boigu and Saibai, in remote Torres Strait, then out to mainland locations which included Geraldton, Lismore, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra and Darwin.

The Regional Digital Screen Network – School Screen/Black Screen collaboration also screened Message Sticks to more than 1000 students in eight cinemas in Hervey Bay (Qld), Wagga Wagga (NSW), Singleton (NSW), Yarram (Vic), Davenport (Tas), Albany (WA), Katherine (NT), Port Augusta (SA).

Black Screen had an overall total attendance of more than 15,000 people in 2007.

In association with Redfern Community Centre, it also ran a film program screened on the National Apology Day in March 2008 to 800 people.

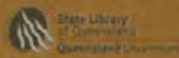
Celebrate the Original Voices of Australia and North America, 19-23 May.

Featuring

- The cast of *Reflections* (directed by Leah Purcell)
- *The Red Road*, a one-woman comedy show with internationally-acclaimed singer and actress Arigon Starr
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www.slq.qld.gov.au/originals or the full program of free events on every night.

State Library of Queensland Cultural Centre, South Bank Brisbane





A scene from the play *Mutta Car Sorry Business* by Yirra Yaakin. From left to right are cast members Jamahl Ryder, Tyson Martin and Sandra Umbagia-Clarke.

Play has a road safety message

By KEN BOASE in Perth



THE Yirra Yaakin Nyoongar Theatre company in Perth has been sponsored by the Insurance Commission of Western Australia to tour a free play

with strong messages about road trauma.

The play, called *Mutta Car Sorry Business*, carries key messages on issues such as drink driving, risky behaviour and over-crowding and is aimed at lowering the road trauma death rate in Indigenous communities, which is three times that of the general population.

Yirra Yaakin Executive Producer Sam Cook said the play had been a big hit during its formative season in the Pilbara, and was a good example of how corporate sponsorship could help shape a better future for all communities.

"*Mutta Car Sorry Business* is a perfect example of how the power of theatre can be used to impart a potentially life-saving message to Aboriginal communities," Ms Cook said.

"The partnership with the Insurance Commission has enabled Yirra Yaakin to present an important piece of community theatre which is written and performed specifically for Aboriginal people.

"Furthermore, the Commission's support has allowed the company to tour the show all over the state, including remote communities as far as the tri-state border."



Yirra Yaakin's Sam Cook

The partnership between Yirra Yaakin and the Insurance Commission was recognised as WA's most successful partnership at the 2007 Business and the Arts Partnership Awards.

Mutta Car Sorry Business will tour the south-west of WA and Perth in May and June, and free performances are being offered to schools and Indigenous communities.

The WA Insurance Commission, WA's sole provider of compulsory third party insurance, has sponsored the play since its inception, and Managing Director Vic Evans said the company was proud to be involved in such an important community project.

"Road trauma has a devastating effect on communities, and we need to make sure people are given the right information, so when they're faced with a situation where they might put themselves or their passengers at risk, they will stop and make the right choice," Mr Evans said. "If we work together, we can bring about change and reduce road trauma in the Aboriginal community."

Any inquiries about touring dates should be directed to Yirra Yaakin on (08) 9202 1966.

A step in the right direction



IT may not be a free lunch, but an opportunity now open to

Indigenous artists of the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales is probably even better. Arts Northern Rivers is exploring ways to promote Indigenous artists of the region to galleries and buyers, including by offering to help them with professional biographies and portfolios.

During the first three weeks of May, a writer and photographer will travel through the region and meet with as many artists as possible.

Information collected will be put together as a package for the artists, added to the Arts Northern Rivers website and used to promote local Indigenous artists nationally.

Participating artists will also be considered for inclusion in an upcoming publication *Stepping Stones*, a high-quality book that will feature Indigenous artists of the Northern Rivers. About 20 works are expected to be chosen for the book.

For further information about the *Stepping Stones* project developed by Arts Northern Rivers, phone (02) 6628 8120 or email frances@artsnorthernrivers.com.au

Gurrumul at No 1

SINGER/SONGWRITER Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu has entered the No 1 position on the ARIA independent album chart for his debut solo album *Gurrumul*. The album has also entered the ARIA album chart at No 21.

Gurrumul's collaborator of 10 years, Skinnyfish Music Director Michael Hohnen, said they would like to thank the many and significant music industry people who had recognised Yunupingu's talents from the outset.

"Considering this is a debut album, by a largely unknown talent, with no radio single as such and with no tour dates until now, it confirms that great music cannot be denied," said Mr Hohnen.

Gurrumul has also hit iTunes, peaking at No 1 on the 'roots' chart and No 5 on the mainstream album chart.

Yunupingu will embark on a tour around Australia during June and July.

Visit websites www.myspace.com/gurrumul, www.youtube.com/user/gurrumul or www.skinnyfishmusic.com.au for details.

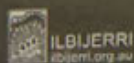
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Directed by Kylie Belling

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Birthday for a property already a gift

NSW IN 1993, one of Australia's great painters, Arthur Boyd, and his wife Yvonne, gifted to the Australian people a unique cultural and environmental asset. 'Bundanon' comprises 1100 hectares of pristine bush land overlooking the Shoalhaven River, near Nowra, south of Sydney, and is overseen now by the Bundanon Trust, established by the Australian Government.

The gift was born out of Arthur Boyd's often stated belief that 'you can't own a landscape' and the deeply felt wish that others might also draw inspiration from 'Bundanon'. The artist passed away in 1999.

On 20 April the property had its 15th birthday celebrations, attended by 1900 people, including Yvonne Boyd and many of the local Aboriginal people.

The morning's activities saw kids taking part in workshops held by Circus Monoxide and Wire MC, and the main event was kicked off at 1pm by host Ray Martin.

Crowds were wowed by performances by local Indigenous dance troupe Ghudjargah, accompanied by international didgeridoo star William Barton, CODA, Wire MC, Jimmy Little and indie pop star Kate Miller Heidke.

Birthday cake was distributed to everyone, with Jimmy Little singing *Happy Birthday*.

Colourful finale

The sunset finale included a barge towing fiery logs down the Shoalhaven River – a lit black cockatoo (the symbol of Nowra) burned in front of one of Circus Monoxide's performers working the trapeze, while Kate Miller Heidke performed a special number with William Barton on the didgeridoo.

Three generations of the Boyd family were on hand to witness the celebrations.

"Bundanon was honoured by the attendance of Yvonne Boyd, daughter Lucy Boyd and grandsons Adam and Harry," said 'Bundanon' CEO Deborah Ely.

Ms Ely said the audience was drawn from a wide area in NSW – from Sydney to Canberra – and all ages from families to the guests aged in their 80s.

Federal Arts Minister Peter Garrett said the Bundanon Trust had made a unique and considerable contribution to the Australian and international arts sectors.

"The Bundanon properties are a rich creative resource for our artists,



From left, Jimmy Little, William Barton and Ray Martin.



Wire MC running a workshop with local kids.



writers and musicians," he said. Shannon Downs, from Bomaderry Youth and Community Room, said such high-quality events were rare in the Riversdale and Bundanon area. "You have really shown the local community how we can celebrate living in such a wonderful area with respect for the beautiful place that is and all that it has done and will continue to do," she said of the Bundanon Trust.



Ghudjargah with mentor Richard Scott-Moore, during part of the Welcome to Country.



● ABOVE LEFT: Ghudjargah girls performing dance, part of the Welcome to Country.

● ABOVE: Some of the young people at Riversdale.

● LEFT: Ghudjargah boys performing dance as part of the Welcome to Country.

"Our youth performers loved the workshops with Wire MC and it gave them all the buzz and drive that we had hoped it would. I personally, having been to many festivals worldwide, experienced a day that I will never forget."

Bundanon Trust operates on two sites: Riversdale (the Glenn Murcutt designed Arthur and Yvonne Boyd Education Centre), and Bundanon (artist-in-residence complex and Bundanon Homestead).

Bondi exhibition will feature leading artists



TWO prominent Aboriginal artists will exhibit side

by side at Bondi Beach for one month from 9 May.

Ruby's Place Gallery, within the Chapel by the Sea, will exhibit the works of Mini Health and Fay Nelson.

Health is one of the nation's foremost exponents of contemporary Aboriginal art.

Curator John Queripel announced that Health would be joining the already exhibited Fay Nelson exhibit.

"To have two such prominent Aboriginal art figures exhibiting together is a real scoop for us," said Mr Queripel.

Mini Health is an Australian artist based in Port Stephens, NSW. His work has been widely seen on canvas and as fabric around the world.

Big break

His first big breakthrough came when, in the 1980s, his prints were featured in a fashion parade at Au Printemps department store in Paris.

That parade grew out of a program devised by Lily Madden, nutrition co-ordinator at Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service. She had been running health, beauty and modelling classes to train and increase self-esteem among young Kooris and decided to stage regular fashion parades to display the talents of young Aboriginal models and designers.

One of these parades was documented by a freelance journalist and photographer and appeared in the Paris newspaper *Le Monde*. The article created such interest that they were invited to parade garments at the Au Printemps department store

in Paris. Supported by the Aboriginal Medical Service, ten models displayed the work of three Aboriginal designers, Bronwyn Bancroft, Mini Health and Euphemia Bostock.

In May 2007, Mini Health was involved in the Drawing Together Exhibition, which featured 70 works of art, many by well-known artists, including Sally Morgan, Fiona Foley, Jimmy Pike and Queenie McKenzie, along with Mini Health.

He has illustrated many books.

He will be joining Fay Nelson, a prominent Aboriginal artist and arts administrator.

Part of series

The Chapel by the Sea, under its Ruby's Place Café program, has started a series of art exhibits as part of its regular cultural activities.

Fay Nelson is a Banjin woman and traditional owner, her homeland being Hinchinbrook Island, north Queensland.

"Art has been a driving force in my life," she said.

"I remember watching my father draw pictures on the walls of our hut and enjoyed watching him create beautiful images of the animals in our country."

Ms Nelson was the founding president of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Skills Development Association.

She has also been the Director of the Aboriginal Arts Board, the Australia Council and as a Regional Aboriginal Arts Officer worked with Aboriginal communities along the NSW mid-north coast, where she lives.

The exhibition opening will be 7pm Friday 9 May upstairs in the Chapel's Ruby's Place Café. The exhibit then will hang for the next month.

Grants worth \$3.1m go Australia-wide



INDIGENOUS arts has benefited from the latest round of Playing Australia grants announced by the Federal Government.

The grants assist performing arts companies to tour live performances around the country.

The latest round involves \$3.1 million in funding for tours by 17 companies.

Recipients include *Ngapartji Ngapartji*, by Big hART (Tasmania), a story about the Spinifex nation during the Cold War, performed by Trevor Jamieson, and touring to Darwin, Ernabella and Alice Springs; and *Nabarlek*, by SkinnyFish Music (NT), the 'garage band that never had a garage', who will tour their bilingual mix of contemporary music to 16 venues in WA, some of them remote.

Full details of the funding are available at www.arts.gov.au/arts/playing_australia

Reggae is on the way

By DARREN COYNE

THE reggae 'virus' is about to spread to a number of isolated Aboriginal communities. Some of the biggest names in reggae from Jamaica – Luciano, Mikey General and Jack Scorpio – are set to appear in a series of Northern Territory concerts, which will be followed by concerts in Sydney and Melbourne, which will also feature Horace Andy.

The NT leg of the 'Roots Nation' tour kicks off at the Maningrida Community Hall in Arnhem Land on 16 May, The Darwin Ski Club at Vestey's Beach on 18 May, Alice Springs on 19 May and at the Yuendumu community on 20 May.

Organiser Simon Raynor said it was the first time that such major names in reggae had played in the communities.

Following the NT concerts, Horace Andy will join the others for a show at the Metro Theatre in Sydney on 24 May, and the next day in Melbourne at the Arts Centre in St Kilda Road.

Also on the bill for the Melbourne show will be homegrown favourites Bart Willoughby, Deline Briscoe and Tjimba Possum-Burns and the Yung Warriors.

Willoughby – whose career has spanned 30 years – told *The Koori Mail* that he was looking forward to the Melbourne concert.

Noted for his pioneering fusion of reggae with Indigenous Australian musical influences, he has fronted No Fixed Address and Mixed Relations, and said he had been 'bumping into' reggae stars throughout his career.

"I've got a special affinity with



Horace Andy ... To play in Sydney and Melbourne.



Tjimba Possum-Burns, who leads the Yung Warriors.

them. They helped me to teach myself how to write exactly how I felt, with rhythm, and they like my technique, which is really explosive from their point of view," Mr Willoughby said.

Tjimba Possum-Burns, the 21-year-old hip-hop artist who

leads the Yung Warriors, said it was good that the Jamaican reggae legends were touring communities before the Melbourne show. "It's good for the young fellas to take all music in, especially reggae, that's where it (rap, hip hop) all started," he said.

"I've always been influenced by the music from the Caribbean and used to listen to a lot of Peter Tosh, I've seen Third World, and of course Luciano ... he's brilliant."

Deline Briscoe is the other Indigenous artist on the line-up for Melbourne, although she was

unavailable to comment on the gig.

Roots Nation is part of the Victorian Arts Centre's MIX IT UP! program, which celebrates the cultural diversity of Victoria through music, dance, art and theatre from around the world.

Photographs back home for touring exhibition

Story and photos by
Tasmanian Correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



Twenty years of stunning work from award-winning Aboriginal photographer Ricky Maynard has returned from Paris to be exhibited in his home State of Tasmania.

The touring exhibition, *Portrait of a Distant Land*, is a powerful collection of 60 black-and-white images, each supported by an emotive text panel.

Featured are photographs of Tasmania's physical and social landscapes taken from a 'blackfellas' perspective; the faces of well-known Tasmanian Aboriginal people and stunning landscapes of the windswept Bass Strait Islands, which is home to Maynard. There are also the faces of Wik Elders and photos from six previous bodies of work.

Also included are images from Maynard's Prison Series,



RICKY MAYNARD

shot in South Australian prisons, which won him the Mother Jones International Prize for Documentary Photography in 1994 and the Human Rights Commission Photography Award in 1996.

"It's a mini-retrospective," said 54-year-old Maynard.

He aims to provoke thought, change social attitudes towards Aboriginal people and create a better awareness with his documentary style photography.

"That's my whole style, and I'm first and foremost a

storyteller, then a picture maker, then a craftsman."

Maynard captures a lot of his images on an old wooden bellows camera.

"It's where you put the hood over, the old-fashioned ones," he said.

"I was bought up in the old school of photography, I consider that a privilege."

Maynard's talent is probably better recognised nationally and internationally than in Tasmania.

"To start the tour off in the home state is fantastic. Most of my life I've travelled around Australia and lived in different communities. Have camera, will travel," he said.

Portrait of a Distant Land will remain on exhibition at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery until 22 June, before travelling to American Samoa as part of the Pacific Arts festival this July, which Maynard says will have a big Indigenous component from Australia. After that his exhibition will go to Cairns, Port Macquarie and Sydney.



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www.arts.gov.au

'Belonging' and more at Tandanya

SA

ADELAIDE'S Tandanya – National Aboriginal Cultural Institute serves up a

feast of visual arts this month with the opening of three new diverse exhibitions.

'Belonging', by Pamela Croft Warcon, will open on Friday, while 'Arne areye – All the Plants', presented by Irrkerlantye Arts, and 'Ngarlurgu – All of Us', presented by Ceduna Aboriginal Arts and Culture Centre, opened last week.

'Belonging' is about reconciliation, and is a visual narrative of what Pamela Croft Warcon has learned about her life journey.

The Uralarai woman from South-West Queensland also considers her work a personal healing tool which aids the understanding and acceptance of the events of her life while at the same time teaches her to love her physical, emotional and spiritual self.

Croft Warcon uses her creative talents to develop alternative story sites for her thoughts of identity and displacement, histories, sense of place and the effects of colonisation.

Many of her works also reveal intimate stories about herself as a 'stolen' child and also refer to her own children and grandchildren who are descendants of such histories.

The exhibition will feature a survey of works from Croft Warcon's career including *The Sorry Wall*, a major collaborative work produced with Croft Warcon's sister-cousin Cheryl Robinson.

The installation tells a visual narrative about colonisation, extermination, domination, assimilation and integration using 50 bird cages containing found objects including bones, birds' wings, shells and discarded items.

Each cage holds a story which forms a larger picture



Pamela Croft Warcon and Cheryl Moodai Robinson, *The Sorry Wall* (detail), cage, sea urchins, dollar shells, mother of pearl container, resin, cotton and ochre.



Letisha Doolan, *Wildflowers and Bush Fruit* (detail), 2007, 30 x 91cm, acrylic on linen.



Christine Tschuna, *Sea Urchins* (detail), 2008, 106 x 51cm, acrylic on canvas.

telling of the decay and destruction of the Australian landscape post-colonisation.

The cages represent the barriers which were erected around Aboriginal ancestral lands by colonising settlers for claiming 'ownership' and the

objects themselves; subliminal references to the histories and decimation of Aboriginal Australia.

Croft Warcon will also show a new series of monoprinted 'mud maps' produced especially for the exhibition. Produced on the banks of Pumpkin Creek, near her Keppel Sands home in Queensland, the prints map out connections to place and reveal sets of relationships between the physical, physiological, social, spiritual and metaphysical.

The other two exhibitions celebrate the respective qualities of the Australian landscape and the inspiration that it provides to Aboriginal people.

'Arne areye – All the Plants' is an exhibition from the Irrkerlantye Artists of the Central and Eastern Arrente regions living in Alice Springs, Amooinguna and surrounding outstations.

The paintings, which celebrate the Arrente plant world of Central Australia, feature colourful interpretations of bush foods and medicines and highlight the important roles they play in everyday Arrente life.

The collection of paintings is a showcase of the depth of knowledge of bush foods and bush medicines held by the artists who represent over 30 different plant species in their paintings. The works also feature a strong connection to land and culture and many portray experiences of themselves, and other family gathering food and medicine from the Arrente landscape.

The paintings in 'Ngarlurgu – All of Us' celebrate the diversity of the landscapes around Ceduna, on South Australia's Eyre Peninsula. The artists, who work from the Ceduna Aboriginal Arts and Culture Centre, are strongly influenced by their distinctive environment.

Both exhibitions give a sense of the respect shared between the artists and their country.

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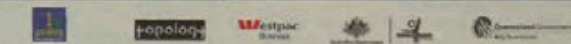
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Kidney function focus of study



DARWIN'S Menzies School of Health Research is seeking Indigenous participants to be involved in a new study to determine the best way to measure kidney function.

Dr Jacqui Hughes, an Indigenous kidney specialist based at Menzies and an investigator on the project, said the 'eGFR Study' aimed to improve the health and well-being of Indigenous Australians by studying the most accurate method of assessing kidney function.

"GFR (glomerular filtration rate) is the best overall marker of kidney function, but it is known to be dependent on a person's body build," Dr Hughes said.

"Differences in body build and body composition between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians suggest that estimates of GFR derived for European populations may not be appropriate for Indigenous Australians.

"There is an overwhelming burden of Type 2 diabetes, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal failure in Indigenous Australians and it is vital that kidney function can be accurately measured."

By developing a test that accurately measures kidney function in Indigenous Australians, researchers say they will be able to evaluate if current treatment strategies need adjusting.

This, they say, will have wider community benefit, as identifying kidney damage at early stages will help patients and their doctor to keep their kidney healthy, and prevent further damage. A healthier individual can contribute to keep families and communities stronger.

Developing an accurate test of kidney function in Indigenous Australians requires testing healthy people, those with diabetes and those with early to

Menzies researchers Mr Suresh Sharma and Dr Jacqui Hughes with eGFR study participant Cassie Munkara.



severe kidney disease but not receiving dialysis.

Study participation takes between two and four hours and involves having a series of blood tests, completing a questionnaire, having body measurements and providing a urine sample.

Indigenous people interested in participating in the study living in Darwin, Katherine and Nhulunbuy or surrounding areas are asked to contact the study co-ordinator Suresh Sharma on (08) 8922 8673 at Menzies School of Health Research.

The 'eGFR Study' is being led by local

specialists, Drs Louise Maple-Brown and Paul Lawton from Menzies School of Health Research and Royal Darwin Hospital. Dr Hughes is supported by an NHMRC and MSHR Gurdiminda Scholarships, and the Rio Tinto Aboriginal Fund. The project is supported by Kidney Health Australia.

New Katungal fears

By LAURELLE PACEY



THE frustrations of a medical service on the New South Wales far south coast in trying to deliver front-line medical services to Aboriginal communities show no signs of abating.

In the last edition of *The Koori Mail*, Katungal Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services CEO Damien Matcham claimed that Katungal was the most under-funded and disadvantaged Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) in the coastal region.

That is denied by the Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing, whose spokesman said Katungal receives 'comparable funding' to the other coastal AMSes south of Sydney - Illawarra and South Coast (around Nowra).

But Mr Matcham quotes official figures showing both these services receive more funding to cover a smaller area.

The Department spokesman said OATSIH NSW Director Peter Merrett had told the Katungal Board and CEO on 15 April that additional one-off funding 'could be provided to Katungal to assist with the costs of minor capital works' associated with fixing OH&S problems at their Bega clinic.

But Mr Matcham said Katungal had already been forced to spend about \$340,000 from other funds to fix some outstanding OH&S issues at Bega and Narooma clinics because no other funding was available, and an asbestos problem was still outstanding.

He said the funding mentioned by Mr Merrett would not come close to reimbursing Katungal for what it had already spent and 'there was no indication of even when that could be available'.

The Department spokesman said three-year funding agreements from OATSIH had become available this financial year, and that these agreements had been discussed with the peak body in NSW, the AH&MRC and 'with organisations on an individual basis as the opportunity arises'.

He said that for services to be eligible,

'they must be able to demonstrate good financial stability, internal controls and reporting, good levels of governance, and satisfactory compliance in the past with OATSIH contractual arrangements including the Service Development and Reporting Framework'.

"To date, Katungal has not met the requirements," he added.

An astonished Mr Matcham said the medical service had never been told three-year funding was available, adding that he would be surprised if Katungal did not meet the criteria.

"Sadly, the Government still has a 'mission management' approach to doing business," he said.

'Mistrust'

"That includes them dictating to us and having a total mistrust..."

"From my experience as a CEO and former Deputy CEO of AMSes, I now strongly believe we are set up to fail."

As for the frustrations at providing improved health facilities at Wallaga Lake, the Outreach Centre has grown from the initial idea of a health clinic operated by Katungal to 'a whole of government approach' designed to address various issues at Wallaga Lake.

The aim is to provide a range of services from several agencies including employment, legal, training, counselling, community policing and education, as well as health.

The outreach centre is part of the Federal Government's Shared

Responsibility Agreement (SRA) with Merriamans Local Aboriginal Land Council at Wallaga Lake.

The SRA includes maintaining a clean and tidy village environment; support and participation in school activities; participation in adult education programs; and an undertaking to use the centre's services.

A spokesperson for the Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) said construction was expected to start in June, subject to several processes being completed including a funding agreement between FaHCSIA and Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Eurobodalla councillors have since approved the council entering into an initial 12-month agreement for \$486,448 in Commonwealth funds for the construction of the centre as well as the employment of a co-ordinator and engagement worker.

Mr Matcham said Katungal had now been told the outreach centre was unlikely to open before December, which he said was 'just unacceptable'.

"We're now looking to use another facility for a clinic at Wallaga with the support of the community and Merriamans Local Aboriginal Land Council," he said.

Mr Matcham said all labour was being donated by community members and Katungal staff, and Dr Patty Salisbury, who works at Katungal's Bega clinic, had agreed to donate funding for materials.

McCarthy Green Indigenous Scholarship for Nursing in Sexual & Reproductive Health

This scholarship provides funding for a nurse/midwife to complete the Family Planning NSW Certificate in Sexual and Reproductive Health (Nursing). \$8,000 will be awarded for tuition, travel and away-from-home living expenses.

Applicants must be registered nurses/midwives with at least two years post-basic experience and be currently working in an Indigenous community in NSW, Australian citizens or permanent residents, and able to commence study in 2008.

Preference will be given to Indigenous applicants.

Applications close 31 May 2008.
For an application form & information, call 1300 658 886.

Rioli has new goal

By DARREN COYNE



FORMER AFL star Dean Rioli is punting on a new fund to help tackle Indigenous health disadvantage. The Essendon great who played 100 games with the Bombers recently launched the Rioli Fund for Aboriginal Health, at a gathering of some of Melbourne's most influential businessmen and philanthropists.

Originally from the Tiwi Islands, Mr Rioli said all money raised through the fund would be used to research Aboriginal child health and mental health. He told *The Koori Mail* that the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin would carry out the research.

Mr Rioli said that since his playing career ended he had visited Indigenous communities across Australia and was appalled at the high rates of disease, inadequate education and poor living conditions.

"Indigenous kids face a bleak future — they are suffering from chronic ear disease, skin sores and scabies and respiratory diseases such as pneumonia at epidemic proportions," he said.

"Young men are committing suicide and people are turning to substance abuse which is breaking up families and communities. We need to break this vicious cycle and one of the ways we can do this is through research. Research helps us find solutions and make sure that our efforts are likely to work."

The fund was announced at a 'Discovery Dinner', sponsored and held at Leonda By the Yarra in Melbourne.

"We invited 40 and got about 37 people attending the dinner. A lot of them are CEOs of big companies, chairmen of boards ... people well connected," Mr Rioli said.

"The fund is still pretty new so we have to get the word out about who we are



Former AFL star Dean Rioli (inset) and with children at Katherine during a tour to promote the Opal non-sniffable fuel.

and what we're trying to achieve.

"My passion is child health and Aboriginal mental health and everything the Rioli Fund raises will go to research those areas."

Mr Rioli said he was particularly pleased to have AFL legend Kevin Sheedy as the ambassador for the fund.

"Kevin Sheedy has always had an involvement with Aboriginal people and we're pretty close mates. He's a very wanted man and for him to take on the ambassador role was a really great

achievement for the fund," he said.

Menzies Director Professor Jonathan Carapetis said that attempting to address the issues around Indigenous health needed a multi-pronged approach.

"We can't just rely on government support to 'fix' this problem," he said.

"The issues are of such enormity that a great deal of community and corporate backing is needed not only to raise much needed funds, but also to act as a catalyst to drive political will."

Donations can be made to the Rioli Fund for Aboriginal Health at www.rioli.org.au or by calling Lisa Stapels on (03) 9726 0551.

Since playing his final game in 2006, Dean Rioli has been coaching Aberfeldie Football Club, in the Essendon District Football League.

He has also been working for the Electrical Trades Union in Melbourne, recruiting Indigenous young people to work in the construction industry, and mentoring them through their apprenticeships.

New booklet highlights health success stories

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE

A BOOKLET launched in Perth last month highlights the success stories of 15 Aboriginal health organisations around Australia.

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) published *Success Stories in Indigenous Health* to counter the widespread notion that Indigenous health is an issue of despair and hopelessness.

"With the help of the Rio Tinto Aboriginal Foundation and the Mercy Foundation, we've gathered Aboriginal health success stories from every mainland State and Territory about how Indigenous health problems are improving and the efforts of these and other organisations are saving lives," said the organisation's national president, Roger Cook.

"These stories demonstrate that improved health outcomes will not come from any miracle cure but from the determination

of Aboriginal people to determine their own futures through community control of health services."

The success stories outlined in the 36-page booklet included 'Family Well Being' at the Apunipima Cape York Health Council, and the 'Mums and Babies' program at the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Services in Queensland.

Three programs from Western Australia were featured, including 'Nutrition at the heart of good health', from the Jalaris Aboriginal Corporation in Derby, the 'Mooditj sexual health and positive life skills', from the Family Planning Association of WA, and 'Healing Past Hurts', from the Yorgum Aboriginal Family Counselling Service in Perth.

From Victoria, the 'Good Food Great Kids' initiative from the Yarra Valley Community Health Service was highlighted, along with 'Keeping Safe with a Snake', from the Marie Stopes International Australia organisation.

The three programs from

New South Wales included the 'Healthy Housing Worker Program', from the Murdi Paaki Regional Housing Corporation, the 'Blackout Violence' campaign, in Sydney, and 'Educare', at the Southern Cross University in Lismore.

The 'Tune into Your Health' program, from the Nunkunwarrin Yunti Aboriginal Health Service in Adelaide and regional centres, and 'Healthier Community Living Longer' chronic disease self-management course at the Pika Wiya Aboriginal Health Service in Port Augusta were the two initiatives from South Australia.

The Northern and Australian Capital Territories were represented by the 'I want to be Heard' campaign from the Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service in Canberra and the 'Putting the Brakes on Petrol Sniffing' program, from the Mt Theo Yuendumu Substance Misuse Aboriginal Corporation in the Tanami Desert.

For information about the new booklet, contact ANTaR on phone 02 9555 6138 or email antar@antar.org.au



Australian Government
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Nurse Scholarship Program

Rural and Remote Undergraduate Scheme

The Rural and Remote Undergraduate Scheme is now open for applications from students intending to study in 2009.

Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA) as the Fund Administrator is seeking applications from students who live in rural and remote Australia and will be studying an accredited undergraduate or graduate entry, pre-registration (entry to practice) nursing course at an Australian University to become a Registered/Division 1 Nurse.

For full time study there are 110 scholarships available, with 10 of these specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants. Each scholarship is worth \$10,000 per year of full time nursing study, up to a maximum of \$30,000.

For Enrolled/Division 2 Nurses studying in a part time capacity to upgrade their qualification to Registered/Division 1 Nurse there are 20 scholarships available. Each scholarship is worth \$5,000 per year of part time nursing study, up to a maximum of \$25,000.

To download the application form or for further information about these scholarships please visit the RCNA web site www.rcna.org.au or call the free call number 1800 11 72 62.

