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Uh oh...



THE giant puppet spectacle *Nyet Nyet's Picnic* kept thousands of children on the edge of their seats during last week's ASSITEJ 2008 international performance festival in Adelaide. The collaboration between Melbourne-based giant puppet company Snuff Puppets and Indigenous artists, presents traditional Aboriginal bunyip stories and cautionary tales from throughout Victoria. Here, 'Yaroma the Bunyip, sneaks up on a character played by actor Kamahi King. See Page 44 for more details. Photo by CLAUDIO RASCHIELLA

It's a 'good start'

Budget 2008

By KIRSTIE PARKER

LAST week's Federal Budget makes a reasonable 'down-payment' on what's needed to lift Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities out of social and economic crisis, indigenous leaders say. But they've warned the Rudd Government will need to 'put its money where its

But repeat it and we won't close the gap, health groups warn

mouth is' in subsequent years if it is to close the 17-year life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians by 2030.

As part of a cautious Budget delivering a record \$21.7 billion surplus, Treasurer Wayne Swan last Tuesday announced big boosts

to Indigenous child and maternal health services, literacy and numeracy, skills training, drug and alcohol services, and more teachers for the Northern Territory (NT) which contributed to an overall Indigenous spend of \$1.2 billion over five years.

More than half that amount went to the NT, with about a quarter of it dedicated to ongoing support for the former Howard Government-instigated NT Emergency Response (NTER), in response to child abuse in Aboriginal communities. About \$70 million will be spent on welfare

quarantining. The remaining States and Territories will share in just an extra \$554 million.

The reaction among Indigenous groups and supporters was varied, but most said they'd hoped for more funding across the board, and more measures to benefit the majority of Indigenous people, who live in urban and regional centres.

Many were now hoping to claw back the shortfall in Aboriginal primary health care spending from a new \$10 billion health future fund announced by the Treasurer.

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Returned soldier Alec Illin, pictured at right with his family, yams with correspondent Alf Wilson during the Anzac Day celebrations in his home city of Townsville

I WAS called up for national service in September 1965. After recruit and core training I was assigned to the 3rd Battalion who had recently returned from deployment in Malaysia.

I remained with the 3rd Battalion at Woodside until 1966 and it was during this time that I met three of my best mates; Des Mayo (an Aboriginal man from Darwin), Danny Seaton (from Inglewood) and Neil Robinson (from the Gold Coast). This friendship still continues to this day.

Like a lot of 'Nashos', I enjoyed the training and the opportunity to be sent overseas. My mates and I were good young soldiers and when national service ended we held a conference about our future.

In the end, we decided to sign on for another three years.

While national service was compulsory, most of the men called upon looked at it as their duty, an obligation to their country. Me and my mates all thought along those lines. I want people to remember the Indigenous soldiers who served the country in previous conflicts. I want to pay tribute to those people and the sacrifices they made.

Recognising the Indigenous veterans particularly would, in many ways, be similar to the reconciliation between the Vietnam veterans and the community in recent years.

I went to Vietnam with the 4th Battalion and we were very honoured when we came home to Brisbane on the HMAS Sydney. We were welcomed home with bands and fanfare. It was in complete contrast to the rest of the country. I remember feeling very special that day.

I remained with the 4th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment until August 1970 when I was honourably discharged after serving five years.

Every Anzac Day I pay special tribute to all past and present veterans and especially all the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander veterans who fought in all conflicts and who may not have been honoured for their contribution.

These veterans should be honoured, recognised and respected because they will always be our unsung heroes and their spirit still shines.

The 4th Battalion members have always maintained a family tradition since the return



The Illin family, pictured at last month's Anzac Day commemorations in Townsville, standing from left, Irvin Illin holding Alara Leathers, Alec Illin Jnr holding Marcus Illin, Melissa Illin holding Thomas Illin, Robyn Illin, Narissa Haynes, Michael Illin, Elvena Illin holding Laveen Leathers, and Jane McAuliffe holding Jai Leathers. Seated, from left, Alec Illin Snr holding Nakeisha Illin and Brianna Leathers, Theresa Illin holding Jamelliah Illin and Taleisha Leathers.

from active duty in Vietnam in 1969 to 1972. Their friendships continue through regular battalion reunions. These reunions were held every four years, however, due to the ageing of our soldiers, they are now held every three years.

Members of the Charlie Company who were involved in the first tour of Vietnam during 1968-1969 come together every two years.

These reunions will remain very important to all who had the opportunity to serve with the 4th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment.

My wife Theresa was born on Palm Island and raised in the girls' dormitory until the age of 16, and we have four children and 12 grandchildren.

My eldest grandson Keehan was recently selected for the Queensland Under-16 basketball team. We are very proud of him, as we are all of our children and grandchildren.

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Anthony Mundine hits Tasmania

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OUR CHILDREN



Early this month, a group of New South Wales Aboriginal students took part in 'The Gamilaroi Gallop', a 200km cultural heritage horse ride from Narrabri through the Pilliga Forest to Coonabarabran. The students had been identified by their schools and communities as future leaders. Pictured tired but elated at the end of the ride are some of the students, from left, Aaron Percival (Coonabarabran), Jake Houghton (Pilliga), Jessica McNamara (Narrabri), Kyle Ruttle (Baradine) and, in front, April Gardener (Narrabri) and Mikayla Allen (Pilliga). Photo courtesy of the NSW DECC.

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Care role for Elders

NSW ABORIGINAL Elders and other respected community figures are to be given a role in determining how authorities respond to Indigenous children at risk in NSW.

Attorney-General John Hatzistergos last week announced a trial of a Care Circles program which, he said, would ensure senior Indigenous input into care

Children's Court program trial to protect Indigenous children at risk

plans set by Children's Court magistrates. The trial will be based at Nowra, on the State's south coast, where a similar Circle Sentencing program began in

2002. "The program ... will empower the Aboriginal community to help to make decisions about the welfare of Aboriginal children who are at risk

of abuse or neglect," Mr Hatzistergos said on Friday. "Decisions will be made in a community setting, with participants sitting in a circle to

discuss what orders might best promote the future safety, welfare and well-being of the child." A magistrate sets a care plan in cases where the Department of Community Services (DoCS) becomes involved in the care of a child.

It can detail where the child should live, what contact they should have with their parents and what services should be made available. -AAP

WA actress humbled by new talent Logie award

By SOLUA MIDDLETON

TAMMY Clarkson hopes that being only the second Aboriginal woman to win a Logie will be a victory for more black faces on Australian television.

The Aboriginal actress from Western Australia was awarded the Graham Kennedy Award For Most Outstanding New Talent Logie for her performance in the SBS court drama series *The Circuit*, which also stars a host of other Aboriginal actors including Aaron Pederson, Kelton Pell, Leroy Parson and Stephen 'Bamba' Albert.

Deborah Mailman was the first Aboriginal woman to win a Logie, taking out the 2004 Most Outstanding Actress In A Drama Series statue for her role in the Ten Network's *The Secret Life of Us*.

A humble Ms Clarkson said that, while receiving her award was overwhelming, she didn't believe in the judging or competing process. "There are times where I think awards are strange things, because I am a bit anti-judgment, and I think the best person to compete with in your life, in anything, is yourself," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"In the arts industry it's a very weird thing to compete against people, because everyone brings something different to the table. I mean how do you measure talent or business ability?"

Ms Clarkson said it often depended on the opportunities, the roles and the people around an actor at a given time, with personal



Tammy Clarkson with her Logie. AAP Image

growth also having an impact. "It depends on the roles and the opportunities you get," she said.

The Logie also signified to Ms Clarkson a great sense of responsibility as an Indigenous actress.

"I am incredibly overwhelmed and humbled by the award," she said.

"Being the second Aboriginal woman to win the award is a huge responsibility, and I'll do my best to take it seriously."

"Indigenous performers in this country have to achieve a certain level of work, and work environment, you know breaking down the stereotypes all the time, which we still have to do."

"So there has to be a level

of seriousness, dedication and very strong goals in place, it has to be a conscious thing when you are an Indigenous performer in Australia."

What was most disappointing to Ms Clarkson was the shortage of Indigenous faces on Australian commercial television. She said there was a wealth of talent in the Indigenous community that was not getting work.

Ms Clarkson hinted to *The Koori Mail* that there were a few offers on the table, but nothing concrete just yet. For now, she is focusing on her mum who is ill, and preparing for filming of the second series of *The Circuit* starting later this year.



Tammy Clarkson (right) with fellow *The Circuit* cast member Leroy Parsons (left) in a scene from the show's first series, screened last year.

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All set for a special Sorry Day

By DARREN COYNE



SORRY DAY this year will take on added significance because of the apology delivered to the Stolen

Generations by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

That's according to Helen Moran, Co-chair of the National Sorry Day committee, who said the apology was a major breakthrough on the road to reconciliation.

Ms Moran said next Monday 26 May, was an opportunity to inform the broader community about the significance of Sorry Day, and why it had been commemorated for 10 years.

The day was originally organised to mark the release of the *Bringing Them Home* report. That report revealed the extent of forced removal, which went on for 150 years into the early 1970s; its consequences in terms of broken families, shattered physical and mental health, loss of language, culture and connection to traditional land, loss of parenting skills; and the enormous distress of many of its victims today.

Ms Moran said the theme this year was *Celebrating the Apology - Building a Bridge of Respect Together*.

As well, schools across the nation are being encouraged to take part in Australian Schools National Sorry Day



How things have changed since last year's Sydney Sorry Day march (pictured here). This year, 26 May will take on new significance as Australians celebrate the national apology to the Stolen Generations.

"We are encouraging students, teachers and parents to celebrate the apology and to initiate a new beginning to share together," Ms Moran said.

Meanwhile, Sorry Day will not only be celebrated in Australia but also at events planned overseas as well.

The European Network for Indigenous Australian Rights (ENIAR) is organising its fourth Sorry Day celebration in London, at which the Prime Minister's apology will be shown, along with a new Reconciliation Australia documentary, *The Apology*. The event will be held tomorrow, 22 May.

ENIAR co-ordinator Gill

Watson said that since the *Bringing Them Home* report of 1997, Sorry Day had been a call for a Federal Government apology to the Stolen Generations and reparations for their suffering and loss.

"Sorry Day is different this year - Prime Minister Rudd's apology to the Stolen Generations on 13 February means we will be celebrating a new beginning in relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians," Ms Watson said.

"We gauge that the resounding feeling surrounding Sorry Day 2008 is one of celebration, hope and forward-thinking. We want to join the celebrations in support

and recognition of the achievement so far.

"Although there is much work to do - for example the fight for full and proper compensation - we think the apology itself is worth taking time out to celebrate.

"The impact of the apology should not be underestimated - the goodwill and momentum generated will stand Australia in good stead to achieve the aims of the Closing the Gap campaign and equality of life opportunities for Indigenous Australians."

Meanwhile, Ms Moran said that while calls for compensation were still on the agenda, at this stage it was more important to conduct a full audit of the Government's

response to *Bringing Them Home*.

"We need to look at where we are in relation to the various recommendations, not just compensation," she said.

"I'm all for compensation. I'm a Stolen Gen myself and the loss and grief my family has endured is very real.

"There is still so much work to be done but people's well-being and healing are the priorities."

Sorry Day events will be held in every State and Territory around Australia and will act as the launch of Reconciliation Week.

● See Pages 34-35 for our calendar from Sorry Day, right through National Reconciliation Week to Mabo Day on 3 June.

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Canada's PM to apologise

CANADA'S Prime Minister plans to make a long-awaited apology in Parliament to Indigenous Canadians who were physically and sexually abused for decades in state-funded Christian schools.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper on 11 June will make the apology that First Nations, a collection of indigenous groups, has been seeking for many years, Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl said on Friday.

"The apology is a crucial step in the journey towards healing and reconciliation," Mr Strahl said in a statement.

From the 19th century until the 1970s, tens of thousands of aboriginal children in Canada were required to attend church-run schools in a painful attempt to rid them of their native cultures and languages and integrate them into Canadian society.

The Canadian federal government admitted 10 years ago that physical and sexual abuse in the once-mandatory schools was rampant. That legacy of abuse and isolation has been cited by Indian leaders as the root cause of epidemic rates of alcoholism and drug addiction on indigenous Canadian reserves.

Many of the surviving former

students recall being beaten for speaking their native languages, and losing touch with their parents and native customs.

Many have stressed the importance of hearing the prime minister say he's sorry in Parliament.

The apology will coincide with a commission examining abuse

'The apology is a crucial step in the journey towards healing and reconciliation'

in native residential schools that will begin its work 1 June.

In 2005, the Canadian government earmarked \$US1.7 billion (\$A1.82 billion) in payments for indigenous Canadian victims of sexual and psychological abuse during the forced Christian schooling.

Phil Fontaine, National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations,

did not respond to calls seeking comment. He helped broker the compensation deal and hoped to help draft the apology. Chief

Fontaine raised the prospect in recent weeks that First Nations might reject the apology if it was used as a political ploy to mute national day of protest by indigenous people on May 29.

Meanwhile, African leaders have heaped praise on the Australian Government for its apology to Indigenous Australians, telling a senior Labor MP of their pleasure at Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's focus on human rights.

Parliamentary Secretary for Trade John Murphy held 14 meetings with African leaders during a visit to Ghana late last month for a United Nations trade and development conference.

Mr Murphy told Mr Rudd and his Labor Caucus colleagues of how leaders - including Sierra Leone's President, Ernest Bai Koroma - were eager to congratulate the Government for the 13 February apology.

"They all knew about Kevin Rudd and the new Government, they all knew about the apology that he gave in the national Parliament, and as I said to him, that sent a very good message to Africa," Mr Murphy said early this month. -AAP

Parlt House turns 20

By KIRSTIE PARKER



"THAT mosaic will probably be there for hundreds of years for people to look at, stand on and even have a

dance on it. They have my permission."

And dance they did, and smile, and yam and remake old acquaintances when the nation's capital celebrated the 20th anniversary of the opening of Parliament House on 9 May.

The man who spoke those generous words – Papunya artist Michael Nelson Jagamara – was there too, having travelled thousands of kilometres for the occasion.

For the past two decades, Mr Jagamara's 15mx15m dot painting mosaic on the parliamentary forecourt has intrigued the occupants of the House – including the nation's political leaders – and visitors alike.

While perhaps not all were aware that the impressive work depicts native animals such as kangaroos and possums coming together for a celebration at a central meeting place, few have walked upon it without marvelling at its creation from 90,000 hand-guillotined granite pieces in seven different colours.

While attending the birthday party of one of the country's most recognisable buildings, Mr Jagamara was reunited with its architects, Romaldo Giurgola and



Richard Thorp, who commissioned him to create the building's focal point.

Mr Giurgola's design for Parliament House won an international design competition that attracted 329 entries from 28 countries. Searching for a design for the entrance of Parliament

House, he travelled to Papunya, in central Australia. There, he was reportedly struck by the appearance of one of the community's artists, who was walking around the remote desert community in a shirt, shorts and Gucci shoes. Mr Jagamara was that artist.

He said the story depicted by the mosaic was an important story from Aboriginal law, given to his Warlpiri people by their ancestors.

"When they picked out my painting, I had a big shock. I was so pleased and a little bit shaken," he said. "It was good for me, good for my people and all Indigenous tribes in Australia."

"I look at that painting and think that was my lucky day. I was very happy and I'm still happy, and still proud of my work at Parliament House in Canberra. It is a most important mosaic."

Mr Jagamara said it was difficult for non-Aboriginal people to understand Aboriginal law, given to them from tjukurpa (the dreaming), but not for Aboriginal people around Australia.

Queen Elizabeth II opened

Parliament House on 9 May 1988 after eight years of construction that saw a Canberra hill transformed into a national icon.

Many hundreds of people who helped plan and build it converged on Parliament House for this year's milestone celebrations that included a special ceremony and concert in the Great Hall, and performances by Canberra Aboriginal dance and didgeridoo ensemble Corroboree College and a 200-strong choir of school children.

At the end of the first day, Mr Jagamara joined the President of the Senate, Senator Alan Ferguson, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Harry Jenkins, and architects Mr Giurgola and Richard Thorp for historic photos on his creation.



A reunion for Parliament House mosaic artist Michael Nelson Jagamara (centre) and architects Ric Thorp and Romaldo Giurgola.

Australia mourns Ms Marika

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE reconciliation process between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians has lost one of its most passionate and respected champions.

Ms Marika, a Rirratjingu Yolngu traditional owner and accomplished linguist and educator, passed away on her traditional country at Yirrkala in north-east Arnhem Land on 11 May. She is referred to only by her last name for cultural reasons.

Ms Marika was reportedly hunting with family members when she suffered an apparent heart attack.

Territory MP for Nhulunbuy Syd Stirling's description of the 49-year-old mother of three, 2007 NT Australian of the Year, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) council member and Reconciliation Australia board member as 'a bridge between the two cultures' summed up the many accolades which have flowed in the wake of her death.

"Dr Marika endeared herself to all of us as a mentor, reconciliation advocate, a passionate and gifted educator, academic, interpreter, translator and a wonderful mother," Mr Stirling said.

Ms Marika was the eldest daughter of Roy Marika, a pioneer of the land rights movement who believed in the value of education for Aboriginal people, both in their own cultures and in the non-Aboriginal world.

She understood all 14 clan languages of the Rirratjingu people, speaking three of

them fluently, and had qualifications from Melbourne University and the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE). She led the development of the curriculum for Yolngu children and was awarded an honorary education doctorate by Charles Darwin University.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin described Ms Marika as 'the embodiment of reconciliation' whose death was 'a great loss to her people and to all of us, Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, who are committed to reconciliation'.

"She recognised that the future of Aboriginal children inevitably involved living in two cultures and was consequently a strong proponent of two-way education," Ms Macklin said.

"Dr Marika moved effortlessly between her traditional culture and contemporary Australia like fresh and salt water mixing in the lagoon – her own metaphor for two-way education."

In a joint statement, Reconciliation Australia and the Yothu Yindi Foundation spoke of Ms Marika's 'great gift in connecting with people, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, and communicating essential, cross-cultural lessons about respecting difference and recognising our shared humanity'.

'I am a traditional Yolngu woman, and I want to stay that way. My land is my spirit, my soul.'

– Ms Marika, July 2006

"Ms Marika demonstrated how progress can be made in Australia with determination, vision and courage, qualities she modelled every day," the joint statement said.

"She showed how education can equip us all, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to overcome barriers that divide us as fellow Australians."

ANTAR National Director Gary Highland said the passing of Ms Marika at such a young age highlighted the ongoing tragedy of Australia's Aboriginal health crisis.

"Australia can ill afford to be robbed of the talents and contribution of Aboriginal leaders like Ms Marika at such a young age," he said.

Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma and Sex Discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick said Ms Marika's sudden passing meant the loss of a powerful force for human rights, respect and human dignity.

"Hers was a voice that burned and sparked and blazed. Her passing is an inestimable loss for all Australians," the Commissioners said.

AIATSIS Chairman Professor Mick Dodson said Ms Marika's contribution to the Institute, to her community and to Australian society had gone beyond what most Australians could ever hope to achieve.

Also expressing their sadness at her death were staff and students of Batchelor

Institute, with whom Ms Marika had a long association, notably in the development of 'both ways' curriculum at the school.

Ms Marika was a staunch advocate for land rights, believing recognition of it was an important part of the reconciliation process.

Two years ago, she expressed that view eloquently to the Parliament in a submission on the *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Amendment Bill 2006*.

"The ebb and flow of the tides should be like the Yolngu and the Ngapak (non-Aboriginal) coming together. Both sides should be committed to an on-going balance. Only then can there be justice," she wrote.

"There should be balance between our views and our worlds. We want Yolngu and Ngapak to come together for understanding."

Ms Marika will be missed not only by the many people who knew her but those who have been and will be the beneficiaries of her life's work.

WARNING TO READERS

This edition of The Koori Mail contains a Reconciliation Australia poster commemorating the historic national apology to the Stolen Generations, which features an image of Ms Marika. Ms Marika's family has cleared its distribution outside of the Northern Territory. However, we ask readers to respect cultural protocol in not displaying or distributing the poster within the NT.

50 sports planned for National Indigenous Games – See Page 81

Brad Welsh... In the House

By SOLUA MIDDLETON

ABORIGINAL man Brad Welsh reckons the best part of his new job is being close to the action. Landing a job as one of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's media advisers is an honour for the 26 year-old, but he admits that after only two months in the job, seeing the PM on a daily basis is 'surreal'.

His resume impressed the PM's Department so much he was called back only a few days after submitting it, and soon after was offered the opportunity to prove he had what it takes to handle the demanding job.

Mr Welsh helps to look after Mr Rudd's media commitments, as well as giving him advice on media-related matters. "I am really enjoying this job. It has given me an opportunity to learn at a radical pace about politics and all other issues affecting the nation," he said.

"The variety in the job is good and it has also been good for me to build my knowledge base in areas outside Aboriginal Affairs.

"This job is giving me a good grasp of the whole gamut of issues affecting the nation."

Mr Welsh said it was 'phenomenal' what he had learned about politics in the short time that he had been working with the PM.

"I am also aware that after only such a short time here I still have much to learn about this job and politics," he said.

While Mr Welsh does not get to advise the PM on Indigenous issues, he says there is a policy adviser who works closely with the Indigenous Affairs Minister.

"Having said that I do have the ability to put my own views forward in relation to issues," he said.

Mr Welsh hopes the skills he gains from this position will benefit Indigenous communities he might work with in the future. He also wants to encourage other young Indigenous people to work hard and educate themselves.



NT bill sparks dissent

By DARREN COYNE



A SENATE committee has approved a bill designed by Labor to amend elements of the emergency response legislation

for the Northern Territory.

The changes relate to permits, porn, the movement of prohibited goods and community stores.

The Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008 was introduced into the House of

Representatives on 21 February and referred to the Senate's Community Affairs committee in March. Labor senators included the chair, Claire Moore, Carol Brown, Kate Lundy, Helen Polley, with Trish Crossin as a substitute for Polley. Liberal members were deputy chair Gary Humphries, Judith Adams and Sue Boyce, while participating members without a vote were Andrew Bartlett of the Democrats, Liberal Cory Bernardi, and Rachel Siewert of the Australian Greens.

The committee reported back on 13 May - recommending that the Bill be passed - after receiving 18 submissions, and

holding public hearings in Alice Springs and Darwin.

But as an indication of just how controversial the NT intervention remains, both the Liberal senators, and the Australian Greens and Australian Democrats senators, wrote dissenting reports to the one agreed to by the majority of ALP committee members.

The committee supported the new legislation to establish a new licence condition which prevents pay-TV companies allowing access to R 18+ rated pornography in prescribed communities.

Services cannot be declared

by the Minister however until they transmit more than 35 per cent of R18+ material over a seven-day period. The changes also ensure that a community cannot have their access to a television service restricted if they are not in a prescribed community. Any bans would occur only at the request of the community.

The committee also supported changes to ensure that anyone transporting prohibited material through a prescribed area to a destination outside that area would not be committing an offence. As well, goods could not be seized (or if they were they could be returned), if it was proved that the material was only being transported through a prescribed area. The changes followed industry lobbying.

Perhaps the biggest blow to Liberal senators was the re-instatement of the permit system on Aboriginal land. The bill also clarified the power of the Indigenous Affairs Minister to authorise access to prescribed communities.

Another amendment allows roadhouses, which take the place of community stores in some areas, to be part of the scheme which allows for welfare quarantining. The roadhouse must meet the new licensing standards.

And while the committee acknowledged that the Howard Government's response contained provisions for welfare reform, and changes to land and housing arrangements which required the suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act (RDA) 1975, they declined to make any changes.

"Importantly, the Bill contains no new provisions which exclude the operation of the RDA," they said.

Their report also stated that major issues such as the governance of prescribed areas, the introduction of government business

managers, income quarantining, welfare cards and urban drift were raised during the inquiry.

They noted however that the Government had announced that an independent review of the NT emergency response would be completed by the end of this year.

That review would determine whether the response was improving education, health and employment.

"The minister indicated that further consideration would be given to the racial discrimination provisions in the 2007 legislation following the proposed review later this year," the committee said.

The Liberal senators were not impressed and lodged a dissenting report in which they accused the Government of unpicking key elements of the intervention.

"We believe passing this Bill begins the process of gutting the Northern Territory emergency response from within," they said.

They especially argued against the re-introduction of the permit system, and said that the measures in the Bill pre-empted the Government's proposed review.

The Australian Democrats and Australian Greens, in their dissenting report, said a significant number of submissions presented to the inquiry went beyond its immediate terms of reference.

"This reflects a high level of community concern with the on-the-ground impacts of the intervention," they said.

They called for more consultation with Indigenous communities, and a more rapid government response to issues raised during the inquiry.

The new bill is unlikely to be passed until the new Senate forms in August because Coalition senators still hold the majority in the Upper house. Submissions and Hansard transcripts can be found at http://www.aph.gov.au/senate_ca

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The Apology: Building a Bridge of Respect Together

\$19 million to address APY Lands child abuse

By KIRSTIE PARKER

SA

THE Federal and South Australian Governments will work together to respond to an inquiry which found alarming levels of child sexual abuse on the State's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands.

SA Premier Mike Rann tabled what he described as the 'deeply disturbing' report of the Children on APY Lands Commission of Inquiry, by Commissioner Ted Mullighan, in State Parliament on 6 May.

Of perpetrators, Mr Rann declared 'we need people to come forward with hard evidence so we can lock these bastards up'.

He also announced that his Government would accept \$19 million in Commonwealth funds to - amongst other things - post eight extra police and five more child protection workers in APY communities, explore ways to restrict pornography, and increase places in an Adelaide-based residential school program for APY children. Further measures would be announced in the next few months.

Commissioner Mullighan's report makes for harrowing reading, reporting serious suspicions that more than 140 of 1000 children on the Lands, or one in seven, had suffered sexual abuse during the past three decades.

The figure compares to a reported rate of 121 victims/survivors of rape and sexual assault for every 100,000 persons in SA generally, a rate which in itself is one of the highest in the country.

The APY inquiry conducted 149 hearings during its investigation of 269 allegations of sexual abuse - involving 113 girls and 28 boys - between the 1980s and last year. It took evidence from 70 people in Adelaide and in other centres such as Alice Springs and Coorber Pedy.

Some suspected victims were under the age of 10. Young girls were reported as accepting that abuse was inevitable and resistance was futile. Many cases involved trading sex for money, drugs, alcohol or petrol. In recent years there had been an alarming increase in abuse and sexually transmitted diseases.

'The general evidence and the investigation of the particular cases by the inquiry, reveals that it (the abuse) involves rape of girls and boys, including very young children, unlawful sexual intercourse of girls and boys, indecent assault and gross indecency involving fondling and masturbation,' Commissioner Mullighan reported.

'There are under-age pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections in children and young persons, disclosures of sexual activity by them, direct evidence of young girls and boys living together, children and young persons giving sex for petrol, drugs or money, sexualised behaviour in children, and physical injury, particularly to genitalia of children.'

The former Supreme Court judge said the inquiry was told Aboriginal women had been threatened by men if they gave evidence about child sex abuse.

This is believed to have contributed to the fact that no victims came forward, with the inquiry having to rely instead on inspections of official files and evidence from health workers, social workers, teachers and aboriginal community members.

Commissioner Mullighan made 46 recommendations, covering governance, child protection, health and mental health, education and justice.

He and both governments have rejected calls for a Northern Territory-style intervention on the Lands, backing solutions negotiated in partnership with communities over the imposition of heavy-handed



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measures.

However, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said she would still explore the possibility of welfare quarantining as a measure to protect children identified as being at risk.

The new \$19 million will come on top of an earlier \$25 million slow-to-crank-up commitment to provide housing on the Lands, over which the SA Government has taken some heat in recent weeks.

A range of Aboriginal community leaders, including the new SA Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Klynton Wanganeen, supported the report's recommendations.

However, Mr Wanganeen said he was concerned to ensure that all Aboriginal people on the Lands were not stereotyped as

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a consequence of the report. He said the fact that many of Commissioner Mullighan's recommendations involved public servants actually doing their jobs was an indictment on past government inaction.

Pitjantjatjara grandmother Mantatjara Wilson, who now lives in Adelaide, agreed more police were needed on the Lands, but said they had to be stationed in communities so they could respond to trouble quickly when it arose.

'We don't want the police to stay at Umuwa (a government centre close to Ernabella) because there's no people there. They turn up too late because they have to come too far,' she told *The Koori Mail*.

'Some people want peace but when they ring up the police, the police come late, sometimes tomorrow. Sometimes they don't come at all.'

Ms Wilson agreed that some women were too fearful to speak out.

'There's no safety for them if they talk to the police because their husbands become violent,' she said. 'But I'm not scared of no bastard, I'm worried about Aborigine children.'

'We can't leave it like that. That's not Aboriginal culture. We want to have a protective wall, leave them children in a safe place when we die.'

Elder Brian Butler told the ABC that widespread child sex abuse would not be stopped in north-west SA until the APY Lands Council was reformed.

'If that's not sorted out and the governance issues in the lands and in each of these communities is not sorted out straight away, all we are doing is sitting back watching a new wave of violence, if you like, because it is not going to be sorted out,' Mr Butler said.

Aboriginal Elder Lowitja O'Donoghue said the report had again confirmed what many have known for a long time.

'Governments don't really have a good track record in terms of responding,' she told the ABC. 'It is really promises and they take too long.'

CEO of the SA Aboriginal Family Support Services (AFSS) Sharron Williams said the solutions lay in quality community-run child and family welfare services covering child abuse prevention, early childhood development, parenting and family support, early intervention, alternative care for children at risk and therapeutic healing for victims.

'Without them children will suffer,' she said. 'Children depend on others to protect them, to speak up and to do the right thing.'

South Australia's lead agency for sexual health, Shine SA, said the findings of the Mullighan inquiry demonstrated that a radical, whole-of-community response was critical to break the silence around such destructive behaviours.

CEO Kaisu Vartto called for zero tolerance to go hand in hand with greater community awareness of how to respond to child rape and sexual assault by parents, neighbours and community organisations.



SA Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Klynton Wanganeen.



South Australia Aboriginal Family Support Services CEO Sharron Williams reads the report.



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What we got

New and redirected funding following the 2007 Federal election (funding over five years from 2007-08)

Welfare Reform: Cape York Trial – \$48.8m
Yamatji: Additional funding for resolution of native title claims – \$5.5m
NTER*: Employment and Welfare Reform – \$92.6m
NTER: Improve child and family health and expand health service delivery – \$99.7m
NTER: Promoting law and order – \$18.5m
NTER: Enrolment and participation in school – \$98.8m
NTER: Night Patrols operational equipment – \$3.9m
Bringing them Home Counsellors and Link Up Services – \$15.7m
Indigenous Children: Child and maternal health – \$90.3m
Indigenous Children: Reducing rheumatic heart fever – \$11.2m
Indigenous: Early Development and Learning Services: Parenting Support – \$16.6m
National Arts and Crafts Industry Support Program – \$7.6m
Better Outcomes for Hospitals and Community Health: \$20m boost to health services in the NT – \$21.5m
Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Services: Expansion – \$49.3m
SUB-TOTAL – \$580 million

*Northern Territory Emergency Response

Redirected funding

Land and Sea Country Indigenous Partnerships* – \$10m
Indigenous Protected Areas* – \$50m
Indigenous Emissions Trading* – \$10m
Working on Country* – \$90m
Protecting Children on the APY Lands – \$19m
Indigenous Health workforce – \$19m
Indigenous Tobacco initiative – \$14.5m
Joint project with WA Government: accommodation in four communities – \$10m
SUB-TOTAL – \$222.5 million

* Part of the \$2.25 billion Caring for Country Initiative

2008-09 Budget Measures

Expansion of Intensive Literacy and Numeracy programs and Individual Learning Plans (over four years) – \$56.4m
Indigenous Boarding Colleges (over four years) – \$28.9m
Indigenous Mothers' Accommodation Fund (over three years) – \$10m
Continuation of the Australian Public Service Indigenous Employment Strategy (2008-09) – \$2.6m
Indigenous Policy: Building an Evidence Base (2008-09 and 2009-10) – \$1.7m
Business Ready Program for Indigenous Tourism: Extension (2008-09) – \$1.8m

The following are Closing the Gap in the NT Budget Measures

Night Patrol services (2008-09) – \$17.7m
Aboriginal Interpreter Service (2008-09) – \$800,000
Indigenous Legal Aid (2008-09) – \$2m
Extension of the National Indigenous Violence and Child Abuse Intelligence Task Force (2008-09) – \$4.2m
Crèches (2008-09) – \$2.3m
Further Welfare and Employment Reform (also spent 2007-08) – \$75.4m
School Nutrition (2008-09) – \$7.4m
Enhancing Education (2008-09) – \$19.1m
Centrelink: Services and Activities (2008-09) – \$5.8m
Government Business Managers (2008-09) – \$30.8m
Leadership and Co-ordination Activities (2008-09) – \$32.4m
Community Engagement (2008-09) – \$3.8m
Continuation of Early Childhood Program (2008-09) – \$400,000
Family Support Package (2008-09) – \$9.8m
Provision of Ongoing Accommodation for Government Personnel in Remote Communities (2008-09) – \$7m
Income Management (2007-08 and 2008-09) – \$69.2m
Playgroups (2008-09) – \$700,000
Youth Alcohol Diversion (2008-09) – \$9.5m
Promoting Law and Order (2008-09) – \$11.6m
Follow Up Health Care (2008-09) – \$13.6m
Commonwealth Ombudsman Support (2008-09) – \$200,000
SUB-TOTAL – \$425.3 million

Total – \$1.2 billion

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander health advocates have welcomed the allocation of \$334.8 million towards closing the 17-year life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians by the year 2030.

The funds were part of \$1.2 billion in Indigenous funding over five years announced as part of the 2008 Federal Budget last Tuesday, 13 May.

However, while the influential Close the Gap (CTG) Coalition welcomed the 'language and framing' of the Indigenous budget, it said the Government's rhetoric had not been matched by the amount of funds needed to achieve its targets.

The CTG Coalition, made up of 40 organisations including the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA), Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR), Oxfam Australia, and Reconciliation Australia, estimates that the equivalent of an extra \$460 million is needed per year, most of it ideally directed to Indigenous community-controlled health services.

But the group also believes such services will need help building their capacity before they can absorb such levels of funding. This view may have influenced Labor's Indigenous health spending in its first Budget in 13 years.

The Treasurer Wayne Swan delivered a record \$21.7 billion surplus despite income tax cuts and \$33.3 billion in savings over four years.

The Budget contained \$46.7 billion worth of personal tax cuts as part of a \$55 billion 'working families support package', and a \$40 billion investment in three 'nation-building' funds for infrastructure, education and health.

The Close the Gap Coalition is now looking to the \$10 billion health future fund to claw back the shortfall in Aboriginal primary health care spending.

"This Budget is designed to meet the big challenges of the future," Mr Swan told Parliament. "It is a budget that strengthens Australia's economic foundations and delivers for working families under pressure."

"It is the responsible Budget our nation needs at this time of international turbulence and high inflation at home."

Declaring the fight to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous life expectancy as a 'long-term challenge for our nation', Mr Swan announced big boosts to Indigenous child and maternal health services, literacy and numeracy, skills training, drug and alcohol services, and more teachers for the Northern Territory (NT).

Key Measures

The key Budget measures for Indigenous affairs included:

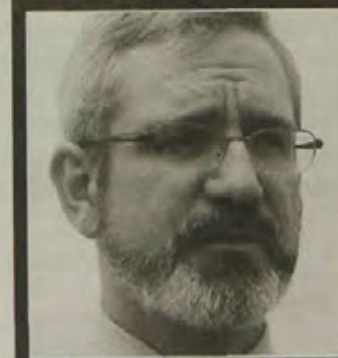
- \$99 million for more teachers in the NT
- \$90 million for child and maternal health services
- \$56 million for an expansion of literacy and numeracy programs
- \$49.3 million for substance and alcohol abuse rehabilitation
- \$19 million to protect children from abuse in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands
- \$99.7 million to expand primary health care in the remote NT
- \$92.6 million for skills training of



Social Justice Commissioner, Tom Calma: "The money to expand primary health care in the NT is welcomed but falls way short of what is needed to improve primary health care services – especially with 75 per cent of Australia's Indigenous population living in non-remote areas."



NACCHO Chairperson Mick Adams: "We welcome the Government's ongoing commitment to Aboriginal community controlled health services, but a major injection of funds is needed to bring the sector to a level that would, for the first time, match the level of need in the community."



Democrats Senator Andrew Bartlett: "I do not think there is anywhere near enough extra new investment in the area of Indigenous Australia given the clear need that all sides now acknowledge is there."

Aboriginal people in the NT
Federal Indigenous Minister Jenny Macklin detailed the Budget announcements, which included 37 Budget measures for 2008-09.

"The Government has a comprehensive plan to tackle Indigenous disadvantage, make communities safe for children and families and promote economic participation," she said. "This Budget delivers on commitments made during the election campaign."

"Promoting economic participation, reducing welfare dependency and developing partnerships based on mutual respect and responsibility are critical to tackling Indigenous disadvantage."

"Closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians requires more than just extra resources; it involves developing the right policy settings and effective solutions for achieving long-term change."

Ms Macklin said the Government had embarked on a program of reform to ensure the strategic and effective use of resources and to work with the States and Territories in engaging with Indigenous people in places like the Northern Territory, SA's APY Lands, Cape York in Queensland and Western Australia's Kimberley region in developing solutions.

Some of the measures had already been unveiled since the Rudd Labor Government was elected last November. However, Ms Macklin said that all of the monies announced on Budget night – a mixture of new and redirected funding following the 2007 Election and 2008-09 Budget measures – were new to Indigenous affairs.

She said the allocation would bring Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure (AGIE) for 2008-09 to a record \$4.3 billion, compared to the \$3.5 billion budgeted for 2007-08 by the former Howard Government before it announced its NT Emergency Response (NTER), widely known as the NT intervention, in response to reports of widespread child abuse in Aboriginal communities.

Intervention support

Only \$554 million of the Indigenous spending announced on Budget night was committed for use Australia-wide, with more than half – \$666.1 million – allocated to the NT.

This included \$323.8 million in ongoing support for the intervention in 2008-09, despite plans to review it from July this year.

"The Government is committed to ensuring the NTER serves the interests of children," Ms Macklin said.

"An independent and transparent review will be undertaken at the 12-month mark to assess the effectiveness of all measures and inform future decision making."

Almost \$70 million will be spent implementing controversial blanket income management or welfare quarantining in prescribed communities in the NT.

"The implementation of income management has revealed that some Indigenous families would benefit from training in money management," the Minister said.

She said that training would be worth \$3.1 million, with the new services delivering education in how to write a family budget and how to cope with a financial crisis.

Promises

The Government does appear to have kept most of its pre-election and pre-Budget funding promises with regards to health, education, 'real jobs' for Aboriginal rangers, business enterprise and the arts.

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However, some Indigenous leaders privately expressed a view that some of those promises had been moderate in any case.

Some said they'd hoped for more funding across the board but especially direct to Indigenous health services, and wanted more measures to benefit the majority of Indigenous people living in urban and regional centres, as well as remote communities outside the NT.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly those outside the NT, should feel let down by this Budget," said Chairperson of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC), Muriel Bamblett.

"The new Government has to be able to manage the NT intervention without falling behind on other key election commitments. If it does, it risks wasting the goodwill generated through the recent national apology."

The Government itself has conceded that some indicators of disadvantage were as high in urban areas as in remote areas.

There was also disappointment among Aboriginal legal services, whose funds appear to have been cut, despite burgeoning Indigenous incarceration rates and a government commitment to address historical under-funding (see separate story).

Housing

The Budget also referred to \$1.6 billion in federal funding for better and more remote Indigenous housing.

In February, the Government announced a \$47 million contribution to Aboriginal housing in the NT – expected to result in up to 750 new houses, 230 replacement houses, and more than 2500 housing upgrades.

A joint policy commission being convened by the Prime Minister will seek to address the Indigenous housing crisis in remote areas throughout Australia.

However, little specific reference has been made to addressing the urban Indigenous housing shortage.

Speaking on Radio 98.9FM in Brisbane last Wednesday, Ms Macklin conceded that there were "a lot of Indigenous people in many parts of Australia – in urban and regional Australia – who are under very significant housing pressure" and said the Government would deal with the issue as it progressed a new national affordable housing agreement with the States and Territories.

"(But) I think we do have to also acknowledge that housing and overcrowding housing is massive problem in remote parts of Australia," she said.

"That is why we have already in our first few months agreed with the NT Government to a



How much extra? Treasurer Wayne Swan speaking after delivering the Budget. AAP Image



SNAICC Chairperson, Muriel Bamblett: "After raising expectations that they would do whatever it takes to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children, the Government has not made the necessary commitments to early learning and child care. We need to close the gap between the pre election promises and the progress."

huge increase in funding for remote Indigenous communities in the NT because their need is just so great."

The Federal Opposition had little to say on the Indigenous budget, with Leader Brendan Nelson making only two cursory mentions of Indigenous people or needs in his Budget reply speech on Thursday night.

Former Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough, recently excluded from the Prime Minister's joint policy commission on Indigenous remote housing, said he was disappointed that programs such as income quarantining were under question.

West Australian Greens Senator Rachel Siewert was direct, referring to 'piecemeal' programs that propped up an 'inefficient and expensive Howard Government agenda', and failed to address key underlying causes of disadvantage.

The NT Government and the Territory branch of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) both welcomed the NT budget measures.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson described the Budget as providing the largest injection of funds for Aboriginal people the NT had ever seen, and the Territory branch of the AMA said the \$99.7 million injection of funds to expand primary health care in the NT as 'phenomenal'.



Reconciliation Australia CEO, Barbara Livesey: "While there is much to be pleased about in the language and framing of the Budget for Indigenous Affairs, the rhetoric is not really matched by the sort of significant investment that will be required over the long term to achieve the targets that have been set."



Former Indigenous Affairs Minister, Mal Brough: "Closing the Gap is just another jingliest phrase. It takes action, it takes commitment, it takes policy and it takes decisiveness and I don't see any of this in this Budget. Where's building on the momentum that's been gained?" – (ABC Radio)



WA Greens Senator, Rachel Siewert: "We are not seeing a strategic, co-ordinated approach at all – this is nothing more than piecemeal programs which fail to address the key underlining causes."

Promise broken, say legal services

By DARREN COYNE

THE Federal Government has broken its promise to strengthen funding for Aboriginal legal services, critics say.

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement CEO Iell Gillespie said ALRM would now lodge a formal complaint to the United Nations, while Trevor Christian, CEO of the NSW/ACT Aboriginal Legal Service, said his organisation would be forced to cut services.

Adelaide-based Mr Gillespie said the government was lying when it said it had honoured all of its pre-election promises.

"For Treasurer Wayne Swan to proclaim at all promises made by Labor prior to the last Federal Election have been honoured is wrong – to say the least," he said.

"Promises appear to have been honoured

– except for those that address issues for Aboriginal peoples.

"The Rudd Government gave a firm commitment to ALRM on 22 November 2007 that 'Labor will ensure the effectiveness and efficient operation of the courts and tribunals by strengthening funding to Aboriginal Legal Aid Agencies'.

"Furthermore, Sports Minister Kate Ellis confirmed to ALRM in 2007 Labor policy that Indigenous legal aid salaries would be on par with mainstream legal aid.

"Aboriginal people continue to be over-represented in the justice system and are incarcerated at alarming rates. Worse too, this Government is following the racially discriminatory policies of the previous Government.

"ALRM funding has been static since 1996

– except for a disgraceful offer of \$1000 on 18 February 2008. At the same time, though, mainstream legal aid funding has increased by over 120 per cent in the last 12 years."

Mr Christian said his organisation would have to proceed with cutting back services because there was no extra money in the Budget.

'No real increases'

"In the last ten years we've had no real increases, while the Legal Aid Commission has had substantial increases," he said.

"Aboriginal people are only two per cent of the population yet we make up 20 per cent of the jail population. There's also a pay gap of between \$15,000 and \$25,000 between solicitors working for legal aid and solicitors working for Aboriginal Legal Services."

"That's a giant gap and forces us to use junior solicitors doing senior work. Once they get the opportunity to move on they do because they can make more money."

Mr Christian said his service would be forced to suspend a hotline which provides Aboriginal people with advice if they are taken into custody, and also family law services.

Budget documents show that \$58 million was spent last year on legal aid for Indigenous people. The figure budgeted for 2008-09 is a little under \$52 million.

A spokesperson for the Attorney General Bob Debus said that legal service funding had been maintained, and that last year's amount included one-off funding of almost \$5 million.

"It's all lies," Mr Gillespie said when told this by The Koori Mail.

Snapshot of spending



THE \$37.8 billion Victorian Budget delivered a \$40.7 million package on 6 May to close the education gap for Indigenous people. But the Government came under attack for not addressing health issues surrounding life expectancy of Aboriginal people. Key initiatives of the package were:

- \$25.3 million over five years to improve education outcomes for Indigenous children in school by expanding the number and providing greater training to Indigenous school staff, providing scholarships for high achievers and establishing individual education plans for Indigenous students
- \$4.1 million over four years to enhance care for Indigenous children in the child protection system and their families through more supervision and support for Indigenous children with complex needs in residential care
- \$3.8 million over three years for Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to increase management expertise and to increase awareness of their services
- \$2.1 million over four years to establish an Indigenous Youth Employment Program, to deliver flexible employment help to Indigenous young people
- \$590,000 to establish a new Koorie County Court, with the location to be chosen and the new court to open this year
- \$400,000 to support current initiatives and develop a long term strategy to train existing and identify future Indigenous community leaders; and
- \$4.4 million over four years towards developing a new Aboriginal Heritage Information System which will provide online access for planners and developers to heritage data and reduce the time and cost for preparation of Cultural Heritage Management Plans.

Deputy Premier and Chair of the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs Rob Hulls said the Brumby Labor Government was committed to working in partnership with Aboriginal communities to reduce the 17-year life expectancy gap that existed between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Victorians.

However, not everyone was impressed.

Health issues surrounding life expectancy of Indigenous Australians were not met, according to the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation.



LESS tax and boosted spending on hospitals, schools and roads was pledged in the 6 May Northern Territory's \$3.7 billion budget which predicted 'remarkable' economic growth next year at 6.6 per cent.

But Territory Treasurer Delia Lawrie was forced to defend her government against criticism the budget had only set aside \$57 million to tackle Aboriginal disadvantage.

These funds were announced in August last year as part of a \$286 million package over five years to Close the Gap in Indigenous housing, education, health and employment.

THE Federal Budget wasn't the only one announced recently. A few states and territories have also presented their spending programs for 2008-2009. In this edition we list the key announcements from the ACT, Northern Territory and Victorian Budgets. In the next edition, we will present the highlights of the West Australian budget, and the edition after will feature Queensland and New South Wales, which are announced on 3 June, the South Australian budget on 5 June and the Tasmanian budget on 12 June.

Highlights of Budget 2008 were:

Protecting Territory Children

- \$5.96 million for expansion of the Child Abuse Taskforce
 - \$0.39 million for additional high level prosecutorial resources to pursue convictions in child sex abuse cases
 - \$1.3 million to deliver Aboriginal child protection and care services; \$1 million to expand sexual assault referral centres and services
 - \$1.5 million to establish a residential care unit and therapeutic services for traumatised young people
 - \$1.3 million for a Child Protection Unit to support schools, including additional school counsellors for remote communities
 - \$0.85 million to establish the Children's Commissioner's office and extend services targeting child abuse
 - \$0.3 million to implement a Screening Authority for Employment (SAFE NT) for people working with children
- ## Law and Order
- \$2.3 million for increased policing in remote communities
 - \$0.42 million to establish ten Community Courts
 - \$0.98 million for additional community corrections officers and court clinicians
 - \$1.2 million for rehabilitation and basic education programs for offenders
 - \$0.8 million to expand the Indigenous Family Violence Offender Program
 - \$0.2 million to expand the Elders Visiting Program
- ## Alcohol Initiatives
- \$0.52 million to implement an identification system in public takeaway liquor outlets
 - \$1.58 million to develop and implement regional alcohol management plans and raise awareness of alcohol related harm issues
- ## Remote Housing
- \$48.3 million for capital works and \$20 million for capital grants for Strategic Indigenous Housing Infrastructure Program SIHIP
 - \$40.3 million for capital grants for other Indigenous housing
 - \$15 million to house extra staff for Closing the Gap initiatives
 - \$11 million for land servicing and to replace and upgrade other housing in remote localities for staff
- ## A Better Way of Doing Business
- \$0.32 million to improve Government communication with remote communities and Indigenous Territorians

Better Schooling

- \$1.5 million for development of integrated early childhood education, family and child care services including antenatal care
 - \$0.65 million for a school attendance team and a campaign on the value of schooling
 - \$2.6 million for 10 additional teachers and 16 additional assistant teachers
 - \$1.5 million for new mobile preschools servicing remote communities
 - \$10.2 million to upgrade school facilities at seven remote communities
 - \$1.2 million for the development of partnership programs to improve student engagement and community involvement
- ## Indigenous Jobs and Training
- \$0.6 million additional for the Indigenous Business Development Grant Program
 - \$0.83 million for Indigenous ranger programs, including the Marine Ranger Program
 - \$1.92 million to continue and expand Indigenous participation in pastoral, horticultural and tourism industries



THE ACT Government committed \$2.5 million over four years for an Integrated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Support Service.

Chief Minister and Minister for Indigenous Affairs Jon Stanthorpe said the funding would ensure Indigenous Canberra residents would have the highest level of support available to close the gap.

Other highlights were:

- \$134,000 over four years through the Community Sector Support Fund for NAIDOC week and the United Ngunnawal Elders Council.
- NAIDOC Week will be hosted in the ACT this year and the ACT Government committed \$30,000 to support this significant event. An important feature of this year's NAIDOC will be the inaugural introduction and first meeting of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body.
- \$104,000 over four years to support the United Ngunnawal Elders Council, which meets regularly and reports to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.
- In December last year, the ACT Government committed \$10.8 million to the Indigenous Residential Alcohol and Other Drug Rehabilitation Facility which will provide a culturally appropriate service for the Indigenous community to participate in the rehabilitation and recovery process.

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New Indigenous Literacy Project (ILP) Patron Therese Rein (second from left) with ILP ambassadors David Malouf and Anita Heiss, and Andy Griffiths at the ILP launch.

Photos courtesy of the ILP

PM's wife agrees to be literacy project patron

THERESE Rein, wife of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, is the new patron of the Indigenous Literacy Project (ILP), which works in partnership with The Fred Hollows Foundation to improve literacy in remote Indigenous communities. Ms Rein said the project offered an opportunity for all Australians to get involved in an effective community activity.

People can participate by buying a book at one of the 400 bookshops. Publishers and booksellers from around Australia have

pledged to donate a percentage of sales on 3 September.

