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Scenes from various 2008 National Sorry Day events (clockwise from top left): At the Parliament House launch of an artwork featuring a calligraphy version of the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's national apology motion were, from left, Opposition Indigenous affairs spokesman Tony Abbott; Stolen Generations Alliance (SGA) Co-Chair Christine King; Prime Minister Rudd; National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) Co-Chair Helen Moran; Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin; and NSDC Co-Chair Sally Fitzpatrick (photo by KIRSTIE PARKER). Marchers during commemorations in Sydney made their feelings known (photo by FELICITY JENKINS). The Sorry Walk was an important part of the Perth event (photo by ALITA BOASE). Stolen Generations member Aunty Rieo gets a kiss from grandchildren Wingarra and Wanika Ellis at commemorations in Melbourne's Federation Square (photo by ALISON MCCOLL-BULLOCK).

A special day



HUNDREDS of events were held around Australia on 26 May to commemorate the tenth anniversary National Sorry Day and celebrate the national apology to

the Stolen Generations. Not surprisingly, it was a day of mixed emotions. Tears were shed as Stolen Generations members and their families grieved over the impact of past government policies and practices that saw thousands of Indigenous children

forcibly removed from their families. There were remembrance ceremonies for those who have passed on, many without being reunited. However, it was clear that the 13 February national apology had

fuelled a new sense of energy and hope for Stolen Generations justice. Campaigners used the special anniversary National Sorry Day to urge Australians to advance the reconciliation process by resolving 'unfinished business', particularly

through reparations, compensation and ongoing support for Stolen Generations survivors. **More on National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week events, Pages 26-40**

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My FAMILY Daniel Williams – Canberra, ACT

THIS photo was taken at the Sorry in the Park event in Canberra on the day before Sorry Day. It shows me, my partner Chicka and our kids Nyoka, Tallara and Mundarra. The girls had their faces painted and we had a relaxing day listening to different bands on stage.

We've got our own Sorry Day story to tell because our son Mundarra was born at 6.30am on 13 February, the day of the Prime Minister's apology to the Stolen Generations. We're not sure if he was the first baby born in Canberra on that day, but we think he's pretty special.

Mundarra was born at home on the lounge room floor. Chicka had woken me up but by the time I got downstairs she was lying down on the floor.

I helped to deliver our son because he came before we could get Chicka to the hospital. It just happened that fast, we didn't have time to go into shock or anything.

The birth wasn't that long, just a few minutes, and the ambulance arrived a few minutes after that. Mundarra was four days overdue but we didn't think he would come that fast.

I am originally from Cowra, but moved to Canberra with my parents and brothers and sisters when I was about 12.

My dad worked in the juvenile justice. He passed away in 2006, but my mum still lives in Queanbeyan, just outside Canberra. I see her all the time.

I have two brothers and three sisters. Two sisters live in Victoria, and one in Orange. One brother lives in Canberra and the other brother lives in Sydney.

Chicka and I met in Canberra when I was 15 and she was 14 but we didn't get together until about four years later.

This is our 12th year together. Chicka likes living here but I'd like to move some time. I'd like us to go to Brungle Mission, near Tumut, because that's my traditional country.

I'm Wiradjuri and my Granddad Robbo Williams grew up around there. He taught me all about the land out there and put me through the law.

He passed away when I was about 13 but I've still got a lot of mob there. I might have a hard time convincing Chicka to move though.



Daniel and Chicka Williams with daughters Nyoka Williams, 9, and Tallara Williams, 6. Daniel is holding son Mundarra Williams, aged three months.

A lot of our friends are here in Canberra too.

I work in the forestry industry. What we are doing now is getting rid of all the pine and letting the native trees grow back. I enjoy that work.

As a family, me, Chicka and the kids like to go fishing. We go out to The Cotter or to Kambah Pool. We go camping and swimming too, and sightseeing. We have picnics and barbecues.

Passing on my Aboriginal culture is important to me.

I would like to work with the younger generations, and to take my kids back to country. I teach them everything that I know, all the bush medicines and where to find food in the bush.

I am glad they're confident in their Aboriginality. We say to our kids 'be proud of who you are'.

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OUR CHILDREN



Cute as a button, Rueann Crafter-Presley, 18 months, of Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory is more than happy to wave the flag.

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Singing farewell



Former ATSIC chairwoman Lowitja O'Donoghue, outside St Peter's Cathedral in Adelaide last week. *NewsPix Image.*

By **DARREN COYNE**

SA INDIGENOUS leader Lowitja O'Donoghue can add another achievement to her long-list of accomplishments – that of church soloist.

During her 'swansong' address to St Peter's Anglican Cathedral to kickstart Reconciliation Week, Professor O'Donoghue gave her audience 'a special treat' by singing two songs from her days at Colebrook Children's Home.

"When I was just two years old, I was taken (along with my sisters, Amy and Vi) from my mother. My older sister Eileen, and my brother Geoffrey, had already been taken," the former Australian of the Year said.

"My own personal memory of Colebrook is that it was a time of rigid discipline, joyless religious observance, lack of privacy and a stultifying denial of autonomy.

"I remember endless hymn singing and continual praising of the Lord for pretty awful food!

"One of the hymns we would sing at Colebrook was 'whiter than snow'," she told the audience, after asking people to reflect on the impacts of government policies which resulted in the removal of children from their parents.

She told the heart-breaking story of not meeting her mother Lily until after 30 years of being separated, and then being unable to speak with her because they did not share the same language.

"Apparently, when she heard that I was

going to visit her, she waited in the dust by the side of the road for days in anticipation," she said.

"And then of course, when I arrived, she discovered that we did not share a common language to communicate with. We could not speak to each other – except through our eyes.

"And what I saw was a woman who had been undone by her grief. She spent a lot of that visit looking at the floor.

Professor O'Donoghue – who announced her retirement from public life during her address – said many Aboriginal families had experienced the tragic history of the Stolen Generations.

"As a result many of my people have deep-seated fears about being removed from their communities by whitefellas. It is a real issue in relation to welfare interventions and imprisonment," she said.

"It is partly why a code-of-silence surrounds abuse in Aboriginal communities, because people do not want to see the fracturing of families and communities yet again."

She urged parishioners to continue on the journey of reconciliation, and described Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology as 'magnificent'.

"What was so good about it was that that he achieved that perfect balance between apologising for past wrongs and looking forward to a future built on healing and mutual respect," she said.

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Doris Pilkington wins Red Ochre



CELEBRATED author Doris Pilkington Garimara has been awarded the Australia Council's prestigious Red Ochre Award.

The \$50,000 award recognises her lifetime contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts in Australia and overseas.

Ms Pilkington Garimara is best known for her 1996 novel, *Follow The Rabbit-Proof Fence*, which tells the story of three Aboriginal girls who were removed from their community in Western Australia the 1930s.

Among the girls was Pilkington Garimara's mother Molly Craig.

They were taken to a settlement, but later escaped and travelled back to their families. In 2002, Phillip Noyce directed a film based on the book which drew international acclaim.

Prior to receiving the Red Ochre, Ms Pilkington Garimara told ABC TV she was amazed that the novel had been so successful.

"What amazes and pleases me is that *Rabbit-Proof Fence* has been translated into about ten languages, so many languages," she said.

For Ms Pilkington Garimara, her own journey would be worthy of a novel. She was born on Balfour Downs Station in the East Pilbara in 1937 and

as a toddler was taken from her mother to be raised at the Moore River Mission.

At 18, she left the mission system as the first of its members to qualify for the Royal Perth Hospital's nursing aide training program.

Following marriage and a family, she studied journalism and worked in film/video production.

Her first book *Caprice: A Stockman's Daughter* won the 1990 David Unaipon National Award.

In 2002, she was appointed co-patron of the state and federal Sorry Day committees' Journey of Healing. Her third novel *Under the Wintamarra tree* was also published in the same year.

In 2006, Ms Pilkington Garimara published *Home to Mother*, a children's version of her mother's courageous 1600 km journey on foot from the Moore River Mission to



Doris Pilkington Garimara

Jigalong. In the same year, she was awarded an Order of Australia for service to the arts.

Chris Sarra, chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board, hosted the Red Ochre Award ceremony on Friday evening at the Sydney Opera House.

Dr Sarra said it was timely to honour an author whose stories had helped bring a nation together.

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Lunch with Pope



Craig Ashby, originally from Walgett, will have lunch with the Roman Catholic Pontiff.

POPE Benedict XVI will hear about Indigenous youth and education first-hand when he dines with Gamilaroi (northern NSW) man Craig Ashby later this year.

The 21-year-old, originally from Walgett, was one of just 12 people from around the world – and only two of them from Australia – named to have lunch with the Roman Catholic Pontiff when he is in

Australia during July for World Youth Day activities.

Mr Ashby, selected for his extensive work with Catholic and other community groups, says he will first and foremost be listening to what the Pontiff has to say.

"But I'm also hoping to use the opportunity to raise some important issues with the Holy Father," the third-year Sydney University Bachelor of Education student told *The Koori Mail*.

"Top of that list is the

aspirations and needs of young Indigenous people in our communities and the good work that is being done through Catholic education for our young people."

Mr Ashby himself is a product of the Catholic education system, and credits it with turning his life around.

"I was raised in Walgett and by my early teens I was heading down the wrong track," he said.

"It was the local Catholic Priest, Father P J O'Neill, who

helped me get back on the right track.

"He got me a scholarship to St Joseph's College in Sydney, and with a lot of hard work and support I turned my life around.

"It's my experiences, and that of many others, and the good work the church is doing, that I'll be hoping to tell the Holy Father."

Just this month, Mr Ashby joined with television icon Ray Martin to launch the Fr P J O'Neill Scholarship to fund

annually one Indigenous student from Walgett at St Joseph's – one of Australia's leading schools that has been described as a 'pacesetter' in Indigenous education.

He's hoping other educational institutions will follow suit. "Education is the key for our people," he said.

Mr Ashby continues his community work through a range of groups including the Matthew Talbot Hostel and Father Chris Riley's Youth Off The Streets (YoTS).

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Nelson cops a parting swipe

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Professor O'Donoghue, however, branded Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson 'small-minded' for his response to the apology to the Stolen Generations in February.

"His speech gave with one hand and took with the other, it was small-minded, it diminished him as a person and diminished his party," she said.

She also said that the journey of healing was nowhere near an end, and repeated her calls for compensation for the Stolen Generations.

Professor O'Donoghue told her audience that the Federal Government had never fully responded to the 1997 *Bringing Them Home* report, which issued 35 recommendations.

"The government's response was to direct its attention to just 17 recommendations," she said. "And the funds that were allocated to these 17 recommendations were grossly inadequate to meet the needs."

"Significantly, the report recommended where Aboriginal people had suffered as a result of removal that compensation be made."

"This was to compensate for pain and suffering, deprivation of liberty, loss of native title rights, loss of cultural rights and economic loss."

"This is an issue that still needs to be put on the table and to be dealt with, and the wider community needs to understand that this is an issue that goes to the heart of equality under the law."

"In other words, it's not so much about fixing the Aboriginal problem as it is about fixing the white justice system and recognising that it works in the interests of some, at the expense of others."

Professor O'Donoghue also spoke about the urgent need to tackle the over-representation of

Aboriginal people in jail, as well as issues facing Indigenous people living in urban areas.

"The journey of healing will not have succeeded until the profile of Aboriginal people matches that of other Australians, on all measurable criteria of wellbeing. That must be our benchmark," she said.

"And it means that there is work to be done in all areas of Aboriginal health and spiritual and emotional wellbeing."

To finish, and to retire on a high note, Professor O'Donoghue issued a challenge to members of the Christian church.

"I ask that you think about that role for the future ongoing journey of reconciliation," she said.

With that, she again broke into a song she was taught during her years at the Colebrook Children's Home.

If the Lord wants you to go to Oodnadatta... Will you go? Will you go?

If the Lord wants you to go to Napaburna... Will you go? Will you go?

If the Lord wants you to go to APY Lands... Will you go? Will you go?

If the Lord wants you to go to India... Will you go? Will you go?

"And I went! I did go to India many years ago...and worked as a relief nurse among people living in poverty. They too were suffering from all the negative effects of an imposed colonial culture," she said.

"So, after all these years, I put the question back to you:

"You are invited to join the Reconciliation Journey of Healing and Justice. Will you go?"

Brough's APY offer rankles government

By KIRSTIE PARKER



Former Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough sits with stockman Roger Kayipipi and Johnny Roberts around the fire to celebrate the end of the horse breaking course which is held on the APY Lands in the north of South Australia. *Newspix image.*

SA RELATIONS between the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Council and the Federal and South Australian

governments have taken a sedative with news that former Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough will likely agree to act as the council's agent in dealing with the government.

As *The Koori Mail* went to print this weekend, Mr Brough was still considering the consultancy invitation, made at a special general meeting of the council at Umuwa on the APY Lands last Thursday, but said he would almost certainly accept.

The move would complicate an already strained relationship between the council's Executive Board – which has suffered dissent in its ranks in recent weeks – and the SA Government, with State Indigenous Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill declaring on Saturday that he would not deal with Mr Brough.

Mr Brough countered by saying Weatherill should put the interests of children on the Lands ahead of any personality clashes. Mr Weatherill has been included in the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's joint policy commission on native Aboriginal housing. Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson withdrew from the commission when Mr Rudd refused to include Brough.

If he accepts the APY council's invitation, Mr Brough will advise it a range of matters including housing, which the Federal and SA governments are scrambling to address, following the tabling in Parliament a month ago of Commissioner Ted Mullighan's report of the Children on APY Lands Commission of Inquiry.

The report found alarming levels of child sexual abuse on the Lands, tentatively as many as 141 cases out of about 1000 children in the area over three decades, and attributed overcrowding as a contributing factor.

Commissioner Mullighan, a former judge, dismissed suggestions that an intervention similar to that instigated by the former Howard Government in the Northern Territory in response to child sex allegations.

Mr Brough is widely credited – blamed, depending on perspective – as the architect of the highly contentious intervention which introduced welfare

quarantining, child health checks, and pornography and alcohol bans in more than 70 NT Aboriginal communities.

The APY Council is incorporated under the *Pitjantjatjara Land Rights Act 1981* whereby the SA Parliament handed back title to more than 103,000 square kilometres of arid land in the far north-west of SA.

Immediately after the release of Commissioner Mullighan's harrowing report, the Federal and SA governments announced they'd work together to spend \$19 million in Commonwealth funds for extra police and child protection workers in APY communities, two extra police stations, possible pornography restrictions, and expansion of an Adelaide-based residential school program for APY children. This was in addition to a \$25 million housing offer to the APY Lands.

Tensions

On 21 May, as news of the approach to Mr Brough spread, tensions emerged within the council's Executive Board, with four members refusing to attend meetings until the council's Chairman, Bernard Singer, either stood aside or was stood down by the SA Government until an assault charge against him was dealt with in court, most likely next month. Mr Singer was charged on 5 May with assaulting the manager of the local

Community Development and Employment Project (CDEP).

The dissident Executive Board members – Leonard Burton, from Amata, Murray George, from Kaltjiti community, Gary Lewis, from Pukatja (Emabella), and Max Kenny, from Indulkana – said in a statement that 'Anangu leadership wants to work with Government quickly to start to solve problems but we, who represent the majority of the people, have no confidence in the Chairman, Bernard Singer, or the management of the APY Lands Council'.

'...We are particularly concerned at Mr Singer's support for an NT intervention on the Lands and the best and strongest way we can express our opposition to the Brough intervention proposal is to take no part in the meeting.'

Last Tuesday, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced that the community of Amata had given in-principle support to the conditions of a public housing model, requiring the leasing of land to the SA Government for 50 years.

'This is an important breakthrough for the people of the APY Lands. This momentum must be maintained to provide safe, secure housing to the people of the APY Lands,' she said.

'The Australian Government is committed to obtaining long-term, secure tenure as soon as possible in order to start building the

houses.'

Things seemed on the up for a while, but quickly deteriorated after Thursday's meeting when, Mr Weatherill said, Mr Brough misrepresented elements of the Government's housing offer to communities by telling them it was inferior to one Mr Brough had offered while in government.

'Destructive'

'That shows (Mr Brough) is playing a destructive, rather than constructive role,' Mr Weatherill told *The Koori Mail*.

'This is about the Mal Brough Show. We're not really interested in working with people who are really involved for their own benefit. We will work with anyone who is really about getting houses on the Lands, but he has really excluded himself by his own conduct.'

Mr Weatherill said housing on the Lands could have been progressed 'years ago' if Mr Brough had not insisted on a range of conditions while he was the federal minister, including the abolition of permits. And he said 40 people, rather than the 100-or-so claimed by Mr Brough, were present at last week's meeting.

He said the Government was serious about its duty of care to look after the people of the Lands.

'We have responsibilities and won't be deflected by Mal Brough or politically manipulated. If people get in the way, we will just push

them aside or work around them,' the Minister said.

Mr Weatherill said he was confident more APY communities would back the housing plan and would, in turn, insist that the council did too.

Mr Brough countered by saying Mr Weatherill himself had a lot of questions to answer to the people of the APY Lands.

On the SA Minister's refusal to deal with him, Mr Brough declared, 'it just shows how pathetic these Labor governments are'.

'If that's his attitude, what is he putting first – his disdain for me or the interests of those children,' Mr Brough said.

'There's always excuses, there's always reasons why things don't happen. And in the meantime, people are being hurt and I will not stand by and allow this to happen.'

'If I take up this role and if they want me to represent them, and (Mr Weatherill) refuses, it shows he's a man with very little moral fortitude.'

Mr Brough was similarly scathing of the Executive Board members who did not attend last Thursday's meeting. 'Well they didn't show up did they?' he said. 'Doesn't that say it all?'

Mr Brough said he was 'cheered' that the Umuwa meeting had agreed to his suggestion that any organisations on the Lands receiving government funding should submit to a 'forensic audit'.

'Now that was a great step, you've got to have good governance. I am feeling pretty positive that I'll be able to work with the APY Lands to get to a resolution that can see them have a new beginning,' he said.

'...We don't want some bandaid or short-term solution. (We want something) along the lines of and in the ilk of what we have done in the Territory; something which is going to stand the test of time.'

Ms Macklin issued a brief statement to *The Koori Mail* on Saturday saying simply 'the Australian Government wants to see new houses built on the APY Lands as soon as possible' and was encouraged by Amata's in-principle support to the conditions of the housing package.

Mr Brough lost his portfolio and his Queensland seat when the Coalition was voted out of government last year but is clawing his way back to political prominence, on Saturday winning the Qld Liberal Party presidency.

The Koori Mail's calls to Mr Singer and management of the APY Council were not returned.

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Native title to get overhaul



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Councils say holders must be involved in the process

By KIRSTIE PARKER



INDIGENOUS land councils have welcomed a Federal Government plan to review the native title system to ensure quicker outcomes and better results for traditional owners, but say native title holders must be closely involved.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin says the current native title system is too unwieldy and Aboriginal communities are missing out on millions of dollars worth of opportunities thrown up by the current mining boom.

And she says reforms could help close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"The long-term consequences of inaction are too important to ignore, and I plan to make this one of the key agenda issues of my tenure as Minister with responsibility for Indigenous Affairs," Ms Macklin said while delivering the 2008 Mabo Lecture in Townsville on 21 May.

The *Native Title Act 1993* was the Parliament's response to the High Court's decision in the historic 1992 Mabo case, which overturned the doctrine of *terra nullius* or 'empty land'.

Despite the signing of more than 300 Indigenous Land Use Agreements under the legislation, the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) estimates that it will take at least 30 years to resolve the outstanding backlog of native title claims under current processes.

"Fifteen years after the passage of this historic legislation, there is a need to look hard at the structures and institutions we have put in place," Ms Macklin said.

The Minister announced that the Government would convene a small informal group including University of Melbourne academic Marcia Langton and Ian Williams, a member of the Argyle Native Title Trust, to



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work through related issues over the next few months. The National Native Title Council (NNTC) would also be consulted.

The review will look at ways to encourage negotiation rather than litigation to settle native title disputes, the role of Native Title Representative Bodies (NTRBs) in resolving disputes within and between claimant groups, and ways to ensure payments to claimants were used to create ongoing community-wide benefits rather than frittered away.

"The processes in place to resolve



JENNY MACKLIN

preparation, mediation and litigation."

The Minister said those who framed the Native Title Act had 'not left the system with the best possible representation for native title claimants'.

"Further thought needs to be given to the composition and nature of the Native Title Representative Bodies – and to the bodies which hold native title, the Prescribed Bodies Corporate," she said.

"There is an inadequate statutory framework for these bodies, weak accountability arrangements and not enough

Council (CLC) and the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) in Western Australia both want native title holder and NTRB involvement.

"Native title holders must be included in the process to decide how their traditional ownership of land can bring greatest benefit to them," said CLC Director David Ross.

"Agreements on how to spend the benefits of native title shouldn't be used by governments to avoid their basic responsibilities to any society such as providing education, health and housing."

KLC Executive Director Wayne Bergmann said traditional owners needed to be central to resource negotiations and to have control over how benefits from development was spent.

"Resource companies have huge budgets and capacity, and land councils and other Native Title representative bodies need to have the resources to be able to deal with them in a practical and timely way," Mr Bergmann said.

He said informed consent by traditional owners had to be obtained before any development – such as planned gas development in the Kimberley – occurred.

The National Native Title Council (NNTC) welcomed the review, saying the current system had failed to deliver land justice in a timely manner and represented 'an agonising, seemingly endless treadmill for a parties', especially Indigenous people.

NNTC Chairman Brian Wyatt said there needed to be speedier negotiated outcomes and better resourcing for native title representative bodies. He said the Commonwealth should play a bigger role in ensuring consistent approaches to Native Title across State and Territory jurisdictions.

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

At the launch of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma's 2007 Native Title Report in March, she said it had always been clear that the

first objective of the Act was not the protection of Native Title 'but the protection of settler title' and the system had deteriorated and become more adversarial as governments and the courts had progressively 'gutted' the Native Title Act.

"Justice delayed is justice denied," she said of delays in the resolution of claims.

Mr Calma has called for a major 're-fit' of the Native Title system and a national summit to discuss it.

'Fifteen years after the passage of this historic legislation, there is a need to look hard at the structures and institutions we have put in place' – Minister Jenny Macklin

outstanding native title claims are overly complex and exceedingly slow," Ms Macklin said.

"The legal and anthropological processes in place defy comprehension. In many cases multiple external stakeholders are involved and scores of potential claimants."

"The claims can also revive internal Indigenous conflicts and disputes over traditional rights to land. The claims process can cost millions of dollars in claim

funding to get the job done.

"Moreover, key stakeholders such as the Minerals Council and Native Title Representative Bodies themselves are calling for adequate resources for claim preparation and dispute resolution."

"There is uncertainty about how payments flowing to native title holders and claimants should be allocated and administered."

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Sorry Day praise as PM urged to...

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE tenth National Sorry Day last week saw the Federal Government lauded further for

its historic national apology to the Stolen Generations, but challenged to do more.

While Prime Minister Kevin Rudd focussed on practical measures highlighted in the 1997 *Bringing Them Home* report which 'merged with the Government's 'national priorities for a modern Australia', 'unfinished business' in terms of reparations and compensation remained high on the agenda for campaigners.

Speaking at the unveiling of an artwork featuring a calligraphy version of his 13 February apology motion, Mr Rudd said Sorry Day was an important day because it went back to where 'Australia's process of reconciliation in many respects began' - the *Bringing Them Home* report.

"It's very difficult to read that report and not be moved by it. The stories contained within it are terrible stories, just terrible stories," Mr Rudd said.

"The good part of the *Bringing Them Home* report was, it would enable us as a nation to begin to reflect on what had happened, to begin to reflect on how we as a nation could make amends for past wrongs."

Joining the PM and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin in Parliament House were members of the National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC), the Stolen Generation Alliance (SGA), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma. All reiterated their support for the apology but called for it to be used 'to its full potential' and as a 'catalyst to turn sentiment into action'.

Mr Rudd said the national apology was one important part of a continuing process.

"It is important because of the recognition, what had transpired in the past and important in terms of a simple statement of Sorry on the part of the Parliament," he said.

"But important on top of that because it began our process of closing the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australia. And that's where the hard part begins, that's where the really hard part begins."

"...Symbols without substance, are as I said on the apology day itself, nothing more than a clanging gong," Mr Rudd said, detailing a range of government actions under the national Close the Gap campaign, encompassing maternal and child health services, literacy and numeracy, teacher and ranger jobs, and housing.

He also listed a range of measures highlighted in the *Bringing Them Home* report

Turn 'fine' sentiment into action



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd



Commissioner Tom Calma

including commemoration activities, family reunion services, history projects, parenting services, prisoner and juvenile justice services, and minimum access to family records. However, he studiously avoided any mention of compensation, which he ruled out at the time of the apology.

"The Government is committed to working with Stolen Generations to make sure their voices are heard in the design of these policies and programs, and to bring forward some concrete outcomes by this time next year," he said.

The PM said healing services to help Stolen Generations members and families had emerged as critical.

"This is important work," he

Artist Gemma Black was thrilled to see her calligraphy of the national apology motion unveiled in Parliament House on Sorry Day.



said, detailing plans for Stolen Generations members, professionals in men's health,

trauma, child safety, mental health, suicide prevention, family reunion services and Government departments to come together at the end of this month to map out the way forward.