This scheme will close on 11 July 2008.

For further information on nursing and midwifery in Australia, please visit www.NurseInfo.com.au.



10,000 steps towards better health



INDIGENOUS organisations in Cairns are being urged to take up a new physical activity challenge.

The Cairns 10,000 Steps Indigenous Workforce Challenge will see teams competing against each other on a 'virtual' walking trail around Cape York.

The Tropical Population Health Network (TPHN) is setting up the challenge to get Indigenous people more active.

TPHN Health Promotion Officer Rachel Gregory said the 10,000 Steps challenge was designed to help people improve their health and well-being by increasing awareness and levels of physical activity.

"Work may seem like the last

place we need to think about being physically active, but in fact there are many opportunities for physical activity at work," she said.

"These opportunities include parking the car a little further away from the office and walking that extra distance.

"You could also use the stairs instead of the lift, walk to get lunch rather than driving, and even opt to leave the car at home and walk to work at least once a week.

"There is enough evidence to show that the state of health for Indigenous Australians is far below that of the non-Indigenous population.

"Physical inactivity is fourth, after tobacco, high blood pressure and being overweight, as a risk factor for poor health.

"Work is one of the places

where we have lost much of our opportunistic activity compared to previous generations. Many of us have jobs that see us sitting at a desk all day long.

"Regular physical activity, as little as 30 minutes most days, has been shown to substantially reduce the risk of poor health.

'Key message'

"The key message of the project is for adults to accumulate 10,000 steps throughout each day."

The challenge will be conducted over six weeks, beginning on 26 May. Participants are required to wear a pedometer each day and record the number of steps they do.

Each team's steps will be added together and be used to track their progress against the

'virtual' walking trail around Cape York.

Ms Gregory said she was calling on management in Indigenous organisations to support their staff in taking up the challenge.

"Research shows that workplaces which support physical activity improve employee productivity and morale," she said.

"In addition, a physically active workplace is likely to increase job satisfaction and cut down on absenteeism and stress levels of workers."

Ms Gregory said people taking on the challenge would benefit from:

- Identifying how much activity they actually do
- Enhanced team and community spirit
- Supporting team members to encourage increased activity
- Increased energy levels
- Improved workplace relationships between management and employees.

As an incentive, small prizes will be awarded to teams that complete the challenge, record the most steps and increase the amount of activity they do over the six-week period.

Registrations for the challenge close today. Pedometers will be available via loan through the Tropical Population Health Network when entrants register their team, or can be bought through the 10,000 Steps website at www.10000steps.com.au

For more information on the Cairns 10,000 Steps Indigenous Workforce Challenge, call Ms Gregory on (07) 4050 3683.



Maleny State High School student Sarquin Hunt sits for fellow Grade 8 student Miranda McAleer, from Kingaroy State High School.



Chinchilla State High School student Gabi Mutch, 13, has her blood pressure checked by Megan Goodwin, 14, and Nicola Mavromatis, 15, also from the Chinchilla.



Dalby State High School student Oliver McInerney, 14, has his temperature checked by Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE health teacher Alison Finlayson.



HELPING local communities and approaching health with cultural sensitivity was the goal of a group of young people who converged recently on

Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE. The visit, by selected Years 8-10 students from Bundaberg to Oakey, to the Toowoomba Campus was aimed at learning more about Indigenous primary health care.

Group mentor and Toowoomba Health Service Indigenous Health Worker Alfred Orcher said he hoped to target young people interested in health careers and give them information about rewarding health professions.

"We give them exposure to training institutes early in their high school years so this helps with subject selection, providing goals to finish school, inspiration to go on to tertiary study and eventually attract dedicated health professionals to rural and remote Queensland," he said.

"It's imperative to plant the seed for a career early on, when young people are just starting to think about their career pathways, and this program encourages them to explore the opportunities available through the health industry.

"Rural and remote youth really respond to this program because it gives them a friendly introduction to possible careers and the types of training they will need.

"As part of the Health Careers in the Bush program, the Indigenous Health Careers Workshop saw 24 students chosen from 70 applicants for a five-day visit to Toowoomba, Ipswich and surrounds to investigate the jobs available in the health industry, courses available, entrance requirements, costs and the lifestyle they could expect.

"There are often feelings of loneliness



Danni McCarthy, 14, and Jo Sabatino, 13, from Charleville State High School, take a seat while (back from left) Jolene McAleer, 14, from Kingaroy State High School; Courtney Hood, 14, from Oakey State High School and Taylah Alexander, 13, from Charleville State High School, check out the blood pressure machine.

and isolation when young Indigenous people move to large centres to undertake training, so we provide a type of mentoring where they have a point of contact."

Students learnt how to take blood pressure, temperature readings, causes and symptoms of various diseases like diabetes and the importance of Indigenous primary health care staff.

Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE Indigenous Business Manager Shannon Bowe said TAFE had a lot to offer those seeking careers in the health industry.

"As well as Indigenous primary health

care, we offer certificates and diplomas in nursing, aged care, children's services, youth work, disability work, home and community care and disability work," he said.

The program was funded by Queensland Health and the workshops are conducted annually for rural and remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

For more information, contact Barbara Pershouse at the Toowoomba Campus on (07) 4694 1985 or visit the website www.sqit.tafe.qld.gov.au

Young baker is cream of the crop



A SECOND-YEAR Indigenous apprentice baker has helped Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE pick up three industry awards. Institute Director Jo Pyne has congratulated a trio of award-winning students, who were named among the State's top apprentices at the Queensland Bakery Awards in Brisbane earlier this month.

Yarrabah Bakery Indigenous employee Darrell Geary was recognised as north Queensland's best second-year apprentice at the awards.

"Jamie Conrad, a first-year apprentice from Innisfail, was awarded best first-stage apprentice and Gerard Sykes, a third-year apprentice from Townsville was awarded best in third stage," Ms Pyne said.

"Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE is north Queensland's premier bakery and pastry training provider and to have three of our students recognised for their achievements is great."

Darrell started his apprenticeship with Yarrabah Bakery in 2006 after being approached at an opportune moment.

"It was about 7am and I walked into the Yarrabah Bakery to pick up the bread order for the local service station," he said.

"The bakery was flat out and while waiting for my order, I was offered a job, right there and then, so I took it."

Darrell said he was looking forward to becoming a qualified baker and eventually operating his own business, but is content where he is for now.

"I'm really enjoying my apprenticeship, so to receive an award like this is an absolute bonus. I'm really happy."



Yarrabah Bakery employee Darrell Geary with Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE bakery teacher Peter Waters.

History focus of youth challenge



ENTRIES will soon open for the 2008 National History Challenge following the announcement last month of the Challenge theme: Australia Meets the World.

The Challenge is a research-based contest that gives students the opportunity to develop the skills of an historian through an investigation of the past. Students from Years 5 to 12 around the nation are encouraged to take part.

Winners will be rewarded with cash prizes and a trip to Canberra. Students who enter the Challenge may submit essays, museum displays or audiovisual presentations.

Through the Challenge, students can investigate their community, explore their past, examine major events that have helped Australia evolve as a nation, or formulate new ideas and theories.

Finalists from each State and Territory will be flown to Canberra to compete for the national title of the Australian Young Historian of the Year. Each finalist will receive a cash prize and a medallion.

The Australian Young Historian of the Year will receive \$500, a plaque and a certificate.

Federal Education Minister Julia Gillard said the Government believed the study of Australian history was essential and as announced in 2007, would be a key element in the new National Curriculum.

Students can register online and entries will close in August 2008.

For more information about the History Challenge and details on how to enter, visit www.historychallenge.com.au/

Smoking target of Qld program



THE Cancer Council Queensland is encouraging all Queensland schools to register for The Critics Choice anti-smoking program as soon as possible. The Critics Choice is an annual initiative of the

Australian Network on Young People and Tobacco as part of a strategy to reduce the prevalence of young people smoking.

In 2008, the Cancer Council Queensland is facilitating this program from 31 May to 19 September and hopes all Queensland schools will take part.

Schools that register for the program receive free smoking prevention resources and a DVD comprised of 12 new smoking prevention television advertisements from around the world.

Cancer Council Prevention and Early Detection Co-ordinator Rachel Adams said The Critics Choice program would be a great benefit to Queensland schools.

"We are encouraging schools to register by Friday 9 May and return their grading sheets by 19 September," she said.

"This program is especially relevant following the latest Cancer in Queensland Incidence and Mortality 1982-2005 report, which showed lung cancer is now the biggest cancer-killer in Queensland."

"Schools and individuals who enter and return their grading sheets by 19 September will be eligible to win prizes such as Sanity and Rebel Sport vouchers."

Schools interested in participating in The Critics Choice Program can call the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20 for more information.

Radio project number

In our last edition, *The Koori Mail* ran a story about the radio training project being conducted by Gadigal Radio's Koori Radio 93.7FM for schools and students in the Sydney area. Unfortunately, we were supplied with a wrong telephone number and passed it on to our readers. The correct number for inquiries is (02) 9564 5090.

Doctorate for Kev Carmody



SINGER-SONGWRITER Kev Carmody is highly respected as an advocate of Aboriginal Australia's oral

tradition of teaching and learning through storytelling.

That respect was on show when the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) conferred on him an Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University during its Autumn Graduation ceremony at the weekend.

USQ Chancellor Bobbie Brazil said the rare honour was awarded to those who had provided distinguished service to the community and/or the university.

"The case for this award is founded on the significant contributions that Kev Carmody, Aboriginal singer, songwriter, and raconteur, has made to the Australian community,"



KEV CARMODY

Ms Brazil said.

Born in 1946 on a cattle station near Goranba, some 70kms west of Dalby, Dr Carmody lived his early childhood with his Irish father and his mother, a Murri woman with kinship ties to the Bundjalung people of northern New South Wales and the

Lamalama people of the Gull Coast region.

At the age of ten, he was taken from his parents under the assimilation policy and sent to a Christian school, after which he returned to his rural roots and worked for 17 years as a country labourer.

"In his early 30s, Kev was given the opportunity to enrol in tertiary study, and chose to attend the then Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education where he completed a Bachelor of Arts degree, with honours," Ms Brazil said.

"His degree allowed him to further his life-long passion for music, storytelling, and history - interests which Kev credits to his early years spent listening to his grandparents, parents and extended family of Murri aunts, uncles and cousins. He later undertook postgraduate studies and completed a Diploma of Education from the

University of Queensland."

The success of Dr Carmody's albums *Pillars of Society*, *Eulogy (for a black man)* and *Bloodlines* have confirmed him as one of the most respected singer-songwriters in the country.

His music is described by critics as powerful and adventurous.

Dr Carmody has received many awards, including the Country Music Association of Australia Heritage Award for the joint Paul Kelly/Kev Carmody composition *From Little Things, Big Things Grow*, awarded in 1994. With two other artists, he received, in 2001, the Australian Film Industry Open Craft Award in a Non-Feature Film for an Original Score, and at the 2005 Deadly Awards, received the Jimmy Little Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music Award.

Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities

Building a future

A CENTRAL Australian training program is helping to satisfy the needs of the region's construction industry and the ambitions of six Indigenous students.

Charles Darwin University (CDU) has teamed up with construction company NT Link, Federal industry body Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and recruitment agency Job Find to fast-track Indigenous trainees into the construction and transport sectors.

IBA views the pilot project as a potential industry training model.

Six students are into their first month refurbishing NT Link's portable homes destined for NT communities while completing accelerated and customised qualifications from CDU.

Another trainee is completing fast-tracked program learning to maintain NT Link's trucking fleet.

The university says the customised training programs have resulted in highly productive trainees, excellent retention rates and a demonstrated example of education and industry working to achieve mutual outcomes.

CDU lecturer and local building identity Bob Benson mentors the construction students and said the program addressed their cultural and financial needs.

"The university has designed a program to suit the young men, recognising their culture and the fact that many are married, have children and can't afford to go back to an apprentice-based wage," he said.

"They're earning and learning from day one and are putting in the hard yards to achieve something."

And Mr Benson has confidence in his students.

"I genuinely believe they could take charge of parts of this project because they've demonstrated work ethic, skills and leadership qualities that I wanted when I was working in local industry here," he said.

Mr Benson works with CDU Trades Central Program Manager (Alice Springs) Justin Busse to select units across CDU's certificates in construction that are linked to the tasks of refurbishing the donga buildings.

The students are working towards specific skills sets and competencies in demand by the agencies involved, rather than learning a general range of skill that may not be relevant to their current tasks.

This tailored training allows other competencies to be added as the need arises in their employment.

Eight students entered the course, with the remaining six now emerging as role models for Indigenous students.

Mr Benson said their ability to lead and supervise future Indigenous students would be central to the program's success.

"They've told me they want to lead and teach others by running their own little businesses or supervising others within a few years," he said. "I honestly believe they can achieve this."

Mr Benson keeps the men motivated by rotating them through tasks and responsibilities. Each student is encouraged to 'take the reins' on a project or task and challenged to manage the others and find improved methods of their work.

"By giving them the incentive, and letting them run the show and standing behind the scenes, I give these guys the opportunity to show off their skills, pride and build their confidence," Mr Benson said. "Most of these men are initiated so I treat them direct as men and leaders, and find I am getting good results."

Students are assessed on site by Mr Busse.

Mr Benson also spends a set period each week discussing the students' work and achievements.

"There are always different approaches to tasks and I let them take the lead to reflect on what could be improved," he said.

NT Link Project Manager Peter Lynch said his company was impressed with the program. "We are definitely seeing encouraging results with our students here at the yard because they are punctual, think for themselves and are keen to learn," he said.

Trainee Tyrone Lynch (no relation to Peter) started the program at NT Link's headquarters, learning about truck trailer maintenance, and said he was enjoying the experience. "I'm learning a lot here, really enjoying my time and it's busy here every day and I'm always looking ahead to make sure the workplace is safe and tidy," he said.

Director of Remote Training at CDU Paul Fitzsimons said training transitions to full-time jobs was a crucial aspect of the university's training.

"It's about students getting paid from day one and when they are competent, it's going to be a seamless transition for



Student Tyrone Lynch discussing plans with CDU lecturer Bob Benson and NT Link Project Manager Peter Lynch.



Council worker and CDU student Andrew Alum with Tennant Creek Mayor Randall Gould, council Manager Louise Riddell and CDU Lecturer Lex Martin.

Photos courtesy of Charles Darwin University

them to enter the workforce," he said.

"And we are starting to see results thanks to the backing and input of industry and IBA's relationships that are as important to us as the relationships with our students."

"After building a relationship between the employer, employee and trainer, CDU believes in building on the strengths of both industry and the employees to maximise productivity."

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Indigenous Adviser

\$60 770 to \$66 050 (AO5)

- Closing date: 12 May 2008
- VRN: CMC 25/08

The CMC works with public agencies to reduce misconduct and promote a trustworthy public sector.

We are looking for an **Indigenous Adviser** to assist staff from the CMC's research and prevention and complaints units deal with misconduct issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The person must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

If you can communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and have experience in contributing to education and liaison programs, this may be the position for you. You will also need a sound knowledge of Indigenous culture and the issues that impact upon Indigenous people in the criminal justice system. The position is located in Brisbane, and some travel to Indigenous communities throughout Queensland may be necessary.

For more information, please contact Deanna Belzer, Research and Prevention on telephone (07) 3360 6336 or 1800 061 611 (toll free in Queensland outside Brisbane), or email Deanna.Belzer@cmc.qld.gov.au.

Under section 25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, it is a genuine occupational requirement that the position be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

CRIME AND MISCONDUCT COMMISSION



Applying for jobs at the CMC

1. Go to our website and download the position description, application cover sheet and applicant information booklet for more information about the position and how to apply.
2. Write a response addressing each of the selection criteria contained within the position description.
3. Send your application including your CV and responses to the selection criteria and quoting the vacancy reference number, by 5 pm of the closing date to:

The Human Resources Manager, Crime and Misconduct Commission
GPO Box 3123, BRISBANE QLD 4001

Or by email to hr@cmc.qld.gov.au

4. Applications will remain current for 32 months and may be used to fill other similar vacancies.
- Note:** Preferred applicants will be required to undergo stringent security vetting, which includes making financial disclosures, prior to an offer of employment.

The CMC values all employees and is an equal employment opportunity employer. It aims to have a workforce that is representative of the wider community.

Prospective applicants are informed that the CMC will be relocating to new premises in Fortitude Valley in the second half of 2008.

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RESEARCH FELLOW

ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences
Research School of Social Sciences
Australian Centre for Indigenous History
History Program
Academic Level B

Salary Range: \$68,767 - \$81,135 plus 17% super

Reference: 554774

The Australian Centre for Indigenous History in the History Program, Research School of Social Sciences, is seeking a Research Fellow to undertake research in the field of Australian Indigenous history and to play a role in developing future research, research funding and post-graduate teaching directions for the Centre. The applicant would have post-graduate training and a track record in Australian Indigenous history. The successful applicant would also be expected to act as Deputy Director of ACIH and to contribute to student supervision.

The Australian Centre for Indigenous History (ACIH) is involved in projects that emphasise a collaborative approach to historical research with local Indigenous communities, and scholars from a range of disciplines. The Centre undertakes major research projects on Indigenous modes of historical practice, on Indigenous collectors and collecting, health, biography and autobiography, and archaeology. It has collaborated in museum exhibitions and several documentary films on a range of historical themes. It hosts the scholarly journal *Aboriginal History*, and benefits from a range of Program Visitors and Adjunct Professors who are leaders in the field of Indigenous history. It also hosts visiting international and national visiting scholars. The scholarly environment will be complemented by the new National Centre for Biography, which includes the Australian Dictionary of Biography. ACIH also works with the National Centre for Indigenous Studies directed by Professor Mick Dodson AM.

The Australian National University, as part of the University's Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy, is making this position available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. This is authorised in accordance with Section 27 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* (ACT).

Selection Criteria: <http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/jobs/> or from Donna Fruzynski, T: 02 6125 3013, E: donna.fruzynski@anu.edu.au

Enquiries: Director of the Australian Centre for Indigenous History, Professor Ann McGrath T: 02 6125 4850 E: ann.mcgrath@anu.edu.au

Closing Date: Friday 23 May 2008

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Art Centre Coordinator

Are you open to being the first manager of Kempsey's Aboriginal Art Centre?

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Applications must address the selection criteria for this position. To discuss the position and obtain a recruitment package contact Bernard Goldman on 49 720 446 or 0427 710 155 or by email: bernard.goldman@bigpond.com or Kerri Riddington 02 65624919 or by email: kriddington@dmr.org.au
Closing date: 19th May 2008.



OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION

Litigation Support Clerk, Civil Law

Clerk Grade 3/4, Haymarket, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number CV08/088.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) includes salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Provide high level admin legal support to solicitors including conducting some straightforward attendances at court, research matters of law, preparation & coordination of court documentation & liaising with clients & other stakeholders

Selection Criteria: Knowledge of legal systems and processes. Knowledge of, or capacity to quickly acquire knowledge of relevant court procedures and Commission policies and procedures. Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to prepare letters, draft submissions and other documents. Sound legal research and analytical skills. High level administrative and computer skills. Ability to meet deadlines, work without close supervision and to manage a diverse and substantial workload. Strong interpersonal skills and an ability to provide quality customer service in a high volume work environment and the ability to work in a small team, to take initiative and to problem solve. Proven capacity to identify and understand legal and cross cultural issues in particular those affecting older persons and socially and economically disadvantaged people.

Notes: Temporary full-time position available for period of 12 months under Section 27, or 86 of the PSE&M Act, 2002. The position may be regarded as a developmental opportunity for applicants who may be approaching completion of a law degree or for a law student in the later stages of a degree.

Inquiries: Monique Hitter (02) 9219 5828.

Information Packages: Mary Healy-North (02) 9219 5656.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Jenny Del Rio, Human Resources Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket NSW 1238 or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 09 May 2008.



New South Wales Government



NSW Aboriginal Housing Office

ABORIGINAL HOUSING OFFICE

The NSW Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) plans, administers and manages the policies, programs and asset base for the Aboriginal housing sector in NSW. The AHO is responsible for resource allocation, sector wide policy, strategic planning and monitoring housing outcomes and performance in the sector.

Director Corporate Services, Senior Officer Level 1, Parramatta, Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No AHO08/138.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$140,623 p.a. (\$118,519-\$127,708)

Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Lead, direct and manage corporate services activities and organisational development strategies to support the work of the AHO.

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes in relation to the position. Demonstrated success in managing the full range of corporate support services. Proven superior analytical and conceptual skills to provide strategic advice and to facilitate agency outcomes. Demonstrated leadership, negotiation, conflict resolution skills to manage complex programs, finance, organisational change and industrial matters. Knowledge and understanding of relevant legislation and practices applying to the position. Demonstrated commitment and capacity to lead, implement and promote Government equity policy. Demonstrated expertise to advise on complex corporate services frameworks.

Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for the period from 16 June 2008 to 22 August 2008.

Inquiries: Joseph Stanecki (02) 8836 9456

Email: joseph.stanecki@aho.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Margaret Pires (02) 8836 9413 or (02) 8836 9444

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Housing Office PO Box W5, Parramatta NSW 2150. Fax (02) 9635 7695 or email: ahorecruitment@aho.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 16 May 2008.

Youth Engagement Program Officer

We need your ability to develop and implement large scale youth engagement programs. You will be responsible for working in conjunction with various education systems (high school and tertiary) to engage young Australians around the country in social justice issues and empower them to contribute to positive change.

Your excellent interpersonal, collaborative, and coordination skills and your ability to engage young people (upper high school) will be reflected in your experience of developing frameworks through which young people have been successfully inspired and motivated to take action.

Please visit www.oxfam.org.au/jobs for details. Closes 20 May.

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The University of Sydney

Administrative Assistant Traineeship

Learning Solutions

Reference No. 127725

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For more information or to apply online, please visit <http://positions.usyd.edu.au> and search by reference number 127725. Specific enquiries about the role can be directed to Leona Oliver on (02) 9351 6298. General enquiries can be directed to Vanessa Lascano Fierro on (02) 9036 7801.

Closing Date:

18 May 2008



Education and Training

ACT Department of Education and Training Indigenous Education Positions

The Department of Education and Training is committed to improving the educational outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students within the ACT public education system. The Department is seeking outstanding individuals to join vibrant teams committed to achieving excellence in Indigenous education.

Indigenous Literacy and Numeracy Team Leader

School Leader C

PN: 01971, Salary: \$83,539, Canberra

Curriculum Support and Professional Learning
Literacy and Numeracy Section

Duties: Lead the Indigenous Literacy and Numeracy Officers and provide professional development and advice to schools on literacy and numeracy issues for Indigenous students. Access and disseminate current research on literacy and numeracy issues for Indigenous students. Analyse system data and identify trends and outcomes of programs.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: A minimum of four years fulltime (or equivalent) tertiary study leading to the award of a recognised school teaching qualification. A current working knowledge and understanding of Indigenous people's cultures and issues and an ability to effectively communicate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is required.

Note: Indigenous people are encouraged to apply for this position. The successful applicant will have office-based conditions including four weeks annual leave and access to flextime.

Contact Officer: Julie McLaren (02) 6205 9179

Selection documentation may be downloaded from <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au/>

Applications can be sent via email to: jobs@act.gov.au or by post to Shared Services Centre,

Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158,
Canberra City ACT 2601

Applications close: 22 May 2008

Student Aspirations Team Leader

School Leader C

PN: 14134, Salary: \$83,539, Canberra

Education

Schools Northern Canberra

Indigenous Policy and Organisational Practice

Duties: The Indigenous Student Aspirations team will provide support to Indigenous students in Years 6-12 and to school-based staff to develop personalised student learning, mentoring, and student pathways plans to foster student engagement and achievement. This team leader position requires a sound knowledge of procedures for student pathways planning and proven experience working with young people and their families, including advocacy for students.

Eligibility/other requirements: A minimum of four years full time (or equivalent) tertiary study leading to the award of a recognised school teaching qualification. A current working knowledge and understanding of Indigenous people's cultures and issues and an ability to effectively communicate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is required.

Note: Indigenous people are encouraged to apply for this position. The successful applicant will have office-based conditions including 4 weeks annual leave and access to flextime.

Contact Officer: Phill Nean (02) 6205 9189

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Canberra City ACT 2601

Applications close: 22 May 2008

Administrative Services Officer

Student Aspirations Team

Administrative Services Officer Class 4

PN: 14131, Salary: \$51,554-\$55,974, Canberra

Education

Schools Northern Canberra

Indigenous Policy and Organisational Practice

Duties: This position will provide operational and administrative support to a small team, including the preparation of reports and maintenance of physical and computerised records.

Note: Indigenous people are encouraged to apply for this position.

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Canberra City ACT 2601

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DIFFICULTIES ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Executive Manager

Salary: \$65,000 - \$70,760 + package

The Executive Manager will be responsible for overall leadership, coordination and strategic planning and development of the organisation, while driving growth through a strategic business focus and ensuring efficient and effective support for the implementation of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Programme.

The successful candidate must have exceptional management skills and experience, in knowledge of Human Resource practices, financial management including budget requirements. Contact Lesley on (08) 8923 6666 for Selection Criteria

Applications Close: 22 May 2008.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply.



DASH- DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, SPORT AND RECREATION
Australian Museum

INDIGENOUS ASSISTANT EDUCATION OFFICER

Clerk Grade 1, Position Number TMP463/08. Temporary, full-time for up to two (2) years. Total remuneration package valued at up to \$52,617 p.a., including salary (\$46,320 - 47,682), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The position holder is required to work with the Learning Services Unit staff in communicating Indigenous and other NSW syllabus-linked programs to a variety of audiences. **Selection Criteria:** Applicants must identify with and be accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Tertiary teaching qualifications in a relevant HSIE, Science or Indigenous field, at Primary or Secondary level. Understanding and knowledge of Aboriginal history, heritage issues and Indigenous studies. Understanding and commitment to environmental education. Effective team work and ability to meet deadlines. Understanding of technologies appropriate for the design and delivery of curriculum and ability to develop learning materials in Science or HSIE Learning Areas. Ability to communicate with a variety of audiences. Excellent customer service and presentation skills. Demonstrated computer skills.

Notes: An applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. This is a temporary position with appointment/employment under Section 24, 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 for up to two (2) years. It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 2007 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Applicants must complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration, and Consent forms attached. The recommended applicant will be subject to a working with Children Check. Verification of tertiary qualifications is a requirement of employment.

Inquires: Jenny Horder, telephone: 02 9320 6187 or jenny.horder@austmus.gov.au

Information Packages: Access at www.australianmuseum.net.au

Applications marked 'Confidential' to: Human Resources Officer, Human Resources, Australian Museum, 6 College St, SYDNEY NSW 2010 or email hr@austmus.gov.au

Closing date: 23/May/08.



The University of Sydney

Administrative Assistant Traineeship

Learning Solutions
Reference No. 127725

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Closing Date:
18 May 2008

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Early Childhood Facilitator Brighter Futures - Gosford

We are seeking an experienced Early Childhood Facilitator interested in challenging work that touches the lives of many families.

This position requires relevant qualifications or work experience with children and families, effective communication skills and ability to form strong relationships with children, families and child care services, experience delivering developmentally appropriate play based programs for children 0-5 years and a drivers licence.

For further information please contact Jessyiah Flower on 6848 9768 or email jflower@burnside.org.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

Applications close on Wednesday 14 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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Principal Land Officer

Service Delivery, North Region, Indigenous Services

(Temporary for two years)

Natural Resources and Water

Salary: \$78 020 - \$83 656 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/NRW6077/08

Key Duties: Lead the delivery of Indigenous Services sub-output functions to ensure that future outcomes under the Eastern Yalanji Indigenous Land Use Agreements are achieved. Prepare submissions, briefs, notes and contribute to the development of legislation and associated policy, work practices and guidelines, on Indigenous Services sub-output issues and major projects including state land administration and sustainable land management.

Enquiries: Neil Cambouris (07) 40573368

Closing Date: Monday, 12 May 2008

Senior Project Officer

Service Delivery, North Region, Indigenous Services

(Temporary for three years)

Natural Resources and Water

Salary: \$60 770 - \$66 050 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/NRW6235/08

Key Duties: Under-take multi-disciplinary policy research including the collection, interpretation and analysis of a wide range of information on policy, legislative and business frameworks. Prepare, edit or contribute substantially to briefs, reports, discussion papers and submissions and advise on and present their information and outcomes. Represent the Department at a range of meetings with a broad range of clients.

Enquiries: Greg Bortolucci (07) 4057 3031

Closing Date: Monday, 19 May 2008

Police Liaison Officer

Central Region

Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$37 910 - \$40 592 p.a. (\$22 098 - \$33 407 p.a. if under 21 years of age)

Location: Mackay

REF: PO194/08

Enquiries: Nigel Dalton (07) 4968 3570

Closing Date: Monday, 12 May 2008

Youth Worker (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Two permanent full time positions available. Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Salary: \$38 067 - \$40 566 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/COM6158/08

Key Duties: Supervise, support young people in compliance with court orders and reintegration into the community.

Skills and Abilities: Liaise, consult with stakeholders and services of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to implement youth justice interventions. Maintain records of program attendance, preparation of reports.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Tuesday, 20 May 2008

Ranger (Indigenous Identified)

Terrestrial Parks, Queensland Parks and Wildlife

(Identified - Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants are able to apply for this role)

Environmental Protection Agency

Salary: \$38 066 - \$40 566 p.a.

Location: Taunton National Park

REF: QLD/ENS973/08

Key Duties: Maintain visitor areas, walking tracks and signs. Operate various plant and equipment. Assist with fire, weed and pest animal programs.

Skills and Abilities: Able to work in a team.