All of the funds raised will go directly to the Fred Hollows Foundation to buy books and literacy resources for Indigenous communities.

ILP Chairman David Gaunt said the 2007 funds were used to buy books and literacy resources in more than 35 Indigenous communities.

The project has been running for four years and in 2008 will significantly expand its literacy funding to remote Indigenous communities.

Leaders spar over housing

By DARREN COYNE

PRIME MINISTER Kevin Rudd has released details of his proposed Joint Policy

Commission to tackle Indigenous housing disadvantage following criticism from Opposition Leader Dr Brendan Nelson.

Mr Rudd first proposed the Commission during his apology speech to the Stolen Generations in February.

In a letter to the PM sent earlier this month, however, the Opposition Leader accused Mr Rudd of since ignoring requests for information on the proposed commission's structure, terms of reference and its commissioners.

Dr Nelson also requested that former Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough — the architect of the Northern Territory intervention — be included as a commissioner.

But Mr Rudd hit back early last week, publicly releasing a letter to Dr Nelson, in which he challenged his counterpart's memory about phone calls and meetings between them.

"As I foreshadowed to you in our last meeting in March, I propose that you and I be the sole members of the Joint Policy Commission ... and that an Indigenous Housing Working Group be formed to assist the Commission," the PM wrote.

Mr Rudd outlined the proposed membership of the group, which would include Dale Alcock, a past president of the Housing Industry

Association, and Warren Mundine, CEO of NSW Native Title Services. Both men were recommended by Dr Nelson's office.

'I would envisage meetings of the Joint Policy Commission occurring on a quarterly basis'

Other members would include:

- Leah Armstrong, Executive Director of Yarniteen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation
- Danny Gilbert, founder of Gilbert and Tobin and

non-executive director of National Australia Bank

- Former Young Australian of the Year Tania Major
- Paul Pholeris, national program manager of Fixing Houses for Better Health and Housing

● Joe Ross from Fitzroy Crossing, who is director of the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre.

The group would be supported by a secretariat in the PM's department, which would be directed by Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

"I would envisage meetings of the Joint Policy Commission occurring on a quarterly basis. The working group would, of course, meet more frequently and report as required to the commission," Mr Rudd wrote.

"I would appreciate your response to the structure, timeframes or membership I have proposed."

A spokesman for Dr Nelson told *The Koori Mail* that the PM's response was 'encouraging'.

"It's encouraging to have Mr Rudd back at the table and Dr Nelson looks forward to discussing this with him in person."

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Union members step up stolen



Max Lenoy, who spoke at the May Day rally.



Stolen wages campaigners during the May Day march in Townsville.



Yvonne Butler at the Townsville rally.



State MP Craig Wallace, right, and former Townsville Mayor Tony Mooney were at Strand Park.



Gracelyn Smallwood and State politician Mike Reynolds at Strand Park in Townsville.

Pay it back, Govt urged

Story and photos by Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON



STOLEN wages campaigners are hoping the turnout and vocal support of unionists and others at recent Labor Day marches will help persuade the Queensland Government to repay monies owed to Indigenous people.

Longtime campaigner Yvonne Butler was at Townsville's Strand Park on 5 May as more than 100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander marchers were gathered 2km away at Anzac Park with close to 1000 non-Indigenous trade unionists and supporters to prepare for the march, which doubled as a Stolen Wages protest.

"The Government passed a Bill this week which means the Welfare Fund no longer exists and it goes to the Indigenous Foundation," Ms Butler lamented.

Trade unions from across the country have expressed their support for the struggle by Aboriginal and Islander workers for wages and savings which went missing, were unpaid or underpaid well into the late 20th century while held in trust by successive state governments.

The boss of Australia's trade union movement, Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) Secretary Jeff Lawrence, travelled to Townsville for the town's Labor Day march.

Stolen wages campaigners prompted widespread cheers and clapping from residents, who stood beside The Strand roadway during the march.

Once at Strand Park, unionists spoke about how they expected the three local State Labor politicians present - Mike Reynolds, Craig Wallace and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership Minister

Lindy Nelson-Carr - to take the strong messages they heard directly to Qld Premier Anna Bligh.

Representing the Townsville City Council was Jenny Hill, the only Labor councillor elected after the 15 March Super City elections.

Mr Lawrence said the trade union movement was 'absolutely committed' to the stolen wages campaign.

"And I particularly want to express appreciation to the contributions that have been made here by our comrades," he said. "So we need to grow unions, we need to show why strong and growing unions are important for Australia."

"We need to link that to our bargaining agenda and to our campaigning agenda," QCU Townsville President Les Moffatt agreed. "This is an issue for the union and I know the QCU are very strong supporters of the stolen wages," he said.

'Wages owing'

"These people have got wages owing to them and those wages should be forthcoming immediately as far as I'm concerned."

Stolen Wages claimant Lilian Willis received generous applause with her emotional speech. "The Government must now tell the people the truth," she said. "In 1967 the Government was still investing \$15.5 million - that's at today's value - of our private savings of Aboriginal and Islander people, while our people lived and died in poverty, sickness and destitution."

"That is why we are claiming that this, the taking away of our economic rights, this slave labour, has denied us our economic footprint in our land."

Activist Gracelyn Smallwood said it was outrageous of the Government to use wages denied to workers who built much of

Queensland's pastoral and rail industry, to support their own failed education system.

"It is documented that this money, particularly from the Welfare Fund, was borrowed from for many years by all levels of government to pay for hospitals, housing, roads and other infrastructure - some things Aboriginal people themselves weren't allowed to access - and never properly paid back," she said.

Young Indigenous leader Max Lenoy pleaded for trade unionists to support the stolen wages campaign.

"The one group that has stood up and helped Indigenous workers to gain their rights have been the unions," Mr Lenoy said. "On behalf of all of us who recognise that, I want to thank you as unions for helping us out."

Mr Lenoy asked those present to imagine what it would have been like for them and their parents to have grown up with only about 20 per cent of their wages in their hand.

"How would that affect your life? Would your parents have been able to have bought a house, lived on a property, bought a car, owned a phone?" he asked.

"These are things many Indigenous people don't have access to, even today. Black people in this country want a hand up, not a hand out. It's up to you to help us up. We're proud, we're strong and with your help we can be stronger."

Many of the audience took Mr Lenoy's advice and went over to a stand where they signed up to help as Mrs Butler, Ms Willis, and young American student Theresa Petray looked on.

In May 2002, the then-Beattie Government offered surviving workers a capped \$55.4 million for amounts kept in individually and collectively-held accounts

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wages campaign



This stolen wages campaigner makes her message clear during the May Day march in Townsville, north Queensland.



Aboriginal Police Liaison Officer Anthony Stout marches with unionists.



Union supporters sign up in support of Stolen Wages claimants as Lilian Willis, left, and Yvonne Butler, sitting, look on.

Pay what's owed, Govt told

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by previous governments – far less than almost \$500 million estimated to be outstanding. The offer to each claimant was either \$2000 or \$4000 according to age, required legal indemnity and was applied for by fewer than half of those the government believed eligible.

As a result, about \$35 million remains unpaid out of the original offer.

In March this year, the Bligh Government announced successful claimants, or their families, would receive a second and final payment of \$1500 or \$3000, respectively, and that remaining monies from that point would go back

into a Government-held trust along with an additional \$10.8 million from a separate collective account known as the Aborigines Welfare Fund.

The new account, to be called the Indigenous Queenslanders Foundation, was to provide up to 140 scholarships annually for young Indigenous Queenslanders.

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SA people fight for land rights



ABORIGINAL traditional land owners in South Australia are planning to take a 172-year-old document to the British Parliament as part of a bid to have their

rights recognised. Kokatha Mula representatives say that an 1836 Letters Patent established the rights of Aborigines in a deal with the British that saw the foundation of South Australia. Earlier this month, the group made an eight-hour trip to Adelaide to meet with the SA Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee to argue their unbroken connection to their country.

Kokatha Mula far west division traditional owner Bronwyn

Coleman-Sleep said the foundation of the State could not go ahead without the letter of patent – which outlines the rights of 'natives' and their descendants to enjoy their lands.

She said the document was drafted by commissioners, approved by solicitors-general and got the stamp of approval from King William IV.

"It does clearly state our rights. For

always we have a right to the enjoyment and occupation of our land. It has never been repealed," Ms Coleman-Sleep said. "We have our own rights, obligations and laws as traditional owners that we need to protect."

"We want the SA Government to enact the Letters Patent because it provides an opportunity for the Western legal system to finally honour its obligations to protect the rights of traditional owners and all Aboriginal descendants and for our Aboriginal law systems to be upheld. The Government have failed us over the past 172 years."

Ms Coleman-Sleep said there were plans to take the document to the British Parliament to highlight her people's cause on an

international stage. "This is part of an ongoing struggle for our rights and for our human rights," she said.

Ms Coleman-Sleep said the Government must start demonstrating respect for her people and culture, protection of Aboriginal people, culture and country, commitment to integrity, 'and it must get real about its processes'. – *With AAP*



BRONWYN COLEMAN-SLEEP



Kokatha Mula representatives outside Parliament House in Adelaide. They are Simon Prideaux, Colleen Prideaux, Kit Haseldine and Marcina Richards.

NAIDOC sell out



TICKETS to the 2008 National NAIDOC Ball in

Canberra on Saturday, 12 July, have sold out in less than a day. One thousand tickets were issued to the gala event to be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra.

The announcement of the National NAIDOC Awards will be a highlight of the NAIDOC Week finale, recognising the outstanding achievements of Indigenous people in categories such as the Elder of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Person of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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A NEW fuel used to combat petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities killed a 12-year-old boy, says a coroner who warned against promoting the substance as 'non-sniffable'.

The boy, the first known fatality from Opal fuel, died hours after a youth disco at the community of Hermannsburg, 120km west of Alice Springs, on 13 April last year.

He had gone with his cousin to a small hill where he inhaled a bottle containing Opal, drained from a broken down car, and suffocated.

Manufactured by BP and promoted as a 'non-sniffable' fuel, Opal has been credited with dramatically reducing petrol sniffing in Aboriginal communities since first being introduced in 2005. It contains lower levels than standard petrol of the aromatics which provide sniffers with a 'high'.

But NT Coroner Greg Cavanagh said it should not be marketed as a 'harmless substance'. "I consider that the promotion of Opal fuel as non-sniffable, per se, without warnings that it can still harm and indeed kill you if a person insists on sniffing it, may be misleading," he said.

Mr Cavanagh made only one recommendation as part of his investigation, saying tags which implied Opal could not be sniffed were 'clearly wrong'. "I recommend that the NT Government, the Commonwealth Government and BP Australia ensure

that any promotion in relation to Opal does not give the impression that it is a harmless substance or that it cannot cause death if ingested or sniffed," he said.

BP spokesman Chandran Vigneswaran said a review was considering whether an increased emphasis on warnings relating to the danger of sniffing Opal was required.

"We need to have a look at what the Coroner said and we take his findings very seriously," he said.

"But the way we communicate Opal at this time, we feel pretty confident we are talking about it in a way that's right for the communities and in a way they can relate to."

Mr Vigneswaran said he did not think the phrase 'non-sniffable' was 'in any way misleading'.

"We believe there is a pretty tacit understanding in the communities that the 'non-sniffable' relates to the characteristics of it not being able to create that high," he said.

Youth worker Tristan Ray, from the Central Australian Youth Link Up Service, said there was no evidence heard before the inquiry that Opal's promotion or marketing had contributed to the death.

"We need to take whatever caution we can to stop young people sniffing Opal, (and) 'non-sniffable' is one of the simplest terms that BP could have used," he said.

Mr Ray said the real issue was ensuring enough programs to stop children from engaging in substance abuse in the first place. – *AAP*

Academic blasts 'toxic labels'

THE terms 'urban' and 'traditional' and 'of Indigenous descent' are racist when defining or categorising Aboriginal Australians, according to one of the country's most senior Aboriginal academics.

Dean of Indigenous Research and Education at Charles Darwin University in Darwin, Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik, explored the meaning of Aboriginal culture and identity in the first lecture of the institution's current public lecture series earlier this month.

Professor Bin-Sallik said that not only were the terms inappropriate, they served to divide Indigenous people.

"The positioning of Aboriginals within the wider society by formal government terminology is used both to define and divide us," she said.

"Current terms always categorise Aboriginals as the 'other' - under the current terminology, Australian Aboriginals never enjoy being part of the mainstream."

Professor Bin-Sallik said stereotypes of Aboriginals as being genetically inadequate, intellectually inferior and being of a child-like race were transferred from 19th Century scientific thinking to 20th Century government policy. "And from government policy they were fostered into the stereotypes that are prevalent in modern Australian



MARYANN BIN-SALLIK

society," she said.

"Sadly and unfairly, many Aboriginal people begin to identify with, and behave in accord with the label, and this continued negativity prevents any real chance of challenging such a formidable and consistent portrayal of who we really are. That, and over time, it is simply easier to confirm to these toxic labels."

Professor Bin-Sallik asserted that if

people realised the offence Aboriginal people took at these common terms, they would think again about the appropriateness of using them. She maintained that common terms used to define Aboriginal people, used by both the Aboriginal and wider communities, were insulting and racist.

Assumptions about so-called 'urban' Aboriginals not being 'real' Aboriginals were insulting because the assumptions were based solely on the colour of their skin, she said.

"Government's insistence on categorising us with modern words like 'urban', 'traditional' and 'of Aboriginal descent' are really only replacing old terms 'half-caste' and 'full-blood' - based on our colouring," the academic said. She called for a replacement of this terminology by the word: Aborigine or Torres Strait Islander, "irrespective of hue". Until that happens, she said, "we are all as the 'other', standing on the sidelines of Australian humanity."

About 35 people attended Professor Bin-Sallik's final lecture before retiring from

CDU later this year.

● But this is not the only example of terminologies used to address Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people being challenged. A resource used by West0 Australian schools in Aboriginal Studies classes suggests that there are more appropriate use of language when it comes to describing Indigenous terminologies.

It suggests that 'The Dreaming' be used instead of 'Dreamtime', 'family groups' instead of 'clan', 'language groups' instead of 'clans', and 'traditional' instead of tribal.

● We know we are probably opening up a can of worms, but The Koori Mail wants to know what its readers think about terminology such as 'urban' and 'traditional' when describing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Do you use it and, if so, is it to identify colour, location or anything else? Email your views to editor@koomail.com or send them in a letter via post to The Editor, PO Box 117, Lismore NSW 2480, or via fax to (02) 6622 2666.

New laws allow for compulsory land acquisition

NEW laws have been passed by the Queensland Parliament allowing for the compulsory acquisition of Indigenous land to build essential services such as schools, hospitals and police stations.

The reforms to the Land Act 1994 and the Aboriginal Land Act and Torres Strait Islander Land Act, passed late last Tuesday night, have been described as 'historic' by Natural Resources and Water Minister Craig Wallace.

Earmarked last month, the changes make Indigenous and non-Indigenous land subject to the same acquisition laws. They will help Indigenous Queenslanders to own their own homes, Mr Wallace said, allowing residential and commercial leases of up to 99 years.

The new laws will also allow for the compulsory acquisition of Indigenous land for essential infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, public housing and police stations.

"These historic reforms hopefully will herald a new era," Mr Wallace said.



NOEL PEARSON

"Reform of land tenure is a vital first step to fix the lack of housing and other community infrastructure in Indigenous communities."

About 32 Indigenous communities will be affected by the new laws, with Yarrabah, Palm Island and Hopevale likely to be the first to introduce the new leases.

The reforms had been criticised by prominent Aboriginal leader Noel Pearson, who said he feared they would be used to allow Indigenous

areas to be mined with no economic benefit to the traditional owners.

"If you allow this bill to enable the Government to take the land for a port or for other kinds of infrastructure that are needed for the project, you remove any capacity on the part of the community to negotiate a proper commercial deal with the company," Mr Pearson told ABC radio on the morning of the Bill's passage.

"... when you compulsorily acquire Aboriginal land to give it to a third party or you create a port that technically is for a public purpose but actually is being used by a Chinese government company, then you're basically allowing a China-led resource boom to continue to leave the Aboriginal people in the poverty shadows."

However, Mr Wallace said compulsory acquisition powers in the Bill had been amended during parliamentary debate.

"Compulsory acquisition can only be used for a public purpose and not for a third party," he said.

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Concerns held over access to WA records

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



WITH writs due to be issued within weeks for the first West Australian test cases for Stolen Generations compensation, there are concerns about access to

government records for those wanting to take their cases to the Supreme Court.

The Stolen Generations claims are being case managed by Perth law firm Lavan Legal with assistance from the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA), which has so far accepted more than 800 applicants for compensation.

The heads of both legal organisations recently moved to allay community concerns over the handling of sensitive family files and information by a mainstream law firm.

ALSWA Chief Executive Officer Dennis Eggington said any access to Native Welfare Department files was handled by officers from ALSWA and then handed on to Lavan Legal, and he had every confidence that the firm would handle the files with respect.

"Of course it's going to be up to the ALS and the senior Aboriginal people involved in our Stolen Generations and Redress Schemes to ensure that Lavan Legal have the sensitivities around how to deal with Aboriginal people, particularly people who are hurting, people who have been damaged through removal," Mr Eggington said.

"People sign a form that allows the legal service to access those files (and) we send the files from the ALS to Lavan Legal."

"It's the ALS that has the authority to seek those files, so by the time Lavan Legal is sitting down with people, it would be the ALS that has accessed those files."

Lavan Legal General Counsel Martin Bennett said his firm had taken possession of 800 files from ALSWA, about 100 of which were being reviewed as possible test cases.

Mr Bennett said Lavan Legal had received enthusiastic support from some mining companies, one of which had offered unlimited administrative support, and two Perth universities had agreed to provide senior law students to assist in research and file preparation.

"These are senior law students. They're hand-picked by me. They'll enter into confidentiality agreements," Mr Bennett said.

"They'll be counselled and they'll have sessions that are run where they adopt the responsibility of a legal practitioner in terms of client confidentiality and client privilege."

"A person's file will be evaluated by probably at most two students."

Mr Bennett said it was unlikely that the law students would work directly with Stolen Generation claimants.

Mr Eggington said the WA Government was being obstructive over access to Native Welfare files by Stolen Generation and Stolen Wages claimants.

"Our experience, particularly when we



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— ALSWA CEO
Dennis Eggington

'(Those people doing the research) are senior law students. They're hand-picked by me. They'll enter into confidentiality agreements'

— Lavan Legal official
Martin Bennett



went looking for files for Stolen Wages, is that we had to use Freedom of Information processes to get them, so there is this reluctance by government to hand over these files," he said.

"We know that many of these files were destroyed or burned or have gone missing, so while we're confident that we've got the ability to handle them, getting the right material and the right information back out of the system is by far going to be the trickiest part."

Backlog

Mr Bennett said the WA Government needed to put more resources into government agencies which handled such files because the demand had created an eight-month backlog for people wanting to access family files.

"The department has enormous goodwill towards providing the documents but, with their physical resources, a photocopier and the number of staff they have, they tell us for

an individual request for documentation will take up to eight months to answer it," he said.

Mr Bennett said he expected to issue writs for at least three cases by the end of June, and argument would immediately centre of the statute of limitations, which the South Australian Government used as its defence against Bruce Trevorrow.

Mr Trevorrow was last year awarded \$800,000 in damages plus costs for being unlawfully removed from his mother in 1957.

"It ought to be emphasised that the WA Government needs to make a policy decision," Mr Bennett said.

"Will it rely on the limitation defence or will it fight the cases on their merits?"

"Will it shield itself behind the basis of this most disadvantaged group in society that didn't have access to the legal advice or the finances to run a case, whether it's fair to take a limitation point against them?"

Fraser dingo fence furore

By DARREN COYNE



A LEGAL battle over controversial dingo fences being erected on Queensland's Fraser Island appears set to be a drawn-out fight.

Aboriginal barrister George Villalor, who is representing the local Butchella people, believes the fences have been erected without the proper permits, cultural studies and consultation with local people.

He said that although much of the work had been completed, there were still sections of the fences to be built.

Mr Villalor told *The Koori Mail* on Friday that the Queensland Government appeared to have stopped work because 'the world is watching'.

The State Government began building fences around the Eurong and Happy Valley townships earlier this year, at a cost of \$750,000.

The fencing project is in response to a series of attacks by dingoes on the south-east Queensland island, including the fatal mauling of nine-year-old Clinton Gage in April 2001.

Mr Villalor said he had briefed senior counsel Greg McIntyre, who handled the Mabo case, and expected more legal action to be lodged this week.

He said an application lodged with Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett's office last week to



A bulldozer carves a track on Fraser Island and, right, a dingo walks over a grid which was designed to deter dingoes on Fraser Island.

halt the work was withdrawn when the Commonwealth failed to organise a meeting between Federal and State ministers to resolve the issue.

"Instead of ministers they sent a public servant to speak with another public servant," he said.

"So when we weighed it up we thought how useless is the act to date because the section nine was meant to pull up the dozing work a week ago."

Mr Villalor said the Butchella people instead were pursuing whether construction had breached their native title rights, and destroyed culturally significant areas.

Mr Villalor said the Butchella

people were prepared for a long legal battle.

"From a legal point of view we haven't even begun the battle if that's what it's called," he said.

"Because none of their legal rights were ever even thought of when they started all this so there's a whole raft of backlog of how many laws were broken, avoided, to get this fence up and done."

Work on the fences was halted briefly last week when a bone was found sticking out of sand dunes which had been bulldozed.

It was later determined that the bone came from a brumby, but opponents fear human remains could be disturbed if further bulldozing takes place.

Meanwhile, Queensland Sustainability Minister Andrew MacNamara on Monday responded to a petition from 325 people protesting against the fence at the Happy Valley township.

The protesters said the fence would damage the sensitive environment which is home to the vulnerable black-breasted button-quail and the wallum sedge frog.

"We object to this unnecessary, unsightly, environmentally destructive and costly asset, which will require continued costly cyclic maintenance," the petition said.

"With the low number of visitors to Happy Valley and infrequent dingo sightings within Happy Valley, the cost per dog is not

justifiable."

In a letter of response, Mr MacNamara said he understood residents were not happy with the fence, but education programs to change residents' and visitors' interaction with dingoes had not worked.

"Persistent, illegal and reckless feeding of dingoes in townships creates habituated and aggressive animals that pose a serious threat to humans, particularly children," he wrote.

A spokesman for Minister Garrett said the Commonwealth was now working with the Qld Government in an attempt to resolve issues related to the fences. — With AAP



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Getting It Together Intensive Case Management

Assistance for young people affected by drug and alcohol misuse

Getting It Together is an early intervention strategy for young people with alcohol and/or drug misuse problems that uses an intensive case management approach to assist clients address a range of personal and health issues. The NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) for 3-year, fixed-term funding of \$163,793 p.a. in the following areas:

- Toomelah/Boggabilla
- Lismore
- Central Coast

Applicants need to obtain an information package to complete the EOI application. Information packages are available from the DoCS website www.community.nsw.gov.au. For inquiries, or to receive a copy of the information package, please contact Suzanne Ly on 02 9716 2175.

Expressions of interest close 3pm EST Friday 20 June 2008. Proposals will not be accepted by e-mail or fax.

Important note: The act of inviting EOIs does not commit DoCS to the provision of funding to any prospective service provider.

Honouring Indigenous Returned Service Men and Women Shrine of Remembrance Service

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Richard Wynne along with Aunty Dot Peters and the Victorian Indigenous Remembrance Committee invites you to attend the annual

Honouring Indigenous Service Men and Women Shrine of Remembrance Service

Venue: Shrine of Remembrance - Eternal Flame

Date & Time: Saturday 31 May 2008, 11am - followed by the unveiling of a remembrance plaque in the Shrine of Remembrance Garden.

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Department of Planning
and Community Development

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION WORKSHOPS - INTERESTED CANDIDATES

A number of workshops are being held locally as part of the lead up to the 2008 Local Government Elections, which will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2008.

Both Ballina Shire and Lismore City Councils will be holding workshops that focus on the roles and responsibilities of a local councillor. These workshops will be presented by a leading local government lawyer, Mr Gerry Holmes and a former councillor Ms Jan Strom. The venues and times for these workshops, which are scheduled to take approximately two hours, are:

Ballina - Council Administration Centre, Cherry Street, Ballina on Wednesday, May 21 at 7.00p.m.

Lismore - Council Chambers, Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah on Thursday, May 22, at 7.00p.m.

The following week, workshops are being presented by the Electoral Commission NSW, at Lismore and Mullumbimby that will concentrate on the key technical aspects of running for election. The venues and times for these workshops, which are scheduled to take approximately 1.5 hours, are:

Lismore - Council Chambers, Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah on Friday, May 30 at 6.00p.m.

Mullumbimby - Council Chambers, Station Street, Mullumbimby on Saturday, May 31 at 10.30a.m.

Community members interested in standing for election are urged to attend these workshops and to visit the Electoral Office's website at www.elections.nsw.gov.au.

For further details on the workshops, please contact Mr Graeme Wilson at Lismore City Council or Mr Paul Hickey at Ballina Shire Council.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Intention to prepare new draft management plans

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- Bowling Green Bay National Park*
- Bowling Green Bay Conservation Park
- Brook Islands National Park*
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- Djilgarin Conservation Park*
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- Forty Mile Scrub National Park*
- Goold Island National Park*
- Hinchinbrook Island National Park*
- Horseshoe Lagoon Conservation Park*
- Jalum Conservation Park*
- Mariala National Park*
- Mount Bauple National Park (Scientific)*
- Mount Coolum National Park*
- Orpheus Island National Park*
- Tarong National Park*
- Tregole National Park*
- Triunia National Park*
- Undara Volcanic National Park*
- Wondul Range National Park*

Landholders, local governments, interested groups and members of the public including Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are invited to make written submissions suggesting how the protected areas listed above should be managed.

All submissions will be considered and a draft management plan prepared for each protected area. A further round of comment will then be invited on the draft plans.

The areas marked * in the above list have existing management plans which are under review and will be replaced by new plans. Suggestions for these areas can, but do not have to, relate to the existing plans.

A guide to making a submission, and the existing management plans, can be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website at www.epa.qld.gov.au/parkplans, or by telephoning the EPA Customer Service Centre on (07) 3227 8185.

The closing date for submissions is 27 June 2008.

Submissions can be e-mailed to parkplans@epa.qld.gov.au or posted to:

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Torres Strait owners in call for improvements



TRADITIONAL owners from the Torres Strait say legal recognition of their native title rights and

interests has failed to deliver any meaningful changes to, or practical outcomes for, their communities.

The second meeting of the prescribed bodies corporate (PBCs) of the Torres Strait, held recently on Masig (Yorke) Island, raised frustrations about the native title process and concluded with a call for the post-determination process to be improved.

"We need to give justice to our people," George Mye, of the Erubam Le Traditional Land and Sea Owners (TSI) Corporation, said after the meeting.

Terrence Whap, from Goomulgaw (TSI) Corporation, agreed, saying 'we want transparency and a sense of order around how business is done'.

Authority

The meeting agreed that educating visitors, non-native title holders and other stakeholders in the region was the first step to building the authority of PBCs and respect for traditional owners.

They agreed on a set of shared principles for engagement with other stakeholders, reiterating the need to respect 'Ailan lore and kastom' at all times and to consult PBCs on all matters that relate to their land and sea.

"Traditional owners have the most knowledge and understanding about the land and sea areas in the Torres



Torres Strait native title holders at their meeting on Masig (Yorke) Island late last month: "The inability of PBCs to engage in meaningful negotiations has been a key factor limiting opportunities for development."

Strait and can provide the most authoritative and accurate responses to any consultations," the meeting declared.

"PBCs are the culturally and legally recognised entity that can assist with the co-ordination and communication of any land and sea matters within all native title areas."

Horace Baira, from Mura Badulgal (TSI) Corporation, said that people who did not understand how traditional laws and customs operated on the island communities should consult PBCs before carrying out activities that affect their native title lands.

Pastor Jack Billy, from the Porumalgai (TSI) Corporation, said that there was no real recognition and that the State Government 'is not faithful to its consent determination recognising the traditional

owners of the Torres Strait'.

Many participants agreed that the recent amendments to the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 (Old)* were made with inadequate consultation with traditional owners.

"The amendments enable PBCs to hold land in trust for their communities, but they also remove the need for an Act of Parliament before land can be compulsory acquired for infrastructure on the island communities," the meeting said.

Negotiations

"The inability of PBCs to engage in meaningful negotiations has been a key factor limiting opportunities for development in the region despite having legal recognition of exclusive possession over their native title lands."

The PBCs said they

wanted to use their land and natural resources effectively to provide benefits to the community and the region as a whole through agriculture, tourism and other local businesses on their islands.

They felt it was important to clarify governance roles in the region.

Dan Mosby, from the Kulkagal (TSI) Corporation, said there was a need to reach an understanding with the Torres Strait Island Regional Council.

"They need to know what our role is, they need to understand our representative roles," he said.

The meeting provided traditional owners with the chance to meet and develop a culturally appropriate strategic plan to raise their profile and authority and bring economic development to their communities.

New record for SA land deals



A RECORD number of Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) were signed at Nonning Station on South Australia's northern Eyre Peninsula last week.

State Attorney-General Michael Atkinson said the 24 new pastoral ILUAs in the Gawler Ranges more than doubled the number of such agreements signed to date.

"This is a great achievement for all those involved and a big step towards the State Government's goal of resolving 75 per cent of all native title claims in South Australia by 2014," Mr Atkinson said.

The agreements, officially signed at Nonning Gymkhana Ground last Wednesday, cover a total of 50,000

square kilometres in the Gawler Ranges on Eyre Peninsula. Nineteen pastoral entities and two Aboriginal groups - the Barngarla and Kokotha peoples - have worked for two years reach agreement.

Each ILUA lays out arrangements for access to pastoral leases, protection of Aboriginal culture, protection and use of pastoral infrastructure, a mutual understanding of rights and interests and a consultation process to deal with any future issues.

"The negotiation of pastoral ILUAs over such a large area is proof of a greater understanding between the parties and the building of lasting and rewarding relationships," Mr Atkinson said.

"I commend all the parties for their perseverance and desire to settle these

claims. This shows that there is a spirit of co-operation and a desire to negotiate."

A small number of agreements in the area are still being negotiated and are nearing completion.

The ILUA system is a voluntary process designed to resolve native title issues without the need for expensive and time-consuming court cases.

The agreement is made between native title claimants and other people who have an interest in the land or waters, such as pastoralists and miners, and provides certainty over how those areas can be used.

ILUAs are negotiated separately from the National Native Title Tribunal, but are registered with the Tribunal and are legally binding.

Local jobs the goal of protest



Yarrabah Mayor Percy Neal (right) with Les Fourmile outside Bama Ngappi Ngappi Aboriginal Corporation at Yarrabah.

By Cairns Correspondent CHRISTINE HOWES



PROTESTERS at Yarrabah, far north Queensland, confronted the Federal Parliamentary Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs earlier this month, demanding that local people be given jobs in Yarrabah, particularly to build housing. Paul Neal, the Deputy CEO of local employment, training and CDEP provider Bama Ngappi Ngappi Aboriginal Corporation, said the impromptu demonstration was about 'local jobs, local people and building our local community'.

"Twenty years ago we were building our own community, we have that history where people go around and say 'my father built this house' or had something to do that with that house," he said.

"We don't have that any more because we're not building the houses, there's no recognition for our people's skills. They're knocking down all the houses we used to build and replacing them with houses by outside contractors, which means we have no ownership here in the sense of history."

"I was there (at the protest) to support the Yarrabah community in expressing the need to those people, the Ministers and all the other dignitaries that were there, the need for us to have secured contracts. And I'm not only talking about housing contracts, I'm talking about employment and any other service contracts."

Mr Neal said he believed the 20 or 30 builders now working in Yarrabah could be replaced with local contractors instead of people from outside.

"They're employing 20 or 30 builders from outside to come into Yarrabah to service it now," he said. "We have the builders here that could and should be running a secure community for Yarrabah. Some of them are trying to find a way in Cairns, people are seeking work but they can't sustain that work because of transport and accommodation and their family is here too."

'Breaking down'

"What I see they're doing is breaking down the fabric of our community here by sending people outside the community."

"Because they have to abide by the Job Network rules, people are forced to go to Innisfail or Cairns even though they might be married or with kids here. It's been put to them that they have to do it or lose their payment. They're using these tactics instead of supplying us with employment opportunities here."

Federal MP Bob Katter, whose electorate includes Yarrabah, was a member of the parliamentary committee and said he backed the community 100 per cent.

"Understand clearly that houses in 1989 were being built by all local black labour, no whitefella labour, all blackfella labour and that created 400 jobs (across communities in the north)," he said.

"And when the CDEP and the block-maker machines were added to that, we were able to build five houses for every one we had been building before."

"And we had much better constructed homes because they were being built out of concrete block instead of slap-up fibro cement kit homes."

"The new Yarrabah Council, they want housing and they are determined it will not be whitefellas coming in to slap up the homes."

"And that's what precipitated the demonstration the other day. They're not going to have the whitefellas coming in to build the houses, they'll be built by local contractors and local people."

"The most serious problem is overcrowding in the community areas and the second most serious problem is the lack of work."

Yarrabah Mayor Percy Neal confirmed that his and the council's policy was to employ Yarrabah people first.

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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



Quote



"I just thought 'how the hell did I do that'."

— NRL star Greg Inglis on a 'miracle pass' in the Centenary Rugby League Test

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Unquote

Now that's a lotta money

NOT what we got in the Federal Budget (although, sure, that's not to be sneezed at) but what we perhaps could have got, given Treasurer Wayne Swan's dream surplus of \$21.7 billion.

Okay, we're not economists. We know there are all kinds of tricky formulas that these things are calculated on, that appearances are everything in high finance land and that everyone thinks they're special. But it's hard not to be a bit wistful about some extra dollars for Indigenous health (and more) when we know that predictions for that little ol' surplus were around the \$17 billion mark.

One of the biggies in the Budget was the announcement of a \$40 billion investment in three 'nation-building' future funds — for infrastructure, education and health.

The bad news is that we didn't get an Indigenous future fund as mooted to rare apparent consensus at the Australia 2020 summit. The good news is that we can get in the queue for a run at the other three.

Interesting how quickly language around government policy can change. What was once almost universally known as the intervention or — more sinister — 'the invasion', is now firmly entrenched in Government documents as the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER). Good idea, that one.

But we're rueing the tendency to describe any Indigenous funds as Close the Gap funds. The Close the Gap campaign's previous crystal clear focus on life expectancy and health was surely one



OUR SAY

of the reasons why so many Australians came on board.

But we get the feeling that more than just moderate language is helping keep things on an even keel between our community bodies and the Government. It's funny what a little apology can do for diplomatic relations. And also the Government's willingness to go out on a limb, to actually be accountable.

The Close the Gap Coalition was exceedingly measured in their response to the Budget — clear about their disappointment over the Indigenous primary health spend but big enough to admit that there were some gold coins in the Budget pudding. They've been honest, too, about the fact that many community health services will need an investment in capacity building before they're in any shape to take on the sort of funds needed to, in turn, close the gap.

It's a credit to our mob that no-one is suggesting that any fewer dollars go to the NT and especially remote communities there. What we need is a bigger pie, one we probably would have asked for if we'd known about that little ol' surplus.

A Yarn With...



Val Price-Beck

Canberra, ACT

Assistant General Manager, Corporate

Indigenous Business Australia

Your favourite bush tucker?
Roast porcupine

Your favourite other food?
Chicken stir fry

Your favourite drink?
Gin and tonic, followed by a great cognac

Your favourite music?
Country and easy-listening ... I know people might laugh, but I like Rod Stewart

Your favourite sport/leisure?
Genealogy

Your favourite holiday destination?
Anywhere in outback and country Australia, especially along the Murray River

What are you reading?
IBA's strategic plan ... no, really

What are you watching?
(TV series) Underbelly

What has been your greatest highlight in life?
Being with my family

What do you like in life?
I like having a good, relaxing time with friends and family

What do you dislike?
Intolerance

Who would you most like to meet and why?
I would like to meet my great great grandparents because he was a convict and she was a full-blood Aboriginal person and they married, which was unusual at the time.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Nelson Mandela, my great great grandparents, and Benjamin Disraeli

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
Improve education and economic development.

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Stephen Hagan

HAGAN'S VIEW

● Stephen Hagan, 2006 NAIDOC Person of the Year, is an academic at the University of Southern Queensland, film-maker, award-winning author of *The N Word* and publisher of *Australia's Blackest Sporting Moments: The Top 100 and Melly and the Bilby*
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'Dr Kev' one of our best



Column author Stephen Hagan and his academic wife Rhonda with Dr Kev Carmody.

Photo by Elizabeth Bull, USQ Media

MENCIUS (372 - 289 BCE) Chinese philosopher who was arguably the most famous Confucian after Confucius himself, once said: *Kindly words do not enter so deeply into men as a reputation for kindness.*

Once in a lifetime you might be fortunate enough to come across someone who is really out of the ordinary. On first contact you might not be able to specifically articulate what it is about this extraordinary individual that appeals to you. Suffice to say that he or she is quite unique.

They may not even take your breath away or increase your heart rate in an infatuation instant, but he or she is one constant that is never in dispute for such characters is the fact that their unyielding presence will wield genuine charisma.

My initial meeting with an iconic Australian who I hold in this regard, many years ago, was an experience that was uneventful – no bush balladeering or intense ampfire oratory – but in the locale of rural Queensland with its colloquial country ruggedness I found before me a stoic figure whose bushie appeal was rousing.

My 'How ya going Kev?' inquiry inside the Cunnamulla Shire Hall function room was met by a sincere 'Good mate' and 'How's ya Dad going?' I haven't seen him for a while.

It was that country generosity of giving of oneself even in an avalanche of competing interests, from teenagers he was running a music workshop with, that remains to this day the singular redeeming feature of one Kevin (Kev) Carmody.

Whether Kev was talking to the Prime Minister or swapping notes backstage with Bono (from rock and U2) – both of which he has done – he would still give equally of his time to you if the occasion presented itself in that moment.

That lack of pretence is typically Kev Carmody to the core and is the very attribute that sets him apart from hundreds of other popular

Australian identities who grace the international music stage throughout the year and are partial to being swept up by the euphoria of fame with inflated egos.

Kev, the self-confessed knock-around bloke, is without doubt Australia's pre-eminent singer/songwriter. To me he stands at the apex of successful and influential musicians, but I suspect his real contribution to the music industry will not be fully appreciated by all Australians until well after he has retired to the comfort of his rural retreat on the Darling Downs.

Kev, unlike most artists who simply can't get enough of the media to promote themselves and their cause, is a humble, retiring person who is noticeably uncomfortable under the glare of media spotlights.

Sure, we've all seen him enough on television and on stage to think otherwise, but those who are close to him, especially his immediate family and music associates, know that Kev would rather stay out of public view and let his recorded music do the talking.

So it was with that knowledge

that I was surprised to read in an internal email at work that Kev was going to be awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) in the autumn graduation ceremony.

Although I wouldn't ordinarily attend, in an academic capacity, a Faculty of Arts/Faculty of Engineering and Surveying graduation ceremony, I found myself so energised on reading the email and learning of the special award for Kev that I immediately made arrangements to be part of this special occasion.

Great day

On a beautiful sunny autumn morning, I alighted from my car with my wife Rhonda, who is also an academic at the USQ, and together we chatted about the imminent event on our way to the academic waiting room.

As we were being scrutinised by officials, to ensure we conformed to academic dress code (correct gown, stole, hat etc) for such occasions, I spotted Kev, off to our right, looking authoritative in his academic gown and wearing the unmistakable floppy hat that

distinguishes academics who have been or are about to be conferred a Doctor.

"Brother Steve, I'm bloody sweating under this gown. I shouldn't have worn that bloody T-shirt underneath my shirt," said Kev, as he shook my hand and gave Rhonda a warm embrace.

Despite his discomfort, Kev presented a brave face as he continued to receive congratulatory hand shakes and pats on the back from academics whom he didn't know but who no doubt use his writings in their daily teaching.

As the names were being called by the Master of Ceremonies for the order in which academics would parade into the large auditorium, I noticed the Vice Chancellor and Kev in an animated discussion. The next thing I observed was Kev and other officials rushing into the auditorium to locate Kev's misplaced written speech.

With the hastily retrieved papers firmly in his hand, Kev took his position in the academic line as the procession started.

USQ Chancellor Bobbie Brazil said in her address to graduands

and their families that the rare honour (of honorary doctorate) was awarded to those who had provided distinguished service to the community and/or the University. "The case for the Award was founded on the significant contributions that Kev Carmody, Aboriginal singer, songwriter, and raconteur, has made to the Australian community," she said.

USQ Vice Chancellor Bill Lovegrove also delivered a poignant speech of Kev's many achievements and acknowledged him as one of Aboriginal Australia's most visible ambassadors.

Noting that Kev 'drew on his own experience and those of the wider Australian community with his songs that deliver a message that has universal significance and so touched audiences all over the world', Professor Lovegrove introduced the man himself.

After a rousing reception that echoed around the arena for several minutes, Kev humbly rose to present the occasional address.

"I feel like a fish out of water my friends, I really do," he started.

"Thank you so much for this hospitality. I'll be very brief; I'm not going to go into any sort of in-depth academic analysis of education or technological advancement. I'll just tell you a story – my story."

And what a story it was, especially the yarn about his missing thesis.

"I finished six chapters, all handwritten on paper, and one night I was going to my Uni in Brisbane (from Toowoomba) to deliver my thesis to my supervisor," he said.

"During the trip I felt a strong wind blowing against my bike but it wasn't until I arrived at the Uni that I discovered the bag containing the thesis must've slipped from the bike. I later discovered that it dragged for 26 miles, from Plainlands to Black Soil. It was shredded."

Kev told his audience, who were hanging off every word, that he took his children back over the route the following day and collected every shredded paper they could find over the 26-mile distance and placed them in a plastic bag.

Kev repeated the words of his supervisor who expressed dismay on receiving the plastic bag: "I've heard every conceivable excuse known to students – from health reasons, relations with terminal illness or had my thesis stolen." To which Kev replied, as only Kev could: "As an historian you need hard evidence – and there it is."

The audience by this stage was truly transfixed on the larrakin Aussie at centre stage and I even observed many of the graduating students – who were probably the only people in the room who didn't know of Kev before the day – smile and applaud.

Kev continued his thesis yarn by saying he received his Masters degree and enrolled in a PhD but by then he had signed his first record contract and had to defer his studies.

After his magnificent address, Kev then created a first for the USQ when he sang his signature song *From Little Things, Big Things Grow* and in so doing became the only official guest to date to not only present the occasional address but also provide the entertainment.

Sure beats classical music. But then again we should not be surprised by Kev's kindness and generosity of spirit or, as Mencius so elegantly stated: *Kindly words do not enter so deeply into men as a reputation for kindness.*

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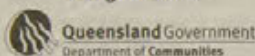
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Watchin' my twin on telly



Ms KOORI
LOVE

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THE other day someone asked me what I got up to in my spare time when not trying to find a man.

I said: "What do you mean? I'm always looking for a man."

Came the reply: "Nah, Ms Koori Love, y'know, what do you do on the weekends and stuff."

I kinda thought they were talking silly 'cos I'm always on the lookout for cuties. But I

knew what they were talkin' about. I was just gammin' them.

As a single woman, I have lots of free time. I don't have to cook anybody's dinner if I don't want to; I don't have to drive kids to school and I don't have to share the last piece of cake. So instead of doing these things, I do heaps of other stuff.

Sometimes I call my family. It's always nice to see what the mob are doing and hear the goss. I just have to be careful which day of the week I call so they don't bite me for a loan.

Finding the right day between everyone's payday and when they are broke is the best time to call.

Sometimes I forget whose payday it is and that costs me dearly. Like 20 bucks a head.

I really need a calendar to keep track of the days and an accountant to keep me away from my own bank!

When I have three dollars to rub together to spend on myself, my second thing to do is meet up with friends. I like

to go out and have dinners. Eating is my first favourite thing to do.

How do you think I could make all these renovations to my size eight figure? It wasn't through exercise.

So when I'm full and I've had a good yarn with my family and my friends, I turn on the TV and watch my favourite show at the moment *Big Brother*. I'm not too crash hot on the show, I just love seeing a Aboriginal person on reality telly. I'm sure you already know about Dixie. She's beautiful, smart and single. Sounds a bit like me... we could be twins!

There you have it. I try and get out and about and have other interests other than always looking for a man.

I mean, I could be single my whole life and then what? I have to have other interests in my life. I don't want a stagnating life as well as a rotten love life.

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

Litigation v negotiation

Agreements the quickest way to resolve native title claims

TAKing native title claims through the courts can be risky, time-consuming and costly for all parties. A judgment by a single judge might not be the final word. Sometimes parties want to appeal to a higher court.

The Full Federal Court recently handed down appeal decisions about native title for claims over areas of Perth and Broome, in Western Australia.

On 23 April, Justices Finn, Sundberg and Mansfield unanimously found that Justice Wilcox didn't apply the correct legal analysis in his interim decision that the Nyoongar People may have native title rights and interests over parts of the Perth metropolitan area.

The Full Court did not determine whether native title exists or not. It sent the case back to a single judge of the Federal Court for further hearing, almost 13 years after the first Nyoongar native title claim was lodged.

On 2 May, Justices Branson, North and Mansfield upheld Justice Merkel's 2006 finding that the Yawuru community had communal native title in areas of the Broome townsite.

The Full Court also overturned Justice Merkel's findings that native title had been extinguished in relation to some areas, including a public reserve that had not been validly created and Broome cemetery.

The judges also concluded that extinguishing events could be ignored in relation to parts of

Native Title and You



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Kennedy Hill. Native title could be recognised over those areas.

Outcomes of court hearings have proven to be unpredictable. Even when the court clarifies the legal position, it may not resolve important practical issues over the land and waters.

Parties then face the job of building relationships and making the court decision work in practical ways.

Where possible, the significant time, energy and effort that would otherwise be invested in litigation should be better directed into negotiating agreements on the ground and collaborating on ways to protect, use and enjoy the land.

Negotiation quicker

On average, it takes about two years longer to pursue a native title claim through the courts than to do so to sit down and negotiate a settlement. Currently, 21 of the 109 native title determinations made around Australia have been litigated, so it is clear that people look to agreement-making as a preferred way to resolve native title issues.

The agreement-making processes need to be improved. We should work together to find various practical ways to resolve claims with agreements that are just and enduring and which can be reached without some of the cost and delays that are often experienced.

If all parties work together, better practices can be developed and alternatives for



Britta Lyster pays tribute to the late Cyril Hennessy (pictured), who established The Glen, an Aboriginal alcohol and drug rehabilitation centre on the NSW central coast – See Page 25



Dancers lead this year's Coloured Diggers march through the streets of Redfern, Sydney.

March under our own flag

AS a former Indigenous Digger, what great pride it was to read and see the wonderful photos of Anzac Day in the latest edition of *The Koori Mail* (Edition 425, 7 May 2008).

I marched with members of my old regiment, but can only wish that one day the RSL will allow us Indigenous Diggers

to march under our own flag down the main streets of our cities and towns.

In this year when our Prime Minister has said sorry, maybe it's time for the Defence Force to recognise the efforts of our past and current Diggers by awarding them with their own medal.

I live for the day to see a medal with

the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colours.

I believe that all past and present Indigenous servicemen and women would wear it with pride.

RON FOGARTY
Brisbane, Qld

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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

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

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

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YOUR POETRY

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Depression

Depression is grey
It tastes like cold tears
And smells like nothing at all.

Depression looks like an empty room
It sounds like a closing jail cell
Depression is painful.

ISAAC CHUTE, aged 12
Mayfield East, NSW

● This poem was sent in by Isaac's mum Michelle Knight. Isaac is from the Bardi/Djirri people and wrote this poem last year for his dad Steve.

Looking within

Does your conscience not ache
Does your soul not shudder
Do you think all is forgiven
After sorry is uttered?

Still you instigate
New systems of oppression,
Still I sink further
Into a sea of depression.

Stop with the hollow promises
Stop with the patronising prayers.
Learn how to empathise
And deliver what's fair.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Errol Bay, NSW



Australian Government

Department of the Environment,
Water, Heritage and the Arts

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Draft Threat Abatement Plan for the impacts of marine debris on vertebrate marine life.

Marine debris threatens Australia's marine wildlife, including many protected species of birds, turtles and marine mammals, through entanglement or ingestion. Consequently, it has been listed as a key threatening process under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)*.

The Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts is calling for public comment from interested groups and individuals on a *Draft Threat Abatement Plan for the impacts of marine debris on vertebrate marine life*. The draft threat abatement plan describes the research, management and other actions necessary to protect native species and ecological communities from the impacts of marine debris.

The three-month public comment period will close on August 14, 2008.

An electronic copy of the draft threat abatement plan may be viewed on the internet at: <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/tap-drafts.html> or a hard copy can be obtained by phoning freecall 1800 803 772.

Written comments on the plan should be sent to: The Director, Migratory and Marine Biodiversity Section, Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
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Indigenous Queenslanders' Foundation Board of Advisors Expressions of Interest

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Help create opportunities for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

The Queensland Government has created the Indigenous Queenslanders' Foundation to invest in the future of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

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Working in partnership with the philanthropic and corporate sectors, as well as schools, TAFEs, academies and universities, the goal of the Foundation is to increase the educational and related opportunities available to Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people.

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Your Say

In need of bush mechanic traits

I AM commenting on the recent reporting on the Northern Territory Minister for Education Marion Scrymgeour.

This Aboriginal Member of Parliament and Minister has been reported as saying that children not been sent to school 'is a form of child abuse' (ABC, and *The Australian* newspaper).

The problems with this understanding of the issue affecting Aboriginal school attendance are:

1) The same issue affecting school attendance affects work attendance, but whereas parents are easy targets to blame, who knows who will be blamed for work attendance and

2) Aboriginal people have changed thousands of years of cultural practice to accommodate school attendance. It is no coincidence important ceremonies are held over school holidays throughout the NT

3) Aboriginal parents in the NT have been sending their children to boarding schools for decades, ie, Kormilda, and St John's.

4) Aboriginal people took the NT Government to the High Court of Australia, (no walk-through-the-rose-garden-type feat) to have a school.

Evidenced by Aboriginal

people's actions, Aboriginal people value and desire education. If the 'abusers' of this form of child abuse were to be punished, it would include the class of people living in Aboriginal communities who are non-drinkers, non-smokers, non-gamblers and have careers - essentially upholders of community spirit and value.

Yet they are being blamed for circumstances outside their control - the Disadvantage Community Cycle (DCC).

Not understanding the cause of this cycle means you are not identifying the appropriate support and resources required to assist Aboriginal people to break it in order to maximise their desires.