He said the Department of Health and Ageing would also develop a training program for mainstream health services to improve their ability to care for the Stolen Generations, their families and others who were affected.

Action and support for the Stolen Generations was at the forefront of campaigners' minds with NSDC Co-Chairperson Helen Moran declaring that while the apology was 'a gift to the soul of this nation', there was still a great deal more

to be done to support and assist the Stolen Generations, their families and communities in 'dealing with the trauma that they live with every day'.

"There is still an absolute need for reparations and compensation," Ms Moran said.

"There is still the required comprehensive response to the *Bringing Them Home* report, promised by the Labor Party before the 2007 election."

Co-Chairperson of the SGA Christine King agreed.

"The *Bringing Them Home* report's recommendations need to be implemented," Ms King said. "We need to see truth, justice and healing for the Stolen generations first."

"We need it to ripple out to wider Australia, to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and then to our nation as a whole. We look forward to seeing what government will do about this."

Mr Calma said it was 'now time to take the step beyond sorry and address the outstanding needs of the Stolen Generations time'.

"National Sorry Day puts the spotlight again on the challenges we face as a nation in eliminating the gap between the life advantages of non-Indigenous and Indigenous Australians," he said in a statement.

"But for members of the Stolen Generations, there are distinct challenges that must be directly faced - simply focussing on closing the gap won't do."

"The focus in the coming months must be on consultation with Stolen Generations members on how best to promote a healing agenda and respond holistically to the recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report."

At a reception hosted by the Minister at Old Parliament House on the evening of Sorry Day, Mr Calma reported how mention of the national apology had provoked standing ovations for Australian delegates at the recent United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York.

About 60 Stolen Generations members, campaigners and their families attended last Monday's dinner. Many expressed appreciation for Ms Macklin's handling of Stolen Generations issues, although one guest ventured privately that both key organisations should maintain some distance from the government so as to be able to criticise it if and when necessary.

During her speech, Ms Macklin became visibly moved when speaking of the level of forgiveness expressed by many Stolen Generations members for past wrongs.

Throughout the day in Canberra, many people including the PM remarked upon a renewed level of cooperation between the NSDC and the SGA.

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Anger over payout



Palm Island resident Terence Kidner said the payout was a disgrace.



John-Paul Wilson: "This is not sending out a good message to our people."



Mulrunji's partner, Tracey Twaddle ... Received nothing.



Palm Island Mayor, Alf Lacey ... 'another kick in the guts'.

Police internal investigation as Hurley's Palm Island compo labelled a disgrace

By AAP and Koori Mail
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QUEENSLAND police have launched an internal investigation into a payout made to Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley over the

Palm Island riots after it was revealed his insurance policy may have covered his losses.

Senior Sergeant Hurley received a payout of more than \$100,000 for possessions lost in the November 2004 riot, which resulted in his three-bedroom police residence and the island's police station being burned to the ground.

However, *The Australian* newspaper revealed last week Hurley insured the contents of the residence for \$34,419 and had lodged a claim. *The Australian* obtained the documents under Freedom of Information (FOI), and revealed that Snr Sgt Hurley sent a memo to his superiors on 10 December 2004, in which he listed personal property that was destroyed in the fire.

The total of the items on the list came to \$102,955 - three times what the burnt property was valued at - but the items were exempted from release under FOI and the claim was paid in full on 11 February 2005.

A spokeswoman for Queensland Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson said it was initially believed that insurance policies did not cover damage caused by riots, such as the one which occurred on Palm Island.

"While we still believe this is the case with some insurance policies at the time, it has come to light that this may not be the case with all insurance policies," the spokeswoman said.

Mr Atkinson has asked for the payout and those made to other



Snr Sgt Chris Hurley after his acquittal last year.

officers to be investigated.

The spokeswoman said the Commissioner maintained the police service had a duty of care to compensate officers for losses incurred as a direct result of police activities.

Snr Sgt Hurley was last year acquitted of the manslaughter of Mulrunji Doomadgee whose death in custody sparked the riot.

A Townsville Supreme Court jury acquitted the police officer of the manslaughter charge in June 2007, but he is also facing a civil claim from the victim's family.

Civil libertarians and Aboriginal people have expressed disgust at the payout.

Old Council for Civil Liberties Vice-president Terry O'Gorman

said Mulrunji's partner, Tracey Twaddle, was more deserving of compensation than Snr Sgt Hurley.

"He lost his property, she lost her life partner," Mr O'Gorman said on Wednesday.

"He's entitled to his payout. She clearly is more than entitled to a payout for the loss of her partner."

Mr O'Gorman said laws should be in place to give compensation to the families of people who died in police custody due to unnatural causes and where they were not involved in incidents such as shootouts. "They should be entitled, or their family and dependents should be entitled, to the compensation payout as of right, not ex-gratia at the whim of the Government," he said.

Mulrunji family lawyer Andrew Boe labelled the payment offensive and ironic.

"The ex-gratia payment to Chris Hurley, by Government, for his material losses in the riot should be contrasted with the losses sustained by Mulrunji's spouse and family as a result of his death at Hurley's hands, which presently remains uncompensated," Mr Boe said.

"It is difficult not to be offended by the irony."

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said his community was angry and disappointed at the payment.

Mayor Lacey told *The Koori Mail* on Thursday that 'backroom dealing' had gone on soon after the tragic death of Mulrunji.

"Whilst the Doomadgee family, and Mulrunji's partner, Tracey Twaddle, were suffering so much, the police paid that amount of money to Snr Sgt Hurley," he said in disgust.

"If they paid Hurley, then the Doomadgee family and Tracey Twaddle also need to be compensated immediately."

"A lot of people here are not happy. It has taken all this time for the compensation to be made public."

Whilst Mayor Lacey described the payout news as 'another kick in the guts' for his people, he praised their courage.

"I am proud of my people who are just amazing. No matter what has been dealt to them they continue to walk tall and remain proud and all credit must go to them," Mayor Lacey said.

Townsville local John-Paul Wilson described the Hurley payment as 'a terrible thing'.

"This is not sending out a good message to our people," he told *The Koori Mail*.

Palm Islander Lex Wotton, the man charged with being the alleged ringleader of the riot, faces a Brisbane Court later this year.

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Alice Barney with Minister Jenny Macklin during the launch.



David Smallwood, left, and Helen Akee were there.



Bonita Mabo is comforted by Minister Jenny Macklin after the unveiling of the Eddie Mabo Library plaque.

Library named in honour of Mabo

Story and photos by Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON



IT was an emotional but immensely proud day for Bonita Mabo when Townsville's James Cook University (JCU) recently officially named its library after her late husband, Torres Strait Islander Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo.

The 21 May ceremony was a moving precursor to Mabo Day, celebrated around Australia yesterday - 3 June - to mark the 16th anniversary of the High Court's decision in what has become known simply as the Mabo case.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin was a special guest at the Townsville event and comforted Mrs Mabo who wept after a plaque was unveiled before hundreds of guests.

Eddie Mabo had been a gardener at JCU from 1967-75 and spent hundreds of hours in the library reading about the histories of Indigenous cultures.

It was in a conversation with Professor Henry Reynolds and another JCU staff member, Associate Professor Noel Loos, that Eddie Mabo first found out that his land back on the island of Mer in the Torres Strait was legally considered to be Crown land.

JCU Vice-Chancellor Professor Sandra Harding praised Mr Mabo for his special place in history.

"During a land rights conference at JCU in 1981, Eddie Koiki Mabo spelled out what land ownership and land inheritance was all about on Mer and that led



Guests add their handprints to a canvas commemorating the launch.



Dancers Ses Bero and George Bow performing at the university.

to the long battle through the courts to have traditional ownership recognised," Professor Harding told guests.

"It culminated in the 1992 High Court decision that bears his name and which overturned terra nullius (no man's land) that underpinned the Crown's claim to own all the land of Australia.

"Sadly, Eddie Koiki Mabo did not live to see the outcome of his personal commitment to his people and to the land, but his name is forever linked with a profound change in Australian history."

Minister Macklin said that Mr Mabo had spent a lot of time at the library, sitting in on lectures and later giving lectures himself.

"Eddie Koiki Mabo also brought his family to the university and encouraged them and friends to come here," she said.

"I think it is fair to say that JCU has had a number of very significant historical events related



Gail Mabo outside the library named after her late father, Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo.

to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

Mr Mabo's daughter, Gail Mabo, told the audience how she and her father together planted yams at the university.

"The yams are still there and I come sometimes and have a feed and know exactly where to find them in that creek bed over there. Dad used to bring lots of books home," Ms Mabo said.

Another speaker was Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Lindy Nelson Carr, who described Mr Mabo and his achievements as 'a critical element of the reconciliation process'.

Speeches took place on the library steps before Ms Macklin unveiled the commemoration plaque.

"This is a very emotional day for my family," Bonita Mabo told *The Koori Mail*.

Earlier, Associate Professor Gracelyn Smallwood, representing the Bindal people, and Yasmin Johnson, representing the Wulgurukaba people, welcomed guests to country.

Professor Harding said the

ceremony reinforced JCU's commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"We have named the library on the Douglas Campus after one of the most important historical figures to have spent time here," she said.

"The Eddie Koiki Mabo Library will forever commemorate the link between the man who changed the land laws of Australia and James Cook University."

Forming part of the ceremony was the Koiki Dance Performance, taken from a production written and produced by Gail Mabo in memory of her father.

Murray Island dancers George Dow and Ses Bero entertained the audience and received enthusiastic applause. Towards the end of the ceremony, the official party and all other guests were invited to place a paint handprint, and write a message on a large canvas, which will be framed and displayed in a prominent location on campus to signify the university's commitment to reconciliation. Bonita Mabo, Gail Mabo, Ms Macklin and Ms Nelson-Carr did so, and they were followed by scores of others.

In the early days, when Eddie Koiki Mabo worked at JCU, only a few Indigenous people were enrolled. These days, Indigenous enrolments total nearly 400.

After the ceremony, Minister Macklin delivered a Mabo lecture in the George Kneipp Auditorium titled *Laying new foundations: The way forward in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy*, encompassing a review of native title.

Complaint rejected

By ELIZABETH MURRAY
in Perth



THE Office of the Parliamentary Inspector of the Crime and Corruption Commission (PICCC) has

rejected a complaint made on behalf of the Aboriginal community about the CCC investigation of the sale of 176 Wellington Street.

The landmark building which housed the Office of Native Welfare, and the first Aboriginal radio station 6AR, was sold amid controversy in 2005 for about half of its initial valuation by the Valuer-General's Office.

Principal Legal Officer Murray Alder expressed his personal sympathy and understanding for the frustration and loss felt by the Nyoongar community, in his 30 April advice to local Aboriginal lawyer Hannah McGlade that he was closing the file on the complaint.

Ms McGlade, who filed the complaint about the CCC investigation of the sale, said it was disappointing that the matter had been with the corruption watchdog for two years, and she had not seen the sort of investigation she felt was warranted in the circumstances.

"There is still a real discrepancy about the sale price of 176, the title deeds clearly refer to an amount of money that way exceeded the apparent amount we are told was the valuation by the Lands Department," said Ms McGlade.

"The first investigation by the CCC officers did not even ascertain the value of the property prior to telling me that the Land's Department had the authority to sell property - but that wasn't in question."

"The question was why did this property conveniently become available for purchase at a time when WAAMA was under investigation by two funding bodies?"

Iliapi Tao, an architect who refurbished the property during the 1990s, confirmed that the roof of the building at 176 Wellington Street was asbestos, but said funding constraints placed on WAAMA meant the replacement of the roof, which would have secured the longevity of the building, was not possible.

"When we renovated the building in 1992, the engineer recommended to leave the roof on provided it being treated with protective coating at regular intervals," said Mr Tao.

He said the weight of the roof was part of the structural integrity



Hannah McGlade says she's disappointed at the rejection of her complaint about an investigation into the sale of the old WAAMA building in Perth, known in the community as '176'.

of the building that was in question, however, "we had envisaged to build a new metal deck roof but the budget allowance from the funding agencies couldn't allow for the idea".

The information provided to the PICCC from the Director-General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, said WAAMA was

told to vacate the property due to 'structural concerns and possible asbestos contamination,' identified in a property condition assessment in October 2004.

Ms McGlade was recently provided with a Lands Department valuation that supported the sale, but 'the discrepancy with the title deed and the value included on the title deed' had not been explained, she said.

"Clearly, no-one is going to answer that from the CCC," Ms McGlade said.

"We cannot accept this property was worth the little amount it was sold for two years ago, and the valuation now, is so significantly more that it would be impossible for us to obtain."

Nyoongar Elder Ken Colbung said that when he was a child, Aboriginal people had to go to 176 to collect their citizenship papers, which had to be carried around at all times.

"When I was a young boy, I went up there a lot of times with my own people, we had to go because it was where you received your citizenship papers. It was an essential place because you couldn't move around without identification," he said.

"It was a part of the Aboriginal history, there's a lot of individual history there as well, of Aboriginal families centred around

Wellington Square and East Perth."

The building was constructed by white people, he said, and it was the land in the area that was the Aboriginal people's.

He said he thought the opening of a Chinese restaurant there, 'just the way of things in Australia at the moment'.

"Well, we have a Prime Minister who speaks Chinese. There are some Aboriginal languages he could probably use," Mr Colbung quipped.

Dr Christine Choo, an historian and independent scholar, said the property had heritage value as it 'encapsulates the story of Aboriginal peoples', particularly Nyoongar people, survival and struggle for self-determination and self-management in Perth.

Dr Choo said the building was used as the headquarters for the New Era Aboriginal Fellowship, which was founded in the late 1960s 'in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in their fight for justice and recognition of Aboriginal rights in the 1970s'.

The place was subsequently used by other self-managed Aboriginal organisations which provided a range of services from advocacy for children to media and radio programs.

Intervention working at Tennant Ck



IT'S taken Anita Mayers just six weeks to warm to the Federal Intervention in the Northern Territory.

That's the time the Tennant Creek-based Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal

Language Centre (PAK) General Manager has been involved in a new food ordering and distribution program as part of the controversial Commonwealth action.

Ms Mayers, a life-long resident of the Barkly area in central NT, has been instigating the new 'Bush Orders' scheme, where residents from communities across the region order food and other necessities which are paid for with money quarantined from welfare payments under one of the most controversial aspects of the Intervention.

If the scheme proves successful, the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) may use it as a template for communities across the NT.

Weekly deliveries

Under the Bush Orders program, which is soon to be available online, individuals can place their order for food and other items which are delivered once a week to communities from Elliott, in the north to Barrow Creek, in the south. The orders are assembled by workers at PAK in Tennant Creek.

PAK staff have arranged for food supplies at what they say are reasonable prices through IGA supermarkets in Alice Springs and Adelaide and the Tennant Creek butcher.

Ms Mayers was initially opposed to the Intervention, and sceptical of it producing any good outcomes.

"But I have to say that's all changed - I'm really warming to it," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"I'm seeing community people actually getting fresh meat and vegetables and groceries, rather than grog and rubbish food."

"I'm seeing people off the drink and eating properly."



"And I'm seeing kids going to school and not being hungry."

"In fact, I'm hearing an overwhelmingly positive response from the community people around here."

Ms Mayers is not alone in her views, either. PAK Chairman Rod Wason, another Tennant Creek community leader, also says the quarantining is helping many people.

"There is no doubt that people are off the grog and eating better. Time will tell how well it works, but it's been a good start," he said.

Ms Mayers said many people not affected by the welfare quarantining were actually approaching her to be included in the scheme.

"I know it's controversial, but many people are seeing real benefits in what's happening. It's a great start," she said.



● ABOVE: Some of the people who prepare the 'Bush Orders', from left, Kelsey Cook, Frances Mayers, Gemma Paterson and Penny Phillips.

● LEFT: Anita Mayers at work in Tennant Creek.

Inspiring peace

By SOLUA MIDDLETON

PATRICK Dodson attributes his latest accolade, the 2008 Sydney Peace Prize, to the inspiration that past Indigenous leaders have given him.

He is the second Australian to receive the nation's only international peace prize, with former Governor General Sir William Deane being the first in 2001.

Delighted with the win, announced on 20 May, Mr Dodson said it was for collective efforts to try to achieve proper recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"Building on the work of Faith Bandler, Jessie Street and what others did for the '67 referendum, and what many other leaders have done in the past...it is recognition in some ways for the hard work many other Aboriginal leaders have done to try and change the social, economical, cultural and political environment for Aboriginal people," he said.

"I certainly feel that I am only entitled to it because of the hard work they have done, and that the efforts that I have made are inspired by their leadership over the many years.

"I can understand it is recognition for things I have personally done, but primarily it is because of the persistence and continuation of Aboriginal leadership over a long period of time to seek a peaceful and just settlement, with the settler state, and one which I hope that we will see evolve as time goes by."

Mr Dodson said peace meant many things to Indigenous people.

"If you go to the physical social levels, it's peace from the drunks, the alcohol abuse, the violence, and the

molestation that takes place, all the underside stuff that we hear so much about, and we seem to be so caught in trying to resolve," he said.

"Also peace from harassment from police, peace from discrimination and racism, that people experience when they try to get a flat or a house or seek to get a job.

"Peace from the gazing eyes of the public as you enter a room because of the colour of your skin.

"Peace because of the unsettled nature of our relationship with this country, which was once ours and has since been taken over. We've been denied not only its resources, but the governance to manage our own affairs.

"And a peace that comes from knowing that you have to justify who you are every day of the week just because you are an Aboriginal person."

The national apology was a good start to this peace being realised, Mr Dodson said, but certainly not the end point.

He was concerned that Indigenous people didn't have a 'touchstone'.

"The key issue is that there has to be point of political security for Indigenous people of this country and we just don't have it," he said.

"We don't have any touchstones that defend - whether it is in the high court, the constitution or in a piece of legislation - our ability to remain, and pursue our social and cultural value systems as uniquely Indigenous peoples of this land.

"We have no way of redressing bad policy of the Government except in the hope that others might vote them out."

Director of the Peace Foundation Professor Stuart Rees said the judges were impressed with Mr Dodson's work for reconciliation internationally, his

creative leadership of the Lingiari Foundation and as inaugural chair of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation.

The jury's citation for Mr Dodson read: "For courageous advocacy of the human rights of Indigenous people, for distinguished leadership of the reconciliation movement, and for a lifetime of commitment to peace with justice, through dialogue and many

other expressions of non violence."

Mr Dodson will give the City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture on 5 November in the concert hall of the Sydney Opera House.

On the following evening, 6 November, he will receive the 2008 Peace Prize at a gala ceremony in the Great Hall of Sydney University.



Patrick Dodson has been awarded the 2008 Sydney Peace Prize. Picture AAP

Vic council takes care of culture

By DARREN COYNE

MANY Victorian residents might be unaware of the scar tree down the end of their suburban street.

And they might not have much an inkling of which Indigenous pup, or groups, has responsibility for protecting particular areas of country. Sometimes the groups themselves are in dispute.

But there is a body trying to sort all that out, and generally use the profile of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the state.

It is the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC), and its members are charged with identifying and ensuring that additional owners play a leading role in the control and preservation of their heritage. The process got underway 12 months ago with the establishment of the VAHC, which sprang from the Victorian Government's *Aboriginal Heritage Act of 2006*.

The council - which is made of eleven appointed traditional owners from around the state - has had as its first priority the identification of 'Registered Aboriginal Parties' or RAPs.

Put simply, interested groups apply to the council, the members which were chosen for their expertise in heritage matters, and

provide information to back up their claims to country.

Those claims are assessed according to previously-agreed guidelines, and if there is dispute, further information is sought, or conflicting groups are sent to mediation.

Once a decision is made, the applicant group is announced as a RAP. The aim of appointing those RAPs is to provide a 'cultural landscape' for Victoria, a map if you like, of who is responsible for preserving the cultural heritage in which country.

In making decisions, the Council takes into account a number of factors such as native title matters, links to country and the capacity of the applicant organisation to meet their responsibilities under the Aboriginal Heritage Act.

In its first year of operation, the Council has appointed RAPs over more than one-third of Victoria, with Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLAWAC) most recently identified as the RAP for the Gippsland region in eastern Victoria.

Four other RAPs are already managing cultural heritage after

getting the nod from the VAHC. They are Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation, Martang Pty Ltd and Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation.

The *Koori Mail* met with two of the VAHC councillors - Karen



Councillor Karen Jackson, Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council senior advisor Bryn Davies, and councillor Denise Lovett with a copy of the plan.

Jackson and Denise Lovett - to discuss the appointment process just prior to the release of the council's first strategic plan.

Ms Lovett - a Gunditjmarra woman who is the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer for the South West and Wimmera Cultural Heritage Program - said the plan was a culmination of a lot of hard work and outlined the council's vision for

the next three years.

"It's been a long difficult process but this is what we wanted as Aboriginal traditional owners," Ms Lovett. "I thought the process of appointing RAPs would have been a lot easier but there are a lot of issues that we have had to deal with in making sure we're dealing with the right people.

"Saying that, it's not as complex as native title, and it's what TOs have wanted.

"TOs make an application to us and at the end of the day we make a decision but that depends on what is before us.

"That's why it's important to ensure that everything is in place before it comes to council.

"We need as much information as possible." For groups in conflict she had some advice.

"TOs need to talk to neighbouring groups about boundary issues so it's better for those groups to talk first.

If it comes as an application and there is no support from neighbouring groups, or overlap of country, we'll send it to mediation.

"We have a clear process of how we make decision. We have a process we abide by. If we follow that process then we are making the right decision based on the information we are giving."

Once the VAHC determines

who exercises the important cultural heritage responsibilities on their Country, that recognition paves the way for ownership of remains, some sacred objects and artefacts, and for better dispute resolution.

RAPs then also provide a first point of contact for government or private companies wanting to carry out developments.

And while there are still about eighteen applications being assessed, according to Ms Jackson and Lovett, the process was being refined all the time.

Karen Jackson - a Yorta Yorta woman who works at the Victoria University Moondani Balluk Indigenous Academic Unit - said while identifying RAPs was the first priority, the council also aimed to increase its focus on providing strategic advice to government, promoting public awareness, and educating people about Aboriginal cultural heritage.

"We have waited a long time for improvements to the way our cultural heritage is managed in Victoria," she said.

"This is about TOs taking control of their country and their culture."

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Richard Wynne, at the launch of the strategic plan, congratulated the VAHC for setting out clear and important work for the future.

● To view the strategic plan or find out more about the VAHC go to: www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/sav

Lennon's legacy?

How will former Tassie Premier be remembered?

Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



RECENTLY resigned Tasmanian Premier Paul Lennon is hoping that his contribution to Aboriginal reconciliation will be one of the things he'll be remembered for most.

While political and Aboriginal leaders have acknowledged land returns to Tasmanian Aborigines and compensation to Tasmania's Stolen Generations amongst his lasting legacy, it seems many Tasmanians, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, associate Mr Lennon mostly with the Gunn's pulp mill.

In March 2004, three months before his passing, the terminally ill Jim Bacon handed his then-deputy, Mr Lennon, the reins of Tasmania's leadership.

In keeping a promise to Mr Bacon, Mr Lennon proudly returned important land to the Aboriginal community in 2005 and steered legislation passed in 2006 to compensate Tasmania's Aboriginal Stolen Generations.

Mr Lennon reflected on these achievements in his farewell speech in



Not everyone will remember Lennon for the proposed pulp mill; he is pictured here (centre) with members of the Stolen Generation outside Parliament House in 2006: Eddie Thomas, Annette Peardon, Belinda Farley-Wills and Tanya Harper.

Hobart last Monday: "The second commitment I made was to move the agenda forward on reconciliation with Tasmania's Aboriginal people."

"Against the odds the I was able to get the legislation through the Tasmanian Parliament for the historic land handback of more than 60,000 hectares and then took the Stolen Generations issue on, head on, by announcing in the midst of the 2006 election campaign that we would become the first jurisdiction in Australia to resolve the issue. And resolve it we have."

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Legal Director Michael Mansell said Mr Lennon's lasting legacy was to 'propel Tasmania from a State ashamed of its past to one where people became proud of having the courage to deal with the past'.

"The Premier's leadership on (land returns and Stolen Generation compensation) made Tasmanians more confident of dealing with the past they inherited," he said.

"Paul Lennon's approach to reconciliation created the environment for the shift in Tasmanian attitudes. The Premier was open about his plans, announcing compensation and reconciliation in the lead up to the last election. He made change to race relations a focal point on his election night speech."

"Ironically, it was the Premier's abandonment of his policy of openness and inclusiveness when it came to the pulp mill that may have contributed to his loss of popularity," Mr Mansell ventured, saying that reconciliation stalled as the Premier moved on to other issues.

In a written statement on the day of Mr Lennon's resignation, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said that Mr Lennon was 'dedicated to the cause of developing modern economic infrastructure in Tasmania and was determined to bridge the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in Tasmania'.

However his 'economic infrastructure' was marred by controversy, as was his term in office: Two of his deputy premiers forced to resign amidst scandal, millions spent on sporting deals, legislation to allow for the approval of a pulp mill causing protests and heated debate across the nation, and the forced resignation from the Labor Party of a legislative councillor.

The Koori Mail conducted a mini straw poll, asking Tasmanians what they would remember Mr Lennon for.

While around half of the Aboriginal people polled said they would remember him for what he done for their people, no-one polled from the broader Tasmanian community said they would remember him for his contribution to reconciliation.