Enquiries: (07) 4938 6906 or E-Mail: hr.mak@shadeservices.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 16 May 2008

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Managing Director

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T: 6205 4928



Indigenous Family Violence Time Out Project-U Turn Service Worker - Shepparton

Rural Housing Network Limited (RHNL) is a leading provider of social and community housing services within the Hume region of Victoria, providing housing services to over 6000 people annually.

Addressing Family Violence

The Hume Indigenous Family Violence Time Out Service (U Turn) is being established as part of the Victorian Indigenous Family Violence Strategy which aims to prevent, reduce and respond to family violence in Victorian Indigenous communities.

The U Turn service will be established as a dedicated Indigenous men's family violence program of Rural Housing Network Limited, which will auspice program funding on behalf of the project partners. This arrangement will be supported by a reference group including project partners who will ensure Indigenous representation in the development, establishment, delivery and evaluation of the service.

U Turn service activities will focus on early intervention, accommodation options and case management services to Indigenous men involved in family violence (victims and perpetrators), across the region.

The qualities we seek

Understanding of Indigenous history, culture and society
Understanding of Indigenous family violence and related issues
Experience in crisis intervention and case management approaches
Negotiation, advocacy and brokerage skills
Experience in working with Indigenous men or communities

What we offer

A full time position with remuneration under the Social and Community Services Award, range Class 1 Year 1 (\$36,062 p.a.) to Class 2 Year 3 (\$46,930 p.a.)

Salary packaging

Extensive training and professional development opportunities

Work / life balance

Position description and other relevant information may be obtained from our Wodonga office on 02 6055 9000.

Applications close at: 5.00 pm on Monday, 19th May 2008.

Manager Access Clerk Grade 9/10

Total remuneration package is up to \$96,295 per annum (Salary: \$79,188 to \$87,263 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Reference: DADHC-08-12494

The NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care is embarking on a new direction for disability services, as part of our Stronger Together initiative. This initiative promotes community inclusion, flexible services and practical solutions to enhance the lives of people with a disability, their families and carers.

The Manager Access leads and manages a team of case managers and/or therapists to deliver service quality outcomes for people with a disability, their families and carers.

We are seeking people for this exciting new position, which is available in the Southern Region of NSW. The positions are located at:

- Wollongong - Case Management x 2
- Wollongong - Specialist Support Team x 2
- Nowra - Specialist Support Team x 1

To apply for these roles you must have a current driver's licence.

Applicants should nominate their preferred location. Previous applicants will need to re-apply.

For full details of these positions and how to apply, please visit DADHC's website www.dadhc.com/employment or phone 1800 185 466.

Applications close 16 May 2008

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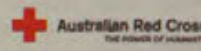
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Your core values and principles are in alignment with Red Cross Fundamental Principles and your unique set of skills and attributes provides you with the ability to engage, influence and manage a diverse and complex group of private and government stakeholders.

To obtain a job information pack email elaine.charlton@hudson.com quoting

Ref. No. OTHR/WR/00407. Enquiries can be made to Elaine Charlton at Hudson in our

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Applications close: Friday, 16th May 2008.

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- two years community services experience working with Aboriginal children & families
- a passion for working with children.

Aboriginal caseworkers must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal. *For further information refer to job pack at www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers. ^A Required to work within an on-call roster system.

Join us now.

For more information and to apply visit
www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers
or phone 9716 2354

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 16 May 2008



**Australian Government
Attorney-General's Department**

NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL Expressions of Interest

The National Native Title Tribunal is established under the *Native Title Act 1993*. Members have a range of functions including mediating native title claims, assisting parties to negotiate agreements (such as indigenous land use agreements), and mediating and arbitrating in relation to proposed future acts (such as the grant of a mining lease). Members may also be required to conduct reviews or inquiries into issues connected with native title claims, and reconsider native title claims that have not been registered. Members have important roles in the corporate business of the Tribunal and in community liaison and education.

To be eligible for appointment, a person must:

- be able to satisfy the statutory qualifications in section 110 of the Act
- demonstrate dispute resolution and decision-making skills that would assist parties to reach agreement expeditiously
- demonstrate high level communication, conceptual and analytical skills, and
- possess a capacity to develop and sustain effective working relations with a diverse range of people, and an understanding of cross-cultural issues.

Expressions of interest are sought from persons interested in being considered for appointment as a full-time member of the Tribunal in the following locations

- Melbourne
- Brisbane
- Cairns

It is anticipated that commencement will be between August 2008 and early 2009. Indigenous Australians and women are encouraged to apply.

Applicants should be aware that a significant amount of the Tribunal's work is in Queensland, and should be prepared to travel as necessary.

Applicants should reside in the location where the position applied for is based.

Information for applicants

Information about the Tribunal is available at www.nntt.gov.au. Information about the positions and how to apply is available at www.ag.gov.au/NNTTEmployment or can be requested by telephoning (02) 6250 6669 or emailing nntt.appointments@ag.gov.au.

After considering this information, any inquiries should be directed to the Administrative Law and Civil Procedure Branch, Attorney-General's Department, on (02) 6250 6669.

Expressions of Interest should be sent to nntt.appointments@ag.gov.au by 6 June 2008.



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INDIGENOUS PROJECT COORDINATOR

Position Description

An exciting opportunity exists for a self-motivated and resourceful individual to join a leading and dynamic arts organisation. Melbourne Workers Theatre seeks a motivated, energetic and committed arts worker to join our team as Indigenous Project Coordinator.

A demonstrated understanding and knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and communities is essential.

Additional Information and Terms of Employment

MWT has been producing professional theatre for almost 21 years. The company is honoured to be one of a select few nationwide companies to participate in the Australia Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board's Showcasing the Best strategy.

As part of this strategy MWT has developed the Indigenous Project Coordinator position to work alongside the General Manager and Artistic Director to oversee the coordination of the strategy as well as to develop an Indigenous cultural protocol.

Employed Part time (30 hours per week) \$42,000 per annum pro rata. Standard superannuation, holiday pay and work cover apply.

Applications Close: Friday 23 May 2008

To obtain a copy of the position description and selection criteria: Please contact info@melbourneworkerstheatre.com or 03 9326 6667

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



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Careers in Health

Medical/Specialist

Senior Staff Specialist or Staff Specialist (Public Health Physician)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Unit (supported by the Clinical Practice and Improvement Centre), Brisbane, Office of the Director-General, Remuneration value up to \$178,995 p.a., comprising salary rates: \$74,76 - \$79,26 p.h. (L25 to L27) or Remuneration value up to \$167,016 p.a., comprising salary rates: \$65,52 - \$72,62 p.h. (L18 to L24), employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%), annual leave loading (17.5%), relocation assistance is negotiable, private use of fully maintained vehicle, communications package, professional development allowance and 3.6 weeks p.a. leave, professional indemnity cover, private practice arrangements plus overtime and on-call allowances (Part time position, 40 hrs p.f. Applications will remain current for 12 months.)

JAR: H08HL380. Duties/Abilities: Improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders by leading the development of specific strategies to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health that require high levels of clinical or population health knowledge. See role description for more details.

Enquiries: Haylene Grogan (07) 3234 0760.

Application Kit: (07) 3234 1319 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 26 May 2008.

Nursing

Clinical Nurse (Generalist) - Community Health Services, Cherbourg Community Health Centre, West Moreton South Burnett Health Service District, Remuneration value up to \$74,493 p.a., comprising salary between \$60,945 - \$65,289 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (Nurse Grade 6) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H08SB0405. Duties/Abilities: Provide family health care in a specified geographical area using a Primary Health Care model for client based clinical care, community development and health promotion.

Enquiries: Christine Stewart (07) 4169 8900.

Application Kit: (07) 4162 9186 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 26 May 2008.

Corporate Support Services

Director - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Unit, Brisbane, Office of the Director-General. Total remuneration value \$109,986 - \$114,520 p.a. (SO2) JAR: H08HL381. Duties/Abilities: Provide leadership, specialist advice and commentary on the provision and performance of health services for Indigenous people, and on programs to improve Indigenous health status, to the Minister, Director General, Senior Director and senior and executive management across Queensland Health and other state government departments. As Australia's third largest city, thousands of people move to Brisbane each year in search of better jobs, more opportunities and a relaxed lifestyle. Brisbane city is young and vibrant, containing a variety of shopping experiences and entertainment, including theatres and fine dining. The Gold Coast's sandy beaches and hinterland are only an hour's drive away from central Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast, to the north, is within a one and half hour's drive.

Enquiries: Haylene Grogan (07) 3234 0760.

Application Kit: (07) 3234 1319 (Info-line) or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 26 May 2008.

You can apply online at

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

A criminal history check may be conducted on the successful person for the job. A non-working policy applies to Queensland Government public, officers and senior officials.

Link-Up Out of Home Care Case Manager 35hr per week position Grade 6

Essential Criteria: Aboriginality; Service management experience; Staff supervision skills and experience; Demonstrated knowledge of OOH requirements; Experience in monitoring and evaluation of case management; Experience in delivering training; Demonstrated experience in program evaluation and reporting; Good understanding of project budget management; Current drivers licence; Flexible and well organised; Understanding of OH&S; Demonstrated communication skills; Understanding of the issues that affect Aboriginal children and young people in care.

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Only applicants meeting all essential criteria will be considered. This position is covered by SACS award paid according to MCRN above award rates.

For enquiries and/or job packages: Contact Tracey Keever-Keller, telephone: 02 47591911.

Applications to: Link-Up Employment committee PO Box 93 Lawson NSW 2783.

Applications close: 23rd May 2008.

MARRICKVILLE council

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Mobile Children's Services Assistant

(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Identified Position)

• P/T 10 hrs/wk • \$9k - \$10k + Super + Bonus

The Magic Yellow Bus mobile service is a unique and innovative service for children and families living in the Marrickville area. You are enthusiastic and committed to working with families and children aged between 0 - 12 years. You will have good communication skills as well as a professional and ethical approach to work. You may be required to work additional hours. This is a child related employment.

For a Job Info Pack, visit www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au or telephone (02) 6205 2415. Apply by 15/05/08, quoting Ref. 55655 and following the instructions to your pack.

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Are you looking for challenging, exciting and rewarding careers in Aboriginal Health, working with a supportive, progressive and welcoming team.

ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKERS

Three full time Aboriginal Health Worker positions are now available in our Social and Emotional Wellbeing Program (SEWB) in Bourke.

Aboriginal Health Worker with a Focus on Alcohol & Other Drugs
Level 2/1 to 2/3 must have a certificate in Aboriginal Health and at least 1 years previous experience and qualifications in Primary Health Care or equivalent eg: Enrolled Nurse.

Level 3/1 to 3/3 must have a certificate in Aboriginal Health and at least 2 years previous experience and qualifications in Primary Health Care or equivalent eg: Enrolled Nurse.

Level 4/1 to 4/3 must have a diploma or degree in Aboriginal Health and at least 3 years previous experience and qualifications in Primary Health Care or equivalent eg: Registered Nurse.

Aboriginal Health Worker with a Focus on Social and Emotional Wellbeing (gender specific - male)

Level 3/1 to 3/3 must have a certificate in Aboriginal Health and at least 2 years previous experience and qualifications in Primary Health Care or equivalent eg: Enrolled Nurse.

Level 4/1 to 4/3 must have a diploma or degree in Aboriginal Health and at least 3 years previous experience and qualifications in Primary Health Care or equivalent eg: Registered Nurse.

Aboriginal Health Worker with a Focus on Sexual Health
Level 3/1 to 3/3 must have a certificate in Aboriginal Health and at least 2 years previous experience and qualifications in Primary Health Care or equivalent eg: Enrolled Nurse.

Level 4/1 to 4/3 must have a diploma or degree in Aboriginal Health and at least 3 years previous experience and qualifications in Primary Health Care or equivalent eg: Registered Nurse.

Note: Relevant training available for all AHW positions.

To apply for any of the above positions, please obtain the relevant "Employment Application Package"

Inquiries to: Jane Williams or Ann-Maria Thomas.

Ph: (02) 68 723 088

Bourke Aboriginal Health Service

PO Box 362

Bourke NSW 2840

Applications close: 4pm on Friday 16th May 2008.

Note:

1. Please ensure that you follow the guidelines of the "Employment Application Package" and address all criteria as requested. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.
2. All positions are Aboriginal Identified - (An applicant must be a genuine occupational qualification authorised under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 NSW).
3. Under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 it is an offence for a prohibited person to apply for the SEWB position.



BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

Lecturer/Course Coordinator - Nursing

Position No.: 14680

Fixed term appointment for 3 years - Batchelor/Alice Springs, NT

Remuneration Academic Level B - \$67,006 - \$79,670

This position is responsible for the development of resources and delivery of the Nursing degree workshops on campus, regions and clinical placements. Close liaison with relevant agencies and local community services infrastructure. Travel is an essential requirement of the position.

Manager - Policy and Planning

Position No.: New position

Fixed term appointment for 3 years commencing June 2008 - Batchelor, NT

Remuneration Administrative Officer Level 8BI - \$81,873 - \$85,112

The Institute requires the services of a Policy and Planning Manager who will contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of high quality policy and planning to ensure the Institute maximizes its resources to facilitate effective and efficient policy and planning frameworks. For more information about this position, please contact Peter Garrigan on 0419 008 738.

Projects Officer

Position No.: New position

Permanent appointment commencing June 2008 - Batchelor, NT

Remuneration Administrative Officer Level 6BI - \$65,607 - \$73,342

The Institute requires the services of a Projects Officer to provide a research, project management and general senior administrative service to the Policy, Planning and Secretariat Division. For more information about this position, please contact Peter Garrigan on 0419 008 738.

Executive Assistant

Position No.: New position

Permanent appointment commencing June 2008 - Batchelor, NT

Remuneration Administrative Officer Level 4BI - \$50,698 - \$57,809

We are currently seeking an experienced Executive Assistant to provide effective, efficient and professional secretarial and administrative management support to the Head of the Policy, Planning and Secretariat Division. For more information about this position, please contact Peter Garrigan on 0419 008 738.

Applications close Friday 16 May 2008

For further information, the Selection Criteria's and the information for applicants sheet are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email 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 (AQUA 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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North Coast Institute

Executive Assistant (Aboriginal)

Part-time 17.5 h/w

Lismore Campus

Temporary for up to 3 years

Job Reference No: 08/060/NCI

Salary: Package \$31,285 pa

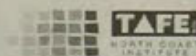
salary (\$25,892 - \$28,351)

Duties: To provide executive assistance to the Director, North Coast Aboriginal Learning Partnerships.

Information Package: Applicants must obtain an information package as it contains selection criteria and other details. Please call the Recruitment Officer 1800 008 233 or download www.nci.tafensw.edu.au

Closing Date: 30 May 2008

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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING OFFICER

Full Time

We are seeking a self-motivated person to join our professional team in Berimah. The successful applicant will be required to develop the corporation's current and future commercial business opportunities, assist in strategic business planning, research funding opportunities and develop new funding proposals for community based activities, media and promotional development.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons are encouraged to apply

For a copy of the Job & Person Specification please contact Ms. Mary Anne Ryan on (08) 89350116. For any other enquiries please contact Mr. John Nal-Smith CEO on (08) 89350116 or via e-mail to john.nal-smith@yillihousing.com.au

Remuneration is dependent on experience.

Applications are to be marked private and confidential, and should be addressed to:

The Administration Officer

Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation

PO Box 36998 Winnellie NT 0821

Applications close: 4.00pm Monday 19th May 2008.



ACT Department of Education and Training

Education and Training

TEACHING IN CANBERRA A Capital Choice!

Teachers

Applications are being sought from suitably qualified teachers for employment in 2009 across all learning areas.

ACT Public Schools

The ACT's co-educational and non-selective schools offer exciting teaching opportunities for enthusiastic teachers. Our public schools are creative communities, located on extensive grounds with first-rate facilities.

Schools in Canberra offer a range of different educational settings including:

- Years P-2 (early childhood schools)
- Years P-6 (primary schools)
- Years P-10 (primary/middle/high schools)
- Years 7-10 (high schools)
- Years 11-12 (secondary colleges)

Special schools (for students with moderate and severe disabilities)

Qualified teachers are needed in all subject areas.

Particular areas of need include technology, mathematics, science, music, languages, special education (including autism), student support (student management specialists), hospitality and teacher librarianship.

School counsellors

School counselling (school psychologists) is a particular area of need. The recruitment process for counsellors is ongoing and separate to the Recruitment Round. Information and applications are available online at:

http://www.det.act.gov.au/employment/teach_in_canberra/recruitment

Employment Opportunities

Employment is offered on a merit basis to successful applicants who will be offered permanent or temporary employment.

Only applicants who have a minimum of four years full-time (or equivalent) tertiary study leading to an award of a recognised school teaching qualification are eligible for permanent appointment.

Attractive Employment Conditions

Teachers in the ACT enjoy favourable conditions of employment including a generous superannuation scheme, cumulative paid personal leave, annual leave bonus, parenting leave and 14 weeks paid maternity leave, salary packaging opportunities, and a comprehensive induction and orientation program.

The salary for four year trained classroom teachers ranges from \$52,128 to \$74,279. The ACT provides recognition of prior experience and additional qualifications for starting salary purposes.

Development Opportunities

ACT teachers have excellent professional development opportunities with access to a range of professional development programs, both in school and within the system including professional development support for beginning teachers.

For further information go to the Teaching in Canberra website: www.TeachCanberra.act.gov.au

Submitting an Application

Applications must be submitted on the application form - Application for Employment Classroom Teacher 2008-2009.

This form and an information package may be obtained by registering your intention to apply on-line at:

http://www.det.act.gov.au/employment/teach_in_canberra/recruitment

Applications must be received by close of business June 20 2008

The ACT Public Service is an equal opportunity employer. Legislation prohibits unlawful discrimination and promotes equality of access to employment.

The ACT Public Service strongly supports, recognises and values the diversity of cultures within the Australian community. Indigenous Australians, people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with a disability are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be either Australian citizens or have permanent resident status.

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department of disability,
housing & community services

Applicants should note that Selection Documents and Application Packages including referee report proformas are available on the ACT Governments website at: <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au>

Housing and Community Services

Public Housing Reforms Implementation Team

SENIOR POLICY OFFICER

Senior Officer Grade C

Salary Range: \$78,627-\$84,777

Canberra (PN: 14397)

The Senior Policy Officer is responsible for researching and developing strategic and operational policies and guidelines and undertaking high level project work associated with the implementation of public housing reforms. The position will assist the Director, Public Housing Reforms Implementation Team with several projects to improve the response of public housing to issues faced by tenants and prospective tenants who are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Relevant tertiary qualifications highly desirable; current driver's licence.

Contact Officer: Deborah Skelton (02) 6207 1401

Applications can be sent via email to: jobs@act.gov.au or by post to

Shared Services Centre,
Recruitment Services,
GPO Box 158,
Canberra City ACT 2601

Applications close: 15 May 2008

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Are you interested in working at the ABC?

The ABC has a range of positions around Australia and, as the national broadcaster, is committed to increasing Indigenous representation throughout the Corporation. Our goal is to reflect the cultural diversity of the Australian community in our programs and workforce and we see Indigenous employment as a key component towards achieving this goal. We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with drive, determination and a will to succeed.

Jobs Available

Please check our website at abc.net.au/jobs

It is important to check the website on a weekly basis to ensure that you don't miss out on any job opportunities.

For more information contact Paul Brant - Indigenous Employment Coordinator on (02) 8333 1089.

The ABC invites Indigenous Australians to apply for positions. The Corporation is committed to Indigenous employment outcomes and values the Indigenous culture.

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Careers @ Justice

SENIOR POLICY OFFICER

Indigenous Issues Unit

Grade 5, \$69,584 - \$84,190

Position No: DJ3030

The Indigenous Issues Unit, within the Department of Justice's Community Operations and Strategy Branch, is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system.

We are currently seeking a Senior Policy Officer to provide policy advice to support the Department of Justice contribution to whole of government policy frameworks including the Victorian Indigenous Affairs Framework, the Indigenous Family Violence Strategy and the implementation of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA2).

This is an Identified Position and requires the occupant to have an understanding of the issues affecting the Indigenous Community and the ability to communicate sensitively.

For a copy of the position description and to apply online, see our full advertisement at

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 16 May 2008

www.justice.vic.gov.au

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



the children's hospital at Westmead

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Consultant

Position No. 694541/0092/08. Closes 12/05/08.

Aboriginal Health & Employment, Temp PT.

Jose Winsor - Aboriginal Manager on 9845 3633 or

email josephine@chw.edu.au

Send applications to:

Staff Services Department,

Locked Bag 4001,

Westmead NSW 2145

visit the website for job information

www.chw.edu.au



Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer Program

Call for Applications for 2008/2009

RICHMOND/TWEED REGION

The NSW Department of Education and Training is seeking applications from non-Government and community organisations wishing to be considered as a provider of its Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer (AEDO) program within NSW.

The aim of the program is to assist Aboriginal people to access education and training pathways to facilitate the establishment and retention of viable Aboriginal business enterprises.

The objective of the program is to increase the confidence and expertise of Aboriginal people to enable them to participate in self-employment opportunities and to encourage an entrepreneurial culture within Aboriginal communities.

Interested organisations will be responsible for managing, administering and coordinating the project.

Please note that this call for applications does not commit the NSW Department of Education and Training in any way to the provision of funding or assistance to a prospective service provider.

Application forms and program guidelines are available by contacting Aboriginal Community Programs on (02) 9266 8085.

Before completing the application form, please make sure that you have read the program guidelines thoroughly. Please complete all questions and use attachments where required.

Applications close COB Friday 30 May, 2008 and should be submitted to:

Mr Mick Coombes, A/Senior Project Officer, Aboriginal Community Programs, NSW Department of Education and Training, Level 13, 1 Oxford Street DARLINGHURST NSW 2010.

Applications will not be accepted if they are:

- late;
- submitted by facsimile or email; or
- incomplete (ie. the application form must contain all essential information and any requested attachments).

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CASEWORKER

This role is responsible for working with families who are experiencing difficulties with teenage children at home. It is also involved in the recruitment and assessment of prospective foster carers to care for teenagers who are unable to live at home as well as supporting the foster care placement.

Ideally, you will have experience in solution focussed casework with families and/or teenagers as well as experience in assessment and support of foster carers. You will need to have the ability to work within a team environment. A professional qualification in a relevant field and a driver's licence are essential.

For further information contact Jessyca Flower on 9766 6848 or email jflower@burnside.org.au

Applications close 16 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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STEPS Program Coordinators

Mt Isa, Woodridge & the NT

Structured Training and Employment Program Services (STEPS) is a Commonwealth Government program designed to assist Indigenous Australians in obtaining sustainable employment. Career opportunities exist for dynamic Coordinators to lead teams of motivated professionals and manage the operational requirements in our STEPS offices in Mt Isa, Woodridge and the Northern Territory.

The varied challenges of this role will require you to demonstrate strong achievements in the following:

- Sound knowledge of barriers facing Indigenous Australians entering and remaining in the workforce;
- Effective human resource management and workplace leadership, developed through previous hands-on management roles;
- Dynamic management track record in the Job Network or similar government funded program;
- Ability to prioritise activities and to manage a demanding workload with critical timelines;
- Ability to communicate effectively at a range of levels;
- Implementation of strategies to improve and drive performance of a team of people;
- Ability to develop strong networks with a range of stakeholders.

If you have demonstrated strong achievements in the above criteria, then please apply now!

Please submit your resume to HR at: GPO Box 5238, Sydney, NSW 2001, fax: (02) 9259-5500 or email: employment@jobfindcentre.com

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Office Administrator

Ngarda Civil & Mining is an Indigenous owned and operated Civil & Mining Contractor. Winner of the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships, our company is dedicated to providing opportunities for Indigenous Australians. We continue to experience exciting growth and are now looking for extra people to help achieve our vision.

Reporting to the Project Accountant candidates must be able to demonstrate the following knowledge, experience and qualities:

- Data entry - speed and accuracy vital
- Good customer service skills
- Well presented with a professional manner
- Exceptional communication and telephone skills
- Hard working - this role is definitely full on - busy, demanding, challenging, head down from start to finish!

Your primary duties will entail:

- Payroll
- Database management and control
- Contractor management
- Petty cash
- Office fuel card management
- Purchase requisitions
- Stationery/consumables control
- Arrange flights, accommodation, hire cars
- Other duties as directed by the Project Accountant or Project Manager

This role requires a professional, experienced Office Administrator with strong communication and organisational skills. You must have the ability to work in a challenging environment, with minimal supervision, plus possess maturity, a strong work ethic and be highly motivated.

Together with your ability to coordinate workflow and strong time management skills you will possess an intermediate knowledge of MS Word, Excel and Access.

A background in mining/engineering would be an advantage but not essential.

For further queries please contact Jennifer Chaloner on 08 9140 1915 or Human Resources on 08 6272 5000.

Applications must be received by close of business Friday May 16th 2008.



Positions Vacant

Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) is a not for profit, non-government organisation linking volunteers with Indigenous communities.

Project Officer

\$45,000 - \$50,000 full time

• Perth WA • Alice Springs NT

Expressions of interest are welcome for future positions in all regions

The successful applicant will have experience in project management, service delivery and high level representational and organisational skills. To work in this position you need to have well developed IT and writing skills, and be a team player who is able to travel regularly.

Admin/Project Development Officer

Negotiable to \$40,000 p.a.

• Brisbane QLD

The successful applicant will have high level admin, computer and reception skills and a strong commitment to customer service. Experience in project management, service delivery and representational and organisational skills are also required.

Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is essential for these positions.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For enquiries and selection criteria contact:

- WA - Rob McPhee (08) 6363 4503
- NT - Jennifer Standish-White (08) 8912 0000
- QLD - Kevin Childs (07) 3121 9250

or visit www.icv.com.au/about/jobs

Applications close: Friday 16 May 2008



Department of Child Protection Government of Western Australia

Senior Case Worker (50d)

Position No: 005058

Level/Salary: Level 5, \$60,638 - \$67,017 pa

Location: Belmont

Permanent Full Time opportunity

Our Parent Support Unit is seeking to recruit a Senior Case Worker to their Belmont office. The Senior Case Worker is responsible for undertaking complex assessments and interventions involving parents, children and families.

This position will also assist with the coordination of the Home Visitor Program and provide advice or working with indigenous parents, children and families. Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for this position as per Section 50 (D) of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984.

For Further Job Related Information:

Please contact Bernie Floriani on 9475 3700

(not to be contacted for application packages)

Application Packages: Can be obtained by visiting jobs.wa.gov.au or by telephoning 0222 23971

Closing Date: Friday 16 May 2008 at 6:00pm

Late and proforma applications will not be accepted.

NSW HEALTH SYDNEY WEST

ABORIGINAL MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL (HEO)

This position will participate in the provision of assessment, care planning, case management and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients accessing mental health services in Lithgow. SWHS considers that being of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). Enquiries: Bronwyn Revan (02) 6351 4922.

Lithgow Mental Health Team Ad No: 69955 Close Date: 16.05.08

Please visit the Area's webpage on www.wshs.nsw.gov.au
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Manager, Indigenous Student Services

Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies
Faculty of Arts

For position information
and application details visit
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Salary range: An attractive remuneration package including generous superannuation will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Duration: Three-year fixed-term performance-based contract.

Enquiries: Ms Loraine Padgham, tel. (03) 9905 4208 or email loraine.padgham@arts.monash.edu.au

Location: Clayton campus Ref No: G088943

Applications must address the selection criteria, quote the reference number and include curriculum vitae and the names and contact details of three referees.

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Government of South Australia
Department for Environment
and Heritage

Aboriginal Heritage Coordinator

ABORIGINAL PARTNERSHIPS UNIT

\$53,115 - \$55,569 per annum (A\$04)

ONGOING

REF: 3828/2008

Progress the department's Aboriginal Heritage Strategy, in particular facilitating adoption of best practice cultural heritage management and compliance with the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 and other relevant legislation.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Special Conditions Apply: Refer to the Job and Person Specification.

Location: Adelaide, CBD

Enquiries to: Mr Molly Anderson via e-mail: anderson.molly@sa.gov.au or telephone (08) 8463 3139.

Application Information:

<http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/vacancies> or from our Recruitment and Selection Team by email deh.jobs@sa.gov.au or telephone (08) 8204 1898.

Applications (4 copies) addressing the Person Specification and stating where you saw the position advertised to: Recruitment and Selection, HR Services, Department for Environment and Heritage, GPO Box 1047, Adelaide SA 5001, or email to deh.jobs@sa.gov.au

Please quote reference number on application.

Applications Close: 5pm Friday 16 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
EPM16442 This Application consists of three separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 32 km W from Proston Centred at approximate Lat.26°05'S Long.151°18'E Local Government Area: South Burnett Regional Council and North Burnett Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 29 km WSW from Proston Centred at approximate Lat.26°15'S Long.151°20'E Local Government Area: South Burnett Regional Council Part 3: Approx. 33 km WSW from Proston Centred at approximate Lat.26°13'S Long.151°17'E Local Government Area: South Burnett Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 210 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 68 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1672 s, x 1744 c, d, e, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1745 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w, x 1815 x, y, z 1816 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v 1887 d, e, j, k, o, p 1888 a Area of Part 2: 9 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1888 z 1960 c, k Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1888 z	Eastern Uranium Pty Ltd 124 088 857
EPM16811	Approx. 10 km W from Yarraman Centred at approximate Lat.26°50'S Long.151°53'E Local Government Area: South Burnett Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council	Area: 247 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 81 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2327 v, w, x, y, z 2328 y 2399 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, o, p, q, r, v, w 2400 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, w, x, y 2470 e, k, u, z 2471 b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v 2472 b, c, d, h, j, l, m, n, o, s, t, y 2542 c, d, e, h, j	Tarong Energy Corporation Limited 078 848 736

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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, Woolloongahba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3218 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.