Blaming people for symptoms of the DCC is not identifying the cause. Aboriginal people expect bush mechanic traits from their leaders and representatives (innovative, resourceful and outcome driven).

Bush mechanics don't start work on anything unless they understand the cause. When they do, they apply the appropriate resources and support required to achieve the outcome, through innovative and resourceful means.

It seems, with all the

Aboriginal leaders and representatives in government and well-resourced organisations throughout the NT and Australia, both political parties have heralded a period never seen before in the last 200 years of Aboriginal history.

Aboriginal people are now required to determine which Aboriginal people have the bush mechanic traits and which Aboriginal people don't. At stake are our cultural survival and a peaceful prosperous future.

Controlling a multi-billion-dollar government to achieve this would be a bush mechanic's dream.

The question we all need to ask ourselves is: Are all the Aboriginal parliamentarians, advisers, appointees and executive officers of governments and Aboriginal organisations bush mechanics, or are they not?

The test will be: Can they identify the cause to provide the appropriate support and resources in an innovative, resourceful, and timely manner, so that Aboriginal people can, finally, maximise their desires and potential.

DAMIEN LOIZOU
Aboriginal Territorian
Alice Springs, NT

Without compensation, there is no justice

ONCE again Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation (PPCfR) congratulate Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. On Saturday 5 April, Australia heard the news that our Mr Rudd, in London at the time, had announced that he would open Parliament every year with a report on progress on 'closing the gap' between white and Aboriginal Australians, in life expectancy, health, employment and education.

It was indeed exciting to hear this

announcement from Mr Rudd while he was on the world stage.

Back to the issue of compensation: PPCfR wish to bring to your readers' notice Julian Burnside QC's Manning Clark Lecture 2008, heard recently on Radio National.

Mr Burnside first of all spoke about the successful case brought by Bruce Trevorow in South Australia.

Bruce got sick when he was 13 months and was taken to hospital. Later his parents were told he had died.

Bruce was given to a white family when he was fostered out.

He did not adjust to his white family and when he was 13 he was returned to his parents, but he did not adapt after such a lapse of time to his Aboriginal family.

He remained all his life a person who had no sense of his identity, he worked seldom, and he became an alcoholic.

His brothers grew up in poverty with their parents, but they became strong individuals in contrast to their brother Bruce.

Bruce Trevorow's case took eight years to come to trial. His case was fought all the way by the SA Government.

Bruce was the first Aborigine to mount a successful case for compensation for being removed from his Aboriginal family. He was awarded \$800,000 and costs.

As Julian Burnside remarked, mounting such a case was not for the faint-hearted, with the outcome uncertain and costly to all concerned in time, money, energy and emotion.

Julian Burnside proposes, instead of long drawn-out civil actions, the setting up of a national

compensation scheme. Claimants would be able to receive copies of all relevant governments records.

Mr Burnside identified four categories of people who were removed from their parents. At the most extreme end of the scale where children had been removed without welfare justification, without the consent of their parents and who did not flourish under their new circumstances, a substantial compensation of something between \$25,000 and \$70,000 would be allocated depending on the circumstances.

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

A man with a vision

TRIBUTE

Cyril Hennessy
5/2/1939 – 11/4/2008

Cyril James Hennessy didn't believe in handouts, he didn't believe in waiting around for something to happen.

He had a simple philosophy that Indigenous Australians deserved the basic human right to make decisions for themselves.

Born in Bourke, NSW, in 1939, he quickly developed into a keen sportsman, excelling to become an Australian champion cyclist and competing successfully on a variety of levels at many of his beloved sporting activities.

Cyril was 24 when he relocated with his wife and three children to the NSW central coast.

A recovering alcoholic, he believed passionately in second chances. His daughter Joanne fondly recalls the day when her unemployed father reluctantly trudged off to the unemployment office only to meet a local concreter at the office entrance. Cyril never made it inside. He had never concreted a day in his life but soon broke away to become one of the region's most successful concreters. This desire was behind almost everything Cyril turned his hand to.

When Joanne was 11, her parents separated and it wasn't long afterwards that Joanne recalls first hearing her father voice his dream of establishing what would then have been one of the State's first Aboriginal drug and alcohol

rehabilitation centres.

She had no idea how her dad was going to do it. No idea where her dad could possibly get his hands on the kind of money needed to get his project off the ground.

The tragic loss of his two sons, Darren and Glenn, would perhaps have been seen by many as enough to derail any project, but particularly a project of such enormous magnitude.

However, Cyril was adamant that his dream would one day be realised. He spent years lobbying successive governments, educating and nurturing what would eventually become a groundswell of community support for his beloved project and finally, in 1993, his dream was realised.

'The Glen', in honour of his son, was officially opened at Chittaway Bay, on the NSW central coast.

Low on formal education, Cyril believed that action spoke louder than words and all who entered The Glen were quick to learn that Cyril favoured anyone willing to get up and 'have a go'. The Glen excelled on this simple philosophy hand in hand with his absolute faith in the '12-step program'.

Asked the secret to her father's

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Cyril Hennessy with Sharnee Fenwick and Lianne Fenwick celebrating the opening last year of expansion work at The Glen.

Without compensation, there is no justice

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The advantages of such a scheme are that it would be lawyer-free and comparatively cheap to set up and administer, compared with lengthy and acrimonious civil claims, and much more equitable.

Schemes of compensation to Indigenous people have been set up in Queensland, Tasmania and Canada in attempts to be sure that justice is done in setting wrongs right.

PPCIR recommend people read the text of Mr Burnside's address (easy to Google via: Manning Clark Lecture 2008), consider the issues and then contact your members of Parliament so that they know your views.

PPCIR supports the setting up of a national compensation scheme. Without compensation, Mr Rudd's apology to Aboriginal peoples are words without the necessary element of justice.

While the PM has said the major priority of government is 'closing the gap', it is our view that there is still a legitimate case for setting up a compensation scheme where individual concerns can be appropriately dealt with.

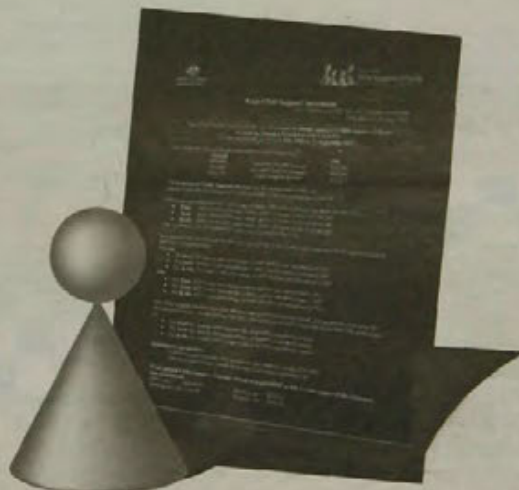
PPCIR will continue to raise these concerns with politicians, support Indigenous organisations such as the Stolen Generations committees, until a national compensation scheme is set up.

ROSEMARY RULE
Co-Chair
Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation
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When you get your new assessment, you should check your information to make sure it's right and let CSA know if it isn't. This is important because you could receive or pay the wrong amount when the new Child Support Scheme starts on 1 July. This could also affect your family assistance payment.

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A mum's plea for her son

I AM trying to raise money for my son Beau to buy him an insulin pump. At only ten years of age, he has had diabetes for eight years and is currently having at least six needles a day.

We have been advised to buy an insulin pump, but I am on a disability pension and do not have the health cover.

We are trying to raise the money in conjunction with the Bribie Island Diabetes Support Group and we are asking for any monetary and/or goods to be donated for an upcoming raffle.

Beau has missed nearly this whole school year and

we are desperate to obtain an insulin pump so he can go to school and play sport and have a normal life.

We still need to raise \$4400 towards the pump so would appreciate any help, no matter how small.

Please contact us on email address is bulldog67@dodo.com.au or phone (07) 5499 1720, or Jan Donaldson from Bribie Island Diabetes Support Group on phone (07) 3410 7174 or mobile 0430 226 261.

Thank you

CHERYL WARNER
Bribie Island, Qld

Tribute: Cyril Hennessy

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enduring success, Joanne said simply: "How could it go wrong when he believed so passionately and absolutely in what he was doing?"

Targeting primarily Aboriginal men who were battling drug and alcohol addictions, Cyril was colour blind when it came to giving someone what he considered a unique opportunity to turn their lives around.

He believed in persistence where many others would previously have given up. He would often be saddened when men stumbled after leaving The Glen only to return – some as many as four or five times to finally succeed and eventually leave the program free of their demons.

He was to reach many milestones as Managing Director of The Glen and would later advise widely on the subject he was so passionate about.

Joanne is grateful her father had the very special chance to attend The Glen's Family Fun Day commemorating 15 years of the rehab's wide-reaching success.

"I'm so thankful Dad got the opportunity to see the kids playing with their fathers and reaping the rewards of their sobriety. It meant everything to him," she said.

Over the years his vast knowledge was to be called upon to advise in the establishment of several other drug and alcohol

rehabilitation centres throughout the State.

Although officially handing over the management reins, he still played an ongoing and very hands-on approach in the day-to-day running of the facility.

Sadly, Cyril passed away suddenly on 11 April. Joanne believed he died watching his beloved Footy Show.

Almost 1000 people turned out for his funeral, many of them appreciating the impact he had on all those he loved and met.

Read out at the funeral was Joanne's moving tribute to her father:

My father, my dad – Cyril James Hennessy

To all of you, when you feel the need to talk to Dad, just sit silently and watch the sun set or rise, hear the thunder, see the wind blow through the trees and have faith in the knowing that it is Cyril still saying G'day.

He is on his racehorse, with the eagle guiding his way with his boys that he gets to be with again now. So please allow him to go and not feel bad for leaving us. And know that we still have him in our hearts and his spirit will never leave us.

Joanne takes comfort in the knowledge that through his beloved family and The Glen his work will go on and his legacy continue forever.

– BRITTA LYSER

YOUR POETRY

Modern Day Barbarian

You breed out
My bloodlines –
My Aboriginality.

Then turn my people
Into prisoners –
Slaves for your society.

You preach
Love and compassion
Whilst committing genocide.

Get wealthy
Raping Mother Earth
Then stand tall with pride.

You ignore
These injustices
Claiming God is on your side.

But from
These atrocities
You can never hide.

The hypocrisy is sickening.
You say you're gentlemen.
You're nothing more and
nothing less
Than a modern-day
barbarian.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Errol Bay, NSW



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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Hand of Friendship

He is a trucker, I am told.
Stands apart from the rest of the fold.
With zest and fire of the pioneer spirit.
Land of the mould before they broke it.

This man of the outback,
A true bushman breed.
Always lends a helping hand
To everyone in their time of need.

I recall a story and it is true
How he stood up to the coppers
(And it took quite a few)
To throw him in jail
Where they bashed him black and blue.

An old black woman walking in the street
Homeward bound, to her friends she would meet.
Up come the coppers with the blue lights flashing,
Full of importance and seeking a victim to give
a good bashing.

The old black lady is grabbed by the scruff of
her neck

By big burly cops, arms twisted up her
back.
A copper's fist to her mouth, she's
crying in pain.
People peeping from behind their
curtains.
Saying 'It's those @&#\$ coppers
again'.

Watering his garden across the street
Stands a truck-driving gent, a pleasure
to meet
In his Red Wing boots and ringer's hat,
He shouts, "You copper bastards, you
can't do that".

He charges the coppers like an old
scrub bull,
Head down, arms swinging and ready
to pull
Those coppers into gear for the shame

they done
To that old Aboriginal lady who was just
walking home.

Coppers beat him with batons and
kicked him with boots,
But this bear of a man would not go
down.
He had four of the bastards on the
ground
Til a copper pulls his 45
'Give up, you black-loving bastard
If you want to stay alive'.

They put him in cuffs and threw him in
jail
And beat the hell out of him, but to no
avail.
To break the spirit, this bear of a man
Who always helped the needy with a
friendly hand.

Lying in the hospital bed,
Battered and bruised, damn near dead.
Three months in a coma – compliments
from the law
Pay back to a white brother by coppers
who swore
They were the victims, so nothing was
done.
For this good white man who was only
helping a friend.

The name of this man I shall reveal,
Heart of gold and will of steel.
'Prickles' is the name of this truck
driving man.
We now thank you white brother
For standing up against the racism in
this Northern Territory land.

Written by YAPPA GUUGUYIMITHIRR,
28 April 1998

Different spheres

The flames of our
friendship
no longer shine,
Smouldering ashes
remain
From the onset of
time.

This one reunion
has made it clear,
You and I new
stranger
Inhabit different
spheres.

Cynicism simmers in
your sentences and
insincere smiles,
Your depleted self
esteem
Is proof you're in
denial.

Your forced
exuberance
Is a facade that
doesn't fool,
Obediently you
genuelect
Before society's
golden rule.

"Do not challenge
this system
For this is how it

must be,
Kill your imagination
with beer
Whilst pretending
you are free."

With passion I try to
share
The sunset behind
the sea,
Or the mystery of
ancient forests
Home to towering
jarrah trees.

I try to share a
culture
Birthed before this
land's first breath,
But you choose to
show no interest
Preferring to talk in
jest.

We veer in opposite
direction.
We inhabit different
spheres.
When you find the
courage to dream
Rest assured I will be
here.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Errol Bay, NSW

Dreamtime '08

You robbed the soul
You robbed the land
You split the groups
You break the clan

You moved the
mountains
You poison the sea
You dirty the rivers
You cut down the trees

You question our lore
Spelt L.O.R.E.
You rip our cores
You say it's all right
Because it's your law

200 years on
You give us clothes
You turn up your nose
You say what's done is
done
And we're asked to
show the love

The only difference is
We live in a house
And survive as one

One little portion
Of the human race
But we don't want to go
to the white pearly
gates

Ten Commandments
you would think
You could obey
You broke them laws
200 and 20 years ago

So don't judge me
We are not the flea
We didn't suck up the
blood
For our own needy
greed

Respect thy neighbour
they would say
But the Australian
Aboriginal
Still have to pay.


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New phase

IN our last edition, we reported on the activities of the Australian contingent at the seventh session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII) in New York. Here, delegate Aboriginal lawyer MEGAN DAVIS shares her perspectives of the Forum.



THE seventh session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII) was held 21 April to 2 May in New York. The Permanent Forum is a subsidiary organ of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

The primary role of the Permanent Forum is to raise awareness and disseminate information about Indigenous peoples' issues within the UN system and to integrate Indigenous issues into the many agencies and programs of the UN system.

Its mandated areas on Indigenous issues are economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights.

The topic this year was Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples. Climate change has been an issue raised by Indigenous peoples for many years at meetings like the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has established a consensus among scientists that climate change is occurring and it will have a serious impact upon communities.

The IPCC's latest assessment report urges states to prepare for diverse climate change effects.

In Australia, there is already a nascent campaign for Australians to take personal responsibility for reducing individual greenhouse gas emissions.

Yet there has been less focus on the impact of climate change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. This aspect is important for government to countenance because climate change will have a real impact on Australia's commitment to closing the gap.

For example, the IPCC reports a predicted extreme change in rainfall activity and northern areas of Australia are expected to see an increase in average rainfall, with the remaining parts largely seeing a decrease in rainfall. Northern areas already experience large seasonal rainfall activity and an increased severity in rainfall will have consequences for the level of repair and standard of housing and shelter for Indigenous people living in northern Australia.

Flooding by heavy rainfall or rising seas may sustain the presence of disease. Moreover, the cost of food items is likely to rise as altered weather conditions has an impact on availability and prices.

There is also research about how environmental changes will make some areas of the world, including the north, more conducive to the breeding of vector-borne diseases.

A person's ability to build

resilience to climate change is said to be correlated to one's level of health, education and employment levels. Income is important to be able to adapt to changing temperatures.

Moreover, there are psychological impacts of climate change, including the mental health consequences of a decreased capacity to carry out traditional practices or source traditional food because of severe changes in weather patterns and changing seasons that have physical and psychological implications, especially for Indigenous people. Particularly if there is the possibility of displacement from traditional lands.

The issue of climate change resulted in many passionate interventions on the devastating impact it is having on Indigenous lands and cultures.

There was an evident tension between those who seek to focus on how to benefit economically from climate change and those who are solely engaged with the ethical and justice issues of climate change.

The Australian delegation delivered many excellent interventions on climate change given the wealth of expertise of those who attended including Steve Ross (Murray Lower Darling Indigenous Nations), Jean Fenton (NAIISMA) and Neva Collings. For example, the Murray-Darling Basin was raised as a crisis issue requiring urgent action to arrest the severe ecological stress it is under.

The impact of that upon Indigenous peoples' access to country and cultural economy was highlighted.

Another case study was the opportunity afforded Indigenous peoples in northern Australia to

participate in greenhouse gas abatement through the wildfire management. Apparently, wildfire is the primary contributor of greenhouse gas emissions across the north. In doing so, Indigenous people can carry out their customary obligations and rights to care for country while receiving economic benefits.

A very large delegation of Indigenous representatives attended from Australia. The delegation represented expertise in a wide variety of areas, including health, climate change and the environment and education.

Impressively, HREOC and Oxfam funded a group of young Indigenous leaders to attend the meeting. This group was mentored and instructed on UN advocacy by Les Malezer, of the Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA).

Les has been the tireless and committed human rights advocate who has kept the Australian state accountable in the UN system during the Howard era and during the post-ATSIC leadership vacuum.

He has a wealth of knowledge and has excellent practical experience.

This impressive group of Indigenous youth were indeed privileged to learn from one of our leaders who had been instrumental in lobbying the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination over the native title amendments in 1998 and most recently shepherded the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples through the General Assembly during 2006-07.

It is encouraging to see a new generation of young Indigenous advocates and they presented an excellent youth

statement in the final week.

As an international lawyer, I can see that Indigenous advocacy at the UN is entering a new phase. Unlike the previous UN working groups, the purpose and usefulness of the meeting is no longer in giving oral interventions.

The emphasis on oral interventions seems to be a hangover of the WGIP era and, of course, to demonstrate effectiveness of advocacy to funding bodies.

As an international lawyer, it is apparent that the power of the meeting is in crafting recommendations to the Forum members to urge UN agencies and states to take action in the particular mandated areas of the forum. This is important because many Indigenous communities could take advantage of this without having to travel to New York.

This could be done by consulting with communities and crafting recommendations and emailing or faxing the Secretariat or the relevant forum member.

In this way, it would seem the Forum is more participatory and accessible than the WGIP — where you physically had to attend in Geneva and provide an oral intervention.

The other stellar aspect of the Forum is the opportunity to network and the side events. Because of the limitations of the PFII mandate — it is here that the most substantive issues can be discussed and the most important comparative information exchange can occur between Indigenous groups, states and UN agencies.

For those who attended who were frustrated at the lack of substantive discussion on the Declaration or human rights issues in general, it may be that the new UN expert human rights

mechanism that has been established in Geneva will achieve a balance.

Finally, Australia's failure to endorse the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples despite its election promises remained a constant theme of the Australian delegation's interventions.

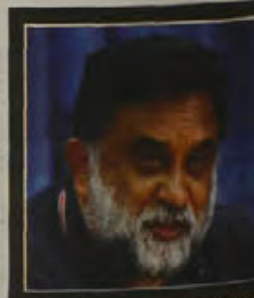
It is important that the Australian Government endorses the Declaration as soon as possible.

In the meantime, as the Declaration is a non-binding Declaration of the General Assembly, Indigenous peoples can use it immediately in their day-to-day lives and in their engagement with all levels of government.

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The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII) provides an opportunity to raise awareness and disseminate information about Indigenous peoples' issues within the UN system. This photo is from the sixth session of the forum in 2007. UN Photo/Ryan Brown



Human rights advocate Les Malezer pictured at a press conference about the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in New York last year. UN Photo/Paulo Filgueiras



Choc Mundine meets some young 'uns from the Aboriginal community in Hobart, Kyia Harris, Niara Everett, Josh Petersen, Tyenna Hogan and Tahlia Harris.

'The Man' hits Tassie

Story and photos by
JILLIAN MUNDY



Middleweight fight against Sam Soliman in Melbourne next week to visit Tasmania for the first time and raise money for charity.

Hobart residents enjoyed an intimate evening with 'Choc', as he prefers to be known, and now have their fingers crossed that he will return to the State to stage a fight.

Locals gained insights into his sporting career, influences and aspirations, in a meet-and-greet evening that included a panel-style discussion with fellow sportsmen Wes Patten, Alex Wymarra and Grant Brown.

The man responsible for his visit, Tasmanian boxer Grant Brown, was preparing to bring Choc to Hobart for an exhibition spar earlier this year.

"It was too much of a hassle with the police and insurances though, as a guest speaker, he didn't need permits," Mr Brown told *The Koori Mail*.

However, Mr Brown is now confident that Choc will return to the State for a professional fight after taking him to check out the Derwent Entertainment Centre, Tasmania's premier entertainment venue. Brown said such an event would 'pack out' with about 5000 people.

"He loved Tassie, the visit was good and he's really serious about doing something," he said.

The visit also raised a decent sum for CanTeen, the national support organisation for young people with cancer.

Choc told *The Koori Mail* that



Jamie Everett, Wes Patten and Robert Harris hard a yarn.



Alfred Subar Cauker, from Sierra Leone, Africa, met Choc Mundine's cousin and physiotherapist Brian Smith and boxer Alex Wymarra, from NSW.



Boxing promoter Grant Brown with Anthony Mundine.

he would endorse any charity, and plans to use his status and popularity to help people after his boxing days are over. Choc, who turned 33 last Friday, predicted that he has about five

years left in his boxing career. He said he would be happy to do corporate endorsements, so long as they were not for gambling, alcohol or cigarettes, but had never been approached anyway.

One thing he had been approached about, though, was his views on women's roles as leaders. He was reported earlier this year as saying that women were not leaders, and in Hobart he stood by his controversial views, declaring 'men are leaders in all cultures, I'm old-fashioned'.

He said he had never experienced any grief over his comments from family or friends.

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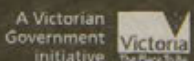
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NSW school scheme leads the way

By MARGARET SMITH



WITH language playing such a crucial part of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander cultural identity, it is no wonder that many Indigenous people are becoming increasingly concerned about its maintenance and revival.

Crucial to that process is increasing the number of language teachers and cultural workers, and in NSW – the only State with its own Aboriginal language policy – a range of protective measures are gathering momentum.

The NSW initiative, introduced in 2004 by then State Education Minister Andrew Refshauge, is simple in its aim: To encourage school students to study an Aboriginal language, from Kindergarten to Year 10.

Western Australia and Queensland are believed to be examining the policy and related programs.

The NSW scheme and supporting syllabus was introduced into schools in January 2005 and a little over \$1 million was spent to establish the NSW Aboriginal Languages Research and Resource Centre, to give technical and creative support to teachers, students and Aboriginal communities.

An Aboriginal languages database was also set up, and guidelines created to help schools liaise with Aboriginal communities.

The program is now running in 35 schools, including Forbes North Public School; Alexandria Park Community School; St Joseph's Primary, Waggett; Lightning Ridge Central School; Broulee Primary School; Nambucca High School; Parkes High School and Vincentia High School.

Each school can run the program to suit its needs, and school activities vary from one to four periods a week, with most schools running the mandatory 100-hour study program.

A progress report by the NSW Board of Studies released in February last year found there were three languages for which the most schools have language programs – Bundjalung (eight schools), Gamilaraay/Yuwaalayaay/Yuwaalaraay (nine schools) and Wiradjuri (ten schools).

The NSW Board of Studies' Kevin Lowe has been responsible for overseeing the program and its syllabus.

"One of the problems is that there are very few Aboriginal language teachers and we are now working to improve this, as well as towards cultural workers being accredited," he said.

Mr Lowe explained that the program had led to several Indigenous people being employed throughout the education department, while others had been recruited to work on the Aboriginal language program in full-time, part-time and casual roles as well as volunteers.

The schools were also working with local Aboriginal land councils and local Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups to help the programs, and Mr Lowe said working collaboratively was one of the great strengths of the program.

"The co-operation of Aboriginal people has helped them finally get a place in the syllabus. It has provided a place where Aboriginal language can be learnt in a structured environment," he said.

The battle to save our languages



The University of Sydney Masters of Indigenous Languages Education (MILE) class of 2006.



At the University of Sydney's Koori Centre are the 2008 MILE students. Back, from left, Fiona Hyland, Noeleen Lumby, Roslyn Nean, Maureen Sulter, Suellen Tighe and Marion Worthy. Front, from left, Bradley Laurie, John Mackay, Cecil See, Clarrie Hoskins, Greg McKellar and Nyree Miller.

The language program is facilitated by State and Federal grants programs for community people and schools to develop their skills. NSW TAFE is also becoming a larger player by offering Certificate courses, and students can move from TAFE to university.

There is now talk of a national language policy under the new Federal Government.

"At this point we're behind New Zealand and Canada. Our

approach is to go softly softly, and we only go where we're invited," Mr Lowe said.

When a school expresses interest in teaching an Aboriginal language the NSW Board of Studies spends about a year with them developing their links with the local Indigenous community and making sure the right language program is developed for that school.

"Schools don't have the

structure to make it work until we develop the syllabus from K-10 in a way that totally involves the students," Mr Lowe said.

At Sydney University's Koori Centre, the staff have created a Masters course for Indigenous students to become Aboriginal language teachers in NSW schools.

Course co-ordinator John Hobson said the centre now had

eight Indigenous academics and 20 support staff.

They currently have a group of Aboriginal people studying for the Masters of Indigenous Languages Education (MILE) on block release over two years. The first group started in 2006 and another group started this year.

Each semester the teachers have a week-long residential intensive, where they come from country areas to Sydney. In between they do course work.

"There's no other course being offered like it at other universities," said Mr Hobson.

"We're planting lots of seeds and working effectively with communities. In Europe the idea of being multilingual is natural, but in Australia there's been a decline of interest until recently."

During their lunch break, the Masters students spoke to *The Koori Mail* about their experiences during the course.

Suellen Tighe, from Moree, said the students were committed to languages.

"It's an absolute privilege to be able to work in our communities on this program," she said.

Greg McKellar, from Bourke, agreed.

"For me, it's about empowerment, identity and trying to address the future. Language and culture go hand in hand," he said. "Hopefully it will lend itself to turning the tide for our people, and assist the growing confidence of our people."

Mr McKellar believes the course helps address how culture was lost and how it can be revived.

"From speaking the languages again everything can follow, and our people can take their rightful place in society, with these things strengthened," he said.

"It's important that we are the gatekeepers of our language, and we're the ones who should be leading the way."

Ms Tighe said that students also explored linguistics so they understood the foundation of Aboriginal languages. She wants more Indigenous people to be able to do the Masters course, and cited some of her fellow students who didn't have first degrees as incredible success stories.

"A lot of Aboriginal people don't have the prerequisites to do this course, so we need a broader career path for our people," she said.

"TAFEs could be just as important in teaching these courses in the future."

"Education as a whole needs to look at itself, and ask why are Aboriginal students not achieving in schools. Whatever has been tried is not working. For example money to fund homework centres should be built into the curriculum budgets."

While partnerships were critically important between education institutions and the community, Mr McKellar said a greater commitment to developing human and other resources was needed.

Back in his home town of Bourke, western NSW, there are more than 30 school students – black and white – undertaking the Aboriginal language course, and Mr McKellar said interaction between the two groups had improved.

"There are lots of spin-offs and the true spirit of reconciliation has been fostered," he said.

"I want to see more of our young people studying Aboriginal languages in schools."

Landmark change in Pilbara



A SURVEYOR with mining company Rio Tinto has helped name hills and ranges around an iron ore mine in the East Pilbara region of Western Australia with Aboriginal names chosen by a traditional owner group.

Nathan Daams resolved to have Aboriginal names recorded for the landmarks around Rio Tinto's West Angelas mine, 120km west of Newman. Gurrinbiddy Range, Goondoowandoo Range, Gujuwanna/Mount Ella and Bibi Thaloo Hill were named by members of the

Gobawarra Minduara Yinhawanga group. The names have now been registered with the Geographic Names Committee of WA - a rigorous process.

A 60km stretch of mountains south of the West Angelas mine is now called Gurrinbiddy Range and one of its peaks named after Ella Hilditch, the wife of a geologist, has been dual-named Gujuwanna. A culturally significant peak to the south has been named Bibi Thaloo Hill and a smaller range to the north has been called the Goondoowandoo Range.

Many mountains and ranges in the Pilbara were given European names in the

1960s during the initial surge in iron ore exploration. Landmarks were named after prospectors, geologists and their family members, such as Mount Tom Price.

In 2007, Mount Nameless, near Tom Price, became the first place in WA to be officially dual-named, with the Eastern Guruma name Jarndunmunha.

Mr Daams said he was surprised to find many of the prominent land forms around the West Angelas mine did not have names recorded in English or Aboriginal languages.

"I am not going to stop here. I'm going to keep naming features with Indigenous

names until more of these landmarks are officially recorded," he said.

"I hope it inspires people at other mines in the Pilbara to research and record the proper Indigenous names for the country around them."

Mr Daams' efforts have been commended by the State Government and the Gobawarra Minduara Yinhawanga traditional owners.

● **Pictured:** The newly-named Gurrinbiddy Range. Its name was chosen by members of the Gobawarra Minduara Yinhawanga traditional owner group.

'No school no service' welcomed



A 'NO school, no service' policy pioneered by stores in a remote Aboriginal community should be considered for other 'trouble spots' in the

Northern Territory, the Country Liberal Party (CLP) says.

Two stores in the central Australian community of Hermannsburg, 120km west of Alice Springs, have introduced bans on serving children during school hours. The policy is designed to cut down on truancy, petrol-sniffing and youth crime.

NT Opposition business spokeswoman Jodeen Carney last week welcomed the initiative, introduced following a community meeting last month. She said the NT Government needed to look at implementing a similar policy in other Territory communities.

"It's appalling that thousands of kids across the Territory are missing out on an education," she said. "The Labor Government repeatedly shies away from taking tough decisions about the Territory's shocking truancy rates."

Ms Carney said she had asked businesses in Alice Springs last month to support a proposal that would refuse service to school-age children during school hours unless

they had a note or a pass.

"(I'm) still waiting for the Territory Government to come on board," she said. "It is mute about a plan being embraced by communities grappling with the issue on their own ..."

"The fact is every day looks like school holidays in Alice Springs at the moment, there are just too many kids not going to school and a fresh approach is needed."

Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister Marion Scrymgeour backed the concept, but told ABC Radio she didn't believe it needed to be legislated or mandated. "It shows that there are some good strong leaders in communities and if we can see that snowball and translate to other communities, I think that would be fantastic," she said.

Tristan Ray, from the Central Australian Youth Link-Up Service, said the decision by the Ntaria community store and Finke River Mission store at Hermannsburg to no longer sell to students during school hours was a good example of communities taking control of their own destiny.

"It hasn't been introduced under the welfare quarantining," he told ABC radio. "The community have actually gone out and done that element of the quarantining themselves." - AAP



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THE search is on for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to sing for Pope Benedict during his World Youth Day visit to Sydney from 15-20 July.

About 50 Indigenous kids aged 10 to 13 years are needed to create the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander choir.

Rhoda Roberts, the Indigenous co-coordinator for the Liturgy and Youth Festival events for World

Youth Day, together with Artistic Director of Gondwana voices Lyn Williams, spoke with organisers about forming an Indigenous Youth Choir. Ms Williams, a leading director of children's choirs, has exceptional skills in working with young people and is recognised internationally.

The Indigenous choir will be a similar model to the Gondwana Voices Choir, which is best known for singing *I Still Call Australia Home* on the Qantas advertisements.

"The proposed development of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander choir will leave an incredible legacy for our youth long after the event has left our shores," Ms Roberts said. "I strongly believe with the current momentum the country is undertaking since the recent Federal Government official apology that there is a desire from Australians to see Indigenous culture and relevant expressions through contemporary mediums. The development of a children's

choir that focuses on the involvement of Australia's Indigenous youth will also result in some very positive and long-term outcomes socially, economically and politically."

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Indigenous war story goes online



THE story of Indigenous Australians at War will be told in a new online exhibition by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Library.

Indigenous soldier Garth O'Connell, from the Australian War Memorial (AWM), compiled the site, which was redeveloped by AIATSIS.

The website includes biographies and an honour roll amongst historical and modern information about Indigenous Australians in the armed forces from the Boer War until now.

AIATSIS Principal Steve Larkin said *Indigenous Australians at War* was a journey into the author's research into Australian Aboriginal servicemen in the defence of Australia.

"It gives Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and non-Indigenous Australians a free online resource about an aspect of history that is not very well known," he said.

"We are very grateful to Mr O'Connell for his dedicated work on this site and we hope all Australians will visit it to learn more about the contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians have made and continue to make to the Australian defence forces."

A dedication on the site reads in part: *'To the kids in communities today, that they find out that we've got heaps of pride when it comes to fighting for our country - we've always stepped up when freedom was being threatened both here and overseas'.*

Memorabilia

The library is also displaying medals and memorabilia belonging to Australia's only Indigenous World War II Fighter pilot, Sergeant Len Waters, and Captain Reg Saunders, the first Aboriginal serviceman to command a rifle company.

Mr O'Connell and AIATSIS received a letter from Anita-Lee Summers, the granddaughter of a World War I Indigenous soldier, Private Charlie Morgan, 10th Reinforcement 49th Battalion, Service Number 3679.

Ms Summers said she had contacted the AWM, which helped her get her grandfather's service records.

"It has been an emotional time reading his life's journey from the mission to the Army and then told he had to return to the mission after fighting in France," she said. "He was wounded, never treated, and fought for a country where he was treated like a second-class citizen and no longer his own. I don't think I will ever understand his motivation, but I am so very proud of him."

Ms Summers said that Anzac Day had a whole new meaning for her with this new information.

"The trials and tribulations I am confronted with as a proud Aboriginal woman in the 21st Century are easier to tackle knowing that many brave Indigenous men gave their lives and served to secure a better future for past, future generations and me," she said.

The exhibition will be continuously updated and those interested in contributing new information or offering correction can email library@aiatsis.gov.au

● To visit the online exhibition, go online to www1.aiatsis.gov.au/exhibitions/iaaw/dedication.html



All aboard ... The Macquarie fields students with police and Royal Australian Navy officials in front of HMAS Supply in Sydney.

Voyage of discovery for Macquarie Fields kids



THIRTEEN Aboriginal kids from the Macquarie Fields area in western Sydney have had the voyage of a lifetime thanks to their local police and the Royal Australian Navy (RAN).

Aged from 11-14, the group travelled from Macquarie Fields Police Station with police and volunteers to HMAS Albatross at Nowra.

There they had a tour of the navy base, which included checking out the helicopters and simulators, visiting the Fleet Air Arm Museum and staying overnight in sailors' quarters as part of their visit experience.

Then, early the next day it was out to HMAS Creswell where they boarded the supply ship HMAS Success and took to the seas from Jervis Bay, experiencing life as a sailor in the navy.

Activities included viewing the armoury, trying on the fire-fighting outfits and spending time on the bridge, as well as getting hands on with the ship's routine. The kids viewed the engines, helped the stewards prepare food and then joined the ship's company for a dinner.

The journey ended the next morning when the HMAS Success sailed into Sydney Harbour, docking at the Garden Island naval base about 8.30. HMAS Success is the largest Royal Australian Navy ship built in Australia. She is 157.2 metres long, weighs 18,000 tonnes when fully loaded and carries a Westland Sea King 50 Helicopter on board. Her primary role is the replenishment of other navy ships at sea.



Students Andy Roberts, 12, and Fredrick Whitmore, 13,

Trip organiser, Chief Inspector Darrin Wilson, from Macquarie Fields Police, said the adventure was part of the local area command's Aboriginal Consultative Committee Good Kids Program. "This program is for kids who are always good and is about developing good relations between the police and our younger members of the Aboriginal community," Chief-Insp Wilson said.

"The 13 girls and boys on the trip were nominated by their school principals as attending school regularly, committed to being an active part of the school community and not having had detention or been suspended.

"It's about rewarding them for displaying excellent behaviour - these kids are the model students of the local community."

HMAS Success Commanding Officer Commander Simon Brown, said: "It was a pleasure to work with the police with such an outstanding group of young people. I hope they take away positive experiences from their time on the ship, and perhaps consider making the RAN a career."



Telisa Hudson, 14, and Tayla Plowes, 12, during the trip.



Caroline Wright, 11, and Constable Lauren Watling prepare food in the HMAS Supply's galley.



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● The Bringing Them Home Committee in Western Australia is holding an event on from 12-2pm in Wellington Square in East Perth.

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● NSW Sorry Day Commemoration. March from Hyde Park at 10am followed by a community gathering at First Fleet Park, Circular Quay, NSW, 11am. Contact: NSW Sorry Day Committee 02 9319 1037 or 0437 100 121.

● Sorry Day at the Royal Women's Hospital, Carlton, VIC. Smoking and Welcome by Auntie Joy Murphy - inviting all who created and supported the Aboriginal Women's Health Business Unit for the final Sorry Day at Grattan St. Oral history stories. Retrospective exhibition. Final words and great food. 1-3pm. Fiona Lange 03 9344 2199

● Re-launch of 'Songlines of a Mutti Mutti Man' - May 26-31. Spend a night around the kitchen table with Kutcha Edwards and his family as they share their remarkable story through songs, laughter and tears. A unique and personal insight into the stories of the Stolen Generations. Venue: Arts House, North Melbourne Town Hall at 8pm, plus 10.30am school matinees on Wednesday and Friday. Bookings at www.easylix.com.au/artshouse, 03 9639 0096. School bookings through Ilbijerri Theatre 03 9329 9097

● Whitehorse Council flag raising and exhibition at Nangnak Garden behind the Whitehorse Civic Centre, Nunawading, VIC at 10am. Contact: 03 9895 8888, 9262 6516

● Maroondah City Council flag raising and celebration. Free public event, featuring a Welcome to Country, smoking ceremony, stalls from local reconciliation groups and a hip hop performance by Tjimba and the Yung Warriors. Venue: Maroondah Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood VIC. Time: 10.45am-12.30pm. Contact: 03 9298 4329

● This event will commemorate 10 years of National Sorry Day. Come and enjoy free entertainment, with a smoking ceremony, Kaurna Welcome and speakers paying respect to the Stolen Generations and their families. Venue: Tandanyangga (Victoria Square) Adelaide SA, 10am - 2pm. Contact: Journey of Healing Association tmclac@ozemail.com.au 08 8362 1199

Tuesday May 27

● Parkies BBQ. Hosted by the City of Yarra at the Rotunda behind the Collingwood flats at Harmsworth St. VIC. Contact: Jane Britton, 03 9411 3555

● Fitzroy Libraries present James Henry and Lou Bennett. Celebrate Reconciliation Week at this free public event hosted by Yarra City Council. Venue: Fitzroy Library, 128 Moor St, Fitzroy VIC, 6.30-8.30pm. Contact: 1300 695 427 or see

www.yarracity.vic.gov.au

● Manningham Council Reconciliation Week launch and flag raising. With traditional welcome, smoking ceremony, cultural performances and more. Venue: Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster VIC. Time: 11am-12.30pm. Contact: 03 9840 9367

● Join with the SA Aboriginal Health team of the Children, Youth and Women's Health Service for Reconciliation event followed by morning tea. Please confirm your attendance for catering purposes. Location to be confirmed. 10 - 11.30am. Contact: Aboriginal Health, Children Youth and Women's Health Service Tania.alexby-blake@cywhs.sa.gov.au 08 8303 1673

● Reconciliation Week Film Screenings at Port Augusta, SA. A double feature screening of the films *Why Me (G)* and *Sister if Only You Knew (G)*. State Library of South Australia, Port August Cinema, at 7pm. Free. Contact 08 8641 9151



Archie Roach, Pat Dodson and Pete Postlethwaite are superb in *Liyarn Ngarn*, a documentary aiming to assist with the process of true and lasting reconciliation.

● NSW Reconciliation Council, NSW Sorry Day Committee and Department of Aboriginal Affairs, will present a forum bringing together a panel of key speakers to reflect on the Federal Government's apology to the Stolen Generations and to provide practical steps to how to move forward. For more information contact the NSW Reconciliation Council. Location: NSW Teachers Federation Auditorium, Surry Hills NSW. For information: www.nswrecon.com or 02 9219 0719.

● Indigenous Health Forum. Location: Eastern Ave Auditorium, 7pm. Contact: Sydney University Medical Society 02 9351 2635

● Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue will present a one-off public lecture that will challenge existing views, provoke thought and encourage a deeper understanding of Christian churches' relationship with the Reconciliation movement. Gather at St Peter's Anglican Cathedral at 5.30pm for a BBQ dinner on the lawns, move inside for this unique public lecture and then join with the SA Heads of Christian Churches who will be offering prayers for Reconciliation. 5.30-7.30pm. Contact: St Peter's Anglican Cathedral dean@stpeters-cathedral.org 08 8267 4551

● Dinner and forum at Deniliquin. This event will highlight local stories about the Stolen Generation as well as other information about government policies. Several members of the Stolen Generation will tell their stories. Neighbourhood Centre, Trickett Street, Deniliquin, NSW. 6.30pm. Contact: David Crew 0428 823 608.

● A formal flag raising ceremony will take place with local politicians, Councillors, Aboriginal Elders and community members followed by a morning tea to be held at the Community Centre. Location: Coledale Community Centre, Kenny Drive, Coledale, NSW. 10am. Contact: Brook Spokes 02 6767 5474

● Riverina Murray. Reconciliation Day Ceremony at Gosford, NSW. Join us for a flag raising ceremony with didgeridoo player and singer, followed by an address by Emeritus Professor Garth Netheim. Gosford City Council Chambers. 10-11.30am. Contact: Keith Hall 02 4325 8904

Wednesday May 28

● Children's Voices for Reconciliation. Stories, poetry and artwork by children from schools in the surrounding areas as well as guest speaker and emceed by Dr Anita Heiss. Location: Bicentennial park, West Pymble NSW. 11.30am-1pm. Contact: Ian de Vulder 02 9144 5900

● Prominent Indigenous women share their stories and reveal the important place that women have in Indigenous society. Free with Museum admission. Location: Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris St, Ultimo, NSW. 12.30-1.30pm. Contact: Rita Orsini 02 9217 0417

27 May - 3 June: Bring your family and spend a day at Tandanya during Reconciliation Week, 27 May - 3 June 2008. Tandanya will be screening two outstanding films *Liyarn Ngarn* and *Kanyini* and a cultural presentation and performance each day. Plus a MABO Day Forum on 3 June.

Located in Adelaide, South Australia and established in 1989, Tandanya is Australia's oldest Aboriginal owned and managed multi-arts centre.

Films will be screened daily at 10.30am and 1.00pm on a rotational basis and the cultural presentation at 12 noon. Admission to Tandanya during Reconciliation Week is \$4 and children under 12yrs are free.

● Join the team at Worawa Aboriginal College to celebrate the re-opening of the college. Venue: 60/80 Barak Lane, Healesville VIC. Time: 10am. Contact: Lynne Murray 03 5962 4344

● Yarra Rangers Reconciliation Luncheon. The Mayor and Shire of Yarra Ranges host this luncheon with guest speakers and entertainment. Meal provided, drinks at bar prices. RSVP essential. Venue: 326 Badger Creek Rd, Healesville VIC. 12pm-2pm. Enquiries 03 9294 6462 RSVP 03 9294 6386.

● Visit Nunkuwarrin Yunti for a free Open Day for Reconciliation Week. 182-190 Wakefield St, Adelaide SA. 10am-3pm. Contact: Nunkuwarrin Yunti of South Australia 08 8223 5011

Thursday May 29

● Pauline McLeod Awards for Reconciliation Presentation Ceremony. Randwick City Council Town Hall, Cnr Avoca and Frances Street, Randwick, NSW. 4.30-6pm. Contact: Wayne Cook 1300 722 542

● 12th Annual Lane Cove Children's Voices for Reconciliation. Enjoy musical, dramatic, spoken and dance performances on the theme of Reconciliation and in the celebration of Aboriginal cultures and heritage by students of Lane Cove government and non-government schools and guest schools. Location: Lane Cove Plaza, cnr Longueville/Burns Bay Roads, Lane Cove NSW. 10.30am-12noon. Contact: Jill Chambers 07 9425 1150 or Faith Wieland 02 9911 3594.

● Urgent - New Theatre as part of the Next Wave Festival. Urgent is based on a novel written by four young women that explores their heritage and the many questions around the Stolen Generations. Directed by Julia Torpey. Venue: Carlton Courthouse (La Mama) 349 Drummond St,

Carlton VIC. Time: May 29-30, 7pm (Koorie night performance on May 28). Contact: www.nextwave.org.au

● An open invitation to join the historians of the History Trust for morning tea to discuss recent Indigenous history in Adelaide and South Australia and how the History Trust might assist in the telling of that history. Contact: History Trust of South Australia mpaul@history.sa.gov.au 08 8203 9888

● The University of Adelaide Reconciliation Week BBQ will include a viewing of the Prime Minister's Apology Speech, music by CASM with speaker, the Vice Chancellor, Professor James McWha. Location: University of Adelaide, Goodman Crescent Lawns, Adelaide SA. 2.30pm. Contact: University of Adelaide. 08 8303 3183

● Launching Blak Traks 08, a CD compilation of young Indigenous musicians from across South Australia, produced by Kurruru Indigenous Youth Performing Arts. BBQ and light refreshments will be provided. Location: Theatre 2, Parks Community Centre, 2-46 Cowan St, Angle Park SA. 12.30pm. Contact: Kurruru Indigenous Youth Performing Arts nick@kurruru.or.gua 08 8341 1150

Friday 30 May

● Hornsby Children's Voices for Reconciliation. Enjoy performances of stories, song, dance and drama from local schools, special guest performances from visiting schools and a smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country. Free event, all welcome. Hornsby Mall, Florence St, Hornsby NSW. 10am-1pm. Contact: Helen 02 9434 1043

● Indigenous Veterans Memorial Service. This service recognizes the contribution that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans have made to this country. Her Excellency the Governor of NSW with representatives from State and Federal Government will be in attendance. The Organising Committee encourages all Indigenous Veterans and their families, wider veteran community and the general public to take part in the ceremony. During the period 27 May - 3 June the Anzac Memorial Museum will be featuring displays centred on the contribution made by Indigenous Australian Veterans. These include the Australian War Memorial's display box 'Too Dark for the Light Horse' and the Video 'Norforce' which is an engaging program following a group of young Aboriginal men on their induction and training as soldiers in the Norfolk Unit of the Australian Army. Anzac Memorial Hyde Park, Sydney. 11am. Contact: Rod Holtham 02 9264 8188

● The prize ceremony for the Annual Aboriginal Artists Art Exhibition and Competition - The Tony Donavon Prize will be held at 10am at Gosford Regional Gallery, 16 Webb St, East Gosford NSW. Contact: Sean Lonergan 02 4320 0630.

● 'Influences, Experiences, Expectations' A Living History. Lyn Riley-Mundine, currently the Academic Co-ordinator at the Koorie Centre, University of Sydney, presents her family's history of engagement across several generations in NSW. Refreshments provided. Leichardt Town Hall, Cnr Marion and Horton Sts. Leichardt, NSW. 6.30-8.30pm. Contact: Janene Collins 02 9565 6138 or antamsw@antar.org.au

● Service to Commemorate Australian Indigenous Veterans. State National War Memorial, Adelaide SA. 10-11am. Contact: Department of Veterans Affairs ronda.bain@dva.gov.au 08 8290 0510

Event details for this calendar were supplied by various groups. The Koori Mail acknowledges that other events are being held around the country but details have not been provided.

Sorry Day – Reconciliation Week

● **Cavanbah Reconciliation Group and Sisters for Reconciliation (Northern Rivers)** Reconciliation Week event at Byron Bay. Join us for a reconciliation celebration including Welcome to Country, speeches, dancers, artwork, music, bush tucker, lunch, tea, coffee and cakes. Byron Community and Cultural Centre, 69 Jonson St, Byron Bay NSW.

● **'Kangoo Banbadiam' – Concert for Culture.** Don't miss the spectacular line-up of Archie Roach, Richard Frankland and the Charcoal Club, Peter Rotumah, Dan Sultan, Dave Dryden, Ron Murray and Tjaegun Wilson for just \$10/\$5. Presented by the City of Greater Dandenong, the City of Casey and the Southern Metro Region Indigenous Family Violence Action Group to promote and celebrate culture in a positive way. Supported by Reconciliation Victoria. Venue: Drum Theatre, Dandenong Town Hall, VIC. 7pm. Tickets from venue 03 9771 6666. For other information call Byron Powell, 03 9239 5166

● **Engineers Without Borders NSW** Chapter will host 'ewb elements' in Sydney. Australia's biggest ever touring exhibition of commercially available Indigenous Art. ewb elements is the critical launch of Engineers Without Borders' Equal Australian campaign and the major fund raising initiative for the valuable work we are doing with Indigenous communities across Australia. A launch will be held on 30 May. Location: Barnett Long Room, Customs House, Circular Quay, NSW. 10am-1pm
Contact: Bethany Davies 03 9696 9040

● **Reconciliation Schools' Festival** at Adelaide Town Hall, Adelaide SA. 11am-4pm. Contact: Reconciliation South Australia Youth Committee ess.reconciliationsa@yahoo.com.au or 0431 804 067

● **Reconciliation Youth Disco.** Otherway Centre, 285 Pirie St Adelaide SA. 6.30-11pm. Contact: Kumangka Aboriginal Youth Service kumangka@senet.com.au or 08 3340 4499

Saturday May 31

● **Launch of Youth Network – Get Rec'd.** Featuring Tjamba and the Yung Warriors, Brologa Boys, Jayden Lillyst and more. \$5 entry. Venue: Bar 303, High St, Northcote, VIC. 7pm. Contact: Bianca, 0403 716 223 or 03 9662 1645

● **Remembrance Service for Aboriginal service men and women.** A service to honour the contribution of Indigenous service men and women, followed by the unveiling of a remembrance plaque in the Shrine Garden and at reception at the Visitor Centre. Venue: The Shrine of Remembrance, VIC. 11am. RSVP to Mary Morison, 03 9208 3262, nary.morison@dpcd.vic.gov.au

● **Bayside flag-raising and launch of Indigenous Perspectives Exhibition.** Featuring cultural dances and speakers. Venue: Bayside City Council Corporate Centre, 76 Royal Avenue, Sandringham, VIC. 2pm. Contact: 03 9583 5439 or www.bayside.vic.gov.au

● **Western Region Indigenous Art Show – Public Launch and Cultural Day** hosted by Moonee Valley Council and the Incinerator Arts Complex. All welcome to this free event. Venue: Incinerator, 180 Holmes Rd, Moonee Ponds VIC. 4-8pm. Contact: 03 3325 1750.