The vast majority said they believed they would remember him for the pulp mill, others for bringing AFL to Tasmania, quitting smoking and his 'obsession' with horse racing.

Maybe, long after smoke from the contentious mill has settled, his time in office will be remembered for the achievements he was most proud.

Mr Lennon's deputy, David Bartlett, was elected the State's new Labor leader and Premier and he appointed Lara Giddings as Deputy Premier.



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Stolen wage 'clarification'



QUEENSLAND Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Lindy Nelson-Carr has been forced to

clarify comments she made last week suggesting the State Government would reopen its stolen wages fund for new claims.

On Thursday, media outlets including SBS Radio reported Ms Nelson-Carr as saying "those people who refused to apply during the first round will now have an opportunity to put an application in as will others who may have missed out for whatever reason, but they will have to be eligible as well".

The comments sent a frisson through the Indigenous community, which has been at loggerheads with the Government over its decision to divert about \$21 million of a reparations offer for stolen wages to scholarships through a new Indigenous Education Foundation.

But on Friday, the Minister issued a statement saying media reports of her comments were incorrect and she apologised for any confusion.

She said her comments related only to half a dozen potential claimants.

"Following a meeting with the

Stolen Wages working group recently, the Government committed to investigating the possibility of a small number of people who did not apply or refused to accept payments from the scheme, though eligible," Ms Nelson-Carr said in a statement.

"Additionally, the possibility of accepting strong alternative evidence from a discrete group of people who had been deemed ineligible because of a lack of government records was raised. I gave a commitment during the meeting I would have more work done on this issue, and that is proceeding."

'Amounts'

"During the meeting it was made clear that the amounts of money on offer would not be reconsidered."

Ms Nelson-Carr said she could say for certain that six original claimants who were deemed eligible but turned the original \$4000 offer down, would be given an opportunity to consider the latest offer bringing it to a total of \$7000.

"I am concerned to ensure there is no misinformation or confusion on this issue of such importance to stolen wages working group members and the wider community," she said.

"I apologise if my recent comments in the media have

caused confusion or disappointment to anyone."

Also on Thursday, stolen wages campaigner Ruth Hegarty reacted angrily to the Minister's criticism of her call to Queenslanders to boycott the new educational foundation.

Nominations to the foundation's advisory board closed on Monday.

Ms Nelson-Carr said a community boycott of the foundation would affect the future education of Indigenous children, especially those from remote communities, and is understood to have suggested that street demonstrations would be a more appropriate expression of the community's frustrations.

"Most of us who are recipients of the money are in our 70s. I'm going on about 79 in a month," Ms Hegarty told SBS Radio.

"Can you imagine me and people in my age group marching down to the Parliament House? It's the most disgusting thing I've ever heard."

The Government's woes continued when one of the bodies it hoped would help distribute foundation scholarships, the Yalan Foundation, declined to be involved and suggested the Government change its mind on the issue.

Nelson out of bipartisan commission

By DARREN COYNE

OPPOSITION Leader Brendan Nelson has backed out of a joint policy commission to tackle Aboriginal housing disadvantage.

Dr Nelson told Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on 22 May that he was withdrawing after a request to have former Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough included was rejected by the PM.

Mr Rudd proposed the commission during his apology to the Stolen Generations in February, saying that a bipartisan approach was needed to resolve the Indigenous housing crisis.

He invited the Opposition leader to be Co-Chair, and included two people suggested by Dr Nelson – former ALP resident Warren Mundine and former President of the Housing Industry Association of Western Australia Dale Alcock – in the seven-person committee.

Dr Nelson said he was disappointed with what he called the Prime Minister's political decision to knock back Brough, but said there was still a place for the housing "coup".

"We will continue to support where we think it is doing the right thing, but if it is failing the interests of Indigenous Australians, we reserve the right to be critical of it," he said.

Mr Rudd rejected Mr Brough because he did not want former serving politicians in the commission's advisory group. The only exception was South Australian Housing Minister Jay Weatherill.

With Dr Nelson refusing to co-chair, Mr Rudd and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin will now chair the



DR BRENDAN NELSON

KEVIN RUDD

Commission.

"My great hope that this Commission might be bipartisan and include the Leader of the Opposition has not been realised," Mr Rudd said.

"I have decided this matter is too urgent to delay for the sake of an agreement that might never be reached."

Dr Nelson decision to withdraw from the Commission was criticised by Gary Highland, national director of ANTaR.

"During his apology speech in Parliament on the 13th of February, Dr Nelson gave his 'unconditional' support for the Prime Minister's proposal," Mr Highland said.

"Dr Nelson is playing politics by now seeking to place unreasonable conditions over one individual's involvement in the Commission."

Mr Highland said there were sound reasons why former Minister Mal Brough should not serve on the Commission.

"There's no doubt that Mr Brough maintains a genuine commitment to overcoming Aboriginal disadvantage, boosting economic development in Aboriginal communities and overcoming violence and abuse. He has potentially much to contribute in these areas," he said.

"However, during his time as Minister, Mal Brough failed to act in a bipartisan way and alienated many Aboriginal people by his heavy-handed tactics. He's therefore unsuitable for a bipartisan commission of this kind."

Mr Highland urged Dr Nelson to stand by his original commitment to the Parliament.

"The desperate need for housing in Aboriginal Australia is far more important than any individual – Dr Nelson, Mr Brough – or for that matter even the Prime Minister," he said.

The other members of the advisory group will be SA Housing Minister Jay Weatherill, Yarriteen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation Executive Director Leah Armstrong, lawyer Danny Gilbert, former Young Australian of the Year Tania Major, Health Habitat Director Paul Pholeros and Fitzroy Crossing Indigenous leader Joe Ross.

Mr Rudd said the Commission's immediate priorities should be a review of remote Indigenous housing figures, along with an assessment of existing programs to address remote Indigenous housing needs.

– With AAP

Brough 'denied' Tiwi tenders

FORMER Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough claims that he is being denied the right to tender for Federal Government contracts in Aboriginal towns.

Mr Brough has a business interest providing services to Indigenous communities.

In February the Tiwi Land Council confirmed that Mr Brough had entered a proposal to run private housing developments on Bathurst Island.

But Mr Brough told ABC TV's *Stateline* program on 23 May that he was being unfairly hampered from doing business with Indigenous communities.

"We are not asking for Federal funding at



MAL BROUGH

all," he said.

"We've been seeking Federal contracts but it makes it a bit hard when you're not allowed to tender."

Mr Brough said there wouldn't have been a conflict if he didn't profit from the scheme.

"It's a conscious decision of mine that I won't profit from such things," he said.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social

Justice Commissioner Tom Calma have both queried Mr Brough's business dealings in recent months. Mr Brough may soon take up a consultancy role with the APY Council in SA.

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The Aboriginal icon and mastermind of The Long Walk sang the new song on stage at Melbourne's Federation Square before proceeding on to the MCG for festivities to mark Indigenous football in the Australian Football League (AFL).

Long's understanding of the issues and the need for all parties to communicate makes him a tremendous spokesman and guide.

He originally made his mark on the football field. Starting in the Northern Territory, he moved to Adelaide and had a season with West Torrens, where he won a best-and-fairest award, before moving to the Bombers in Melbourne, completing a 13-year career with Essendon.

His deeds in the derivative of the

Indigenous game of Marngrook, which now has become a national football code, place him among the greats of Australian rules.

He was the third Norm Smith Medallist in the 'Baby Bombers' premiership victory in 1993. Long was also a member of Essendon's



Michael Long at the MCG following this year's Long Walk.

dominant flag-winning season of 2000.

Along with two All-Australian jumpers - one with the NT in 1988 and another with Essendon in 1995 - he is also one of only a handful of Aborigines who have captained an AFL club.

In the Indigenous Team of the Century, announced in 2005, Long was named on the wing, also winning a place in Essendon's team of the century.

And it all culminated with his induction into the Australian Football Hall of Fame last year.

But he is so much more than just a talented footballer. He was also an instigator in the fight against racism.

His efforts after an incident with Collingwood big man Damien Monkhorst, where he was taunted, have showed his integrity and sense of justice.

Today, he is considered a role model not for his people, but also the wider Australian community.

Long explained in a recent interview he believed in the power of sport, and said football was a powerful tool.



Kids from Birri-on Lakidjeka Dance Group at the MCG for the Dreamtime AFL clash between Richmond and Essendon.



Eva Jo Edwards and family took part.



Unity Foundation CEO Peter King launched the foundation and The Long Walk's schools program 'Get the Conversation Started'.



Michael Long and singer Archie Roach performing on stage at Melbourne's Federation Square.



Prominent Australian actor Actress Kerry Armstrong and children were there.

joins in The Long Walk

Michael Long and Minister Jenny Macklin with Long Walkers on the way to the MCG.



Actor Aaron Pederson and The Long Walk Chairperson Merryn Apma.



Tigers' fan Daniel Hume.

Many steps in right direction

Photos by ALISON McCOLL BULLOCK of iCatching Photography, provided courtesy of The Long Walk

THE Long Walk this year revisited the 13 February national day of Mourning and paid tribute to the stolen Generations.

More than 4500 people attended the 24 May event at Federation Square and walked with Michael Long, original walkers and Stolen Generations representatives to the nearby Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

Walkers included Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Indigenous people from communities across Victoria, including Mildura, Robinvale, Warrnambool, Horsham, Hepparton, Bendigo, Geelong, Melbourne, Andrenong, Healesville, Torwell and Sale as well as Tom Wadey, in the Northern Territory, Adelaide, western Sydney and Fremantle.

About 1000 of the walkers continued on to a lap around the MCG before the pre-match AFL match in which the Richmond Tigers



Russell Smith, Jessica Mauboy, Michael Long and flautist Jane Rutter at the MCG.

16.14 (110) downed the Essendon Bombers 10.12 (72).

The Long Walk was initiated in November 2004 when Michael Long set out on foot from Melbourne to Canberra to speak to the then Prime Minister and raise awareness of the plight of Indigenous Australians.

Ms Macklin said the event encouraged cross-cultural understanding and helped to

build a commitment to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians. Funds raised support development programs in Indigenous communities.

Contribution

"This annual fixture highlights the extraordinary contribution that Indigenous players have made to Australian football," she said.

Ms Macklin said The Long

Walk provided an important reminder of the commitment required to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

A spokesperson for the Long Walk said organisers were proud of the positive, united, community feeling at Fed Square and at the 'G' on the day and paid special thanks to the 100 or so volunteers who supported the event.



Glen Atkinson made his first public performance in Fed Square at The Long Walk on 24 May.



Members of the Briggs and Young families at the MCG.

Redress WA fears



WA Nyoongar Labor MP Ben Wyatt: "There is now enormous pressure on the other two tiers of government, in particular the state governments, to respond to the Prime Minister's apology."

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



YAMATJI leader Craig Somerville has written to WA Communities Minister Sue Ellery over Stolen Generations members' concerns about the

\$114 million Redress WA fund, designed to compensate those abused while in State care.

Mr Somerville, who works for the Indigenous Community Health unit at Curtin University, gave a speech on the concerns to the 'Directions After Sorry' forum on 27 May at Notre Dame University in Fremantle, organised by the National Tertiary Education Union.

Mr Somerville said that he was seeking a meeting with Ms Ellery to tell her how Stolen Generations members felt.

"(They) have expressed serious concerns about the application process, the type of information being sought and the real potential of emotional harm that may arise from applications," Mr Somerville said.

"People feel that they are being doubted about the damage that was done to them. People have commented that the real harm that was done to them was the act of removal and the other matters have compounded the harm."

Mr Somerville said he also had concerns about who would have

Yamatji leader wants meeting with Minister

access to family records being sought by Stolen Generations members, and how and where they would be stored.

"In relation to information sought, they are being asked to give consent to access personal information, and as you're aware, family history records contain extremely personal information; some accurate, some false," he said.

"Applicants do not know how that material will be stored, and who will have access to the material now and in the future."

Legal issues

Mr Somerville said he intended to raise other legal issues about the fund.

WA Nyoongar Labor MP Ben Wyatt also spoke at the Notre Dame forum, saying that the Prime Minister's apology had shifted the ball back into the Indigenous court, and it was up to Aboriginal Australia to engage with the wider Australian community in full confidence.

Mr Wyatt skirted around the issue of compensation for the Stolen Generations, preferring to keep his

focus on the wider responsibilities of Government.

"There is now enormous pressure on the other two tiers of government, in particular, the State governments, to respond to the Prime Minister's apology," Mr Wyatt said.

'Encouraged'

"I am encouraged by what I'm hearing from the Federal Government. Minister Jenny Macklin has identified the importance of economic development, and the importance of native title to that development."

"Whilst there have been significant outcomes thanks to the High Court decision of 1992, by and large the successes have come outside of the structures that have been put in place to deal with native title."

"Health outcomes need to be addressed, and urgently. Access to health services, justice services, education services."

"The problem is huge. But never before has there been such focus on the problem."

The new champion of social justice



Griffith Law Student, Josh Creamer, receives the Rubin 'Hurricane' Carter Award for Social Justice.

Griffith University's GUMURRII Student Support Unit has a new champion, final year Law student, Josh Creamer. Josh received the Rubin 'Hurricane' Carter Award for Social Justice from the Griffith Law School for his contribution to the Indigenous community.

While at Griffith, Josh has been an active advocate for Indigenous rights, working with individuals and groups utilising his knowledge on issues of law and Indigenous social disadvantage.

Josh was involved in the International Youth Parliament in 2004 and last year was one of the 25 young people around the world who facilitated the event. He is currently working with state, interstate and federal politicians to set-up an Indigenous youth parliament.

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Paper explores ways to protect kids

By DARREN COYNE

 THE Federal Government has launched a discussion paper exploring ways to protect children from abuse and neglect.

The paper explores ways to boost and retain high-quality foster carers and discusses a range of associated child protection issues. They include a stronger prevention focus, better collaboration between services, improving responses for children in care and those leaving care, improving responses to indigenous children and improving systems.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the framework would enable State and Territory child welfare authorities to advise Centrelink to quarantine welfare payments to ensure children were provided for.

The Government has committed \$2.64 billion towards the development of the framework.

The 'Australia's children: safe and well' discussion paper outlines options to



'We must harness every resource we can to better protect vulnerable children from abuse and neglect'

— Minister Jenny Macklin

address the substantial increase in the number of child protection substantiations.

"The number of occasions where authorities found that a child either was, or was likely to be, harmed, abused or neglected increased by 45 per cent from 40,416 in 2002-03 to 58,563 in 2006-07," Ms Macklin said.

"State and Territory child protection systems are dealing with an unprecedented number of reports of child neglect or abuse."

When interviewed by TV commentator Laurie Oakes after launching the Framework, Ms Macklin said the growth in child abuse reports was of great concern.

"These trends are deeply alarming. We must harness every resource we can to better protect vulnerable children from abuse and neglect," she said.

"It's associated very much with alcohol and drug abuse, mental illness, poverty, neglect, of course coming from those forces, along with abuse, that's really one of the reasons why we need to embark on a national framework to understand better why the numbers are growing so rapidly and what it is that, as a nation, we can do."

"The national Government, working with the States and Territories, but also with the non-government sector that delivers so

many of the services to children and to families in these shocking situations."

Feedback is sought by 30 June.

'Australia's children: safe and well' is available at http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/fahcsia.nsf/vWorkflowPreview/child_protection_discussion_page.htm or by calling 1800 050 009.


Meanwhile, Ms Macklin has issued an appeal for anyone with information or evidence related to reports in March that Aboriginal girls in the north-western NSW highway towns of Moree and Boggabilla had had sex with drivers in exchange for cash, and in some cases had been drugged and raped.

She said the NSW Department of Community Services had investigated the claims but found local people unwilling to give evidence.

"The police cannot act unless they have evidence upon which to act," Ms Macklin told Parliament.

"And so I would say to any member of the public who has evidence about these very serious matters that they bring that evidence to the attention of police so that people can be properly prosecuted."

No evidence found of child-sex rings

 THERE is no evidence of organised paedophile rings operating in Northern Territory

aboriginal communities, the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) has admitted following questions from the Australian Greens in a Senate Estimates hearing last week.

The ACC was given broad powers last year by the Howard government to investigate allegations of child sexual abuse and violence in Indigenous communities.

"The ACC also indicated that a significant proportion of the intelligence they have gathered in the Territory relates to under-age sexual activity," said Senator Rachel Siewert last week.

"This is consistent with the evidence given to our recent Senate Inquiry hearings in the Northern Territory which suggests that few charges have as yet been brought for child sexual abuse in the NT since the Northern Territory intervention commenced last year," Senator Siewert said.

"It is also in keeping with anecdotal reports we have received from Aboriginal communities."

Meanwhile, the Federal and NT governments have announced the establishment of a new intelligence group to tackle substance abuse.

The \$2 million Substance Abuse Intelligence Desk (SAID) is being set up in the Northern Territory to tackle drugs and criminal activity.

The SAID will cover the Katherine region and the north of the NT, including East Arnhem,



'(The police findings) are consistent with the evidence given to our recent Senate Inquiry hearings in the Northern Territory which suggests that few charges have as yet been brought for child sexual abuse in the NT since the Northern Territory intervention commenced last year'

— Senator Rachel Siewert

'Health and social problems (in communities) are closely interrelated. Until they are treated as such, and integrated and funded appropriately, we'll always be battling to close the gap on Aboriginal disadvantage'

— AMSANT Executive Officer John Paterson



Nhulunbuy, Groote Eylandt and the Milngimbi areas.

The Australian Government is providing \$2 million from funding provided for law and order activities under the Northern Territory intervention. The SAID will be based in Katherine.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Northern Territory Chief Minister Paul Henderson said both governments recognised the tremendous toll

substance abuse had on Indigenous communities.

They said the SAID would have NT police devoted to reducing illegal substance supply to Indigenous communities and would be supported by a sniffer dog team based in Katherine.

The initiative is based on a successful Southern SAID model in central Australia.

Meanwhile, new research has revealed gaping holes in

Aboriginal primary health, according to the Aboriginal Medical Service Alliance NT (AMSANT).

AMSANT Executive Officer John Paterson said programs focusing on drugs, youth, literacy, health promotion and alcohol had not been integrated into Indigenous primary health services.

"Health and social problems are closely interrelated," Mr

Paterson said.

"Until they are treated as such, and integrated and funded appropriately, we'll always be battling to close the gap on Aboriginal disadvantage."

Research published by the Medical Journal of Australia has found there was not enough follow-up of identified medical and social problems for children.

It said developing such programs 'should be a priority' and medical checks on Aboriginal children as part of the Federal Intervention would have little or no benefit unless follow-up care was provided.

"The report provides sound evidence that these health services need recurrent and ongoing resources so they can provide truly comprehensive primary healthcare," Mr Paterson said.

"That includes addressing the underlying social problems that affect so many Aboriginal communities."

Mr Paterson said social problems such as violence, alcohol and drug misuse, overcrowded housing and youth suicide were not being addressed by the intervention task force or visiting clinicians during child health checks, because there was only a handful of programs to which to refer people.

The Journal report also found Aboriginal children in remote areas of the Territory had worse health than those in NSW and Western Australia.

It said they were significantly more likely to have a record of growth faltering and suffer from chronic ear disease, anaemia or chronic respiratory disease. — with AAP

QUEENSLAND REDISTRIBUTION COMMISSION PROPOSED ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

Notice under section 48(1) of the Electoral Act 1992

The Queensland Redistribution Commission has prepared proposed boundaries and names for 89 Legislative Assembly electoral districts pursuant to section 44 of the Electoral Act 1992. The maps attached to this notice are proposals only; they are not the Commission's final determination.

The Commission will consider any written objections concerning any of the proposed boundaries or names which are lodged with the Commission at its office by hand delivery, post or facsimile up until 5pm on Monday 23 June 2008, being the expiry of a period of 30 days after the proposed boundaries were published in the Government Gazette. The location and address of the Commission are:

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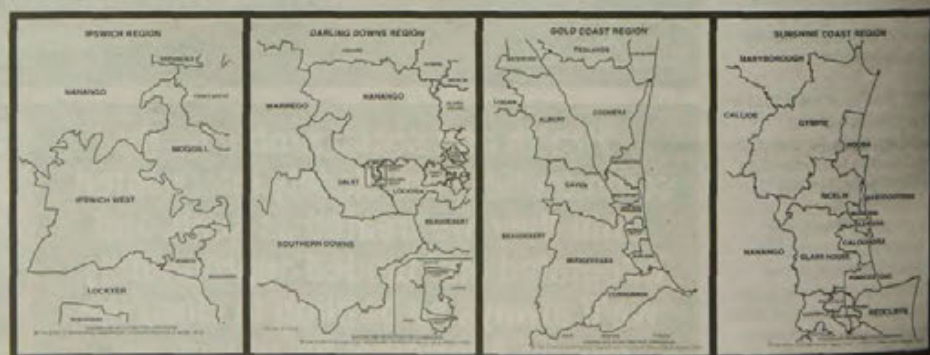
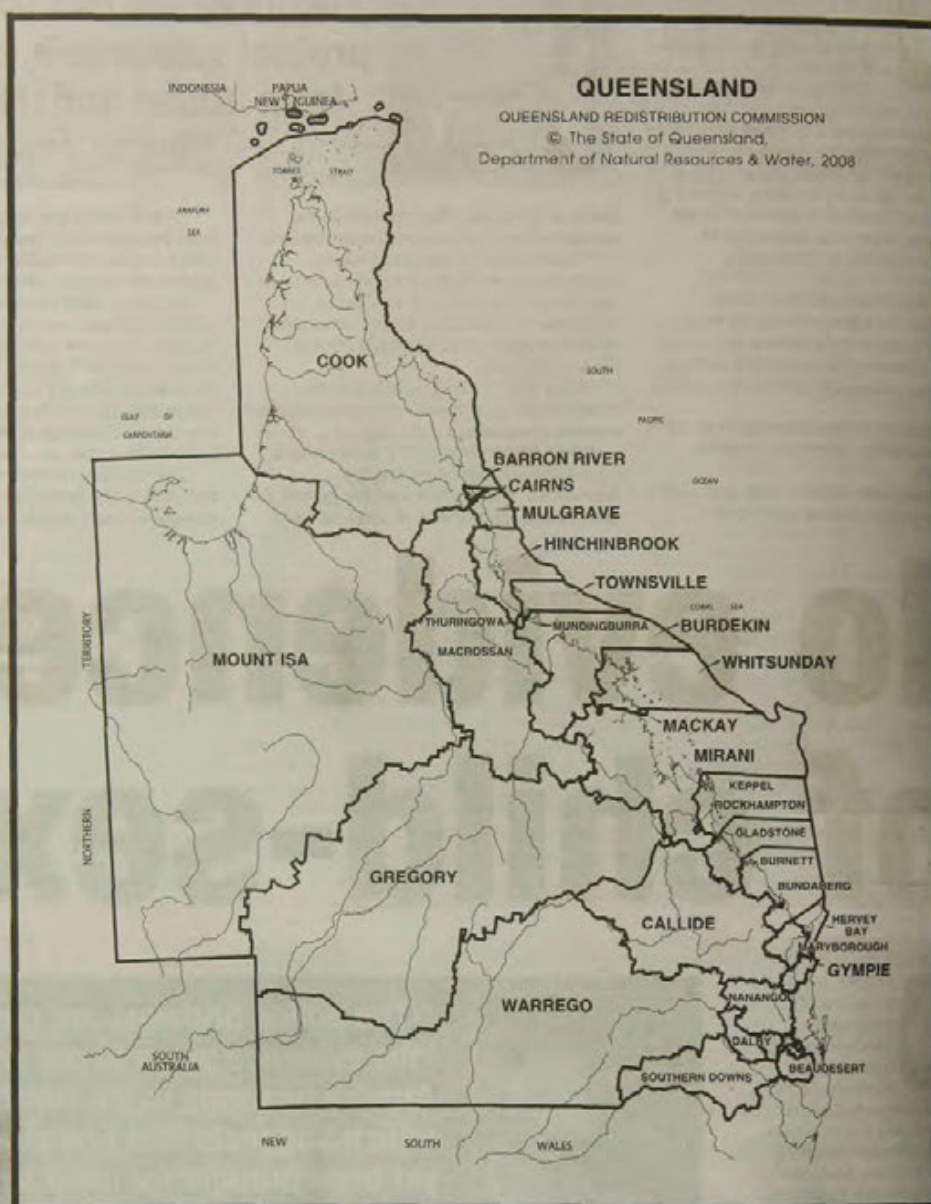
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A copy of the Commission's proposals including detailed maps and boundary descriptions is available for perusal at public places across Queensland. A list of the locations is available on the Commission's website www.ecq.qld.gov.au or by contacting the Commission on 1300 881 665.

As soon as possible after the close of objections, the Commission will make all objections received available for public inspection at the Commission's office and at major public libraries throughout Queensland. Notices will be published inviting written comments on the objections to be lodged with the Commission by 5pm on a date stipulated in the notices. Once the time for lodging comments on the objections has closed, the Commission will make copies of the comments available for public inspection.

The Commission's final determination will be published in the Government Gazette by Friday 22 August 2008.



New faces on council



Ald John Rawnsley and Ald Sandy Taylor in front of the Alice Springs Town Council administration centre.