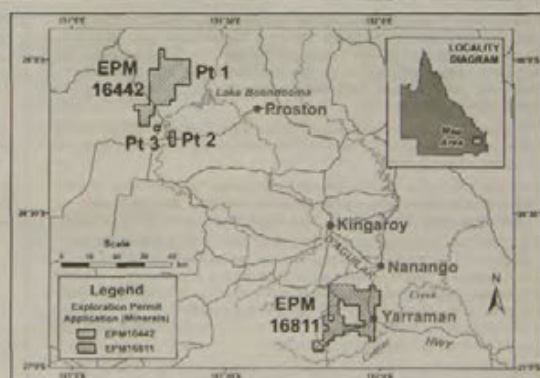
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Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

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.

Notification Day: 28 May 2008



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TAFE NSW - Hunter Institute currently has the following vacancy.

Applicants must obtain an application package either, by logging onto www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au 'Employment at Hunter Institute' section or phone the Recruitment Officer on (02) 4923 7370 quoting the Job Reference Number.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5:00 PM, FRIDAY 16 MAY 2008

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Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act.

NB: The Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 makes it an offence for a prohibited person (a person convicted of a serious sex offence, the murder of a child or a child-related personal violence offence, as well as a Registrable person under the Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000) to apply for or otherwise attempt to obtain, undertake or remain in, child-related employment.

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Employment Opportunities at SpeakOut

Stylin' UP Regional - Coordinator and Program Officer

Pride in self, Pride in Community, Pride in Culture

An amazing opportunity exists for two creative, inspired, energetic and well organised people to join the Speak Out, Stylin' UP Regional team. Stylin' UP Regional is a state-wide program working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to deliver outcomes in arts, culture and social change.

We are looking for people who are community driven, experienced in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and who enjoy a fast-paced, creative and rewarding working environment.

The Stylin' UP Regional Coordinator and Program Officer positions are based in Brisbane with considerable travel requirements throughout Queensland.

For additional information or to obtain an application package, please contact:

Angie Forrest
Staff and Finance Coordinator
angie@speakout.com.au
Phone - 07 3229 8055

Applications close: Friday 16th May 2008.

**NSW HEALTH
HUNTER NEW ENGLAND**

Applications can be lodged on line at

www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment

Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3272.

Program Manager

Good For Kids Program
Negotiable between Newcastle and Tamworth

Temp Full Time Position No: 58957
Enquiries: Nicole Nathan, (02) 4924 6257.

Closing Date: 30 May 2008.

Community Health Diversional Therapist and Volunteers Coordinator

Narrabri Community Health

Perm Part Time, 24 h/w Position No: 58975

Community Health Diversional Therapy Assistant

Narrabri Community Health

Perm Part Time, 16 h/w Position No: 58977

FOR THE ABOVE TWO POSITIONS:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Enquiries: Margo Carberry, (02) 6799 2001.

Closing Date: 23 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, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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EPM13191 This Application consists of three separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 48 km SE from Mount Surprise Centred at approximate Lat.18°25'S Long.144°40'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council and Charters Towers Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 58 km ESE from Mount Surprise Centred at approximate Lat.18°22'S Long.144°49'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 3: Approx. 56 km SE from Mount Surprise Centred at approximate Lat.18°29'S Long.144°43'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 179 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 55 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2024 x, y 2025 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2026 a, b, c 2029 c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2026 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, q, r, v, w, x 2027 a, b, c, d, f	Mark Francis Porter
EPM16724	Approx. 45 km N from Mount Surprise Centred at approximate Lat.17°44'S Long.144°17'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2026 o Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2097 x	Auzex Resources Limited 106 444 606

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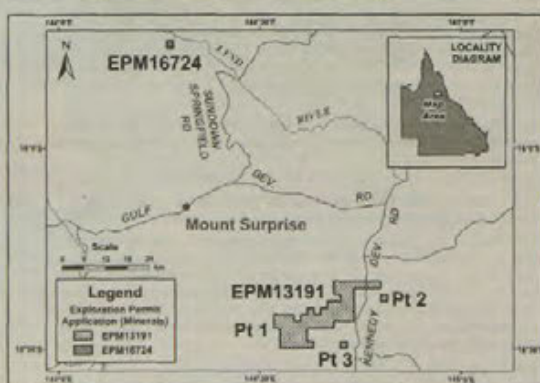
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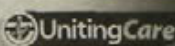
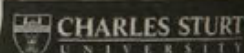
Charles Sturt University, Division of Student Services and the Indigenous Support Unit would like to call for expressions of interest from all members of the Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Community to be added to a data base system to become potential tutors to Indigenous Students of Charles Sturt University.

To be eligible you must hold current tertiary qualifications in the field, the fields of study are varied throughout the university and consist mainly in Arts, Education, Business, Health Studies, Science and Agriculture.

Funding for this project is obtained through the Indigenous Tertiary Assistance Scheme (ITAS) payments are as follows:

Eligible Students receive 2 hours tuition per week per subject; Tutors receive \$46.59 per hour for single rate and \$62.12 per group two or more.

For more information please contact the Indigenous Support Unit
Wagga Wagga Campus
Phone: 02 6933 4121
Fax: 02 6933 2906



Burnside
www.burnside.org.au

CASUAL SUPPORT WORKERS COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS PROGRAM

DUBBO

UnitingCare Burnside Community Placements Program (CPP) is a client needs driven intensive out of home care service for young people aged 10 to 17.

The Support Workers will have the following skills and experience:

- Experience in the direct care of children and young people
- Commitment to, and experience in achieving and/or working within, a personalised care environment
- Demonstrated ability to work positively with adolescents and children with complex care and high support needs
- Understanding of placement support needs for carers, children and young people and their families
- Good communication skills

An attractive salary package will be offered. Burnside offers a professional and supportive work environment and staff development opportunities.

For enquiries please contact Jessykah Flower on 02 9768 6846 or email jflower@burnside.org.au

Applications close 19 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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ABORIGINAL SUPPORT & LIAISON OFFICER (ASLO)

Re-advertised position

Maroondah Hospital in Outer East Melbourne is seeking a suitably experienced person who is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or accepted by the Aboriginal community in the Eastern metropolitan region (EEO Exemption). This exciting new position is funded for 6 months fixed term initially with a view to extending.

Enquiries: Penelope Vye, Manager, Social Work telephone: 03 9871-3516.

Position description: Available on www.easternhealth.org.au
Applications close: Monday 19th May 2008.

www.dhs.vic.gov.au



Indigenous Family Violence - Statewide Coordinator

Children, Youth & Families Division
Child Protection & Family Services Branch
\$69,584 to \$84,190 plus super
Full time, Ongoing

The Indigenous Family Violence Statewide Coordinator has responsibility for coordination of the Regional Indigenous Family Violence Support Workers and the provision of support and advice to Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Groups. The Statewide Coordinator will liaise closely with other Government Departments, and will play a key role in promoting and implementing the Indigenous Family Violence Strategy.

An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No. A255/2004). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Jenny Wilcox on (03) 9096 8703. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies. Please quote reference no DHS/CYF/51916. Applications close Sunday 25 May 2008.

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity. www.careers.vic.gov.au

EMPLOYMENT FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Aboriginal Education Assistant Kempsey High School

Two part-time vacancies (each position is 15 hours 37 minutes per week) for Aboriginal Education Assistant positions exist at Kempsey High School. Interested applicants should contact the school for further information.

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

JOBS ONLINE

Apply for this position online at www.jobs.del.nsw.edu.au

The role of the Aboriginal Education Assistant is to support Aboriginal students and parents and their teachers in developing student outcomes, and to be a point of contact between the school and the Aboriginal community.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Understanding of the needs of Aboriginal students. Knowledge of Aboriginal communities and cultures. Effective communication skills. Ability to interact with Aboriginal students and parents.

N.B.: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Remuneration Package valued at \$22,469pa includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading (salary range \$11,529pa - \$20,361pa).

Progress to higher rates of pay is available on the completion of the three stages of the Aboriginal education assistant training course or equivalent.

Applications to: Kempsey High School
Broughton Street KEMPSEY 2440
Ph: (02) 6562 6166

Deadline for Applications: 23 May 2008



PUBLIC EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethnic minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply. No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

YOUTH OFFICER

Youth Officer, Various State-Wide Locations, Various, Vacancy Number 08072. 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:** Applicants are required to obtain and complete an application form - please visit our website: www.djj.nsw.gov.au or telephone 1800 355 562.

Enquiries: careers@djj.nsw.gov.au 1800 355 562 Email: careers@djj.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: 1800 355 562 or 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 09 May 2008.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT COURT SERVICES

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disabilities and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

COORDINATOR, ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY JUSTICE GROUP

Clerk, Grade 3-4, Nowra, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG08/345. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Aboriginal Community Justice Group Coordinator (ACJGC) supports and facilitates the activities of the local Aboriginal Community Justice Group. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and Extensive knowledge of Aboriginal culture, particularly the culture of those communities of New South Wales; Knowledge of the New South Wales justice system; Ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally with people of all backgrounds; Experience in negotiating with community organisations, particularly Aboriginal communities; Experience in organising and presenting information sessions, workshops and other educational forums; Ability to manage projects; Current NSW Drivers Licence.

Notes: This position is identified under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement.

Enquiries: Lee Towney (02) 8686 8654 Email: lee_towney@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Lee Towney (02) 8686 8654.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au or by post to the Recruitment Services Unit, Attorney General's Department, Locked Bag 5111, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 23 May 2008 PSNC 987584.

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

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EPG 11	Approx. 29 km South West from Middleton Centred at Lat. 23°30'S Long. 141°20'E Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council Boulia Shire Council	Area: 613 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 200 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number 2127 to 2130 inclusive 2199 to 2202 inclusive	Clean Energy Australasia Pty Ltd 122 645 229
EPG 12	Approx. 74 km South South West from Middleton Centred at Lat. 23°3'S Long. 141°25'E Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council	Area: 631 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 200 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number 2560 to 2563 inclusive 2632 to 2635 inclusive	Clean Energy Australasia Pty Ltd 122 645 229
EPG 13	Approx. 92 km South South West from Middleton Centred at Lat. 23°10'S Long. 141°25'E Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council	Area: 631 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 200 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number 2704 to 2707 inclusive 2776 to 2779 inclusive	Clean Energy Australasia Pty Ltd 122 645 229
EPG 14	Approx. 110 km South South West from Middleton Centred at Lat. 23°20'S Long. 141°25'E Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council Diamantina Shire Council	Area: 628 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 200 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number 2848 to 2851 inclusive 2920 to 2923 inclusive	Clean Energy Australasia Pty Ltd 122 645 229
EPG 15	Approx. 128 km South South West from Middleton Centred at Lat. 23°30'S Long. 141°25'E Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council Diamantina Shire Council	Area: 528 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 168 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number 2992 2993 to 2995 inclusive 3064 3065 3066 to 3067 inclusive Sub-blocks a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, y, z e, k, p a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, z	Clean Energy Australasia Pty Ltd 122 645 229

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Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the authorises the holder to explore for geothermal energy specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding three (3) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Geothermal Exploration Act 2004 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

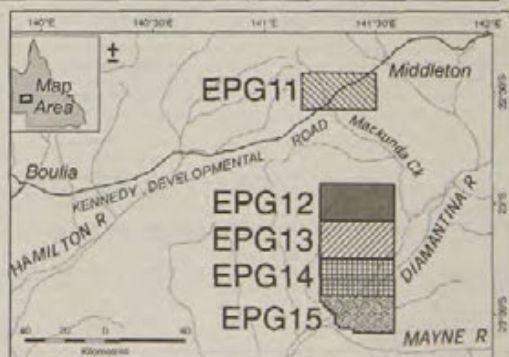
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Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

An application to amend an existing Water Supply Works & Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source

Peter Michael & John Norman FAVALLORO for 1 x Bore (replacement) at Lot 48 DP756261, Parish Bungooka, County Townsend for Stock, Domestic, Irrigation. (Ref. 50CA504225)

An application for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source

Robin Desmond WHITE & Louis Ackers WHITE for 1 x Bore at Lot 103 DP752299, Parish Ulupna, County Denison for Irrigation. (Application No. 1788)

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. G42.536473

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer



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
15/5242	Hans August Nicholas Strindberg	200ha	70km SE of Kambalda	Lat 31°26' Long 122°20'	Coalgate
26/3575	Stan Harry Frederick Strindberg Banyan Pty Ltd Interim Resources Ltd	1.53ha	13km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°40' Long 121°21'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/2065	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	23.71ha	100km SE of Sandstone	Lat 28°41' Long 119°56'	Menzies
29/2066	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	21.41ha	100km SE of Sandstone	Lat 28°43' Long 119°58'	Menzies
29/2067	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	145.31ha	100km SE of Sandstone	Lat 28°43' Long 119°58'	Menzies
29/2068	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	49.43ha	98km SE of Sandstone	Lat 28°39' Long 119°57'	Menzies
31/1789	Heron Resources Ltd	161.9ha	130km S of Laverton	Lat 29°47' Long 122°22'	Menzies
36/1545	Forsyth NL	195.63ha	26km SW of Leinster	Lat 28°07' Long 120°35'	Leinster
36/1625-9	Synergy Metals Ltd	213.99ha	20km E of Leinster	Lat 27°51' Long 120°58'	Leinster
36/1630-1	Synergy Metals Ltd	271ha	29km E of Leinster	Lat 27°53' Long 120°59'	Leinster
36/1632-8	Synergy Metals Ltd	793.95ha	32km E of Leinster	Lat 27°55' Long 121°01'	Leinster
36/1639-40	Synergy Metals Ltd	353.64ha	27km E of Leinster	Lat 27°58' Long 120°57'	Leinster
36/1695-6	Western Consolidated Nickel Pty Ltd	300.15ha	18km NE of Leinster	Lat 27°46' Long 120°47'	Leinster
36/1705	Alkali Exploration Pty Ltd	111.06ha	36km E of Leinster	Lat 27°46' Long 121°00'	Leinster
37/6652-3	Red Dust Prospecting Pty Ltd	345.13ha	32km E of Leinster	Lat 28°51' Long 121°39'	Leinster
37/6954-86	Red Dust Prospecting Pty Ltd	5402.96ha	37km E of Leinster	Lat 28°53' Long 121°42'	Leinster
37/7047	St Barbara Ltd	2.02ha	4km NW of Leinster	Lat 28°51' Long 121°18'	Leinster
37/7086-8	Avoca Resources Ltd	481.99ha	51km NW of Leinster	Lat 28°30' Long 121°02'	Leinster
37/7089	Heron Resources Ltd	17.83ha	50km NW of Leinster	Lat 28°30' Long 121°02'	Leinster
37/7094-9	Drylands Pty Ltd	1142.75ha	18km E of Leinster	Lat 28°56' Long 121°30'	Leinster
37/7100	Christopher Crew Ross Frederick Crew Trevor John Dixon Russell Geoffrey McKnight	21.85ha	33km NW of Leinster	Lat 28°42' Long 121°03'	Leinster
37/7101-2	Trevor John Dixon	217.10ha	8km N of Leinster	Lat 28°48' Long 121°18'	Leinster
37/7103-4	Trevor John Dixon	237.7ha	16km E of Leinster	Lat 28°54' Long 121°29'	Leinster
37/7105	Trevor John Dixon	83.96ha	12km E of Leinster	Lat 28°52' Long 121°29'	Leinster
37/7368	Plutonic Operations Ltd	77.18ha	42km E of Leinster	Lat 28°02' Long 121°06'	Leinster
37/7369	Plutonic Operations Ltd	25.89ha	44km SE of Leinster	Lat 28°09' Long 121°06'	Leinster
37/7360	Plutonic Operations Ltd	177.76ha	48km SE of Leinster	Lat 28°09' Long 121°06'	Leinster
37/7413	St Barbara Ltd	44.39ha	57km N of Leinster	Lat 28°24' Long 121°07'	Leinster
37/7417	Wayne Vincent Haloran Peter Ben Prugnot	9.89ha	19km E of Leinster	Lat 28°56' Long 121°31'	Leinster
37/7420	St Barbara Ltd	125.53ha	58km N of Leinster	Lat 28°22' Long 121°09'	Leinster
37/7429-32	Golden Cliffs NL	606.9ha	5km NE of Leinster	Lat 28°52' Long 121°22'	Leinster
37/7439-91	Ross Frederick Crew Russell Geoffrey McKnight	311.83ha	33km NW of Leinster	Lat 28°35' Long 121°06'	Leinster
37/7493	St Barbara Ltd	125.11ha	14km N of Leinster	Lat 28°46' Long 121°23'	Leinster
37/7499-507	Peter Ben Prugnot	1789.87ha	20km NE of Leinster	Lat 28°47' Long 121°29'	Leinster
37/7510-2	St Barbara Ltd	558.04ha	7km N of Leinster	Lat 28°49' Long 121°21'	Leinster
37/7519	Jabiru Metals Ltd	51.39ha	45km N of Leinster	Lat 28°30' Long 121°09'	Leinster
37/7520	St Barbara Ltd	182.95ha	7km S of Leinster	Lat 28°56' Long 121°18'	Leinster
37/7523	St Barbara Ltd	23.62ha	45km N of Leinster	Lat 28°27' Long 121°11'	Leinster
37/7525	Peter Ben Prugnot	196.26ha	40km NE of Leinster	Lat 28°41' Long 121°40'	Leinster
37/7534	Peter Ben Prugnot	200ha	19km E of Leinster	Lat 28°52' Long 121°31'	Leinster
37/7535	Peter Ben Prugnot	199.89ha	19km E of Leinster	Lat 28°50' Long 121°31'	Leinster
37/7538	Alan Edmund Schwerke	199.97ha	52km N of Leinster	Lat 28°25' Long 121°28'	Leinster
37/7539	Carol Ann Morrison	66.71ha	3km N of Leinster	Lat 28°51' Long 121°19'	Leinster
37/7560	George Delu Paul James Gillingham Peter Stewart	51.6ha	82km N of Leinster	Lat 28°21' Long 121°06'	Leinster
37/7577-9	Alkali Exploration Pty Ltd	410.77ha	41km E of Leinster	Lat 27°49' Long 121°08'	Leinster
37/7648	John Ellis Pritchard	145.41ha	64km E of Leinster	Lat 27°31' Long 122°03'	Leinster
38/3394	Christopher Crew Ross Frederick Crew Trevor John Dixon Russell Geoffrey McKnight	45.11ha	97km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°47' Long 122°16'	Laverton
38/3645	Texaco Pty Ltd	200ha	64km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°46' Long 122°18'	Laverton
38/3646	Genetic Technologies Ltd	51.42ha	62km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°47' Long 122°18'	Laverton
38/3647	Genetic Technologies Ltd	11.68ha	61km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°47' Long 122°18'	Laverton
38/3744	Anthony Robert Frederick Maslin	8.69ha	74km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°38' Long 122°14'	Laverton
38/3745	Anthony Robert Frederick Maslin	21.01ha	76km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°38' Long 122°13'	Laverton
38/3747	Anthony Robert Frederick Maslin	169.04ha	71km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°45' Long 122°13'	Laverton
38/3748	Anthony Robert Frederick Maslin	24.21ha	73km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°44' Long 122°12'	Laverton
38/3757	Anthony Robert Frederick Maslin	59.90ha	73km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°38' Long 122°16'	Laverton
38/3758-64	Peter Alexander Peadar	1364.01ha	36km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°50' Long 122°33'	Laverton
38/3767	Mina Resources Ltd Gyphons Minerals Ltd	145.65ha	107km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°10' Long 122°18'	Laverton
39/4509-13	Red Dust Prospecting Pty Ltd	975.8ha	50km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°51' Long 121°57'	Laverton
39/4514	Red Dust Prospecting Pty Ltd	199.48ha	50km E of Laverton	Lat 28°54' Long 121°54'	Laverton/Leinster
39/4515-9	Red Dust Prospecting Pty Ltd	924.18ha	50km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°54' Long 121°55'	Laverton
53/1403	Gerard Victor Brewer	98.17ha	136km E of Wiluna	Lat 28°48' Long 121°34'	Wiluna
53/1444	Gerard Victor Brewer	175.14ha	128km E of Wiluna	Lat 28°55' Long 121°27'	Wiluna
53/1505	Quantum Resources Ltd	194.45ha	79km NE of Wiluna	Lat 28°01' Long 120°42'	Wiluna
57/1130	Graila Resources NL	44.48ha	73km SW of Sandstone	Lat 28°33' Long 118°54'	Sandstone
57/1131	Graila Resources NL	147.36ha	73km SW of Sandstone	Lat 28°33' Long 118°50'	Sandstone
58/1406-14	Davies Gold Ltd	1317.49ha	11km E of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°04' Long 117°57'	Mount Magnet
59/1415	Davies Gold Ltd	19.02ha	14km SE of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°00' Long 117°59'	Mount Magnet
59/1799	Gindalbie Metals Ltd Royal Resources Ltd	42.2ha	69km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°06' Long 116°59'	Paynes Find
59/1818	Prosperity Resources (Mogoo) Pty Ltd	25.83ha	1km NW of Yalgoo	Lat 28°20' Long 116°40'	Yalgoo
59/1877	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	46.36ha	58km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°26' Long 117°06'	Yalgoo
59/1878	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	20.53ha	54km SW of Paynes Find	Lat 29°23' Long 117°12'	Yalgoo
59/1879	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	46.36ha	54km SW of Paynes Find	Lat 29°27' Long 117°10'	Yalgoo
59/1880	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	46.42ha	57km SW of Paynes Find	Lat 29°29' Long 117°09'	Yalgoo
59/1881	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	72.16ha	53km SW of Paynes Find	Lat 29°30' Long 117°13'	Yalgoo
59/1882	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	94.58ha	53km SW of Paynes Find	Lat 29°28' Long 117°12'	Yalgoo
59/1883	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	46.31ha	57km SW of Paynes Find	Lat 29°31' Long 117°10'	Yalgoo

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

Notification day: 7 May 2008.

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 7 August 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 7 September 2008), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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Manager, National Policy, Health and Data, Koori Human Services

Portfolio Services and Strategic Projects Division

Koori Human Services Branch

\$85,350 to \$114,216 plus super

Full time, 12 month, Fixed term

Do you have a commitment to making a difference to the health and well being of Aboriginal people in Victoria?

Do you welcome the opportunity to work with a wide range of Aboriginal and non Aboriginal people inside and outside government?

The Manager, National Policy, Health and Data is a key member of the Koori Human Services Management Team and has responsibility for actively participating in National and State initiatives to improve Aboriginal health and well being, providing sensitive and timely advice to Ministers and senior officials, influencing Departmental policy and practice and working closely with the Aboriginal community.

Applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will be welcomed for this important position.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Steve Ballard on (03) 9096 8034. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on vacancies.

Please quote reference no DHS/PSPI67017

Applications close Sunday, 18 May 2008

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS values - DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity

To apply online and view the job description, visit

www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers

and click on Vacancies. For other Victorian Government opportunities, please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au



NSW HEALTH

Public Hospital Enrolled Nurse Courses

September 2008 February 2009 and April 2009

Are you interested in a career in Nursing? If you are then the Enrolled Nurse Course may be right for you.

Applications are now open for the NSW Public Hospital Enrolled Nurse Courses that commence in September 2008 and February and April 2009.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5PM MONDAY 23rd JUNE 2008.

The Enrolled Nurse Course consists of 12 months full time employment (including shift work and weekends) in a NSW Public Hospital and attendance at TAFE for 15 weeks of lectures.

Application forms and an information package for all applicants are available from:

Website: www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing

Phone: 1300 724 995

Email: ten@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

There are targeted positions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. For further information contact the Project Officer Ph: 9391 9607 or email Aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.gov.au



NSW Aboriginal Housing Office

Temporary Aboriginal Employment Register

The Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) is a NSW Government agency, which aims to ensure that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in NSW have access to culturally appropriate, affordable, quality housing.

With the head office in Sydney, the AHO also has offices in Dubbo, Coffs Harbour, Tamworth, Parramatta and South Coast.

AHO actively encourages Aboriginal people to apply for positions within AHO and in the public sector. The AHO often has need for people to work on a temporary basis in a variety of areas which can include: policy and community development, community housing, human resources, office administration, asset management and training.

In an ongoing effort to provide employment to Aboriginal people, the AHO is seeking to attract details of Aboriginal people who may have an interest in short term temporary employment. Those interested will be placed on a Temporary Employment Register and considered as opportunities become available.

You will be working with a group of highly professional people whose activities impact daily on the Aboriginal people of NSW.

- Your skills and expertise will be developed to the advantage of the Aboriginal community
- Your community knowledge and cultural awareness is valued and will be utilised.
- The experience you gain working in the AHO will be valuable for your future employment with other Aboriginal groups and the public sector.
- You will develop a wider network within different Aboriginal communities and government departments

What do you need to do?

If you are Aboriginal and have skills that AHO can use on a temporary basis please forward details of yourself, your skills and experience to AHOrecruitment@aho.nsw.gov.au or mail your details to Temporary Aboriginal Employment Register, PO Box W5, Westfield, Parramatta 2150.

For further enquiries, please contact Margaret Pires on 8836 9444, quoting Employment Register.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

Regional Nutrition Worker

Yulu-Burn-Ba is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation seeking to improve the overall well-being of the Aboriginal community of North Stradbroke Island. Enjoy immense job satisfaction as you develop a range of community nutrition initiatives. Be rewarded with attractive remuneration circa \$21/hr. salary sacrifice + RDOs!

Call 1300 368 573 or apply online
ApplyNow.com.au/Job5680

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

Aboriginal Health Worker

Yulu-Burn-Ba has a fantastic opportunity for an Aboriginal Health Worker to join their team based on North Stradbroke Island, a quick 20 min ferry trip from Cleveland. Work in a friendly team as you provide support to the community in the maintenance and promotion of health care. For competitive remuneration + great benefits Apply Now!

Call 1300 368 573 or apply online
ApplyNow.com.au/Job5681

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

Admin Officer - Health Promotions

If you want more than "just a job", the Aboriginal community controlled Yulu-Burn-Ba has an immensely satisfying opportunity for you! The community health organisation is seeking an Administration Officer to coordinate prevention programs on the gorgeous North Stradbroke Island. Attractive remun'n, salary sac + monthly RDOs await! Apply Now!

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ApplyNow.com.au/Job5341

An excellent opportunity exists within Western Region to help further shape Indigenous involvement on State Forest managed land in South Western NSW. The successful applicant will become involved in a wide range of land management activities such as timber harvesting, recreation management and noxious weed and animal control. They will also play a key role in indigenous engagement around major programs such as The Living Murray.



Cultural Heritage Coordinator

This position has been identified as a targeted Indigenous position within Forests NSW.

Clerk Grade 5, Native Forest Operations Branch, Western Region located at Deniquin, Permanent Full-Time, Position No. F00533, Recruitment No. 2008/05. A remuneration package valued up to \$69 582 per annum (salary \$61 128 to \$63 056 per annum).

Job Description: The indigenous coordinator will become involved in water management, cultural heritage management, developing indigenous economic opportunities and promotion of indigenous involvement in broader forest management.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated knowledge of Indigenous issues in South Western NSW.
- An understanding of and commitment to multiple use forestry including timber harvesting.
- Proven willingness and capacity to effectively engage and communicate with a broad range of stakeholders.
- Willingness and capacity to identify opportunities and help implement programs for the integration of indigenous involvement in Forests NSW day to day business.
- Well developed communication, negotiation and conflict resolution skills.
- Proven ability to operate as part of a team in order to achieve outcomes.
- Good verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to operate computers and GPS and/or demonstrated ability to rapidly learn these skills.

Notes: 1. Employment is subject to a six month probationary period, the applicant passing a fire fighting fitness test and the applicant passing a medical. 2. Forests NSW has a corporate uniform and wearing of such uniform is compulsory for all staff. 3. Forests NSW is committed to the principles of equal employment opportunity, occupational health and safety and rehabilitation, cultural diversity and ethical work practices. All applicants for vacant positions are expected to demonstrate an understanding and commitment in these areas.

Inquiries: Gary Rodda (03) 5881 9999 or mobile 0429 668 179

Information Package: Railee White (02) 9407 4201 or email raileew@csf.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:

Railee White, Forests NSW, Business Service Centre, PO Box 100, Beeroot NSW 2119.

Closing Date: Friday 16th May 2008



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 9/10
Planning & Access
Metro South Region, Burwood
Permanent Full-Time (2 positions)
Position No: DADHC-08-12469

Total remuneration package valued up to \$96,295 per annum (Salary: \$79,188 pa - \$87,263 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Implement policy & undertake activities & projects related to the planning & delivery of effective services & options to departmental clients & provide advice for government which reflects contemporary needs & innovative responses for older people & people with a disability & their carers.

Selection Criteria:

- Skills and experience in project management and implementation and experience in allocating resources and staffing and meeting deadlines.
- A solid working knowledge and contemporary understanding of human services and key issues for departmental clients and stakeholders.
- Team leadership and staff coaching skills.
- Conceptual, analytical and data analysis skills and demonstrated problem-solving capacity.
- High level interpersonal skills and ability to communicate effectively and build relationships and consult with a range of external stakeholders and present a case in group settings.
- Competence in use of keyboard and standard PC software programs.
- Capacity to be flexible, adaptable and contribute in change environments.
- Understanding of funding, planning, monitoring and evaluation processes used in the community services industry.

Job Notes: There are two (2) permanent positions available. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms. Eligibility list may be created for future inquiries.

Inquiries: Lyn Black or Chris Chippendale on (02) 9334 3700

Information Package: www.dadhc.com/employment or 1800 185 466

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package
Closing Date: Friday 16 May 2008.