● **An information stall with Reconciliation members** giving away reconciliation promotional material, information and balloons. Stuart Mall, Wagga Wagga, NSW. 1am-3pm. Contact: Sally Tapscott: 02 6921 3335

● **Orange Aboriginal Medical Service** Open Day, 14 Palmer Street, Orange NSW. 1pm-12pm. Contact: Mike Cooper on 02 393 4033

● **You are invited to help maintain the**

significant Aboriginal site Lambie Gorge. The Gorge was recently restored but has since been vandalised. Lambie Gorge, Cooma NSW. 9.30am-3.00pm. Contact: Geoff Boland 0414 524 699

● **Reconciliation Cultural Walk** at Mount Mitchell, Illawarra, NSW. Take a guided walk with Roy 'Dootch' Kennedy along the Wodi Wodi Walking Track at Mount Mitchell. Dootch will talk about the Aboriginal history of the area. 9am. Contact: Roy Kennedy 0434 366 374 or Karen Gough 02 4258 6283.

● **Join the Tauondi guides** as they reveal how plants have sustained Aboriginal life for thousands of years by providing food, shelter, tools and medicine. Meet at the gate

Reconciliation Park, once the site of Colebrook Children's Home for many of the Stolen Generations, is now a national memorial to those children. Colebrook Reconciliation Park, Shepherd's Hill Road, Eden Hills SA. 11am. Contact: Blackwood Reconciliation Group diane.dent5052@yahoo.com.au 08 8370 3026.

Sunday June 1

● **Reconciliation Sunday.** St Johns Halifax Church, Halifax Street, Adelaide SA. 9am. Contact: St Johns Halifax Church abc@esc.net.au 0411 180 780

● **Reconciliation Service.** Join with parishioners of St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Exhibitions

● **Connecting to Country.** Inspired works by live Melbourne-based Koorie artists connecting with their traditional Country. Annette Sax, Mandi Barton-Travis, Paola Morabito-Tang, Lee-Anne Clarke and Andrew Travis-Clark. Until June 22. Venue: Bunjilaka, Melbourne Museum. Contact: 03 8341 7300

● **The Nicholls Family** remembers the life of Pastor Sir Doug Nicholls in this special photographic exhibition. Until June 27 at Koorie Heritage Trust, 295 King St, Melbourne VIC. Contact: 03 8622 2600

● **National Reconciliation Week Photographic Exhibition.** Have Camera, Will Travel, Jim Berg Portraits Exhibition and Silent Witness, Jim Berg Scar Tree Exhibition. Venue: Chapel of Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran VIC. Dates: May 12 – June 22. Launch: June 4, 6pm. Contact: Lisa Stafford, 03 8290 1172 lstafford@stonnington.vic.gov.au

● **Lumina Gallery Reconciliation Exhibition.** A collaborative exhibition in tribute to reconciliation in the city of Sonnington. Individual works from local schools interpreting the meaning of Reconciliation. Venue: Lumina Gallery, 89 Waverley Rd, East Malvern VIC. May 12 – June 3. Launch: May 22, 11am. Contact: 03 9569 3880

● **Not Really Aboriginal – Bindi Cole** exhibition. As part of the Next Wave Festival, Bindi Cole presents this series of portraits depicting 'white' Aboriginal Australia in their everyday urban environments. Venue: Centre for Contemporary Photography, 404 George St, Fitzroy VIC. Date: May 22 – June 5. Contact: www.nextwave.org.au

● **Moving Pictures: Images of Reconciliation.** Curator, Mandy Nicholson, with the Manningham City Council, presents works by Victorian based Indigenous artists – Jarrod Atkinson, Yaraan Bundle, Karen Clarke Edwards, Vicki Couzens, Lee Darroch, Treahna Hamm, Dixon Patten, Wayne Quilliam, Mandy Nicholson, Reko Rennie-Gwaybill and Alan Wickey. Venue: Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster VIC. Dates: May 21 – June 7. Launch: May 21, 6pm. Contact: 03 9840 9367 www.manningham.vic.gov.au/gallery



● **Indigenous Bayside Perspectives; Works by Reko Rennie and Bindi Cole.** Venue: Bayside City Council Corporate Centre, 76 Royal Avenue, Sandringham, VIC. Dates: May 22 – June 20. Contact: 03 9599 4444 www.bayside.vic.gov.au/events.htm

● **Crossing Currents – New Indigenous Perspectives.** This exhibition examines the work of Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists whose work engages with issues of cross-cultural interaction. Artists include Gayle Madigan, Megan Evans, Tim Cole and Bert Willoughby. Venue: Maroondah Art Gallery, 32 Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood VIC. Dates: May 22 – June 28. Contact: Damian Smith, 03 9298 4538

● **Western Region Indigenous Art Show.** Showcasing Indigenous arts and culture from the region. Including work from artists at the Dame Phyllis Frost and Port Phillip Prisons, and Wayne Quilliam's 'Sorry' photographs from the Canberra apology. Venue: Incinerator Arts Complex, 180 Holmes Rd, Moonee Ponds VIC. Dates: May 26 – June 17. Contact: 03 8325 1750

● **The year of The Apology** is a landmark exhibition for Indigenous artists in the Northern Rivers region of NSW. Artwork featured has a personal reference to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's Apology to the Stolen Generation. The exhibition includes artwork from over 50 Indigenous artists.

Opening 6pm Wednesday 28 May, 2008. Welcome to country at 6.30 pm by Auntie Bertha Kapeen. To be opened by Dion Mundine OAM, Indigenous Curator – Contemporary Art, Cambelltown Art Centre. Venue: Northern Rivers Community Gallery, 44 Cherry Street Ballina. Northern Rivers Gallery 02 6681 6167.

of Adelaide Botanic Gardens, Plane Tree Drive, at 1pm. Great for schools. Free but please book. Contact: Tauondi College 08 8240 0300

● **Youth Ambassadors' Reconciliation Ball** at the Adelaide Convention Centre, SA. at 6.30pm. Cost: \$75 each, booking essential. Contact: Salisbury High School 08 8182 0200.

● **Come celebrate at Colebrook**

for a special service to commemorate Reconciliation Week. Contact: St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on 08 8232 8688

● **Reconciliation Public Rally and March.** Gather at Tamdanyangga (Victoria Square) to show your support for a reconciled Australia and march alongside thousands to Elder Park. March: 12 noon sharp. Once the march arrives at Elder Park, enjoy an afternoon of performances and speeches. A presentation by the Minister for

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation will be made for the winners of the Premier's Award 2008 Reconciliation Competition. Contact: Reconciliation SA reconciliationsa@yahoo.com.au 08 8302 0493

● **Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Richmond Hill.** This commemoration service remembers the Darug people who died defending the rights to Country. Richmond Hill, St John of God Hospital Grounds, 177 Grose-Vale Rd, North Richmond, NSW. 12pm. Contact: Melissa Stubbings 02 4588 5618

● **Groove 4 Reconciliation – Geelong One Fire Reconciliation Group.** Family oriented music gig featuring The Maza Sisters and the daddy of cool – Ross Hannaford Trio. \$15.00/\$10.00. Accompanied children free. Venue: Geelong Performing Arts Centre, 50 Little Mallop Street, Geelong VIC. 2pm. Contact: John Murray 03 5258 4397

Monday June 2

● **'Sorry – A New Beginning'** Reconciliation Week Morning Tea. Guest speakers, Aboriginal dance, Aboriginal delicacies for morning tea. Sign the Reconciliation Book. Conference Room 7, Level 4, McKell Building, 2-24 Rawson St, Sydney NSW

● **Reconciliation Poetry at La Mama Poetica,** hosted by Jennifer Harrison and featuring Johnny Harding, Lauren Williams, Grant Caldwell, Jeltje and the poets on the CD Heart to Heart to be launched by Tony Birch in memory of the late Lisa Bellear. \$7/\$5. Venue: La Mama Theatre, 205 Faraday Street, Carlton VIC. 8pm
Contact: Bookings at 03 9347 6142 www.lamama.com.au

Tuesday June 3

● **Reconciliation in Parliament Forum: Compensation for Stolen Generation.** The forum provides an opportunity for parliamentarians and the public to hear directly from Aboriginal people on key issues affecting them, and to create a forum for dialogue with multi-party support. This forum will focus on compensation for members of the Stolen Generations. Location: NSW Parliament
Contact: NSW Reconciliation Council 02 9219 0719 or www.nswrecon.com

● **A joint presentation by Gerry Walker,** Principal of Youth Education Center at Magill and Cavan, and Naomi Hicks, the Indigenous Program Leader, on the educational achievements of young people in secure care at Magill and Cavan. Location: 95 South Terrace, Adelaide SA. 12noon-130pm. Cost: Gold coin donation – tea/coffee/cold drinks provided, BYO lunch.
Contact: National Council of Women SA ncwsa@bigpond.com 08 8231 9154

● **Justice for Aboriginal South Australians – moving towards Reconciliation.** Tandanya, 253 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA. 6-8pm. Contact: Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation antarsa@internode.on.net 08 8132 6716.

● **Talk Blak Forum: Land Rights – When do we want it?** Stories and conversations about country, land rights, Traditional Owner's rights and the native title maze. Hosted by the City of Melbourne as part of the Melbourne Conversations Program. Free – no bookings. Venue: BMW Edge, Federation Square. 5pm-6.15pm
Contact: Jeff Taylor 03 9685 9965 jeftay@melbourne.vic.gov.au

Wednesday June 4-6

● **VACCA State-wide Conference.** Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency annual conference. See www.vacca.org for details on speakers, displays, entertainment and the conference dinner. Venue: Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre.
Contact: www.vacca.gov.au or 03 8388 1855

Good news for Torres Strait Islander postie



TORRES STRAIT
Islander Chantal Nona has been named Australia Post's Indigenous Trainee of the Year in Queensland.

The postie from the Logan City Delivery Centre, South Brisbane, was praised for her dedication to her studies and the company. Australia Post last month

celebrated the success of its inaugural Indigenous trainee program, with seven graduates including Ms Nona receiving certificates and gifts from former Brisbane Broncos NRL star and former Australia Post employee Steve 'The Pearl' Renouf.

Mr Renouf said the new trainee program had provided a great opportunity for Indigenous workers. "Australia Post has

always had a very strong commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers and I'm delighted to be involved in this event, which highlights the potential and ability of Indigenous Queenslanders," the football legend said.

The trainee program involved 12 months on-the-job training and part-time study to achieve a Certificate III in Transport and

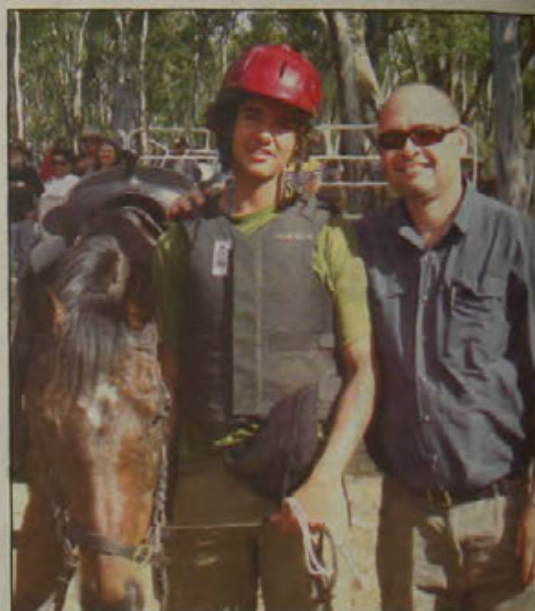
Distribution (Warehousing and Storage). Other graduates were: Cherylee Nagy, a postie at Hervey Bay Delivery Centre (Gumbaynggirr), Colin Currie, a postie at Logan City Delivery Centre (Mununjali), Rose Ogden, a delivery co-ordinator at Acacia Ridge Delivery Centre (Gurrinji), Jermaine Tyson, a postie at Richlands Delivery Centre (Kuku Yalanji), Shannon Lewis, a postie

at Virginia Delivery Centre (Undumbi) and Xenia Willoughby, a postie at the City Delivery Centre (Palawa).

The Australia Post Indigenous trainee program is supported by CADET Training and Employment, the Queensland Department of Employment and Industrial Relations, MEGT Australian Apprenticeships Centre and TAFE Queensland.



DECC's Pete Peckham with riders Jake Houghton and Mikayla Allen.



DECC's Bob Sutherland with Aaron Percival, of Coonabarabran, after the Gamilaroi Gallop.

Students ride high

200km 'gallop' on Gamilaroi Pilliga country



A 200km cultural heritage horse ride from Narrabri through the Pilliga to Coonabarabran, in north-western NSW, drew

to a close early this month, with the participants ready for a shower and to try out their new-found skills.

Eight Aboriginal students from Coonabarabran, Pilliga and Baradine were selected by their schools and communities as future leaders to participate in the ride, dubbed 'The Gamilaroi Gallop'.

Designed to provide participants with a cultural and leadership experience, the ride had a theme of 'Know your land, know your people, know yourself'.

It was organised by the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) with support from the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, Elders and sporting role models including champion boxer Anthony 'Choc' Mundine.

"The Aboriginal culture is ancient and traditional, but it is still evolving to this day and this ride takes in many of the contemporary Aboriginal links to the Pilliga region," said Aboriginal Community Partnerships Facilitator Brad Trindall before the ride began in Narrabri on 21 April. Many of the forefathers of our participants did it tough in this landscape but were renowned for their natural horsemanship and bush skills.



Ride participants, back from left, Jake Houghton, Kyle Ruttle, Jacki Edwards, Chloe Sulter and Aaron Percival and, from left, Holly (crew), Jessica McNamara and Mikayla Allen.

"We are revisiting a bygone era in order to inspire our future community leaders."

On the final day the riders said they were exhausted but exhilarated.

Aaron Percival, from Coonabarabran High School, said he was feeling 'pretty tired, but pretty good' after being one of the few riders and support crew who rode the whole way.

While he was pleased to learn plenty of horsemanship skills, Aaron said the ride had taught him to get inspired and find

leadership qualities about himself.

Jessica McNamara, from Narrabri, had a few bumps and scrapes along the way, but showed courage to complete the ride.

Stronger

"I learnt I'm a lot stronger than I thought," she said.

While Jake Houghton, from Pilliga, said learning about his culture was a highlight, he believed the main thing he would take away from the experience was 'just to keep

setting goals and keep going until you achieve them'.

The riders were greeted with a barbecue lunch at Coonabarabran before a congratulatory dinner.

The Indigenous participants were Mikayla Allen (Pilliga), Jake Houghton (Pilliga), Jessica McNamara (Narrabri), April Gardener (Narrabri), Kyle Ruttle (Baradine), Jacki Edwards (Baradine), Chloe Sulter (Coonabarabran) and Aaron Percival (Coonabarabran).



Students from the Ceduna Area School.

Initiatives to aid students

SA ABORIGINAL students living on South Australia's west coast and hoping to pursue sports-based careers – either as

athletes or sport and recreation specialists – will enjoy new opportunities, following the launch of two initiatives.

The South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy (SAASTA) site for Ceduna was launched at Ceduna Area School on 7 May to offer Aboriginal students an alternative education pathway.

Port Adelaide Football Club past greats Gavin Wanganeen and Russell Ebert attended the launch celebrations and encouraged the participation of Aboriginal students in the Academy program, another initiative called the Aboriginal Power Cup and the local community.

SAASTA is a Social Inclusion Initiative managed by the Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS).

DECS Chief Executive Chris Robinson described the Academy as a centre for excellence in Indigenous sports and learning.

"The aim of SAASTA is to keep our young people at school, to help them achieve their goals and lead healthy and successful lives," he said.

"The Academy offers students an educational and sporting program which leads to SA Certificate of Education qualifications and sports-based career paths.

"Equally important, the Academy will provide the right environment to encourage our students to become role models for other young Aboriginal



Port Adelaide Football Club's Russell Ebert.



SAASTA Director Kerry Colbung at the Ceduna opening.

people in their communities, providing inspiration to achieve their best through sports and education."

Mr Robinson said that last year four SAASTA students completed their SACE qualifications.

"Our program is successful because we work closely with the students to make sure the benefits from our program have a direct impact on their lives and increases their involvement at the community level," he said.

So far this year, 15 Ceduna Area School students have enrolled in the SAASTA program. Across the State there are 73 students enrolled in similar Academy curriculum programs.

Also launched in Ceduna this month was the Aboriginal Power Cup, an initiative giving Academy students at the local area school the opportunity to compete in an Aboriginal football carnival.

Picking up on key recommendations from SA Commissioner for Social Inclusion Monsignor David Cappo's report *To Break the Cycle*, the State Government has teamed with the Port Adelaide Football Club, SAASTA and the SANFL to launch the inaugural Aboriginal Power Cup.

The aim is to engage Aboriginal youth across the State by fostering healthy competition through sport and to increase the awareness of participants about personal health.

It also focuses on improving their self-esteem, developing their connection with community organisations and promoting positive choices through the example of role models.

Ceduna-based SAASTA students who take part in this year's competition will play against other SAASTA student teams from the Para West Adult Campus, Kaurna Plains Primary School, John Pirie Secondary School, Port Lincoln High School and the Wiltja Program (Woodville High School).

The carnival competition will culminate with a grand final played as a curtain-raiser to the Port Adelaide and Collingwood AFL clash at AAMI Stadium on 15 August.

Bob Maza Fellowship AFC Indigenous Branch

The AFC is calling for applications from established Indigenous actors working professionally in the film, television and/or theatre industries for the Bob Maza Fellowship.

The fellowship is awarded to an established Indigenous actor to further their professional development, provide longevity in their career and raise their profile internationally.

It must be used for international travel; further training or short courses at an international film training institution; and for meetings with agents, attending castings and establishing contacts in the international arena.

The Bob Maza Fellowship is sponsored by the Australian Film Commission's Indigenous Branch to commemorate and celebrate the life and work of Bob Maza, and as a tribute to his passion and commitment to the film and entertainment industry.

Deadline for applications Tuesday 24 June 2008

Guidelines and application forms can be obtained from the AFC website www.afc.gov.au



Tidbinbilla/Birrighai Board of Management EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT

Three representatives from the Business and/or Community sectors are sought to participate on the Tidbinbilla/Birrighai Board of Management.

The ACT Government has committed to jointly manage these adjacent properties to maximise their potential as a centre of excellence for education, conservation, research, tourism and recreation. The properties are currently managed separately by Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) and the Department of Education and Training (DET). Joint management will take effect on Tuesday 1 July 2008.

Once established the Board of Management will meet at least four times a year and will:

- Identify strategic planning, policy and management issues affecting Tidbinbilla/Birrighai and determine priorities and actions for managing those issues consistent with the Tidbinbilla/Birrighai Plan of Management;
- set and monitor the strategic vision, priorities and key performance indicators for Tidbinbilla/Birrighai through the Tidbinbilla/Birrighai Strategic Plan; and
- endorse the annual program and budget for approval by the Chief Executives of DET and TAMS.

The Board of Management will be comprised of Government and Non-government representatives. Board of Management positions are determinations of for a period of three years. Remuneration will be in accordance with determinations of the ACT Remuneration Tribunal.

The ACT Government is seeking three Board of Management members who can bring relevant expertise and experience, effective networking/relationship opportunities and a commitment to the site's vision and objectives.

Expressions of interest of no more than two pages, should be sent c/-

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Closing date: 10 June 2008

Name correction – Sharon Gollan

In our last edition, we ran a story about the new SA Aboriginal Advisory Council (SAAC). One of the Council's new members, Sharon Gollan, (right) was mistakenly identified in a photo caption as Mary

Gollan. We apologise for this mistake. Ms Gollan, of University of SA, is a renowned academic who has 25 years' experience in the public health, youth, children and community services sector.



Exhibition to celebrate the lives of two strong Indigenous Australians

Nicholls nostalgia



SOMETIMES the children of high-profile people can be guarded about sharing their family's private

moments. But Victorian Elder Pam Pedersen is used to sharing the lives and achievements of her



Doug Nicholls (right) with boxing entrepreneur Jimmy Sharman.

parents, Pastor Sir Doug and Lady Gladys Nicholls.

Pam and the rest of the Nicholls family have produced the Dungula Wamayirr (River People) exhibition, on show at Melbourne's Koorie Heritage Trust until 27 June.

The free exhibition will invoke plenty of nostalgia for many Aboriginal Victorians, who can follow the experiences of dunguladja (strong) Aboriginal couple who campaigned tirelessly to improve the lives of all Indigenous Australians.

Presented by the City of Melbourne, the exhibition brings together an extensive collection of photos, film, sound, newspaper clippings and memorabilia, showcasing and demonstrating the couple's outstanding contribution to Australian society.

Pam Pedersen, said the exhibition paid tribute to her remarkable parents.

"These are two of the most inspirational people who have fought for the struggle of Aboriginal people here and all over Australia, and at long last their contribution has been recognised through a memorial in Parliament Gardens and now this fantastic exhibition," she said.

Deputy Lord Mayor Gary

Singer said it was important to recognise the contribution Indigenous communities had made to the cultural richness of the city.

"Both Pastor Sir Doug and Lady Gladys Nicholls remain prominent in all of our hearts and minds through their strength of character and determination to realise positive change," the Deputy Lord Mayor said.

The exhibition complements

the Nicholls Memorial in Parliament Gardens. Unveiled in December last year, the bronze figures of Pastor Sir Doug and Lady Gladys are now a permanent part of the gardens.

Chair of the City of Melbourne Community Services Committee Councillor David Wilson said the Dungula Wamayirr (River People) exhibition allowed younger generations to continue to discover Melbourne's

Indigenous heritage.

"The City of Melbourne is committed to the realisation of Indigenous aspirations and this exhibition, along with the Nicholls Memorial in Parliament Gardens will allow younger generations to learn more about two very important people in Melbourne's history," Cr Wilson said.

The exhibition has been supported by the City of Melbourne and the Australia Council for the Arts.

● Dungula Wamayirr (River People) exhibition will be on show at the Koorie Heritage Trust, 295 King St (corner Little Lonsdale St) in Melbourne until Friday 27 June, 2008. Opening hours, 10am-4pm, seven days a week.



● RIGHT: Doug Nicholls (centre) and others marching for Lake Tyers, Victoria.

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Suri joins Vibe 3on3 gig



ONE of Australia's best dancers is heading to Gladstone, central Queensland, for the Vibe 3on3.

Finalist from the hit reality TV show *So You Think You Can Dance?*

Sermah Bin Saad - or Suri, as his fans have come to know him - will

join the National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip-Hop Challenge as a guest role model.

Sermah will be on hand to meet with the locals and offer advice to young dancers.

He will also be helping to judge the final dance competition, and may even be convinced to give a special performance of his own.

This will be Vibe 3on3's second visit to Queensland's central coast, bringing together Indigenous and non-Indigenous community members for a fun weekend of basketball, dancing, and music, health and culture.

Hosted by former Harlem Globetrotter Dwayne Cross, and Black Diamond and former Sydney Kings coach Claude Williams, the action-packed weekend features a 3on3 basketball tournament, rapping and break dancing lessons, art workshops, a dance competition and a health expo, all accompanied by a backing track of the latest RnB, hip-hop and Indigenous music.

The Vibe 3on3 crew also includes break dance champion B Boy 2Ezy, along with dancers Medika Thorpe and Rachel Kontominas.

● To be a part of the Vibe 3on3 action, meet at Kev Broome Basketball Stadium, Memorial Park, Side Street, Gladstone, from 9am on 24 and 25 May to register in teams. Players without a team will be allocated one by the Vibe crew. For more information, go to www.vibe.com.au



SERMSAH BIN SAAD

Image courtesy of Channel Ten

Awards recognise young ones who make a difference

Do you know a young person in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales who is actively making a difference to their community?

If so, there's still time to nominate them in the 2008 Kids in Community Awards, but be quick because nominations close on 31 May.

The annual awards celebrate support for and by young people in the community.

"If you know someone who should be recognised, express your appreciation by nominating him or her for an award in one of eight categories, and acknowledge the positive role that young people play in our community," said KiC committee member Robyn Allen.

KiC spokeswoman Christine Doggett encouraged nominations of young people "making a difference by supporting disadvantaged individuals or groups in the community, or who have overcome difficulties of their own".

Nominees should be aged 13-25 years and come from the broader Northern Rivers region, including Byron, Ballina and Kyogle and Lismore Shires and the Richmond Valley.

For more information about the KiC awards, go to www.kic.com.au or phone (02) 6624 4053.

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NITV National News - Weeknights @ 6.55pm AEST



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Living Black - Tuesday @ 12pm AEST



Join Karla Grant and the team, as they bring you the news and current affairs stories from communities around Australia. **Living Black** puts the spotlight on the latest issues affecting Indigenous Australians today. Catch the stories, be it political or social and community news each week on Living Black on NITV.

Sitting Bull @ 1pm AEST

Sitting Bull: A Stone in My Heart makes extensive use of first-person narration, taken from Sitting Bull's own words, to present the viewer with an intimate portrait of one of America's legendary historical figures in all his complexities as a leader of the great Sioux Nation and as a human being.



Sitting Bull: A Stone in My Heart is a powerful journey into the life and spirit of a legendary figure of whom people have often heard of but don't really know; a true American and a powerful father of this land one that Americans must all come to know to reconcile their past and their future. This is the first time this program has screened on NITV.

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Caterer on phone book cover



THE 2008-09 telephone directory being rolled out across the Northern Territory features Alice Springs woman Rayleen Brown on its

cover. This year, Sensis is recognising local food and beverage heroes across the country on the covers of the 2008-09 directories.

Ms Brown was nominated by members of the Northern Territory community to be on the cover.

Co-founder of catering service Kungkas Can Cook, Ms Brown is passionate about putting young Indigenous people into satisfying careers and educating others on the diverse and versatile products native to Australia.

Kungkas Can Cook started in 2000 as a small business operating from one trailer. From humble beginnings, they now have a commercial kitchen, function rooms and extensive catering



The front cover picture on the Northern Territory 2008-09 Sensis directory features Alice Springs woman Rayleen Brown.

equipment. They cater for government, private functions, festivals and specialised events that call for innovative and bush food catering across the Northern Territory.

Ms Brown has trained about 100 students in Indigenous cuisine in the Kungkas Can Cook kitchen as part of the Australian Innovation Festival.

She is also a member of the Central Australian Food Group which co-ordinates Alice Springs restaurants

and businesses to showcase the native flavours of the area.

"Central Australia is unique – its landscape, its people and its passion for giving things a go is very evident when you live here," Ms Brown said.

"The Northern Territory community is known for its diverse array of locally produced food and drink, so to be recognised on the cover during the 'Celebrating Australian Flavour' theme is an absolute honour."

Native title focus in WA



THE largest annual gathering on native title will be held in Perth early next month.

About 500 native title claimants and holders, legal counsel, anthropologists and other native title practitioners, policy advisers, academics and others are expected to attend the 2008 Native Title Conference at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre from 3-5 June.

The event will be hosted by the Nyoongar people, the South-West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) and the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal and Maori Land Court Chief, Judge Joe Williams, will deliver the annual Mabo Lecture on Wednesday 4 June, and WA Deputy Premier Eric Ripper will deliver the conference's keynote address on 5 June.

An internationally recognised expert in Indigenous rights law and one of New Zealand's leading specialists in Maori issues, Judge Williams is the youngest person to have been appointed Chief Judge of the Maori Land Court.

The Nyoongar people set this year's theme of Koorah, Yira, Boordah (Past, Present, Future) and SWALSC Chief Executive Officer Glen Kelly said the conference was an exciting opportunity to highlight the community's strength.

"The Nyoongar people have such a strong culture and the conference provides the perfect platform to show this," Mr Kelly said.

"We want to look at how government policy can work with the aspirations of our community. Nyoongar native title is not simply about land. It is an historic opportunity for the State and Commonwealth to turn a new page in history in relation to Nyoongar people. It provides a vehicle to resolve many of the questions and challenges that exist within the Nyoongar community."

National attention

AIATSIS Principal Steve Larkin said the conference would focus national attention on how native title could recognise and strengthen the fabric of Indigenous nations; acknowledge the past, respect the people of today and their struggle for recognition, and build a future.

Now in its ninth year, the conference has previously been held in Darwin, Coffs Harbour, Adelaide, Alice Springs, Geraldton, Townsville, Melbourne and Cairns.

"The conference has become an essential forum for debate and innovation for Indigenous peoples," Mr Larkin said.

"We welcome the chance to work with the Nyoongar people and hope all interested people will sign up now to take part."

The conference sub-themes include developing young leaders; negotiation, mediation and conflict; land and water management; governance; a national voice – Indigenous representation; partnerships; women's perspectives on native title; economic development; collective enterprise and private wealth; government and native title; reconciliation, and developments in law, policy and practice.

Registration cut off for the conference is this Friday, 23 May. To register, or for more information, contact the Native Title Research Unit (NTRU) at AIATSIS on phone (02) 6246 1161, email ntru@aiatsis.gov.au or see the conference website at <http://ntru.aiatsis.gov.au/>

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Project hits snags, and everyone is happy...

Life back in the Darling

NSW ABORIGINAL people from the Bourke and Brewarrina areas have welcomed a re-snagging program aimed at improving fish habitat in the Barwon-Darling River between Brewarrina and Bourke.

The program was launched at Bourke on 6 May.

The Western Catchment Management Authority worked in collaboration with the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) to reintroduce at least 204 large woody habitats, or snags, across 11 sites.

Phil Sullivan, a Ngemba traditional owner, provided the Welcome to Country at the launch. He said the program held a special significance to him as his totem was the yellowbelly, one of the many native fish that would benefit from the reintroduction of the snags.

Mr Sullivan said that while there were many different types of fish in the river, they all swam forward and were physically incapable of swimming in reverse.

"No matter who you are or where you come from – whether you're a Ngemba, Muruwari, Kamilaroi and Barranbinya person, a landholder or a government person – we all need to go forward together," Mr Sullivan said.

"We may all be different and we all have our own responsibilities, but we have a common goal and that's looking after the river, so I'm glad that we've all been able to work together on this re-snagging project."

Jenny Barker represented the



Jenny and William Barker, of Brewarrina, at the site that was re-snagged during the launch.

Brewarrina Community Working Party at the launch, while Barry Edwards represented the Bourke Community Working Party.

The launch was attended by about 40 people, including NSW and local government staff and landholders whose properties have river frontage with re-snagging sites.

The project was officially launched by one of those landholders, John Gordon, of West Mooculta Station.

The project will help with the recovery of endangered or vulnerable fish populations, including the silver perch and western populations of olive perchlet and purple-spotted gudgeon, plus the river snail.

NSW DPI Project Manager David

Cordina said the program would demonstrate how this type of intervention could greatly benefit native fish populations.

"Snags are the inland river

equivalent of marine reefs. They are essential for the completion of life cycles in many species of native fish and provide refuge and shelter, feeding and spawning sites," he said.

The Barwon-Darling River, once an important trade route for river boats, had thousands of tonnes of snags removed for ease of navigation and for fuel for paddle steamers.

"The reintroduced snags, sourced from approved clearing works, provide an alternative use for cleared timber while achieving ecological benefits," Mr Cordina said.

The DPI assessed the recreational use of the river and held public meetings to allow people to provide input about the snags' locations.

"Signs at main boat ramps will indicate the re-snagging sites and where possible, we have built on existing snags to minimise the

impact on boat operators and waterskiers," Mr Cordina said.

"People wanting more information on their locations should contact the DPI. Obviously, boat operators are advised to exercise caution as always when travelling at speed on inland rivers."

Snags play an important role in river health, with studies showing that streams with snags are likely to have higher numbers of fish and invertebrates than those without. They provide hiding, spawning and resting places for native fish; rich reservoirs of food for invertebrates and other organisms; roosting places for birds; and habitat for animals such as tortoises and native water rats. Snags also assist in developing deep holes, helping maintain channel shapes and protecting banks from erosion during fast flows.

Call for consultation on Qld Prisons Bill

QLD THE Queensland Anti-Discrimination Commission has called on the State's Corrective Services Minister Judy Spence to

consult with stakeholders on the Corrective Services Amendment Bill now before the Parliament.

"The Bill has some far-reaching provisions, including allowing direct discrimination in some circumstances," Ms Booth said.

"For example, it means that the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Tribunal might have to consider whether race discrimination was ever 'reasonable' in prison."

"There is simply no place for racism in Queensland, whether it is in a prison, a workplace, a school or in the community."

The Bill also stops prisoners from making complaints of discrimination unless they first complain to prison authorities and wait for up to four months.

"There is no obligation on prison authorities to treat a complaint seriously or to report on the outcomes of human rights abuse complaints," Ms Booth said.

She said there had been no

consultation on the Bill with anyone outside the Queensland Government.

"The Bill potentially breaches Australia's international human rights obligations, so at the very least there should have been detailed consultation with the ADCQ and the Commonwealth Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission," she said.

"There are several aspects of the Bill that the ADCQ might well support, including preserving compensation payments for victims-of-crime, so the department has really lost an opportunity to develop effective strategies to confront real discrimination issues as well as to deal with the complaints made by prisoners that cannot be substantiated."

"It is not too late for consultation to take place with a full range of stakeholders including victims' rights groups, the Prison Officers Union, prisoner rights advocates as well as the ADCQ and HREOC."

"I confidently predict that consultation will lead to a better Bill, that preserves human rights for all Queenslanders while improving prison authorities' ability to manage complaints fairly and expeditiously."



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For more information on eligibility – and how to apply – visit the Women's Information and Referral Centre website www.wirc.act.gov.au

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Delegates will gain information on what is happening in different regions of the country, as well as being informed on broader issues. The meeting will also provide a forum to develop valuable networks, and assist the College in developing a more active role in improving the health of Indigenous women.

RANZCOG extends an invitation to all health professionals who work with Indigenous women as part of their practice, or have a strong interest in this area register for this important event.

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Path to the top



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 who is taking part in the program, said it had already been beneficial.

"It's connected me with other people who are great leaders and I feel privileged to be guided by them," she said. "The program is giving me the courage to act on opportunities when they arise."

"I want to motivate and inspire



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 Giaretto and Debbie Moyle.

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.

Fellowship nominations now open



NOMINATIONS are now open from people aiming to be Victoria's next Indigenous

emerging leaders.

The Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership will provide two \$30,000 grants under its 12-month Emerging Leadership Program, designed to develop leadership potential and help turn visions for community into reality.

Belinda Jakiel, one of the program's two inaugural emerging leaders, says: "The support of the fellowship has been empowering and instrumental in developing my confidence. It has been an opportunity that has required me to challenge myself in new ways and provided me with exposure to key people across industries."

The Emerging Leadership Program is offered to people living in Victoria with a proven commitment to achievement and leadership; a willingness and ability to strengthen links between Aboriginal and mainstream Australia; and a vision for a better future for Aboriginal Victorians.

Nominations close on Friday 30 May. For selection criteria and nomination details go to www.indigenousfellowship.net.au or call (03) 9686 4200.

Community Coastcare

2008 grant applications now open

Community Coastcare is part of the Australian Government's \$2.25 billion Caring for our Country initiative. It provides small grants of up to \$50,000 and larger-scale grants up to \$250,000 for coastal communities and organisations to undertake coastal restoration and preventative work to protect Australia's valuable coastal and marine environment.

Supported activities include:

- Fencing, weed removal and revegetation of coastal habitats, waterways and wetlands
- Dune stabilisation and prevention of coastal erosion
- Creation of wildlife corridors linking remnant coastal vegetation
- Control of feral animals to protect coastal species, habitats and nesting sites
- Public access management to protect sensitive coastal areas
- Education and training to enhance skills, knowledge and community awareness in the protection of coastal environments
- Indigenous land and sea country planning and the passing-on and recording of traditional knowledge of Indigenous Australians, volunteers and communities.

All Community Coastcare projects will contribute to the following Caring for our Country priorities:

- **Coastal environments and critical aquatic habitats** - including the protection and rehabilitation of dunes and improving the water quality discharged into coastal environments
- **Community skills, knowledge and engagement** - enhancing the skills and knowledge of Indigenous Australians, volunteers and coastal communities

For more information on Community Coastcare grants please telephone 1800 552 008 or visit the Caring for our Country website at www.nrm.gov.au

**Applications close
25 July 2008**

RESTAURANT/CAFE FOR LEASE Port Stephens area

Located on the busy road between Newcastle and Port Stephens this 100-seat restaurant/cafe has a well-appointed commercial kitchen and is set in attractive grounds.

The restaurant will be required to provide gourmet indigenous Australian food as a unique selling point and to complement the adjoining Cultural Centre and associated tourist activities. It will also provide a 'regular' menu. Training and mentoring in indigenous Australian foods will be provided.

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Details and photos: www.vanherk.com.au/murrock
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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 Combes, 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).

Former addict's art a life-saver

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



SELF-confessed former heroin addict Adrian Cameron tells a powerful story.

The NSW Northern Rivers man attributes the Gurgun Bulahnggelah Aboriginal Health in Lismore, northern NSW, for saving his life and getting off 'the gear'.

Early this month, he unveiled a painting he did especially for the Aboriginal health organisation at the launch of the Gurgun Advisory Committee (GAC).

Mr Cameron's painting represents Widjabul Bundjalung people coming together in the form of 'jullums' (catfish) sitting around the meeting circle talking about individual health problems.

The herbs, plants and berries represent the medicines used for wounds and illness.

He said 'Gurgun Bulahnggelah' was a meeting place where people shared health information and receive medical treatment.

"It was my interpretation about stuff that affects us today and I did them in forms of animals instead of human beings," he said.

"I was a drug addict and thought that I was dying. I had no way of getting off the drugs, and I came in here and got help, and it saved my life.

"Doing this painting makes me feel real proud because I stopped



Back, from left, Uta Dietrich (Acting Director Population Health And Planning), Grahame Skinner (Manager, Aboriginal Health Richmond), Adrian Cameron (artist), Laurel Moran (GAC Chair), Jacqui Beaumont (Co-Coordinator Integrated Care), Lisa Beasley (Manager Community and Allied Health Richmond Network) and, front row from left, Dr Andrew Binns (Gurgun GP), Josie King (GAC member), Teena Binge (Gurgun Aboriginal Health Education Officer), Adrian Davies, Bobby Moran, (GAC Members), Elly Bradshaw (Gurgun Aboriginal Health Education Officer), Sophie Switajewski (Gurgun Practice Nurse).

painting years ago, and I kept putting everything up my arms.

"But then (local doctor) Andrew Binns found out that I used to paint, and encouraged me, and painting has helped me to get off the drugs and have inner peace within myself."

Gurgun Advisory Committee chairwoman Laurel Moran said the new committee was community focused. Its role is to give advice in

relation to Gurgun Bulahnggelah Health and the services provided to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Lismore and nearby Goonellabah.

"The committee's job is also to report on the best way to provide health services to Indigenous people in Lismore and Goonellabah, and identify what services are most beneficial to the community," she said.

"The committee will endeavour to see that health services are useful and successful for the Lismore/Goonellabah Aboriginal population.

"When addressing the health needs of the Aboriginal community the committee will encourage organisations and services to use the skills and knowledge of local Aboriginal people."

Councils take out awards



GRIFFITH, Lake Macquarie and Wollongong

City councils have won Aboriginal cultural development categories in the NSW Local Government Cultural Awards.

The Griffith City Council won for its Wiradjuri Youth Culture (WYK) on Tour.

Lake Macquarie City Council won for its project Practice not Projects, and Wollongong City Council picked up an award for its Merrigong Environmental Sculpture Project.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs and Local Government Minister Paul Lynch congratulated the three councils at Parliament House in Sydney.

The Minister said local councils had an important role to play in promoting Aboriginal culture throughout New South Wales.

"The celebration of art and culture serves as a common ground to exchange dialogue and debate," he said.

"Where art has a visible presence in our community, it builds a strong sense of identity.

"Art becomes a vehicle for making a town or city a more rewarding place to be, to live in and be part of."

The awards were organised by the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW.

Mums the winners at Grafton event

By DARREN COYNE



MOTHERS from five Aboriginal communities around

Grafton, northern NSW, had a special treat on their special day with a lunch at the South Grafton Ex-Services Club.

About 30 mothers, grandmothers and aunts rearing children gathered to celebrate Mother's Day and be entertained.

Elder Rex Marshall provided the special 'frills' for the day, dressing up as Miss Tutu and dancing with the ladies.

The event was organised by Aboriginal Mental Health Worker Lana Mundine, from Baryulgil, who works at Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation.

She said the day helped women feel special and let them get away from everyday worries for a while.

"It's very important because it's a chance to have a get-together and all of the



A feast was laid on for the 30 women to celebrate Mother's Day at Grafton, northern NSW.

kids who came along really enjoyed it," she said.

As well as entertainment, the women all received a gift and also had the chance to win raffles.

Carmel Charlton won a big basket of toiletries from Maclean, while Kathy Ferguson, of South Grafton,

won a tray of meat. Another meat tray went to Audrey Trindle, from Grafton, and a big tray of fruit went to Thelma Kapeen, of Maclean.

The women came from communities around Grafton including Baryulgil, Malabugimah and the Lower Clarence.

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Dreaming Festival set to be bigger and better



DREAMING Festival director Rhoda Roberts believes this year's festival will attract even more crowds

over the 6-9 June long weekend.

It is Australia's largest annual gathering of Indigenous artists and performers and they will showcase and share their talents and culture with an audience from around the world.

Staged at the Woodford Folk Festival site, a 90-minute drive north of Brisbane, The Dreaming is a celebration where local, national and international audiences can experience a mix of traditional and contemporary Indigenous arts, ceremony and culture.

For four nights and three days, visitors to the festival are treated to a feast of performing arts, ceremonies, traditional healing, galleries, rituals, campfire story circles and a mass of stalls, workshop avenues and food outlets.

The program also features film and literature components, new media and digital technologies, food and wine fare, comedy, street performers, plays, dance and a youth program.

Indigenous performers and artists, songmen and women, custodians, and storytellers travel from across our nation and abroad to share their culture with the festival audiences.

With the Australian Government's apology to the Stolen Generations, festival organisers are anticipating a particularly celebratory atmosphere at the festival this year.

"A new momentum has developed within Australia, and it's time to witness, experience and celebrate our unique Indigenous cultures," Ms Roberts said.

Ms Roberts said this year's festival would feature some new talents, as well as the old favourites like Casey Donovan, Dan Sultan, Troy Cassar-Daley and Gurrumul.

● Tickets are \$165 for a full season pass with camping until 6 June. Visit www.thedreamingfestival.com or call the festival office on 07 5496 1066 for tickets.

Bunyips on a giant scale

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ABORIGINAL culture was literally front and centre at the ASSITEJ 2008 international performance festival for young people held in Adelaide earlier this month.

Following a Welcome to Country by the Kaurna Aboriginal people of Adelaide, about 1000 people, including producers and directors of young people's theatre worldwide, were treated to the first of four performances of the giant puppet spectacle, *Nyet Nyet's Picnic*, at the Adelaide Showgrounds.

The 60-minute production, a collaboration between Melbourne-based giant puppet company Snuff Puppets and Indigenous artists, presents traditional Aboriginal bunyip stories and cautionary tales that have been collected from throughout Victoria.

The show relates an ancient story as told by Gunditjmarra man Wal Saunders and features more than a dozen huge puppets, original live music, dance, light and fire.

Described as 'a scary, enlightening and engaging' piece of theatre, it certainly kept many of the thousands of South Australian children who watched it in special school matinees on the edge of their seats.

Developed by a team, including Indigenous playwrights Carolyn Briggs and John Harding, and choreographed by Earl Rosas, the show premiered on the banks of the Yarra River as the cultural highlight of the City of Melbourne's Reconciliation Week in 2005.

For the Adelaide shows, Victorian performers Janaya Charles, Robbie Avenaim, Peter J Rosas, Dennis Fisher, Naretha Williams, Daniele Poidomani, Daniell Flood were joined by Kevin Agius, Kaeshan Khan, Natasha Walsh, Les Giles, Mathew Johnson from local Adelaide Aboriginal youth theatre company Kurruru.

ASSITEJ 2008 had a theme of *Old Knowledge, New World*. The festival's name is a French acronym for the Association International du Theatre our l'Enfance et la Jeunesse - in English, the International Association of Theatre for Children and Young People.

ASSITEJ was formed in 1965 and holds its world congress once every three years, presenting a diverse blend of performance shows, professional forums, workshops and industry events. Adelaide is the only city to have ever held the event twice, the first time in 1987.



At the opening night of ASSITEJ 2008 in Adelaide on 9 May. Back, from left, Dennis Johnson, Les Giles, Karl Teller, Leroy Parsons, Nathan Parker, Naretha Williams and Jacob Boheme. Middle, from left, Kevin Agius, Natasha Walsh, Diat Alferink and Kaurna Elder Georgina Williams. Front, from left, Tjunkaya Ken, Mathew Johnson and Melody Reynolds.



● LEFT: Dancers Kamahi King, Nathan Tregonning, Naretha Williams and Damien Ralphs performing in *Nyet Nyet's Picnic*, a giant puppet spectacle presenting Indigenous Australian bunyip stories and cautionary tales.

Photos by CLAUDIO RASCHIELLA

Documentary explores special museum



A TWO-PART series that takes a close look at the unique Musée du Quai Branly will screen on SBS

Television during the coming weeks.

The Paris museum is the first of its kind in the world, with Indigenous Australian works featured heavily in its collection and overall design including its ceilings, floors and facades.

Architect Jean Nouvel was influenced by his visits to Aboriginal Australia and key to the design was an interactive process of curating the work of eight individual artists from remote WA, Arnhem Land and suburban east coast cities.

The first episode of the Museum of the World documentary, entitled *Farewell Primitive* will begin at 7.30pm next Friday, 29 May. The second episode, *Songlines to the Seine*,

will screen at 7.30pm on the following Friday, 6 June.

In May 2006, former French President, Jacques Chirac, opened the museum to acknowledge the inherent artistic value of Indigenous art works.

Founded on a belief 'in the equal dignity of the world's cultures', Chirac said that 'France wished to pay rightful homage to peoples to whom, throughout the ages, history has all too often done violence'.

The *Farewell Primitive* episode traces the evolution of western attitudes to non western Indigenous cultures; one which has seen the view of the art of traditional societies change from being considered the naive expressions of savages, through to being properly recognised as art.

Using the artworks themselves, extensive archives and biographical stories the film moves through the historical phases from

the outright destruction of Indigenous civilisations, through the potential offered by the enlightenment, the regression of social Darwinism through modernism and on to a new relationship of mutual respect.

The *Songlines to the Seine* episode was directed by Indigenous Australian director Julie Nimmo. It explores the inspiration behind the Paris project and culminates in the opening of the museum.

Artists backed to succeed



THE far north Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts revolution will get a major 'shot in the arm' under a new \$10.73-million program unveiled by the Queensland Government earlier this month.

Arts Minister Rod Welford announced details of the four-year Backing Indigenous Arts initiative (2007-2010) in Cairns on 7 May.

Visual artists such as Lockhart River's Rosalie Namok, Badu Islander Denis Nona and Laura printmaker Arone Moeks have helped focus the national and international spotlight on the region and

the State Government is keen to capitalise on it to assist other talented artists.

"Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait artists from far north Queensland are already making their mark in the art world and Backing Indigenous Arts will help even more talented artists from this region create successful careers in the arts," Mr Welford said.

"We want to see new and emerging artists developing their skills through training and industry partnerships and we want to showcase their work to expose them to new audiences, here and overseas.

The Government will work with key organisations and government agencies to deliver the four platforms of Backing Indigenous Arts:

- Support for the 15 art centres and hubs
- A dedicated printmaking centre in Cairns
- An Indigenous art marketplace also in Cairns
- Projects that help build skills and opportunities

In the first round of funding in 2007-08, nine art centres and arts hubs across far north Queensland will share in \$838,622: Erub (Darnley Island); Gurringun Aboriginal Corporation; Hopevale Art Centre; Lockhart River Art Centre; Mornington Island Art and Craft Centre; Wik and Kugu Art and Craft Centre (Aurukun); Cairns Hub; Gab Titui Cultural Centre (Thursday Island); Weipa Hub; and UMI Arts.

"Our Government will also invest an additional \$386,378 in capital works projects, taking the total spend on arts centres and hubs to \$1.225 million in 2007-08," Mr Welford said.

"A further \$805,571 is funding Building Skills and Opportunities projects in 2007-08."



Arts Minister Rod Welford launching the Backing Indigenous Arts initiative in Cairns on 7 May.



Mavis Ngallametta and Dawn Koondumbin at the Wik and Kugu Art Centre, Aurukun. Photo courtesy of Arts Queensland, photographer Michael Marzic

In the first round of funding, 25 projects will help build skills and opportunities, including school holiday workshops in Torres Strait, Cairns, Weipa and the Western Cape; support for artists from the region to participate in the 10th Festival of Pacific Arts; a Hopevale pilot program to build skills and community development; a writing for radio project with the BBC; mentorship of 15 young Indigenous artists to be involved in The Black Arm Band concert as part of the Brisbane Festival; and other Indigenous

dance and music programs.

Expressions of interest will be called for the second round of projects in the next few months.

The Backing Indigenous Arts program is also supported by the Visual Arts and Craft Strategy (VACS), a bilateral agreement with the Queensland and Australian governments. VACS will contribute \$600,000 a year towards Indigenous infrastructure.

For further information, phone Cameron Costello at Arts Queensland (07) 3227 8144.

Worldwide focus for project

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



THE National Design Centre wants to hear from Indigenous Australian designers interested in submitting their projects for an international

program. The Indigo program which, provides a platform for Indigenous design, was launched in Melbourne recently by Icograda, the world body for professional communication design, in partnership with Australia's National Design Centre.

It will be an ongoing program offering opportunities for Indigenous designers – local and worldwide.

Director of the National Design Centre Kathy Demos told *The Koori Mail* that design work for a single job could happen in many countries, crossing seas seamlessly.

She said Indigo provided a platform for evolving creative expressions that



Untitled: Chanthra Pumarini. Photography, Mimmo Cozzolino. MIX06. Monash University (Australia).

shaped the formation of national cultural identities.

"Indigo seeks to understand what

makes design distinctive to its home, the connections to the place where it is made and for whom it is made," she said.

"To address this, we have set up a network of designers and a series of projects that explore its meaning and interpretation throughout the world."

Ms Demos hoped that it would enable people to 'learn about ourselves, where we live, and our communities'.

One of the Indigo projects is called 'Big Words', and brings attention to issues that affect Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

"What it does as a project is bring Indigenous and non-Indigenous designers to look at big words, and work together to give a visual depiction of that word which gives a suggestion of the origin through the language, and interpreting it the visual way," Ms Demos said.

"The research and things that the research will start to bring out, perhaps the fact that there are language dying out, the fact that for a lot of people Indigenous language is the first language, and other characteristics of the community that can be brought out through a project like this."

Ms Demos likened it to a visual dictionary preserving language.

Don Ryun Chang, President of Icograda and IDA Lead Chair, said Indigo was a demonstration of the International Design Alliance's (IDA) commitment to foster and promote cultural diversity in today's globalised society.