We'll work for our people, say Aboriginal aldermen



THE two Aboriginal members of Alice Springs' new-look town council have vowed to work

for their people.

Speaking with *The Koori Mail* in the central Australian town, Ald Sandy Taylor and Ald John Rawnsley both said they were impressed with the make-up and direction of the council, formally elected for four years on 11 April.

Five of the nine council members, including the mayor, Ald Taylor and Ald Rawnsley, are new. And Ald Taylor is the first Aboriginal woman to sit on the council, which has previously had very few Aboriginal members.

Both Aboriginal aldermen agree that the council has a good mix of youth and experience and business knowledge, with four women giving a gender balance.

And both believe local Aboriginal people can look forward to a 'fair deal' from the council. They are

impressed by new mayor Damien Ryan's goal of Aboriginal people making up 20 per cent of the council's workforce — a figure which they say reflects the proportion of permanent Aboriginal residents in Alice Springs.

Ald Taylor, a Luritja woman and Aboriginal education worker, has spent all her 54 years in and around Alice Springs. A long-time community worker, she says cleaning up Alice Springs town camps is one of her top priorities.

Town camps

The town camps, which were condemned by Howard Government, are home to many local Aboriginal people and itinerants.

While not a direct town council responsibility, Ald Taylor wants to work with the local Tangentyere Aboriginal Council and the Lhere Artepe native title group to improve conditions. "It's time for all organisations involved with the camps to put aside their

differences and get on with the job of improving them," a clearly frustrated Ald Taylor said.

At 27, Ald Rawnsley is the youngest council member. An Aboriginal man who grew up mainly in Darwin, he has been in Alice Springs about five years and is well known to Aboriginal people through his job as electorate officer to local Labor MP and former ATSIAC commissioner Alison Anderson.

Ald Rawnsley has given strong support to Lhere Artepe's cultural protocols for Alice Springs, and during the election campaign spoke strongly on Aboriginal people taking more responsibility.

"I'm locally focused and looking for imaginative ideas on an Alice Springs level," he said. "Being on council is a steep learning curve. The new council has started well and things are looking better — not just for Aboriginal people but for all residents."

"Time will tell, but I — and I know others — will be working to ensure a fair go for all."

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Favourite music?
Country and Western and a little bit of rap

Favourite sport/leisure?
National Rugby League – Go the Broncos and Queensland!

Favourite holiday destination?
Hawaii

What are you reading?
The Koori Mail

What are you watching?
TV. My favourite show at the moment is *Lifestyle Food*

What do you like in life?
Being with family and friends.

What don't you like?
The NSW State of Origin team

Who would you most like to meet?
Singer Michael Jackson. He can really dance!

What would you do to further the interests of Indigenous people?
Focus on education. That's the key to the future.

Quote



'We have no way of redressing bad policy of the Government except in the hope that others might vote them out'

– 2008 Sydney Peace Prize winner Patrick Dodson

● See report Page 11

Unquote

Little high ground here

THINGS are not looking good on South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands. But, then, they haven't for a while now.

It is a month since the tabling of Ted Mullighan's report from the Children on APY Lands Commission of Inquiry, which pointed to alarming levels of child sexual abuse on the Lands.

It is hard to imagine how relations between those who will need to work together to fix the problem – the APY Council and the Federal and SA Governments – could get any worse. But somehow we think they just might.

Complicating things is the arrival on the scene of former Indigenous Affairs minister Mal Brough, a man both pilloried and revered in Indigenous communities and political circles.

The Lands are largely self-determining and the elected leaders of any place are entitled to govern as they see fit, for as long as they have the support of the majority of their people. This includes deciding who to invite into their camp.

The decision by the APY Council Executive Board – albeit a depleted one at the moment – to open the door to Mr Brough is a curious and risky one.

But, the fact that at least some APY leaders think the involvement of someone so contentious and with debatable influence in the current political landscape might actually help at this point indicates just how little faith



OUR SAY

they have in others.

We have little doubt that both sides of the political divide believe strongly in what they're doing and how but, from the barbs traded by SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill and Mr Brough in this edition of *The Koori Mail*, we're dealing with more than political differences.

Add to this the complicated historical and familial relationships amongst people on the Lands and a potent and potentially overwhelming mix exists. From where we sit, no one (including the APY Council) can claim all the moral high ground. A circuit breaker is needed, and fast – before the situation worsens and the notion of wellbeing for children, women and men on the Lands slides much further away.

The tenth anniversary National Sorry Day, the first since the national apology, has come and gone. We think an announcement about a national compensation scheme for the Stolen Generations would be a fitting way to mark the eleventh commemorations.

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Skinny latté ideology



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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BENJAMIN Disraeli, 1st Earl of Beaconsfield (1804-1881) was a British Conservative statesman and literary figure. He served in government for three decades, twice as Prime Minister the first and thus far only person of Jewish parentage. He once said: *The secret of success is constancy of purpose.*

I accepted the offer to present the 2nd Rob Riley Memorial Lecture at Curtin University, Perth on 23 May – Pat Dodson delivered the first – with the rhetorically challenging title of *Skinny Latté Ideology*, because I have fond memories of Rob's wavering conviction of proactive Indigenous advocacy.

I got to know Rob well when I worked in Canberra in the 1980s and met him regularly when he made his frequent trips over the Nullarbor Plain from Perth in his capacity as Chairman of the National Aboriginal Conference (NAC). My father Jim was also chairman of the NAC in the late 1970s.

I considered Rob to be one of our finest leaders and acknowledge his grassroots practical endeavours.

Reflectively, I also view his achievements as a symptomatic accumulation of goals from a man whose visionary disposition was a defining feature that paved the way to a multitude of strategic national outcomes.

I viewed Rob as a man of high intellect who I believe would not be out of place today in the interstate corral of academia.

The following observations are extracts from my paper: Should Indigenous Australians

apportion all blame for their parlous living conditions on the Government or should they accept a lion's share of the responsibility?

The *Little Children are Sacred* report released in 2007 highlighted the extent of Indigenous dysfunction. In particular the single-most oppressing finding that gained national and international attention was the high level of sexual abuse of children in the Northern Territory communities.

Co-authors Rex Wild and Pat Anderson identified the various causes for the escalation of child sexual abuse:

Excessive consumption of alcohol is variously described as the cause or result of poverty, unemployment, lack of education, boredom and overcrowded and inadequate housing. The use of other drugs and petrol sniffing can be added to these. Together, they lead to excessive violence. In the worst-case scenario it leads to sexual abuse of children.

The chronicle of abuse of Indigenous children is not specific to the Northern Territory as shown

in the Gordon Report in Western Australia, Mulligan Report in South Australia, Ella-Duncan Report in NSW and more recently the alleged child prostitution racket in the NSW and Qld border communities of Boggabilla and Goondiwindi – where it has been claimed that truck drivers are offering Aboriginal girls as young as eight drugs and money in exchange for sex.

Conclusive evidence

The public reaffirmation of the abhorrent outcome of high levels of social dysfunction in Indigenous communities above, aided by Paul Toohey's article in *The Australian* newspaper of 14 May on the identification of a sharp jump in the past year of killings of Aboriginal women in remote parts of central Australia, is conclusive evidence that we all need a seismic shift in attitude on this debate.

We need to pool our collective thoughts on how we can best tackle this insidious problem afflicting our communities that has obviously been allowed to fester

unchallenged by people in positions of responsibility for far too long.

As the title of my paper *Skinny Latté Ideology* suggests – or at least the metaphorical imputation evokes – many public figures, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, working in the Indigenous industry have taken a lighter option to heavy lifting when tackling Indigenous disadvantage – safe in the knowledge that results in their field are not aspirational outcomes that governments expect to see.

So instead of being pro-active in the task at hand, many are simply going through the process of ensuring their adherence to their duty statement is not brought into question while accumulating their superannuation entitlement through the passage of time. Many simply wait their turn for a comfortable middle-management job to present itself, without a worry in the world about the plight of the most marginalised group in society.

It's a bit like drinking a skinny latté or skinny flat white coffee thinking you're addressing a

weight issue – the more you drink it the more you believe it. Hence the *Skinny Latté Ideology* title – the more you believe you're doing a good job of alleviating Indigenous disadvantage, when you're not – the more you believe you are. Those who fall into this category know who they are – because they must number in the tens of thousands – as the problems at the grassroots level continue to escalate unabated.

Shut them down?

Perhaps one of the answers to solving problems of child abuse and domestic violence in our rural and remote communities is to shut them down.

Most Australians would support the view adopted by Senator Chris Evans when he emphatically ruled out such a heavy-fisted approach in an address he gave to the Canberra South Branch meeting of the ALP in June 2006.

The fact is that shutting down remote Indigenous communities will not solve the problems of

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● ABOVE: From left, Associate Professor Anita Lee Hong, Director of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies; Dennis Eggington, Chairman CAS Aboriginal Advisory Board; Stephen Hagan; Professor Jeanette Hackett, Vice-Chancellor Curtin University of Technology; Adjunct Professor Joan Winch, Patron, Centre for Aboriginal Studies.



● LEFT: Columnist Stephen Hagan pictured after his lecture with Megan Collard, Rob Riley's daughter.



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Department of Families, Housing,
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT GREEN PAPER ON HOMELESSNESS

Public Consultations and Submissions

On 27 January 2008, the Prime Minister and the Minister for Housing, Tanya Plibersek announced the Australian Government would develop a new approach to reducing homelessness over the next decade.

The Green Paper on Homelessness is now available to promote public discussion of homelessness, highlight the challenges faced by young people who are homeless and suggest ways forward. Your contribution will inform the development of the White Paper.

To be released in September 2008, the White Paper will say what the Government plans to do about homelessness and will set out a plan of action for the next 10 years.

This is your opportunity to participate in the public consultations and put forward your ideas.

Register now to attend a consultation near you

For information on consultation forums in a town or city near you visit www.fahcsia.gov.au and call 1800 774 055 to register as places are limited.

To find out about making a submission or to get a copy of the Green Paper visit www.fahcsia.gov.au or call 1800 774 055.

Submissions may be completed online at www.fahcsia.gov.au or sent to:

Homelessness Green Paper Submissions
PO Box 7442
Canberra BC ACT 2610

The closing date for submissions is close of business Friday 20 June 2008.

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He just had to go



Ms KOORI LOVE

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I think my man drought has ended cos I met someone the other day. Can you believe it? I was starting to think I'd get the Guinness world record for the biggest 'Nigel no friends' in Australia.

I'd love to tell you all about where we met and all the goss, but I don't wanna shame them out by telling Australia our story. I will just tell you the best bits... and why this fulla is not for me.

So there I was, chattin' this one up. It was all going good and I decided to give him my number for SMS purposes only.

You see, I don't like boys to call me until I have chatted with them via SMS for a few weeks. I'd rather they send me texts to show me they can spell my name rather than seducing me with his lovely, honey toned, dripping-with-compliments voice.

I can see you thinking 'why would you wanna give a guy your number then?'

Well, I give out the number for a pre-paid phone I have. Don't you have a few phones for different people? A number for friends and family, a number for workmates and a number for debt collectors? Maybe it's just me.

Anyhoo, the pre-paid number is good in case a new man turns into a stalker or I just wanna cut contact. I send a last goodbye SMS and throw that sim card away. The way I see it is that you gotta earn the real number!

But back to my story.

I gave this fulla my number and I got seven SMSs the first day. Now, I like it when someone is keen but seven SMSs in the first day is a bit too much!

I was ignoring the messages cos I was busy, but then that night, he actually called me and left a message! I can't believe it. He called me on my 'SMS only' phone! That's a simple instruction, isn't it?

So of course I had to end it. It may be just a phone call, but it's the decision-making process behind it that annoys me.

I say SMS only, he calls. What next? I say I want a two-litre carton double chocolate ice cream and he comes back with a single icy pole? I don't think so!

To this kinda guy, it doesn't matter the instruction, he won't hear anything I say.

So that's why he's no good for me and I'm still lookin'. Now I gotta go and buy another sim card...

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

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violence and abuse. It will simply re-locate them. The problems in places like Wadeye and some of the Alice Springs town camps demonstrate this. Indigenous communities in urban and regional Australia also face high levels of violence and abuse because these are problems of entrenched social disadvantage and dysfunction – not problems of geography.

Senator Evan goes a step further and suggests that Indigenous people may actually be better off in remote communities.

Professor Fiona Stanley's Telethon Institute has done research in WA which shows that young people in remote Indigenous communities are less likely to experience mental health problems than their urban and regional counterparts. Employment and education outcomes are not necessarily better for Indigenous people who move from remote communities to larger towns and centres.

Not the answer

So let's be clear about this: Shutting down small remote communities is not the answer.

Could it possibly be that Indigenous Australians are a product of their inability to adapt, restructure and re-educate?

To answer these questions, we must revisit our past in order to explain the present.

Prominent Indigenous academic Professor John Maynard uses the sobering words of J D Woods in his book *Fight for Liberty and Freedom* to express the dire predicament of Indigenous Australians at the hands of marauding invaders in 1879:

Without a history, they have no past; without a religion they have no hope; without the habits of forethoughts and providence, they can have no future. Their doom is sealed, and all that the civilised man can do... is to take care that the closing hour shall not be hurried on by want, caused by culpable neglect on his part.

Without sounding melodramatic, J D Woods could well be writing those tactless words as an observation of Indigenous communities in parts of Australia today.

However, and in light of the above observation, I do believe many of our mob are doing themselves a disservice by routinely singing the 'poor bugger me' tune while apportioning blame to non-Indigenous people for their insufferably slow progress in gaining social and economic parity.

The concept to be addressed is Social Capital and it is through the application of its processes that I believe Indigenous Australians can realise their economic and social worth.

Social capital has been interpreted as the social

networks, norms and trust that enable people to act together effectively in the pursuit of shared objectives.

This shouldn't be a difficult concept to master; after all it is exactly what Indigenous Australians did, caring and sharing, before passengers of the First Fleet imposed their will on the Eora people on Gadigal land back in 1788.

Putnam has advocated strongly for the need for more social capital in American society, particularly for the poor. He describes social capital as:

...the social ties that engender civil society, particularly if these ties are conjoined with trust and norms of reciprocity. These ties form a type of 'capital' enabling people to do things more effectively than if they were not connected to these relationships.

Baker argues the 'social' in social capital emphasises that these resources are not personal assets: No single person owns them.

The resources reside in networks of relationships. If you think of human capital as what you know (the sum of your own knowledge, skills and expertise), then access to social capital depends on who you know – the size, quality, and diversity of your personal and business networks. But beyond that, social capital also depends on who you don't know, if you are indirectly connected to them via your networks.

Woolcock identifies three basic components to social capital:

● Bonding social capital (that is, links among people who are like one another), which is important for 'getting by'

● Bridging social capital (that is, links among people who are unlike one another), which is crucial for 'getting ahead'

● Linking social capital (that is, vertical links to people in positions of authority), which plays a special role in development and poverty alleviation.

Time is right

Maybe the time is now right for Indigenous Australians to take charge of their own life and develop strategic plans along the lines of the social capital paradigm so their children and grandchildren can gain future benefits from the networks established today through family, culture, education, business and political ties.

This is a cost neutral exercise with next to no reliance from government, and definitely not from public servants, for successful outcomes to be occur.

If you work at it in a strategic manner over a long period of time, you will achieve personal and family success – or as Benjamin Disraeli so succinctly said all those years ago: *The secret of success is constancy of purpose.*

PUBLIC NOTICE

CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003

Aboriginal Party

Alinta Asset Management intends to develop a Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Project pursuant to Part 7 the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003.

Project: The on-going field maintenance of the existing Alinta Queensland Gas Pipeline (constructed in 1990/91) including excavations for pipeline coating repairs as needed, as well as an additional loop pipeline, parallel to and connected to the existing pipeline and located in the same disturbed easement commencing west from the Dawson River for about 34 km along the present easement as shown in the accompanying sketch to the Alinta Oombabeer Station on Oombabeer Road, together with the construction of a midline compressor station located at the Alinta Rolleston Station located on Alinta land (presently an operating facility and the rest of the land under cultivation).

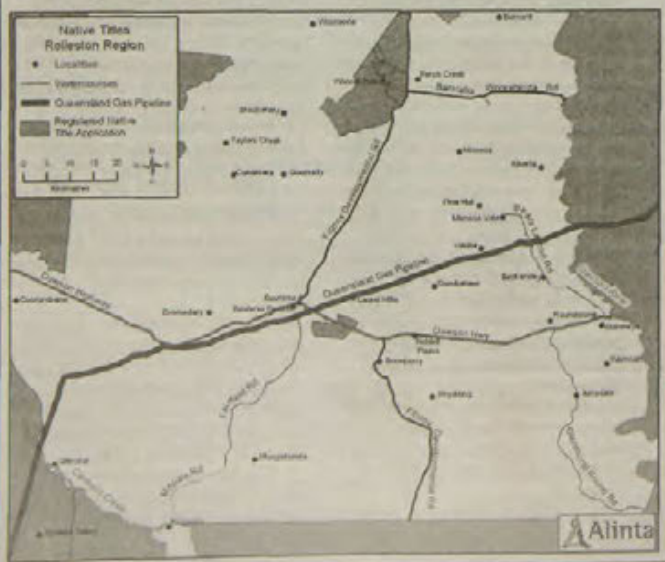
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For the purpose of this Notice the Notice Day is: Wednesday 4 June 2008
The Cultural Heritage Management Plan will be conducted over the following area – Plan Area – the existing disturbed easement for the Queensland Gas Pipeline being 25 metres wide extends over the region of Native Title Claimant Applications by East Comet/West Dawson People (QC 05/5) and Ghugalu People 2 (QC 05/8) plus unclaimed area as generally shown on the accompanying map. The land for the midline compressor facility is Lot 1 in RP806053 Parish of Purbrook County of Consuelo Title Reference 30610029.

If you are or have been nominated as an Aboriginal party (as defined by Part 4 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003) to act on their behalf and you wish to take part in the Cultural Heritage Management Plan, you must give a written notice to Alinta Asset Management advising that you wish to take part, by Monday 7 July 2008.

Alinta Asset Management may elect not to endorse any Aboriginal party if Alinta Asset Management is not advised in writing within the required time.





Samanti De Silva, of Bathurst Island, says the Rudd Government did the right thing in keeping Mal Brough (pictured) out of the Indigenous Policy Commission.

● Samanti's letter appears below

No-one fits neatly

The following letter comments on the story 'Academic blasts toxic labels' (Koori Mail, 21 May 2008) in which Darwin-based Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik (pictured) criticises the use of terms such as 'urban', 'traditional' and 'of Indigenous descent' to describe Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people:



I AGREE that these terms can be and are used with racism at their heart.

As a non-Aboriginal person living in Australia, I find that when I am preparing non-Aboriginal friends and colleagues for interactions with Aboriginal people, I feel like I need to do what I can to smooth the path for the Aboriginal people concerned; given some of the terrible behaviour which I know many encounter.

One way of doing this is to occasionally use a category such

as 'traditional' for someone who is very much tied to a specific land area and who may find the visit into alien territory and city a challenging one in itself, if that is what I have been told about the person.

If I have met them, I may also add other descriptors about the kind of person I found them to be; such as warm, gentle, friendly, judgmental, defensive, angry, homophobic, shy or lots of fun.

I tend to use 'urban' Aboriginal less often; being a city-based man, I mainly meet Aboriginal people

who live in the same town. However, I recognise whilst writing this that neither term tells anything about connection with family structures and obligations or of identification with land and history; or level of comfort in being white company.

I certainly know many so-called 'urban' Aboriginal people whose connection with land and culture is more shallow than what could even be called symbolic – no blame to them – and others whose connection and engagement could

be described as more symbolic than practical and I know others whose connection to land in culture in both their own territory and their adopted place of living runs very deep indeed.

Are these 'traditional' people? Maybe, maybe not; is it actually the issue anyway? Am I being 'traditional European' by preserving fruit, growing vegetables, using herbs, and refusing broadband? Probably not because I also live in a non-traditional relationship. It's about degrees of diversity and no-one fits anywhere neatly.

I respect people who want to acknowledge their 'Aboriginal descent' if that's how they choose to word it, but I also respect the simpler term 'Aboriginal' for anyone who wants to claim inclusion.

I know that historically, there has been a protocol for gaining

recognition of the identity 'Aboriginal' and if this has not been pursued or accepted, then I guess I can understand someone wanting to use the term 'of Aboriginal descent' to honour their ancestors and not whitewash their life.

Yesterday, I met someone who described herself as 'a fair-skinned woman of descent from... (an)... Aboriginal nation, with a strong Irish link as well', or words to that effect. Whether she was using those words to gain distinctiveness and glamour, power or legitimacy, or was just simply asserting a truth and honouring her ancestors; or a combination of these, I will never know.

It would be interesting to hear some thoughts about this.

RALPH BREW
Uraidla, SA

Real Aborigines, regardless of where they come from

I work with young Aboriginal people within South Australia and I was so relieved to see The Koori Mail article about Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik (Academic blasts 'toxic labels', 21 May 2008).

Our young people here in urban and rural communities have been voicing their anger to me for a few years because they are sick of being told that they are not 'real Aborigines' as they don't live in a

remote community.

I totally support what was said in the article because all of us are real Aborigines, regardless where we live within Australia and regardless of colour.

MaryAnn, thank you for naming this problem.

FRANCES
Adelaide, SA

Keep Brough out of Indigenous affairs

I THINK the Rudd Government has made a wise decision in keeping Mal Brough out of the Indigenous housing joint policy commission and instead reserving places for experts and Indigenous people.

As a resident of the Tiwi Islands for the past three-and-a-half years, I have been deeply saddened by the path that Brough and his supporters on the Tiwi Land Council are pushing Tiwi people on to.

Brough often speaks to the media about 'what Indigenous people want' and claims that they themselves ask for the things that he puts forward.

Brough claimed recently on Stalene NT that Tiwi people supported his housing project. Previously, as Minister for

Indigenous Affairs, he claimed that Tiwi people wanted 99-year leasing and that they wanted to own their own homes.

But how is he to know what Tiwi people want? In all my time on the Tiwi Islands, I have never heard a Tiwi person express a desire to own a house.

Yes, they want better housing – they don't want to share a house with 15 other people. But does this mean they want to do away with communal ownership of land (which is central to their culture) as Brough suggests? Of course not.

While the whitefellas on the Tiwi Land Council claim that Tiwi people want forestry and mining on their land, I have heard the old women lament that their land is being destroyed. One hundred Tiwi women even signed a petition asking for the forestry to stop.

Yes, they want jobs, but not at the expense of their land.

Professor Helen Hughes, from the conservative think-tank the Centre for Independent Studies, argues that Indigenous people want their kids to learn English and that they don't want bilingual education.

Yes, Tiwi people want better educational outcomes for their kids, but they value their language and culture above all else. Some fear bilingual schooling only because they've been told that English-only schools is only way to get a proper education.

Of course Tiwi people want better health, housing and education. They want a better future for their kids – but how

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Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

this will increase your chances of being published.

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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The Koori Mail welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Preference will be given to submissions of interest to Indigenous Australians. Please include your town and State of residence, and daytime telephone number for checking purposes. Items may be edited and reproduced.

Photograph not representative

WE write in response to the article 'Healing exchange' (*The Koori Mail*, 7 May).

We represent Senior Aboriginal women Elders from the National Aboriginal Naympa Elders Council, on the central coast. Also amongst us is Kathy Marika from the NT who has moved to NSW to teach.

We are deeply offended by the insulting photo published with this story.

The Darkinjung Land Council's Cultural and Heritage Officer did not have permission to pass it on to media.

Women's business means women's business. The men standing in the photo do not represent or speak for the women on the central coast, nor do they represent any women in women's business. The article states Mirring women's group to be working closely with the ladies from the

NT. The man in the photo holding a beer bottle certainly doesn't represent us women. Where is the respect for these ladies and every other Aboriginal woman who knows what women's business is all about?

To the person who passed the photo on, to learn Arnhem Land culture and medicines or to learn any other person's knowledge of the culture medicines, you need to respect them – not say one thing and do the other.

The people from Arnhem Land don't come to our country and disrespect the ancestors that walked before us. They don't take people on to sacred sites.

That's not their way and it's not our way either.

If any Aboriginal medicine women are reading this letter, we need to come together to the central coast to make sure

people get their facts right before they include all Aboriginal women in articles that contradict us as women. Thank you.

**PRISCILLA GOOLAGONG,
AUNTY MARJORIE WOODROW
AUNTY LILA KIRBY,
KATHY MARIKA
Central Coast, NSW**

Editor: The photo referred to in this letter was of a group of people, including a man holding what we now know was a beer bottle. The photo was one of several provided to The Koori Mail for publication. It is our editorial policy not to publish photos of people drinking alcohol or smoking, unless it is relevant or pertinent to the related story, and we regret that this one slipped through our editorial process. We apologise for any offence which may have been caused inadvertently to the women involved in the project.

YOUR POETRY

Sealed Fate

As you legislate
you discriminate
and fill our hearts
with seething hate.

Yet another invasion
is under way
once again us mob
are given no say.

Without consultation
you intervene
why now I ask
are you so keen?

For 200 years
you've shown no care
but now you want
to make it fair?

Could it be
you want to help
that your actions

are heartfelt?

Has the 'sorry'
sparked a sense
that it's time
to recompense?

I want to believe
this all is true
but deep deep down
I can't trust you.