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG. NO.	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
16/215	Heron Resources Ltd	279833	276.59ha	67km SWly of Menzies	Lat 30°14' Long 120°41'	Coodigade
		279834	18.59ha			
20/606	Burnakura Pty Ltd	290548	151.97ha	22km Ely of Oue	Lat 27°28' Long 118°09'	Oue
51/960	Mercator Gold Australia Pty Ltd	279162	99.97ha	25km S'ly of Meekathana	Lat 28°49' Long 118°38'	Meekathana
52/1750	Warwick Resources Ltd	284765	3.2ha	44km SWly of Newman	Lat 22°25' Long 120°12'	Meekathana
		284766	0.47ha			
		284779	25.7ha			
52/1772	Warwick Resources Ltd	284778	122.73ha	44km SWly of Newman	Lat 22°28' Long 120°11'	Meekathana
		279783	9.70ha		Lat 22°28' Long 120°10'	
57/636	Legend Mining Ltd	261875	72.54ha	75km Nly of Sandstone	Lat 27°19' Long 119°29'	Sandstone
57/705	Legend Mining Ltd	281481	23.88ha	88km Nly of Sandstone	Lat 27°11' Long 119°24'	Wiluna

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 7 May 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 **7 August 2008**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **7 September 2008**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT 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
08/1843	Intrapid Mines Limited	15.71km²	113km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°39' Long 116°09'	Ashburton
29/587	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	80.96km²	114km NWly of Menzies	Lat 29°10' Long 120°01'	Menzies
29/689	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	108.09km²	118km NWly of Menzies	Lat 29°03' Long 120°04'	Menzies
29/630	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	125.72km²	93km NWly of Menzies	Lat 29°21' Long 120°09'	Menzies
29/691	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	51.23km²	100km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°40' Long 119°57'	Menzies
36/613	Newmont Wiluna Gold Pty Ltd	3.02km²	42km SWly of Leinster	Lat 28°13' Long 120°26'	Leonora
36/615	Agnew Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	35.29km²	42km SWly of Leinster	Lat 28°18' Long 120°29'	Leonora
36/686	Buttress Pty Ltd	18.25km²	57km Ely of Leinster	Lat 27°25' Long 121°01'	Leonora
37/902	Great Gold Mines NL	3.01km²	61km Nly of Leonora	Lat 28°22' Long 121°06'	Leonora
37/905	Goldstream Mining NL	3km²	29km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°55' Long 121°27'	Leonora
37/907	Norfolk Nickel Wiluna NL	36.17km²	53km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°30' Long 121°00'	Leonora
37/912	Tennant Australia Pty Ltd	15.07km²	50km Nly of Leonora	Lat 28°27' Long 121°13'	Leonora
37/918	St Barbara Ltd	6.02km²	35km Nly of Leonora	Lat 28°35' Long 121°14'	Leonora
37/963	West Australian Gold Investments Pty Ltd	27.03km²	9km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°51' Long 121°15'	Leonora
38/1860	Chisport Gold Ltd	111.29km²	19km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°37' Long 122°35'	Laverton
38/1931	Elckes Mines Ltd	21.13km²	83km Ely of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°14' Long 123°41'	Laverton
38/1932	Elckes Mines Ltd	45.37km²	85km Ely of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°02' Long 123°51'	Laverton
38/1944	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd	27.44 km²	110km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°07' Long 122°22'	Laverton
38/1969	Regis Resources Limited	15km²	48km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°51' Long 122°48'	Laverton
38/1960	Regis Resources Limited	9.01km²	42km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°47' Long 122°47'	Laverton
38/1961	Regis Resources Limited	6.01km²	39km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°41' Long 122°47'	Laverton
38/2009	Falcon Minerals Ltd	45.83km²	139km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 29°53' Long 122°14'	Laverton
38/2027	Metex Resources Ltd	3km²	10km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°21'	Laverton
38/2038	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	15.01km²	26km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°48' Long 122°33'	Laverton
	Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)				
	Deep Yellow Ltd				
38/2035	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	44.95km²	45km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°01' Long 122°29'	Laverton
	Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)				
38/2043	Elckes Mines Ltd	213.75km²	121km Nly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°58' Long 123°19'	Laverton
38/2069	Crescent Gold Ltd	6.01km²	31km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°44' Long 122°41'	Laverton
38/2114	Dukeston Pty Ltd	33.51km²	87km Nly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°12' Long 123°03'	Laverton
38/2119	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	3km²	21km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 122°33'	Laverton
38/2119	Jindalee Resources Ltd	44.97km²	43km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°59' Long 122°16'	Laverton
38/2124	KEC Exploration Pty Ltd	102.05km²	102km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°52' Long 123°24'	Laverton
38/2129	Ausgold Exploration Pty Ltd	81.88km²	47km NEly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°44' Long 123°16'	Laverton
38/2137	Holdest Exploration Pty Ltd	12.06km²	34km NEly of Laverton	Lat 28°22' Long 122°35'	Laverton
38/2266	Nixed Ltd	17.97km²	48km SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°05' Long 121°47'	Leonora
38/1281	Total Mineral Resources NL	2.98km²	78km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°19' Long 122°25'	Leonora
38/1284	Yilgarn Mining (WA) Pty Ltd	131.71km²	81km SEly of Laverton	Lat 29°09' Long 122°59'	Menzies
38/1284	Elckes Mines Ltd	116.78km²	188km SEly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 29°09' Long 124°16'	Menzies
38/1368	Troy Resources NL	208.89km²	112km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°34' Long 122°47'	Menzies
40/223	Mark Gareth Creasy	65.94km²	37km SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°05' Long 121°39'	Leonora
	Regis Resources Limited				
40/244	JML Resources Pty Ltd	23.92km²	46km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°17' Long 121°27'	Menzies
40/247	Robinson Resources Ltd	2.99km²	33km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°10' Long 121°23'	Leonora
40/250	JML Resources Pty Ltd	92.62km²	57km NEly of Menzies	Lat 29°24' Long 121°31'	Menzies
48/763	F & P Exploration Pty Ltd	219.8km²	16km Nly of Nullagine	Lat 21°45' Long 120°09'	East Pilbara
51/1251	Jilewara Pty Ltd	3.09km²	81km Wly of Meekathana	Lat 28°19' Long 117°44'	Meekathana
51/1267	Classic Minerals Ltd	215.77km²	97km NWly of Meekathana	Lat 28°51' Long 117°58'	Meekathana
51/1272	Barber Exploration Pty Ltd	214.19km²	50km SWly of Meekathana	Lat 28°46' Long 118°02'	Cue/Meekathana
53/118-9	Gerard Victor Brewer	88.87km²	133km Ely of Wiluna	Lat 28°48' Long 121°32'	Wiluna
53/1381	Konab Resources Ltd	9.14km²	98km NEly of Leinster	Lat 27°13' Long 121°18'	Wiluna
53/1382	Konab Resources Ltd	9.14km²	98km NEly of Leinster	Lat 27°10' Long 121°19'	Wiluna
53/1384	Konab Resources Ltd	9.15km²	103km NEly of Leinster	Lat 27°09' Long 121°17'	Wiluna
53/1385	Konab Resources Ltd	3.04km²	102km NEly of Leinster	Lat 27°12' Long 121°21'	Wiluna
74/212	Callum Bader	175.37km²	49km NWly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°12' Long 119°49'	Lake Grace/Ravensthorpe

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: 7 May 2008.

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **7 August 2008**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **7 September 2008**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

THARAWAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

MEDICAL SERVICE MANAGER

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, situated in the Macarthur Region of South West Sydney is recruiting a Medical Service Manager who will ensure the smooth operation of the centre, the quality of programs developed to meet community needs. This position, reporting directly to the CEO, will head the Medical Service as it expands its Health Promotions and Social and Emotional Wellbeing programs.

Selection Criteria: At least 5 years experience in Aboriginal Health; Experience in setting up programs in health promotion; Highly developed organisational skills, initiative and ability to work independently to produce outcomes; Ability to manage staff performance, to report to management, board and funding bodies; Ability to negotiate with a range of other community groups, service providers and program partners; Qualifications in health and/or management would be an advantage.

HEALTH WORKER - HIV AIDS

We are also looking for a Aboriginal health worker with experience in health promotion. The primary purpose of this role is to raise awareness in communities regarding sexual health matters, sexually transmitted diseases and safe sex practices, paying particular attention to youth as a target group. The role requires a collaborative approach in an effort to devise educational programs that inform and attempt to change behaviour.

Selection Criteria: Experience in designing and implementing awareness programs, educational and promotional material with a youth focus; Appropriate

experience and / or qualifications in an area that encompasses sexual health education would be an advantage; Good communication skills with the ability to consult with and to build a rapport with communities on sensitive issues; Ability to build good working relationships with mainstream services facilitating culturally sensitive treatment for Aboriginal clients; Current driver's licence and computer literacy.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER & PA to CEO

The role will involve acting as Personal Assistant to the CEO and other administrative duties such as maintaining staff files and leave records; Maintaining a register of members of the corporation; Collate and bind the monthly reports for the Board; Provide admin assistance to the Finance Office; Provide basic support to staff with IT, photocopiers and other machines; Draft correspondence and take minutes of meetings; Deal with phone enquiries for complex matters within the organisation.

Requirements for the position: Background in administration including training in Business Administration / Office Administration; Excellent organisational skills; Ability to prioritise & direct own workload. To take the initiative; Understanding of financial documents; Ability to take minutes and write up actions etc; Able to take and relay messages and to handle confidential information. Information kits including application forms and full selection criteria are available from

CLOSING DATE: 23 May 2008.

HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTANTS

Phone: (02) 4940 8700.

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
EPM16739 This Application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 53 km WSW from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.18°43'S Long.143°07'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 295 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 91 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2393 q, r, v, w 2365 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 2366 f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2367 l, m, q, r, v, w 2437 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l 2438 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2439 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o	Eastern Uranium Pty Ltd 124 088 857
	Part 2: Approx. 51 km W from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.18°37'S Long.143°07'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area of Part 2: 29 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2294 a, b, f, g, m, n, t, s, t	
EPM16740	Approx. 25 km SW from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.18°44'S Long.143°26'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area of Part 3: 78 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 24 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2369 s, t, u, x, y, z 2370 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2441 c, d, e 2442 a, b, c, d, e	Eastern Uranium Pty Ltd 124 088 857

* 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) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

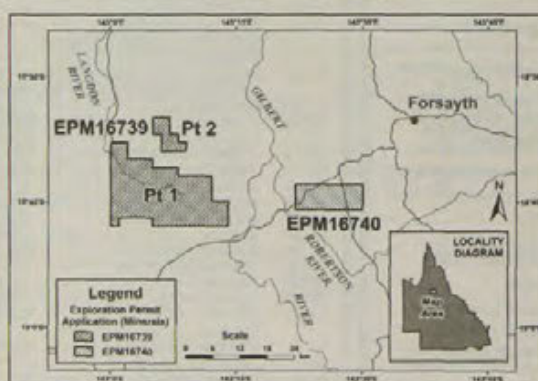
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedures: 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: 28 May 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

North Coast Institute

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NEW Department of
Community Services

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMUNITY PROGRAM OFFICER, ABORIGINAL

Clerk Grade 7/8
Metro South West Region
Banksstown
Permanent Full-Time
Vacancy No: DOCS-08-12471

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 Community Program Officer is responsible for recommendations on planning and development of services within the Region and maintenance of service delivery contracts.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Awareness and knowledge of cultural issues and the links faced by Aboriginal communities and services.
- Knowledge and understanding of service delivery in a community services environment and an understanding of the need for and process of consultation with relevant stakeholders.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, including good verbal, written and analytical skills.
- Understanding of Government policy, direction and service delivery functions in relation to DoCS programs and across Government.
- Understanding and appreciation of social equity principles, cross-cultural issues and of disadvantaged groups.
- Current driver's licence.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. An eligibility list may be created for the Metro South West Region. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: Joanne Fadel (02) 9781 5542.

Information Packages: www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday, 16 May 2008.



NEW Department of
Community Services

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES PSYCHOLOGIST/SPECIALIST PSYCHOLOGIST

Southern Region
Nowra
Permanent Full-Time
Vacancy No: DOCS-08-12495

Total remuneration package for the Psychologist is valued up to \$79,858 per annum (Salary: \$48,684 pa - \$72,368 pa) and for the Specialist Psychologist is valued up to \$94,378 per annum (Salary: \$69,739 pa - \$85,526 pa) and includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Provide psychologist services such as assessments, therapeutic intervention, reports and case reviews to support clinical decision making. Provide consultation and training to staff, foster carers, and external agencies.

Selection Criteria:

- Four year tertiary qualifications with current full or provisional registration with the NSW Psychologists Registration Board.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the assessment process including psychological tests for children, adolescents & adults.
- Knowledge of theory and principles related to child & adolescent development, child abuse, separation & loss.
- Knowledge of therapeutic strategies including theory & practice underpinning complex behaviour problems.
- Ability to engage & work with children, adolescents & adults in a therapeutic capacity.
- Ability to compile comprehensive reports & timely program recommendations.
- Ability to work both independently & as part of a multi disciplinary team.
- Ability in oral & written communication. Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: Appointment as a Specialist Psychologist is subject to specific qualifications & experience provisions. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: Jackie Armstrong (02) 4424 5100.

Information Packages: www.community.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 16 May 2008.

FORWAARD

FOUNDATION OF REHABILITATION WITH ABORIGINAL ALCOHOL RELATED DIFFICULTIES ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Executive Manager

Salary: \$65,000 - \$70,760 + package

The Executive Manager will be responsible for overall leadership, coordination and strategic planning and development of the organisation, while driving growth through a strategic business focus and ensuring efficient and effective support for the implementation of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Programme.

The successful candidate must have exceptional management skills and experience, in knowledge of Human Resource practices, financial management including budget requirements.

Contact Lesley on (08) 8923 6666 for Selection Criteria

Applications Close: 22 May 2008

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply.

DADHC



Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

PROJECT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 7/8

Disability Action Planning

Strategic Policy & Planning

Central Office, Clarence Street, Sydney

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-08-12450

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$84,855 per annum (Salary: \$69,468 pa - \$76,896 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Work in a team to develop, implement & evaluate guidelines, processes & systems for the development of government agency Disability Action Plans. Work with agencies in the development & delivery of plans. Provide strategic advice to stakeholders.

Selection Criteria:

- Experience in strategic project management, project reporting and policy development.
- Sound knowledge and understanding of the issues facing the government and community sectors in relation to services for people with a disability and their carers.
- An understanding of how government departments function and the processes of government departments.
- Analytical and problem solving skills.
- Demonstrated capacity to develop and maintain partnerships and strategic alliances across the government and non-government sectors.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills and interpersonal skills including the ability to liaise and consult with diverse groups of stakeholders.
- Experience in working in multi-disciplinary teams.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period up to 30 June 2011 under the terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms. Applications from people with a disability are particularly encouraged.

Inquiries: Suzanne O'Neill (02) 9277 5647

Information Package: www.dadhc.com/employment or 1800 185 466

Apply on-line: As per link given in Information Package.

Closing Date: Friday 16 May 2008.

(SA-170001)

DADHC



Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 9/10

Planning & Access

Metro South Region, Burwood

Permanent Full-Time (2 positions)

Position No: DADHC-08-12459

Total remuneration package valued up to \$96,295 per annum (Salary: \$79,188 pa - \$87,263 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Implement policy & undertake activities & projects related to the planning & delivery of effective services & options to departmental clients & provide advice for government which reflects contemporary needs & innovative responses for older people & people with a disability & their carers.

Selection Criteria:

- Skills and experience in project management and implementation and experience in allocating resources and staffing and meeting deadlines.
- A solid working knowledge and contemporary understanding of human services and key issues for departmental clients and stakeholders.
- Team leadership and staff coaching skills.
- Conceptual, analytical and data analysis skills and demonstrated problem-solving capacity.
- High level interpersonal skills and ability to communicate effectively and build relationships and consult with a range of external stakeholders and present a case in group settings.
- Competence in use of keyboard and standard PC software programs.
- Capacity to be flexible, adaptable and contribute in change environments.
- Understanding of funding, planning, monitoring and evaluation processes used in the community services industry.

Job Notes: There are two (2) permanent positions available. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms. Eligibility list may be created for future reference.

Inquiries: Lyn Black or Chris Chippendale on (02) 9334 3700

Information Package: www.dadhc.com/employment or 1800 185 466

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package.

Closing Date: Friday 16 May 2008.

(SA-170002)



Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation

The Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation (NTSGAC) is an organisation which was formed in 1994 to aid Stolen Generations people in the Top End. We now host the Top End Link-Up Program. We currently have 4 positions of employment in our Darwin Office for:

Director

The Director is the point of contact between the NTSGAC Board and staff. They oversee the running of the office on a day to day basis. They will need to be able to liaise with funding bodies and provide necessary reporting frameworks as well as have experience and knowledge of principles and strategies for effective community engagement.

2 X Link-Up Caseworkers

(Preferably Male and Female)

The Caseworkers shall provide a link up service to Stolen Generations people that have been removed from their country under past Government policies. Applicants must be able to conduct research.

Administration Assistant

The Administrations Assistant shall provide assistance to staff. They would need to have good communications skills and be able to work with various computer programs.

The successful applicants will need to be able to work as an individual and as part of a team. They must be able to demonstrate the necessary skills, experience and qualifications needed for these positions.

Applications Close: Friday 23rd May 2008 COB

Applications Addressed to:

Chairperson

NTSGAC

PO Box 703

SANDERSON NT 0813

Indigenous people are urged to apply.

For further positions descriptions and selection criteria: Please contact Ms Jackie Baxter, Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation (NTSGAC) on Phone: 08 89 7900 or Fax: 08 89817933 or email jackie.baxter@ntsgac.com.au

COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES AUSTRALIA LTD



QUEENSLAND STATE MANAGER

Expressions of Interest

CEA is a Not For Profit Organisation that has established a strong reputation in delivering programs that enhance and progress the socioeconomic position of indigenous people from the Torres Straits, NPA, the Cape and Northern Territory.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified individuals for the position of Queensland State Manager based in Cairns. This position is an executive position with the company and provides for the on-going servicing and growth of the company within the Queensland division.

Your main responsibilities include:

- Providing strategic, business and HR leadership to managers and staff in the communities where CEA delivers services and programs.
- Managing the delivery of WFD, STEP, CDEP and other capacity building vehicles in Queensland.
- Liaising closely with employers, training providers, other job network agencies & community organisations, to maximize job placement opportunities, economic development capacity development opportunities.
- Developing and monitoring budgets for activities, communities and enterprises.
- Interpreting and administering contracts ensuring KPI's and performance levels are achieved.
- Providing Strategic advice to the CEO for business mapping and growth

This is a senior strategic position within CEA and salaries will be negotiated commensurate to skills and experience.

Employment is subject to acceptance of a Individual Transitional Employment Agreement.

(ITEA)

Applications close Friday 9th of May 2008

Please send your Expression of Interest & your current Resume to: andrew.nolan@cealtd.com.au

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16682	Part 1: Approx. 42 km NNW from Mount Coolon Centred at approximate Lat.21°02'S Long.147°10'E Local Government Area: Whitsunday Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 80 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 830 x, y 902 c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, x, y, z 903 l, m, q, r, v, w 974 c, d, e 975 b, g	Straits Gold Pty Ltd 072 498 081
	Part 2: Approx. 22 km NNW from Mount Coolon Centred at approximate Lat.21°14'S Long.147°13'E Local Government Area: Whitsunday Regional Council	Area of Part 2: 42 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 13 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1047 g, h, m, n, r, s, w, x 1119 b, c, d, e, g	

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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.

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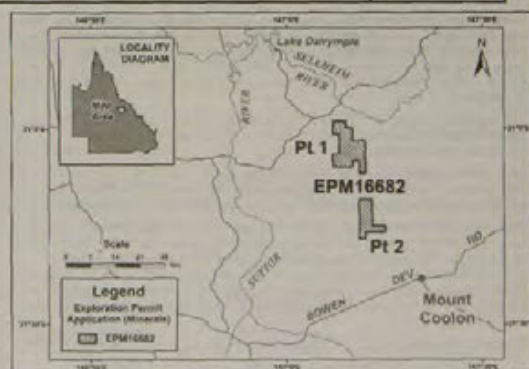
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4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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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

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 or visit www.artmuseum.uq.edu.au

Until 29 May: NSW Aboriginal Health

Awards 2008 nominations open. 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 practices in the field of Aboriginal health. For details call Geraldine Wilson on (02) 9391 9497 or Helen Gardiner on (02) 9424 5819 or visit www.health.nsw.gov.au

Until 13 June: Free Show for Aboriginal communities - *Muttacar Sorry Business*. This is an award winning theatre performance about road safety. There will be a Metro tour and a Great Sothern tour. For details call Michelle or Meredith on (08) 9202 1966 or (0439) 948 183 or email meredith@yirrayaakin.asn.au

Until 16 June: Playing Australia Funding Program. The objective of Playing Australia is to support tours to regional and remote Australia from theatre to music and opera, dance, puppetry and circus and much more. It is designed to assist the touring of performing arts across State and Territory boundaries where this is currently not commercially viable. For details call (02) 6275 9550 or

1800 819 461 or email playing.australia@environment.gov.au or visit www.arts.gov.au

Until 21 June: NAIDOC Week Competitions. There is a colouring in competition for years K-2, a Writing competition for years 3-6, Creative writing competition for years 7-9 and a Essay writing competition for years 10-12. Many prizes to be won for each competition. Entries to be sent to GPO Box 454, Sydney, 2001. For details email info@naidoc.org.au or visit www.naidoc.org.au

Until 30 June: 2009 Statewide Senior Football Netball Carnival expression of interest. Victorian Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreational Co-op would like to commence the planning and development of the carnival as early as possible to ensure that all communities are given adequate time to prepare their teams to participate. For details call Richard Young on (03) 9484 5351 or email 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.ilc.gov.au

Until 31 June: Dance for Life Project expression of interest for musicians and dancers. This is a multi art-form rhythm, vocal and dance workshop project that will be delivered to Indigenous young people in six Central Australian remote Indigenous communities. The targeted groups for the workshops are Indigenous young people between the ages of 10-18. The artists will work collaboratively with the young people to produce a short performance that can be performed for the community at the end of the workshop period. For details call Patrick McCloskey on (08) 8951 9731 or email p.mccloskey@caama.com.au

Until 4 July: Indigenous Scholarship to study at Metro Screen. With funding from the Department of Education and Training, Metro Screen is pleased to offer a limited number of free places to aspiring Indigenous filmmakers on our popular Certificate IV in Screen course. Participants will work together to produce location dramas, documentaries and studio dramas. For details call Claire Morgan or Maeve Marsden on (02) 9361 5318 or visit www.metroscreen.org.au

Until 15 July: The Australian Council for the Arts grants. These grants are offered to Indigenous artists, arts organisations and community groups to help keep culture strong. For details call (02) 9215 9065 or 1800 226 912 or visit www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants

Until 22 July: Country Energy Art Prize for Landscape Painting. The art prize is open to anyone who lives within the Country Energy's networking area. Artists are encouraged to enter all artistic styles, media and contexts - from figurative to abstract, charcoal, to traditional oil paints. The prize for the winner is \$35,000. For details call 132 356 or visit www.countryenergy.com.au/artprize

Until 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 contemporary Indigenous art and photographs of the Murray Cod. For details call (03) 8341 7141 or email bunjilakarsvp@museum.vic.gov.au or visit 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 or visit 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 16's and under 14's boys and girls. For details call Nikita Ridgeway on (0415) 095 661 or email koorigirl@mail.com or visit www.darwin.basketball.net.au

Until 22 August: Veteran and Community Grants-calling for submissions. These grants aim to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of members of the veteran community by providing financial assistance for activities, services and projects that sustain and or enhance well being. For details call Katrina Zmuda on (02) 9213 7128 or 1300 550 465 or visit www.dva.gov.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 Bendeich on (02) 9271

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
EPC1177	Approx. 46 km N from Blackwater Centred at approximate Lat.23°10'S Long.148°54'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council	Area: 19 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2723 y, z 2795 d, e, j, k	Yabee Coal Company Pty Ltd 010 849 402
EPC1182	Approx. 79 km NNE from Blackwater Centred at approximate Lat.23°01'S Long.149°22'E Local Government Area: Central Highlands Regional Council and Isaac Regional Council	Area: 199 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 63 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2584 b, c, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2585 l, q, s, v, w, x 2656 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u 2657 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2658 l, q, v, w 2729 e, k, p	Fairway Coal Pty Ltd 127 220 642

* 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), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

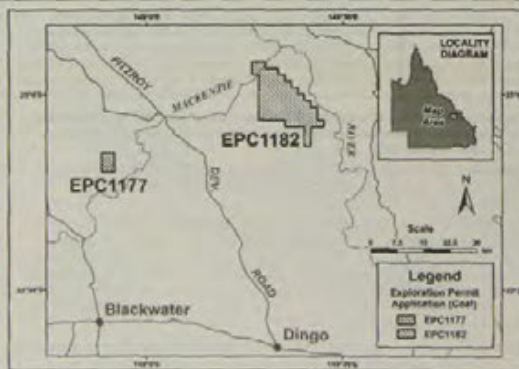
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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8655 or (0433) 157 316 or email carrie@nasca.com.au or visit 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) 9680 3444 or (0419) 535 782 or email thomas@tranby.edu.au

Until 3 December: 'The Tangerine Circle' is a discussion, social, support and meditation group for Women of Colour, and is open to all sexualities. Held every first Wednesday of each month at the Women's Library 8-10 Brown St, Newtown, Sydney from 6.30pm. For details call Uma on (0405) 509 751 or email kalgo8@yahoo.com.au

7-13 May: Certificate IV in Indigenous Leadership. This course equips current and emerging indigenous leaders with an array of competency based tools to address policy, management and administrative issues. Including quality service delivery and capacity development of groups, organisations and communities. Held in Sydney. For details call (02) 6251 5770 or email alic@indigenousleadership.org.au or visit www.indigenousleadership.org.au

7 May-4 July: Aged Care Workshops. Are you interested in developing your work skills in Community Support, First Aid Certificate and Aged Care then this is for you. These three courses will be running for 8 weeks. Held at Ullimo TAFE College, Sydney. For details call Howard or Maria on (02) 9217 5007 or (02) 9217 5006.

8 May: NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards Launch Calling for Nominations 08. We are seeking nominations from regional NSW to provide recognition for our hard working members of the community. All people, groups and organisations making valuable contributions in their fields are eligible to nominate in these prestigious awards. The prize pool has increased to \$30,000. Held at Armidale Town Hall. For details call Teesha Cupples on 1300 735 445 or email info@awardsaustralia.com or visit www.awardsaustralia.com

8-9 May: Cattle Camp-short course. This is a short course program for high school students run by our Primary Industries Centre. Held at Riverina TAFE Institute, Wagga Wagga. For details call Setchen Brimson on (02) 6938 1223 or (0438) 287 632 or email Setchen.Brimson@det.nsw.edu.au

8 May-28 June: Christine Anu and Deni Hines 'The Two of Us Tour'. This is the first time Christine and Deni have performed together. In a two hour show, each artist will perform a 45min set of their hits and favourite songs and also there will be duet performances as well. Tickets \$25-\$30 per person. For details on event locations call Dorry on (02) 9331 5888 or email doryk@theharbouragency.com or visit www.myspace.com/deniandchristine or www.christineanu.com.au

9 May: Indigenous Staff Scholarship Program. Scholarship applications are now open or 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

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 or visit www.ntwriters.com.au

10 May: 'Securing that Gig and Hit the Road' Workshop. Gold Coast City Council's Avenue Music Workshops are continuing. This series is free, and is for young emerging

musicians aged 30 and under. Held at the Coolangatta Hotel. For details call Sara on (07) 5581 7508 or email csdc@goldcoast.qld.gov.au

12-17 May: Writing Week. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander authors and poets will share their success or re-telling their stories to the wider Australian community through a series of discussions and presentations. For details call (07) 3403 8888 or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries

14-15 May: Indigenous Family Violence Prevention Forum. This year's Forum 'Addressing Problems - Sharing Solutions' will have a strong focus on programs that are currently in use, as well as hearing from services that deal directly with children and young people. For details call (07) 4940 7834 or email enquiries@noviolence.com.au or visit www.noviolence.com.au

14 May-21 June: Maningrida Arts NT Exhibition. Hogarth Galleries presents this art exhibition from the NT featuring bark paintings, hollow logs and fibre sculptures. Held at Hogarth Galleries, Paddington from 10am-5pm. For details call (02) 9360 5839 or email info@hogarthgalleries.com or visit www.aboriginalartcentres.com

15 May: Sharkwater film screening. This film is a critically-acclaimed, multi-award-winning documentary. Held at Colfs

Harbour Birch Carroll and Coyle. For details call Hattie Watson on (02) 6651 5568 or (0446) 095 298 or email hattie_watson@birch.com.au or visit www.birch.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 or visit www.ntwriters.com.au

16 May: Young Murri Parents Gathering. The gathering will bring together over 100 indigenous youth, parents, community organisations and service providers. Their is a fun packed afternoon in store with a free BBQ lunch, traditional dancers, performers, a yarning circle and stalls with great information for parents and youth to access. Held at Jagara Arts Centre, 21 Cordelia Street, South Brisbane from 11am-3pm. For details call Tamara Nikolaou on (07) 3892 0100 or (0439) 400 446 or email Tamara@989fm.com.au

16 May: Legends of Origin Luncheon.

Don't miss out on this fantastic event to celebrate the start of the 2008 State Of Origin Centenary of League campaign. Guests include Allan Langer, Tom Raudonikis, Wayne Pearce, Gene Miles and Greg Dowling, plus an additional special guest to be announced. Tickets \$100 per person including meals, alcohol and soft drinks. All welcome. Held at Urchins function room, The Reef Hotel, Casino. For details call (07) 4054 4511 or email ticketplus@taiapns.com

16-17 May: 8th Biennial Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Show and Cultural Festival 2008. It celebrates Australia's oldest culture, with art and craft from emerging and established artists, workshops in boomerang painting, basket-weaving, Indigenous games and activities, food stalls, musical performances throughout the day, and a strong youth arts contribution. Held at Milpera State High School, Parker Street, Chelmer QLD from 8pm onwards. For details call Catherine or Kerry on (07) 3379 9925 or email benarra@westnet.com.au

17 May: Balund-A Centre Open Day. Department of Corrective Services and the Balund-A staff invite all the community to our Open Day. BYO food and drinks (no alcohol). Held at 186 Welsh Road, Tabulam from 10am-3pm. For details call (02) 6660 8600.