"Indigo puts Icograda's 'leading creatively' philosophy into action: To use design as a medium for progressive change," he said.

● The program's new website is now live and designers are invited to nominate their own projects for inclusion in the Indigo program via www.indigodesignnetwork.org

'Powerful words from heart of Aboriginal Australia'

'Ground-breaking' anthology launched

By MARGARET SMITH in Sydney



THE Macquarie PEN Anthology of Aboriginal Literature was launched at the university's city campus in Sydney earlier this month.

Hetti Perkins, Curator Aboriginal Islander Art at the Art Gallery of NSW, called the anthology a ground-breaking publication, and said she was proud of the achievement of her people in writing with such distinction in a foreign language.

Ms Perkins said her family was also honoured by the inclusion of her late father Charles Perkins and his letter to *The Australian* newspaper in which he wrote, 'All our lives Aborigines have lived in a secondary position to the white Australian. I no longer wish for this situation... We are Aboriginal Australians - proud of our country and our race'.

Hetti Perkins revealed she had mixed emotions while reading the book, including 'horror, sadness and hysterics'. Singling out William Cooper, Kevin Gilbert, Marcia Langton and Romaine Morton, she said that much of the book's success came from an exhausting editing process and the breadth of work.

Ms Perkins described many of the featured writers 'cultural activists' who had helped change the history of Indigenous Australians, reminding the audience that participants in the recent Australia 2020 Summit were still quoting the famous Yirrkala Bark Petition and Barunga Statement.

Anthology's co-editor Peter Minter said it was a timely launch coming so soon after the Prime Minister's apology to the Stolen Generations. 'The book is a

significant contribution to closing the gap in understanding. For the first time in our history, the full range of Aboriginal literature is available in a single volume,' he said.

'This new book draws together letters, political manifestos, stories, poems, songs and theatre - powerful words from the heart of Aboriginal Australia.'

Mr Minter said white authors were still much better known in Australia, but he hoped that school and university students would be set the book as a comprehensive guide to better understanding.

'How long will it be before our children are as familiar with the works of David Unaipon, Oodgeroo Noonuccal, Kevin Gilbert, Lionel Fogarty and Alexis Wright?' he asked.

'Most Australians know stories of colonial exploration, of hardship and war, the great speeches, essays and broadsides of politicians, journalists and social leaders.'

'How much longer will it be before they are as familiar with, and proud to know, William Barak's Coranderrk

Petitions of the 1880s, the 'Aboriginal Day of Mourning and Protest' of 1938, or the Yirrkala Bark Petition of 1963?

'In the words of Aboriginal author Jack Davis, how long will it be before we understand that 'the door between us is not locked, just ajar'?'

Co-editor Anita Heiss told the audience that selecting just 81 authors from a potential 1000 had been very difficult.

One of the selected authors, lawyer Terri Janke, read from her extraordinary short story *Exotica*.

'No-one owns me. No-one wants to hear the words in my head. The water rolls me into the shoreline, ebbing away as I madly cling to the sand. Dumped again,' Ms Janke read.

The audience was then treated to Wadi Wadi Elder Barbara Nicholson's poem from the book.

'It's our land, always was, always will be. It's our land. But they don't listen, listen to equality,' Ms Nicholson read.

The Macquarie PEN Anthology of Aboriginal Literature is widely available through good bookstores.

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● Barbara Nicholson, left, and Terri Janke, right, reading from their books in the anthology.



All set for Barunga Festival



ARCHIE Roach and Ruby Hunter will headline the feature concert at the 23rd Barunga Festival in the Northern Territory early next month.

They will be joined by local Barunga band Springwater and some of the Territory's favourite performers, including Nabarlek, Shellie Morris, Wildflower and B2M.

As well as the feature concert, the famous bush festival will again host the 'Battle of the Bands', and will feature the \$4000 acquisitive Barunga Art Prize, a second concert, a bungul (traditional dance) competition, spear throwing, didgeridoo competition, story-telling sessions and film screenings in the evenings.

There will also a full sports program featuring football, softball and basketball.

'It is certainly shaping up to be a very exciting festival overall,' said Jawoyn

Association Executive Director Wes Miller.

'To include Archie Roach on the line-up in such a significant year is very exciting.'

'Roach's music fits well within this theme and creates the opportunity for the audience to hear songs about the growth and developments of Aboriginal Australia while acknowledging the past.'

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the presentation of the Barunga Statement to former Prime Minister Bob Hawke.

The Statement brought together Aboriginal people from across the Northern Territory, over several years, to develop recommendations for the Government to recognise the rights of Aboriginal people in Australia.

This year's theme *Mark Ngan Jatdak Gahyimen - New Beginnings* is symbolic of the burning of the grasses at the start of the Dry Season allowing new growth and regeneration of the land.

Aboriginal film festival comes to Bowral



THE third annual Woonjearibay Aboriginal Film Festival will be held at the Empire Theatre in Bowral, NSW, on Friday 23 May.

Festival adviser Aunty Val Mulcahy said the original date was chosen to mark the 'Sorry report' in May 1997, but since then, the festival had become 'more than that'.

"This isn't about Sorry Day. We've moved on from that," Aunty Val said.

"This is about working together down here as a community. It doesn't happen like this in other areas."

Aunty Val said the festival was more a celebration of how Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people within a community were able to work productively together.

She said this year's festival would be opened by students from Thomas Aquinas Primary School, singing their 'sorry song', which they performed for her on Sorry Day.

"As soon as I heard it, I liked it and knew it would open the festival," she said.

'Hankies'

"Bring your hankies."

The Woonjearibay Aboriginal Film Festival serves as the main annual fundraiser for the Ted Kennedy Aboriginal Fund, set up to support the Aboriginal population of the Wingecarribee Shire through a small grants program that targets cultural and educational advancement of the local Aboriginal population.

Past awards have been used to support local Aboriginal initiatives – and to support young Aboriginal men and women.

The Festival will start earlier in the day with its annual 'Schools Program' of short films by Aboriginal film-makers. This program is offered to school children ranging in age from early primary to upper secondary with this year's attendance expected to exceed 1000.

Entrance is by a gold coin, and proceeds go to the Ted Kennedy Aboriginal Fund.

The adult program begins at 6.30pm with refreshments in the foyer of Bowral's own cinema, the Empire Theatre.

A program of shorts, and a feature film will follow the Ted Kennedy Aboriginal fund awards.

Tickets to the evening Festival cost \$20 (including refreshments) and will be available from the Empire Cinema in Bowral.



AUNTY VAL MULCAHY

Brisbane set for Stylin'UP



AUSTRALIA'S biggest Indigenous youth, music and cultural festival – Stylin'UP – is gearing up for another big event.

Now recognised as the biggest musical gathering of Indigenous youth in Australia, it will be held on Saturday 31 May at C J Greenfields Sports Complex, Inala, Brisbane, from noon to 8pm.

Stylin'UP continues to grow at an enormous rate, with last year's event drawing about 18,000 people from throughout Australia.

Inala community Elders established Stylin'UP eight years ago as a local initiative designed to instil youth with 'Pride in Self, Pride in Community, Pride in Culture'.

The event has now become a nationally applauded festival, and is recognised Australia wide as a significant contemporary Indigenous creative development program.

The core ingredient of Stylin'UP is the music. The event boasts a history of combining Australia's finest

Indigenous hip-hop and R&B artists alongside internationally-recognised headliners.

The other core ingredient of Stylin'UP is the workshops, which run in the months leading up to the event and are aimed at engaging Indigenous youth.

Last year, 1500 young people from Brisbane's south-west corridor and a further 300 from regional communities were engaged in workshop programs. Topics ranged from contemporary music and dance, creative design and sports through to traditional.

Music headliners this year will be Ill Semantics, Brothablack, Diatrix, Zennith, Impossible Odds, Indigenous Intrudaz, Xy, Prestige Dance Crew, Coalition Crew, Trick Nasty Crew, DJCXL, and Affiliate Squad.

Emerging artists include Dizzy Doolan, Urban Islander, K9Slang, Poetic Murriz, Sneake1, EMR, Icey Clique, Mama Beatbox, Blind Sight, Twindiealektz, and GLD.

Indigenous comedian Sean Choolburra will MC.



Impossible Odds will be performing at Stylin'UP, in the Brisbane suburb of Inala, on 31 May.

Melbourne hosts Pilbara art

FOR most people, the Pilbara is renowned as a harsh outback landscape of searing temperatures, where the red plains are interrupted only by the scars of mining sites.

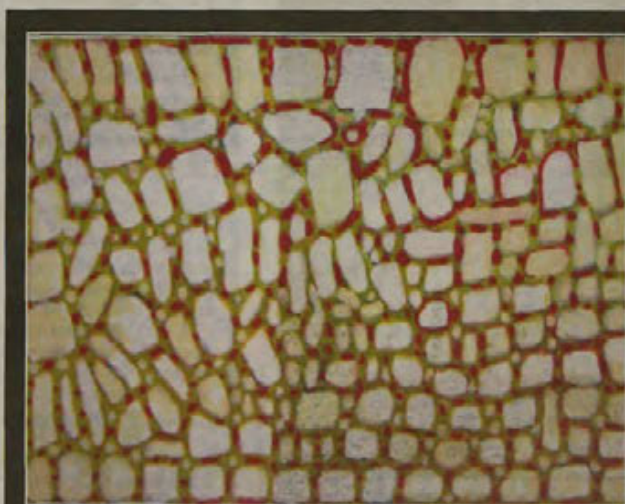
But for thousands of years, these lands have been the home of the Ngarluma, Yindjibarndi, Gurrama and Banjima people, who have found beauty and life in the rolling hills, Spinifex-covered plains and mangrove-rich coastline.

For the Ngarada (Indigenous people), these lands held great riches, well before they were discovered to be rich in the mineral deposits that fuel Western industry.

Mossenson Galleries, in conjunction with the Roebourne Art Group, now presents the first Melbourne exhibition from this new community art initiative.

Marni Bura: Markings on the Rock celebrates the continuation of Indigenous culture and tradition in the Pilbara, while presenting a critique of the encroachment of mining interests into the traditional lands of the Ngarluma.

The exhibition opened on 13 May. Artists



Ngurra, acrylic on canvas, by Pansy Hicks (Ngarluma language group, Roebourne WA).

Image courtesy of the Roebourne Art Group

Loreen Samson and Pansy Hicks were present for the opening.

The exhibition will run until 7 June.

The Aboriginal people of the area around Roebourne call themselves Ngarada or Ngarada-nali. They include members of the Ngarluma, Yindjibarndi, Gurrama and Banjima peoples. It is estimated that

Aboriginal people have lived in these lands for at least 30,000 years, practising their culture and caring for the country.

In 2005, the artists of Roebourne united to create the Roebourne Art Group, to promote artistic activity and help preserve the ancient visual culture of the Ngarada.

The Pilbara is home to one of the oldest known expressions of human visual culture – the Aboriginal petroglyphs (rock-engravings) of the Burrup Peninsula. Known as Murujuga to the Indigenous inhabitants, these rock-art sites are of profound importance to the Ngarada, who see them as the tangible expression of their people's ancestral knowledge. In recent years, Murujuga has come under intense threat from mining interests and vandalism.

This cultural desecration has forged a powerful response in the artwork of Loreen Samson. A 37-year-old woman of the Ngarluma people, Loreen has established herself as one of the leading artists of the Pilbara movement. Her works in Marni Bura focus on the incursion of mining interests as they overtake her beloved Pilbara landscape.



Department of Culture and the Arts
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Money for artists and arts projects

Arts Grants – July Funding Round

The Department of Culture and the Arts invites applications from individuals, groups and organisations requiring financial assistance to undertake activity in all art forms (except film, television and radio) in Young People & the Arts and Arts Development including Annual or Multi-Year applications.

The next closing date for applications is Friday 4 July 2008, 5pm.

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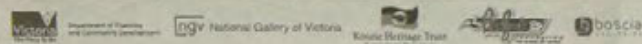
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Arts

Art used as a therapy for mental health



ABORIGINAL people with mental illness are being encouraged to take part in a new art therapy program being offered in Perth.

The program is being held at Reflections Art Studio in the inner Perth suburb of Northbridge, and is

run by art therapist Patricia Murralluliyi, an Alawa/Marra woman originally from the Northern Territory.

Mrs Murralluliyi told *The Koori Mail* that art could help Aboriginal people with mental illness because of the central role it played in Indigenous culture.

"Art was used by Aboriginal ancestors during troubled times to make sense of their surroundings," Mrs Murralluliyi said. "Just like our ancestors, Aboriginal people can use art to simplify problems and open gateways to healing and recovery. My mother calls it the 'silent counsellor' – when things are too hard to talk about, we are able to express difficulties

through art in a non-confrontational way."

Mrs Murralluliyi has an Art Therapy Masters degree and a great deal of experience and passion for the arts.

"I am excited about helping Aboriginal people through an artistic journey of self discovery and recovery," she said.

Reflections Art Studio is part of the North Metropolitan Area Health Service Mental Health Division.

The studio promotes mental health recovery through visual arts in a safe, supportive environment where participants can develop arts skills.

The art program runs every Wednesday from 9.30am-noon and 1pm-3.30pm at Reflections Art Studio, 125 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge.

There is no charge for the service, although a small fee may apply for some art materials.

For further

information contact Patricia Murralluliyi or Penny Kordyl on (08) 9227 9083 or visit www.reflections.health.wa.gov.au



Patricia Murralluliyi wants to help Aboriginal people with mental illness using art as therapy.

Final days of Brisbane exhibition



A NEW exhibition featuring 'vibrant, innovative' screen-based and photo-

media works from international and Indigenous Australian new-media artists has opened in Brisbane and will show until the weekend.

"VT2" builds on 2007's Vernacular Terrain exhibition and reflects a global commitment to exploring cultural identity through leading professional arts practice in digital media.

For the first time a group of Aboriginal new media artists are included in the annual tour of International Digital

Arts courtesy of artist/curator Jenny Fraser (Qld), and including work from r e a (NSW), Jason Davidson (NT) and Andrew Hill (Qld) and a collaboration by Christine Peacock, John Graham and Rebekah Pitt (Qld) with Djon Mundine (NSW) offering the Curatorial Essay for the tour.

Founded by Stephen Danzig in 1999, IDAprojects was the first nexus of its kind providing a platform for academia, research technologies and professional art practices in building a new discourse.

For the past eight years the IDA program has grown to feature a national and international touring exhibition with an aim to present leading

artists from around the world who engage in new media arts and research technologies.

QUT, in partnership with IDAprojects and the Beijing Film Academy has developed the international touring exhibition which will also be presented throughout Asia – including the Beijing Olympics Cultural Festival – and later through regional Australia.

VT2 is on show at the block at QUT, Kelvin Grove campus, Brisbane, until this Saturday, 24 May. For information, email ciprecint@qut.com, phone (07) 3138 5495 or go online at www.ciprecint.qut.com/whats happening

August deadline for poetry prize



SUBMISSIONS for the Scanlon Prize for the best published collection of Aboriginal poetry published over the past 18 months should be sent to the Poets Union by 1 August 2008.

This biennial competition is run by the Poets Union. Initiated as the Bencorp Prize for Poetry, the Scanlon Prize aims to encourage Indigenous writers in Australia, thereby making their art more widely known. Entries may be made by poets or by publishers.

There is no entry form. Entrants must include a covering letter and two copies of their works, and give all contact details.

The prize is \$1000.

The winner will be announced at the Australian Poetry Festival, Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 5-7 September.

● Further information may be obtained from the Poets Union, (02) 9357 6602; info@poetsunion.com; www.poetsunion.com; or Dr J S Batts – jsbatts@gmail.com

Booklet helps mums-to-be



One of the groups at the Broken Hill health workshop.

Workshop focus on children's well-being

NSW A WORKSHOP was held in Broken Hill earlier this month focussing on Aboriginal child development and well-being in the far west region of New South Wales.

Co-ordinated by Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation, the Child Health Forum involved a range of workers in the non-government and government sectors of child education, welfare and health.

Maari Ma Regional Director Richard Weston said the priority of all workers was to close the life-expectancy gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

The forum presented evidence-based research on strategies and programs aimed at improving the overall well-being of Aboriginal children and their social outcomes.

Associate Professor Dr Garth Alperstein, from the University of Notre Dame, Sydney, was a keynote speaker, reviewing research that had informed State and Commonwealth governments on strategies and programs from a prevention, promotion and early intervention perspective.



Youth worker trainee Jaime Lee Kickett takes notes at one of the workshops.



A NEW handbook has been launched to help Aboriginal women through their pregnancies.

NSW Health Minister Reba Meagher said the handbook was part of a larger strategy to improve maternity services for Aboriginal women.

She said the Aboriginal and Maternal Infant Health Strategy services had been running in 14 areas across NSW, and that number was about to increase with a further 17 areas.

"Nowhere in Australia is there a strategy for Aboriginal women which has been so successful, and we are continuing to move forward to offer it across the whole State," Ms Meagher said.

"AMIHS services were initially funded in 2000 to run in seven rural communities and provide community-based midwifery care in pregnancy and the early postnatal period. They are also involved in community development initiatives that promote healthy lifestyle choices."

The AMIHS model was evaluated in 2005. The findings were:

- Significantly more women attended their first antenatal visit before 20 weeks
- More women initiated breastfeeding and more were still breastfeeding at six weeks after their baby was born
- There was a significant reduction in the number of babies born pre-term and birth weight had increased
- Aboriginal women were very satisfied with the services provided.

"Too often there is a negative focus on services for Aboriginal communities. This is an example where a strategy has been meticulously developed with local people



Malabar Community Midwifery Link Service Co-ordinator Shea Caplice, Aboriginal Health Education Officer Trudy Allende, Health Minister Reba Meagher, Malabar midwife Kate Williams and Member for Maroubra Michael Daley at the launch.

and health services, and it is making a difference," Ms Meagher said.

"Evidence tells us that the sooner women connect to their health service, the healthier they and their baby will be."

"In areas where the AMIHS model has been implemented, 78 per cent of Aboriginal women had attended their first antenatal visit before 20 weeks, compared with 64 per cent before the strategy was implemented."

Ms Meagher said there now were AMIHS services in 14 areas across NSW. That would now be rolled out to a further 17 areas, bringing the total NSW Government commitment to the AMIHS model to \$7.2 million.

"We are constantly adding to the

strategy and I am also launching an Aboriginal Pregnancy Handbook," Ms Meagher said.

All You Need to Know About a Healthy Pregnancy for a Healthy Baby: An Aboriginal Personal Pregnancy Handbook has been specifically designed for Aboriginal women.

"This is a great resource that empowers Aboriginal women by guiding them through the different stages of pregnancy so they know what to expect and when," Ms Meagher said.

She said the pregnancy handbook had been tailored to each community where there was an AMIHS service, including local photos, and would be freely available to all Aboriginal women using the service.

NSW HEALTH

NSW Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Cadetship Program

Are you of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and studying for a Nursing or Midwifery undergraduate degree, on a full time basis at a NSW or ACT University?

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If you have answered 'Yes', then a Cadetship may be for you.

A cadetship is an opportunity for Indigenous Australian students interested in combining full-time undergraduate tertiary study with employment in the NSW Public Health System.

Cadets will receive a study allowance of \$600 per fortnight (before tax) during the 40 week academic year and receive a wage for the 12 week work placement period.

For more information, contact the Nursing and Midwifery Office at (02) 9391 9607 or aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.gov.au.

The NSW Public Sector Indigenous Cadetship Program is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.



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Department of Health and Ageing

CALL FOR INTERESTED APPLICANTS

The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking tenders from capable and experienced individuals or organisations with knowledge of Indigenous Health, an understanding of Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) issues in the Indigenous context, and evaluation. The consultant will be required to conduct an evaluation of the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) - Improving Child and Family Health and Expanding Health Service Delivery - Drug and Alcohol Response Measure. This Measure is one component of the Australian Governments NTER and includes an investment in a range of AOD services, workforce training, primary health care services and acute care services. The project will require the consultant to bring together all available qualitative and quantitative data, conduct consultations with key stakeholders and prepare reports.

Parties interested in tendering must address the evaluation criteria in the format outlined in the Request for Tender document. The documentation is available in the first instance by registering on the Department's internet site at www.health.gov.au/tenders.

Tenders will close at 2pm on 18 June 2008 in Canberra.

Remote nurses receive special praise



THE ongoing efforts of Australia's 70,000 rural and remote nurses received acknowledgement on International Nurses Day earlier this month.

On 12 May, the National Rural Health Alliance honoured the 285,500 nurses and midwives who provide primary health care to the nation. About one-quarter of them work in relative isolation rural and remote areas.

"Nurses are the backbone of rural and particularly remote area health services and there are many who owe their lives to the commitment of this hardy band of unsung heroes," said Alliance Chairman Professor John Wakeman.

"They are an indispensable part of the rural and remote health workforce." In October 2006, Patrick Freeman and his family were rescued from a car accident on a remote stretch of road in the Northern Territory. Mr Freeman's wife Inge, who was pregnant at the time, credits the attending nurse for saving her husband's life. "Our injuries were correctly assessed and the right professional decisions were taken," she said.

"The nurse saved my husband and is our family's hero," she wrote in a letter to the Nauyuu Health Centre.

"Members of the Daly River Rescue Team and the clinic risked their lives to rescue us. We cannot properly express our gratitude and debt to them all."

This year's commemoration theme was 'Delivering quality, serving communities: Nurses leading primary health care'.

The Alliance thanked its three member organisations representing rural and remote nursing – the Council of Remote Area Nurses of Australia, Australian Rural Nurses and Midwives and rural members of the Australian Nursing Federation – for their contributions.



Winners of the Healthy for Life touch football competition, held at Bega on the NSW south coast.

Healthy for life on south coast



Local GP Dr Rob Way and Healthy for Life health worker Dennis Scott.



Lisa Chapman and children at the barbecue held in Bega.



Ruby Foster was all smiles.



Aunty Iris and her mob enjoying a Healthy for Life day on the NSW south coast.



Aunty Val Andy at the Wallaga Lake barbecue.



THE Healthy for Life team based at the Southern General Practice Network on the NSW south coast recently hosted three successful Aboriginal family health days.

Healthy for Life Co-ordinator Jodie Griffin described the events at Wallaga Lake Koori Village, Cobowra Land Council in Moruya and on the Valley Fields at Bega as a huge success.

"We wanted to let the community know that the Healthy for Life Program is growing in strength and to encourage community members to sign up for a free health check with their GP," Ms Griffin said.

The ANU Medical School assisted over the three days and provided a hands-on display on the causes and management of diabetes.

"We were thrilled to have the support of local health and community service providers who were on hand to provide information on dental health, drug and alcohol management issues and nutrition," said Ms Griffin.

"It was truly a collaborative effort."

Plenty of sport

There was plenty of sporting activities, including a touch football competition in Bega, cricket in Moruya and a jumping castle and face painting for the kids.

"The days were huge, with Koori families getting together to hear more about health issues and to also enjoy the activities on the day," Ms Griffin said.

The Aboriginal Healthy for Life Program is funded by the Department of Health and Ageing and aims to improve the health and well-being of Indigenous communities on the south coast, in partnership with Katungal Aboriginal Corporation.

Last month, Katungal and the Southern General Practice Network joined hundreds of others nationwide to mark Close the Gap Day, signing a petition urging State and Federal governments to end the Indigenous health crisis.

Researcher wins major fellowship



SANDY O'Sullivan has become the first Indigenous academic to be awarded a Carrick Fellowship, worth \$90,000, for her research project in the multimedia field.

A researcher at Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education in the Northern Territory, Dr O'Sullivan was one of eight people awarded associate fellowships totalling \$720,000 from The Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education.

The fellowship aims to support leading educators around Australia to further their scholarship in learning and teaching.

Dr O'Sullivan, who also works as Batchelor's Manager Online Presence, will focus on promoting strategies and creating



'The research will see the creation of an online space for Indigenous research students from around the country to learn more about multimedia, exhibition and performance as a way to promote and pass on their research'

— Dr Sandy O'Sullivan

opportunities for inter/multimedia practice as a culturally appropriate dissemination tool for Indigenous postgraduate students for her research project.

She said her research work would focus on providing practical assistance to other Indigenous researchers in the use of multimedia as a valid presentation tool

for postgraduate work in the areas of Indigenous knowledge.

"The research will see the creation of an online space for Indigenous research students from around the country to learn more about multimedia, exhibition and performance as a way to promote and pass on their research," Dr O'Sullivan said.

"Western academic traditions have tended to focus on the written word as the most acceptable form of presenting research material and findings, however, writing doesn't always provide the best solution for passing on findings.

"Sometimes images, sound, video or performance can be a more culturally appropriate tool and that is what I will be exploring with this project."

Doctorate a first for university



THE first Indigenous graduate to receive a Doctor of

Business Administration (DBA) from Charles Sturt University (CSU) was honoured with hearty applause at his graduation ceremony. Dr Pat Bradbery, a Kamilaroi man from NSW, received his postgraduate award during three days of graduation ceremonies at CSU's Bathurst Campus at the beginning of the month.

His thesis, 'The

essence of the experience of learning, development and the learning organisation', explores the questions 'How do we know when we are really learning something, how do we know we are undergoing mental development?' and 'How do we know when we are working in a learning organisation?'

"The culmination of the work put into the doctorate is very satisfying and I hope the benefits will be reaped by Indigenous learners as well as

non-Indigenous students," said Dr Bradbery.

He is also the Director of the Professional Development Unit in the university's Faculty of Business, which works with corporate clients to develop and deliver customised educational programs.

Dr Bradbery's further research and professional directions include writing a book, *Learning to Learn*, which will provide a different perspective on learning, particularly workplace learning.



CSU executive and Kamilaroi man Dr Pat Bradbery.

Smallwood takes on advisory role



PROMINENT Aboriginal leader Gracelyn Smallwood will take on the role of special advisor on Indigenous matters to the Vice-Chancellor of James Cook University. Born in Townsville and a traditional owner of the region, Ms

Smallwood will also be appointed an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Molecular Sciences.

Associate Professor Smallwood sees her new role as being to help the Vice-Chancellor in relation to Indigenous issues, and with the implementation of the University's Reconciliation Statement commitments.

"I'll be working to help achieve the goal of making JCU one of the most unique universities in Australia and the world in bridging the gap and empowering Indigenous students," she said.

"It is not just helping students in their education but also in capacity building, helping to pursue economic viability, and assisting them in closing the (health) gap."

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Moree teenager Wally Towney ... Off to the Global Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC, this July.



Bank on Wally to be a leader for his people



WHEN it comes to leadership, 17-year-old Walter Towney is on the money. The Year 12 Moree Secondary College student is one of just eight students from Australia chosen to be part of the Global Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC, in July. It is an honour for the young Aboriginal man who has already demonstrated his

credentials and capacity as Moree Secondary College Captain and a member of the Moree Plains Youth Council.

Walter is looking forward to the chance of attending the conference with other young leaders from around the world.

Walter, or Wally as he is better known around the college, plans on pursuing a career in business management when he completes with his Higher School

Certificate. A part-time school-based traineeship at the local ANZ Bank branch has already given him an insight into business practices and offered him a grounding in the world of business.

Wally's leadership, community service and participation was acknowledged with a NSW Department of Housing scholarship.

The trip to Washington will be Wally's first outside Australia.

Victorian college celebrates



THE Victorian P-12 College of Koorie Education campus at

Mildura – formally Koori Open Door Education (KODE) – will celebrate its 10th birthday on Saturday 31 May.

The event starts at 11am and ends at 3pm.

Mildura Koori Open Door Education campus opened its doors in 1998, with an enrolment of more than 100 students. It changed its name in 2005 to the Victorian P-12 College Of Koorie Education.

Since the opening of the school, its commitment and focus has been to support a culturally inclusive curriculum, building solid foundations in literacy and numeracy, celebrating and embracing Koori culture.

The campus birthday celebrations also recognise the successes it has achieved within the school, and the success of its students, as well as celebrating the strength and commitment the school community and students have towards Indigenous education.

The school Committee of Management and school community have extended an invitation to past teachers/staff, students and their families to help celebrate the occasion. It also is extending an invitation to the broader community.

Celebrations will include a traditional welcome and dance, musical entertainment, family activities, jumping castle and the opening of the time capsule.

● Details: Call Rebecca Ogden-Brunell – (03) 5023 2321.

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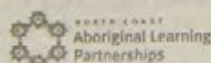
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CSU fellowship to integrate culture into tertiary teaching



A \$300,000 fellowship has been awarded to Charles Darwin University Associate Professor Michael

Christie to continue his work integrating Aboriginal culture and practices into tertiary teaching. The aim of the Senior Australian Teaching and Learning Fellowship, awarded by the Australian Learning and Teaching Council – formerly the Carrick Institute – is to advance learning and teaching in higher education by supporting leading educators to undertake strategic, high-profile fellowship activities in areas that support the development of learning and teaching in Australian higher education.

The program planned by Dr Christie, titled 'Increasing the

participation of Indigenous knowledge holders in tertiary teaching through the use of emerging digital technologies', is designed to further the collaboration between Yolngu educators and consultants in East Arnhem Land, the School of Australian Indigenous Knowledge Systems, the School of Education, and the School of Creative Arts and Humanities.

Dr Christie said that in a reverse of the conventional distance learning set-up, the project planned to have the students on campus and the Aboriginal lecturers on country in their remote communities, teaching languages and culture, including Indigenous art.

"The project will integrate and extend three collaborative research programs which have worked on the use of digital

technology for traditional knowledge work, supporting homeland communities with internet connectivity, and professionalising Yolngu consultants and researchers," he said.

"A key part of the project is finding ways in which Yolngu knowledge authorities can be paid and acknowledged properly for their work, and that their intellectual property interests can be safeguarded within the academic context."

"To achieve this, we need to continue our focus on the collaborative nature of the work. The political, technical and social aspects of the work are inseparable."

Dr Christie will establish a team of internationally recognised scholars and lead an extended seminar as part of the fellowship.



Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities



She's on the team

A STATE-OF-THE-ART building isn't the only thing that's new about the Darwin Convention Centre. There are the centre's people as well.

Palmerston Aboriginal woman Regina Dickenson is part of the team of local people working at the Top End centre, which is the centrepiece of the Darwin Waterfront project.

Ms Dickenson is one of 13 formerly unemployed people who now have jobs at the centre after she joined a training program run by the centre's operator, AEG Ogden, to address a Territory-wide skills shortage in hospitality workers.

The aim of the program was to provide short and long-term unemployed people a chance to gain basic hospitality skills, customer service and occupational health and safety so they could qualify for a job at the centre, which has seating for up to 1500 delegates and 4000 square metres of exhibition space.

Of the 16 people who completed the course, 13 – including Ms Dickenson – were given jobs and will be working at the convention centre as stewards, baristas, bar staff, set-up and front-of-house staff.

12,000 plates

The new recruits have been helping to set up the centre and washing and packing away the kitchen and dining equipment, including 12,000 dinner plates.

The Hospitality Skills Program was sponsored by the Federal Government's Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and run by local training company Learn NT.

Ms Dickenson, who lives in nearby Palmerston, said it was the first time she had worked in hospitality and she was excited about her new job.

"Doing this course was good," she said.

"I haven't done this kind of work before."

Darwin Convention Centre Food and Beverage Manager Aaron Roussos said the course was a great success.

"I think it was an outstanding result and our new employees are going to be working in a fantastic setting," he said.

"They now have all the opportunity in the world for a great career in hospitality."

"The Darwin Convention Centre is committed to becoming an 'employer of choice' in the Territory and provides staff incentives and other options not available in other organisations."

"We are dedicated to training unemployed and Indigenous Territorians."

Mr Roussos said the casual positions could lead into full-time and part-time work.



● ABOVE: New recruit Regina Dickenson with Darwin Convention Centre Food and Beverage Manager Aaron Roussos in the centre's main kitchen.



● LEFT: Regina Dickenson (middle) joins fellow successful recruits (back) Wayne Beaumont, Lachlan Rowe, Darwin Convention Centre food and Beverage Manager Aaron Roussos, King Haenen, Sahmut Nasir, (front) Teresa and Rosa Condello and Karen Ward to help unpack the new pantry.

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Further information can be obtained by emailing chantal.coxenham@centrelink.gov.au or by phoning (07) 4760 8309.

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Closing date: 27 May 2008

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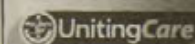
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GRADE 3

Community Access

Metro North Region

Hornsby & Penrith

Permanent Full-Time (2 positions)

Position No: DADHC-08-12748

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$79,682 per annum

(Salary: \$72,208 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The position holder will provide clinical supervision for Speech Pathologists in Metro North Region, specialist clinical services to complex clients and consultation to management staff on issues relevant to speech pathology services.

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- Demonstrated ability to provide supervision and support to speech pathologists and clinical leadership on issues relating to Speech Pathology across the region.
- High level interpersonal skills and communication skills.
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Inquiries: Kylie Vos (02) 4734 9400

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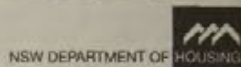
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HOUSING NSW ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 3/4

Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division

South East Area, Queanbeyan

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: DON-08-12761

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,570 per annum (Salary: \$51,784 pa + \$56,701 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

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Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or NSW Businesslink (02) 6200 5820.

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Closing Date: Friday 30 May 2008.

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Position No: IR030144

Level/Salary: 1, \$32,497 - \$40,609 pa

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Written applications to: Deborah Burton, Finance & HR Manager, Reconciliation Australia PO Box 4773, Kingston ACT 2604. Phone: 02 6273 9200 email: deborah.burton@reconciliation.org.au



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Enquiries: Paul Letters (07) 3310 9449.
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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.

SENIOR FIELD OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Senior Field Officer Grade 1/2, Kurnell, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-188. Total remuneration package valued to: \$65,692 p.a. (\$48,628-\$51,511) Salary package includes base salary (inclusive of annual leave loading), an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, and employer contributions to superannuation. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale. Undertake works and maintenance programs and co-ordinate and supervise the work of Field Officers and contractors ensuring that work is undertaken efficiently and within budget and set time frames. **Selection Criteria:** This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job. Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources, and willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement. Demonstrated experience in the maintenance/conservation of general facilities and grounds; ability to supervise and carry out all duties safely in accordance with OH&S requirements. Relevant WorkCover Certification, ability and experience for the appropriate operation and maintenance of machinery, plant and equipment for maintenance and construction work. Ability to implement planned field and operational activities (including pest animal and plant control) and demonstrated skills and experience in fire management. Demonstrated team leadership skills and experience in staff/contractor supervision, demonstrated administrative skills to perform required tasks and procedures; demonstrated effective communication, customer relations and organisational skills. Current MR Drivers Licence and ability to drive 4wd vehicles, Senior First Aid Certificate; demonstrated ability and experience in operating MR vehicles, and willingness to fly in light. Certification and demonstrated ability and experience in operating chainsaw to cross-cut and simple tree felling standard, and ability to operate and supervise in radio usage.

Notes: This is a temporary position for the period to 30 June 2009. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. The position of Senior Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Senior Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical assessment, which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fitness test for fire fighting fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Geoff Kalwy (02) 9668 9111 Email: Geoff.Kalwy@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 9668 9111 or jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax: (02) 9585 6116; or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au.
Closing Date: Friday 30 May 2008.



Indigenous Liaison Officer

St Joseph's Nudgee College is a GPS Catholic boys' Boarding and Day school for Years 5-12 in the Edmund Rice Tradition. The Indigenous Student Support Program at the College has been successfully running for 18 years. It aims to achieve significant improvements in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students' levels of retention, engagement and completion of Academic and Vocational Education and Training Pathways. The successful person will work in partnership with the Dean of Students and the Indigenous Student Support Program Coordinator to ensure that a caring, challenging and nurturing environment is developed and maintained for each student. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

The Indigenous Liaison Officer will:

- Network with Brisbane Catholic Education, Government Departments and other agencies, external organisations, staff and students;
- Have a sound knowledge and perspective of issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
- Have a demonstrated ability to sensitively communicate effectively with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people; and,
- Demonstrate a desire to motivate Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students to achieve positive educational outcomes through engagement in the College's extensive programs.

An application package can be obtained from Ms Tina Sullivan by phoning (07) 3865 0405 or via email on tsullivan@nudgee.com. Applications close Friday 30 May 2008. Interviews will commence shortly after and unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing.

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Department of Health Government of Western Australia

WA Country Health Service
Great Southern Population Health

Aboriginal Health Worker Recruitment Pool

Level/Salary: AHWA L2, \$36,477.50 - \$39,283.54 pa pro rata

Position Number: Pool Ref CH191. Casual, Fixed Term & Permanent

Location: Albany

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position (Section 50(d) Equal Employment Opportunity Act 1984.)

Job Description: We are seeking enthusiastic and suitably experienced individuals to join our friendly team in Albany.

Albany is located 409km from Perth on the south coast of WA. The City is the main regional centre for the Great Southern region and boasts an extensive range of services and facilities. Albany is one of the premier tourist destinations in Western Australia.

In this role, you will provide health care for Aboriginal clients which is consistent with a primary health care philosophy and the development of self care and responsibility for health. This role also assists with the identification of Aboriginal health needs and the development of programs and undertakes a clinical caseload in accordance with the clinical delegation of authority for health workers.

Suitable applicants will be placed in a pool from which appointments may be made when similar vacancies occur. The pool will operate for six (6) months from the date of the initial selection in the pool.

Further information: Please contact Shirley Cornelius on (08) 9832 7222 or Email: Shirley.Cornelius@health.wa.gov.au

Application Instructions: Applicants are requested to apply online at jobs.wa.gov.au

Applicants are advised to write and attach their statement addressing the selection criteria. Applicants should have their current resume/curriculum vitae and application addressing the selection criteria completed and ready to attach, prior to clicking on the "Apply for Job" button. You will be asked three questions during this process, and to then attach your documentation, so it is recommended to allow enough time to complete these requests.

Alternatively you can request for an application kit to be sent to you by calling (08) 9483 4307.

Please be aware that proforma, emailed and late applications cannot be accepted.

Closing Date: Tuesday 3 June 2008 at 4pm.

ACADEMIC & ENTERPRISE DIVISION BADANAMI CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Bankstown Campus

Ref No. 60137

Remuneration Package: HEW Level 4 \$54,270 to \$57,826 p.a. (comprising Salary, 17% Superannuation and Leave Loading)

The University of Western Sydney considers that being an Indigenous Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 NSW.

Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education is a multi-campus service providing support to indigenous students across all UWS campuses. The position of Administrative Assistant will report directly to the Centre's Senior Administrative Officer. The Administrative Assistant will be responsible for the provision of high-level administrative support to Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education and the provision of high level customer service to students and staff within Badanami. The successful applicant will assist the Senior Administrative Officer in the development and maintenance of administrative support systems for Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education.

Position Enquiries: Lorraine Eletturk, (02) 9772 6474, l.eletturk@uws.edu.au

Closing Date: 23 May 2008

Please visit the UWS Website: <http://www.uws.edu.au/vacancies/> for full details on this position and how to apply.

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Indigenous Employment and Training Officer

Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Administrative Officer 6 (\$63 691 - \$71 199)

Construction Division - Alice Springs

Primary Objective

To have local Indigenous people employed and trained in a meaningful way with Department of Planning and Infrastructure contractors under contractual agreements.

This position requires a self motivated and innovative person to implement strategies and develop Indigenous Employment and Training policy for Department of Planning and Infrastructure contracts.

The successful applicant will be required to manage Indigenous Employment and Training projects in a cross cultural environment, have good organisational skills and be able to deal with all stakeholders including local Indigenous people and Managers of Major Projects.

If you have these skills and want to work in an organisation that encourages Indigenous economic and workforce development this could be the job for you.

Quote vacancy number: 25271

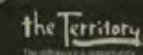
Closing date: Friday 30 May 2008

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Lecturer (Indigenous Health)

Full-time, Fixed Term/Continuing Appointment

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF NURSING & MIDWIFERY (QLD)

Australian Catholic University is a public university open to all, with six campuses located in Brisbane, Sydney (2), Canberra, Melbourne and Ballarat.

Lecturers in Nursing make a significant contribution to the teaching of the School; you are also expected to play a role in scholarship, research, and/or professional activities. The successful applicant will need to demonstrate expertise in the area of Indigenous Health.

Full details of selection criteria are provided in the position information package obtainable by telephoning (02) 9701 4243 or emailing recruitment@acu.edu.au. Specific enquiries may be directed to Dr Jennifer Kelly on (07) 3623 7175 or jennifer.kelly@acu.edu.au

Total remuneration valued from \$76,185 to \$90,470 pa, including salary component \$64,377 to \$76,448 pa (Academic Classification Level 8), employer contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Applicants should demonstrate commitment to the specific Mission and Catholic ethos of the institution. You must also be able to demonstrate an understanding of the nexus between teaching and learning and research and scholarship.

Applicants are expected to address all selection criteria listed in the information package. Applications, including the names and contact details of three referees, should be received by Friday, 13th June 2008. Please quote reference 2FHS614QMB0.

Senior Administrative Officer (Personnel)

ACU National, Locked Bag 2002, STRATHFIELD NSW 2135.

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Australian Government

Department of the Environment,
Water, Heritage and the Arts

Indigenous Policy Branch/ Policy Coordination Division

Positions vacant

The Indigenous Policy Branch is looking to fill several Executive Level 1 positions, several APS 6 positions and an APS 5 position over the coming months. Further information about these positions will be advertised on the Departments website and in the National Indigenous Times on 29 May 2008.

An Executive Level 1 position and an APS 6 position will be based in Darwin, Northern Territory. The remaining positions will be based in Canberra, ACT.

The Departments website is: <http://www.environment.gov.au/jobs/index.html>

For further information about these positions
please contact Sheryl Hedges on 02 6274 2333.

Please note: To be eligible for employment with the Department,
applicants must be Australian citizens.

A merit list may be used to fill positions over the next 12 months.

All positions are based in Canberra unless stated otherwise.

Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

Additional information about the Department may be accessed via the internet address:
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Strategic Policy and Evaluation

Disability Services Queensland

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(Total Remuneration Value)

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/DS06244/08

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689

Closing Date: Monday, 2 June 2008

Indigenous Planning and Partnerships Officer (Identified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or
Torres Strait Islander descent)

Child Safety

Salary: \$86 442 - \$91 425 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/CHS6376/08

Key Duties: To advise and lead the development of Zonal partnerships and initiatives in respect of planning and responding to community, zonal and whole-of-government requirements for the Indigenous communities. The outcomes of the position are determined through whole-of-government and zonal planning.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693

Closing Date: Monday, 2 June 2008

Senior Occupational Therapist

Child Safety and Disability Service, Client Services

Housing

Salary: \$69 245 - \$74 599 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/HO6054/08

Key Duties: Leadership/judgement experience will be applied in professional support/oversight to a group of Occupational Therapists who provide social housing solutions.

Skills and Abilities: Leadership skills/clinical reasoning skills/ and an ability to provide professional support and problem solving in atypical situations. Good judgement/ communication/interpersonal and word processing skills. Substantial case management experience and achievements in facilitating outcomes for clients with specific needs.

Enquiries: (07) 3224 5048 or E-Mail:

jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 26 May 2008

Client Service Manager

Central Queensland Area Office, Client Services

(Previously advertised as QLD/HO4644/08. Previous Applicants will be considered and need not re-apply)

Housing

Salary: \$60 769 - \$66 050 p.a.

Location: Gladstone

REF: QLD/HO6052/08

Key Duties: Efficient/effective delivery of quality services and outcomes to a diverse range of clients through leading and managing a client service team.

Skills and Abilities: Undertake planning, research, analysis, provision of advice and support in the application of the departmental policies/procedures and relevant legislation.

Enquiries: Barry O'Rourke (07) 4938 4074 or E-Mail:

jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 26 May 2008

Communities Program Support Officer

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing

Housing

Salary: \$60 769 - \$66 050 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/HO6027/08

Key Duties: Responsible for monitoring the progress and reporting annually on community work plans; ensuring the timely submission of progress claims.

Skills and Abilities: Ability to establish and maintain positive and effective relationships with Indigenous community councils, other organisations and tenants on housing related matters.

Enquiries: John Moffatt (07) 4046 3024 or E-Mail:

jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 26 May 2008

Client Service Manager

Mackay/Whitsunday Area Office, Client Services

Housing

Salary: \$60 769 - \$66 050 p.a.

Location: Mackay

REF: QLD/HO6108/08

Key Duties: Efficient and effective delivery of quality services/ outcomes to a diverse range of clients through leading and managing a client service team.

Skills and Abilities: Undertake planning, research, analysis, provision of advice and support in the application of the departmental policies/procedures and relevant legislation.

Enquiries: Bronwyn Patton (07) 4967 0858 or E-Mail:

jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 2 June 2008

Occupational Therapist

Far North Queensland Area Office

(Two permanent part-time positions totalling 1.5 FTE)

Housing

Salary: \$59 564 - \$65 045 p.a. (Part-time Salary Pro-Rata)

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/HO6110/08

Key Duties: Assist clients with special needs to identify their housing needs and make recommendations regarding those needs.

Skills and Abilities: Analyse complex information, apply professional expertise and provide cost effective solutions relating to housing design and modifications.

Enquiries: Elizabeth Ainsworth (07) 3227 6937 or E-Mail:

jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday 2 June 2008

Child Safety Support Officer

Child Safety Services Division

Child Safety

Salary: \$44 347 - \$49 455 p.a.

Location: Weipa

REF: QLD/CHS6246/08

Key Duties: To deliver culturally appropriate prevention and early intervention support services to assist in the diversion of families from the statutory child protection system.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693

Closing Date: Monday, 2 June 2008

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UTS has a continuing commitment to Indigenous employment which is reflected through its Wingara Indigenous Employment Strategy.

Join UTS's strong Indigenous Staff Network in the position of HR Administrator, and you will be provided with ongoing support throughout your employment in this identified role.

Working with a range of HR professionals, this role will provide you with career development and opportunities to gain experience within a large HR department and diverse organisation.

In this valued role, your customer service skills and customer focussed attitude will be integral in your daily interaction with staff at all levels.

Drawing on your strong organisational, administrative and communication skills and experience with MS Office, you will coordinate the induction process and administer a range of communications to staff, while providing straight forward advice to employees on general HR matters.

UTS offers flexible work practices, based on a 35 hour week to enable staff to have a work/life balance. Located close to Central Station, UTS is at the hub of the transport network, while offering easy access to the City and its facilities.

Opportunities may exist for candidates to temporarily work on a part-time basis while completing their studies over the next six months, converting to full-time in late 2008.

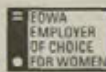
Closing Date: Friday 30 May 2008

Application Procedure: For further information and to apply, please visit <http://www.hru.uts.edu.au/jobs> and search for Job Ref No. R040508



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Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service Mental Health Worker (Female) Bowraville Special Project

Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service provides medical, social and emotional well being services to Indigenous people throughout the Macleay and Nambucca Valleys.

This position has been developed as a direct response to the tragic murders of three local children in the early 1990's in the Bowraville Community.

Based at Bowraville the position will have an outreach role providing direct counselling, advocacy and support services to identified family individuals/groups within the Bowraville, Coffs Harbour, Macksville and Nambucca regions. The position also links family members to counselling services in other areas according to need.

Durri ACMS is seeking a motivated, focused and professional Female Mental Health Worker with Degree/tertiary qualifications in Social Work, Psychology, mental health or related Social Science discipline and a minimum of 5 years experience in the delivery of direct mental health services to Aboriginal people and communities. Traveling is required in the Bowraville, Coffs Harbour and Nambucca regions. **Closing date 30 May 2008.** For recruitment package with essential job details contact Kerri Riddington Executive Officer OD&HR on 02 65 62 4919.

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.

Performance Support Coordinator

Performance Improvement Unit, New Lambton

Perm Full Time

Position No: 58803

Enquiries: Jennifer Jennings, (02) 4921 4996.

Research and Evaluation Manager

Newcastle

Temp Full Time

Position No: 58981

Enquiries: Colin Bell, (02) 4624 6367.

Closing Date for both positions: 13 June 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE PARKS AND WILDLIFE GROUP

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FIELD OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Field Officer Grade 1/4, Kurnell, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-187. Total remuneration package valued to: \$60,668 p.a. (\$35,658-\$47,572) Salary package includes base salary (inclusive of annual leave loading), an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, and employer contributions to superannuation. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale.

Undertake maintenance and improvements to park infrastructure (facilities and grounds) including buildings, roads, fire trails and fencing. Operate and maintain plant and equipment. Facilitate visitor relations and law enforcement activities. **Selection Criteria:** This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job as well as cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities. Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources and a willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement. Ability to maintain grounds, facilities and workplaces such as buildings, essential services, roads, walking tracks, fences and recreational and accommodation facilities including a willingness to safely undertake hygiene maintenance duties. Demonstrated ability and experience to carry out all duties safely and obtain relevant WorkCover Authority certification to appropriately operate and maintain small plant and equipment and ability and willingness to obtain a First Aid certificate. Certification and demonstrated experience, or ability to obtain, in operating a chainsaw to crosscut or simple tree felling standard; Ability to operate two-way radios. Effective communication and community relation skills are required; Ability to work independently and as part of a team; Administrative skills. Ability and willingness to carry out fire fighting duties and support roles including a willingness to fly in light aircraft. Current/MR licence and ability to operate 4wd vehicles up to 4.5 tonnes/15 tonne GVM.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. The position of Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Applicants must obtain 4wd certification within the probationary period (12 months). Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

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Information Packages: (02) 9668 9111 or jobs.nsw.gov.au

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Closing Date: Friday 30 May 2008.

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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



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Position No. 50080204

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This permanent full time position is located at Parkes with an attractive salary range of \$71,225 - \$76,431pa.

Applicants must obtain an information package from George Shearer (02) 8849 2426 or download from www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Applicants can apply online or mail to Recruitment Services, PO Box 973, Parramatta CBD NSW 2124. Further information is available at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers

Applications close 23 May 2008



Australian Government Aboriginal Hostels Limited

Join our team in Shepparton

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is a company owned and financed by the Australian Government. Through our Central Office located in Canberra, and eight Regional Offices, we operate and fund hostel accommodation throughout Australia. We have a policy of offering employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Applicants for the advertised positions will need to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies.

Geraldine Briggs Hostel

Domestic

APS Level 1

\$27,747 - \$31,849 pa, plus superannuation

Ensure that a high level of cleanliness is maintained throughout all areas of the hostel, which includes preparation of all rooms, stock control of all linen including the changing and washing. Other tasks involve food preparation, cooking and service.

Weekend Cook (part time 10 hours per week)

APS Level 1

\$151.51 - \$177.38 per week, plus superannuation

Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel whilst ensuring a high level of cleanliness.

Further inquiries: Len Jackson
Telephone Nos 03 5831 7258

Selection documentation: Janene Maynard
Telephone Nos 03 9642 2775 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 6 June 2008 and should be sent to: Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 4860 Melbourne VIC 3001.