Ultior motives
always abound
in this instance
it's in the ground.

Tons of uranium
untouched and
asleep
much more profitable
than the export of
sheep.

Plenty of desert
and vacant land

perfect to store
toxic waste on
demand.

On top of this
we must not forget
since your usurpation
our needs have never
been met.

Because the
provision of services
to our remote
locations
isn't economically
viable
by your calculations.

And so it's clear
what you have
planned
under the guise
of a helping hand.

So I sit

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exactly do we reach that future?

Do we tell them that the only way forward is to lease their land to forestry and mining companies, and to teach their kids to learn only English and try to become whitefellas?

Or do we allow them to create their own picture of how their future will look like, and allow them to make their own decisions about how to get there?

**SAMANTI DE SILVA
Nguu, Bathurst Island**

Go for 2 fruit and 5 veg for good health.



Two serves of fruit and five serves of vegies.

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

As a group, fruit and vegies are particularly rich in vitamins, minerals, and contain other important components such as dietary fibre.

Legumes (eg. dried peas, beans, lentils and chick peas) are included in the vegie group and contain protein and fibre.

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

So how much is a serve?

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

Hungry to find out more?

For further information, plus more tips on how to get an extra serve of fruit and vegies in your day, visit www.gofor2and5.com.au

VEGETABLE



1/2 cup cooked vegies or legumes



1 medium potato



1 cup salad vegies

FRUIT



1 medium piece (e.g. apple)



2 small pieces (e.g. apricots)



1 cup chopped or canned fruit



Go for 2&5
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A Child of the Dreaming

For 40,000 years
With fire and spear
We've nurtured the songlines
That arose from the Dreaming.

Modernity's march
Clouds all eyes with fear
Why oh why
Can't you hear the land
screaming?

For far too long
We've been given no chance
Because we refuse

To make dollar signs dance.

But our wisdom and knowledge
Our sacred sense of place
Is worth more than your millions
And your culture of waste.

Despite the abuse
And constant neglect
I walk tall with pride
My eyes, beaming.

Cause I know where I'm from
And where I am going:
I'm bound to the earth,
A child of the Dreaming.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Erowal Bay, NSW

Pieces of life's puzzle

The piercing perfection of a steel string
guitar
The shimmering twinkle of the evening star
The trusty purr of a faithful car
The hidden pain of an emotional scar.

The rush of adrenalin in a barrelling wave
The discovery of paintings in an ancient
cave
The daunting challenge of the path we must
pave
The wounded world we're obliged to save.

The oppressive heat of the sun at high
noon
The promise that peace will be here soon
The resilient passion of a kev carmody tune
The universal beauty of a rising full moon.

The realisation we're all the same
The end of endlessly shifting the blame
The power to heal two centuries of pain
The spirits of the land igniting hopes flame.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Erowal Bay, NSW

My Strong Black Mother

My strong black mother a heart of love
With fear staring her in the eye
My strong black mother
A woman not to fear; but when you stand in
her face and disrespected her land; now
that is a woman to fear!
My mother is a loving woman but
strong and black. One day you will see her
in the bush; the next day in the street. For
she is a woman of law and culture; she
stands to protect her People. She does not
care that she is black;
But I see you do. For if you could change
her, you would. My mother is a strong black
woman; one to know. She will teach you
the way to go; a woman to know;
My strong black mother.

Strong
Proud
Black

REBEKAH LIVERMORE
Kempsey, NSW

Sealed Fate

● From previous page

and simmer with hate
at your wicked deception
that seals my fate.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Erowal Bay, NSW

Correction

In our last edition, we ran a tribute to the late Cyril James Hennessy, who passed away on 11 April. The tribute incorrectly referred to one of Cyril's sons Tony as Darren. Cyril's family have also advised that, contrary to what was written in the tribute, Cyril was manager of The Glen drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre up until the day he died. We apologise for any offence caused by these inaccuracies.

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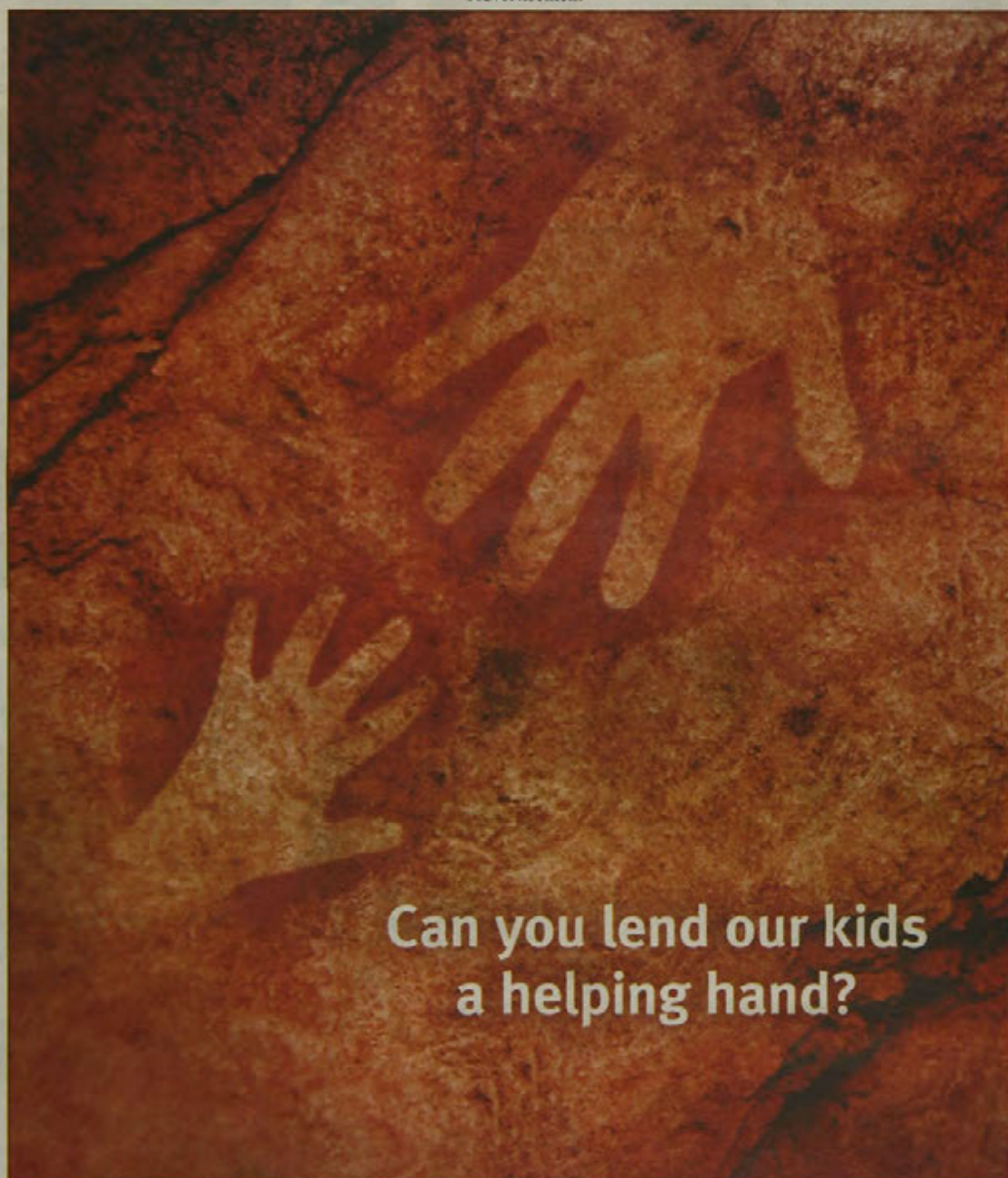
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At the reception

These pictures were taken at the reception for about 60 inspirational campaigners in Old Parliament House on the evening of 26 May hosted by Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.



Minister Macklin with Helen Moran and Christine King who are holding copies of the apology calligraphy artwork by Gemma Black.



Lynette Crocker, Kerrie Tim, Matilda House and Louise Brown.



Vince Wenberg, Maria Wenberg, Valerie Linnow and Dianna Jarrett, all from New South Wales.



Stolen Generations campaigners Jackie Baxter and Heather Shearer.



Enjoying Sorry Day in the Park are, from left, Ros Thorne holding Tahalianna Mahanga, Carmel Sloane and Patrice Soward. Slone Mahanga is behind.



Performer Larry Brandy with two participants in his cultural workshop, Laura Wojciecnowski, 8, and Jasmine Wojciecnowski, 6.



Clockwise from top left, Liz Thorpe (Jnr), Jo Donovan, Malyon Thorpe-Rotumah, Liz Thorpe (Snr) and Kalonyay Thorpe-Rotumah.



Popular performer Johnny Huckle.



The Wiradjuri Echoes in full flight.



Pictured at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture memorial service to the Stolen Generations in Canberra were, left, Ningali Cullen, who said 'it's that loss that you never really catch up on and the sadness that goes with it even if you try hard', and Rev John Browne with Pastor Ray Minniecon.



Sorry Day – Canberra



Roger Knox's Euraba Band, from left, Darren Clarke, Bareki Knox, Roger Knox, Teangi Knox and Buddy Knox.



ACT Chief Minister Jon Stanhope with National Sorry Day Committee Chair Helen Moran, left, and Stolen Generations Alliance Chairperson Christine King.

Busy time in the capital

By KIRSTIE PARKER



IT seemed fitting for many senior Stolen Generations members who witnessed the Federal Parliament's national apology to them on 13 February to return to the nation's capital just a few months later for the tenth National Sorry Day.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin hosted a reception for about 30 inspirational campaigners in Old Parliament House on the evening of 26 May.

Guests including family and friends of some who had passed on travelled from nearly every State and Territory to be there.

Ms Macklin paid special and emotional tribute to long-time campaigners including the members and patrons of the two key Stolen Generations bodies, the National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) and the Stolen Generations Alliance (SGA).

Aboriginal and Social Justice Commissioner and Acting Race Discrimination Commissioner Tom Calma attended the reception, thanked Minister Macklin for her personal commitment and applauded the Government's commitment to close life expectancy and health gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. However, he said it should not be forgotten that people who had been forcibly removed would need ongoing support for many years.

During the reception, the Minister presented NSDC co-chairperson Helen Moran and SGA co-chairperson Christine King with framed copies of an artwork featuring the Prime Minister's apology motion inscribed in calligraphy on calfskin.

Earlier in the evening, the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture hosted a moving memorial service to the Stolen Generations. Candles were lit for Stolen Generations and Uniting Church Minister, Rev Dr John Browne, and Pastor Ray Minniecon said prayers.

Special mention was also made of Aboriginal childcare agencies (ACCAs), Link-Up bodies and other staunch supporters of the Stolen Generations.

The day before, on Sunday 25 May, about 1500 people including lots of children soaked up sunshine and some of the country's leading Indigenous musical acts at 'Sorry Day in the Park' at Stage 88 in Canberra's parklands.

After a welcome to country by Ngambri

Celebrating the apology...

THE Federal Parliament's historic apology to the Stolen Generations gave new impetus to the tenth National Sorry Day observed throughout the country on 26 May. On the following pages, we bring you some of the many events staged in cities and towns to recognise and pay respect to those who were forcibly removed from their families, and those Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians who have fought hard for that recognition. The theme of Sorry Day this year was 'Celebrating the Apology: A new beginning'. Sorry Day led into National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June), also on the following pages. We'll have more on Reconciliation Week in our next edition.



At the Canberra Sorry Day in the Park are, from left, Nicki Tafe, Kerrie Tim, Ara Creswell and Leona West.

Elder Matilda House, ACT Chief Minister John Stanhope told those gathered that Sorry Day was a time to remember that the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people would not be so daunting 'were it not for the decades upon decades when Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families were torn apart by the removal of children'.

"It has been a decade since the diagnosis has been made, the healing has been slow. I think we can do more and, in the year of the national apology, we can all commit to making that happen," he said.

Performers in the park included Jimmy Little, Tamworth country favourites the Roger Knox Band, Euraba, energetic Canberra performer Johnny Huckle, the Stiff Gins, rapper Carts 2 Deadly and the Buddy Knox Blues Band.

The event was co-hosted by the NSDC and the SGA and supported by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

The NDSC, the Journey of Healing and others held stalls and there were art and cultural workshops for the kids.



Proud dad Oscar Enchong with son Mitchell Enchong, 1, and Madison Enchong, 3. All are originally from north Queensland, and now live in Canberra.



Carts 2 Deadly aka rapper Nathan Carter.



Jimmy Little performs in the park.



Leigh Richmond with daughter Maddie, 11, and son James, 7.



The grief shows ... a wreath was laid at Federation Square, in memory of those passed on.



Uncle Larry Walsh during a discussion at the Aborigines Advancement League.



Koora Cooper representing the Youth Voice at Federation Square.



It was an emotional day for many.



One Fire Dance and Cultural Group at Federation Square.



The Stray Blacks perform at Federation Square.

Forum has a just cause

Photos by ALISON McCOLL-BULLOCK, iCatching Photography



THE ongoing quest for justice for Australia's Stolen Generations fuelled National Sorry Day activities in Melbourne this year.

Stolen Generations Victoria (SGV) hosted a forum under the title 'Unfinished Business: Reparation, Restitution and Rehabilitation' at the Aborigines Advancement League (AAL) in Thornbury for members of the Stolen Generations.

The forum discussed what should be the focus for SGV and government now that the Federal Parliament had apologised.

The organisation's Acting CEO, Jeannie McIntyre, said the forum discussed those recommendations under the *Bringing Them Home* report into the Stolen Generations that are yet to be implemented under the broad themes of reparation, restitution and rehabilitation.

"This forum will travel across Victoria over the next few months to ensure we are hearing from all members of the Stolen Generations," Ms McIntyre said.

"A report of the forums with directions for organisations and government will then be written and provided to all relevant stakeholders for action."

The forum featured entertainment by Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter, the Birri-on Lakidjeka Dance Troupe and a heart-felt welcome to country from Auntie Joy Murphy Wandin.

Over lunch, the ABC Message Stick program *The Apology: The Day the Nation Cried* was shown.

A wreath-laying ceremony was also held at the flagpole at the League, to remember those who didn't make it home and those who have passed on.

"We had about 70 people attend the forum, of which about 30 were members of the Stolen Generations," Ms McIntyre said.

Later in the day, the tenth anniversary of National Sorry Day was commemorated and the national apology was celebrated by about 1000 Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people at Federation Square.

Auntie Carolyn Briggs, of the Kulin nation, gave a welcome to country before a range of speakers including Aboriginal Affairs Minister Richard Wynne, Lyn Austin, Larry Wash and the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry's Vicki Walker, and performers including One Fire Dance Troupe, Richard Frankland and the Charcoal Club, Stray Blacks, and Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter.

Ms McIntyre said both events were successful following a big weekend of football with the Dreamtime at the G game. About 80 members of the Stolen Generations joined Michael Long for The Long Walk.

'This forum will travel across Victoria over the next few months to ensure we are hearing from all members of the Stolen Generations'

Sorry Day – Melbourne



At the Aborigines Advancement League on Sorry Day were Tim Brickell (at back) and, from left, Julie Warren from Reconciliation Victoria, and mother and daughter Maddison and Tina.



A section of the crowd at Federation Square.



Uncle 'Chocko' at Federation Square.



Lowell Hunter and son Djamari, 2.



All smiles in at the Federation Square Sorry Day gathering ... Geoff Tye, Alison McColl-Bullock and John Tye. Photo by EVA JO EDWARDS.



Phil Phil Stewarts, 2, during children's activities at AAL.



Eva Jo Edwards and Richard Franklin at Federation Square.



Performers Ruby Hunter and Archie Roach were there.



Melissa Brickell was awarded this glass platter in appreciation of ten years' service to the Stolen Generations Victoria Alliance.



These women made their message clear in Melbourne.

Sorry Day – Sydney



Pictured before the flag-raising ceremony are Simone Saunders, Charmaine Smith, Willy Leslie, Vince Peters, Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC, Peter Primrose MLC, Alison Megarrity MP, and Sharon Minniecon.



Marchers make their way towards Parliament House, Sydney.



Acapella group Mirror Child (Murray Island and Yuggera) perform at Fleet Steps, Circular Quay.



The NSW Sorry Day Committee Working Party: Cecil Bowden, Michael Cutmore, Willy Leslie, Melissa Abrahams, Vince Peters, Marie Melito-Russell, Brenda McDonnell, Sandra Newham, Nancy Hill-Wood, Leilla Wenberg-Penrith and Charmaine Smith.



Taking it all in. Learning about the Stolen Generations in Sydney on Sorry Day.



Sisters Barbra Asplet and Brenda McDonnell of the Stolen Generations tell their stories of survival to the crowd at First Fleet Park.



Primary students from St Andrew's School wave the Aboriginal flag in support of Sorry Day.



Uncle Max waves smoke around dancers during the official Sorry Day smoking ceremony.



City of Sydney Councillor Marcelle Hoff, Clare Slockee, and Sydney City Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP.

Sorry Day – Sydney



Dancers lead the Sydney Sorry Day march from Hyde Park along the normally busy Macquarie Street towards Parliament House.

Crowd takes to city streets

Photos by FELICITY JENKINS

NSW

HUNDREDS of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people joined members of the Stolen Generations and their families to commemorate the tenth National Sorry Day in Sydney on 26 May.

The NSW Sorry Day Committee (NSWSDC) hosted a remembrance ceremony at the Hyde Park Anzac Memorial, a march to Circular Quay and a community barbecue.

Commemorations around the country acknowledged the federal Parliament's national apology to the Stolen Generations.

The Sydney events also took place under a theme of Remembering the Stolen Generations – Past and Present. Unfinished Business', referring to the many other recommendations contained in the 1997 *Bringing Them Home* report.

At the memorial, wreaths were laid for Stolen Generations members who had passed on. The crowd proceeded down Macquarie Street to Circular Quay and on to First Fleet Park.

Surviving members of the Stolen Generations spoke at the barbecue, followed by State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch and NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chair Bev Manton.

NSWSDC Chair Marie Melito-Russell said 'Sorry Day is the Stolen Generations' day'. 'And as the late Carol Kendall said about the Stolen Generations, 'Their struggle to overcome their tragic experience has given many of them qualities of resilience, humour and compassion.'

'They are a source of strength for our country. Sorry Day should remain to honour the Stolen Generations.'



BEV MANTON



Guests observe in silence the Sorry Day Remembrance Ceremony at the Anzac Memorial at Hyde Park.



Stolen Generations members Lellia Wenberg-Penrith and Cecil Bowden with Aunt Beryl Van Oploo from Yaama Barragay catering service.



The flag-raising ceremony at State Parliament House.



Gadigal Program Manager Caroline Barton and broadcaster Marlene Cummins from Koori Radio broadcast Sorry Day live from their van.



Rebecca Roberts and Andrea Culmore in the park.

Sorry Day – Perth



These Ellenbrook Christian College students, from left, Desirae Skeen-Cox, Kayla Williams, Aurelia Fiebig, Eden McClutchie, Amy McGuire, Aleshiah Christensen and Rodnisha Skeen, got into the spirit of the event.



Shane Abdulla plays his didgeridoo.



Melbourne Hart from Yorgum Link-up agency.



Nyoongar Elder Noel Morrison



The man behind the mask ... Yorgum Link-up Co-ordinator Melbourne Hart getting into the spirit.



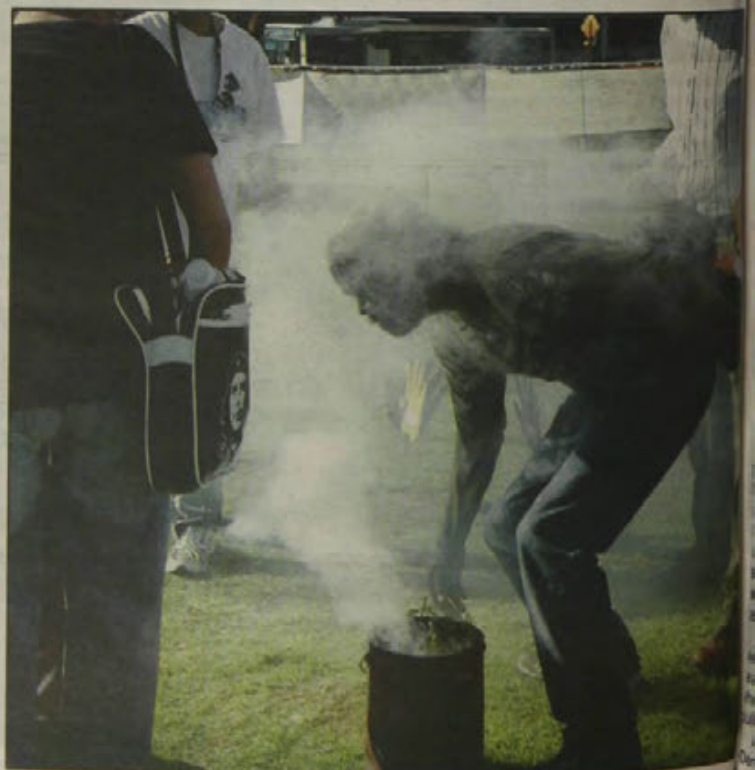
WA Bringing Them Home Co-ordinator Jim Morrison



Aurelia Fiebig had her face painted.



People signing a petition at the Perth Sorry Day event calling on the Rudd Government to urgently implement all of the recommendations in the *Bringing Them Home* report.



A smoking ceremony was part of the Sorry Day activities in Perth.



The smoking ceremony and Sorry Walk were an important part of the Sorry Day event in Perth.

Petition seeks urgent action

Story by KEN BOASE
Photos by ALITA BOASE

SEVERAL hundred people attended this year's Sorry Day event in Perth, reinvigorated by the Prime Minister's February apology to the Stolen Generations.

The main political attraction at the event was a petition calling for the immediate implementation of all of the recommendations of the 1997 *Bringing Them Home* (BTH) report. Perth child-care agency Yorgum also announced increased funding for its link-up service.

Nyoongar Elder the Rev Sealin Garlett gave the welcome to country, speaking passionately in fluent Nyoongar as he addressed those gathered, many of whom were attending their first Sorry Day event.

"I was one of the privileged people from Western Australia who actually attended the Sorry Day apology statement in Canberra and someone said to me why do we have to celebrate Sorry Day?" Rev Garlett said. "One of the things that I get from the event of Sorry Day is that it's part of our healing process, it's part of our children's wholeness and it's part of our community building all over again."

Aboriginal Legal Service WA CEO Dennis Eggington spoke about the recommendations in the *Bringing Them Home* report, urging people to sign the

petition to pressure the Federal Government into acting.

"We do have unfinished business and that's to the Stolen Generations people and all of those who have suffered at the hands of government policies," he said.

"In a way, it's a reflection on our society because governments get away with those policies only if they're allowed to."

"For a long time Australians have allowed governments to treat Aboriginal people the way they have, but we learn from our mistakes and this can never

good news for Stolen Generations members and those wanting to have family reunions on country.

"We're getting more funding for family reunions so if anyone is interested in going back to their grandparents' or parents' country we can assist that," Mr Hart said.

"We've also received some additional funding for extra positions in the Link-up service and we offer counselling for people before and after a reunion to deal with any issues that might come up and just to deal with changes in their lives after they reunite with family," Ms Mourach said.

Yorgum is also hosting a series of 'Yarning Circle' meetings; a revival of the Story Circles of the late 1990s immediately after the BTH report was tabled in the Federal Parliament.

BTH WA Committee Co-Convenor Jim Morrison said compensation was the next big item on the agenda for the Stolen Generations, and a figure of \$500,000 had been decided by the committee as fair compensation for removal.

"We had a meeting and put a submission to the Senate and we're saying if there's any compensation it's got to be half a million dollars," Mr Morrison said.

"A cousin of mine has for the first time been to a Sorry Day. He was removed at three years of age and still doesn't know why, and he wants to some answers."

"You know, it's people like that who have come out now and want to look to the future."



Nyoongar dance troupe Doorum perform.

happen again and it must not be allowed to happen again.

"One of the great recommendations in the *Bringing Them Home* report talks about building a united country and the stories about the Stolen Generations and other issues that we have faced must be now included in the school curriculum."

Yorgum Link-up co-ordinators Melbourne Hart and Karl Mourach had



Amy McGuire



Aboriginal Legal Service of WA CEO Dennis Eggington speaks.



Rodnisha Skeen was happy with this artwork on her face.



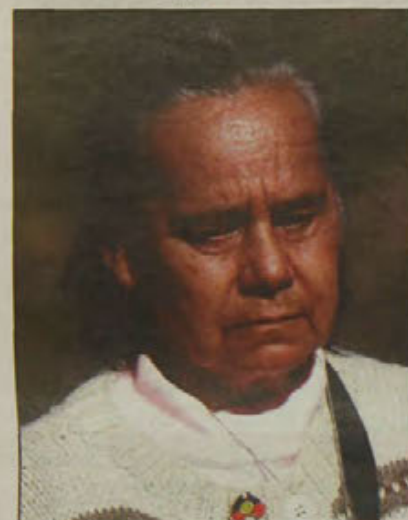
Nyoongar Elder Sealin Garlett gave the Welcome to Country address at the Perth Sorry Day event.



Cathy Combo was in the home from the age of six.



Past residents and their families gathered at the Bomaderry Children's Home.



Adelaide Winberg remembers.