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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 Exploration Permit shown below under the Geothermal Exploration Act 2004 (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACH
EPG9	Approx. 32 km North North West from Einasleigh Centred at approximately Lat.18°15'30"S Long.143°57'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 651 km ² Block Identification Map: Normanton and Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 200 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks Normanton 1871 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1872 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1943 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 1944 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 2015 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2016 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 2088 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p Townsville 1801 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1873 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 1945 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 2017 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p	Kuth Exploration Pty Ltd 115 393 121

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Nature of the acts: It is proposed to grant the Exploration Permit subject to the Geothermal Exploration Act 2004 (Qld). Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Geothermal Exploration Act 2004 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for geothermal energy for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek a renewal for a term not exceeding three (3) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permit will be granted under the Geothermal Exploration Act 2004 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit, 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 3729.

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 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.

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19-23 May: Visual Arts Week. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists will showcase their artwork and artifacts through workshops, documentaries and art exhibitions. For details call (07) 3403 8888 or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries

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

20 May: Good Service Mob Free Information day. The day will include information for

indigenous consumers if they are having problems with banks, businesses, contractors and consumer rights, electricity, discrimination, Centrelink, legal issues, housing and more. Held at the Community Hall, Wilcannia from 9.30am until 4pm. For details call Rose Gordon on (02) 8218 5221 or email rose@ewon.com.au or Phillip Money on (0403) 601 532.

21 May: Good Service Mob Free Information day. The day will include information for indigenous consumers if they are having problems with banks, businesses, contractors and consumer rights, electricity, discrimination, Centrelink, legal issues, housing and more. Held at the Centre for Community, 200 Beryl Street, Broken Hill from 9.30am until 4pm. For details call Rose Gordon on (02) 8218 5221 or email rose@ewon.com.au or Phillip Money on (0403) 601 532.

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

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 or www.aff.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 or visit www.terrasphere.com.au

26 May: Free Public Seminar. This is a free public seminar on traditional, complementary and alternative medicine. Guest speakers. All welcome. Held at RMIT Storey Hall Auditorium, Level 5, 336-348 Swanston St, Melbourne from 5.30pm onwards. For details call Sandy Ebell on (02) 9925 7746 or email andy.ebell@rmit.edu.au

26-31 May: Kutcha Edwards - Hope. Hope is a collection of stories put to music. Kutcha uses his own life experiences to tell stories about his friends and family. His beautiful strong voice can move you to tears as well as lift your spirits. For details call Cathy Dean on (03) 9719 7395 or email cathys@netspace.net.au or visit www.kutcha-edwards.com

27 May: Reconciliation Week Flag Raising Ceremony. Come join in on the flag raising ceremony. Free event and all welcome. There will be a luncheon at the Koori Centre after the flag raising ceremony. Held at the University of Sydney, Koori Centre from 11.30am onwards. For details call Tracey Cooley on (02) 9351 7003 or email lialison@koori.usyd.edu.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 delphimontors@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 or visit www.reconciliationvic.org.au

28 May-29 June: 'The Year of the Apology' Exhibition. This exhibition will be opened by Dion Mundane. Held at the Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Cherry Street, Ballina. For details call Frances on (02) 6628 8120 or email frances@artsnorthernrivers.com.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

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

29-31 May: Gathering Ground 2 'power of community, friendship and love'. The Block will come alive as a multi art site specific performance work of action, video, music, sound and story set amongst broken walls, empty buildings and spaces. Tour guides will lead groups on this journey of ritual, spectacle and storytelling. Held at The Block, Redfern from 7.30pm onwards. For details call Janine Collins on (0403) 274 390 or email janinecollinsau@yahoo.com.au or associate@pact.net.au

29 May - 1 June: 2008 Blues on Broadbeach Festival. Transcending the barriers of age, gender and culture Blues on Broadbeach is one of Australia's iconic Blues Festivals. This festival nurtures Australian Blues talent as well as provides a stage for international acts. Featuring an Australian band The Black Sorrows. Free event, all welcome. For details call (07) 5539 8416 or visit www.bluesonbroadbeach.com

30 May: Service to recognise. This is a service to recognise the contribution that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans have made to this country. Held at the Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park, Sydney from 11am onwards. For details call Rod Holtham on (02) 9264 8188.

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 Guzzely 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 Guzzely Gallery, 125 Charlotte St, Cooktown. For details call (07) 4068 5322.

3 June: Board Development Workshop. The Australia Business Arts Foundation is presenting this workshop specifically for board members and senior managers, chief executive officers, artistic directors and general managers of not-for-profit arts and cultural organisations. Held in Brisbane from 9.30am-4.30pm. For details call Zoe Grahamon (07) 3211 8861

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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of South Australia

Notification day: 21 May 2008



SI2006/008 Yandruwandha/Yawarrawarka Petroleum Conjointive ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 40,250km² and is located in the vicinity of Innaminka, in the north-east corner of South Australia as shown on the locality map.

The agreement area falls within the unincorporated Local Government Authority.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

Charlie Moore, Leslie Harris, Fay Nicholls, Theresa Bottrell, Aaron Paterson, Anita Paterson and Fredrick Brown for and on behalf of the Yandruwandha/Yawarrawarka Native Title Claim; the Yandruwandha/Yawarrawarka Traditional Land Owners (Aboriginal Corporation);

AND
The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc
C/- Michael Steele, Hunt and Hunt
Level 12, 26 Flinders Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000

The Honourable Michael Atkinson the Attorney-General, and the Minister for Mineral Resources Development
C/- Peter Hall, Crown Solicitor's Office
GPO Box 464
ADELAIDE SA 5001

The South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy Inc
C/- Julia Dnistrianski, Finlaysons
81 Flinders Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

CLAUSE 10.1:

The Native Title Party agrees to the grant of any Authorised Licence by the Minister to the Company in respect of any part

of the ILUA Area pursuant to the Petroleum Act, and agrees to the Company exercising its rights and entitlements and discharging its obligations under the Authorised Licence in accordance with and subject to any conditions imposed by:

10.1.1 the Petroleum Act;
10.1.2 any Applicable Law; or
10.1.3 this Framework ILUA

CLAUSE 6.2:

The Parties agree that the Right to Negotiate procedure prescribed in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to either the grant of any Authorised Licence or the carrying out of any activities under an Authorised Licence.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973 ADELAIDE SA 5001 by 21 August 2008.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Environment and Heritage (SA). Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Monica Khouri on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

National Calendar

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or email grahamz@abaf.org.au or visit www.abaf.org.au/site_tools/workshops_register.asp

4 June: Aboriginal Women's Corroboree 2008. The theme of the event is child sexual assault. There will be performances, entertainment and a free sausage sizzle. Hosted by Wirringa Balya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre. All welcome. Held at Warnervale Oval Wyong from 10am-2pm. For details call Leonie Mason or Christine Robinson on (02) 9569 3847.

6-9 June: Australian Songwriters Conference. This conference is open to all songwriters, regardless of age, location, songwriting experience or genre. There will be conference seminars, workshops and other activities that are relevant to both performing and non-performing songwriters. Held at Ettalong Beach Club and Mantra Resort, NSW central coast, one hour north of Sydney. All welcome. Registrations close 8 May. For details call (0412) 149 094 or email info@australiansongwritersconference.com.au or visit www.australiansongwritersconference.com.au

6 June-15 July: 'Gurrumul', Skinnyfish Music is pleased to announce a stunning debut ARIA album chart entry for an equally stunning debut album by singer and songwriter Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu. Entering the ARIA album chart at No. 21 and its independent chart at No. 1 confirms the stunning qualities this album has to offer music lovers. For performance dates and locations call Chrissy Carr (0417) 800 869 or call Skinnyfish music on (08) 8941 8066 or visit www.skinnyfishmusic.com.au or www.myspace.com/gurrumul or www.youtube.com/user/gurrumul

10-15 June: Out of the Box Festival. The Queensland Performing Arts Centre's are having an Out of the Box Festival for 3 to 8 year olds to give children many more exciting things to experience and enjoy. Held at the Cultural Centre, Brisbane. For details call (07) 3840 7444 or email ootb@qpac.com.au or visit www.outoftheboxfestival.com.au

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 or www.adelaidecabaretfestival.com visit 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 or visit 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 or visit www.ilbjerri.org.au

17-19 June: National Reconciliation Forum. This forum has drawn together a number of companies, leaders and communities to share and learn from the successes and failures in helping our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Held in Kalgoorlie, WA. For details call (08) 9022 2095 or email admin@reconciliation.biz or visit www.reconciliation.biz

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 alic@indigenousleadership.org.au or visit 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 the Indigenous contribution to modern Australia. All Australians are encouraged to participate in NAIDOC Week activities. For details visit www.naidoc.org.au

9 July: Memorial Service. Department of Defense will hold a Memorial Service to honour Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Service Personnel. A light lunch will be served. Held at the ATSI Memorial, which is located in bushland 350 metres behind the Australian War Memorial towards Mount Ainslie in Canberra, ACT from 12pm onwards. For details call Jenny Maidment on (02) 6127 2978 or email jennifer.maidment@defence.gov.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 or visit www.festival-pacific-arts.org

8-12 August: 2008 Garma Festival of Traditional Culture. The key forum theme will be Indigenous Knowledge: Caring for Culture and Country. Garma is a unique combination of education, entertainment and cultural interaction and exchange. Held in Nhulunbuy, north-east Arnhem Land. All welcome. For details call (08) 8941 2900 or email garmafest@bigpond.com

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 or visit www.unityindiversityconference.com

13-17 August: Cultural Fest 08. The theme is 'Unity in Diversity'. During five fun filled days of dance, food, music, arts, workshops and sports. Held at Strand Park, Townsville, from 10am-10pm. Entry fee \$2 and kids under 10 free. Alcohol and drug free event. All welcome. For details call (07) 4772 4800 or email culturalfest@bigpond.com or visit www.culturalfest.org

15-17 August: The Drumley Walk. Follow the footsteps of Billy Drumley in the early 1900s as he regularly set off on a 70km journey to check on his sister and her family. Organisers are calling for volunteers to help with the organisation of the event. Information sessions will be held on the Gold Coast, in Brisbane and in Beaudesert. For details call (07) 3807 6155 or email thedrumleywalk@optusnet.com.au or visit www.thedrumleywalk.com

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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
EPC1134	Approx. 22 km NNW from Miles Centred at approximate Lat.26°28'S Long.150°08'E Local Government Area: Dalby Regional Council	Area: 163 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 53 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2018 f, g, i, m, n, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2089 c, d, e, j, k, o, p 2090 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, s, t, u, z 2091 v 2162 e, k, p 2163 a, f, l, m, q, r, v, w, x	Surat Coal Pty Limited 010 678 869

* 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), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

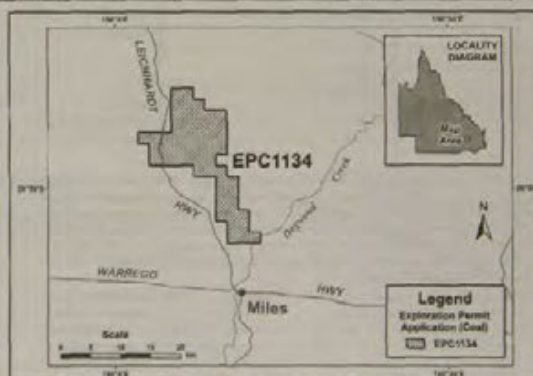
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 219 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, 219 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 28 May 2008



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ARMTOUR stays in



ARMTOUR's first visit to the Northern Territory last month was the first for 2008 but not the last, with plans for follow-ups in August and October.

The ARMTour has been visiting the NT since 1997. The program is ongoing and is delivered to the five remote NT communities of Papunya, Ntaria (Hermannsburg), Impanpa, Mutitjulu and Santa Teresa.

Pre and post-visit activities are conducted and a constant connection with the students is maintained through an online MyDreaming email system.

NASCA Director Dean Widders said that since the project's inception, many community leaders had shared stories of higher school attendance rates, increased participation in sport, and less destructive and dangerous behaviour among youth.

"Our team has worked to engage role models from various sporting backgrounds and it's with pleasure that this year we will be also

engaging well-known author and academic Dr Anita Heiss," Mr Widders said.

"Dr Heiss will add another level of engagement to the program which will assist with achieving our ultimate goal of increasing education and health outcomes in remote Aboriginal communities, through sport and educational activities."

After the visits, the children keep in contact with the role models via the NASCA website and its MyDreaming email system.

The National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA) is an Aboriginal non-profit organisation founded in 1995 by David Liddiard, who identified the need to establish a support network for Aboriginal youth and encourage athletes to inspire children through participation in sport and education.

The organisation is governed by an Indigenous Board of Directors including Sam Jeffries, William Johnstone, Dean Widders, Michael O'Loughlin, Joe Williams, and Belinda Jakiel.



Rugby league star David Peachey, from Souths Cares, with young admirers in Papunya.

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 the Exploration Permit shown below under the Geothermal Exploration Act 2004 (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 ACN
EPG7	Approx. 43 km South South East from Weipa Centred at Lat.12°S Long.142°30'E Local Government Area: Aurukun Shire Council Cook Shire Council	Area: 660 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell Number of Sub-blocks: 198 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 767 s, t, u, x, y, z 768 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 769 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 770 q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 839 c, d, e, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, t, u, z 840 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 841 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 842 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 912 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z 913 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 914 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 984 e 985 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 986 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j	Kuth Exploration Pty Ltd 115 393 121

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Nature of the acts: It is proposed to grant the Exploration Permit subject to the Geothermal Exploration Act 2004 (Qld). Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Geothermal Exploration Act 2004 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for geothermal energy for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek a renewal for a term not exceeding three (3) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permit will be granted under the Geothermal Exploration Act 2004 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

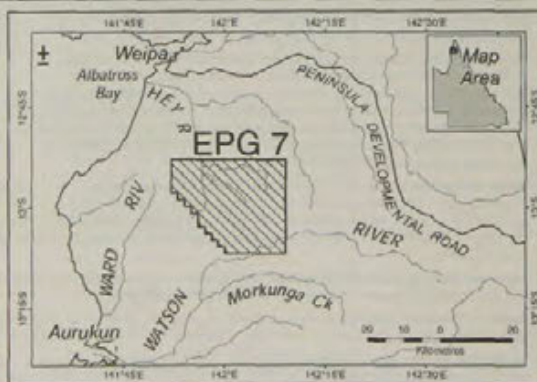
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Calendar

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9-12 September: 3rd annual National Basketball Championship. There will be a dunk competition and 3 pointer shoot out. Cost for a team \$250. Held at the Darwin Basketball Stadium. Drug and alcohol free event. For details call Nikita Ridgeway on (0415) 095 661 or email koorigirl@mail.com or visit www.darwin.basketball.net.au

12-13 September: National Indigenous Legal Conference. Held at the RACV Club, Melbourne. Bookings essential. For details call Aislinn Martin (03) 9607 9474 or (0413) 009 072 or email amartin@liv.asn.au or visit www.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

3-5 October: 'Art at the Heart' Regional Arts Australia Conference 2008. Art at the heart will provide an opportunity for artistic and cultural exchange, cross cultural collaboration and best practice approaches to working in the arts. All welcome. Held in Alice Springs, NT. For details call (08) 8951 1152 or email artattheheart@nt.gov.au or visit www.artattheheart.com.au/ah/1.asp

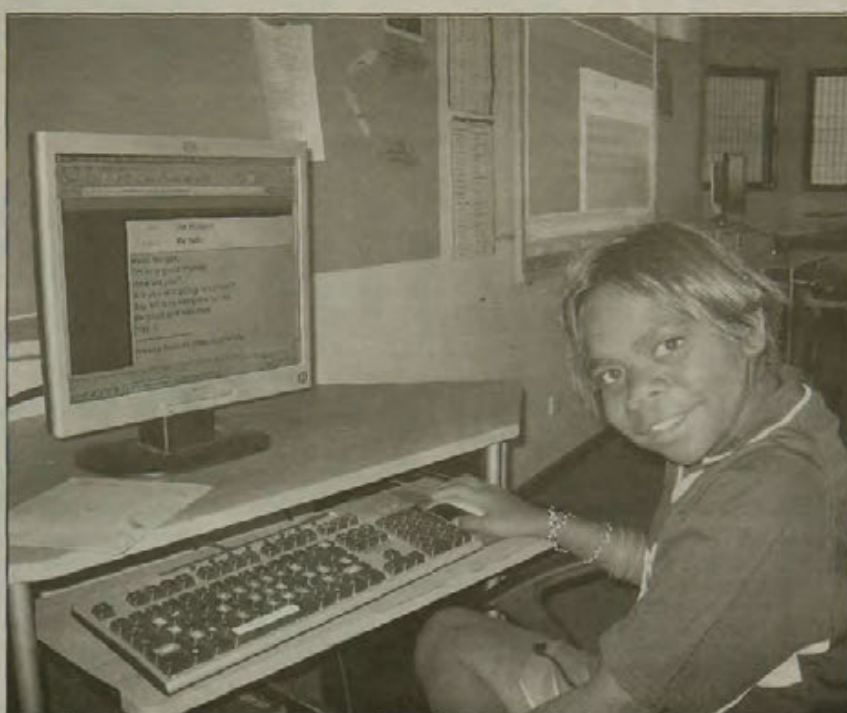
4-7 November: Desert Knowledge Symposium and Business Showcase 2008. Be part of this rare opportunity to hear about how business innovators, researchers and educators from Australia and overseas are working in partnership with communities, industry and governments to develop a body of desert knowledge that will help sustain desert communities around the world. Held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre. For details call (08) 8959 6000 or email info@desertknowledgecgc.com.au or visit www.desertknowledgecgc.com.au

8 November: Gala Presentation. The NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Award winners will be announced. The winners will go in for a share in \$30,000 worth of prize money thanks to Commonwealth Bank, Television Airtime Packages and PRIME Television. Held at Coffs Harbour. For details call Teesha Cupples on 1300 735 445 or email info@awardsaustralia.com or visit www.awardsaustralia.com

touch with children



Shane Shackleton, from the Sydney City Roosters, making friends in Papunya.



A Student at Papunya school emailing on MyDreaming.

Volunteers Wanted



THE State Library of Queensland is seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people interested in becoming a volunteer to assist the kuril dhagun Indigenous Knowledge Centre and State Library public program in 2008.

Kuril dhagun, located at the State Library, South Bank, explores different ways of understanding, creating, collecting and storing knowledge by and for Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders of Queensland.

The first of its kind in a State Library, kuril dhagun broadens the traditional concept of libraries and library services. For details visit www.sliq.qld.gov.au

Volunteering for kuril dhagun Indigenous Knowledge Centre means being involved in a public program of events, activities and workshops created for visitors to engage in and experience cultures from Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Duties may include:

- Meeting and greeting clients and visitors
- Assisting arts workers, participants and State Library staff as necessary during activities and programs
- Working alongside participants in workshops
- Being an active presence in the space
- Getting involved - helping set up, cooking on the barbecue, playing games and taking part in activities
- Assisting staff with sign in/sign out, consent forms and other procedures
- Set up/clean up of area
- Preparing art and craft materials.

Skills required for this position include excellent communication skills, positive and friendly manner, good organisational skills and inventiveness. All volunteers will be required to attend a briefing.

A valid Blue Card is required to work with children. If people do not possess a Blue Card, the State Library can apply on their behalf at no charge.

For further information, contact David Crane, Volunteers Co-ordinator, on (07) 3842 9066 or email david.crane@slq.qld.gov.au

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Nature of the acts: It is proposed to grant the Exploration Permit subject to the Geothermal Exploration Act 2004 (Qld). Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Geothermal Exploration Act 2004 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for geothermal energy for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek a renewal for a term not exceeding three (3) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permit will be granted under the Geothermal Exploration Act 2004 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

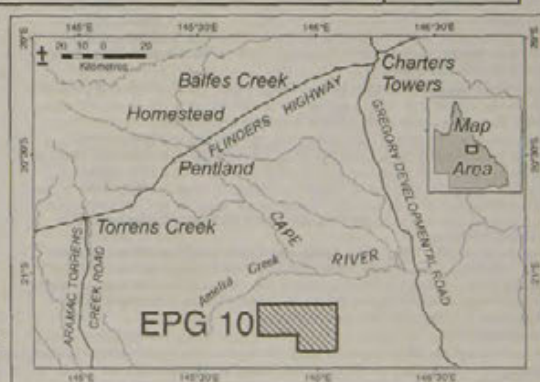
Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3725.

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Notification Day: 28 May 2008.



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Burringurrah, as it is known by Wajarri Yamatji traditional owners, is about twice the size of Uluru and plays a significant part in Aboriginal Dreamtime culture.

Photo by Clinton Nalder Photography



THE Yamatji Land and Sea Council (YLSC) staff gathered at the foot of the world's largest rock, Burringurrah, last month to learn about the diversity of Aboriginal culture in Western Australia's mid-west.

More than 20 YLSC staff members travelled from Geraldton and Perth to take part in this year's Cross Cultural workshop. The group departed Geraldton on 28 April and travelled throughout the Murchison and Gascoyne regions, visiting places of cultural and spiritual

significance, including Wooremal River, Bilung Pool, Mount Augustus (Burringurrah) and Mount Gould.

YLSC Chairperson Roy Bellotti said the workshop allowed traditional owners to share the stories of their country, while providing staff members with an insight into the world's oldest living culture.

Enhance knowledge

"The workshop was designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of staff, while improving the way YLSC did business with its clients, the traditional owners of the Yamatji region," he said.

YLSC Future Acts Officer Samantha Rosenfeld said on the eve of her departure for Burringurrah that she was looking forward to visiting the region and gaining a greater understanding of the importance of 'Country' to traditional owners.

"I feel honoured that I have been given the opportunity to hear the stories of traditional owners. It's important to me as a staff member to see the big picture and keep in mind why we work so hard to represent the rights and interest of Yamatji people," she said.

One of the significant sites YLSC staff

visited during the workshop was Mount Augustus or Burringurrah, as Wajarri Yamatji traditional owners know it. Burringurrah is about twice the size of Uluru and plays a significant part in Aboriginal Dreamtime culture.

"Workshops such as this help staff gain insight into the cultural structures that come with the Country we live on," said Mr Bellotti.

Understanding is vital

"Having an understanding of the interconnectedness of the Dreaming and the land, and how any breakage of this link, say through significant sites being destroyed, can impact on Aboriginal culture is vital to the every day work YLSC staff undertake."

"I strongly recommend any organisation that has business with traditional owners in the mid-west to consider providing their staff with cross-cultural training. Awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal culture and history is a key to doing better business."

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
EPM16781	Approx. 8 km WSW from Jimna Centred at approximate Lat.26°41'S Long.152°23'E Local Government Area: Somerset Regional Council	Area: 9 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2333 c, h, j	China Australia Mining Pty Ltd 125 784 189

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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.

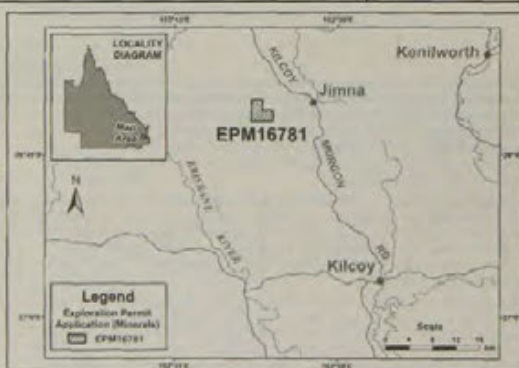
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Aboriginal language grant applications close on Friday



THE New South Wales Government is calling for expressions of interest from people interested in helping protect and teach Aboriginal languages.

This year's call for applications coincides with the United Nations declaring 2008 as the International Year of Indigenous Languages.

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Paul Lynch said last week that one-off grants of up to \$25,000 were available to Aboriginal community organisations as part of a \$200,000 program.

Mr Lynch said NSW had a proud record of recording and teaching Aboriginal languages.

"New South Wales was the first government in Australia to adopt a formal Indigenous language policy," he said.

"For more than 20 years, Aboriginal people have made it clear that they want their language back as a vital part of their culture, identity and pride," Mr Lynch said.

"For Aboriginal people, language is a direct link to their identity, land and country and reflects their unique cultural concepts, spirituality and way of looking at the world."

Before the arrival of Europeans, at least 70 Aboriginal languages and dialects were spoken in the area now called New South Wales.

Now there were only about 20 distinct Aboriginal languages used in the State.

"Through the hard work of our Aboriginal Languages Research and Resource Centre, we are determined to help Aboriginal people retain their languages," Mr Lynch said.

Further details about the Community Language Assistance Program Grants, or to obtain an application form are available at www.alrc.nsw.gov.au or by calling 9219 0700. Applications close this Friday, 9 May.

Origin back at Badu

By ALF WILSON

TSI

BADU Island will again host the Torres Strait Island of Origin rugby league carnival over the Queen's Birthday long weekend after Thursday Island had been the earlier approved venue.

The governing body, the Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL), was forced to withdraw from hosting the 2008 carnival in late April due to the poor condition of the re-laid Ken Brown Oval on TI, with doubts about the surface for such a prestigious event.

Another fact has been established about the TSI's premier sporting event after much difference of opinion between officials from the various TS islands.

It will be the 23rd anniversary after being promoted for the past few years as the 25th carnival.

Officials checked records and now believe that the 25th jubilee Origin will now be held in 2010 – and most certainly on Thursday Island.

Badu has hosted the Origin in recent years after had previously being held on Thursday Island. Last June *The Koori Mail* travelled to Badu to cover the nine-team carnival and Kulpipam beat another local side, Mulga Tigers, 44-40 in a hard-fought grand final.

There is little doubt that Badu boasts the best venue for the carnival, with excellent rugby league, volleyball and darts facilities all at the main oval.

With Origin now being less than a month away (6-7-8 June) organiser Cr Wayne Guivarra said it was now all systems go to prepare for the rugby league extravaganza.

"That doesn't give us much time, but we'll be ready," Guivarra said.

Guivarra said he commended the KRL for their common sense decision to return the 2008 Island of Origin back to the Badu Island community.

Badu Island's United Sport and Recreation Association President Tala Nona said although the Queen's birthday weekend was fast approaching, he believed there was still enough time to the event.

"Our community members are overjoyed with the chance to continue hosting this time-honoured occasion, especially as everyone was very confused when the 2007 survey elected Badu Island as the most suitable Island of Origin venue," Nona said.

Regular events include men's rugby league, women's volleyball and darts, while consideration is being given to holding a women's nine-a-side rugby league match.

Regular men's rugby league participants include Duan/Saibai, Iama, Mabuag, Kubin, Boigu, Injinoo, Bamaga, Thursday Island, Poruma, Alau and Masig, while St Pauls may also consider participating this year.

Regular visiting volleyball teams include St Pauls, Mabuag, Boigu, Duan/Saibai, Iama, Kubin, Warraber and Thursday Island.



WAYNE GUIVARRA

Specialist support for young athletes

NSW

A NEW initiative from NSW Sport and Recreation is helping up-and-coming Indigenous sportspeople to reach their full potential. The Talented Indigenous Athlete Program was developed to help Indigenous athletes, aged 14 to 17 years, overcome cultural barriers to engaging in representative and elite sport.

Specifically, the program aims to:

- Help Indigenous athletes make the transition from local level sport to academy level sport

- Increase retention of Indigenous athletes in regional academies

- Empower Indigenous athletes to become role models in their communities.

Anne Jackson, Senior Project Officer at NSW Sport and Recreation, says 30 young athletes will take part in the program at Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre, near Gunnedah, from 9-11 May, 2008.

"All program participants are currently involved with Regional Academies of Sport in NSW," she said.

"These young men and women represent a variety of different sports, including athletics, basketball, hockey, netball, rugby league, rugby union and tennis.

"Through the program they will participate in workshops that explore themes such as cultural identity, healthy choices and leadership.

"Some very successful Indigenous athletes will be dropping in to share their experience and advice, including Olympic hurdler Kyle Vander Kuyp, Australian touch football representative Bo de la Cruz, and Dean Widders and Ben Rogers from the South Sydney Rabbitohs.

"The group will also participate in a storytelling and painting workshop led by Indigenous artist and musician Dhinawan, receive training from a sports psychologist and be tested for the Australian Sports Commission National Talent Identification Program.

"By providing specialised support which these young athletes would not normally be able to access, we hope to help them overcome any barriers they may face to reaching their full potential."

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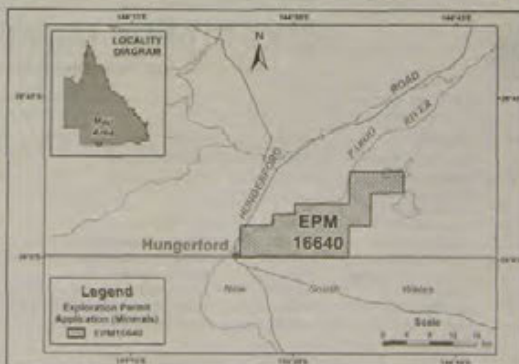
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Queensland Government
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Young surfers fitted out with new gear

Ryan Thompson and Luann Potger are thrilled to be standing up as they learn the fundamentals of surfboard riding at Terrigal, on the NSW central coast.