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the three month probation period. Satisfactory completion of a police records check is required for these positions.

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(PN Ref: S1415)

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Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION

Solicitor, Aboriginal Identified, Legal Policy Branch

Legal Officer Grade IV, Haymarket,
Permanent Full-Time,
Job Reference No SP08/105.

Total remuneration package valued to:
\$99,105 p.a. (\$88,113-\$89,810)

Total remuneration package includes salary,
employer's contribution to superannuation
and annual leave loading.

Assists with the review, development and maintenance of LAC policies, guidelines, systems and practices; undertakes research, prepares reports and submissions and advises on legal and policy issues; represents the LAC in legal matters.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Hold, or eligible to hold, a current NSW Practising Certificate issued by the Law Society of NSW. Extensive experience in policy development, implementation and review in a legal environment. Detailed knowledge of, or capacity to quickly acquire knowledge of, the Commission's policies and guidelines. Highly developed communication, presentation and consultation skills as well as experience in and skills to develop and deliver seminars. Experience in the conduct of legal and social research and the provision of high level legal and policy advice. High level of knowledge of Commonwealth and State law, government functions and activities, and the legislative process. Proven organisational and project management skills as well as an ability to work independently and within a team environment.

Notes: This position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Inquiries: Lyndsay Brooker (02) 9219 5859.

Information Packages: Agnes Lim on (02) 9219 5968.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Kate Jolliffe, Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket 1238; or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 06 June 2008

Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION

Solicitor (Aboriginal), Civil Law

Legal Officer Grade I-III, Parramatta,
Permanent Full-Time,
Job Reference No CV08/107.

Total remuneration package valued to:
\$90,756 p.a. (\$55,472-\$82,244) includes
salary, employer's contribution to
superannuation and leave loading.

Provide high quality legal advice and representation to clients of the Commission in accordance with the Commission's policies and guidelines and assist them to resolve their legal problems.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Legal qualifications and a NSW Practising Certificate, knowledge and/or capacity to acquire knowledge of civil law including but not limited to consumer, housing, human rights, social security or migration law (as required) and a capacity to represent legal aid clients before Courts or Tribunals. Proven capacity to identify and understand legal and cross cultural issues facing socially and economically disadvantaged people. Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to conduct community legal education and to prepare court documents, correspondence, submissions and other written materials. Ability to understand Legal Aid Commission policies and procedures to determine applications of legal aid and advise clients about eligibility or the capacity to rapidly acquire such knowledge. Well developed legal research as well as the ability to meet deadlines, work without close supervision and to manage a diverse workload. Demonstrated computer skills and Class C Driver's Licence, as required.

Notes: In accordance with Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1979, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position.

Inquiries: Philippa Martin (02) 9891 1600.

Information Packages: Joyce Priest (02) 9891 1600.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Jenny Del Rio, Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket, NSW, 1238 or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 30 May 2008



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"Beck" has an Eye for Detail



Rebecca Kirk, or "Beck", as she is affectionately known, is a Fingerprint Technician with our Forensic Services Group. Having joined the NSW Police Force 8 years ago, the Gamilaroi Senior Constable is currently completing Degrees in both Law and Science (Forensic Investigations). "The job offers a number of Career paths and I wanted a career that has a diverse range of duties" Beck says. Beck has gained, amongst others, leadership and communication skills since joining.

If you would like to find out more about joining the NSW Police Force, contact the Aboriginal Recruitment Officer, Sgt Steve LOWE on (02) 8835 9876



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INDIGENOUS HOUSING SERVICES - 4 DAYS PER WEEK

Our Client is seeking a Case Manager to join their Lismore/Casino team, on the NSW Far North Coast, in the delivery of housing case management services to the local Indigenous Community.

The Case Manager's objective is to provide support to clients by assisting them to address their short, medium and/or long term accommodation needs, providing all functions of case management, including the provision of follow up support.

For details, including key position requirements, visit www.ncw.net.au. All enquiries to Gary White on 02 6622 0500 or 1800 007 921. Email: info@ncw.net.au

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GALAMBILA
Aboriginal Health Service Incorporated

REGISTERED NURSE

Galambila is seeking to employ a Registered Nurse in the position of Galambila Clinic Nurse. The successful applicant will have the ability to work with Aboriginal people in a culturally sensitive and appropriate manner.

Further information and an application package are available from David Kennedy on 02 6652 0850.

Closing Date: 6 June 2008

BOOKKEEPER

Galambila is seeking to employ a Bookkeeper to work part-time. The successful applicant will have experience with MYOB Payroll and Accounting packages and have an understanding of accounting administration procedures.

Further information and an application package are available from Aina Rankin on 02 6652 0850.

Closing Date: 6 June 2008



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Department of Health and Ageing

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QUEENSLAND STATE OFFICE AGED AND COMMUNITY CARE BRANCH AND OFFICE OF AGED CARE QUALITY AND COMPLIANCE

The Queensland State Office has vacancies in several sections and locations.

We are seeking people with a range of skills and experience to play an important part in the ongoing implementation and delivery of the Department's aged care complaints handling arrangements, which aim to ensure safe and high quality services for Australia's frail and aged.

APS LEVEL 6

\$62,428 - \$70,429

SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 08-0088

BRISBANE

In the Brisbane office we have several vacancies for:

Senior Investigation Officer - you will take a lead role in conducting on-site visits to investigate and develop action plans to deal with complaints about Australian Government funded aged and community care services. You will document your findings and make recommendations concerning complaints. We are seeking candidates from a variety of disciplines who have an understanding of the Aged Care Industry. This position will be of particular interest to those who have had previous or current experience in the Aged Care Industry.

Residential Classification Scale (RCS) Review Officer - you will investigate and analyse documentation to ensure funding is allocated correctly and that aged care services are adequately addressing compliance issues. It is a mandatory requirement that RCS Officers be registered, or eligible to be registered, as a Registered Nurse in Queensland and possess a current practicing certificate.

Contact officer: Murray Baulch on 07 3360 2864 or murray.baulch@health.gov.au

Reference Number: 08-0090
TOWNSVILLE

In the Townsville office we have a vacancy for:

Senior Investigation and RCS Review Officer - you will take a lead role in conducting on-site visits to investigate and develop action plans to deal with complaints about Australian Government funded aged and community care services. You will document your findings and make recommendations concerning complaints. You will also investigate and analyse documentation to ensure funding is allocated correctly and that aged care services are adequately addressing compliance issues. It is a mandatory requirement of this position that incumbents be registered, or eligible to be registered, as a Registered Nurse in Queensland and possess a current practicing certificate.

Contact officer: Tracey Rees on 07 4727 2292 or tracey.rees@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Manuela Groves on 07 3360 2290 (manuela.groves@health.gov.au)

NORTHERN TERRITORY OFFICE

AGED AND COMMUNITY CARE BRANCH AND OFFICE OF AGED CARE QUALITY AND COMPLIANCE

The Department of Health and Ageing, Northern Territory Office, is looking for two self motivated people with excellent team orientated skills to fill two ongoing vacancies. The first position is located in the Aged and Community Care Branch and the other, in the Office of Aged Care Quality and Compliance. Both positions require sound administration skills, a keen interest in working within the Government sector and knowledge in or the ability to gain an understanding of programs related to Aged and Community Care.

APS LEVEL 4

PROJECT OFFICER

\$52,030 - \$54,975

Reference Number: 08-0091

DARWIN

As a Project Officer, you will provide a broad range of administrative and clerical support functions to the Community Care Branch. Your tasks may include preparing funding agreements and schedules, maintenance of hard copy and electronic files, payments processing, preparing basic correspondence, statements, reports, returns and statistics covering a limited range of subject material and undertaking associated research work.

APS LEVEL 4

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/ PROJECT OFFICER

\$52,030 - \$54,975

Reference Number: 08-0092

DARWIN

As an Executive Assistant/ Project Officer you will have the dual role of working in the Office of Aged Care Quality and Compliance program area as a Project Officer and also provide administrative and clerical support to the Assistant Territory Manager. Your role will involve assisting members of the Office of Aged Care Quality and Compliance team with administration tasks, including assisting in reporting and compliance checking of organisations' activity and financial reports.

Contact officer: Robyn Simpson on 08 8919 3430 or robyn.simpson@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies

OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH BUDGET AND PLANNING BRANCH FINANCE AND BUDGET SECTION

EXECUTIVE LEVEL 2

\$91,530 - \$108,368

Reference Number: 08-0100

CANBERRA

The Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) has primary responsibility for the development and implementation of policy and programs that improve the access of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to effective primary health care and substance use services and population health programs.

The Director of Finance and Budget Section in the Budget and Planning Branch has responsibility for coordinating, managing and reporting on the OATSIH financial, budget and business planning functions and providing sound financial management and policy advice to OATSIH management and program areas in Central, State and Territory offices of the Department.

Contact officer: Mark Thomann on 02 6289 5359 or mark.thomann@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Celia Bockmann on 02 6289 7250 (celia.bockmann@health.gov.au)

Applications close 5 June 2008, 7pm AEST.

Further information and application forms are available in our Applicant Kit, available online (www.health.gov.au/vacancies) or by phoning the contact person for the job.

Hearing or speech impaired applicants can obtain the selection documents from the Department's TTY number (02) 6289 5945.

Conditions of service are in accordance with the Department's Collective Agreement.

We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from diverse backgrounds.

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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
EPM16645	Approx. 70 km SSW from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°35'S Long.145°51'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 183 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 57 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 453 o, p, t, u, y, z 454 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 455 q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 527 b, c, d, g, h, j, m, n, o, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 599 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o	Greystoke Mines Pty Ltd 125 517 259
EPM16838	Part 1: Approx. 19 km ENE from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°01'S Long.146°27'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 15 km SE from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°11'S Long.146°22'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 74 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 23 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 29 k, p, u, z 30 b, f, g, i, m, q, r, s, t, v, w, x 101 p 102 b, g, i, m, n, o Area of Part 2: 61 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 19 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 101 s, v, w, x 172 k, o, p, t, u 173 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, n, o, p	Liontown Resources Limited 118 153 825
EPM16913	Approx. 70 km SW from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°28'S Long.145°44'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 121 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 308 k, p, u, z 309 h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 380 e, k, p, t, u, y, z 381 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 382 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 452 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 453 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 454 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o	Liontown Resources Limited 118 153 825
EPM16914	Approx. 62 km SSW from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°35'S Long.146°0'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 308 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 96 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 454 p 455 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, u, z 456 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 457 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 458 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 459 f, g, h, j, l, m, n, q, v 527 e, k, p, u, z 528 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w	Liontown Resources Limited 118 153 825

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

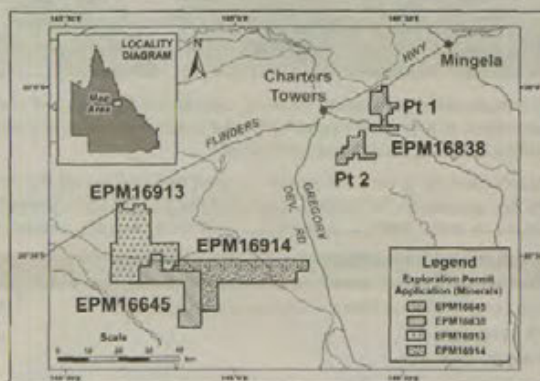
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 11 June 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

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.

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER PROGRAMS

Environment Officer Class 7, Hurstville, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-204. Total remuneration package valued to: \$81,363 p.a. (\$66,732-\$73,732) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Undertakes consultancy services which include needs identification, design, development, delivery, and evaluation of a broad range of learning and organisational development strategies to clients across DECC and CMA. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality, and cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities. Demonstrated capacity to work effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and people with a disability; Understanding of issues relevant to these groups. Experience in developing and successfully implementing employment and training programs that positively contribute to attraction and retention strategies. Demonstrated excellent oral and written, communication skills including the capacity to negotiate, influence and gain contribution from diverse stakeholders. Demonstrated consultancy and project management skills within an organisational development context including business analysis, priority setting, conceptualizing and problem solving. Demonstrated sound computer skills including Microsoft Office applications and working with HR Information Systems. Current drivers licence and ability to travel to regional locations including overnight. Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Carolyn McGregor (02) 9585 6526 Email: carolyn.mcgregor@environment.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: Friday 30 May 2008.

PIUS X ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MOREE

is seeking interested people to apply for the following positions:

CLINICAL PRACTICE MANAGER

ESSENTIAL: Relevant tertiary qualifications in Health Discipline, Demonstrated understanding of and experience in primary health care, Knowledge/experience in IT and Clinical Information System, Demonstrated ability to work with minimal supervision and as a member of a multi-disciplinary team. A willingness to incorporate Aboriginal values and traditions into health programs, Good oral and written communications skills and an ability to adapt to a cross cultural environment, The ability to maintain complete confidentiality. Demonstrated computer literacy in Word, Excel etc. Current Driver's Licence.

Terms and Conditions will be under the Health Services Union of Australia (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Services) Award 2002.

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER

ESSENTIAL: Degree in Early Childhood, Demonstrated experience in Early Childhood, Current Drivers Licence, Knowledge of current teaching practices in Child based programming and regulations, Good computer skills, Current First Aid Certificate.

Terms and Conditions will be under the Teachers (Non-Government Preschools) State Award.

FINANCE OFFICER

ESSENTIAL: Demonstrated experience in financial record keeping and preparation of financial reports on MYOB accounting program, Demonstrated ability in payment of creditors, invoicing debtors and reconciliation of accounts on MYOB, Demonstrated ability in MYOB payroll and knowledge and understanding of Awards, superannuation liabilities, workers compensation and experience in keeping of all payroll records, experience in internet and on-line banking, Experience in and knowledge of GST requirements and preparation for not for profit organizations, Demonstrated ability in preparation of budgets on EXCEL and maintaining and monitoring cash flow within budget and funding guidelines, Demonstrated ability in report and submission writing, Excellent communications skills both written and oral, Excellent analytical, problem solving and managerial skills, Experience working with and reporting to Senior Management Committees and following instructions, Ability to work as part of a team and to work unsupervised, Must have a certificate or above qualifications in bookkeeping/accounting, Must have a current NSW Driver's Licence.

DESIRABLE: Must be familiar with Government funded organizations, Experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organizations, First Aid Certificate and/or willingness to obtain one.

Terms and Conditions will be under the Health Services Union of Australia (Aboriginal Health Services) Award 2002.

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation also have positions vacant in a Bringing Them Home Counsellor, Aboriginal Sexual Health Worker, Aboriginal Health Worker, Aboriginal Child Care Worker and an Aboriginal Security Guard.

Anyone interested in applying please contact Mrs Kim Connors on 0267521099 for a package or email admin@piusx.com.au

Written applications addressing the Selection Criteria is to be sent to:

Miss Jillian Cain
Pius X Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 363
MOREE NSW 2400

Applications close: Friday 13th June 2008

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation promotes EEO principles and provides a smoke free work environment. Relevant Criminal Records and Working with Children Checks will be conducted prior to appointment.



HOUSING NSW CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (IDENTIFIED)

Clerk Grade 2/4

Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division
South East Area, Queanbeyan
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-12769

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,570 per annum (Salary: \$49,012 pa - \$56,701 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Provide comprehensive client service to clients with complex needs requiring housing assistance. You will be responsible for all aspects of tenancy management. Significant face-to-face contact and fieldwork are essential components of the position.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applications to be accompanied by a Resume. Two references are required. At least one reference from a current or recent supervisor is preferred. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. An eligibility list will be created for future full-time and part-time vacancies that may arise in Queanbeyan.

Inquiries: John Asher (02) 6200 7277.

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or NSW Businesslink (02) 6200 5820.

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620.

Closing Date: Friday 30 May 2008.

G44-791758



HOUSING NSW ADMINISTRATIVE CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 2/4

Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division
South East Area, Bega
Temporary Part-Time (21 hpw)
Position No: DOH-08-12753

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,570 per annum (Salary: \$49,012 pa - \$56,701 pa) pro-rata, includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate: \$26.84 ph - \$31.05 ph.

Job Description: The role of the Administrative Client Service Officer is to carry out a range of administrative support functions associated with the delivery of housing services by Housing NSW.

Job Notes: This is a temporary part time position for 21 hours per week (working Monday, Tuesday & Thursday) for a period of up to 6 months starting from August 2008, under the terms of PSEM Act 2002. Applications to be accompanied by a Resume and two references, at least one reference from a current or recent supervisor is preferred. The recruitment process will be used for any additional relief required. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. A Driver's Licence is required for this position.

Inquiries: Marilyn Banfield (02) 6492 2727.

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or NSW Businesslink (02) 6200 5820.

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620.

Closing Date: Friday 30 May 2008.

G44-791758



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE OFFICER (Armidale LALC)

Attractive Remuneration Package, Benefits and Salary Packaging options

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in undertaking the challenging role of Intensive Assistance Officer for a period of up to six (6) months.

The position holder will be responsible for providing intensive support and assistance to the Armidale Local Aboriginal Land Council under the terms of an Assistance Agreement.

The successful applicant will have excellent interpersonal skills including the capacity for negotiation and mediation, the ability to work independently and a knowledge of financial management practices. The ability to interpret and implement legislation, effective written communication skills and an understanding of Aboriginal issues are also essential.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact Diane Lee by email: diane.lee@alc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4499.

Applications can be forwarded to diane.lee@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Coordinator
NSW Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1125
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Applications close 2 June 2008

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land into Authority to Prospect and Petroleum Lease

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Government hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to Authority to Prospect (692P shown below) under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) and of the proposed addition of excluded land to Petroleum Lease 226 (shown below) under section 170 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld).

The Authority to Prospect currently excludes land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Current Holder has applied under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect.

The Petroleum Lease currently excludes land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Current Holder has applied under section 170 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Petroleum Lease.

Authority to Prospect (to add Excluded Land) to which this notice applies:

Authority to Prospect Number	Location of Authority to Prospect (Refer to diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holder ACN
ATP692	Location of Excluded Land	Area of Exploration Permit including Excluded Land	Origin Energy CSG Limited 001 646 331
This Authority to Prospect is in four separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 17 km South West from Chinchilla Centred at approximate Lat.25°50'S Long.150°30'E Local Government Area: Dalby Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 317 km ² Block Identification Map: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 103 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)	
		Blocks Sub-blocks	
		2310 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	
		2382 d, e, j, k, x, y, z	
		2383 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	
		2455 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	
		2527 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	
		Area of Part 2: 230 km ² Block Identification Map: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 75 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)	
		Blocks Sub-blocks	
		2162 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	
	2234 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		
	2306 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		
	Area of Part 3: 153 km ² Block Identification Map: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 50 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)		
	Blocks Sub-blocks		
	2601 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		
	2602 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		
	Area of Part 4: 6 km ² Block Identification Map: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)		
	Blocks Sub-blocks		
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Petroleum Lease (to add Excluded Land) to which this notice applies:

Petroleum Lease Number	Location of Petroleum Lease (Refer to diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holder ACN
PL226	Location of Excluded Land	Area of Petroleum Lease including Excluded Land	Origin Energy CSG Limited 001 646 331
	Approx. 26 km South West from Chinchilla Centred at approximate Lat.26°49'S Long.150°25'E Local Government Area: Dalby Regional Council	Area: 202 km' Block Identification Map: Brisbane. Number of Sub-blocks: 66 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2310 q, r, v, w 2381 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 2382 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w 2453 a, b, f, g, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	

* Authorities to Prospect and Petroleum Leases are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) and the number of Sub-blocks (the Sub-block Code) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: It is proposed to grant the application to add the Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) and to the Petroleum Lease under section 170 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004 (Qld). On the granting of the application the Excluded Land is included in the existing Authority to Prospect and in the existing Petroleum Lease. This authorises the holder to explore for petroleum on the Excluded Land for the current term of the Authority to Prospect and produce petroleum from the granted Petroleum Lease.

Name and address of person doing acts: The application to add Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect and Petroleum Lease under the Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) will be granted by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 1475, COORPAROOK, QLD 4151.

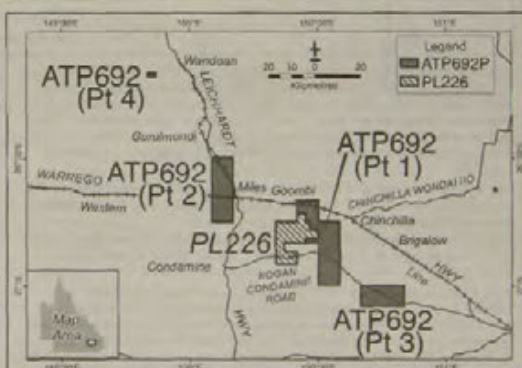
Further Information: Further information about the proposed future acts, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3729.

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 application for the addition of excluded land to the Authority to Prospect and Petroleum Lease. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qlidreg@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

Notification Day: 28 May 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



Community Education - Public Relations Officer (50D)

Position No: 006654

Level/Salary: 4 PSQA \$54,510 - \$57,809 pa

We're looking for a creative person who is keen to liaise with Indigenous communities to make them aware of our service. The Office of the Public Advocate protects and promotes the rights of people with decision-making disabilities through guardianship services, advice and training. This job involves:

- * Expanding and maintaining networks with Aboriginal communities
- * Creating messages and developing materials for Aboriginal people
- * Establishing relationships with other community groups
- * Travelling on occasion to remote and regional communities
- * Organising training events

You will work with the community education team to promote the Guardianship and Administration system. The Office of the Public Advocate is family and culturally friendly and supports career development.

Aboriginality is a requirement of this position.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No, or Keyword into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Kylie Elston on (08) 9278 7316.

Closing Date: Tues, 3 June 2008 at 4.30pm.

NSW Women's Refuge Movement Resource Centre Safe Houses - Orana Far West (OFW)

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

(Full Time position - based in Redfern)
12 month position with possible extension
of 2 years

The NSW Women's Refuge Movement is the peak organisation for women and children domestic violence refugees and services across NSW. The organisation in partnership with the Safe Houses has been advocating for adequate resources and support for several years.

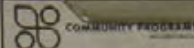
The NSW Women's Refuge Movement is seeking to employ a Project Development Officer to work with the Aboriginal women and children Safe Houses in Bourke, Brewarrina, Lightning Ridge, Walgett and Wilcannia to improve safety and wellbeing of women and children experiencing or at risk of domestic and family violence.

For a full copy of the job description and selection criteria, please visit our website www.wrrc.org.au or phone our Resource Centre on 02 9698 9777.

Salary and conditions as per SACS Award Category 6 Level 2. Salary sacrificing available.

This position is a designated Aboriginal position in terms of section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 NSW.

The WRMRC considers being a woman a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s.31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 NSW.



Indigenous Playgroup Coordinator and Parenting Educator

21 hours per week

The successful applicant will be responsible for Parenting Education and Supported Playgroup services in Maclean and Yamba. This is a mobile service which requires equipment being transported on a daily basis.

Drivers Licence essential.

Salary is in line with Social and Community Services State Award - Grade 3

The successful applicant will be required to consent to Criminal Records/Working with Children Checks.

A comprehensive information package can be obtained via www.communityprograms.org.au

or contact Carolyn on

02 6642 7257

Closing date for applications:

Monday 2nd June 2008.



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW REGENERATION MANAGER

Clerk Grade 11/12

Northern NSW Housing Services Division

Central Coast Area, Bateau Bay

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-12779

Total remuneration package valued up to \$116,888 per annum (salary \$91,589 pa - \$105,923 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: This position will work with communities, government & non government agencies, & others to develop & implement Regeneration Plans that aim to achieve sustainable improvements within social housing neighbourhoods across NSW.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Excellent communication, negotiation and facilitation skills, including a demonstrated ability to work with and secure the support of a wide range of stakeholders.
- Relevant experience in achieving outcomes as part of long term change processes.
- Experience in managing cross agency/cross-sectoral programs or projects.
- Sound knowledge of the principles underpinning community regeneration policy and practice.
- Sound knowledge of government policy and programs addressing the needs of disadvantaged communities.
- Demonstrated management experience, including leadership of multi-disciplinary teams.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period up to October 2010 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.

Inquiries: Donna Hinchliff (02) 4352 9655.

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or NSW Businesslink (02) 4960 4635.

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2160, DANGAR NSW 2309

Closing date: Friday 30 May 2008.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Authority to Prospect

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Authorities to Prospect shown below under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld).

Authority to Prospect to which this notice applies:

Authority to Prospect Number	Location of Authority to Prospect (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACN
ATP946	Approx. 70km North West from Adavale Centred at approximately Lat.25°22'30"S Long.144°17'30"E Local Government Area: Longreach Regional Council Barcoo Shire Council, Quilpie Shire Council	Area: 7122 km ² Block Identification Map: Charleville and Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 2102 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Charleville 793 to 798 inclusive 799 Sub-blocks a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 800 Sub-blocks i, q, s, v 865 to 870 inclusive 871 Sub-blocks a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, q 937 to 943 inclusive 944 Sub-blocks a, b, f, g, l, m, n, q, r, v, w 1009 to 1015 inclusive 1016 Sub-blocks a, f, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1081 to 1088 inclusive 1151 to 1160 inclusive 1225 1226 Sub-blocks a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1227 to 1232 inclusive 1297 1298 Sub-blocks a, b, f, v 1299 Sub-blocks a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, p, u, y, z 1300 to 1304 inclusive 1369 to 1376 inclusive 1441 to 1448 inclusive 1513 to 1520 inclusive	Resolve Geo Pty Ltd 100 586 534 (50%) Apiti Oil and Gas Exploration Limited 104 584 956 (50%)

* Authorities to Prospect are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) and the number of Sub-blocks (the Sub-block Code) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Authority to Prospect under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for petroleum for a period not exceeding twelve (12) years. Under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) a holder of an Authority to Prospect is entitled to apply for a Petroleum Lease over land that is the subject of the Authority to Prospect. A Petroleum Lease entitles the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of petroleum.

It is to be noted that this Authority to Prospect will not be granted over a National Park (Scientific), National Park (Aboriginal Land), National Park (Torres Strait Islander Land), National Park (Recovery) or Conservation Park that are in existence on the date of effect of this authority.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Authorities to Prospect will be granted under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Authorities to Prospect, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 5238 3803.

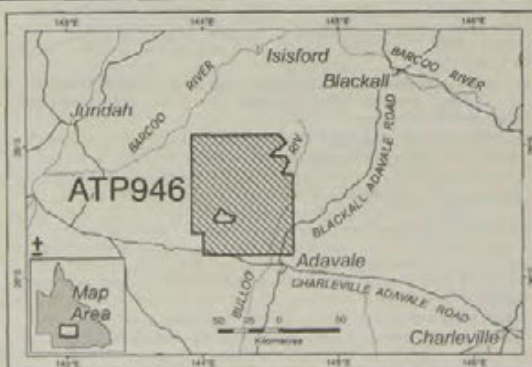
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Authorities to Prospect. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 31 June 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

JOIN OUR TEAM

Have you got the skills we need?
Want to work in a flexible and professional environment?

The North Coast Institute encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for our vacant positions.

Check our website on:

www.nci.tafensw.au/staff/employmentvacancies/default.htm



NSW DEPARTMENT OF Juvenile Justice

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethno religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply. No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

YOUTH OFFICER

Youth Officer, Various State-Wide Locations, Various, Vacancy Number 08/086. 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:

Notes: For further information about the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice or to obtain an application form and/or information package please visit our website: www.djj.nsw.gov.au or telephone 1800 355 562.

Inquiries: www.djj.nsw.gov.au or telephone: 1800 355 562. Email: careers@djj.nsw.gov.au. Information Packages: Telephone: 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 06 June 2008.

04/1/2008



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING HOUSING NSW BUSINESS ANALYST

Clerk Grade 9/10
IHS Project Delivery
Organisation Improvement
Head Office, Ashfield
Temporary Full-Time
Position No: DOH-08-12744

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: A business analyst is required to work on a business intelligence project, which will involve the implementation of a corporate data warehouse containing information from IHS, SAP and other systems. The successful applicant will also be given the opportunity to develop Business Objects report writing skills.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Superior written and verbal communications skills, including proof reading and effective document design skills.
- High level commitment to provision of consistently high standards of client service and ability to liaise and communicate effectively with a range of stakeholders.
- Ability to work in a high volume area and manage competing deadlines, advise on realistic targets and meet tight deadlines while maintaining attention to detail.
- An understanding and interest in software and systems that support information management and provision, such as IHS, SAP and Business Objects.
- Highly motivated, flexible and prepared to work in a performance driven culture, be able to work with minimal supervision and be highly motivated to achieve stated objectives.
- Experience in analysis, review and development of documentation for users and system support. Experience in the development and review of these materials for both print and online media.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period of up to 6 months under the terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Rob Asher (02) 8753 8796

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 30 May 2008

04/1/2008

Aboriginal Medical Service

WESTERN SYDNEY CO-OPERATIVE LTD

AMSWS is offering challenging employment opportunities for community minded Aboriginal people with strong communication skills, a good listener, prepared to become part of a holistic health team committed to the delivery of primary health care services to the local Aboriginal community of Western Sydney from our centre at Mt Druitt.

Aboriginal Youth/Mental Health Worker

(Full-Time)

Aboriginal Bookkeeper/Administration Officer

(Part-Time)

Community Nurse

(Full-Time)

AMSWS is an Aboriginal Medical Service situated at Mt Druitt in the western suburbs of Sydney. Established in October 1986 we have been providing primary health care services to the local Aboriginal community since August 1987. AMSWS is a vibrant non-government community run organization with

Public Benevolent Institution status, our main source of income comes from federal and state government grants.

In these positions an applicants' race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorized by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

All applications will be assessed against a selection criterion that includes essential and desirable qualifying factors.

To obtain a selection criteria and statement of duties for these positions please contact Jean or Joanne on 02 9832 1356 or email Jean@amsws.org.au

Relevant criminal record checks will be conducted on successful applicants recommended for employment / appointment to positions within the AMSWS.

Written applications should be addressed and posted to:

The Chairperson, PO Box 3160, Mt Druitt Village NSW 2770 or email: Jean@amsws.org.au

Applications close on:

Friday 6 June 2008.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1179	Approx. 71 km SSE from Alpha Centred at approximate Lat. 24°16'S Long. 146°48'E Local Government area: Barcardine Regional Council and Central Highlands Regional Council	Area: 206 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 252 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 30 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 31 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 103 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 175 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 176 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 177 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 178 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 250 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 322 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 323 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 324 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 325 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 326 q, r, s, v, w, x, y 398 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	Alpha Coal Pty Ltd 119 742 639
EPC1180	Approx. 25 km S from Alpha Centred at approximate Lat. 23°52'S Long. 146°40'E Local Government area: Barcardine Regional Council	Area: 476 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville and Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 152 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks Charleville 32 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 33 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 34 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 Clermont 3199 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 3271 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, x, y, z 3272 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 3344 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 3416 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z	Alpha Coal Pty Ltd 119 742 639

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 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) 3218 3814.

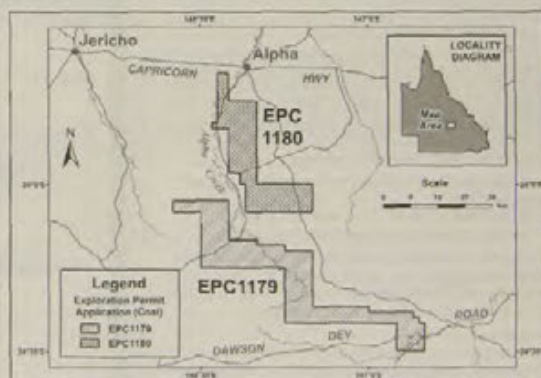
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 11 June 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

● 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 6000 or (0417) 232 204 or visit www.amonline.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@tafensw.edu.au or 131601 or (02) 6586 2249 or email nci.courseinfo@tafensw.edu.au

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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
EPM16578	Approx. 15 km SSE from Urundangi Centred at approximate Lat.21°43'S Long.138°23'E Local Government area: Boulia Shire Council	Area: 255 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 80 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1445 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 1446 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 1516 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 1517 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 1518 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	Hanwha Australia Pty Ltd 120 654 417 33-34% Kores Australia Pty Limited 063 786 087 33-33% Sun Metals Corporation Pty Ltd 074 241 982 33-33%
EPM16581	Approx. 52 km S from Urundangi Centred at approximate Lat.22°05'S Long.138°22'E Local Government area: Boulia Shire Council	Area: 206 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 65 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1732 m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1733 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1734 l, m, n, o, p, r, s, v, w 1804 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p 1805 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 1806 a, f, i	Hanwha Australia Pty Ltd 120 654 417 33-34% Kores Australia Pty Limited 063 786 087 33-33% Sun Metals Corporation Pty Ltd 074 241 982 33-33%
EPM16582	Approx. 123 km SSE from Urundangi Centred at approximate Lat.22°40'S Long.138°40'E Local Government area: Boulia Shire Council	Area: 317 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2240 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 2241 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 2312 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 2313 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	Hanwha Australia Pty Ltd 120 654 417 33-34% Kores Australia Pty Limited 063 786 087 33-33% Sun Metals Corporation Pty Ltd 074 241 982 33-33%
EPM16584	Approx. 105 km SSE from Urundangi Centred at approximate Lat.22°30'S Long.138°40'E Local Government area: Boulia Shire Council	Area: 317 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2096 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 2097 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 2168 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 2169 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	Hanwha Australia Pty Ltd 120 654 417 33-34% Kores Australia Pty Limited 063 786 087 33-33% Sun Metals Corporation Pty Ltd 074 241 982 33-33%
EPM16588	Approx. 42 km S from Urundangi Centred at approximate Lat.21°59'S Long.138°22'E Local Government area: Boulia Shire Council	Area: 213 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 67 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1660 g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1661 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1662 f, l, m, q, r, v, w 1732 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k 1733 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 1734 a, b, c, f, g, h	Hanwha Australia Pty Ltd 120 654 417 33-34% Kores Australia Pty Limited 063 786 087 33-33% Sun Metals Corporation Pty Ltd 074 241 982 33-33%
EPM16590	Approx. 25 km SSE from Urundangi Centred at approximate Lat.21°49'S Long.138°23'E Local Government area: Boulia Shire Council	Area: 218 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 75 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1516 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1517 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1518 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1588 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 1589 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 1590 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	Hanwha Australia Pty Ltd 120 654 417 33-34% Kores Australia Pty Limited 063 786 087 33-33% Sun Metals Corporation Pty Ltd 074 241 982 33-33%

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New South Wales Government

EXPLORATION LICENCE NUMBER. 6902 (ACT 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of an exploration licence.

An area of 49 units situated approximately 50 kilometres south east of Inverell, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Auzex Resources Limited (ACN 106 444 606) is the holder of Exploration Licence No. 6902 (Act 1992) for Group 1 minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Mineral Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources,
PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained
Further information may be obtained from Chris Cottier, Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, telephone (02) 4931 6452 or fax (02) 4931 6776.

Notification Day
For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) the notification day is 05 June 2008. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



National Calendar

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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: Old 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 23 May: Native Title Conference calling for registrations. This is a reminder notice to all conference participants who have not yet registered. Cost involved. Held at Perth Conference and Exhibition Centre, Perth WA from 9am onwards on the 3-5 June. For details call (02) 6246 1161 or email ntru@aiatsis.gov.au or visit www.ntru.aiatsis.gov.au

Until 25 May: Coolamon – Carrying the culture. Brisbane Square Library and Customer Centre will be transformed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders traditional and contemporary art, cultural stories, ideas and performances as part of Coolamon carrying the culture. Artists, writers and lecturers within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities will also share their knowledge of their culture on the day. For details call (07) 3403 8888 visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

Until 25 May: Depth of field art exhibition. Depth of field comprises a selection of

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Number) 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, COORFAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

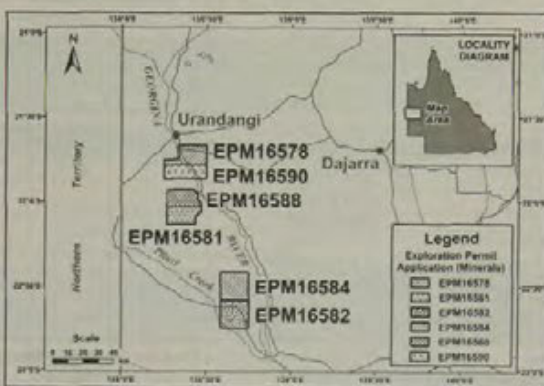
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 11 June 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mining Lease shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Leases to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant
ML90177 Las Minerale	Approx. 16 Km North West from Cloncurry Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Current Land Tenures: Lot 521 on CP905413 – Pastoral Holding 13/5211 (mining and access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 1600.3896 ha	Cudeco Limited 000 317 251

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for a term not exceeding forty (40) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding forty (40) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, of the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216; DME, 13 Isa Street, Mount Isa, Qld 4825. Telephone (07) 4747 2103.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 11 June 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



EXPLORATION LICENCE NUMBERS. 6509 & 6571 (ACT 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of an exploration licence.

An area of 23 units situated approximately 26 kilometres west south west of Guyra and 100 units situated approximately 28 kilometres south east of Inverell respectively in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Auzex Resources Limited (ACN 106 444 606) is the holder of Exploration Licence Nos. 6509 & 6571 (Act 1992) for Group 1 minerals. The licences contain a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Mineral Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained
Further information may be obtained from Chris Cottier, Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, telephone (02) 4931 6452 or fax (02) 4931 6776.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) the notification day is 06 June 2008. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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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 30 May: Registrations open for the Inaugural 2008 Amateur Koori Comedy Night. Have a go at doing stand-up comedy for 15-20 mins on stage in front of a live audience. This is only for those that are not already practising professional comedians, and it must be

clean comedy. All participants are responsible for paying their own way to Sydney for the performance night. For details call Lisa Murphy on (02) 8567 0016 or email icamp1@hotmail.com or lisa.x.murphy@olt.commerce.nsw.gov.au

Until 6 June: NSW Indigenous History Fellowship 08. The NSW Indigenous History Fellowship is intended to assist a person living in New South Wales to research and produce a work on a subject of historical interest relating to New South Wales from an Indigenous point of view. Worth \$20,000. Details call Zoe Pollock on (02) 9252 8715 or Jean Moylan on (02) 9228 4351 or email office@historycouncilnsw.org.au or visit www.historycouncilnsw.org.au or www.arts.nsw.gov.au

Until 6 June: Wayanda, Goorroola, Barnda (Fire, Water, Earth) Art Exhibition. This is an exhibition by young central Kimberley artist Claude Carter. All welcome. Held at Brigitte Braun Gallery, 4 White Street, Windsor in Melbourne. Gallery hours are Wednesday to Saturday 1-4pm and by appointment. For details call Brigitte Braun on (03) 9521 2324 or (0417) 184 260 or email artplace@inet.net.au or visit www.artplace.com.au

Until 11 June: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. The exhibition features more

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Authorities to Prospect

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Authorities to Prospect shown below under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld).

Authorities to Prospect to which this notice applies:

Authority to Prospect Number	Location of Authority to Prospect (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
ATP909	Approx. 94km North West from Bedourie Centred at approximately Lat.21°57'30"S Long.138°37'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Diamantina Shire Council, Boulia Shire Council	Area: 2661 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry and Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 850 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Cloncurry 3101 to 3106 inclusive 3173 to 3178 inclusive 3245 to 3250 inclusive 3319 to 3322 inclusive 3392 to 3394 inclusive Cooper Creek 9 to 11 inclusive 81 to 83 inclusive 154 to 155 inclusive 227	Merlin Energy Pty Ltd 081 592 734
ATP911	Approx. 87km North North West from Bedourie Centred at approximately Lat.23°37'30"S Long.139°05'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Diamantina Shire Council, Boulia Shire Council	Area: 4321 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1375 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number 2889 to 2898 inclusive 2962 to 2970 inclusive 3035 to 3042 inclusive 3108 to 3114 inclusive 3180 to 3186 inclusive 3252 to 3258 inclusive 3324 to 3330 inclusive	Merlin Energy Pty Ltd 081 592 734
ATP912	Approx. 114km West from Boulia Centred at approximately Lat.25°55'S Long.138°47'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia Shire Council	Area: 7164 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2325 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number 2167 to 2175 inclusive 2239 to 2247 inclusive 2311 to 2319 inclusive 2383 to 2391 inclusive 2455 to 2463 inclusive 2527 to 2535 inclusive 2599 to 2607 inclusive 2671 to 2679 inclusive 2741 2743 to 2751 inclusive 2813 to 2823 inclusive	Merlin Energy Pty Ltd 081 592 734

* Authorities to Prospect are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) and the number of Sub-blocks (the Sub-Block Code) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000. Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Native title of the acts: Grant of an Authority to Prospect under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for petroleum for a period not exceeding twelve (12) years. Under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) a holder of an Authority to Prospect is entitled to apply for a Petroleum Lease over land that is the subject of the Authority to Prospect. A Petroleum Lease entitles the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of petroleum.

It is to be noted that this Authority to Prospect will not be granted over a National Park (Scientific), National Park (Aboriginal Land), National Park (Torres Strait Islander Land), National Park (Recovery) or Conservation Park that are in existence on the date of effect of this authority.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Authorities to Prospect will be granted under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Authorities to Prospect, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3803.

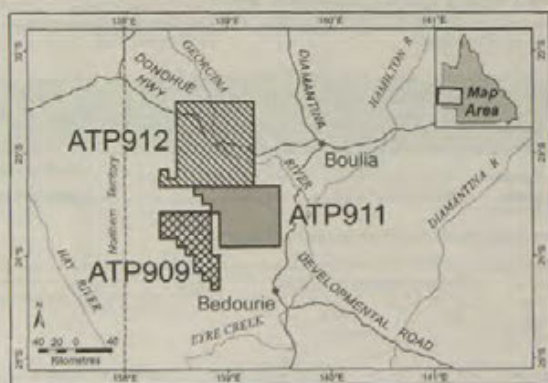
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Authorities to Prospect. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 31 June 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

An application for a Water Supply Works & Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source
B O'SHEA NOMINEES PTY LTD for 1 x Bore on Lot 1 DP770944, Parish Corowa, County Hume for Irrigation. (Application No. 1816).

NSW Murray Regulated River Water Source (Murray River)
ROUGHSTONE PTY LIMITED for 1 x Pump (existing) on Lot 2 DP776105, Parish Barham, County Wakool for Irrigation. (Application No. 1810).

Applications for Water Supply Works Approvals under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:

Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source
Robert Andrew & Jacqueline Anne SAMPSON for 1 x Bore on Lot 2/7701027, Parish Ulupna, County Denison for Irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1805).

Janette Carol FALLS for 1 x Bore on Lot 2/778724, Parish Narrama, County Townsend for Irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1806).

Warwick James & Timothy Barrie STRONG for 1 x Bore on Lot 80 or 82 DP756301, Parish Mundiwa, County Townsend for Irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1807).

Alexander Walter ENGLISH for 1 x Bore on Lot 22 DP554289, Parish Monimail, County Townsend for Irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1808).

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898 3900. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer

An application for a WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE
WILLIAM BARRY HODGSON for irrigation adjacent to Lot 1 DP394217 and Lot 2 DP715725 Parish MAUDE, County WARADGERY. (Ref 40UA405196)

Applications for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:

MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE
TUMUT SHIRE COUNCIL for 1 x 38MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP on Nimbo Creek, adjacent to Lot 1 DP115554 and 1 x 89MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP on Tumut River adjacent to Lot 4 DP1015587 both in Parish BRUNGLE, County BUCLEUCH for TOWN WATER SUPPLY PURPOSES to Brungle township. Replacement approval to include an additional pump. (Ref.40WA405197)

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE
ROBERT GORDON ROBERTS and SUSAN BEVERLEY ROBERTS for 1 x BORE adjacent to Lot 190 DP756457 Parish YAMMA, County URANA for IRRIGATION adjacent to Lot 190 DP756457 Parish YAMMA, County URANA. (Ref.40WA405072)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 6953 0700. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 156, Lavelle NSW 2705, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

S.F. Webb, Licensing Manager
Applications for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS and WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:

LOWER LACHLAN GROUNDWATER SOURCE
MOORA FARMING PTY LTD for 1 x BORE adjacent to Lot 11 DP755139 Parish BELLINGERAMILL EAST, County NICHOLSON for irrigation purposes. (Ref. 70CA603431)
LACHLAN FARMING LIMITED for 1 x BORE adjacent to Lot 2361 DP764324 Parish TERRY, County FRANKLIN and for 1 x BORE adjacent to Lot 4682 DP767846 Parish TERRY, County FRANKLIN, for irrigation purposes. (Ref 70CA603488)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 6850 2800. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 136, Forbes NSW 2871, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Lyn Gorham, Senior Licensing Officer

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than 1000 black and white photographs, documenting more than 47 years of the former Aboriginal Welfare Board which controlled every aspect of Aboriginal people's lives between 1883 and 1969. Held at Shoalhaven City Arts Centre, Nowra. For details call Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.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 Southern 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 playingaustralia@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 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

Until 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 dorryk@theharbouragency.com or visit www.myspace.com/deniandchristine or www.christineanu.com.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) 9464 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.ildc.gov.au

Until 31 June: Dance for Life Project expression of interest for musicians and dancers. This is a multi art-form rhythm, vocal and dance workshop project that will be delivered to Indigenous young people in six Central Australian remote Indigenous communities. The targeted groups for the workshops are Indigenous young people between the ages of 10-18. The artists will work collaboratively with the young people to produce a short performance that can be performed for the community at the end of the workshop period. For details call Patrick McCloskey on (08) 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 ree places to aspiring Indigenous film-makers 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 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 Ultimo TAFE College, Sydney. For details call Howard or Maria on (02) 9217 5007 or (02) 9217 5006.

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 bunjilaka@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: NSW and ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards are calling for nominations in the following six categories: The Department of Lands Crown Reserve Trust Award and Community of the Year Award, The Integral Energy Regional Service Award,

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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 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
EPM16628	Part 1: Approx. 31 km SW from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°55'S Long.140°20'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 48 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 15 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 748 k, p, u, z 820 d, e, j, k, o, p, l, u, z 821 q, v	Queensland Mining Corporation Limited 109 962 469
	Part 2: Approx. 40 km SW from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°57'S Long.140°13'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 2: 45 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 14 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 819 a, b, c, d, e, j, k, o, p, l, u 820 a, l, l	
	Part 3: Approx. 30 km SW from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°53'S Long.140°18'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 3: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 748 h, u, s, x	
EPM16936	Approx. 38 km NNW from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°23'S Long.140°24'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 51 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 16 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 317 j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, l, u, w, x, y, z 318 f, l	Mining Investments Five Pty Ltd 123 293 710

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Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals, specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

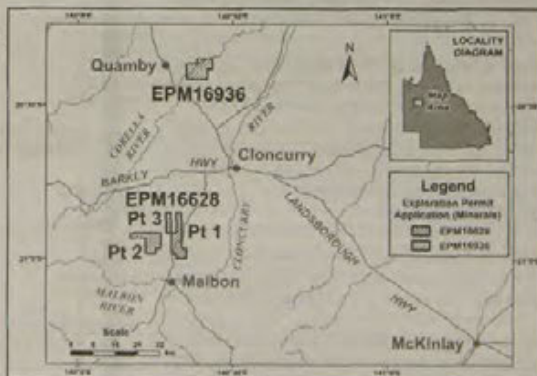
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: 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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The Kleenheat Gas Environment and Landcare Award, The Department of State and Regional Development Business Enterprise Award and The Department of State and Regional Development Events and Tourism Award. For details on award categories please contact Teesha Cupples on 1300 735 445 or www.awardsaustralia.com

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 14 October: Indigenous Small Grants calling for applicants. Funds are available for projects that enhance youth participation or create opportunities for the development of Indigenous young people aged 12-25 years. Applications can be made by non-profit organisations including local government and schools. Grants of \$5,000. For details call (03) 9670 5436 or 1800 252 316 or email fya@youngaustralians.org

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) 9221 8655 or (0433) 157 316 or email carrie@nasca.com.au or visit www.nasca.com.au

Until 3 November: 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 australiacouncil.gov.au or visit www.australiacouncil.gov.au

Until 27 November: Friends of Tranby Meetings. Held at Tranby, 13 Mansfield Street, Glebe, from 6pm onwards. For details call Thomas Newman on (02) 9660 3444 or (0419) 535 782 or email thomas@tranby.edu.au

Until 3 December: 'The Tangerine Circle' is a discussion, social, support and meditation group for Women of Colour, and is open to all sexualities. Held every first Wednesday of each month at the Women's Library 8-10 Brown St, Newtown, Sydney from 6.30pm. For details call Uma on (0405) 509 751 or email kalg08@yahoo.com.au

Until 15 December: 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's 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 31 January 09: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. The exhibition features more than 1000 black and white photographs, documenting more than 47 years of the former Aboriginal Welfare Board which controlled every aspect of Aboriginal people's lives between 1889 and 1969. Held at State Records Gallery in The Rocks, Sydney from 9am-5pm. Free entry. For details call Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

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 roseg@ewon.com.au or

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Authorities to Prospect

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Authorities to Prospect shown below under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld).