Major launch for collection

Story by SOLUA MIDDLETON
Photos by MICHELLE BLAKENEY



SYDNEY-BASED stills photographer Michelle Blakeney has a special connection to the Bomaderry Children's Home, as she launched her exhibition *Restoration* on the site for its 100-year anniversary.

Restoration was made up of a collection of slides and photographs taken by the home's matrons and staff of the children who lived at Bomaderry.

The collection was shown to Ms Blakeney by her Auntie Christine who lived in the Bomaderry home from the age of nine months to 16 years.

The images had an immediate effect on Ms Blakeney as she recognised the impact they would have on families of children who were raised in the home.

"These pictures represent so much for a generation of people who have lost entire childhoods without knowing their families," Ms Blakeney said.

"Film transparencies or slides are film formats that usually have a very short life span, so to see these images in such a good state is indeed a blessing."

The *Restoration* process worked on many levels, including the physical cataloguing of names, dates and places, image grading and



Former residents looking at slides.



Some of the exhibition photos on display.

repairs, and digital transfers.

Bomaderry Aboriginal Children's Home was one of the first institutions established in New South Wales for children removed from their parents. It was the last such institution to close, and ceased operation in

1980.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said the Bomaderry Children's Home was significant to the history of the Stolen Generations.

"The home was used to house infants and young

children until they were old enough to go to Cootamundra Girls' Home or Kinchela Boys' Home," Mr Lynch said.

"Bomaderry was the beginning of institutionalised life for many of the Stolen Generations."

Member for Kiama Matt Brown said many former residents travelled great distances to attend the commemoration, and it was the first time many had been back since leaving as children.

The NSW Government gave the Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council, which operates from the site, \$7000 to stage the event.

Emotional stories were told by former residents of the children's home.

Vincent Wenberg described how his sister died on the site, and that the location of her buried remains was unknown. He called on Mr Lynch to put the wheels into motion to help find his sister, who was buried somewhere in Nowra.

Cecil Bowden said that taking children from their parents was a crime against humanity and accused authorities of 'still pinching our children'.

"The police steal them off the streets without their parents, not telling their parents, and charging them with whatever they see fit," he said.

"They're still stealing our kids, so nothing much has changed with the white attitude in Australia."



Bill Hipkin, author of *Myths and Memories - Bomaderry Children's Home*.



Auntie Moo (Muriel Burns), who worked in the home travelled from Hillcrest at Maclean to attend. She is pictured with Christine Blakeney.

Sorry Day – Townsville



Young people gather around the Sorry Day sign in Townsville.



James Doyle and members of the Nyarku Undanu Garbutt State School dancers.

Hundreds at gathering

Story and photos by ALF WILSON in Townsville



HUNDREDS of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people gathered in Townsville for the city's National Sorry Day celebrations last week.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags fluttered in the wind beside the Australian flag and above a large sorry banner on the ground. The event was held at Allarenda Park and scores of school children played on the very beach and its where their ancestors gathered for many decades ago.

Manny and Norman Ross gave a welcome to country and there was a

minute's silence for those who had passed away. The welcome was followed by songs, a smoking ceremony, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancing, a prayer for healing and entertainment for children.

The Townsville and Aboriginal Islander Health Service provided many volunteers for the day, and the Bindal Dancers and Picpah Dancers from the Townsville Cultural Centre were among the performers.

Entertainment

After lunch, entertainment included the Nyarku Undanu Garbutt School dancers, karaoke, jumping castles, face painting, information stalls and storytelling.

Tammie Harrison reflected on the

purpose of the day as she had her photo taken in front of the Sorry sign.

"Sorry Day is a day to reflect, remember and recognise the pain and suffering of our people," she said.

"Sorry Day to me is about the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's hurts and the healing that is needed in this country. If we are to achieve reconciliation."

The *Koori Mail* spoke to many of those gathered including Azie Kudub (Murray), Molly Lemson (Stephen), Sandra Santo (Darnley), and Jessie Ahwang, Enid Matters and Kathy Wacando (Moa), all representing the Townsville and Aboriginal Islander Corporation for Women.

"It has been very good to be here," said Ms Santo.



Tammie Harrison stands in front of the sorry sign and Aboriginal, Torres Strait and Australian flags.

Shylcia Santo (standing) with Torres Strait Islander Elders on Sorry Day.



Manny Ross was MC for the Townsville event.

Students show way



ON National Sorry Day, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma reserved his most optimistic comments for Australia's children. "We've got generations to come of people who are currently at school now who understand the plight of Indigenous people and they're our future, we need to embrace that," he said at a Stolen Generations reception in Canberra on 26 May.

Mr Calma would have been delighted, then, to learn of the beginning that same day of an exchange between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students in Adelaide.

The National Aboriginal Cultural Institute – Tandanya hosted the event, which saw non-Indigenous students from Sacred Heart Senior School and Nazareth College present banners bearing reconciliatory messages to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Henley Beach High School and the almost exclusively Indigenous Kaurna Plains High School.

In response, the Indigenous students will develop their own banner or piece to present to Sacred Heart and Nazareth College during NAIDOC Week at Tandanya.

The whole thing came about after the Social Justice Group from Sacred Heart listened to the Prime Minister's 13 February national apology to the Stolen Generations.

The group members were motivated to make a banner to recognise the event and to show their commitment in moving forward and taking action on Indigenous issues. They approached each of the school's home group classes and teachers,

and asked them to place a handprint on the banner, symbolising their individual commitment. The result was their colourful 2m x 5m banner.

Sacred Heart contacted Tandanya for suggestions on what to do with the banner, and the Aboriginal arts centre offered to facilitate and host the exchange.

Nazareth College soon heard about the plans and opted to become involved too.

Teacher and VET co-ordinator at Kaurna Plains Lisa Hughes conceded the Aboriginal students were apprehensive about the exercise at first.

"Before they went, some of the Kaurna Plains kids were a little scared," she said.

"They thought the kids from Sacred Heart might be a bit snobby."

Broke down in tears

"But after the event, a lot of our kids came up to me and said 'they were really nice. They weren't snobs at all'. 'It just broke down that whole divide between the eastern and western suburbs (of Adelaide) in a really reconciliatory way. Then we saw the reconciliation film (Reconciliation Australia's Apology documentary) and we all just broke down in tears."

Ms Hughes said the Nazareth College banner would be displayed in the gymnasium at Kaurna Plains and the school planned to invite non-Indigenous students to visit after NAIDOC Week for some arts, sports and culture-based activities.

"So (the national apology) has started a process. It started off an ongoing relationship, and helped to relax that divide. It was much more than just tokenistic," she said.



Students from Henley High School and Sacred Heart College.



Students from Kaurna Plains High School and Nazareth College, Adelaide.



The Sacred Heart College Sorry banner.

Compensation a prerequisite: Ridgeway



NSW Ambassador for Reconciliation and Chairman of Indigenous

Tourism Australia Aden Ridgeway feels that to 'get on with business', the Stolen Generations need to be compensated, and people need to stop oversimplifying the national debate on Indigenous issues.

At the NSW Reconciliation Council Supporters (NSWRC) Program at the Public Forum 'Getting On With Business' in Sydney during Reconciliation Week, Mr Ridgeway said Indigenous Australia had reached 'a critical stage'.

"There is a wet blanket thrown over the debate," he said. "We overlook the basic lessons of the

past – dispossession from land and culture – that disrupted the lives of Indigenous people.

"Now what we're left with is the broader community looking at stereotypes. Our challenge is to make sure we're not drawn into simplified debates."

Mr Ridgeway said looking at the debate and the way it had denigrated Indigenous people and culture, it was clear the debate was almost devoid of Indigenous people, although the debate had led to government policies which impacted solely on Indigenous people.

"The role of the media in interpreting the Indigenous story within the debate is a significant one," he said.

"If the media is promoting stereotypes and negativity in Indigenous communities, how

can we be expected to construct a real and meaningful sense of identity?"

He said journalists had played a key role in shaping debate on the issue over the past 10 years.

"It's discernible that the main critics in the broadsheets are conservative, which has been matched by a return to language that was commonly heard in the debate 50 years ago," he said.

"A slavish adoption of this language leads to inaccuracies in the debate."

"This over-simplified debate tries to sever the links between the past treatment of Indigenous people with that of the present."

Mr Ridgeway also called for the compensation to be available to the Stolen Generations.

"It's making sure that those rights available to all other Australians are also available to Indigenous people," he said.

"Although the apology has been made, this is only the beginning. We, Indigenous people, cannot remain in this place we are in, being the problem – we need to be able to participate in the solution."

At the launch, Mr Ridgeway also praised the NSWRC's 60 local reconciliation groups for 'making a difference', and promised to put his hand in his own pocket to become a NSWRC supporter.

"God knows what the rest of Australia would be like if you hadn't been doing your work for the past 10 or so years," he said.

The NSW Reconciliation Council Supporters Program is

about small things with big results. When a government can't lead, then individuals can do small things with big results on the ground, where we need it."

NSWRC Chairwoman Renee Williamson invited people to become supporters for \$50 a year.

"This is a way for people to act on the revival of hope in this post-Howard era and help advance the people's movement for reconciliation in NSW," she said.

The NSW Reconciliation Council Supporters Program hopes to raise \$100,000 in the next year to fund local level reconciliation initiatives in NSW.

● To sign up to the NSWRC Supporters Program, visit www.nswrecon.com



Book tells of mission life

Story by KEN BOASE
Photos by ALITA BOASE



THE horror and humour of life in the missions of Western Australia has been brought to life in a new book about the Stolen Generations, which has already been labelled as 'immunity' for supporters of the cent national apology.

The book, *Too Many Tears*, was launched at the Kulcha Club in Fremantle in the week before Sorry Day, with nearly 200 guests, family and well-wishers in attendance.

Written by Wongatha woman Heather Vicenti with the assistance of good friend Deborah Dickman, the book is an autobiographical account of Ms Vicenti's life under a control of the authorities from when she was taken as an infant in 1938 until her adulthood.

The book does not end with her gradual awareness of dependence from the authorities, however, it is also a map of how such policies reach into every corner of personal and family life, definitely, touching generation after generation.

The book is a stark description of the harsh regime of mission life, the authorities of the day, compared Heather and many other stolen children for a life of servitude to the new settler population.

Nyoongar Elder Charles Kickett gave the welcome to country at the launch, reminding guests that any people suffered from the removal policies of the past, including four of his immediate family who were present at the nation.

Mr Kickett addressed Ms Vicenti



'I'll never forget them, the Polish (people who survived the Nazis), they really took me in and we felt, like, similar in what we'd been through.' – Heather Vicenti

'...I started to read my sister's book and I've been crying because I can understand what my sister has been through.' – Nyoongar Elder Charles Kickett



'There cannot be any Aboriginal person in Australia who is not affected in some way by those policies.' – Former WA Premier Carmen Lawrence



directly while giving his address, referring to their common link with Roelands Mission, south-west of Perth, where many children from all regions of WA were taken after being removed from their families.

"We all spent time in Roelands Mission and I started to read my sister's book and I've been crying because I can understand what my sister has been through," he said.

"And even though you come from the back of Wongai country, you're our sister too and we're Nyoongars and just remember that we love you."

As a way of illustrating the degree of control that government

had over her life, she was made to change her name from Heather, given to her by her Scottish carers, to Myrtle because that was the name preferred by the Native Welfare officials.

"Every year everyone would get up and sing Happy Birthday Myrtle, and then the missionaries would say 'Myrtle's name would be Heather' and they made fun of me and I felt I didn't belong to anyone," Ms Vicenti told *The Koori Mail*.

Former WA Premier and Federal politician Dr Carmen Lawrence, who now heads an institute at the University of WA, wrote the book's foreword and

spoke at the launch about the profound effect of removal policies on the Indigenous Australian community.

Dr Lawrence said the recent apology and the sheer volume of information about the Stolen Generations was educating most Australians about the truth of the past.

"A lot of Australians, and I hope that a lot more will come to this understanding, and they do understand that for Indigenous people the experience of forced removal is still having profound effects, whether it's on individuals or on communities," she said.

"That was documented so carefully in the *Bringing Them Home* report and countless stories and now we have Heather's to add to that list.

"It should be clear now, I think, even to the most blinkered of those most unwilling to see, that such loss of identity and culture can be devastating, particularly when it's coupled with discrimination and particularly when it continues today.

"There cannot be any Aboriginal person in Australia who is not affected in some way by those policies, and that's why an official policy, and maybe that's just the first small step, for those practises has such significance for so many Aboriginal people today."

Ms Vicenti said she didn't feel free of the tentacles of government until she began her working life in her late teens, when she met her future husband and befriended a Polish-Jewish refugee family while she was studying to be a nurse.

"I met a lot of new Australians around Perth, especially the Polish people and they took me in and told me their stories and one of them showed me the brand marks on their skin from the Nazis," she said.

"I cried with them and they took me in and I was very weak and I drew strength from them at that time.

"I'll never forget them, the Polish, they really took me in and we felt, like, similar in what we'd been through."

Too Many Tears is available from the True Blue Gallery in Fremantle, while sales outlets in other States are detailed on the website www.toomanytearsbook.com

Forum told of treaty wish



Dr Loretta Kelly



LORETTA Kelly says she hopes she will see a conclusion to the treaty debate within her lifetime.

An Indigenous lawyer and lecturer at Southern Cross University's Gribi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples, Dr Kelly last week delivered a keynote speech entitled 'Towards reconciliation – sorry business and the role of a treaty in reconciling Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians', which focused on the formal recognition of Indigenous people as the first Australians.

Dr Kelly argued that the recognition of a treaty was crucial to the reconciliation process.

"If we are to move towards true reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, we need to move beyond an apology and examine practical measures to redress the harm to members

of the Stolen Generations," Dr Kelly said during her speech at SCU.

"Although it sounds trite, I would add that a treaty can lead to a more friendly and trusting relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. This is grassroots reconciliation.

"The result could be a transformation of inter-personal relationships."

Dr Kelly is a Gumbaynggirr and Dungutti woman from the North Coast of NSW.

Her doctoral thesis was in the area of native title mediation, and she is particularly interested in how these tools can be used as processes of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

SCU celebrated Reconciliation Week with a range of activities at the Coffs Harbour and Lismore campuses, which included ceremonies, bush tucker barbecues and film screenings.

Amnesty calls for more action



THE election of the Rudd government has helped repair Australia's human rights reputation, but Amnesty International believes there is still work to be done. Amnesty has welcomed Prime

Minister Kevin Rudd's apology to the stolen generations, the end of the Pacific Solution offshore detention policy and the axing of temporary protection visas.

But it wants Labor to go further, urging it to honour a pre-election commitment to sign the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

In its annual snapshot of global human rights, Amnesty noted the Northern Territory intervention was developed without adequate consultation and reduced Aboriginal control over their own land. It also highlighted the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. – AAP



Lourdes Hill College students Kirsty Burchill (on crutches) Mossman, Nateesha Prasad from Brisbane, Valerie Williams (at back) from Bamaga, Kiah Morgan from Brisbane, Janis Parker from Palm Island, international student Raelene Babcock (wearing scarf) from PNG, Caitlin Shepherd from Brisbane, Jessica Goettler, Amy Bell and Monique Burgess. Stylin' up in front is Sandra Billy from Yorke Island, in the Torres Strait.



Powderfinger's Bernard Fanning (centre) with students Michelle Heenan and Emily Heenan.

Reconciliation rocks musos



THE fear of teaching children about Australia's Indigenous history needs to be eradicated before reconciliation can be achieved in Australia, Powderfinger frontman Bernard Fanning says.

The Brisbane rock band last week took a break from preparations for next month's national theatre tour to visit Lourdes Hill College in Brisbane's east as part of National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June).

The school is one of more than 400 across Australia to adopt a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), a program established by Reconciliation Australia in 2006 to enhance relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

The Aria Award winning five-piece band has been spreading the reconciliation message since last year's *Across The Great Divide* tour with fellow rockers Silverchair, and have covered the issue on songs such as *Black Tears*, off last year's *Dream Days At The Hotel Existence* album.

Fanning and band mates Darren Middleton, Ian Haug, John Collins and Jon Coghill at times appeared more excited than the students as they toured the Catholic girls school's art department on 27 May, where traditional paintings by several of the school's boarders from far-north Queensland hang on the walls.

The laid-back musos sat attentively on stage at a school assembly before telling reporters things had changed since their student days, when they were taught next to nothing about Australia's Indigenous history.

"Hopefully, that's changing now, and that's what we're trying to be a part of ... just to try and influence that process," Fanning said.

"If they learn from when they're young then the fear is taken out of learning about Aboriginal and Indigenous culture."

"And that is the big stumbling block for a lot of people - they think if they don't know enough they don't have the right to



At the college, from left, student Monique Burgess, Powderfinger's Ian Haug, Jon Coghill and Bernard Fanning, and students Jessica Goettler, Amy Bell and student Nateesha Prasad.

contribute to the conversation that reconciliation requires. Removing that fear is the important thing."

Fanning said Powderfinger had not become a political band, pointing out they still get people at their shows 'who couldn't give a s... about the political message'.

But a change of government, coupled

'It feels like a different time in terms of what the potential for change is in Australia with regard to Indigenous policy'

with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's recent apology to the Stolen Generations, had re-opened the minds of young Australians to issues such as reconciliation, he said.

"It feels like a different time in terms of what the potential for change is in Australia with regard to Indigenous policy," Fanning said.

Reconciliation Australia Chief Executive Officer Barbara Livesey said schools had always played a leading role in reconciliation.

"Schools now join RAP organisations across the country, including blue-chip corporates like Qantas, ANZ and BHP Billiton, sporting codes like the NRL and all levels of governments, in identifying actions and activities they can undertake towards closing the 17-year life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children," said Ms Livesey.

"Most schools already participate in National Reconciliation Week each year, and by doing a RAP they can now play a part all year round. Ultimately we want thousands of schools RAPPING for years to come."

The theme for the week was 'Reconciliation: it's all our story', which aimed to encourage Australians to think about what they could do to advance better relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. - With AAP



Bernard Fanning and Darren Middleton from Powderfinger at the Brisbane college.



Bernard Fanning and John Collins from Powderfinger with Reconciliation Australia CEO Barbara Livesey at the press conference after the school assembly.

Curtin signs up

Reconciliation Action Plan first for an Australian university



CURTIN University of Technology in Perth has become the first Australian university to launch a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Developed in association with Reconciliation Australia, the plan sets out steps Curtin will take to continue to develop reconciliation and build relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

It was launched by Reconciliation Australia Director Fred Chaney at a function at the university on 27 May.

Partnerships

Vice-Chancellor Professor Jeanette Hackett said she was proud of Curtin's leadership in promoting an understanding of Indigenous culture and history, implementing strategies to increase participation of Indigenous people in higher education, and continuing a commitment to fostering partnerships in Indigenous research and development.

"The development and launch



At Curtin University's Reconciliation Action Plan launch are, from left, Professor Jane den Hollander, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, Curtin University of Technology; Professor Jeanette Hackett, Vice-Chancellor, Curtin University of Technology; Hon Fred Chaney AO, Director of Reconciliation Australia; Associate Professor Anita Lee Hong, Director, Centre for Aboriginal Studies.

of the Reconciliation Action Plan is part of the university's commitment to the reconciliation process of turning good intentions into measurable actions," she said.

"Curtin's RAP has been developed with measurable objectives, actions and targets which the university will be accountable for."

Director of Curtin's Centre for

Aboriginal Studies, Associate Professor Anita Lee Hong, hopes the launch of Curtin's RAP will be a catalyst for other universities in Australia to do likewise.

"I would like challenge other universities in Australia to develop their own RAPs," she said.

"It is extremely important that universities in particular, as

institutions of knowledge and learning, model ways to be more inclusive of Indigenous people and build bonds between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people."

The RAP's development began last year when Curtin signed a statement outlining its commitment to develop a RAP.

The signing of the Statement of Commitment also coincided

with the 40th anniversary of the landmark 1967 referendum which gave Aboriginal people the right to be counted in the census.

This year marks another important event for the wider Curtin community, the tenth anniversary of Curtin's original Statement of Reconciliation and Commitment which was signed on 18 March 1998.

Scarred trees feature of heritage walk



A HERITAGE trail recognising rare Aboriginal scarred trees at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology RMIT University's Bundoora

campus was launched as part of last week's National Reconciliation Week celebrations.

In 1997, the university developed a strategy to save a group of ancient river red gums (*E. camaldulensis*) estimated to be up to 800 years old and represent one of the few remaining stands in the area.

Among the 94 trees counted, six scarred trees were registered under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act (ATSIA), three are canoe trees and another three are food implement trees.

RMIT Ngarara Wilim Indigenous Centre Manager Stuart McFarlane said scarred trees were rare and fragile reminders of the resource harvesting techniques practised by hundreds of generations.

"They are our history books, but are also a manual for sustainable use of resources suited to the present day," he said.

The Keelbundoora Scarred Tree and Heritage Trail will be a self-guided walk created to recognise and preserve the ecological and cultural significance of remaining vegetation on RMIT's Bundoora

campus, which sits on Aboriginal (Wurundjeri) land.

The trail is a joint project involving RMIT's Ngarara Wilim Indigenous Centre, Property Services, School of Art and School of Education, and the Wurundjeri Land Council and the City of Whittlesea.

Wurundjeri Elder Annette Xiberras, who

spoke at the trail's launch last Wednesday, provided expert guidance in the development of the trail and the creation of the brochure and signage produced to accompany it.

Mr McFarlane said all of the parties involved were looking forward to the opening of the project 'as a sign of respect

and recognition of the important Indigenous heritage of the land on which the Bundoora campus now sits'.

"I hope what we have started here today will continue as an important reminder to the wider community and future generations of the area's rich past," he said.



Uncle Herb at the launch of the RMIT Bundoora campus Keelbundoora Scarred Tree and Heritage Trail, and dancer Rita Pepper, who performed at the launch.



Professor Peter Buckskin with the Pacific Star Islander Dancers at Campbelltown.



Tabitha Leane painted children's faces.

Family focus for SA event

SA

FAMILIES turned out in droves for the Campbelltown annual reconciliation event in Adelaide's north-eastern suburbs on 25 May.

Despite predictions of rain, the sun shone throughout the day, which was a weekend precursor to National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June).

Campbelltown Mayor Simon Brewer spent a low-key day there with his family but also spoke about his council's commitment to reconciliation, citing his council's support for a range of events as evidence that actions speak louder than words.

The first Campbelltown reconciliation event was held in 2006. This year was special because of the national apology to the Stolen Generations, but also because Campbelltown celebrates its 140th 'birthday' this year and the council also signed its Reconciliation Statement this year.

Story telling by Auntie Mona Tur was popular with the children, and face painter Tabitha Leane was busy all day. Established and emerging local performers and artists appeared including Catherine Sumner, Warren Milera and artist Naomi Hicks.

Long-time supporter Mary Burfield

came to enjoy the day and ended up serving the barbecue. More than 900 snags were cooked during the course of the event.

The celebration was funded by the Campbelltown Council and organised by Mia Fantasia-Copley, Secretary of the Aboriginal Centre for Information and Arts in SA Inc with support from Turkindi Inc. Part proceeds from money donated from the barbecue and other activities will go to the Nunga Travel Assistance Fund, which was set up this year and has already helped families travel to Aboriginal funerals across SA.

— Photos from IVAN COPLEY



Catherine Sumner was one of several performers to entertain the crowd at the Campbelltown event.



Auntie Mona Tur (centre) with Ivan Copley and Mia Fantasia-Copley.



Naomi Hicks, Warren Milera and Campbelltown Mayor Simon Brewer at the celebration.

Helena's logo a winner



HIGH School student Helena Chestnut will have her original artwork plastered all over Perth as NAIDOC celebrations near.

The 13-year-old student from Mt Lawley Senior High School was announced as the winner of the NAIDOC Perth logo competition (her entry is shown at left), and her design will be used to promote NAIDOC events in Perth, including the NAIDOC Awards, the NAIDOC Perth Opening Ceremony on 6 July at Wellington Square and the NAIDOC Ball at the Hyatt Regency on 11 July.

NAIDOC Perth Chairwoman Glenda Kickett said the logo was significant, because it would now be used on all NAIDOC Perth promotional materials.

"We aspire for the logo to become a well recognised feature in Perth that positively promotes Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander people, culture and achievements," she said.

Ms Kickett said the committee was delighted to have had such an outstanding selection of designs from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander school children in Perth to choose from.

"The committee was extremely impressed by the complexity, thought and detail in Helena's design, which we believe will be well received by the Perth community," she said.

'Significant'

"The snake surrounding the words 'NAIDOC Perth' is significant in that it represents the Wagyl.

"We have also incorporated a Balga Bush into the design, which is significant and iconic to Perth and surrounding areas.

"We ask that the Perth community embrace our logo and join us in congratulating Helena on her beautiful artwork."

Helena will be presented with a prize and certificate by Ms Kickett at the next Mt Lawley State High School assembly, on 2 July.

NAIDOC Perth is also encouraging everyone to become involved in NAIDOC Week by nominating Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people for awards, and participating in events to be held around Perth during NAIDOC Week, (6-13 July).

"I urge all Australians to get involved in NAIDOC Week this year," Ms Kickett said.

"It's a time for us all to openly celebrate and embrace the achievements and contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations make, not only to this city, but to Australia overall."