INDIGENOUS youth from the NSW central coast's Deadly Young

Indigenous Surfing program took to the water at Terrigal Beach on the last day of April with new surfboards and rash vests thanks to the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation.

The Deadly Young Indigenous Surfing program is a collaboration between the Mingeletta Aboriginal Corporation, Gosford City Council and other local supporters.

Launched in 2005, it makes surfing accessible for Indigenous youth throughout the Central Coast region.

The program promotes healthy lifestyles and provides the local Indigenous community with the opportunity to experience surfing in a fun, safe and supervised environment.

Australian Sports Commission's Director of National Sports Programs Greg Nance praised the initiative shown by the central coast community to get this program off the ground.

"The ASC's Indigenous Sport Program works to provide ongoing support to the Indigenous community with running effective, sustainable programs and the Deadly Young Indigenous Surfing program is an excellent example of this type of program," Nance said.

Kylie Cassidy, Aboriginal Community Development Officer from the Mingeletta Aboriginal Corporation, is excited about receiving the new equipment.

"The program greatly benefits local Indigenous youth by providing them with an alternative activity outside school hours. This equipment will enable the program to grow further which is great news for everyone involved," he said.

The central coast is one of four communities that will benefit from this equipment. New surfboards and rash vests were also presented to Indigenous surfing programs at Byron Bay and Maroubra (NSW), and Warrnambool (Vic).

The Laureus Sport for Good Foundation, founded in 2000, is an apolitical charitable initiative that uses the positive influence of sport to tackle society's most pressing challenges. It celebrates the universal power of sport to bring people together as a force for good.

The ASC's Indigenous Sport Program aims to increase Indigenous Australians' participation in structured sport at all levels, builds the capacity of Indigenous people to run sustainable sporting programs and supports talented Indigenous sportspeople to achieve their sporting goals.

For more information on the ASC's Indigenous Sport Program and opportunities in sport for Indigenous Australians go to www.ausport.gov.au/participating/all/indigenous

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
45/2973	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	102.5km ²	61km SWly of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°49' Long 119°14'	East Pilbara
47/1772	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	167.14km ²	25km SWly of Tom Price	Lat 22°53' Long 117°40'	Ashburton

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: 7 May 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 7 August 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. 7 September 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.

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LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/1365	Royce William Allen	246.78ha	14km Wly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°45' Long 121°19'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/1481	Focus Minerals Ltd (ACN 005 470 799) Matador Mining Pty Ltd	9.42ha	5km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°59' Long 121°10'	Coolgardie
15/1740	Royce William Allen	245.68ha	15km Wly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°46' Long 121°18'	Coolgardie
24/831	James Karl Marsden	3.97ha	38km Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°20'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/836	Hydro Resources Ltd	558.48ha	69km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°22' Long 120°52'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/938	Robert Laurence Hawke	207.73ha	66km Sly of Menzies	Lat 30°16' Long 120°52'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/347	Integra Mining Ltd	985.67ha	39km Ely of Kalbarra	Lat 31°06' Long 122°01'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/333	Ross Alan Neve	19.4ha	39km Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°24' Long 121°32'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
31/188	James Andrew Hunt	165.00ha	128km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°16' Long 122°22'	Menzies
36/411	Pacific Energy Ltd	2149.78ha	22km SWly of Leonora	Lat 28°05' Long 120°34'	Leonora
36/5055-6	Forsyth NL				
38/452	Kula Pty Ltd	130.89ha	4km NEly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°57' Long 122°54'	Laverton
38/453	Kula Pty Ltd	199.82ha	6km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°56' Long 122°51'	Laverton
38/454	Kula Pty Ltd	9.59ha	8km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°55' Long 122°51'	Laverton
39/938	Berick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	85.02ha	35km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°47' Long 122°05'	Laverton
45/757	Allen Charles Thompson	8.01ha	36km Sly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°29' Long 119°36'	East Pilbara
45/1081	Jeaneetha Rae Stubbs	525.45ha	14km Ely of Marble Bar	Lat 21°06' Long 119°52'	East Pilbara
45/1135	Kenneth Bacon	19.95ha	45km Wly of Nalgene	Lat 21°49' Long 119°40'	East Pilbara
46/372-82	Wedgetail Mining Ltd	10188.94ha	59km Ely of Nalgene	Lat 21°45' Long 120°37'	East Pilbara
52/1043	Australasian Manganese Pty Ltd	998.77ha	30km Sly of Newman	Lat 23°25' Long 120°28'	East Pilbara
59/722	David Ian Rooke	25.52ha	26m Sly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°16' Long 117°41'	Yalgoo
70/1178	Brett Andrew Baldwin Enric Pty Ltd	677.98ha	44km Wly of Gingen	Lat 31°16' Long 115°27'	Gingen

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: 7 May 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 7 August 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. 7 September 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.

Campbell accepts that his rep career is over



GOLD Coast livewire fullback Preston Campbell has conceded his representative career

is over after being overlooked for the NSW Country rugby league team.

Country selectors drafted St George Illawarra custodian Ben Hornby into the side to replace the injured Brett Stewart for last Friday night's 22-all clash with City in Wollongong.

The diminutive Campbell has been in scintillating form for his NRL club, playing a key role in the Titans' march to the top of the table.

The 2001 Dally M Medallist said

the Country selectors had decided to adopt a youth policy, although he believed age shouldn't matter.

Asked whether his representative career was finished after playing for Country the past three years, Campbell replied: "Yeah, I think so."

"I didn't really think about that but now that you mention it, maybe it is (over)."

"I'm 31 years old (in June) and they're obviously going for a much younger side."

"Age shouldn't matter in some ways."

"I'm not really disappointed. I'm happy in a smaller way, the fact I'll be able to concentrate on playing the Titans now."

How good is he?

Franklin hard to hold back as career soars to new heights



THE only job in the Australian Football League tougher than shutting down Lance Franklin might be containing the escalating hype over the Hawthorn star

forward. The Hawks are trying desperately, denying requests for anyone associated with the club to talk about 'Buddy' in the wake of his heroics in the season's opening rounds.

But despite their efforts, the lid is well and truly off, with the 21-year-old superstar's performances prompting a wave of recent plaudits from the game's luminaries.

Former Hawks great Dermott Brereton compared him to Gary Ablett Snr in the way he transcends the physical limitations of most mortals, while multi-premiership coaches Leigh Matthews and Kevin Sheedy labelled him a 'freak'.

Most agree that no player in the game has the physical attributes to match him.

In fact, there might not be a player in the AFL's history who could match Franklin's combination of size, strength, skill and athleticism.

Has all the skills

His long legs propel him at enormous speed and his endurance is great enough that he could comfortably slot into the midfield.

Factor in his size — 196cm and 101kg — leap, and reach, and any player with the requisite athleticism struggles to combat him in the air.

His ability to consistently slot goals on his left boot from outside 50m adds to his potency, allowing him to make long leads outside the arc and countering opposition defences' attempts to blunt him through crowding the area close to goal.

That blend has Franklin on track to become the first Hawk to kick 100 goals in a home and away season since the club's all-time leading goalkicker Jason Dunstall in 1996 and the first from any club since AFL record-holder Tony Lockett in 1998.

Full-forward Dunstall, who played in four premierships, and centre half-forward Brereton, who played in five, were the star goalkickers of the Hawks' greatest era in the 1980s and early 1990s.

Franklin embodies some of the best of both. His goalkicking capacity is the greatest the club has seen since Dunstall.

His showmanship, confidence, love of the big occasion and crowd-rousing capability evokes memories of Brereton, a predecessor in the No 23 guernsey.

Franklin might eventually join that pair in the pantheon of Hawk greats.

The young Hawks squad seems headed into an era of regular premiership contention.

And Franklin's brief finals record indicates he will rise to the occasion when they do.

His finals debut, against Adelaide in a sudden-death clash at Telstra Dome last season, announced him as a big-time performer in extraordinary style.

His seven goals lifted the Hawks to a

three-point win, the last three in a nail-biting final term, including the match-winner from outside 50m with seven seconds left.

Just as significant is his increasing consistency.

In his first two seasons, 2005 and 2006, he managed 52 goals in 34 games, while last year he kicked 73 in 22 matches, with at least one goal in every game played.

To this point in his career, Franklin has looked more comfortable using his pace to burn off opponents and mark in space on the flanks.

But as he grows in strength and contested marking nous, he will get more touches closer to goal, making him even harder to combat.

Even before he was drafted in 2004, Franklin was viewed as a potential match-winner of freakish ability, but that did not stop some clubs overlooking him on draft day, when he was the fifth player chosen.

The player taken a pick earlier, Richmond's Richard Tambling, has been haunted by constant comparisons, but that simplistic analysis overlooks the fact that there were also three other players picked before him.

Even the Hawks opted for another key forward, Jarryd Roughead at No 2, ahead of Franklin, deeming him a safer option.

While Franklin's extraordinary blend of skills were apparent, there were question marks, notably a disappointing showing at that year's under-age national championships.

His temperament, particularly when things were going against him, also led to him being considered a slight risk.

Model looks

And there was the query over how the young West Australian with the model looks would adjust to Melbourne life.

In his first few seasons at the club, the Hawks assigned him a more experienced player as a mentor, first John Barker and then Ben Dixon, with their role extending to accompanying him into nightclubs and bars.

Perhaps those temperament and off-field concerns help explain why the Hawks have been so guarded in talking publicly about their prize forward, reluctant to shower him with praise for fear of increasing the pressure on him.

While Franklin will be constantly ranked against AFL greats past and present, the most suitable comparison might lie elsewhere, with the young Hawk bearing some striking similarities to Melbourne Storm sensation Greg Inglis.

The two Aboriginal 21-year-olds, born 15 days apart, made their debuts for their respective clubs in 2005 and both boast a similar build and athletic prowess.

It is not hard to imagine Franklin's attributes making him a rugby league star, had he chosen that path.

But unlike Franklin, Inglis, already a star with Queensland and Australia, has a premiership with the Storm last season and the Clive Churchill Medal as best on field in the grand final.

Watching Franklin attempt the AFL equivalent will be fascinating. — AAP

Career stats for Lance Franklin

Born: January 30, 1987

Recruited from Perth (WA), No 5 pick in the 2004 national draft

Height: 196cm

Weight: 101kg

Notable performances: Nine goals v Essendon R6 2007, eight

goals v Brisbane Lions R5 2008, Seven goals v Adelaide EF 2007, plus six hauls of six goals. Also booted 2.11 v Western Bulldogs R21 2007

Other honours: Rising Star nominee 2005, Hawthorn leading goalkicker 2007 (73 goals), leads 2008 AFL goalkicking after round five (29 goals)

Destined for the very top

By PETER ARGENT and AGENCIES



SILKY smooth in every movement he takes on the football field, Cyril Rioli was always destined to be an AFL footballer.

After an outstanding junior career, which included All-Australian honours at the national under-18 titles last year, the biggest surprise was it took to selection 12 for him to be drafted.

The recruiting staff at the Hawks saw his signing as a coup and believed, despite injury issues during his junior career, he was a bargain still to be available when their first selection came around.

He was ready to take the next step to the elite level, and after debut in Round One, just six games later he collected a NAB AFL Rising Star nomination.

As important, he has adjusted quickly and is already a potent and dangerous member of the Hawthorn forward line.

Heritage was always on his side as AFL greats Michael Long and Maurice Rioli are his uncles. Both of these footballers have already carved a niche in the history of Australian football, and Cyril is quickly following in their footsteps.

The other aspect which would be pleasing for the Hawthorn coaching staff is he has fitted in perfectly as a small forward alongside fellow Aboriginal players Lance Franklin and Mark Williams.

Exciting talent

"Cyril is an exciting talent and we have been really pleased with the contribution he has made to the team so far this season," his coach Alistair Clarkson said.

"His transition into the Hawthorn Football Club has been first-class and he has made a good start to his AFL career.

Despite playing every game so far in his debut year, Rioli is self-effacing about his accomplishments, even talking himself down.

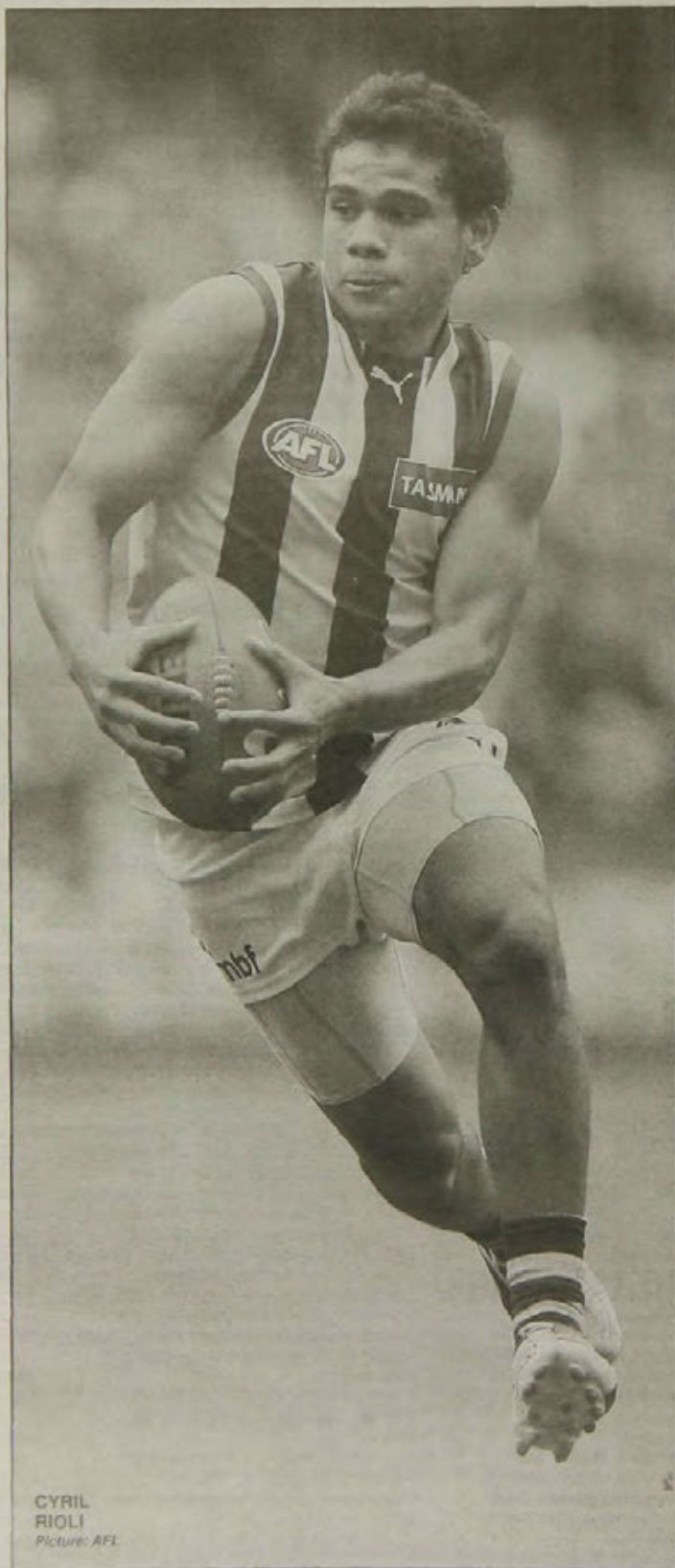
"Coming into the season I didn't even think I was going to get a game and now it's all happening," Rioli said.

"It's good being one of the favourites (for the NAB AFL Rising Star Award).

"I just like my footy so it doesn't really matter to me. I'll just keep it in the back of my mind."

Rioli was Hawthorn's first-round selection in the 2007 NAB AFL draft – the second Indigenous player to be nominated in 2008 following Josh Hill in round two.

Based on his form over the first month and a half of the 2008 AFL season, as long as injury doesn't interfere, he has already firmed as a favourite to follow in Byron Pickett's and Danyle Pearce's footsteps and become a NAB Rising star winner.



CYRIL RIOLI
Picture: AFL

'Tourist' Tahu takes in the sights of South Africa



NSW rugby union coach Ewen McKenzie has encouraged Timana Tahu to enjoy life as a tourist on the Waratahs' two-game Super 14 stint in South Africa.

The Waratahs and ARU recruited Tahu from the NRL on a \$400,000-a-season deal but, after being overlooked for NSW's 22-man squad to face the Bulls in Pretoria last Saturday, the former rugby league international jumped aboard flight QF63 last Friday as little more than a highly-paid passenger.

McKenzie hasn't ruled out promoting Tahu for NSW's second game in the republic, against the Stormers in Cape Town, but said either way, the rugby rookie should savour the travelling experience.

Tahu played just three games for the Waratahs before succumbing to a chronic hamstring injury and McKenzie said merely being on the road with the team would prove invaluable for the classy back's development.

"It's an opportunity for him to again continue to catch up – catch up on the knowledge side of it and just be out there training," McKenzie said.

"He trained very well yesterday (1 May), but that was the second time we've seen him in six weeks, so we'll continue that transition.

"He also gets to experience one of the great opportunities off the field, which is the travel, and he'll get to see South Africa, which is a great experience.

"It's part of the rugby experience."

Tahu admitted to still being 'inexperienced playing rugby', but the 27-year-old was nevertheless disappointed to have missed selection for the Bulls game.

"It's just something I've got to put up with and bite my tongue and hope when I get my chance, that I perform," he said last Friday.

Even without Tahu, more than half of the NSW backline were set to make their Super debuts in South Africa. –AAP



TIMANA TAHU

Three of our mob in Oz boxing team



THREE Indigenous boxers are in the Australian team to contest the Beijing Olympic Games in August. They are Luke Boyd (54kg division), Paul Flemming (57kg) and Anthony Little (60kg).

There are nine boxers in the Australian team, ranging in weight from the 48kg division to 91kg-plus.

The team was announced after the Oceania selection trials last week in Apia, Samoa.

Indigenous people make up just 2 per cent of Australia's population, but in boxing, as in rugby league and Australian football, Indigenous people far exceed 2 per cent of representation.

In the case of boxing, Indigenous boxers make up 33 per cent of the Australian team for Beijing.

Australia sent two teams to Samoa and dominated the Olympic qualifying tournament, winning nine of the 11 weight categories.

WA lightweight Anthony Little cruised into the Olympic team with a 23-8 win over compatriot Brendon Wilson in the 60kg final, passing another test of his remarkable character.

The Athens Olympian looked set to hang up the gloves when he was cut from the Melbourne Commonwealth Games team after failing a drug test. The Court of Arbitration for Sport agreed that Little had tested positive after passively smoking marijuana.

But Boxing Australia still replaced him at the Commonwealth Games with Lenny Zappavigna – a boxer the WA fighter had comfortably outpointed at the selection trials despite nursing a broken hand. Boxing Australia had to go all the way to Switzerland's

Court of Arbitration for Sport to send a B outfit after the world amateur boxing body surprisingly banned countries from fielding two teams to qualifying tournaments.

In the end both teams went to Samoa – and dominated. In the 54kg final, Luke Boyd, representing Australia B, beat Eugene Keto (PNG) when the referee stopped the fight in the third round. It was the only final that did not go the distance.

Paul Flemming, another Australia B representative, beat Luke Jackson (Aus) 8-4 in the 57kg division final.

There were three all-Australian finals and four semi-finals at Samoa.

Boxing Australia Chairman Ted Tanner told *The Koori Mail* the Australian boxing team for Beijing was strong and capable of collecting medals.

He singled out Sydneysider Luke Boyd as a real medal prospect.

Tanner said Paul Flemming, from near Tully, far north Queensland, was a great team man and would have a positive impact on the Australian team.

He said he admired Anthony Little because he had fought back from the drugs setback and now balanced boxing with family commitments.

Tanner said Boxing Australia was only too aware of the capabilities of Indigenous boxers.

This was reflected in the \$450,000 a year invested in Indigenous boxing by the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission.

Results from Oceania Olympic boxing selection trials finals at Apia, Samoa (winners qualify for Beijing Games): 48kg: Jack Willie (PNG) d Kyle Freiberg (Aus) 15-9.

51kg: Stephen Sutherland (Aus) d Francis Oaika (PNG) 16-8.

54kg: Luke Boyd (Aus B) d Eugene Keto (PNG) round three stoppage.

57kg: Paul Flemming (Aus B) d Luke Jackson (Aus) 8-4.

60kg: Anthony Little (Aus) d Brendon Wilson (Aus B) 23-8.

64kg: Todd Kidd (Aus B) d Valee Sasulu (Samoa) 13-6.

69kg: Gerard O'Mahony (Aus B) d Iva Faumui (Samoa) 17-8.

75kg: Jarrod Fletcher (Aus B) d Nathan McEwan (NZ) 17-3.

81kg: Satupaitea Tavui (Samoa) d Taga Soifale (Samoa B) 15-12.

91kg: Brad Pitt (Aus B) d Adam Forsyth (Aus) 15-11.

91kg-plus: Daniel Beahan (Aus) d Uaine Fa (Tonga) 14-4.

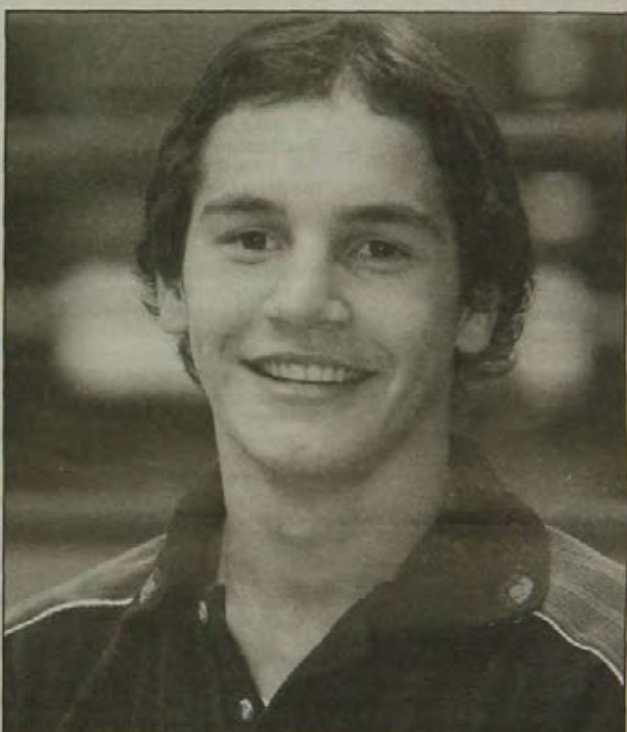
– AAP and Graham Hunt

- RIGHT: Paul Flemming.
- BELOW: Anthony Little, throws a left.
- BOTTOM: Luke Boyd awaits the bell.

Pictures: Australian Sports Commission



North Queenslander Paul Flemming is welcomed home by his mum after qualifying to compete in boxing at the Beijing Olympic Games.



History on Paul's side

Paul Flemming's great-grandmother, Auntie Celie Smith, looked after many Aboriginal fighters at her home in Conner Street, The Valley, and also later when she lived at the Victoria Park housing camp.

Australian champion

Jack Hassen was one of the Murri boxers who stayed with Auntie Celie.

She helped these boxers prepare for their fights by preparing good healthy meals and particular foods to shed any excess weight. She also washed and ironed for them.

League back at Palm

By ALF WILSON



It was a historic day for Palm Island rugby league when a domestic competition kicked off on 26 April after a 10-year break.

Doug Pitt, from the Queensland Department of Recreation and Sport, had visited the north Queensland Aboriginal community regularly in the lead-up to the fixtures and helped organise the competition.

Each of the five clubs had a strong band of local administrators being well represented on and off the field.

Brothers club had the first-round bye, and did a great job in committing to operational duties on game day.

Before the first game kicked off, a minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect for all community members who had passed on.

Visitors from the mainland had travelled to Palm Island by ferry the day before and by aircraft on the morning of the games to see rugby league resurrected there.

In the first reserve grade



It looks as if Raiders coach Ben Namoa has some work to do if his team is to figure in the Palm Island competition at the business end of the season.

match, Butler Bay Bulls opened the season impressively by downing the Mount Bentley Raiders.

The second reserve grade game between Skipjacks and Jets was a one-horse race, with Skipjacks running off winners.

Highlights of the day were the two A-grade games which showed that rugby league talent on Palm Island has not



The Skipjacks line up before their match against Jets.

been lost. The Bulls got a double on the weekend by mesmerising the Raiders' defence.

The match of the round saw the Skipjacks also picking up a double by overpowering a gallant Jets outfit.

Skipjacks centre Tabua Oui was unstoppable with his blistering speed, and was well supported by blockbusting front-rower Freddy Bulsey.

Impressive was Skipjacks captain and veteran Ben Kennedy, while Raoul Miller for the Jets often busted the line, and the talented Pearson boys –

Daryl and Clint – combined well with centre Caleb Oui for the Bulls in their demolition of the Raiders.

One local delighted to see local footy there was Palm Island Rugby League life member Bill Blackley, who said it had been very successful.

Previous domestic games on the island had attracted most of the population to watch and had lots of atmosphere.

Nothing has changed.

The Palm Island representative side contests many All Blacks carnivals around

north Queensland, and this competition will give them fitter players to choose from later in the year.

A Palm Island Barracudas team was part of the 2002 Townsville rugby league competition, but crippling travel and player insurance costs forced the club officials to withdraw.

It is now hoped that the domestic competition will enable a Palm side to once again compete in the Townsville competition in the next few years.

Lake Nash teams long for a home ground

By ALF WILSON



MOUNT Isa Australian football officials are hopeful that Lake Nash Alpururulam Aboriginal community in the Northern Territory will have a field good enough to play fixtures on in the not-too-distant future.

Two Lake Nash teams, the Bats and Bushie Bulldogs, compete in the outback western Queensland competition along with Mount Isa-based sides Tigers, Rovers and Buffs.

The Lake Nash teams travel more than a 600km weekly round trip during the season on rough roads to play fixtures in Mount Isa and during the wet season games have to be postponed or cancelled.

In round one of the 2008 season on 13 April, the Bats were drawn to meet Tigers, but could not make the long journey because of the lack of enough roadworthy vehicles to transport the players.

In round two on 20 April, the Bats and Bulldogs met in Mount Isa in what has become known as the Lake Nash derby. The Bats won by 65 points.

If the Aboriginal community had a quality oval, that match could have been played at home before a large local crowd.

Mt Isa AFL official Maddo Fidler said that a couple of weeks before the season started, several board members travelled to the community to look at the facilities.



The Lake Nash Bats.

"They do have a sort of footy oval but it would take a bit of work and money to get it up to scratch," he said.

"We did suggest to the Bats and Bulldogs that we would love to come a couple of times a year and play there, which would save them travelling into the Isa each and every week."

In the other round two match, reigning premiers Rovers beat last year's grand finalists Tigers by 45 points.

In other Mount Isa AFL news, Mr Fidler said that AFLQ had appointed Junior Development Officer Michael King on a full-time basis this year to help with the Auskick Program and Junior AFL.

"For the first time in many years, local clubs are putting Tigers, Rovers and Buffs will be fielding junior teams and hopefully with a bit of help we will get a Lake Nash junior team to enter the competition," he said.

Indigenous team of the century

KOORI Mail reader Chris Lamb, of St George, Queensland, said we mixed up the positions of his best all-time Indigenous rugby league team.

We invited readers to submit their selections for the best Indigenous team in the run-up to the National Rugby League's announcement of the Indigenous team of the century as part of the code's centenary celebrations.

Here is Chris Lamb's team: Fullback, Eric Simms; wingers, Lionel Morgan, John Ferguson; centres, Steve Renouf, Mal Meninga; five-eighth Laurie Daley; halfback, Ewan McGrady; lock, Ron Gibbs; second rowers, Sam Backo, Gordon Tallis; props, John Sattler, Arthur Beetson; hooker, Mal Cochrane.

Campbell re-signs

GOLD Coast Titans rugby league coach John Cartwright believes Preston Campbell is in career-best form after the Titans last week re-signed the electrifying fullback until the end of 2009.

Campbell, 30, has been in blistering form in recent weeks as the Titans charged to the top of the NRL ladder after seven rounds. "He's coming into some of the best form that he's played in his career," Cartwright said last Friday.

"His game last week against the Warriors, you couldn't really hope for a better game from fullback."

"He is also so important to the club. He's the type of guy you want as a role model everyone that plays at the club."

Campbell, who made his first grade debut with the Gold Coast Chargers in 1998, admitted he had almost started to think about life after football after being hampered by injuries over the past three years. —AAP

A point to prove

AFTER almost two hours of slogging it out on the football field, a draw is a rare result in our game.

Unlike soccer and other low-scoring games, the draw is a less-than-satisfying result for fans and players alike.

Unlike the NRL we do not have a mechanism like the golden point to try to establish a winner on the day.

And that's the point. You don't feel like a winner. You don't feel like a loser.

You are left with a feeling of uncertainty which I can only best describe as a hollow feeling.

But even though that is the best way I can describe our recent Anzac Round clash with North Melbourne, on reflection there was much to be proud of as the Swans definitely showed we have the ability to 'dig in' when required.

We were forced to head to the trenches late in what was described as a 'thrilling draw' with the Kangaroos at Telstra Dome. Our experienced runners certainly helped pull back a late 17-point deficit to eventually share the premiership points but, at the end, we were left looking for more.

Despite the fact that we stopped North pulling away early in the last term, we were pretty disappointed with our overall effort.

We were pretty poor at the start of the last quarter and allowed them to kick a couple and get ahead, but then we showed some character and we sort of dug in and we fought back.

That showed what we were truly capable of and, as I said, to have a draw just left us feeling a bit hollow.