Authorities to Prospect to which this notice applies:

Authority to Prospect Number	Location of Authority to Prospect (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACH
ATP910	Approx. 22 km North West from Bedourie Centred at approximately Lat.24°17'30"S Long.139°15'E Local Government Area: Diamantina Shire Council	Area: 4444 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry and Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 1425 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Cloncurry 3396 to 3401 inclusive Cooper Creek 12 to 19 inclusive 84 to 91 inclusive 156 to 163 inclusive 228 to 235 inclusive 300 to 306 inclusive 373 to 378 inclusive 447 to 450 inclusive 520 to 521 inclusive	Hedges Gas Pty Ltd 114 600 145
ATP913	Approx. 45 km North East from Boulia Centred at approximately Lat.22°37'30"S Long.140°12'30"E Local Government Area: Diamantina Shire Council Boulia Shire Council Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 7913 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2500 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number 1680 to 1684 inclusive 1752 to 1756 inclusive 1824 to 1828 inclusive 1896 to 1900 inclusive 1968 to 1972 inclusive 2040 to 2044 inclusive 2112 to 2116 inclusive 2184 to 2188 inclusive 2256 to 2261 inclusive 2328 to 2333 inclusive 2400 to 2405 inclusive 2472 to 2478 inclusive 2544 to 2550 inclusive 2616 to 2622 inclusive 2688 to 2694 inclusive 2760 to 2766 inclusive 2832 to 2838 inclusive	Hedges Gas Pty Ltd 114 600 145
ATP914	Approx. 28 km South East from Duchess Centred at approximately Lat.21°27'30"S Long.140°07'30"E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 3107 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 975 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number 890 to 891 inclusive 962 to 963 inclusive 1033 to 1035 inclusive 1105 to 1107 inclusive 1176 to 1179 inclusive 1248 to 1251 inclusive 1320 to 1323 inclusive 1392 to 1395 inclusive 1464 to 1467 inclusive 1536 to 1539 inclusive 1608 to 1612 inclusive	Hedges Gas Pty Ltd 114 600 145
ATP915	Approx. 8 km North East from Bedourie Centred at approximately Lat.22°32'30"S Long.140°30'30"E Local Government Area: Diamantina Shire Council Cloncurry Shire Council Boulia Shire Council Winton Shire Council	Area: 9713 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2500 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number 1540 to 1546 inclusive 1613 to 1618 inclusive 1685 to 1690 inclusive 1757 to 1762 inclusive 1829 to 1834 inclusive 1901 to 1906 inclusive 1973 to 1978 inclusive 2045 to 2050 inclusive 2117 to 2122 inclusive 2189 to 2194 inclusive 2262 to 2266 inclusive 2334 to 2338 inclusive 2406 to 2410 inclusive 2479 to 2482 inclusive 2551 to 2554 inclusive 2623 to 2626 inclusive 2695 to 2698 inclusive 2767 to 2770 inclusive 2839 to 2842 inclusive	Hedges Gas Pty Ltd 114 600 145

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It is to be noted that this Authority to Prospect will not be granted over a National Park (Scientific), National Park (Aboriginal Land), National Park (Torres Strait Islander Land), National Park (Recovery) or Conservation Park that are in existence on the date of effect of this authority.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Authority to Prospect under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for petroleum for a period not exceeding twelve (12) years. Under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) a holder of an Authority to Prospect is entitled to apply for a Petroleum Lease over land that is the subject of the Authority to Prospect. A Petroleum Lease entitles the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of petroleum.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Authorities to Prospect will be granted under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

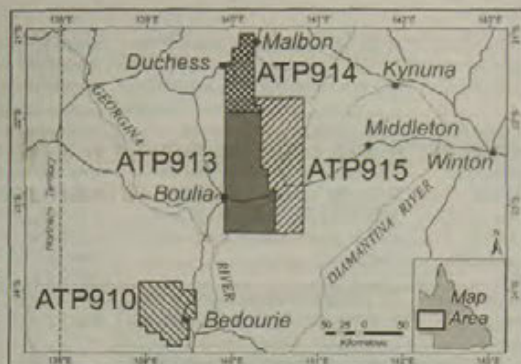
Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Authorities to Prospect, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3803.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Authorities to Prospect. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16579	Approx. 71 km NNW from Urundangi Centred at approximate Lat. 20°58'S Long. 138°15'E Local Government areas: Mount Isa City Council and Boulia Shire Council	Area: 51 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 16 (each 1' lat x 1' long) Block Number: 795 Sub-blocks: j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 796: f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w	Gold Aura Limited 067 519 779

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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.

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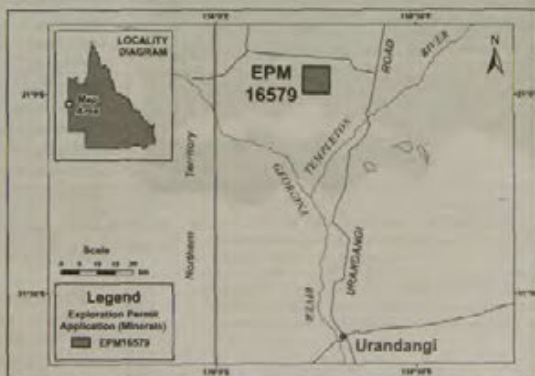
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Phillip Money on (0403) 601 532.

22 May-26 June: The Barefoot Rugby League Show. Come and be part of the live studio audience. Free entry all welcome. Held at CUA Stadium, Penrith from 5.30-8pm. For details call (02) 8423 5118 or email barefoot@nrlv.org.au

23 May: The Col Dillon Cup. Otago challenge Koori vs Coppers. This is a local community koori event. Held at Endeavour Sports High School, Caringbah from 8.30am onwards. For details call Deb or Rod on (02) 9524 7968 or (0425) 819 340 or email rmdsilva@optusnet.com.au

23 May: Unite for Rights - Aboriginal Rights Coalition National Conference. Opening forum 70 years since the Day of Mourning. Speakers include Barbara Shaw, Professor Larissa Behrendt, Rachel Siewert and more. Held at Australia Hall, 150 Elizabeth Street, Sydney from 6.30pm onwards. For details call Greg Eatock on (0432) 050 240 or Monique Wiseman on (0415) 410 558 or email aboriginalrightscoalition@gmail.com

24 May: Memorabilia Display. This is a 100 years reunion of residents of the United Aborigines Mission children's home, Bomaderry. All ex-residents and or their families wishing to erect a display of memorabilia from the Bomaderry Childrens Home are welcome. All welcome. This is an alcohol and drug free event. Held at 59 Beinda Street, Bomaderry from 10am-1.30pm. For details call Sonny Simms on (02) 4423 3163 or Joanne Scott on (02) 4429 3440 or email scottj@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au

24-25 May: Panel Discussions and Workshops on issues surrounding the NT intervention. This conference will look to successful struggles from the past and hear from the strong communities leaders of today. Conference sessions includes grass-roots impact of NT intervention, resisting the new paternalism and unions and Aboriginal rights. There will be guest speakers. Held at Redfern Community Centre, Hugo Street, Redfern from 9am-5.30pm. For details call Greg Eatock on (0432) 050 240 or Monique Wiseman on (0415) 410 558 or email aboriginalrightscoalition@gmail.com

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.all.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 cathy@netspace.net.au or visit www.kutcha-edwards.com

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

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National Calendar

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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

27-28 May: Big Talk One Fire Indigenous Cultural Arts Summit. 'You and me strengthening our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural practices'. Over two days, invited Elders from communities across Cape York, the Western Cape, Cairns Region, the Gulf and Torres Strait Islands and Northern Peninsula

Area will discuss the importance of culture in community and ways to strengthen community and the economy. Special guest Christine Anu. Food and beverages available for purchase. Held in Cairns Civic Theatre from 9am-5pm. For details call Jan Aird on (07) 4041 6152 or (0419) 648 107 or email admin@umiarts.com.au

28 May: Talking Justice. This is a free information session and

lunch for community workers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Find out if you can make a Stolen Wages claim for yourself or a relative who has passed away and get a lawyer who will help you for free Stolen Wages Forum. Held at Ngilingah Local Aboriginal Land Council, Lismore from 11am onwards. For details call the Public Interest Advocacy Centre on (02) 8898 6527 or the Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre on (02) 6621 1003.

www.bluesonbroadbeach.com

29 May: Lifeball Fun and Friendship Day. The game is suitable for all age groups, but is particularly popular with older adults or people who haven't participated in physical activity for some time. Lifeball is a great game as it helps increase circulation and improves balance, coordination, flexibility and mobility. Morning tea will be provided. Held at Centre Point Sport and Leisure Centre, Osman Street, Blayney from 11.00am onwards. For details call Joanne Davis on (02) 6362 6623 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

29 May: St George Employment and Training Expo 08. Get information and advice about job vacancies, training courses, job network and Centrelink services, Apprenticeships and Traineeships, TAFE Courses, career choices and more. There will be workshops and seminars to join in on. Held at Rockdale Town Hall from 9.30am-1.30pm. For details call (02) 9597 5455.

30 May-10 June: Simply Black. Four Indigenous artists representing Kamilaroi and Wiradjuri nations will be showcasing an exhibition of colourful, contemporary, traditional and sculpture works. All welcome. Held at Gosford Regional Gallery and Arts Centre. For details call (02) 4325 0056 or visit www.gosfordregionalgallery.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 Guzely Gallery 30th annual art exhibition. Works must have been completed in the two years preceding June 2008 and be the artists own unaided original work. Held at the Elizabeth Guzely Gallery, 125 Charlotte St, Cooktown. For details call (07) 4069 5322.

31 May: Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu performing at the Merrepen Arts Festival with String Quartet, NT. For details call (08) 8980 3333 or visit www.merrepenfestival.com.au

31 May: P-12 College of Koorie Education Campus 10th Birthday Celebration. Our birthday celebrations will recognise the successes we have achieved within the school, success of our students, as well as celebrating the strength and commitment our community and students have towards indigenous education. All welcome. Held in Mildura. For details call (03) 5023 2321.

31 May: The Dreamtime Ball. This is an evening of entertainment that will also raise funds to assist Indigenous Australians. There will be a welcome to country by Joy Murphy, local Indigenous performers, Young Divas performing.

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NOTICES INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 SA SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that MARMOSA PTY LTD (ACN 121 024 048), of 11A Croydon Road, KESWICK SA 5035 (and its successors and assigns) as holder, and MONAX MINING LIMITED (ACN 110 336 733), of 11A Croydon Road, KESWICK SA 5035 (and its successors or assigns), as registered joint venture partner, propose to carry out mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licence (EL) 3910 (including any renewals, extensions, transfers, assignments or other dealings) on the following land (Land):

The Land in the State of South Australia being the land comprised within:

EXPLORATION LICENCE 3910 - DESCRIPTION OF AREA

SECURITY DAM AREA - Approximately 75 km northeast of Olary, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°47'S and longitude 140°52'E, thence east to longitude 140°53'E, south to latitude 31°50'S, east to longitude 140°55'E, south to latitude 31°51'S, west to longitude 140°52'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

AREA: 17 square kilometres approximately

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows: Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economical mineralisation which may include the following: geological mapping and gridding; airborne and ground radiometric, magnetic, gravity and electrical survey geochemical soil and rock-chip sampling; shallow trenching; rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation percussion and diamond core drilling; minor clearing for drill rig access, and construction of temporary camp sites.

WE, MARMOSA PTY LTD and MONAX MINING LIMITED, seek to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act, 1971 in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act, 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, MARMOSA PTY LTD and MONAX MINING LIMITED may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63N of the Mining Act, 1971 for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if within (4) months from the initiation of negotiations, MARMOSA PTY LTD and MONAX MINING LIMITED and any native title party(ies) have not reached agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act, 1971, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment, Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the Mining Act, 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact MARMOSA PTY LTD.

Contact: Domenic Calandro, Director

Phone: 08 8735 4300 Facsimile: 08 8735 3999

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 4 June 2008

National Native Title Tribunal



This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Queensland Registry, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003, on or before 3 September 2008. After 3 September 2008, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Githabul People #2

Federal Court File No: QUD66/2008

Date Filed: 2 April 2008

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

Location: The area subject to this application covers about 2.5km² and is located approximately 48km south-west of Beaudesert and is immediately north of the Queensland - New South Wales State border. The application covers Lot 240 WD3604 and part of Lot 737 NPW739 (formerly Lot 737 NPW495) (Mount Barney National Park), and includes the summit of Mt Lindesay as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Scenic Rim Regional Council.

Data statement: claimant application boundary sourced from and used with permission of NRW (QLD).

For assistance and further information contact Nicole Maher on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



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	NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
28/1128	Sanson Gold Mines Pty Ltd	102.8ha	113km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°07' Long 122°23'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/Menzies	39/4783	Melita Resources Ltd	77.98ha	32km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°49' Long 122°10'	Laverton
28/1129	Sanson Gold Mines Pty Ltd	97.55ha	113km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°12' Long 122°25'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	39/4784	Melita Resources Ltd	532.2ha	32km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°49' Long 122°05'	Laverton
29/2023	Peter Ronald Gibson	198.59ha	56km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°22' Long 122°25'	Menzies	39/4785	Apollo Mining Pty Ltd	25.55ha	57km SE of Laverton	Lat 29°10' Long 121°45'	Menzies
29/2024	Peter Ronald Gibson	82.69ha	56km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°22' Long 122°24'	Menzies	39/4790	Barrick (GSM) Limited	96.49ha	59km SE of Laverton	Lat 29°04' Long 122°35'	Laverton
31/1800	Sanson Gold Mines Pty Ltd	45.91ha	113km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°49' Long 122°21'	Menzies		Barrick (GSM) Limited				
31/1852-42	Consolidated Resources NL	986.55ha	113km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°41' Long 122°17'	Menzies	39/4794	Barrick (GSM) Limited	21.73ha	54km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°04' Long 122°34'	Laverton
31/1863	Consolidated Resources NL	3.69ha	113km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°38' Long 122°16'	Menzies		Barrick (GSM) Limited				
31/1862	Consolidated Resources NL	21.43ha	114km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°38' Long 122°16'	Menzies	39/4795	Barrick (GSM) Limited	23.43ha	57km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°06' Long 122°35'	Laverton
31/1863	Consolidated Resources NL	121.41ha	114km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°38' Long 122°16'	Menzies		Barrick (GSM) Limited				
31/1864	Consolidated Resources NL	90.95ha	118km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°41' Long 122°22'	Menzies	39/4796	Barrick (GSM) Limited	118.18ha	54km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°11' Long 122°30'	Laverton/Menzies
31/1863-3	Great Gold Mines NL	594.2ha	147km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°55' Long 122°42'	Menzies	39/4797	Barrick (GSM) Limited	65.96ha	51km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°04' Long 122°25'	Laverton
31/1954	James Robert Hewitt	19.98ha	115km SW of Menzies	Lat 29°48' Long 122°10'	Menzies	39/4798	Barrick (GSM) Limited	66.15ha	48km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°04' Long 122°27'	Laverton
30/1702-8	Woodbine Aviation Pty Ltd	216.25ha	41km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°10' Long 121°10'	Leonora		Barrick (GSM) Limited				
31/6547	Maxwell Holdings Pty Ltd	150.64ha	33km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°43' Long 121°37'	Leonora		Barrick (GSM) Limited				
31/7039-40	St Barbara Ltd	364.08ha	12km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°47' Long 121°22'	Leonora	39/4799	Barrick (GSM) Limited	91.71ha	51km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°02' Long 122°35'	Laverton
31/7055	St Barbara Ltd	3.13ha	6km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°47' Long 121°19'	Leonora		Barrick (GSM) Limited				
31/7059	St Barbara Ltd	75.41ha	12km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°47' Long 121°15'	Leonora		Barrick (GSM) Limited				
31/7060	Henry David Jimmy Smith	8.66ha	1km SW of Leonora	Lat 28°53' Long 121°19'	Leonora	39/4800-1	Barrick (GSM) Limited	283.66ha	31km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°45' Long 122°05'	Laverton
31/7152-8	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	327.81ha	7km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 121°18'	Leonora	39/4802-5	Barrick (GSM) Limited	532.39ha	47km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°02' Long 122°25'	Laverton
31/7275-6	Yachin Nickelco	221.89ha	28km E of Leonora	Lat 28°49' Long 121°56'	Leonora		Barrick (GSM) Limited				
	Udall Resources Ltd					39/4803	Barrick (GSM) Limited	112.19ha	46km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°02' Long 122°27'	Laverton
27/7296-303	Mazack Holdings Pty Ltd	1565.13ha	14km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°47' Long 121°13'	Leonora		Barrick (GSM) Limited				
31/7306	City Resources (WA) Pty Ltd	137.42ha	19km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°45' Long 121°12'	Leonora	39/4807	Barrick (GSM) Limited	160.84ha	27km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 122°12'	Laverton
27/7307-14	Tambara Australia Pty Ltd	1317.68ha	22km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 121°10'	Leonora	39/4808	Barrick (GSM) Limited	171.03ha	27km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 122°16'	Laverton
27/7318	BM Properties Pty Ltd	15.77ha	51km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°21' Long 120°53'	Leonora	39/4810	Barrick (GSM) Limited	14.43ha	35km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°47' Long 122°05'	Laverton
27/7418-9	Longview Group Ltd	301.03ha	58km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°22' Long 121°09'	Leonora	39/4811	Barrick (GSM) Limited	30.08ha	37km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 122°01'	Laverton
27/7425	QML Resources Ltd	190.07ha	36km E of Leonora	Lat 28°53' Long 121°21'	Leonora	39/4812	Barrick (GSM) Limited	130.70ha	37km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°44' Long 122°05'	Laverton
27/7426	QML Resources Ltd	126.99ha	36km E of Leonora	Lat 28°43' Long 121°15'	Leonora	39/4813-22	Niessend Pty Ltd	1130.34ha	80km SW of Leonora	Lat 28°21' Long 121°57'	Laverton
27/7429	St Barbara Ltd	76.69ha	18km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°52' Long 121°20'	Leonora	39/4826	Niessend Pty Ltd	303.42ha	51km E of Leonora	Lat 28°48' Long 121°55'	Laverton
27/7438	St Barbara Ltd	51.02ha	16km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°41' Long 121°29'	Leonora		Niessend Pty Ltd				
27/7559	Pacific Energy Ltd	176.73ha	27km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°41' Long 121°29'	Leonora	39/4828-31	Regal Resources Ltd	303.73ha	51km E of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 121°49'	Laverton/Leonora
27/7576	Midco Resources Ltd	4.67ha	12km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°40' Long 121°24'	Leonora	39/4831-33	Regal Resources Ltd	591.98ha	27km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°39' Long 122°01'	Laverton
27/7613	Brassfield Resources Ltd	754.67ha	37km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°39' Long 121°56'	Leonora	39/4834	Regal Resources Ltd	147.18ha	28km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°39' Long 121°57'	Laverton
27/7619-20	Russell Geoffrey McKnight	487.19ha	36km E of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 121°40'	Leonora	39/4835-7	Robert Anthony Masebrook	479.29ha	28km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 122°11'	Laverton
	Christopher Crow					39/4838	Robert Anthony Masebrook	153.05ha	28km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°46' Long 121°57'	Laverton
39/3400	Brian Dudley Richardson	194.88ha	15km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°44' Long 122°26'	Laverton	39/4840-51	Michael John Mulcahy	2251.57ha	51km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°33' Long 121°58'	Laverton
39/3401	Audax Resources Ltd	195.11ha	16km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°44' Long 122°29'	Laverton	39/4851	Terence Neil Gardner	65.41ha	34km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 122°05'	Laverton
39/3402	Brian Dudley Richardson	127.2ha	14km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°43' Long 122°28'	Laverton	39/4857	Mark Selig	197.49ha	78km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°17' Long 122°10'	Leonora
39/3403	William Robert Richmond	180.57ha	12km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°41' Long 122°29'	Laverton	39/4858	Mark Selig	185.62ha	79km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°18' Long 122°14'	Leonora
39/3404	Brian Dudley Richardson	157.38ha	10km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°40' Long 122°28'	Laverton	39/4859	Prodyne Alaka	48.32ha	54km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°37' Long 121°52'	Leonora
39/3405	Audax Resources Ltd	83.11ha	10km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°40' Long 122°25'	Laverton	39/4861	Great Gold Mines NL	121.56ha	100km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°18' Long 122°11'	Menzies
39/3406	Brian Dudley Richardson	189.34ha	12km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°28'	Laverton	39/4872-3	Great Gold Mines NL	353.03ha	81km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°19' Long 122°11'	Leonora
39/3524	Diversity Resources Pty Ltd	197.38ha	21km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°43' Long 122°35'	Laverton	39/4877	Niessend Mining Pty Ltd	148.7ha	18km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°52' Long 121°43'	Menzies
39/3533	Melita Resources Ltd	47.38ha	10km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°21'	Laverton	39/4883	Regal Resources Ltd	44.12ha	68km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°11' Long 122°11'	Leonora
39/3534	Melita Resources Ltd	36.15ha	22km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°14'	Laverton	39/4884	Saif Lude Hozgar	100.13ha	95km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°25' Long 122°23'	Menzies
39/3535	Barrick (GSM) Limited	27.34ha	9km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°24'	Laverton	39/4889	Karyn June Vincent	173.11ha	57km E of Leonora	Lat 28°57' Long 121°54'	Leonora
39/3536	Barrick (GSM) Limited	40.44ha	24km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°40' Long 122°21'	Laverton	39/4891-2	Stuart Lindsay Williamson	355.98ha	47km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°43' Long 121°48'	Leonora
39/3570	Barrick (GSM) Limited	80.11ha	14km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°44' Long 122°22'	Laverton	39/4902-8	Reynold Gunter Gonsky	1299.25ha	49km E of Leonora	Lat 28°38' Long 121°56'	Laverton
39/3571	Barrick (GSM) Limited	56.86ha	15km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°31'	Laverton	39/4918	Robert Vinn Money	199.20ha	50km E of Leonora	Lat 28°38' Long 121°52'	Leonora
39/3572	Barrick (GSM) Limited	47.37ha	22km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 122°33'	Laverton	40/1156	Barrick Investments Pty Ltd	35.99ha	48km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°19' Long 121°25'	Menzies
39/3573	Barrick (GSM) Limited	75.86ha	11km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°41' Long 122°28'	Laverton	40/1157	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	56.48ha	51km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°02' Long 121°25'	Menzies
39/3743	Barrick (GSM) Limited	22.48ha	69km NW of Coomeroobawarra	Lat 27°44' Long 122°18'	Laverton	40/1158	Barrick Investments Pty Ltd	102.4ha	51km NE of Menzies	Lat 29°22' Long 121°24'	Menzies
39/3776	Hodgson Exploration Pty Ltd	167.89ha	34km NE of Laverton	Lat 28°22' Long 122°30'	Laverton	40/1159-61	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	491.68ha	53km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°21' Long 121°26'	Menzies
39/3778	Peter Alexander Prabhu	190.11ha	13km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 122°21'	Laverton	40/1162	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	10.94ha	103km NE of Menzies	Lat 29°22' Long 121°25'	Menzies
39/3781	AI Minerals Ltd	24.03ha	42km NW of Laverton	Lat 28°41' Long 122°21'	Laverton	40/1163-4	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	236.94ha	52km NE of Menzies	Lat 29°21' Long 121°25'	Menzies
39/4488	Nature Harp	196ha	45km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°47' Long 121°59'	Laverton	40/1165	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	14.35ha	51km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°18' Long 121°31'	Menzies
39/4490	Amir Elyan	196.91ha	49km W of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 121°58'	Laverton	40/1166	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	43.61ha	53km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°18' Long 121°33'	Menzies
39/4492	Nature Harp	200ha	57km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°57' Long 121°57'	Laverton/Leonora	40/1167	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	8.71ha	48km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°18' Long 121°35'	Menzies
39/4502	Russell Geoffrey McKnight	114.03ha	43km E of Leonora	Lat 28°57' Long 121°45'	Leonora	40/1168	Barrick Investments Pty Ltd	7.92ha	36km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°18' Long 121°37'	Menzies
39/4504-8	Russell Geoffrey McKnight	803.59ha	50km E of Leonora	Lat 28°55' Long 121°59'	Leonora	40/1169	Barrick Investments Pty Ltd	57.06ha	53km NE of Menzies	Lat 29°22' Long 121°27'	Menzies
39/4515-6	Audax Resources Ltd	1295.54ha	63km NW of Laverton	Lat 28°21' Long 122°14'	Leonora	40/1170	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	66.9ha	53km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°21' Long 121°29'	Menzies
39/4522	Tevel John Dixon	121.37ha	61km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°08' Long 122°11'	Leonora	40/1171-2	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	310.29ha	30km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°11' Long 121°26'	Menzies
39/4523	Tevel John Dixon	112.8ha	62km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°08' Long 122°10'	Leonora	40/1173	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	176.44ha	36km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°18' Long 121°27'	Leonora/Menzies
39/4524-5	Russell Geoffrey McKnight	302.84ha	61km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°07' Long 122°17'	Leonora	40/1174	Barrick Investments Pty Ltd	97.16ha	48km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°18' Long 121°28'	Menzies
39/4525-35	Russell Geoffrey McKnight	1528.49ha	63km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°09' Long 122°08'	Leonora	40/1175	Barrick Investments Pty Ltd	136.98ha	37km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°12' Long 121°22'	Menzies
39/4536	Tevel John Dixon	159.42ha	67km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°11' Long 122°10'	Leonora	40/1176	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	29.29ha	47km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°17' Long 121°28'	Menzies
39/4546	Tevel John Dixon	196.08ha	56km E of Leonora	Lat 28°59' Long 121°54'	Leonora	40/1177	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	59.09ha	53km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°18' Long 121°31'	Menzies
39/4548	Melita Resources Ltd	120.58ha	23km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°11'	Laverton	40/1178	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	166.79ha	52km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°10' Long 121°27'	Menzies
39/4551-3	Murmur Holdings Pty Ltd	1239.78ha	42km E of Leonora	Lat 28°55' Long 121°45'	Leonora	40/1179	Barrick Investments Pty Ltd	1ha	53km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°20' Long 121°29'	Menzies
39/4554	Murmur Holdings Pty Ltd	119.97ha	43km E of Leonora	Lat 28°53' Long 121°45'	Leonora	40/1180	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	9.25ha	48km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°18' Long 121°28'	Menzies
39/4577	Apollo Mining Pty Ltd	20.79ha	43km SE of Leonora	Lat 29°01' Long 121°40'	Leonora/Menzies	40/1181	Barrick Investments Pty Ltd	25.57ha	51km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°19' Long 121°27'	Menzies
39/4578	Apollo Mining Pty Ltd	123.81ha	43km SE of Leonora	Lat 29°01' Long 121°40'	Leonora/Menzies	40/1182	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	0.43ha	36km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°12' Long 121°22'	Menzies
39/4579	Apollo Mining Pty Ltd	96.25ha	39km SE of Leonora	Lat 29°05' Long 121°36'	Leonora	40/1183	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	106.04ha	50km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°18' Long 121°30'	Menzies
39/4580	Audax Resources Ltd	21.61ha	74km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°10' Long 122°17'	Leonora	40/1184	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	2.7ha	54km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°02' Long 121°22'	Leonora
39/4581	Audax Resources Ltd	21.61ha	74km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°10' Long 122°19'	Leonora	40/1185	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	23.59ha	36km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°13' Long 121°20'	Menzies
39/4582	Great Gold Mines NL	47.1ha	103km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°05' Long 122°34'	Menzies	40/1186	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	21.44ha	36km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°11' Long 121°18'	Menzies
39/4583	Great Gold Mines NL	60.12ha	36km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°31' Long 122°34'	Menzies	40/1187	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	23.58ha	36km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°14' Long 121°19'	Menzies
39/4584	Great Gold Mines NL	152.29ha	103km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°31' Long 122°32'	Menzies	40/1188	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	130.53ha	36km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°13' Long 121°24'	Menzies
39/4585	Great Gold Mines NL	87.77ha	78km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°19' Long 122°27'	Leonora	40/1189	Kooyne Resources Pty Ltd	105.38ha	42km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°14' Long 121°27'	Menzies
39/4586	Great Gold Mines NL	5.27ha	77km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°19' Long 122°27'	Leonora	40/1190-1	Jubilee Mines NL	237.78ha	40km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°13' Long 121°27'	Menzies
39/4587-23	Golden Cals NL	1536.77ha	49km E of Leonora	Lat 28°52' Long 121°50'	Leonora	40/1190-2	Jubilee Mines NL	237.78ha	40km SW of Leonora	Lat 29°13' Long 121°27'	Menzies
39/4588	Golden Cals NL	1040.32ha									

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live, MC Aaron Pedersen and more. Cost \$185 including 3 Courses meal, beer, wine, soft drink and entertainment. Lounge suit dress code. Held in the Crown Palladium Ballroom, Essendon Football Club from 7pm to midnight. For details call (03) 9230 0300 or Samantha McKelvie on (03) 9230 0385 or (0403) 430 095 or email smckelvie@essendonfc.com.au or visit www.essendonfc.com.au

31 May: Stylin Up Festival 08. This event is Australia's largest Indigenous Youth, Music and Cultural festival which attracted 18,000 attendees last year, features music by some of Australia's top Hip-Hop and RnB acts, and a series of workshops on topics ranging from contemporary music and dance,

creative design and sports through to traditional. Held at CJ Greenfields Sports Complex, Inala, in Brisbane from 12 noon onwards. Drug and alcohol free event and all welcome with free admission. For details call (07) 3403 8888 or email info@stylinup.com.au or visit www.stylinup.com.au

31 May-1 June: Carers NSW - Family and Carer Training. Foundations - an education program for families and carers of people with mental health problems. Two day course for adult family and carers. Held in Nowra. For details call Rebecca Prince on (02) 4422 6514 or (0400) 772 268.

1 June: Groove for Reconciliation. This event features Maza Sisters, Ross Hannaford Trio, Norm Stanley,

MC Glenn Shea and more. All welcome. Held at the Performing Arts Centre, Geelong from 2pm onwards. For details call (03) 5258 4397.

3-5 June: The National Native Title Conference 2008. The conference will include workshops for native title representative bodies and native title claimants, and a public program starting with a Welcome Ceremony hosted by the Noongar people at 5pm on Tuesday 3 June. The conference is for native title claimants and holders, legal counsel, anthropologists and other native title practitioners, policy advisers, academics and anyone else interested in native title. Held at the Perth Conference and Exhibition Centre. Registration cut off is this Friday, 23 May. For details call the Native Title

Research Unit (NTRU) at AIATSIS on (02) 6246 1161 or email ntru@aiatsis.gov.au or visit www.ntru.aiatsis.gov.au

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 Graham on (07) 3211 8861 or email grahamz@abaf.org.au or visit www.abaf.org.au/site_tools/workshop_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 Baiya 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.

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. All welcome. Held at Warnervale Oval, Warnervale from 10am-2pm. For details call Leonie Mason or Christine Robinson on (02) 9569 3847 or 1800 686 587.

5 June: Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu performing at The Tanks Arts Centre, Cairns. Cost \$25 per person. All welcome. For details call Belinda Griffin on (07) 4032 6600 or visit www.tropicalaustralia.com.au/events

6-9 June: The 23rd Barunga Festival 'Marrk Ngan Jatdak Gahyimen - New Beginnings'. The music, visual arts, dance and sporting festival will include a main concert featuring Archie Roach, Ruby Hunter with Amos Roach and Dave Arden as well as Barunga band Springwater, Nabarlek, Shellie Morris, Wildflower and B2M. Held at Barunga in the Northern Territory. All welcome. For details call Mia Christophersen on (08) 8971 1100 or (0488) 030 664.

6-9 June: The Dreaming Festival. This three day and four night festival will have performing arts venues, bars, Ceremony grounds, traditional healing, galleries, rituals, campfire story circles and a mass of stalls, workshop avenue and food outlets. The festival is about an hour and a half drive from Brisbane, or 40 minutes from Caloundra. For details call (07) 5496 1066 or email info@thedreamingfestival.com or visit www.thedreamingfestival.com

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 www.youtube.com/user/gurrumul

9 June: Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu performing in Byron Bay NSW. Tickets \$38 per person. All welcome. For details call (02) 6885 6807 or visit www.byroncentre.com.au

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

13 June: Free Child Protection and Coloured Vest Seminars for Sporting Groups. The seminar will cover what your responsibilities are under State government child protection legislation, why legislation is needed, how it affects your sport and how NSW Sport and Recreation can help sporting groups. Held at the Dubbo Sport and Recreation Office, 167 Brisbane Street, Dubbo. For details call 131 302 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

14-15 June: Education Expo. This Expo enables you to reach out and connect with a time-poor audience in a new way. It enables you to build name awareness and establish relationships with a targeted crowd that is totally focused on learning. Held at Rosehill, Sydney. All welcome. For details call Lynette Eggs on (02) 6643 4643 or email info@edexpo.info 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

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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland
Notification day: 4 June 2008



Q12007/001 Tagalaka (Town of Croydon) Indigenous Land Use Agreement

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers an area of about 96 hectares and is located over various lots within the township of Croydon as shown on the locality map.

The agreement area falls within the Local Government Authority of Croydon Shire Council.

The parties to the agreement and their contact addresses are:

The State of Queensland,
Executive Director
Indigenous Services,
Department of Natural Resources & Water,
Locked Bag 40
COORPAROO DC QLD 4151

Tagalaka People (in native title claims Tagalaka People #1 (QC98/43) and Tagalaka People #2 (QC01/22)),
North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative
Body Aboriginal Corporation, C/- Mr Kym Elston
PO Box 679N
CAIRNS NORTH QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

5.1 The parties consent to the Surrender and to the doing of the Agreed Acts. This consent includes consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts to the extent that the Agreed Acts are Future Acts.

5.2 The parties agree to the validation of any invalid Future Acts done on the Agreement Area prior to the Execution Date.

5.5 The parties, subject to clause 17, agree to the doing of all things necessary to give effect to the acts listed in clause 5.1 and 5.2 above. [Clause 17 refers to the exercise of discretion provided for under Queensland law.]

6.1 To avoid any doubt, Part 2, Division 3 of Subdivision P of the NTA (which deals with the right to negotiate) does not apply to the Agreed Acts.

11.1 The Surrender is intended to extinguish any Native Title that may exist in relation to the Surrender Area.

Defined Terms:

'Agreed Acts' means:

(a) the Surrender

(b) the grant of freehold title in the Freehold Area to the Tagalaka Entity. [being an Aboriginal Corporation established by the Tagalaka People for the purpose of holding title]

(c) the dedication, under the Land Act 1994, of the parcels of land in the Reserve Area as reserves for the purposes set out in Schedule 4, and the management and use (including the construction of infrastructure of the land consistent with the dedicated purpose); and

(d) all acts necessary to give effect to the acts listed in (a) to (c) above.

'Execution Date' means that day on which this Agreement is executed by the parties and if executed on a different day, the later of those days.

'Future Act' and 'Native Title' have the meanings given in the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

'Surrender' means the surrender to the State [of Queensland] of any Native Title in relation to the Surrender Area.

'Surrender Area' means the area comprising the parcels of land described in Schedule 2 [of the agreement]. [Schedule 2 describes the Surrender Area as being the specific lots listed, within the ILUA Area.]

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Cairns QLD 4870, by 4 September 2008.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Water (QLD). Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Gary Lui on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

National Calendar

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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

21 June: National Day of Action, 1 year since the NT Intervention started. Join people around the country to support communities under attack from the NT Intervention. There will be food, speakers and music. Held at the Court House Lawns, Mbandia - Alice Springs from 2pm onwards. For details call Barbara Shaw on (0401) 291 166 or Marlene Hodder on (08) 8952 5032.

21 June: Lightning Spirit. This concert will feature Kerriane Cox and Black Velvet performances. Held at Ahimsa House, Horan St, Brisbane. For details call Sitara Gare on (07) 3407 0094 or (0438) 833 648 or email Sitara.Gare@brisbane.qld.gov.au or call Jenny Pineapple on (07) 3255 0527 or visit www.kerrianecox.com.au

26 June-31 July: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. The exhibition features more than 1000 black and white photographs, documenting more than 47 years of the former Aboriginal Welfare Board which controlled every aspect of Aboriginal people's lives between 1883 and 1969. Held in the Indigenous Unit, Northern Regional Library, Moree. For details call Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

2-7 July: Certificate IV in Indigenous Leadership. This course equips current and emerging Indigenous leaders with an array of competency based tools to address policy, management and administrative issues including quality service delivery and capacity development of groups, organisations and communities. Held in Melbourne. For details call (02) 6251 5770 or email aic@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.

5-7 July: 2008 Message Stick Film Festival. The program will be focused on documentaries with highlights including a touching tale about an Indigenous actor who strives to achieve her dream - of becoming a Hollywood movie star as well as a confronting and compelling documentary about familial love which follows a prison inmate returning home after 13 years inside. Held at Sydney Opera House. For details call Nathan McIlroy on (02) 250 7596 or (0421) 668 440 or email nmcilroy@sydneyoperahouse.com or www.sydneyoperahouse.com

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 Gama Festival of Traditional Culture. The key forum theme will be Indigenous Knowledge: Caring for Culture and Country. Gama 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 gamafest@bigpond.com

12 July: National NAIDOC Ball 2008. Entertainment includes the energetic Blue King Brown, Australian Idol finalists Jessica Mauboy and Casey Donovan, the entertaining Mary G, Dale Huddleston and the Riverbank Band and other local performers. Tickets \$70 per person including three course meal and drinks. Held at The National Convention Centre, Canberra from 6.30pm onwards. For details call 132 849 or visit www.ticketek.com.au

15-20 July: World Youth Day 2008 Volunteers needed. Volunteers must be over the age of 18 and be able to work during the event and will receive a uniform, backpack and assistance with public transport costs and meals. For details call Mandy Higgins on (02) 9390 5901 or (02) 9390 5997 or (0410) 477 935 or visit www.wyd2008.org

9-28 August: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. The exhibition features more than 1000 black and white photographs, documenting more than 47 years of the former Aboriginal Welfare Board which controlled every aspect of Aboriginal people's lives between 1883 and 1969. Held at Dharrwaa Elders Group Centre, Walgett. For details

call Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

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, Dalin@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

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4 September-4 October: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. The exhibition features more than 1000 black and white photographs, documenting more than 47 years of the former Aboriginal Welfare Board which controlled every aspect of Aboriginal people's lives between 1883 and 1969. Held at the Tourist Information Centre, Brewarrina. For details call Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

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NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, 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
29/1589	Haidco Energy Minerals NL	207.27km ²	181km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°15' Long 123°18'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/Menzies
29/1661	Scots Nickel Pty Ltd	130.66km ²	41km SEly of Menzies	Lat 30°01' Long 121°12'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/Menzies
29/1665	Troppo Granite Gold Pty Ltd	59.88km ²	73km NWly of Menzies	Lat 29°20' Long 123°24'	Menzies
29/1701	Western Resources Pty Ltd	102.15km ²	88km Wly of Leonora	Lat 29°54' Long 120°28'	Menzies
30/061	Nickaroo Limited	80.49km ²	34km Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°42' Long 120°41'	Menzies
30/1892	Aura Energy Ltd	157.76km ²	100km NEly of Carnarvon/Mission	Lat 27°03' Long 124°22'	Laverton
30/1910	Outback Holdings NL	278.51km ²	106km SSWly of Newbury Mission	Lat 27°58' Long 123°58'	Laverton
30/1962	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd	84.18km ²	33km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°40' Long 122°43'	Laverton
30/1963	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd	24.05km ²	22km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°33' Long 122°32'	Laverton
30/1988	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd	51.7km ²	88km NWly of Carnarvon/Mission	Lat 27°26' Long 122°17'	Laverton
30/1990	Regis Resources Limited	3.04km ²	83km NWly of Carnarvon/Mission	Lat 27°27' Long 122°19'	Laverton
30/1991-2	Regis Resources Limited	12.14km ²	77km NWly of Carnarvon/Mission	Lat 27°30' Long 122°20'	Laverton
30/1995	Regis Resources Limited	9.1km ²	76km NWly of Carnarvon/Mission	Lat 27°36' Long 122°16'	Laverton
30/1286	Midas Resources Ltd	23.92km ²	72km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°15' Long 122°53'	Menzies
30/1287	Midas Resources Ltd	8.96km ²	78km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°19' Long 122°51'	Menzies
30/1288	Midas Resources Ltd	26.87km ²	87km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°23' Long 122°54'	Menzies
30/1289	Midas Resources Ltd	17.9km ²	87km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°28' Long 122°56'	Menzies
30/1290	Midas Resources Ltd	11.50km ²	109km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°34' Long 122°40'	Menzies
30/1292	Great Gold Mines NL	8.96km ²	80km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°30' Long 122°17'	Laverton
30/1293	Great Gold Mines NL	26.79km ²	122km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°33' Long 122°31'	Menzies
30/1296	Metex Resources Ltd	24.05km ²	23km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°11'	Laverton
30/1297	Great Gold Mines NL	8.96km ²	90km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°36' Long 122°15'	Laverton/Menzies
30/1299-300	Great Gold Mines NL	5.99km ²	107km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°34' Long 122°33'	Menzies
30/1301	Great Gold Mines NL	5.99km ²	117km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°40' Long 122°33'	Menzies
30/1302	Great Gold Mines NL	2.87km ²	129km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°44' Long 122°37'	Menzies
30/1306	Independence Group NL	245.04km ²	204km NWly of Rasekine	Lat 29°27' Long 124°22'	Menzies
30/1307	Murrumbidgee Holdings Pty Ltd	74.75km ²	93km SEly of Laverton	Lat 29°14' Long 123°03'	Menzies
30/1308	Banko (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	23.96km ²	59km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°05' Long 122°36'	Laverton
30/1309	Banko (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	11.93km ²	65km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°11' Long 122°33'	Laverton/Menzies
40/224.5	Hamforn Resources Limited	5.99km ²	28km Sly of Leonora	Lat 29°08' Long 121°20'	Menzies
40/226	Hamforn Resources Limited	2.99km ²	27km SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°06' Long 121°26'	Leonora
40/227	Hamforn Resources Limited	5.99km ²	40km SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°13' Long 121°32'	Menzies
40/229	Jubilee Mines NL	26.93km ²	39km Sly of Leonora	Lat 29°13' Long 121°28'	Menzies
47/1830	Jub Holdings Limited	351.09km ²	50km Sly of Perth	Lat 31°12' Long 117°55'	Port Hedland Town/Perth
47/1832	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	17.39km ²	81km SEly of Perth	Lat 32°17' Long 116°41'	Perth
47/1839	Robert Claude Steinhardt	80.89km ²	29km Ely of Perth	Lat 32°47' Long 118°03'	Perth
47/1868	Zen Resources Pty Ltd	18.99km ²	59km Wly of Perth	Lat 32°41' Long 117°13'	Perth
50/2160	Warwick Resources Ltd	25.18km ²	29km Wly of Newman	Lat 32°22' Long 119°27'	East Pilbara
63/872	Paul Winston Atkins	118.96km ²	101km Wly of Kalbar	Lat 32°25' Long 122°47'	Dundas
63/840	Golden Arrow Resources Pty Ltd	203.82km ²	113km Ely of Horden	Lat 32°04' Long 120°01'	Dundas/Yalgoo
63/1000-1	Augustus Ltd	405.49km ²	69km Ely of Newman	Lat 32°17' Long 122°28'	Dundas
63/1002	Augustus Ltd	202.29km ²	148km SEly of Newman	Lat 32°36' Long 122°40'	Dundas/Esperance
63/1003-4	Augustus Ltd	404.04km ²	148km SEly of Newman	Lat 32°36' Long 122°40'	Esperance
63/1101	Paul Winston Atkins	34.52km ²	83km Ely of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°43' Long 122°25'	Esperance
63/1102	Paul Winston Atkins	188.35km ²	90km Ely of Newman	Lat 32°20' Long 122°43'	Dundas
63/1200	Bodiam Resources Ltd	37.46km ²	9km SWly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°01' Long 121°36'	Esperance
66/57	Sawacore Enterprises Pty Ltd	21.05km ²	26km SEly of Northampton	Lat 29°30' Long 114°50'	Chapman Valley
69/2326	Osaka Minerals Exploration Pty Ltd	102.98km ²	272km Sly of Warburton Mission	Lat 28°35' Long 120°44'	Laverton
69/2327-8	Agrocut Resources Exploration Pty Ltd	1206.58km ²	269km Sly of Warburton Mission	Lat 28°31' Long 120°23'	Laverton
69/2444	Richmond Mining Ltd	532.59km ²	164km NEly of Rowley	Lat 28°20' Long 128°33'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/Menzies
69/2445	Richmond Mining Ltd	590.18km ²	129km Ely of Rowley	Lat 30°44' Long 128°29'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
70/3020	Mendion Mining Ltd	161.73km ²	19km NEly of Newman	Lat 31°55' Long 118°28'	Yalgoo/Mandurah/Esperance
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80/3970	Telluride Mining Ltd	225.44km ²	79km Nly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°31' Long 127°40'	Halls Creek
80/3976-7	AFMCO Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd	655.93km ²	104km Nly of Bargo Mission	Lat 19°14' Long 128°15'	Halls Creek
80/3978	Falcon Minerals Ltd	175km ²	104km SWly of Halls Creek	Lat 19°52' Long 128°59'	Halls Creek
80/3987	Wharfedale Resources Ltd	39.59km ²	69km SWly of Kununurra	Lat 10°19' Long 128°25'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4039	Wharfedale Resources Ltd	78.3km ²	103km Wly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°56' Long 127°44'	Halls Creek
80/4049	Potlatch Resources Pty Ltd	97.53km ²	13km Wly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°14' Long 127°33'	Halls Creek

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: 21 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 **21 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 licencee may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 21 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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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.tarwiri.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

14 October-14 November: In

Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. The exhibition features more than 1000 black and white photographs, documenting more than 47 years of the former Aboriginal Welfare Board which controlled every aspect of Aboriginal people's lives between 1883 and 1969. Held at the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Centre, Quirindi. For details call Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

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@desertknowledgecra.com.au or visit www.desertknowledgecra.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

22 November-08-30 January 09: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. The exhibition features more than 1000 black and white photographs, documenting more than 47 years of the former Aboriginal Welfare Board. Held at the Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place Armidale. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

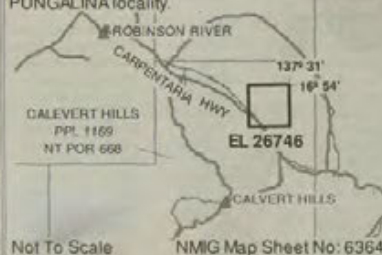
Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

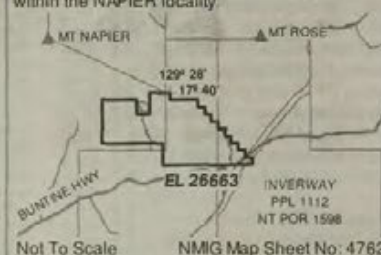
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Exploration Licence 26746 sought by ARNHEM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 112 776 360 over an area of 49 Blocks (161 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PUNGALINA locality.



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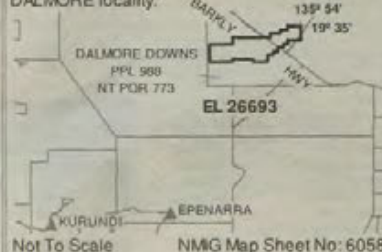
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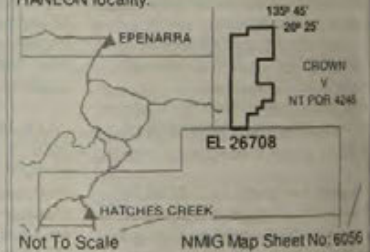
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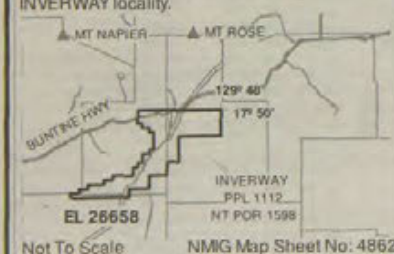
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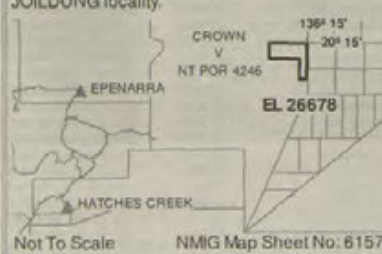
Exploration Licence 26708 sought by KETTLE ROSE PTY LTD, ACN 119 016 330 over an area of 101 Blocks (319 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the HANLON locality.



Exploration Licence 26658 sought by ORD RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 109 867 012 over an area of 239 Blocks (781 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the INVERWAY locality.



Exploration Licence 26678 sought by PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 50 Blocks (162 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the JOILDUNG locality.



Exploration Licence 26704 sought by TORO ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 117 127 590 over an area of 303 Blocks (943 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MOUNT PEAKE locality.



Exploration Licence 26719 sought by URAME MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 124 251 396 over an area of 54 Blocks (172 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WOODGREEN locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term sought for commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 21 May 2008

Old record falls

After 30 years, Indigenous discus thrower sets new mark



AUSTRALIA'S only top-line Indigenous discus thrower, Benn Harradine, broke one of the oldest records in Australian athletics when he threw the discus 65.37 metres at a

meeting in Chula Vista, California, on 2 May.

Harradine's throw has placed him in a strong position to make the Beijing Olympic Games team.

The previous record of 65.06m, set by Wayne Martin, had stood for almost 30 years.

The 25-year-old Harradine finished second to last year's world champion Gerd Kanter, of Estonia, who threw 70.38m, and ahead of Americans Ian Waltz and Jarrod Rome.

Harradine's first throw of 63.89m exceeded his previous best, but was short of his main target – the Olympic A qualifying standard of 64.50m.

On his second attempt, he pushed the disc past both that distance and the national record.

Harradine was one of 11 athletes given more time after the national championships to achieve the Olympic standard.

He has been consistently over the 60m mark, but the Olympic qualifier had remained frustratingly out of his reach until now.

Harradine is an Indigenous athlete whose family came from the Wimmera, in Victoria.

He lived in Newcastle when he first came to athletic prominence, but moved to Melbourne a few years ago to be coached by Gus Puopolo.

Harradine has been throwing the discus for 14 years. A Watjbaluk/Wergia brother, he has very strong cultural ties with his people.

He is one of two children, with one elder brother Luke, and is a son to Beth and Ken. He is an uncle to his nephew Thor Jack and a proud ambassador for his family and people.

At 23, he stands 198cm (6ft 6in) and weighs 120kg.

Harradine represented Australia in the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in 2006.

He is ranked in the top 20 in the world and is a four-times World Brick Throwing Champion, falling just 5cm short of claiming the Guinness World Record of 56.78m.

He is a university graduate in the field of physical education and exercise physiology.



BENN HARRADINE

Vander-Kuyp joins Sports Commission board



HURDLER and Indigenous community leader Kyle Vander-Kuyp has been appointed to the board of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).

Vander-Kuyp is one of five new appointments as part of a move in a 'new direction' announced by Federal Sports Minister Kate Ellis.

Among the departing board members is broadcaster Alan Jones. Jones has strong conservative political links and earlier this year the former Wallabies rugby coach belied the new Labor Government's

funding of elite sport as 'disgraceful'.

But Minister Ellis said the move to oust Jones was 'nothing political' and she hoped to continue to work with the former Liberal Party speechwriter on policy issues.

Jones said he had full confidence in Ms Ellis as the new Sports Minister.

Rugby league boss David Gallop and former Australian netball captain Liz Ellis, who is also a Sydney lawyer, are among five new appointments.

The pair join former Olympic rowing champion and banking executive Kate Allen (nee Slater), Vander-Kuyp and children's author Sally Carbon, a former Olympic

hockey gold medallist, on the board.

Outgoing board members including journalist Roy Masters (who served on the board for more than 20 years), hockey administrator Pam Tye, Olympic swimming great Kieren Perkins and Western Force rugby chairman Geoff Stooke have also been told by Ms Ellis they are not part of the Government's new direction.

ASC Chairman Peter Bartels, Alisa Camplin and Greg Hartung will remain on the board, with Hartung replacing Jones as Deputy Chairman.

"The Australian people have grown pretty accustomed to Australia

over-achieving on the international sports stage and I can assure you I don't want to be the Sports Minister who lets that slip away," the Ms Ellis said.

"We've certainly seen that Britain are putting a lot of money into sport. They are pouring money into sport in the lead-up to their own Olympic Games (London 2012) which is understandable.

"We have seen lots of other countries do that, ourselves included.