● For information about how to become involved and for a program of events, go to www.naidocperth.org

● To be included in *The Koori Mail* NAIDOC Calendar, email naidoc@koorimail.com with your event details.



Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW

Boggabilla & Toomelah Public Forum
Town & Country Club
North Street, Boggabilla

Wednesday 11 June 2008 10:00am - 1:00pm

We want to hear the views of the Toomelah community and the Boggabilla community on the work being done in the area by Government, other agencies and the communities, to help families and children.

Refreshments will be served.

If you are not able to attend the Boggabilla & Toomelah Public Forum you can call us on 1800 442 819 for the cost of a local call, or send us a letter or email. You don't have to identify yourself if you don't want to, and if you want the information you provide to stay confidential, you just have to let us know.

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Do you need time off from your caring responsibilities or some flexible support?

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For more information contact DADHC Western Region on 1300 721 828



Mount Victoria to Lithgow Great Western Highway Upgrade Aboriginal community meeting

The Australian and NSW governments are investigating a study area from Mt Victoria to Lithgow to upgrade the Great Western Highway.

You are invited to the following meeting to discuss the planning for the project: Monday 30 June from 11am to 1pm. Katoomba-Leura Senior Citizens Centre Town Centre Arcade, Katoomba Street, Katoomba.

Please phone Barry Gunther on (02) 8849 2006 or 0447 498 847 to ensure we can cater and set up the rooms adequately. We look forward to meeting with you.



From left, Mersane Oui, Renarta Prior, Ruth Gorringer and Lynisha Parker made submissions to the State Cabinet meeting.

Elder gets her say

Story and photos by ALF WILSON



ELDER Renarta Prior was one of more than 30 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who had deputations with Government ministers during a Community Cabinet meeting at Townsville's Southbank on Palmer Street last week. The 67-year-old was with Palm Islanders Mersane Oui, Lynisha Parker and Cr Ruth Gorringer when *The Koori Mail* spoke to them.

Ms Gorringer later entered the meeting with newly elected Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey. "It has been good this Cabinet meeting and there are a lot of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here. We have spoken about some things required and will just have to wait and see if they came through with it. We want justice for our people," Ms Prior said.

Police maintained heavy security around the building where inside Queensland Premier Anna Bligh and her Ministers took deputations from many citizens.

It was the fourth Community Cabinet meeting for 2008. A day earlier the venue had been Ingham, 110km north of Townsville.

The Townsville and Ingham meetings were part of the Community Cabinet Consultation Program and all residents were invited to attend. Deputations were limited to 15 minutes.

Long-time campaigner Yvonne Butler raised the contentious issue of outstanding stolen wages with Premier Bligh.

Elder Ernie Houlahan and Dushy Thangiah, representing the Yumba Meta Housing Association, were also there.

"We will be seeing the Housing Minister and will get a chance to put forward ideas and to ask for more money," Mr Houlahan said.

Torres Strait Islanders Paul Ahwang, Tom Savage, Ben Bowie and Sam Savage also attended. "We want to ensure that issues involving our people are heard by the Government," Mr Ahwang said.

One deputation that would be of keen interest to Indigenous locals was about a decrease in the number of prawns from waters off Bowen.

Bowen's Arabon Seafoods Managing Director Terry Must has been trying to find out why the prawns from the sea off the northern seaside town are in short supply, and said he would be more than pleased to hear the opinions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on the issue.



Paul Ahwang, from Thursday Island, attended the Cabinet meeting.

Elections ACT



Make your voice count

ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body

Nominating as a candidate for the elected body

To be eligible to be nominated as a candidate for the election you must be an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander; at least 18 years old, and on, or entitled to be on, the ACT electoral roll. However, candidates cannot be under sentence of imprisonment for one year or longer for an indictable offense.

Nominations open on Monday 26 May 2008. Nominations must be given to the ACT Electoral Commissioner at his office by the close of nominations at 12 noon on Tuesday 10 June 2008. Alternatively they may be posted to the ACT Electoral Commissioner at PO Box 272, Civic Square, ACT, 2008. They may also be faxed to (02) 62050382 or scanned and emailed to elections@act.gov.au. Nominations posted, faxed or emailed must also reach the Electoral Commissioner before the close of nominations.

The form you require to nominate for election to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body is available from the office of the ACT Electoral Commissioner or from the Elections ACT website www.elections.act.gov.au

Late nominations will not be accepted under any circumstance.

Election information

An election is being conducted to elect 7 members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body for the ACT.

Key dates for the 2008 election are:

Election start day (Candidate nominations open)	Monday 25 May
Electoral rolls close	5pm Wednesday 4 June
Nominations close	12 noon Tuesday 10 June
Nominations for candidates declared	12 noon Wednesday 11 June
Order of ballot paper decided	After nominations declared, Wednesday 11 June
Voting starts	Monday 16 June
Last voting day	Saturday 21 June
Counting of votes commences	Tuesday 1 July
Election declared	As soon as counting is completed

Voting for the elected body

To be eligible to vote you must be an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander, be at least 18 years old and be on, or eligible to be on, the ACT electoral roll.

Voting for the Elected Body will be from Monday, 16 June 2008 until Saturday, 21 June 2008, inclusive.

You will be able to vote at any of the following polling places at the times shown (right)

If you are not able to vote in person, you can have a postal vote. Contact Elections ACT on 62050383 or visit their website www.elections.act.gov.au for further information and a postal vote application.

Monday 16 June 2008	9am to 6pm	Gungahlin Community Resource Centre Ernest Cavanagh St, Gungahlin (next to the library)
Tuesday 17 June 2008	9am to 6pm	Belconnen Community Centre Cnr Chandler St & Swanson Cres, Belconnen
Wednesday 18 June 2008	9am to 6pm	Australian Public Service Commission Training Centre Aviation House, 16 Furzer St, Phillip
Thursday 19 June 2008	9am to 6pm	Tuggeranong Library Cowlshaw St, Tuggeranong
Friday 20 June 2008	9am to 6pm	Civic Library Civic Square, London Circuit, Civic
Saturday 21 June 2008	8am to 12noon	Erindale Neighbourhood Centre Cnr Sternberg Cres & Conrie St, Wainiassa
Saturday 21 June 2008	2pm to 6pm	Southside Community Services Boolimba Cres, Narrabundah

How to vote for your preferred candidates

Ballot papers for the election will show the names of all candidates in a single column. To make your vote in the election, number 7 boxes from 1 to 7 in the order of your choice. You may then show as many further preferences as you wish by writing numbers from 8 onwards in the other boxes.

Voting in this election is not compulsory.

The election will be conducted by Elections ACT in accordance with the requirements of the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body Act 2006.

For further information on the election contact Elections ACT on (02) 62050383 or visit their website www.elections.act.gov.au

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Deadline near for CDEP proposal comments

MEMBERS of the public have just a couple more days to comment on a Federal Government discussion paper on the reform of the Community Development Employment

Projects (CDEP) scheme. Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Employment Minister Brendan O'Connor released the paper on 18 May and the consultation runs until 6 June.

The Ministers said the discussion paper, which also focuses on the Indigenous Employment Program (IEP), was about economic development and jobs for Indigenous Australians.

They said the Government was developing a new strategy to build the strong foundations necessary for sustainable Indigenous economic development across Australia.

"This includes how to remove disincentives for people to study, train, or take up other work outside CDEP and how to encourage people to travel for work and training opportunities," the ministers said in a statement.

"Building the job aspirations of young Indigenous people is key to turning around the

low participation rates and passive welfare.

"Indigenous employment participation is low and many communities cannot access job opportunities. Demographic changes mean that the gap will only widen without urgent action."

The discussion paper looks at how individuals, businesses, communities and partnerships must be involved to lift Indigenous employment rates. It also builds on the principle that improved universal

emergency intervention into the Northern Territory. However, the Labor Party reinstated the program earlier this year with a promise to instead reform it.

The discussion paper also looks at how employers of Indigenous workers can be better supported, building on the success of the Structure Training and Development Program (STEP) and Structured Training and Employment Projects Related Services (STEPERS) programs.

The ministers said the Indigenous Economic Development Strategy (IEDS) would be launched later this year and would complement the Government's new employment services model to be implemented from July 2009.

The Australian Government will hold consultations on the discussion paper across the country in capital cities, regional centres and remote communities.

Increasing Indigenous economic opportunity – A discussion paper on the future of the CDEP and the Indigenous Employment Program (IEP) along with details of consultation sessions are available at www.indigenous.gov.au or by calling 1300 733 514.

'Building the job aspirations of young Indigenous people is key to turning around the low participation rates and passive welfare'

employment services and training places are essential for sustained economic development.

"The Government is committed to closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians and has set targets across six areas, including halving the gap in employment outcomes within a decade," the ministers said.

The former Howard Government scrapped aspects of CDEP under its controversial

Tiwi College group homes opened



THE first residential boarding facility on the Tiwi Islands was officially opened on 20 May at

Pickertaramoor on Melville Island. Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the three family group homes constructed at the Tiwi College would provide accommodation for up to 36 students.

"These homes are an important part of the Tiwi communities' dream to give children a better education and a better future," Ms Macklin said.

"The Australian Government has committed \$16 million to the Tiwi College, \$2 million of which is for an extension to the college this year to increase enrolment to 84 children.

"In 2006, the retention rate of Indigenous students in the Northern Territory from Year 8 to Year 12 was 40.5 per cent compared to the non-Indigenous rate of around 75 per cent."

The Minister said the family group homes provided students with accommodation from Tuesdays to Saturdays, with full-time house parents to ensure the students were fed, rested and prepared for class.

Students are required to participate as an active 'family' member by undertaking cleaning, cooking, washing and shopping for the household.

Some classes, including literacy and numeracy, are conducted at the family group homes to strengthen the link between family, school and the community.

Ms Macklin said the college and family group homes would equip students with a broad range of skills targeted at filling the skills shortages of developing industries and services on the islands.

The Minister said the boarding capacity would be increased to up to 48 students once the fourth home was completed.

Students started classes at Tiwi College in 20 February.

"The Australian Government knows that education is a key driver of change and is essential to closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians," Ms Macklin said.

Attending the opening ceremony were Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, NT Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgeour and Lingiari MP Warren Snowden.

Nyoongar Camp housing plans

By ELIZABETH MURRAY

WA WITH Western Australia's housing crisis worsening, some minds are turning to potential uses of buildings at the Swan Valley Nyoongar camp in suburban Perth, which remains unoccupied subject to ongoing Federal

court appeals.

Bella Bropho, eldest daughter of former Nyoongar leader Robert Bropho, is appealing a Federal Court decision to evict the people living at the camp under the 2003 Reserves Act, which she claims is not compatible with the Commonwealth racial discrimination legislation.

Before the launch of that appeal in April 2007, the Government announced plans to create an environmental park at the site.

But an Elder from the area, Alan Kickett, has questioned the State Government's authority in seemingly overriding a 99-year lease on the property, leaving the land unused.

"The need (for housing) is great, it's empty and people could be living there," says Mr Kickett.

The WA Government held all the cards on decisions relating to the well-being of Aboriginal people, Mr Kickett said, and as a result they are virtually powerless to make decisions to improve their circumstances.

"What I'd like to see is for the Elders who come from this area – not those who have lived at the camp who come from other parts – but the Elders of this area to get together under the umbrella of Indigenous land, or the shire, to make something happen," Mr Kickett said.

"(Building at the camp) could be used for a lot of things but the problem with the politicians' suggestions to use the site, is that nothing ever materialises – it's just window dressing."

Mr Kickett said the way the Government



KIM HAMES

made decisions had left the local community with little control over matters affecting them and if the local people could have more of a say over the site, 'we could make it a success'.

"They've done nothing up to date – we could really show them up," he said.

Big problem

Nyoongar Elder Mingli Wanjuri McGlade said homelessness was currently a big problem in Perth and accommodation at the camp could benefit local Aboriginal people.

However, she said it would have to be well organised and strictly monitored by an organisation such as Aboriginal Hostels.

"The area would also have to be very well cleansed and cleared with smoking

ceremonies, if people want to be living well – that would have to be done before people could go into the area again," Ms McGlade added.

West Australian Minister for Indigenous Affairs Michelle Roberts said the Swan Valley camp was currently managed by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

However, she said the State Government could not do anything with the land until the full Federal Court judgement on the appeal lodged by Bella Bropho has been delivered.

"Once that has been resolved I will be keen to look at land uses that will benefit Aboriginal people," she said.

Deputy State Opposition Leader and Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim Hames said he did not agree with creating housing for homeless people at the Swan Valley Nyoongar Camp. He said it would be a better idea to create an art or cultural centre at the site which could then, in turn, support the Aboriginal community through jobs and revenue.

"There's a desperate situation with homelessness of Indigenous people that definitely needs to be addressed, and so I'm not disregarding the importance of that," he said.

"But the difficulty we have is some people have been given homes and have abused the privilege."

Mr Hames expressed concerns that potential tenants could suffer from isolation in a community such as the one that had been closed down.

In February, 78-year-old former activist Robert Bropho was found guilty of unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl under 13 years between 1990 and 1991, and sentenced to three years' jail.

In the late 1980s, he led the Nyoongar community's protest against the redevelopment of Perth's Swan Brewery site.



Kabi Kabi People Community Meeting

Implementation of Traveston Crossing Dam ILUA

An Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) between Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd (QWI) and the Kabi Kabi (sometimes known as Gubbi Gubbi) People was registered by the National Native Title Tribunal on 14 April 2008. QWI is the proponent for the Traveston Crossing Dam, to be located on the Mary River near Gympie.

Accordingly, the descendants of the following apical ancestors of the Kabi Kabi People are invited to attend a community meeting to be held for the purpose of making important decisions about implementation of the ILUA and associated matters.

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| 1. Maggie Palmer; | 8. Willie (Nudler) Crowe; | 15. Kalmakuta; |
| 2. Jim Crowe; | 9. Helen Crowe and her son Willie Glenbar; | 16. Cob and his son Peter Loder; |
| 3. Maggie Cain; | 10. Nanny and her daughter Sarah Lloyd; | 17. Towcha with the exception of the descendants of Ernest Albert Blackman; |
| 4. Jack Baul; | 11. Tilley, also known as Tilley of the Glasshouse; | 18. Arnold Kina whose father was Willie Kina; |
| 5. Maggie Cantini, her daughter Mary Brown and her unions with Albert Williams and George Parsons; | 12. Nimburin Emburey; | 19. Tommy Imbil; and |
| 6. Lizzie and Annie Laurie; | 13. Laurence Stanley; | 20. Duncan Crowe |
| 7. Susan Andy; | 14. Edna Delaney whose father was Barney Delaney; | |

The meeting details are:

Date: Saturday 14 June 2008

Time: 10:00am

Location: Garapine Outdoor Education Centre, 24 Mountain View Road, Traveston, Queensland

Morning tea will be available on arrival, with lunch, afternoon tea and dinner (if required), also supplied. Buses will run from Cherbourg, Bundaberg, Rockhampton and Ipswich.

For further information on the bus times and meeting points, please contact one of the Kabi Kabi People coordinators:

Tony Dalton: 0447 159 445

Lynnette Johannessen: 0400 406 620

If you would like a directions map to the Garapine Centre to be mailed to you, please call QWI on 1800 225 384.



Santos

Santos Gladstone Liquefied Natural Gas (GLNG) Environmental Impact Statement

Santos is proposing a \$7.7 billion Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Project at Gladstone (GLNG).

GLNG will take coal seam gas from the Bowen and Surat Basins by underground pipeline to a liquefied natural gas processing plant and export facility on Curtis Island off Gladstone.

The Queensland Government has declared the Project to be a 'Significant Project' requiring an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which means Santos is now required to undertake an EIS involving extensive stakeholder consultation and scientific study to ensure the project is economically, socially and environmentally sound. The draft Terms of Reference as set out by the Queensland Government will guide the EIS studies and are now available for public comment.

Santos is committed to a comprehensive schedule of community engagement throughout the project development and is actively pursuing input and feedback. This includes:

- meetings with key stakeholder and community groups
- community information sessions (please see website for details)
- regular information updates through newsletters and project website
- opportunities to provide feedback by phone, fax, email and post.

Santos GLNG EIS community information sessions

Community Information Sessions will provide an opportunity to meet members of the EIS project team and learn more about the project. Sessions have already been held at Springsure. Remaining sessions are:

Rolleston	Wednesday 4 June 2008, 3:30pm-5:30pm Rolleston Shire Hall
Biloela	Thursday 5 June 2008, 3:30pm-5:30pm Biloela Civic Centre - Foyer, cnr Rainbow & Prairie Sts
Wallumbilla	Tuesday 10 June 2008, 10:00am - 12:00pm Wallumbilla CWA Hall, 10 College St
Roma	Tuesday 10 June 2008, 4:00pm-6:00pm Ernest Brock Function Room, Roma Bungil Cultural Centre, Cnr Bungil & Quintin Sts
Injune	Wednesday 11 June 2008, 4:00pm-6:00pm Injune Memorial Hall, Hutton Street
Taroom	Thursday 12 June 2008, 4:00pm-6:00pm Taroom Town Hall - Foyer, 18-20 Yaldwin Street
Gladstone	Friday 13 June 2008, 4:00pm-6:00pm 114 Goondoon Street
Curtis Island	Saturday 14 June 2008, 10:00am-12:00pm The Capricorn Lodge, South End

Comments on the draft Terms of Reference must be received by the Coordinator-General by COB Friday 20 June 2008.

To view the draft Terms of Reference, visit the website www.dip.qld.gov.au.

For further information on the project, or to request a copy of the draft Terms of Reference

Phone 1800 761 113 Fax 07 3862 3722
Email info@glng.com.au Post Santos Gladstone LNG Project
Website www.glng.com.au Reply Paid 372, Clayfield QLD 4011

Elu on a new journey in old territory



RON Morony, the General Manager of Australia's major Indigenous economic development body, has paid tribute to the contribution of the organisation's former Chairman, Joseph Elu.

Mr Elu recently resigned as the head of Indigenous Business Australia. After 12

years at the helm, he has returned home to Seisia, in the Torres Strait, as the newly elected Mayor of Northern Peninsular Area Regional Council, an amalgamation of the former councils of Bamaga, Seisia, Umagico, New Mapoon and Injinoo on the Cape York Peninsula.

Mr Elu began his role as the Chairman of IBA (or the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commercial Development Corporation, as it was then known) in 1996, with a passion for Indigenous participation in the mainstream economy.

At that stage IBA had 13 staff located in Canberra, a portfolio of 19 investments, provided employment opportunities for 140 Indigenous people, and held net assets of \$57.38 million.

In his first 12 months, Mr Elu began developing relationships with corporate Australia and Indigenous organisations, introduced a new executive team and sought the agreement of the then Minister for Indigenous Affairs to support his reform process and subsequently new board members.

"I remember in our early years we wore out a lot of shoe leather looking for commercial opportunities and most of the private sector was unsure about us," Mr Morony said last week.

"They seemed to think we were looking for a free ride and it was only after a couple of significant commercial deals that we found industry accepted IBA as capable of operating in the commercial world."

By 2008, under Mr Elu's leadership and encouragement, IBA has built new partnerships between Indigenous Australians, corporate Australia and the Government.

Now, IBA employs more than 200 staff in offices throughout Australia, contributes to key government initiatives such as home ownership and construction in remote areas and administers a portfolio of 34 investments.

In the past year, it has created or supported 1271 employment opportunities through investments and small businesses (42 per cent of them Indigenous), and has consolidated net assets of \$972 million.

"What is even more remarkable is that IBA receives \$40 million a year in Government funding and we offer home loans, business loans, commercial investments and a range of choices for Indigenous Australians to participate in the mainstream economy," Mr Morony said.

JOSEPH ELU



"This is a record that is unparalleled in Indigenous affairs at the national level and we are pleased to see that a number of Indigenous commercial corporations are emerging to show that being in business and owning your own home has advantages."

"There is no denying that Mr Elu is an inspiration to a number of people in the Indigenous sector and in mainstream Australia."

Mr Elu has advised governments of many political persuasions and he represented Australia in international forums, exploring and applying different approaches to Indigenous economic development.

His international recognition was a key factor in IBA hosting an international conference in 2005, further enhancing Mr Elu and IBA's standing within the international community.

He promoted the concept of home ownership on Indigenous lands for many years and the Government responded with financial support to develop the concept. IBA's first Home Ownership on Indigenous Land (HOIL) loan is now finalised and many more are expected to take up this option.

Mr Elu's strong belief and service to Indigenous Australians has been recognised with numerous accolades; most recently earlier this year with an Officer of the Order of Australia - for service to the Indigenous community through contribution in the field of economic development, the promotion of financial independence and facilitating community partnerships with skilled volunteers.

Mr Elu is a passionate supporter of the economic empowerment of all Indigenous Australians, equipping them to be economically self-sufficient, build assets and wealth, and escape reliance on social welfare.

The legacy that he leaves is one not only of hope for a brighter future for Indigenous Australians but one of practical experience: that one person can make a difference.



RON MORONY

Massacre at Myall Creek remembered

We Remember Them

Yook Mien Mueni (Mueni Mueni)

Yook Mien Mueni (Mueni Mueni) is the name of the person who was killed at Myall Creek. He was a young man who was killed by the white men. He was a young man who was killed by the white men. He was a young man who was killed by the white men.



The memorial plaque at the Myall Creek massacre site.

By SOLUA MIDDLETON

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THE annual memorial service for those who died in the Myall Creek massacre will be held at Myall Creek, northern NSW, this Saturday 7 June. The service at the Memorial on the Ngara-Delunga Road at 10am will mark the 170th anniversary of a massacre of 28 Wirrayaray people in 1838. This year's special guest speaker will be Desert Knowledge Australia Chairman and Reconciliation Australia Director Mr Chaney. Mr Chaney said he had wanted

to take part in the memorial service since he first heard about the initial gathering.

"The coming together of the settler descendants and the Aboriginal community to share their history is an outstanding example of using history to restore relationships rather than war about white or black armbands," the former Federal Minister said.

"We share the country and we share the stories good and bad," Mr Chaney said it was an honour to be asked to participate in 'this outstanding, locally grown, example of reconciliation'.

Graeme Cordiner, of Sydney Friends of Myall Creek, and also a member of the NSW

Reconciliation Council, expects the highlight of the event to be the range of people attending, from local Indigenous and non-Indigenous high school students and Elders to visitors from Moree, Inverell and Glen Innes.

Diversity

"The diversity of people who want to come and show their respect for the Indigenous people who died in this massacre 170 years ago is testament to the strength of the grassroots people's movement for reconciliation in NSW," Mr Cordiner said.

"Out of something as terrible as the Myall Creek Massacre comes

something good - Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians acknowledging that we must know both the black and the white histories of Australia in order to advance reconciliation."

The Myall Creek Memorial was erected in June 2000 by a group of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people working together in an act of reconciliation.

It was awarded the Judith Wright Prize for innovative reconciliation work in 2005.

In recent years, organisers have been heartened, especially by the involvement of students from local schools, bringing real hope for the future.

The memorial commemorates

the unprovoked massacre of about 28 Wirrayaray women, children and old men by a group of stockmen in 1838.

The annual memorial service is open to the public and those intending to participate are invited to gather at the Myall Creek Hall by 10am for morning tea. Lunch will be available after the ceremony for a small charge.

The annual public meeting related to the memorial will be held from 1pm. For more details contact John Brown on (0417) 209 076, Graeme Cordiner (02) 9817 0288, Sue Blacklock (0447) 756 350, Lyall Munro (02) 6752 5792, Ivan Roberts at (02) 9746 2320 or irobert4@bigond.net.au

North Kellyville Draft Precinct Plan

The exhibition of the draft Precinct Planning documents for North Kellyville in the North West Growth Centre will commence on **Friday 30th May 2008**, closing on **Friday 4th July 2008**.

The exhibition will introduce proposed planning controls for the North Kellyville Precinct. The public are encouraged to view the information and are invited to provide their input to help shape the future of this area.

The exhibition can be viewed at Baulkham Hills Shire Council, 129 Showground Road, Castle Hill and the Growth Centres Commission at Level 5, 10 Valentine Avenue, Parramatta. The material is also on display at Castle Hill Library, Cnr Castle and Tennant Streets; the Vinegar Hill Memorial Library, 9 Main Street, Rouse Hill; and the Department of Planning 23 - 33 Bridge Street, Sydney.

The exhibition information can also be obtained by visiting www.gcc.nsw.gov.au or by calling the Growth Centres Commission on 1300 730 550.

For further information call the Growth Centres Commission on 1300 730 550 or visit www.gcc.nsw.gov.au. If you require a translator please ask for an interpreter in your language when calling 1300 730 550.

Submissions on the North Kellyville exhibition material must be received no later than **COB Friday 4th July 2008**. Submissions can be sent to the Growth Centres Commission:

PO Box 1457, Parramatta NSW 2124
community@gcc.nsw.gov.au or
Fax: (02) 9895 7670

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COMMISSION

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**




Mount Victoria to Lithgow Great Western Highway upgrade Information displays



The Australian and NSW governments are investigating a study area from Mt Victoria to Lithgow to determine the preferred alignment for an upgrade of the Great Western Highway.