Brett Kirk, Amon Buchanan and Tadhg Kennelly were instrumental in getting us back into the contest with their attack on the ball and runs through the middle of the ground.

After personally struggling earlier in the match, their efforts allowed me to contribute to our comeback with two goals in the final 10 minutes of the game.

Form mirror

It is amazing how your personal form can mirror that of the team, despite your best efforts.

My timing was a little bit off at the start of the game and I went to ground a bit much.

It seemed as if I was falling over my own feet sometimes, so it was pleasing in the second half to be able to fight my way back in.

If you've had a poor first half, you've really got to sort of dig in and contribute to the team.

Our wayward goalkicking cost us in the end, and we also have

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to improve on some other aspects of our forward play.

We thought the ball came out of the forward line a bit too easily, and being a forward, we've got to work a lot harder to keep the ball in there to compete and provide a contest.

It is something we have to improve on as a forward line group.

The positive thing is that we have shown that ability to fight back, which will give us confidence when we find ourselves in the heat of the battle.

In the final analysis, I think that is the one valuable thing about a draw.

It gives you perspective. If we had won, we might have been carried away by the euphoria of the moment and overlooked the deficiencies of our game.

Alternatively, if we had lost, we might well have focused on the umpiring decisions or rued the bounce of the ball that seemingly cost us victory.

As it was, much of the post-match discussion centred on the goal umpire's decision to award a behind rather than a goal.

Even the coach's wife got caught up in the controversy.

"I spoke to my wife; she thought it was a goal," Paul Roos said.

"She saw it on telly and the commentators thought it was a goal... but that's just one incident in a game."

But, as always, our coach was immediately able to take the broader view.

"I think you've got to look at the whole course of the game, not just the last bit," he said.

"If the umpire calls it a goal, you obviously get another two (competition) points. But that hasn't happened, so there's no point worrying too much about that."

Roos also did not join the chorus of critics who called for the introduction of a video umpire as used in other sports.

He said critical goal-line decisions did not warrant the introduction of technology.

"I think it just slows the game up. You could have done it before, but now with the quick kick-in... it's just going to slow the game down," he said.

"The AFL have done everything to quicken the game up. To bring that in would be against what they've tried to do."

Opposition coach Laidley also said the umpire was in the best possible position to make the decision.

"It was judged a point," Laidley said.

"It was like the other 300 kicks that were out there."

This brings us back to the point about perspective.

A game may well be decided by a single point, but it is the whole effort that puts you into the position of whether you win or lose the game.

A draw just means you have a point to prove in your next game.

Until next time... Keep Dreaming!

Johnson fights for ticket to Beijing

PATRICK JOHNSON



INDIGENOUS sprinter Patrick Johnson is one of six Australian athletes who have already lodged court appeals against missing out on selection for the Beijing Olympics.

And with three-quarters of the anticipated team of 440 athletes still to be formally named, it seems the lawyers will be almost as busy as the athletes in the final days before the August opening ceremony.

Apart from Johnson, the other athletes who are taking their cases to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) are relay swimmer Andrew Mewing, dual diving bronze medalist Louidy Wiggins (neo Tourky), kayaker Luke Michaels and shooter Susannah Smith. Johnson, Michaels and Wiggins have lodged their appeals even though their teams have not been finalised. Selectors have told them they are no longer under consideration.

Of the 28 sports on the Olympic program, teams have been finalised in only six: Swimming, synchronised swimming, sailing, shooting, archery, and softball.

Excluding those in appeals, a total of 98 athletes have so far been named for Beijing by the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) - 59 women and 39 men.

The cost of preparing and sending the team to China is about \$35 million. Johnson earlier lost his appeal

Patrick wins in Japan

AUSTRALIAN sprinter Patrick Johnson last week won the 100m at a track-and-field meet in Hiroshima, Japan.

Johnson's winning time of 10.18 seconds was under the Olympic A qualifying standard. But it will not officially boost his chances of being added to the Beijing Games team as the race was run with the benefit of an 'illegal' 2.7m tailwind.

Johnson, the national 100m record holder, is mid-way through the appeals process after being

against omission from the Australian Olympic team.

Johnson, the Australian 100m record holder, appealed his omission from the 100m and 200m for the Beijing Games.

An Athletics Australia independent tribunal turned down the appeal.

AA named a preliminary 25-man squad for the Beijing Games in early March following the national trials in Brisbane.

AA can still add other athletes to the Olympic team until the final cut-off on June 23.

Johnson has since decided to take

left out of the initial Australian Olympic Games squad named in early March.

He has lodged the appeals paperwork with the Court of Arbitration for Sport but has asked that his case be held over until the final Olympic squad is announced by Athletics Australia on June 23.

Johnson was to contest his favoured 200m event in two further GP meets in Japan - one last Saturday and again on 10 May. - AAP

his case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Johnson and two other Indigenous sprinters, Otis Gowa and Joshua Ross, have not given up hopes of making the Beijing track-and-field team.

They still could earn a ticket to Beijing if they can qualify for the men's 4x100m relay.

Gowa recently was a shock winner of the men's 100m at the National titles, beating the more fancied Johnson and Matt Shirlington.

Last Easter he ran a close fourth in the final of the Stawell Gift - Australia's richest foot race. - AAP

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HOPEFULLY, when you read this, the Rabbitohs will have finally returned to the winners' list after our game against the Cowboys.

Let me be the first to admit that losing so many games at the start of the season is no easy thing for me personally, for the team and for the club as a whole.

There were high expectations at the start of the season and we had good reason to feel these were justified after our successes last year.

But whether we have success against the Cowboys or not, I can assure you the entire organisation has remained solid and we are all pulling in the same direction.

We still believe we are capable of achieving our goals and will soon make winning a habit rather than getting used to the feeling of defeat.

Strangely enough, the recent controversy over the dropping of four players and David Kidwell losing the co-captaincy over positive alcohol readings at a recovery session is more a pointer of the club's strength than a team unravelling.

The simple facts are that the players

decided on a zero policy at the start of the season and Shannon Hegarty wore the consequences early on.

After the Broncos game, the players involved did not engage in any anti-social behaviour.

Nor did they turn up to training drunk.

They broke the club's internal player code of conduct and it would have been easy to keep the matter internal and out of the press.

I know of many other occasions when a club or a coach would have used the team's poor start to the season as an excuse to sweep the issue under the carpet.

It is a sign of the club's strength and the character of coach Jason Taylor – who himself has been under intense media pressure – that the code of conduct has been upheld.

For my part, I will be doing my utmost to help turn the team around after spending a couple of weeks playing for the North Sydney Bears trying to find some form in the NSW State Cup.

Playing away from NRL ensures I have time to get back to the main reason I play the game – because I love it!



DAVID KIDWELL

Cowboys spread the gospel of rugby league

I NEED no greater reminder of our shared love of the game than when I receive one of my regular postcards from our Northern cousins after they have been visited by the Cowboys who continue to do a great job in remote communities.

Just recently, the Cowboys dropped in on the 2008 Torres Strait Under-12 trials on Badu Island which this year attracted a record number of 170 players.

The players converged on Badu Island for the two-day carnival, which sees players flown in by charter plane from all over the Torres Strait, including Islands like Boigu and Saibai, which are within three kilometres of Papua New Guinea, as well as the Northern Peninsula Area, on the tip of Queensland.

For the second year in a row, the Cowboys were on Badu to assist with the carnival, helping teams out with refereeing of games and warming up the teams before games.

Cowboys' player and New Zealand international Sione Faulimuina was also present to offer the young players some helpful playing tips.

He also signed plenty of autographs and smiles for photos to take back home.

Badu Island and Thursday Island were once again the top teams meeting in the final for the second year.

After a very close game which saw the lead change numerous times, Badu were the eventual winners with front-row Solomon Blanket scoring the winning try with just over a minute to go for the final score of 18-12.

Numerous awards of Cowboy's merchandise were given out during the carnival with the following three being awarded for outstanding efforts:



● **ABOVE:** The North Queensland Cowboys Academy Elite Development Squad of 14 and 15-year-olds pictured on Thursday Island. The squad includes players from the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA).

● **LEFT:** Children from the NPA are put through their paces.

● **RIGHT:** Sione Faulimuina at Badu Island with under-12 award winners Bernard Mosby, Solomon Blanket and Tristan Neliman.



Best Back: Bernard Mosby
Best Forward: Solomon Blanket

Player of the Carnival: Tristan Neliman.
Watch out for their names in the NRL in the years to come!

The Cowboys' trip included visits to Thursday Island, Horn Island as well as Badu Island.

On each island visits were made to the local primary schools where development sessions included all students

with a focus on physical activity, skill development and fun.

Schools visited included Our Lady of Sacred Hearts Primary school, Horn Island Primary school, Thursday Island Primary school, Badu Island Primary school and Thursday Island State High school.

Toyota Cup (Under 20s) player Songhi Tatipata, who is a former student of both Sacred Heart Primary and Thursday Island High schools, spoke to students about the importance of living a healthy, active

lifestyle and some of the sacrifices he made to make the move from Thursday Island to further his rugby league.

Extra skills and advice were also passed on to each under 12 representative side with an after school session being held with the Thursday Island, Horn Island and Badu Island squads.

In conjunction with the development sessions, an Elite Development Squad of 14 and 15-year-olds was formed on Thursday Island and included players from the Northern

Peninsula Area, giving them a taste of what to expect at higher levels.

Thirteen players were selected in total to participate in five sessions during the week and will meet on a regular basis to further enhance their skills and get a taste of how the Cowboys play.

Each player was also put through some speed and fitness testing, and received the added advantage of receiving playing and training tips from New Zealand international Sione Faulimuina.

Other activities participated in included an adult coaching session and an update on Thursday Island which was attended by about 30 locals.

All students and adults alike were reportedly enthusiastic about their rugby league.

The same enthusiasm was evident when the Cowboys also visited the remote townships in and around Cooktown for three days which culminated in the Eastern Cape Cluster Under-12 representative trials.

Towns and schools visited over the three days included Lakeland, Laura, Bloomfield, Rossville, Hopevale, Wujal Wujal and Cooktown itself.

Some of the skills displayed at the various locations were fantastic and showed that there may be another Matt Bowen or Brenton Bowen living in these more remote areas of Queensland.

These areas certainly display a very high athletic ability, coupled with a real passion for rugby league.

It is this passion that I carry on to the field for the Rabbitohs every weekend.

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Cowboys out and about



Badu and Thursday Island players after the 2008 Torres Strait Under-12 trials grand final on Badu Island. The home team won with a last-minute try.



Songhi Tatipata, rear left, who is a former student of Sacred Heart Primary and Thursday Island High schools, with TI primary students.

The following pictures were taken during the Cowboys' tour of the Northern Peninsula Area, taking in Lakeland, Laura, Bloomfield, Rossville, Hopevale, Wujal Wujal and Cooktown.



Our Test Warrior

SCOTT Prince's non-selection for Australia may be a tragedy, but Indigenous supporters of the game have much to celebrate given the selection of five players of Aboriginal heritage in this historic game.

The naming of Greg Inglis, Johnathan Thurston, Greg Bird, Justin Hodges and Carl Webb in the team represents an equally historic moment for Indigenous sport.

I say this because I cannot think of any other time in the history of rugby league, let alone any other sport when there has been such a high representation of Indigenous players.

It is a time to applaud rather than criticise and I for one will be cheering the boys on when they take the field.

After recent columns, some may see this as a backflip on my part, but I cannot help but be inspired by such a high representation.

Given my strident calls for the selection of Scott Prince in the Centenary Test team over the past weeks, readers may have expected this week's column to condemn the selectors over his omission.

As much as I still believe that Prince is still worthy of selection and dream of him one day playing alongside Johnathan Thurston, there are three reasons why I have to withhold my criticism.

The first is the unexpected return from injury of Darren Lockyer.

While I sometimes battle with the argument that the incumbent has the head start over a player in form, I find it difficult to dismiss Lockyer's claims to his playing position and his role as captain of the side.

Lockyer is a modern-day great and deserves any latitude afforded him.

The second reason I cannot argue with the selectors is summed up in two words... Johnathan Thurston.

If anybody ever doubted the champion qualities of Thurston, their questions have been answered not only by his return from injury but the way he has responded on-field to the challenge of Prince.

When the next 'Team of the Century' is announced, you can expect Thurston's name to be well in calculation.

Finally, there is one emotional reason why I am willing to accept the team announced.

And that comes in the unexpected announcement of Carl Webb's name as part of this Centenary Test team.

I first met the man they call



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'Charlie' when he was seemingly on the 'outer' at the Broncos and training with the Queensland Cup squad after having inspired the rugby league world with his State of Origin debut.

Wayne Bennett had surprisingly granted him a release to play for the NASCA side in the qualifiers for the World Sevens and Webb jumped at the chance to represent his people.

During that week his passion for the Aboriginal jersey was an inspiration and I have followed his career with a personal interest since that time.

His return to prominence at the Cowboys and Queensland since then is well-known, but he has nevertheless been plagued by injury or suspension when an Australian position was in the offing.

So when his name was announced, I felt a special joy for the person who resides behind the tough man image.

Webb is regarded as one of the game's toughest characters, but the North Queensland forward was close to tears after being selected to make his Australia debut against New Zealand.

The 108kg Cowboys forward received the news via his uncle Ken, the phone call signalling the culmination of a dream which began when Webb was a six-year-old at Dalby, in Queensland's Darling Downs.

"I was pretty emotional," Webb said.

"I was just out to dinner and I got a call from my uncle. I didn't even know what to say. My stomach was churning. It's an amazing feeling, you know. This is a dream come

true."

Coach Ricky Stuart admitted Webb's aggression had been a major factor in his inclusion.

The Kangaroos coach is expecting New Zealand, under Melbourne Storm assistant Stephen Kearney and Brisbane super coach Wayne Bennett, to be a different proposition to the side which was thrashed 58-0 in Wellington at the end of last season.

"It's a big challenge that lies ahead of us," Stuart said.

"I think Carl Webb is suited to the challenge that lies ahead. We're going to be moving into a real battle, a real war."

"We have to try to better that."

"Not knowing Carl Webb, but knowing what other players think of him, I think he's going to step up to that challenge."

One person who has no doubts about Webb's ability to meet the challenge is Cowboy's CEO Peter Parr, who was elated that Webb had put a costly run of injuries behind him and finally earned an international call-up.

"I couldn't be more delighted for him, I've known him for a long time and he is a wonderful bloke," he said.

"I have no doubt he would have played for Australia last year if he had not broken his jaw."

"And he would have been selected at the end of last year if he had not injured his calf in the semi-finals against the Bulldogs."

"He's had to overcome some difficulties in his career through injury and suspension that has cost him - but I will tell you one thing he has never complained about his lot in life."

Parr has known Webb since they spent time at the Broncos and it was great to see an administrator sharing in the joy of selection of one of his players.

For his part, Webb admitted it was an honour he feared would never be achieved after a horror run of injuries and suspension.

"To tell you the truth, I wasn't expecting it," Webb said "I had my fingers crossed just like everybody else, but it is something that has always eluded me."

"This is something I've always wanted to achieve and it is even more special being involved in a team with so many stars, such a quality side."

Webb deserves to play in such a quality side.

He is quality.

Against the Kiwis he will be our true Warrior.

Kids meet idols



IT'S not often that a remote area of Australia has an Olympian visit for their local athletics carnival. But last month South

Australia had two Olympians visit as part of the Athletics for the Outback program at 'the oasis in the desert' – Leigh Creek.

Last year Athletics Australia's 'Athletics for the Outback' visited the remote town of Marree and established links with a number of communities, creating a cluster of community schools involved in an athletics program.

The program encourages students to continue with athletics. Those who do are rewarded such as going to Santos Stadium to compete in the Powerade Games and attending the Indigenous Championships at Newcastle.

In 2008, Leigh Creek – about half-way between Adelaide and the Northern Territory border – hosted the carnival, and locals were delighted when Cathy Freeman and Kyle Vander Kuyp accepted invitations to visit.

The champion athletes attended a coaching clinic and an athletics carnival at the mining town.

Long trip

Staff from Athletics Australia and South Australia Athletics travelled the seven hours from Adelaide on Monday 7 April.

Along for the journey was Jarrod Sims, a decathlete with a B qualifier and who is seeking Olympic qualification, along with coaches Barb Stephens and Don Brown. Athletics Australia National Development Manager Sally McGrady completed the team.

Vander Kuyp, Sims, Brown and McGrady took students from Marree Aboriginal School, Oodnadatta Aboriginal School, Leigh Creek Area School and Kuarna Plains Aboriginal School through a coaching program that included long jump, high jump, hurdles, discus and javelin.

Stephens took 18 older students and community leaders from the area through an orientation to coaching course.

The Kuarna Plains Aboriginal School is based in a disadvantaged suburb of Adelaide and it was great to see 14 students from the school compete and socialise with the other schools. Don Brown has been providing weekly coaching for all the students at the school and the 14 who were selected to go to Leigh Creek were excited that their hard work had paid off with the reward of a trip to see their heroes Vander Kuyp and Freeman.

The kids were able to put into practice skills that they had been acquiring through the program and were keen to show Freeman and Vander Kuyp the



Like bees around a honey pot: Kyle Vander Kuyp signing autographs.



Cathy Freeman with Skye and Tarlee.



Francis Naylor, from Marree, throws the javelin.



Clinton, Kyle and Isiah, from Oodnadatta.



Kyle Vander Kuyp with Jess, from Leigh Creek.



Kyle Vander Kuyp with Francis and William, from Marree.

improvement they had made, particularly in Vander Kuyp's favourite event – the hurdles.

Even the smallest of students from Leigh Creek enjoyed the celebrity visit, with Vander Kuyp taking grades 1-5 through their Active After School Activity while they waited very patiently but excitedly for Freeman to arrive and say hello.

The next day – the day of the carnival – Vander Kuyp and Freeman encouraged the athletes to perform to their best, with Freeman even attempting

the discus and high jump.

Vander Kuyp's pet event soon proved to be the most popular of the day with nearly all students competing in the hurdles.

All the students from Leigh Creek came out from the classrooms to cheer on their schoolmates and were rewarded by jogging a lap of the oval with Freeman and Vander Kuyp.

Oodnadatta brought along six students who competed in all the events and were happy to have a couple of age champions

and to be named overall champion school.

The local community made sure that no one went hungry by providing the visitors with lots of home-baked cakes, biscuits, meals and put on a special barbecue.

The Athletics for the Outback program is in its fourth year and brings together communities through sporting opportunities. The program visits remote areas such as Normanton, in Queensland, Meekatharra and Hall's Creek, in Western

Australia, and has rewarded many students across the country with trips to Newcastle, in NSW, to compete in the State versus State clash at the Indigenous Championships held there every November. The program also encourages schools to participate in athletics on a regular basis by inviting them to compete in an internet competition that allows small schools to hold training sessions and small local competitions with their results being matched against schools in other States.

Season over for Alwyn Davey



DEVASTATED
Essendon forward Alwyn Davey will miss the rest of the Australian Football League season after scans last week confirmed he required a full knee reconstruction.

Davey injured his right knee during a routine training drill on 24 April.

"The results of his scans confirmed our worst fears and Alwyn will miss the rest of the season," team manager David Calthorpe said on the club's website on 29 April.

"He will have surgery in the next week or so and will then start his rehabilitation program.

"The injury takes about 10-12

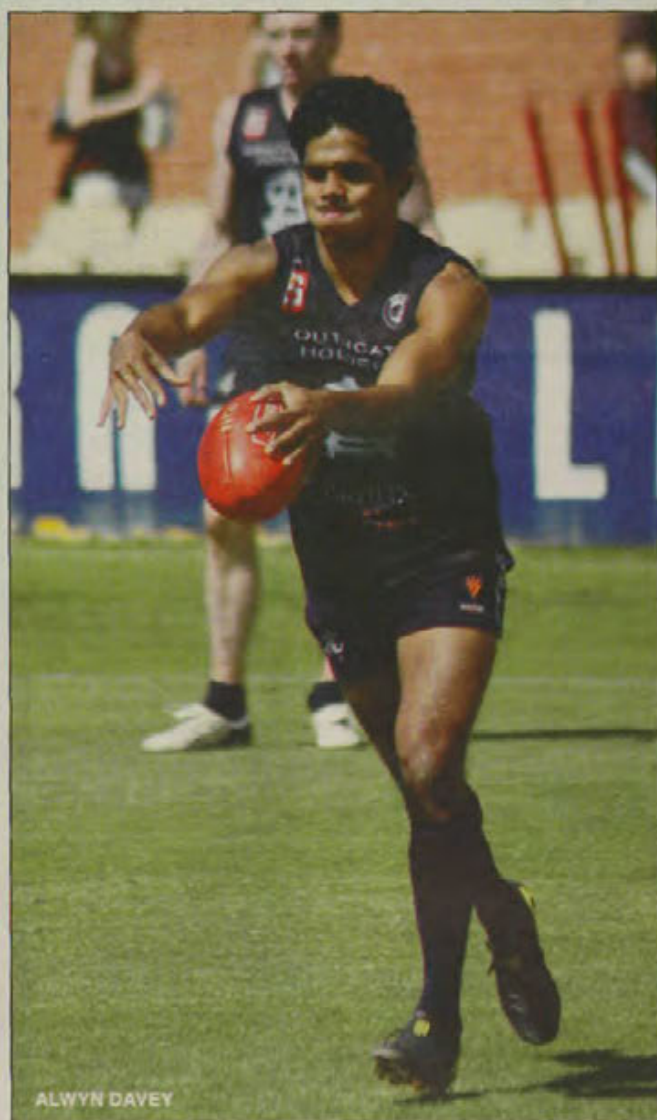
months to recover and, all going well, we hope to have him back for round one next year."

Calthorpe said Davey would be placed on the long-term injury list, but there were no plans to rush a player from the rookie list to replace him.

The latest blow for the 24-year-old speedster comes after he missed the final eight games of last season, his debut year, with a broken arm.

"I was pretty devastated to hear the news," Davey told the Seven Network.

"I didn't think it was going to be that bad, but when it came out, it was pretty bad. I just have to get back on track next year." -AAP



ALWYN DAVEY



Adam Goodes' 2003 and 2006 Brownlow medals and his 2005 AFL premiership medal on display at the AIS in Canberra.



Outfits worn by Sydney Swans AFL star Adam Goodes, Brisbane Broncos rugby league player Sam Thaiday, Australian netballer Bianca Franklin, and Olympic track sprinter Patrick Johnson.

Brownlows on display at institute



THE Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) has opened a new exhibit in Canberra

which pays tribute to the feats and successes of the Australian Sports Commission's (ASC) Indigenous sport ambassadors.

The display in the AIS Sports Visitor Centre features a unique range of sporting memorabilia from the ASC's Indigenous ambassadors, including Sydney Swans premiership player and dual Brownlow Medallist Adam Goodes; NRL Brisbane Broncos, Sam Thaiday; Olympic sprinter Patrick Johnson and national netballer Bianca Franklin.

Aussie rules flavour

Highlights of the exhibit include the 2003 and 2006 Brownlow medals, the winning 2005 AFL Premiership medallion and grand final guernsey (signed by the whole team) of Sydney Swans champion and Indigenous sporting great Adam Goodes.

Also included in the exhibit

are a guernsey worn by Sam Thaiday in the 2006 NRL preliminary final; the bronze medal won by national netballer Bianca Franklin at the 2005 World Youth Championships and signed uniform and the running suit worn by AIS sprinter Patrick Johnson.

First cricket team

The exhibit also includes a rare set of commemorative cards depicting profiles and bowling and batting averages of 15 Indigenous players, including 13 Aboriginal cricketers who took part in the first Australian cricket team to tour England in 1868.

The exhibit shows how Indigenous athletes have helped to shape Australia's rich and strong sporting culture. This includes representing Australia at the Olympic and Commonwealth Games, world championships and various other sporting codes.

Manager of the ASC's Indigenous Sport Program Carl Currey said the ambassadors Goodes, Thaiday, Johnson and Franklin were working with the ASC to improve the

participation of Indigenous people in sport at all levels.

"The ASC ambassadors help to promote a number of broad, inclusive programs to improve the participation of Indigenous people in organised sport and physical activity and to increase opportunities for Indigenous people to learn the skills needed to organise, deliver and manage community based sport," Currey said.

"This includes financial support for talented Indigenous sportspeople, Sport Leadership Grants for Indigenous women, the Sports Ability program for Indigenous Australians with a disability, a traditional Indigenous games resource and an Indigenous specific cross-cultural awareness training package."

The Indigenous sports exhibit is on display now as part of athlete-guided tours through the Australian Institute of Sport where people can see where athletes live and train.

AIS tours take 90 minutes and depart daily at 10am, 11.30am, 1pm and 2.30pm, and there are discounted group bookings. Costs apply.

Rohanee shining light in Opals' bronze medal win



INDIGENOUS player Rohanee Cox played a big part in the Australian women's basketball team's bronze medal win over Cuba in the 'Good Luck Beijing'

tournament in China. The Aussies beat Cuba 65-61. The Australian Defence Force Opals led as many as 21 points in the first half, but es were level at 59-59 with 90 seconds ay before acting Captain Tully

Bevilaqua scored six straight points to claim victory for Australia.

Earlier in the tournament, Australia defeated the United States, but losses Cuba, China and New Zealand put it in the race for minor placings.

"Tonight the game was on the line and we were down two players and it was a real bump and grind affair in the second half, but I always thought we'd hang on for the win and we did," ADF Opals head coach Jan Stirling said.

"Our aim was to defeat a team that had previously defeated us and we achieved that, so I'm reasonably happy."

Natalie Porter rode the pine with a recurring blood blister on the sole of her foot alongside injured Suzy Batkovic, so Emma Randall and Rohanee Cox stepped up in her absence to lead Australia from the front.

The ADF Opals went to the first break leading 26-10.

The teams went basket for basket in the

second session, but the Opals led 44-25 at the break.

With one period to play, Australia still led by eight - 55-47, but their offence dried up almost entirely as Cuba put together a 12-4 run before Bevilaqua's heroics.

In the play-off for fifth, the New Zealand Tall Ferns led at every break but a barrage of three-pointers enabled Korea to storm back and take victory, 70-67.

Host China held off USA to win the final of the Good Luck Beijing event 84-81.

5 in Test team

Indigenous representation reaches all-time high



THERE are five Indigenous players in the Australian rugby league team to take on New Zealand in the code's Centenary Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Friday (9 May).

They are winger Greg Inglis, centre Justin Hodges, halfback Jonathan Thurston, lock Greg Bird and newcomer Carl Webb, who will start on the bench.

The high levels of representation at the national level is further proof of the value of Indigenous Australians to rugby league.

Veteran commentators say they cannot remember a Test squad containing so many Indigenous stars.

Significantly, other Indigenous players were unlucky not to have been selected. Broncos prop Sam Thaiday and Titans five-eighth Scott Prince are two who can consider themselves unlucky. They have been in scintillating form.

An emotional Webb has promised to deliver on Australian coach Ricky Stuart's call for 'war' as the Kangaroos gear up for the potentially explosive Centenary Test.

Surprise selection

The North Queensland firebrand was the biggest surprise in the Australian team, with Stuart set to unleash Webb's aggression and intimidation on the Test football field for the first time.

Webb has filled the hard-man role for Queensland in Origin battles since 2001 and after admitting to feeling 'emotional' after hearing of his debut Test call-up, vowed to do the same for Stuart and the Kangaroos.

"I've had the experience at Origin level, obviously not at Test level, but if Ricky has selected me for a job, I'll do it to the best of my ability," said Webb.

"(Being named) was obviously a very proud moment and a little bit emotional – it's the highest honour you can have in the game.

"I always enjoy a contest, but definitely playing against the Kiwis, just watching it over the last few years has been exciting, so to be a part of it now and to be in the contest against the

Kiwis, it really is exciting."

Captain Darren Lockyer said Australia was capable of fighting fire with fire at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Friday.

"Whenever you play New Zealand, it's always a physical contest," said Lockyer when asked the motive behind selecting enforcer Webb and Cronulla back-row duo Paul Gallen and Greg Bird.

"Guys like Petero (Civoniceva) have been there for a long time and done it well, and then you've got the aggression coming off the bench with Carl Webb.

"You need to fight fire with fire. "Carl's been about for a

number of years without getting a Test jersey, so I'm very pleased for him and I'm sure he'll do very well."

Queensland dominates

Lockyer said the make-up of Australia's pack left no doubt the Kangaroos could handle themselves, no matter what the Kiwis tossed at them.

Lockyer will feel right at home in an Australian backline dominated by Queenslanders.

St George Illawarra centre Mark Gasnier is the only non-Maroon in a backline which includes debutant Billy Slater, who, Lockyer said, 'has been on fire' this season.

"I remember going away on tours when there was four (Queenslanders) out of the 23 players," said Lockyer.

The eight Queenslanders in the starting side is two short of the all-time record of 10 which played the third Test against Great Britain in 1924. – Graham Hunt and AAP

The Australian team is:

- 1 Billy Slater
- 2 Greg Inglis
- 3 Mark Gasnier
- 4 Justin Hodges
- 5 Israel Folau
- 6 Darren Lockyer (c)
- 7 Johnathan Thurston
- 8 Brent Kite
- 9 Cam Smith
- 10 Petero Civoniceva
- 11 Ryan Hoffman
- 12 Paul Gallen
- 13 Greg Bird

Interchange:
Carl Webb, Anthony Tupou, Willie Mason, Kurt Gidley.

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OUR Indigenous rugby league Centenary Test stars, clockwise from top right, Greg Inglis (Melbourne Storm), Jonathan Thurston (North Queensland Cowboys), Carl Webb (North Queensland Cowboys), Greg Bird (Cronulla Sharks) and Justin Hodges (Brisbane Broncos).

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