"We in Australia are keeping a very close eye on what they're doing and we want to make sure that we keep right up there." – AAP

Stars head north



WHILE the Australian rules spotlight was on the Melbourne Cricket Ground for the Dream Team v The Big V match

on 10 May, remote communities in the Northern Territory were hosting some of the sport's big names.

Santa Teresa, south-east of Alice Springs, Hermannsburg, to the west of Alice Springs, and Wadeye, in the Territory's north-west, were visited by Richmond, Essendon and North Melbourne stars.

The Indigenous team from Santa Teresa has won the privilege to compete in the 'Dreamtime at the G' curtain-raiser match to the AFL's newest blockbuster between the Essendon and Richmond Football clubs on 24 May.

The curtain-raiser is to recognise and celebrate the role Indigenous players have in Australian rules, while also demonstrating how Australian football can build bridges between cultures in the spirit of reconciliation.

The Santa Teresa Aboriginal community is officially known as Ltyentye Apurte, and is situated 80 kilometres south-east of Alice Springs in semi-desert country.

The 30-member Santa Teresa group was to arrive in Melbourne yesterday and will stay until next Sunday.

In the build-up to their Melbourne visit, Richmond Football Club star Richard Tambling arrived in Alice Springs and headed out to Santa Teresa. The Tigers group included coaching staff member and former player Brian Royal, Dale Weightman (another former player), now recruit Clayton Collard and current player Tambling.

Visited Hermannsburg

After Santa Teresa, the Tigers headed out to Hermannsburg for another training session and then returned to Traeger Park, Alice Springs, to watch some local footy.

The crew also was back at Traeger park the following day to see Santa Teresa take on Rovers and West meet Hermannsburg in the late game.

North Melbourne player Matt Campbell was at Traeger Park to see his old team, Pioneer, take on Souths.

He tossed the coin before the game and was a water runner for his old team.

Tambling spoke to the Anmatjere guys before their game against Federal.

Further north, Essendon's Andrew Lovett and Dean Dick visited the Wadeye community where they were involved in a number of activities, including helping launch the first ever junior football competition in the community.



Richard Tambling leads the fellas on a run at an Alice Springs ground.



Richard Tambling, rear, far left, with Anmatjere players. He watched Anmatjere play Federals at Traeger Park, Alice Springs.

North Melbourne's Matt Campbell and Richmond's Richard Tambling in Alice Springs.



● ABOVE: Two kids from Wadeye and Essendon player Andrew Lovett.



● RIGHT: From left, Essendon player Andrew Lovett, Wadeye teacher's aides Thaddeus Dartinga and Kevin Duduck, and Essendon player Dean Dick at Wadeye.



Dean Dick (second from right) and Andrew Lovett (centre) with some of the Wadeye kids involved in the mentor program.



Richard Tambling and Santa Teresa players in Alice Springs.

'Keepit going'

NSW

IT should be longer: That was the consensus after the inaugural Talented Indigenous Athletic Program camp at the Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre near Gunnedah, in central northern NSW.

Twenty athletes between the ages of 14 and 17 came together for the three-day camp, which ended on 11 May. Organisers said feedback from the participants was encouraging.

The camp, an initiative of NSW Sport and Recreation, was aimed at helping promising Indigenous sportspeople to reach their full potential.

It was designed to help the participants overcome cultural barriers

and to engage them in representative and elite sport.

NSW Sport and Recreation spokeswoman Anne Jackson said the athletes came from Regional Academies of Sport in NSW. They represented a variety of sports, including athletics, basketball, hockey, netball, rugby league, rugby union and tennis.

Among high-profile sportspeople to drop in on the camp were Olympic hurdler Kyle Vander-Kuyp, Australian touch football representative Bo de la Cruz, and Dean Widders and Ben Rogers from NRL team the South Sydney Rabbitohs.

Indigenous artist and musician Dhinawan also conducted a workshop.



From left, Bobby-Sue Wright and Sam Gordon, who are netballers from Brewarrina (Far West Academy of Sport), Kyle Vander-Kuyp, Adam Safaric, an athlete from Oberon (Western Region Academy of Sport), and Chelsea Baker, a netballer from Coonamble (Far West Academy of Sport).



Kyle Vander-Kuyp, front left, and Bo de la Cruz, second row, third from right, with the young participants at the Lake Keepit camp.



● ABOVE: The young participants were enthralled by the storytelling of Indigenous artist and musician Dhinawan, who brought a cultural aspect to the three-day camp.

● RIGHT: Now, that's a challenge – the students try their hand at wall-climbing.

● LEFT: South Sydney NRL rugby league star Dean Widders signs an autograph for Damon Bell.





Samantha Hinton, right, from Wellington, and Nicole Honeysett, from Gulgong, about to open the innings for NSW in the women's super 8 match against Alice Springs Bush Potatoes during the Imparja Cup carnival at Alice Springs last February. Hinton has been given a rookie contract with the NSW Breakers women's cricket team.

Cricketers out to achieve greater goals



TWO New South Wales Indigenous cricketers are reaching out for greater goals.

Josh Lalor and Samantha Hinton plan not only to excel on the cricket field, but in their chosen fields of business and medicine.

Lalor has just started a Business/Commerce degree and Hinton will begin a nursing course this year.

Hinton earlier this month was given a rookie contract with the NSW Breakers, the country's top female State side.

Each year since 1994, Cricket Australia has run the Imparja Cup, an Indigenous cricket carnival in Alice Springs. It has grown in popularity and profile, but organisers know they won't unearth the next cricketing superstar from the tournament.

Hinton last year was able to visit children in at the NT town of Tennant Creek and during her stay at a guest's home, a snake slid into the living room – quite unremarkable, apparently.

More surprising was how enthusiastically youngsters took to the game, as Hinton conducted clinics with children who had never seen a game of cricket.

"That was a really good experience and I would love to do it again," Hinton, 19, said.

"There is definitely a lot of talent sporting-wise. As soon as they picked up a bat or a ball, they seemed to have a natural ability. If someone coached them, they would be brilliant cricketers."

From the NSW country town of Wellington, Hinton travels four-and-a-half hours to Sydney every Saturday in summer to play for Universities and returns the next day. The frequency of travel will only increase now she has a Breakers contract.

Lalor, 20, is one of the most promising young fast bowlers in NSW, and has been given a rookie contract with the champion NSW Blues.

Hailing from Sydney's west, Lalor has also seen the potential in Aboriginal children in remote areas

through his experiences in the Imparja Cup.

"I wouldn't say (being an Aboriginal cricketer) is at the forefront of my mind, but when you go to those remote Indigenous areas, you remember where it all comes back to," he said.

"You talk to the people up there and they tell you the kids just love AFL, I don't know where that comes from."

"I guess it's easy to just give them a ball they can run around with, but giving them a couple of bats and balls, it shouldn't be that hard."

The renowned co-ordination of Indigenous athletes should make many Top End kids prime targets for cricketing development, Hinton and Lalor believe.

Just look at both of them – Lalor is a left-arm quick who bats right-handed, Hinton is a left-handed batter who bowls with her right.

The pair represent a new hope for Indigenous cricket, which was pioneered by the 1868 side but neglected for too long. – *With Sydney Morning Herald*

'Now, how the hell did I do that?'



'FREAK' was all Australian coach Ricky Stuart needed to describe Greg Inglis after his sixth-minute heroics gave the Kangaroos the perfect start to the 9 May rugby league Centenary Test against

New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Inglis' play for Mark Gasnier's try laid the platform for a comfortable 28-12 win, but there was little comfort for the Kiwis in a blow from which they failed to recover.

Inglis juggled a precise Johnathan Thurston kick that went over Sam Perrett's head and then he flicked the ball back over his own head as he sailed over the touchline.

The ball landed in the waiting hands of Gasnier, who touched down with centimetres to spare, leaving even the Melbourne Storm magician amazed with his feat.

"We didn't know if it was a try or not," Inglis recalled.

"I just thought 'how the hell did I do that'."

"It's just one of those things you've got to have a crack at. I should have caught the ball in the first place."

The lucky recipient of the basketball pass said he knew immediately that it was a try, even if the video referee was called to adjudicate.

"I just treated it like a slips catch," Gasnier said. "I asked Greg if he'd landed and he said he didn't so I knew it was a try."

"It's probably the easiest try I've ever scored."

– AAP

Do it right – save time and trouble



ORGANISERS of the third annual National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Championships are reminding players and team officials to correctly fill out entry forms.

Tournament Director Nikita Ridgeway said that in the past, teams had mailed in their registration papers and had completely missed sections that must be filled in.

"Forms that are not filled in correctly will be returned to team managers, and teams will not be registered until everything is done correctly," Ridgeway said.

"Please double check your info before mailing them in."

"Also, when registering your team, all teams must send in the entire team's player forms along with the team registration form."

Ridgeway said that if a team's players were under the age of 18, they must ensure that their parent/guardian filled out the media release form.

"National Indigenous Television (NITV) will be filming all games for the duration of the Nationals," Ridgeway said.

The tournament this year will be held in Darwin from 9-12 September.

Cameron names his team

CAMERON Bennell, of the Sydney suburb of Dulwich Hill, has nominated his Indigenous rugby league team of the Century:

Fullback, David Peachy; wingers, John 'Chika' Ferguson, Greg Inglis; centres, Steve Ella, Mal Meninga; five-eighth, Clifty Lyons; halfback, Johnathan Thurston; lock, Dean Widders; second rowers, Ron Gibbs, Kevin Stevens; props, Arthur Beetson, Gorden Tallis; hooker, John Sattler.

On with the Games!

By ALF WILSON



A NATIONAL Indigenous Sporting Games looks like being a reality within two years following a successful conference in Townsville on 16 May.

More than 20 administrators – Indigenous and non-Indigenous – from as far away as the Northern Territory, Brisbane, Mount Isa, the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA), Torres Strait Islands (TSI) and Cape York attended the conference at the Leisure Inn Plaza Hotel.

The proposed Games will involve more than 50 sports for men, women and children from throughout Australia.

The first Games are planned to start in 2010 and the venue will alternate between Darwin, Alice Springs, Cairns and Townsville.

Prime Mover behind the concept is 76-year-old Bob McCullough, who gave an opening speech after a Welcome to Country.

Mr McCullough told *The Koori Mail* that an interim board of 13 people was appointed at the conference and that Townsville solicitor Peter Elliott would do the legal work in the next week to form a company.

"It will be called the Australian Indigenous Foundation Games Company with seven Indigenous people on the board," Mr McCullough said.

Mr McCullough will be chairman and the Indigenous men and women include vice-chairperson Velma Gara, Thelma Gertz, Syl Johns, Neil Samardin, Kevin Kingston, Obe Geia Snr and Charlie Jai.

"We have the right people involved and we have them here today. This is an opportunity for Indigenous people to have a biennial Games and to make this happen we need support from communities across the country," Mr McCullough said.

Benefits

He said such Games would help improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the country.

"It will mean a good lifestyle as they train and better fitness and will increase employment opportunities and we intend getting involved in communities soon," Mr McCullough said.

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Conference facilitator was Thursday Island-born Velma Gara.

"These Games will be popular with people in the Torres Strait Islands. It's hoped communities will be very supportive as we already attend big events such as All Blacks or knockout rugby league carnivals, the First Contact Touch Football carnival or national/international events such as the Aratara Games and Basketball Championships," she said.

"Our people attend those events now and most of the funds raised are from community fundraising."

Dr Maria Marriner is the Manager of the Health Promotion Schools Northern Territory Student Services Division, and asked the audience to line up in the conference room and pair off with somebody they didn't know to discuss sport.

Issues raised included the problem of



● ABOVE: Organiser Bob McCullough, in tie, with others at the conference.



● LEFT: From left are boxing administrator Syl Johns, Velma Gara and Obe Geia Snr. Ms Gara is vice-chairperson of the Indigenous Games interim board and Mr Johns and Mr Geia also are board members.

modern-day litigation involved in running big sporting events, the banning of visitors being billeted, resulting in accommodation costs, and the lethargy of some Indigenous people to go to the trouble of getting a blue card.

Dr Marriner said the National Indigenous Games would need people to use four powerful words.

"We must dream, believe, create and succeed," she said.

"How many champion Indigenous sporting stars are there out there that don't get the opportunity and this would give them that."

"Kids who compete in sport do better at school, are less aggressive, have fewer discipline problems and generally have a more positive outlook. We here need to be active role models to them."

Dr Marriner said she would speak to NT Government representatives about the benefits of the Games.

Industry skills, supporting the Games, and supporting communities were subjects discussed by Geoff Turner, the

Executive Officer for Recreation Training Queensland.

Accompanying Mr Turner was RTQ Researcher Denis Brown, who spoke about the Canadian Indigenous Games, which had been running since 1993 and the benefits of conducting such a big event.

Indigenous Employment and Training Officer and Manager Australian Indigenous Boxing Identity Syl Johns spoke of the success that sport had for communities.

Structured

"We need to be structured," Mr Johns said.

Northern Peninsula Area-based Dale Seaniger gave an insight into working in an Indigenous community and the need to address the issues of assisting in improving lifestyle and employment prospects.

The Koori Mail spoke to many of the people at the conference, including Mrs Gertz, the Indigenous co-ordinator for

Catholic Education.

"These Games will give our people easier access to competition in different sports and is good," Mrs Gertz said.

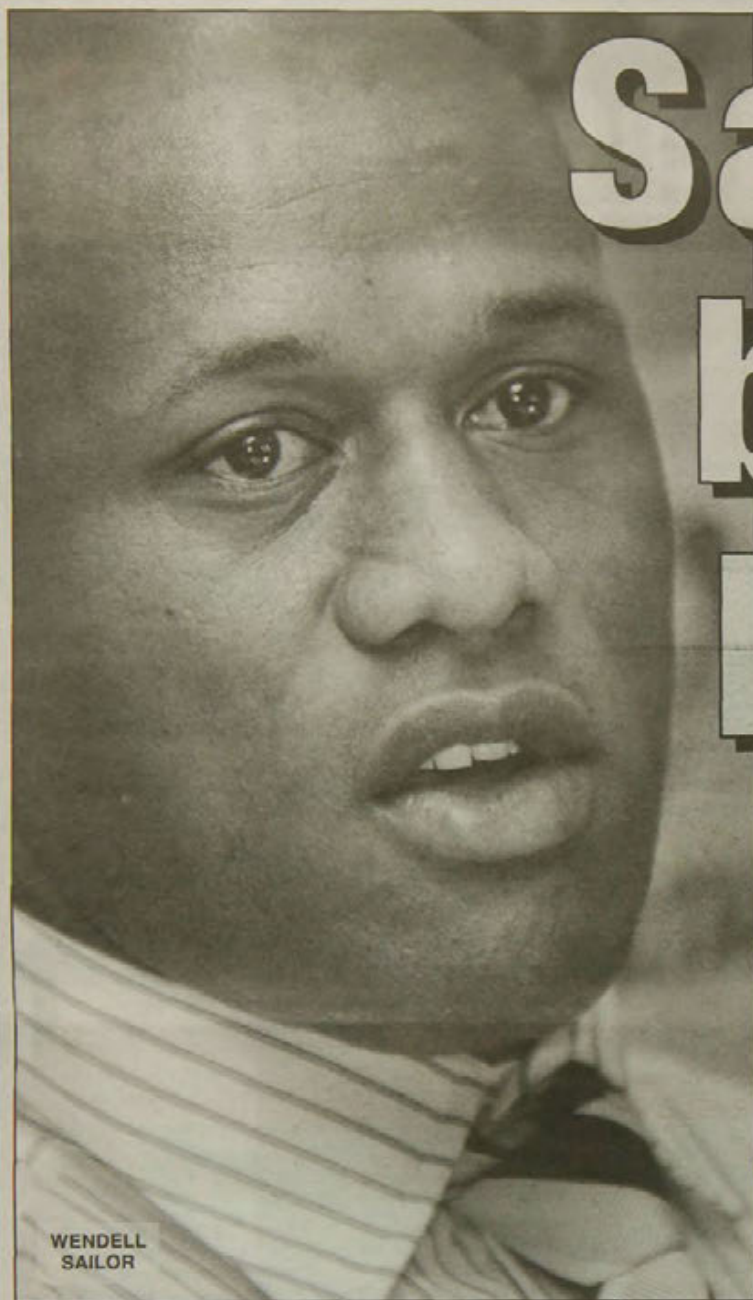
Charters Towers rugby league coach Doug Pitt, Obe Geia, an organiser of the Vern and Frank Daisy Cup All Blacks carnival, Palm Island charter flight operator Kevin Kingston, and Charlie Jai, representing the South-East Queensland Indigenous Chamber of Commerce, were delighted to be at the conference.

"We must ensure strong grassroots support at communities," Mr Geia said.

Discussion also centred on the inclusion on disabled people, co-operation from local, State and National sporting organisations, establishing groups within communities, assisting existing sporting events and festivals, availability of facilities, appointing interim board of management.

"It has all been very positive and I was very impressed with the quality of people we have," Mr Geia said.

Sailor is back to league



WENDELL
SAILOR



DUAL international Wendell Sailor said a desire to go out on his own terms was his prime motivation after last week signing with St George Illawarra until the end of the

2009 National Rugby League (NRL) season. Sailor was to make his return to rugby league in the relative obscurity of the Jim Beam Cup with the Shellharbour Marlins last weekend.

His two-year doping ban after testing positive to cocaine while playing rugby union for the NSW Waratahs has expired.

The former Brisbane, Queensland and Australian rugby league star said he wanted to repay the Dragons for giving him a second chance.

"I'd like to thank Brown (Dragons coach Nathan Brown) and obviously the Dragons for giving me the opportunity to come back and to put things right and to

finish on my terms," Sailor said on 12 May. "A lot of times in those two years you have regrets and you just want to move on ... there were some dark days there, days when I didn't think I could probably come back."

He was to return on the wing for the Marlins against Erina in Shellharbour on Saturday night, but Sailor said he wouldn't put a time frame on his return to the top grade.

Having previously stated that he viewed Sailor as more of a back-rower, Brown said he would initially return as a winger.

"(He'll) definitely start on the wing but who knows where we could venture to," Brown said.

"We have got a fair few outside backs at the club at the moment."

Sailor played 185 first-grade games for Brisbane before switching codes in 2001.

-AAP

Nathan Jawai chases his dream



GIANT Indigenous basketballer Nathan Jawai is in the United States chasing his dream. The Cairns

Taipan star looks almost certain to be drafted into the world's best competition, the US National Basketball Association (NBA) in New York next month.

The 21-year-old centre shocked the Australian National Basketball League (NBL) with a powerful display in his first season with the Taipans.

Nineteen NBA teams are lining up to have a closer look at Jawai.

Jawai told ABC Radio on the eve of his departure for the US that he trained four times a day to prepare for the gruelling NBA draft camps.

"I just have to go there with the right attitude, not a defeatist attitude and just go in and do what I do best," he said.

"I reckon I have a pretty good chance of getting picked."

Jawai, who started playing basketball at 15, grew up in

Bamaga, a mostly Torres Strait Islander community of 870 on the tip of Cape York that was established in 1947 following concerns that some islands in the Torres Strait were in danger of being inundated by tidal surges.

Like most children on Cape York, he played rugby league throughout primary school and early high school.

"I didn't really grow until I was quite old," Jawai said.

"Then I did, and all of a sudden I started liking basketball."

Despite his relatively late start in the sport, Jawai has a pedigree and a powerful mentor in the game. He is the nephew of Danny Morseu, the first Indigenous Australian to play basketball for Australia.

Jawai and fellow Indigenous Australian Patrick Mills also look certain to represent Australia in the Beijing Olympic Games in August.

Mills, who has been starring in college basketball in the US, is back in Australia.



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EARLIER this year I wrote about the emotional significance and symbolic importance of the Prime Minister's Apology to the Stolen Generations.

Even this week, I was speaking to a group of students from Merrylands High School and their business mentors and I was asked a question about the event.

I spoke of the personal experience of my grandmother, who grew up not knowing she was Aboriginal, yet feeling somehow 'different' until the key to her real identity was exposed.

I also spoke of her relatives — my relatives — who were sent to New Zealand and the kids growing up unaware of their Indigenous heritage.

Putting the issue into something as close and personal as somebody's grandmother helps the kids — and sometimes the adults — understand why the issue was so important to Indigenous Australians.

New chapter

But I am also aware that I need to convey the message that the Apology is not the end of the story, but hopefully the beginning of a new chapter.

A new chapter where the future is not diminished by the difference in age expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Again, when I am speaking with kids, I try to give them something concrete to relate to and I often speak to them about my involvement in the ARMtour (Athletes as Role Models) and the Dare to Lead programs.

The ARMtour (Athletes as Role Models) is a program delivered by the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA) and the Dare to Lead project is an Indigenous program of the Australian Principals Associations Professional Development Council (APAPDC).

Both organisations recognise the importance of achieving education and healthy living outcomes in Aboriginal communities as a means of closing the gap in life expectancy.

The ARMtour program

Opening eyes — and hearts



David Peachey visiting children at school in Papunya.



The Gold Titans' Chris Walker and Marcus, Kyle and Kiefer, some of his new friends at Papunya.

involves athletes staying in remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory for a week at a time, delivering education, sports and healthy lifestyle activities.

Since the ARMtours inception, many community leaders share stories of higher attendance rates at school, increased participation in sport, and less destructive and dangerous behaviour among youth.

ARMtour engages role models from various sporting backgrounds and has been visiting the NT since 1997.

The difference between ARMtour and other visits from 'celebrities' is that the program is on-going and delivered to five remote Northern Territory communities three times a year.

These communities include Papunya, Ntaria (Hermannsburg), Imanpa, Mitiitjulu 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.

It is great to see reports of the progress being made in most of these communities and the tremendous work being done by the committed teachers there.

The difference a good teacher makes in these communities is amazing and I was pleased to see the

Government has this as one of its priority areas.

A good teacher here is not simply measured by the quality of his or her programs.

A good teacher is one who relates to the community and stays long enough to build up the rapport and trust to encourage kids to stay at school.

Continuity and consistency is what kids of all ages and backgrounds crave.

My hat goes off to the teachers who make that extra commitment critical to success in these communities.

Supporting these champion teachers gives the athletes a great buzz and this is the key by-product of the program — the experience and education for the athletes involved.

I am continually amazed at the response of athletes when they return from the trip.

The Gold Coast Titans' Chris Walker is a case in point.

He returned from a recent trip to Papunya where he was accompanied by David Peachey, Shane Shackleton from the Sydney Roosters, touch footballer Rachel Holden and Carrie Bendeich from NASCA.

His excitement was obvious from the first second when I asked him what he enjoyed most about the trip.

"Everything," he said. "I'd go back in a second."

Chris spoke with the

enthusiasm and energy of the kids he encountered on the trip.

"The Elders welcomed us, but the kids were truly amazing," he said.

"They had nothing in the way of facilities but there was always plenty to do.

"It was the attitude of these kids that struck me. Their sporting ability was awesome and they mastered some of the skills of league with ease.

"But it was the way they continually encouraged each other that impressed me the most.

"I suppose living in such an isolated community, you have to learn to get on.

"Every comment was positive and supportive — if everyone had that attitude the world would be a better place."

Restricted to shooting hoops, Walker enjoyed watching Peachey and Shackleton train for hours on end with the local AFL side — the Papunya Eagles.

"I got tired just watching," Walker said. "The skill level was just unbelievable."

"Peach, Shack and I got a lot out of encouraging the younger blokes as they went through their sprints and skills work.

"Even though it's AFL country up there, the kids really related to our journeys and experiences in life, about getting through school and working hard."

This connection was just as

obvious in the classroom and it was here that Walker really experienced a connection with the kids.

"While we were teaching them spelling and maths and helping them with emails, we were also teaching them about being a young man," he said in a way that captured the essence of what ARMtour can provide.

"There was one young kid — Marcus — you could just see a massive improvement in his learning and concentrating."

Lessons remembered

Walker was impressed by the amount of work being done by the teachers and how the kids had obviously remembered the lessons about hygiene and healthy choices that were reinforced by the athletes.

Then Chris left me with a quote that reaffirms my commitment to ARMtour and gives me broader hope for the future.

"I saw a lot of myself in those kids," was his final statement.

We need not only to open people's hearts to change the future of these kids.

That is a purely emotional response.

We also need to open their eyes to the challenges they face.

It is when our hearts and our eyes combine that we can focus our minds on real solutions for a better future for all Australians.

Betrayed Prince



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It has almost been a week and I am still in a state of shock. How Scott Prince – after his glaring omission from the Centenary Test side – could be overlooked for the Queensland State of Origin side is beyond my comprehension.

That they selected Karmichael Hunt as five-eighth to partner Johnathan Thurston in the halves makes the decision even harder to understand.

Particularly when Chairman of Selectors Des Morris comes out and justifies the decision by stating that they considered Prince to be a halfback.

Does that mean that the Broncos, Queensland and Australian selectors have got it wrong in the past by selecting Hunt at fullback?

That's right – Hunt is making his debut in the five-eighth position despite the fact that both Thurston and Prince have played a significant part of their careers with the number six on their backs.

The very least the fans – and Scott Prince – deserve is honesty rather than being served up the lame excuse that the selectors view Prince as a halfback only!

Prince responded to his omission with an emphatic performance in the Titans' gritty 24-20 win over the Bulldogs at Skilled Park.

And didn't the thousands of Titans fans waving posters declaring in bold red letters 'Scott 4 Origin' love it.

More had been written in the Gold Coast press about Prince's Queensland snub than about the Federal Budget!

During the week the snubbed half broke his silence on the disappointment of being left out of this year's Queensland State of Origin side.

"I had a feeling something like this might happen, and it obviously has and I'm very disappointed" Prince said in an interview distributed by the Titans.

"It doesn't sit right with me at all."

Prince said the support of family and friends had somewhat softened the blow, and he will now focus all of his attention on propelling the Titans into the NRL finals.

"It's sort of a relief knowing what lies ahead," he said.

"At the moment I know where I stand, and that's with the Titans now, and I can move on."

"Although I'm disappointed, I'll always support the Maroons and I wish the boys



all the best and hope they can win the series again."

Meanwhile Johnathan Thurston has shown the mentality of a true champion by stating that next week's game will provide a new challenge.

In only five years, Thurston has not just emerged as one of the dominant halfbacks in the game today. Rather, he has established himself as the dominant figure.

From Thurston's perspective, however, tonight will be the first time he truly has the chance to measure himself against some of the greats of State of Origin.

Game one of this year's series will be the first time the excitement machine from Toowoomba pulls on a Maroons jumper without Lockyer standing next to him.

Holds the key

It will be Thurston's chance to be the man who holds the key to the contest in his hands.

For years it was a mantle Wally Lewis carried with distinction. Laurie Daley, Allan Langer, Andrew Johns and Lockyer have been others that opponents knew they must contain to be any hope of staying in the contest.

Now that responsibility falls to Thurston.

"Locky isn't always going to be around and I would certainly like to think I can step up in this situation and really take charge of the team and do what is necessary to get us the win," Thurston said.

"It's a big challenge. It's huge actually. He is such a big presence and has been such a key figure in every Origin I

have played.

"He's the bloke you turn to when things aren't going so good. He is the one who has been there to put on the match-winning plays."

"In the past couple of series he has been the one who has scored the crucial try because he puts himself in the right place at the right time over and over again."

"He leads by example and that's what I want to do."

Thurston will still have Lockyer on hand for advice. The Broncos captain turned up at Queensland training last Wednesday and spent the session working closely with coach Mal Meninga.

And Thurston has promised to soak up any advice Lockyer can offer.

"I guess the biggest thing is the way he keeps cool under pressure and takes the right option at the right time," Thurston said.

"It is something I have worked on."

It's a massive task but one Thurston's Cowboys team-mate and Origin roomie Jacob Lillyman believes will bring out the very best in him.

"He'll thrive with the extra responsibility. He loves the big games and he loves having the pressure weighing on his shoulders."

"He's a great player and when the chips are down I'm sure Queensland will be looking to him to be the difference."

At the same time Queensland enforcer Carl Webb expects NSW

to put everything on the line to try and salvage some lost pride in tonight's Origin series opener in Sydney.

The Blues are facing a third consecutive series defeat for the first time since 1989 when Queensland legends Wally Lewis, Allan Langer and Gene Miles helped carry their State to a period of rugby league dominance.

NSW have achieved the feat twice in Origin history, from 1992-94 and 2003-05.

"I'm sure New South Wales could field three competitive sides," said Test forward Webb.

"They're always going to put a quality team on the field and I think they've selected a really tough forward pack."

"They've got a lot of inspiration in the fact that they're a couple of series down and I remember when we were at that stage... and the motivation that created."

"If they're coming in with that sort of mindset, they're definitely going to be dangerous, other than the fact they're a quality team."

"It's a pride match for them."

"They're going to come out all guns blazing."

Ready to fire

Standing alongside Webb and ready to take a bullet for him will be the Broncos' Sam Thaiday.

I could not be happier for the big man who has been in outstanding form this year – at least the selectors got it right this time!

Thaiday played all three Origin matches in 2006 when he also represented Australia, but injuries ruined his representative hopes last year.

This season he has developed into an 80-minute player and he was rewarded with the Broncos captaincy for their match just over a week ago against Manly.

"That first Origin series was hard,"

Thaiday said.

"I had my 21st in camp that year. I'm older and wiser now and the longer I stay out there next Wednesday, the better."

"It's going to be hard and testing, but I think that makes the game a little bit more exciting."

"It was very hard having to watch last year's series. You just have the feeling you want to be out there with the boys and it really cuts deep."

"Being selected this year is a good reward for the hard work I have put in. I'm going to enjoy every little minute of this great thing called Origin."

This great thing called Origin – Bring it On!



A racist? What rot!



Adam Goodes celebrates a victory for the Swans last year. An historian's claims that he is a racist have been scorned.

INSTEAD of focusing on the involvement of Indigenous peoples in the game through the battle for the 'Marn Grook Trophy' when we play Essendon at ANZ Stadium, we have been distracted by the ridiculous claim that Adam Goodes is a racist because he believes Indigenous players have a special affinity for the game.

Normally I would treat such comments with the contempt they deserve by simply ignoring them. To comment gives the debate oxygen and also adds to the supposed credibility of the accuser.

But when the accuser is introduced as 'AFL historian Gillian Hibbins' and she makes her provocative claim on National Indigenous Television while at the same time trying to disprove any connection between the evolution of Australian football and the Aboriginal activity Marngrook, then I cannot let the matter rest.

What makes my blood boil is that this person has not even paid Adam the courtesy of speaking with him. Anybody who has met him would understand how much he respects the community role that his profile has given him.

Adam works tirelessly with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous kids in an effort to improve the society that we all share.

That's what makes me so bitterly disappointed and outraged that our dual Brownlow Medallist would be labelled with a term which is opposed not only to his beliefs, but also his proven actions.

So what has caused Gillian Hibbins to call Adam a racist?

Adam was invited to write an essay in a book celebrating 150 years of Australian rules football.

In it he expressed his views on Marngrook in a heartfelt essay on what it means to be an Indigenous footballer.

Marngrook is a Gunditjmara word meaning 'game ball' and it has long been a popular theory that Australian football's founding father, Tom Wills, saw a game of Marngrook and thought it would be a good way for Australian cricketers to stay fit in the off-season.

Hibbins in an essay in the same book said that theory was a 'seductive myth'.

That should be the end of the argument — a disagreement on the place of a traditional Aboriginal game in the history of AFL.

But Hibbins could not leave it at that.

Goodes went on to describe the special place football — indeed sport — has in many Indigenous communities.

"I believe in the connection ... I know that when Aborigines play Australian football (they do so) with

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a clear mind and total focus. We are born to play it," he wrote.

In a recent NITV interview, Goodes backed up his view, stating: "When we play football there's that connection to the land that we are on and the way that we play. When you see two brothers or three brothers playing on the same team you can just see this natural ability shine through."

"I think that comes from thousands and thousands of years of history there," he concluded.

Hibbins zeroed in on these comments and branded Goodes a racist. "If you define racism as believing a race is superior in something, this is basically what he was doing," she said on the Marngrook Footy Show of all places.

Nowhere did Adam refer to race or suggest that Aboriginal players were somehow superior to other players.

What he did express was the special place the game has in the culture of many communities where in some instances it has become an obsession.

So powerful has the game become that it is used as a tool to keep kids in school and to promote healthy lifestyle messages.

Culture and beliefs are quite separate to race.

If a person cannot express the special connection that a culture has with a game from birth and that we are indeed 'born to play' then it is a sad day for our country.

Goodes has rightfully received a lot of support from the broader football community.

Former Swans Indigenous star Derek Kickett, who also appeared on the program, said any claim that Goodes had been racist was ridiculous. "I don't know where she (Hibbins) was coming from," he said.

Kickett and Marngrook Footy Show host Grant Hansen both believe Hibbins' research is flawed.

Hansen said Hibbins argued that if something wasn't written, it wasn't true. This means that Hibbins disclaims the centuries of spoken Indigenous history that has been passed on by each generation.

I wonder whether she views that as a question of culture or race?

"She failed to actually interview any Indigenous people about the game ... quite ironic if she's writing an article about Marngrook," Hansen said.

The AFL went into damage control over its own publication and sided with Goodes over the unique relationship that exists between the game and Indigenous people.

"We don't agree with her comments, we think it is a poor choice of words and her comments certainly don't reflect the views of the AFL," an AFL spokesman said.

"We understand what Adam Goodes was saying and wholeheartedly agree with Adam that our Indigenous players have a great affinity with our game — and have had for a long time."

AFL Players Association boss Brendan Gale was outraged by the comments.

"I just think her comments are totally inappropriate," he said.

"Adam Goodes is not a racist. He is held in the highest regard and I think it is shameful."

Gale did not finish there, as he questioned some of the other claims made by Hibbins.

"What I think is regrettable is this has such a prominent place in the definitive history of Australian rules football which has the imprimatur of the AFL," he said.

"Where's the other point of view. It's at page 175 where Adam Goodes' essay starts."

"And now Gillian Hibbert comes out and reduces that to a piece of racism. That's outrageous."

As always, Swans coach Paul Roos was able to sum up the whole situation in a simple sentence. "We know Adam is a person of impeccable character, he's not a racist and I find it bizarre that anyone could say that about him," he said.

In many sports the 'game ball' is given to the most valuable player on the field. Adam Goodes would be a contender for the 'Marngrook' award for the most valuable person off the field.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Adam Goodes is not a racist. He is held in the highest regard and I think it is shameful!

140 years on, touring team is remembered



THE arrival of the Australian cricket team in the West Indies on 13 May coincided with the 140th anniversary

of the arrival of Australia's first ever touring team, the 1868 Indigenous team.

The 1868 team completed a six-month tour of England and is regarded as the first sporting team to compete under a national Australian banner. In a coincidence of scheduling, 13 May was the date that the 1868 pioneers arrived in England to start their marathon tour, while exactly 140 years later Ricky Ponting's squad flew into Kingston, Jamaica on 13 May (Australian time).

The Australian team paid tribute to the original Australian touring team by displaying the Aboriginal flag with the Australian flag at its arrival media conference in the West Indies.

Cricket Australia and State and Territory associations also flew the Aboriginal flag at their offices or grounds on 13 May in recognition of the anniversary.

The anniversary came a month after the cream of 2008's young Indigenous cricket talent gathered at the Centre of Excellence in Brisbane for a week-long training camp under Australian assistant coach Dene Hills.

Over in Jamaica, Australian captain Ricky Ponting expressed admiration for his 1868 predecessors:

"The story of the 1868 Indigenous Australian side is an amazing one and on the 140th anniversary of their arrival I am pleased that we can help in recognising the team's pioneering



Coach Tim Nielsen and captain Ricky Ponting with the Aboriginal flag in the West Indies.

achievements," Ponting said.

Cricket Australia Chief Executive Officer James Sutherland said that recognising the team on this special anniversary was of great importance to Australian cricket.

"The 1868 Aboriginal tour of England was a watershed event in Australia's sporting and cricket history," he said.

"In recent years, the remarkable and courageous achievements of the 1868 team have become more widely acknowledged and celebrated, and on the 140th anniversary of the tour, we would like that history and recognition to continue and strengthen."

"In 2002, Australian cricket

was successful in having the team inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame. In 2004, individual player numbers were allocated to the touring party as formal recognition of their place in Australian cricket history in a ceremony during the 3 mobile Boxing Day Test.

"While displaying the Aboriginal flag on 13 May is a simple gesture symbolising the significance of our first Australian cricket team, I also hope it gives further pride to Indigenous Australians for their contributions to cricket's rich history."

The National Indigenous Development Squad, selected through State association nominations and performances

at the annual national all-Indigenous cricket competition – the Imparja Cup, was: Andrew Blucher (Qld), Malcolm Dow (Vic), Kris Halloran (NSW), Josh Lalor (NSW), Brad Lovell (Tas), Callan Morse (Tas), David Parrington (NT), Michael Strange (Qld), Matthew Stopp (SA), Chris Swain (Qld), Danny Tye (ACT), Dane Ugle (WA), Lewis Upton (WA), Preston White (Qld).

Progress has already been evident from this squad, with left-arm paceman Josh Lalor recently securing a rookie contract with the SpeedBlitz NSW Blues for 2008-09. He joins Worin Williams and Dan Christian as Indigenous players with State contracts.

47 matches in tour lasting six months

THE 1868 team set sail from Sydney on 8 February 1868, arriving in England on 13 May. It played 47 matches between May and October, winning 14 games, losing 14 and drawing 19.

All-rounder Johnny Mullagh (traditional name Unaarrimin) was the acknowledged champion of the team, scoring 1698 runs and taking 245 wickets on the tour.

The team, including their awarded player numbers, was: AUS 1, Arrahmunyarrimin, Peter; AUS 2, Ballrinjarrimin, Sundown; AUS 3, Bonnibarngeet, Tiger; AUS 4, Brimbunyah, Red Cap; AUS 5, Bripumyarrimin, King Cole; AUS 6, Bullchanach, Bullocky; AUS 7, Charles Lawrence (Captain/Coach); AUS 8, Grongarrong, Mosquito; AUS 9, Jarrawuk (Murrungunarrimin), Two Penny; AUS 10, Jumgumjananuke, Dick-a-Dick; AUS 11, Lyterjerrbillun, Jim Crow; AUS 12, Pripumarraman, Charles Dumas; AUS 13, Unaarrimin, Johnny Mullagh; AUS 14, Yellanach, Johnny Cuzens.

Queensland pays tribute to first tourists



QUEENSLAND Cricket commemorated a landmark moment in Australian

sporting history last week when it observed the 140th anniversary of the first cricket team to represent Australia.

The memory of the 1868 Indigenous team that toured England was recognised through a flag-raising ceremony at Queensland Cricket's Albion headquarters at Ray Lindwall Oval.

The current Australian team arrived in the West Indies to start their latest tour, the same date as the 1868 pioneers arrived in England to start their marathon

six-month tour 140 years ago.

To recognise the event, Queensland Cricket Game Development Officer Joe Marsh raised the Australian flag; Worin Williams, a Bulls rookie contracted player, raised the Aboriginal flag; and Eddie Mills-Grant, a Queensland Imparja Cup player, raised the Torres Strait Islander flag.

Marsh was a member of the 1988 Australian Indigenous team that toured England to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the 1868 team's visit.

Aboriginal artist Michael Connolly played the didgeridoo during the ceremony.



● LEFT: From left Queensland Cricket Director Jim Holding, Elder Valda Coolwell, Eddie Mills-Grant, Joe Marsh, Worin Williams and Michael Connolly at the Queensland Cricket ceremony to commemorate the 140th anniversary of the arrival in England of the first Australian cricket team to tour. It was an all-Aboriginal team.

Adam producing the Goodes again



SYDNEY onballer Adam Goodes continues to grow in confidence after his standout performance in

the Australian Football League Hall of Fame tribute match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on 11 May.

Three weeks after Swans coach Paul Roos admitted to 'massive concern' about the two-time Brownlow Medallist's form, Goodes helped spark Victoria with an outstanding second term against the Dream Team at the MCG.

The Victorians recovered from a poor start to lead at half time and won by 17 points.

"I feel great, to represent the Big V was a good honour and I thought I continued some good form that I'd had in the last couple of weeks," Goodes said.

The week after Roos' comments, Goodes was best on ground against North Melbourne and then had 26 disposals against the Western Bulldogs.

Fans were granted one of the game's most-anticipated match-ups in the first term when Goodes lined up on a wing against Richmond's Matthew Richardson, who is in career-best form.

An over-awed Goodes only had one touch in the first quarter, but flourished in the second once he let Richardson go forward.

"I was probably in awe of 'Richo' in the first quarter. I was worried about what he was doing," Goodes said.

"I thought 'hang on a minute, I know I can play, I've really just got to back myself against Richo' and I really thought I turned it around in the second quarter, set up a few goals.

"I was just happy to break even with Richo at half-time. I was too worried about where he was and I was caught in between playing on him and pushing off.

"I really made that conscious decision for the second quarter, that I had to attack him and beat him the way he was beating me in the first quarter."

Goodes even took a big mark over Richardson in the goal square during the second quarter as the Victorians defended grimly against the talent-packed Dream Team attack.

The Sydney star said the game was 'even better' than he expected, and added it would go down as a career highlight, alongside his two Brownlows and the Swans' 2005 premiership.

How we rated our players

Koori Mail Australian rules writer **PETER ARGENT** runs the rule over the Indigenous players involved in the Dream Team versus Victoria match played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on 10 May.

Dream Team

Andrew McLeod (captain), Adelaide – 31 years old, 290 games, 252 goals. Rating 7.5/10

A great leader's game and regarded among the best players in this contest, he had 29 possessions. He played predominately across half back. Interestingly, 27 of his touches were uncontested. He also moved into the midfield when his side needed a boost.

Peter Burgoyne, Port Adelaide – 30 years old, 215 games, 185 goals. Rating 9.5/10

The game's greatest possession winner, with an amazing 36 touches. The older Burgoyne sibling was considered unlucky not to collect the Alan Aylett Medal. In the first quarter alone, Peter Burgoyne had 14 disposals. Close to a perfect game.

Shaun Burgoyne, Port Adelaide – 25 years old, 136 games, 160 goals. Rating 7/10

Skilful, stylish and well-balanced, Shaun Burgoyne was another member of the eight-man Indigenous contingent which was a part of the Dream Team. Regarded among the best five Dream team players in the contest, he finished with 21 possessions and kicked a goal.

"Winning this game is fantastic and I've never worn the Big V jumper at senior level – it sits somewhere by itself in the middle of all those," he said.

A major highlight for Goodes was having so many other Indigenous players involved in the match.

He was the only Aboriginal player in the Victorian line-up, but the Dream Team had eight, and Goodes took careful note of their performances.

"I was pretty chuffed with the way I attacked the game after quarter time, it was great to see 'Peter Boy' (Peter Burgoyne),



Indigenous players in the Dream Team, from left, Peter Burgoyne (Power), Daniel Motlop (Power), Mathew Stokes (Cats), Lance Franklin (Hawks), Leon Davis (Magpies), Shaun Burgoyne (Power), Graham Johncock (Crows), Mark Williams (Power – coach) and Andrew McLeod (Crows – captain). – AFL picture

Leon Davis, Collingwood – 26 years old, 146 games, 182 goals. Rating 8/10

'Neon' Leon Davis is among the best small forwards in the AFL competition. Again he made an impact in this celebration game, kicking three goals (and one behind). An electric performance.

Lance Franklin, Hawthorn – 21 years old, 63 games, 161 goals. Rating 7/10

One of the young stars of AFL football, Lance Franklin didn't let down the Dream Team, despite the 17-point loss. Average nine shots on goal in regular minor-round football matches, he kept this average up. Franklin kicked four goals and perhaps the only disappointment was his five points. He also took seven marks.

This performance compares with his recent efforts for Hawthorn.

Andy McLeod and ... (Graham) Johncock in the back line," he said.

"They were just sharing it around together and going whatever they wanted back there.

"Then to see Buddy (Lance Franklin) kick goals at the other end and Leon and Stokesy (Mathew Stokes) putting pressure on, 'Shaun Boy' (Shaun Burgoyne) in the midfield – they just had talent across the ground, they were fantastic, all the brothers on their team."

Dream Team coach Mark Williams believes the Hall of

Graham Johncock, Adelaide – 25 years old, 133 games, 82 goals. Rating 7.5/10

Playing as an attacking small defender, Johncock was just third behind Peter Burgoyne and his captain and weekly team-mate McLeod in possessions gained – finishing with 25 and creating plenty of run for his side. He was important for the Dream Team in defence.

Daniel Motlop, Port Adelaide – 26 years old, 83 games, 123 goals. Rating 5/10

A late inclusion after a brilliant seven-goal effort in round seven, Daniel Motlop displayed his creative skills up forward with two goals in the game. A little quiet, though.

Mathew Stokes, Geelong – 23 years old, 37 games, 56 goals. Rating 7/10

A late starter in AFL football,

Stokes showed why he has become an integral part of defending premiers Geelong. He also gained more than 20 possessions in the contest and kicked a goal. His third term was superb in what was a lively display all evening.

Victoria

Adam Goodes, Sydney – 28 years old, 216 games, 206 goals. Rating 8.5/10

Under-performing for the Swans in the early part of the season, Adam Goodes showed why he is a class act and one of the elite players in AFL football. In this special game he was close behind goal sneak Brendan Fevola as the Big V's best, having 21 touches and setting up at least three goals. He made his mark on the game.

FINAL SCORE: Victoria 21.11 (137) defeated the Dream Team 18.12 (120)

race and given them opportunity for these guys to be leaders of their race," he said.

Three of them – Shaun and Peter Burgoyne and Daniel Motlop – are from Williams' own club, Port Adelaide.

"The number of Aboriginal boys playing AFL footy is just a delight for all of us," he said.

"To think that that might be helping the social welfare of the Aborigines is just brilliant and giving them a real focus of what they can be and how good they can be."

"All we can do is give them an opportunity." – AAP

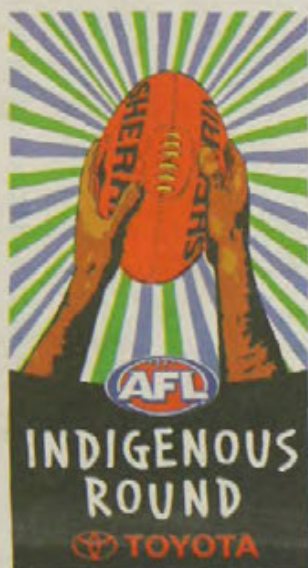


● Discus thrower Bann Harradine breaks 30-year-old national record

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

More Dreaming



By PETER ARGENT



THE centrepiece of the Indigenous round (AFL round nine, 23-25 May) and now in its fourth year —

Dreamtime at the G — aims to acknowledge and commemorate the role Indigenous players have in Australian rules football.

It also is aimed at demonstrating how the national football code can build lasting bridges between cultures in the spirit of reconciliation.

A brainchild of long-serving Essendon coach and now AFL ambassador Kevin Sheedy, the

Dreamtime at the G match aims to recognise and celebrate the role Indigenous players have had in the game.

Other highlights of this special weekend will include 'The Long Walk' and Dreamtime at the G pre-match entertainment by Paul Kelly, Kev Carmody, Jessica Mauboy and Indigenous theatre performer Ursula Yovich.

Local artists didgeridoo player Ron Murray and dance group Koori Youth Will Shakespeares will also perform.

AFL Ambassador and Essendon champion Michael Long said Dreamtime at the G and the Long Walk were events that shared the same objectives.

"Bringing the Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and cultures together is central to both events and The Long Walk is delighted to again be sharing the stage on one of the biggest nights of the football season. It would be great to see a sea of people swarming over the bridge from Federation Square to the MCG," the former AFL star said.

The Long Walk will conclude a two-day Indigenous cultural event in Federation Square on Friday 23 May and Saturday 24 May.

The City of Melbourne, The Long Walk and Reconciliation Victoria will support a large range of activities, displays and performances taking place to showcase the Indigenous culture of Melbourne and Victoria.

The Long Walk activities will begin at Federation Square at 2.30pm on 24 May with performances, displays and exhibitions.



MICHAEL LONG



The walk will depart Federation Square about 5.30pm and continue through Birrarung Marr, across the William Barak Bridge to the MCG for the Dreamtime at the G match between Essendon and

Richmond. Registration is not required to participate in the walk.

About 1000 participants from The Long Walk will continue on to the MCG surface to be part of the pre-match entertainment while those in the stands will also participate with 50,000 glow-sticks that will be distributed on the night.

This event is also sponsored by the Essendon Football Club's Indigenous programs partner, DESA Australia, and the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

● Federation Square Events and Activities — Friday 23 May:

10am-3pm and Saturday 24 May: 2.30pm-5.30pm

Music and artistic performances — AFL player appearances — Cultural games and workshops — Stalls and displays from a range of community organisations — Big screen video presentations — including the curtain-raiser between Santa Teresa and the Fitzroy Stars on Saturday afternoon.

The Long Walk is scheduled to start from Federation Square about 5.30pm on the Saturday afternoon.

An all-Indigenous Aussie rules team?



AN Indigenous team in a State of Origin Australian rules football competition has been touted by

Hawthorn President and former Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett.

As players continued to call for representative football on an ongoing basis, Victorian assistant coach and AFL ambassador Kevin Sheedy also said he would prefer State-versus-State games.

Kennett said his ideal scenario would be an interstate carnival the week after the

grand final, with teams representing all states, as well as possibly an Indigenous side.

"I think there'd be a lot more passion," Kennett said.

"You could share it around the country so that... you could have one (match) in Western Australia and you could have one in Adelaide.

"You wouldn't be able to cover all States every year, but you could rotate them, so I think to do it properly you'd need it to be an annual event."

Kennett felt the concept of the Dream Team — made up

from the best non-Victorian players — which lost to Victoria in the 10 May one-off clash at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, engendered little passion.

"I felt it was a bit more like touch football than real football, up until perhaps the last 10 minutes when there was a bit of vigour and passion," he said.

Kennett suggested a carnival involving all AFL States, including Tasmania, possibly along with an Indigenous side, playing a series of shortened knockout games ahead of a

full-length final match.

Sheedy also called for a return to regular State of Origin, although on a rotational basis.

"I'd play probably (Victoria versus) South Australia in two years' time, that's my personal view, and then probably WA after that in another two years," Sheedy told SEN radio.

"Then maybe Victoria versus the rest of Australia to give the other players an opportunity."

Sydney coach Paul Roos said that from a club's point of view, pre-season would be the

ideal time for future representative games.

"Your players have to play pre-season anyway, so if we are playing a pre-season game and there's a Victoria versus South Australia, Victoria versus Western Australia game, you wouldn't worry at all about injury then because you would think, well, they are going to have to play anyway, regardless of who they are playing against," Roos said.

The AFL has previously stated that it has no plans for a permanent reintroduction of representative football. — AAP