You are invited to information displays on the Mt Victoria to Lithgow upgrade of the Great Western Highway at the following locations:

- Saturday 21 June 2008 from 10am to 2pm. Farmers Inn, Old Bathurst Road, Hartley Historic Site, Hartley.
- Saturday 21 June 2008 from 10am to 2pm. 113 Great Western Highway, Mt Victoria (Next to the old Post Office).
- Thursday 26 June 2008 from 4pm to 7pm. Valley Plaza Shopping Centre, corner Lithgow and Bent streets, Lithgow.
- Saturday 28 June 2008 from 10am to 2pm. Valley Plaza Shopping Centre, corner Lithgow and Bent streets, Lithgow.

Project team members will be present at the displays to address your initial comments and questions.

For more information phone 1800 035 733 (freecall) or visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au.

Mount Victoria to Lithgow Great Western Highway upgrade Community meetings


The Australian and NSW governments are investigating a study area from Mt Victoria to Lithgow to determine the preferred alignment for an upgrade of the Great Western Highway.

You are invited to the following community meetings:

- Monday 16 June 2008 from 6.30pm to 8pm. Hartley school building, corner Mid Hartley Road and Great Western Highway, Hartley.
- Tuesday 17 June 2008 from 6.30pm to 8pm. Mt Victoria Public School, Great Western Highway, Mt Victoria.
- Wednesday 18 June 2008 from 6.30pm to 8pm. Union Theatre, Bridge Street, Lithgow.
- Thursday 19 June 2008 from 6.30pm to 8pm. Comet Inn, Hartley Vale Road, Hartley Vale.

Please RSVP to 1800 035 733 (freecall) to ensure we can cater and set up the rooms adequately. We look forward to meeting with you.

For more information phone 1800 035 733 (freecall) or visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au.



INTERNATIONAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

INDIGENOUS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP K-12

International Grammar School is a co-educational, secular school, which reflects the contemporary and cosmopolitan nature of our inner city location. The school seeks to provide students with a learning experience that focuses on academic achievement and the development of a strong sense of individual and social responsibility. Our educational philosophy focuses on the provision of a quality learning environment for Preschool, Primary and High School students with a special focus given to language studies and music.

IGS offers a scholarship open to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child. The scholarship covers Tuition fees and the supply of text books and other support from Kindergarten to Year 12. Applicants will be considered for entry at any point. (Preference may be given to an early entry.)

The scholarship will be awarded to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child who, in the opinion of the selection committee, is likely to benefit most from the IGS educational experience. In making this decision the selection committee will consider the following factors:

- Supportive family/community and commitment to an education at IGS
- Residential proximity or transport access to IGS
- Developmental attributes of the child including social skills
- Relative disadvantage
- Reasons for choosing IGS

The selection will be based on the application. A short-list of candidates may be selected for a meeting and discussion with the applicant and their parent/guardian. The judgment of the scholarship committee will be final. The selection committee will consist of an IGS Board Member, the Principal and a local indigenous representative.

The terms of the scholarship will be:

- Full Tuition fees K-12
- Supplementary fees for other programs undertaken by the scholarship holder whilst at IGS
- Supply of text books and other specified materials K-12
- Supply of uniform and other requirements

The scholarship will be open to Indigenous students already enrolled at IGS as well as external applicants.

Application should be made first by phone to PA to Principal on (02) 9219 6706 and an application form will be made available.

Due Date: Friday 20 June 2008

NLC apologises to principal legal officer

BY DARREN COYNE



THE Northern Land Council has issued a public apology to its principal legal officer, Ron Levy, who it says was

wrongly suspended in February.

Mr Levy was suspended by the NLC's then acting chief executive officer, John Christopherson, but quickly re-instated after successfully challenging his attempted sacking in the NT Supreme Court.

NLC Chairman Wali Wunungmurra said in a statement on 23 May that the NLC's executive council had completed a comprehensive review of issues related to Mr Levy's suspension and was satisfied that allegations made against him were untrue and unjustifiable.

The allegations related to alleged bullying of a female anthropologist by Mr Levy.

Mr Wunungmurra said the executive council's review involved interviews with NLC officers and examination of documentary material, and its findings were based on independent legal advice from Raelene Webb, QC.

"Mr Christopherson ignored written legal advice from a Melbourne law firm that there were no grounds for dismissing Mr Levy because the allegations – even if true – did not constitute serious and wilful misconduct so as to justify termination," Mr Wunungmurra said.

"In fact, the Melbourne law firm was asked to identify a mechanism to terminate Mr Levy's employment, legal advice was not sought from the firm as to whether there were any, or sufficient grounds, for termination.

"The Melbourne law firm recommended that if the NLC wished to immediately terminate Mr Levy's employment, it should pay out his entire contract until its expiry in 2010 – but that there would still be a risk of an unfair dismissal claim in the Supreme Court with the NLC exposed to financial risk.

"Further, the allegations were false. Mr Levy's actions were at all times in accordance with the NLC's practice and procedures, and for the sole purpose of performing his duties and responsibilities as the NLC's principal legal officer.

"Emails and other documents confirm that at the time Mr Christopherson and

other relevant staff were properly informed of Mr Levy's actions, including that he had accessed a personnel file for the purpose of providing legal advice regarding an employment matter."

Mr Wunungmurra said the NLC was satisfied, in relation to the allegations, that at all times Mr Levy had acted properly and ethically in performing his duties and responsibilities as the NLC's principal legal officer.

Audit ordered

Meanwhile, the Commonwealth Office of Evaluation and Audit is conducting an audit in relation to the circumstances of Mr Levy's suspension, and the Government insurer Comcare is conducting a related inquiry.

Mr Wunungmurra said the NLC was fully co-operating in relation to the audit and inquiry but he maintained that the audit and inquiry were initiated following 'erroneous and defamatory' articles in a national newspaper.

Meanwhile, *The Australian* newspaper has reported that the demoted acting chief executive, John Christopherson is among at least five staff pursuing compensation claims against the NLC.

Focus on harmony at Dreaming Festival



THIS year's The Dreaming Festival will take on a significant spiritual difference amid added renewed harmony and hope in the reconciliation process.

Thousands of Indigenous and non-Indigenous patrons will converge on the Woodford Folk Festival site in southern Queensland over the long weekend in early June for four days of dance, music, magical stories and immersion in an ancient culture that has survived 40,000 years.

From the special opening ceremony, a modern-day corroboree full of light, fire, song and dance, to the great coming together at the haunting closing ceremony, there's a packed program of entertainment and celebration.

This year, one of the highlights of the festival will be iconic Indigenous band, No Fixed Address, reformed for a Woodford Dreaming.

Also starring on the music program will be Gurrumul, a former member of Yothu Yindi, but this time going solo.

Across the many venues, nearly 50 musical acts – some of them international – will be putting on more than 130 separate performances.

The list of band and singers includes Troy Cassar-Daley, Warren H Williams, Glenn



GLENN SKUTHORPE

Skuthorpe, Casey Donovan, Banawurun, Dan Sultan, Getano Bann, Leah Flanagan Band, Lexine Solomon, Rich Man's Hoax, Shaz Lane, and Sweet Cheeks.

Theatrical productions at this fourth Dreaming festival at Woodford, an hour's drive north-west of Brisbane, include Jimmy Little's *Gentle Journey*, Jesus Hopped on the 'A' Train, Bible Boxing Love, Koiki, Quinkan, Strange Resting Places, Lessons in

Flight, and The Clown from Snowy River. The Chooky Dancers should be a smash hit with their Greek technique, while line dancing champs the AMS Redfern Line Dancers will do their fun bit.

Festival organisers are still calling for volunteers. A range of positions are available, from bar cashiers to bar attendants, drivers, stage hands, gate crew, garbologists, gallery attendants, general store hands, camping ground staff, operations centre helpers, street lighting crew, traffic directors, toilet cleaners (intergalactic S-bend warriors), plumbers and electricians. For contributing 15 hours of your time over the festival period, you will be given a full ticket.

● For more details visit the festival website at www.thedreamingfestival.com. Pre-purchase tickets and save online at www.thedreamingfestival.com or call the festival office on (07) 5496 1066.



So You Think You Can Dance? top 20 finalist Sermah, or Suri, warms up.



'Breaking' toddler-style at the Vibe 3on3, Angel Sumner, 3, from Adelaide.



Che Cockatoo Collins and son Preston enjoyed the Vibe 3on3 at Murray Bridge.



'Black Diamond' Claude Williams with the Murray Bridge 2008 Puggy Hunter Award Winner Angel Webb, 7.



Clayton Mark and Matthew Carter were there.

Vibe rocks the Murray



THE Vibe 3on3 made a record sixth appearance at Murray Bridge late last month, with the community turning out in force to join in the basketball, hip-hop and healthy living action.

Held at Murray Bridge High School, local participants were joined by visitors from as far a field as Adelaide, Tailem Bend, Raukkan and Meningie.

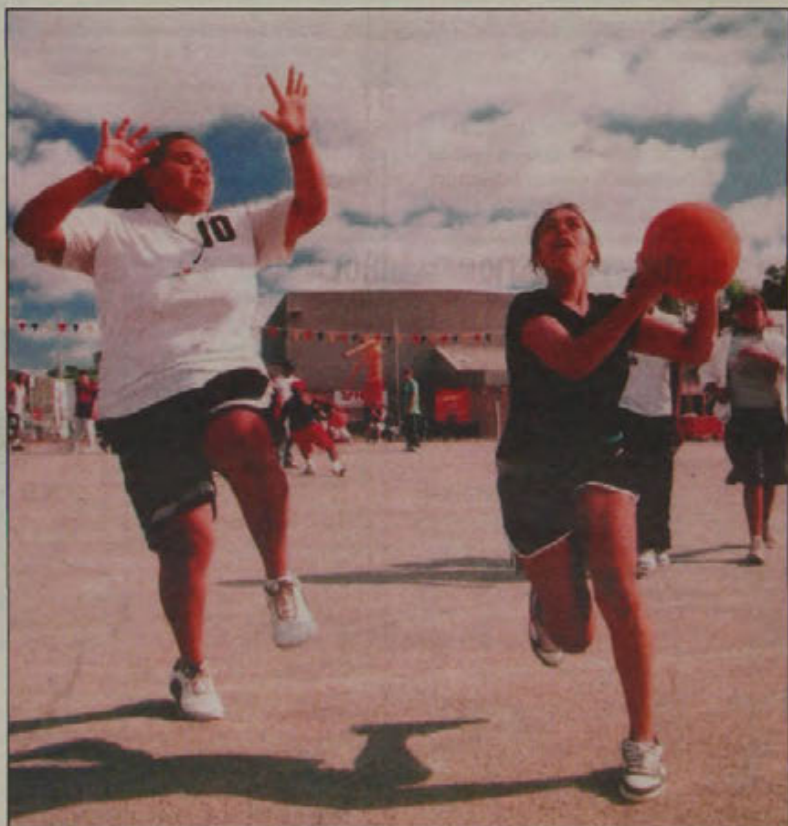
"Once again, Murray Bridge showed positive support with a great turnout of enthusiastic participants and spectators," 3on3 Event Co-ordinator Claude Williams said. "You could tell that every single person who came to the 3on3 had an excellent time, whether they were rapping, rhyming, playing basketball or just watching their kids."

Long haul

"It was great to see kids from out of town get on so well with the locals, too. It just goes to show that the long haul was well worth the effort."

Joining the Vibe crew in Murray Bridge was *So You Think You Can Dance?* top 20 finalist Sermah, or Suri, who spent the weekend hanging out with the locals and teaching young fellas how to dance.

Other role models on hand included former AFL player Che Cockatoo-Collins, rapper Jim Blah and local artist Kevin Kropinyeri Jnr.



Stacey Wilson (with ball) in action from the girls' basketball competition played as part of the Vibe 3on3 at Murray Bridge in South Australia.

A range of local sponsors supported the Murray Bridge event, including Lower Murray Nungas Club, Kalparrin Community Inc, KMAK Aboriginal Art, Families SA and Murray Bridge Rural City Council. Also in attendance was the local medical service

Country Health SA, which provided a stall and offered services.

Event organisers praised all of the event winners and thanked the volunteers who helped make the Murray Bridge 3on3 such a success.

The Vibe 3on3 is a

two-day Aboriginal youth weekend festival that incorporates basketball, dancing, art, culture and health. It promotes healthy lifestyles, strengthen communities and boost self-esteem.

For more information, go to www.vibe.com.au

National Calendar

● To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, write no more than two sentences with contact details to email calendar@koorimail.com or fax it to (02) 6622 2600.

Ongoing: Living Black on SBS Television. Held every Wednesday at 6pm on SBS. For details call (02) 9430 2828 or 1800 500 727 or email news@sbs.simplicitycm.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. Details: 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 provide 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

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Melbourne locations: Sunshine, Dandenong, Kew, Call Centre
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VicRoads manages the Victorian arterial road network and its use as part of the State's overall transport system.

Are you an Indigenous Australian who has good people skills and an interest in achieving positive outcomes for VicRoads customers?

VicRoads has a number of 12 month Indigenous Youth Employment Scheme traineeship opportunities across Victoria in 2008/2009 as an initiative of the VicRoads Indigenous Employment Program. Successful applicants are anticipated to commence traineeships in July or August 2008. A Certificate III (Business Administration) is expected to be achieved over 12 months.

Resumes should be forwarded by email to Jane Kenny at Inner Eastern Group Training on email address.janek@iegt.com.au

Telephone enquiries including training wage information please call Jane Kenny on (03) 9997 3666

The closing date for resumes is **Friday 13 June 2008**

- This is an identified Indigenous position and VCAT exemption A116/2006 applies. Only Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons are eligible to apply
- possession of a Driver's Licence (P Plate or Full) would be advantageous in applying for this traineeship opportunity
- Applicants with Certificate III qualifications and above need not apply. Exemption No. A327/2006 National Training Wages apply

Salary is the range of \$30,102 to \$36,624 p.a. plus 9% superannuation. Starting salary is normally at the base of the range. Performance bonuses may also be payable.

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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 deb.evans@tfnsw.edu.au or 131601 or (02) 6586 2249 or email nci.courseinfo@tfnsw.edu.au

Until 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 Nyoongar 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: Native Title Research Unit (NTRU) at AIATSIS on (02) 6246 1161 or email ntru@aiatsis.gov.au or visit www.ntru.aiatsis.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: 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, Goomool, 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: Brigitte Braun on (03) 9521 2324 or (0417) 184 260 or email artplace@inet.net.au or visit www.artplace.com.au

Until 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: (07) 4069 5322.

Until 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: (02) 4325 0056 or visit www.gosfordregionalgallery.com

Until 11 June: 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 Shoalhaven City Arts Centre, Nowra. For details: 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 - Multicac Sorry Business. This is an award winning theatre performance about road safety. There will be a Metro tour and a Great Sothern tour. For details: 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: (02) 6275 9550 or 1800 819 461 or email playing.australia@environment.gov.au or visit www.arts.gov.au

Until 20 June: Calling for registrations for the National Leadership Camp 08. NLC is a highly interactive, challenging and motivating 4-day program which brings together up to 200 students from across Australia. NLC Student Registration is \$425 (inc. GST). This covers accommodation, meals, venue hire, bus transportation from Sydney, resource material

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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: 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: (02) 9380 5839 or email info@hogarthgalleries.com or visit www.aboriginalartcentres.com

Until 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: (02) 8423 5118 or email barefoot@ntv.org.au

Until 26 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.deniandhines.com or visit 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: Richard Young on (03) 9484 5351 or email vaysr@bigpond.com

Until 29 June: 'The Year of the Apology' Exhibition. This exhibition will be opened by Dion Mundane. Held at the Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Cherry Street, Ballina. For details: Frances on (02) 6628 8120 or email frances@artsnorthernrivers.com.au

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: 1800 818 490 or visit www.ila.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: Patrick McCloskey on (08) 9591 9731 or email p.mccloskey@caama.com.au

Until 4 July: Indigenous Scholarship to study at Metro Screen. With funding from the Department of Education and Training, Metro Screen is pleased to offer a limited number of free places to aspiring Indigenous filmmakers on our popular Certificate IV in Screen course. Participants will work together to produce location dramas, documentaries and studio dramas. For details: Claire Morgan or Maevie Marsden on (02) 9361 5318 or visit www.metroscreen.org.au

Until 4 July: KIDS CAN Microgrants 2008. KIDS CAN invites groups of children and young people (aged 5-25) to submit a proposal for a Microgrant ranging from \$250 - \$1,000. This program will see a particular focus on projects that see kids connecting with their communities. For details: Madeline McGrath on (02) 9211 0224 or (0408) 914 971 or email kids.can@napcan.org.au or visit www.napcan.org.au or www.childfriendly.org.au/KIDS_CAN/kidscan.htm

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: 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: (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: 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. Details: (03) 8341 7141 or email bnjilakarsvp@museum.vic.gov.au or visit www.museum.vic.gov.au

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: (03) 9276 7768 or 1800 624 487 or email netta@asg.com.au or visit www.netta.com.au

Until 6 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, 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, call 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 18s, under 18s and under 14s boys and girls. For details: Nikita Ridgeway on (0415) 095 661 or email koorigirl@mail.com or visit www.darwinbasketball.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 to activities, services and projects that sustain and enhance well being. For details: 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: (03) 9670 5436 or 1800 252 316 or email tya@youngaustralians.org

Until 31 October: ARMtours calling for interest. We are looking for up to 50 role models to join ARMtours mob and come on tour. We welcome role models from different sport, academia, music and cultural backgrounds. For four details: Carrie Bendich 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: (02) 9215 9000 or 1800 226 912 or email mail@australiacouncil.gov.au or visit

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Aboriginal people don't understand white law, report says

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MORE than 90 per cent of people in Arnhem Land do not understand basic legal concepts, with many Aboriginal people under the impression that white society is 'lawless', a new report has found.

This has resulted in wrongful imprisonment and massive confusion, with some communities still unaware that rape is considered illegal, says Richard Trudgen, CEO of the Aboriginal Resource and Development Services (ARDS).

In a report titled *An Absence of Mutual Respect*, researchers spoke to Yolngu people from a cross-section of the community, including interpreters, locals and community leaders.

They were quizzed on the 30 most commonly used English legal words such as bail, commit, arrest, charge and guilty.

The ARDS report found 95 per cent of Yolngu people were unable to correctly identify their meaning.

Only 17 per cent of responses from language professionals were correct while 90 per cent of community leaders, such as ATSIC members, school teachers and council representatives, had no understanding of the terms at all.

Ninety-seven per cent of Yolngu people born after 1967 fell into the lowest category of understanding.

"This research found that many Aboriginal people from Arnhem Land had little comprehension of what was happening in the legal system," Mr Trudgen said.

"This still leads to many outcomes that are unjust and can also be a factor in some people getting into further trouble. Many Elders also believe it is one of the main reasons for increased crime on

Aboriginal communities."

Mr Trudgen said the results explained the stark over-representation of Aborigines in territory prisons - currently over 80 per cent - and why increasing numbers of young males were falling out of the law after moving to large urban centres.

"People thought that pleading guilty actually got them through the court quickly and they didn't go to jail," he said.

"There is massive confusion out there about white fella law point blank."

In conclusion, the report found many Aboriginal people were disempowered when it came to dealing with the legal system, and it recommended communication programs to bridge the gap.

It said Aboriginal people often thought they were functioning within a lawless society because they don't understand it so they see it as lawless."

This can lead to 'quite devastating consequences', said Mr Trudgen, who referred to the case of an Elder who had asked him if rape was illegal.

"When I said yes, he told me 'none of our young people know that'."

"This is 2008. When are we going to have an emergency response into communication in these communities?"

Researchers also interviewed some people in prison.

"When they realised what the term guilty meant they were able to identify some of the things that they were convicted of that they never had anything to do with," Mr Trudgen said. - AAP

Silent protest by WA group

Nyoongar men call for action

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



A GROUP of Nyoongar men has begun a weekly silent protest outside Parliament House in Perth as a statement of Nyoongar sovereignty and as a rally call for Nyoongar people to take control of their destiny.

The Marmun Nyoongar men's group, led by Balledong Nyoongar David Collard, is seen by many as picking up the baton of the cause started in 1928 when Nyoongar leader Edward Harris met WA Premier Philip Collier to demand improved rights for Aboriginal people.

Despite the improvements brought about by the land rights movement of the 1970s and the partially successful integration of health provision by the end of the 1990s, Mr Collard says Nyoongar and other Aboriginal groups remain oppressed in Australian society.

The Marmun group is intent on harnessing all service provisions under the 'Nyoongar Nation' banner, an extension of the Yokai (Nyoongar war cry) and Coalition movements of the 1990s, which saw high-level co-operation between major Nyoongar service providers.

The Marmun group is currently conducting an audit of all land, property and service provision under Nyoongar community control, and the value of direct property links alone is thought to be worth in excess of \$450 million.

"In the first instance, Nyoongar people need to be involved and not ignored any more," Mr Collard said.

"We deserve a seat at the table so that we can sit down and talk about resources in any shape or form, whether it's minerals or water or any development on our country."

"Because we were first contact, a lot of people don't see Nyoongars as real Aboriginal people because most of us have mixed blood and also the way we live."

"The Nyoongar Nation is the biggest tribe in Australia, and we have 40,000 people spread over 14 clan groups so we need to bring back our boundaries and protocols and Nyoongar men need to show leadership on that issue."

"The bottom line is that Aboriginal people, wherever they are, have to take control of their own issues and their own problems and work through it and come up with a solution."

"The empowerment of Aboriginal people in the South-west through a concept like Nyoongar Nation was begun in the 1970s with the ALSes and the AMSes, but it never progressed past those services where health and legal



This West Perth office building is an asset for the Nyoongar community.

rights are in our total control.

"(One of the aims) of these gatherings... is to try and get unity amongst our people and establish the networks for effective service provision."

Mr Collard said the ultimate aim was to win community control of health care and other major service provision, a model successfully implemented in Canada where stunning improvements in health have coincided with total community control.

Former ATSIC Nyoongar Regional

benefit of the community as a whole and that's the challenge for us to show the leadership and demonstrate what we want.

"From there we can build on that and decide where we want to go as a people."

One example of the assets invested in the community is a five-storey fully tenanted office building in West Perth, bought five years ago as a passive investment for \$12 million in a partnership between Indigenous Business Australia and Nyoongar entities.

"In that time (the building) has probably doubled in value," Mr Cole said. "The intent when it was purchased was for a portion of the profits to flow back to the community, but that won't happen until the loan is repaid when it will be a real asset for Nyoongar people."

"To come together as a people culturally we need an economic base to work from and so we have to have all of our assets linked up under an

entity like Nyoongar Nation to give us the buying power and economy of scale to be properly integrated into the WA economy."

Mr Cole said the goal was for co-ordinated service delivery and the enjoyment of community assets to a level where the Nyoongar community felt secure as a people.

Mr Collard said the group decided to hold a weekly vigil outside Parliament House after the Nyoongar Native Title appeal was lost in the Federal Court in April.

He said it was seen as a way of peacefully harnessing the frustration and anger felt by Nyoongar people.

"We voted to sit and have a silent protest every week on the lawns of Parliament House. That's where we sit and we talk about men's issues and we share experiences," he said.



The Marmun Nyoongar men's group at their first silent vigil on the lawns of Parliament House in Perth last month. From left, Kevin Giles, David Collard, Rod Garlett, Danny Ford, Barry Lawrence and John Ford.

Council Chairman Gordon Cole is conducting the audit of Nyoongar assets with the aim of fully co-ordinating services and providing property and support for cultural and social activities.

"We define Nyoongar assets as something at our disposal independent of anyone else, and that's a mix of government owned but community controlled organisations right through to property invested in the community through the Aboriginal Lands Trust," he said.

"I think, at a really rough estimate within Nyoongar country we'd probably be talking about half a billion dollars in assets when you take into account the real estate like old mission sites, hostels and reserve land that form part of the estate."

"What we have not been able to do is collectively harness those assets for the

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The new Imparja Television headquarters in Alice Springs.

Imparja's new Alice studios officially open



IMPARJA
Television has
described its new
\$9.5 million
digital TV studios
in Alice Springs

as a new era in digital
technology for Australia.

The facility's official opening
last month also marked the
network's 20th anniversary of
broadcasting.

The new facility is a first for
Australian television, combining
broadcast engineering and
business IT on a common
digital infrastructure.

Imparja's shareholders and
directors are major Indigenous
organisations including CAAMA
(Central Australian Aboriginal
Media Association), and
traditional owners represented
by land councils.

Imparja Television Chief
Executive Officer Alistair
Feehan said the shareholders
had never taken a dividend out
of the company and had
successfully run it, in what he
describes as 'one of the
toughest businesses around'.

Broadband,
Communications and the
Digital Economy Minister
Senator Stephen Conroy, who
officially opened the new
building, described Imparja as
'one of the great success
stories of Indigenous
enterprise'.

"Imparja should be
proud that it is a leader in
digital information," the
Minister said.

"There is a global shift
towards digital television,
which will deliver a new
standard of television and
also free up a large chunk
of valuable wireless
spectrum."

Nine Imparja has the
largest broadcast area in
Australia (and one of the
largest in the world), covering
3.6 million square kilometres
across six States and
Territories with an audience of
430,000 people.

That audience can now
watch Nine Network
programming, along with
Imparja's own news, current



The opening ceremony for Imparja Television's new studios
in Alice Springs.

affairs, and children's
programs.

Imparja TV Chairman Owen
Cole said that providing a
free-to-air service that informed
and entertained was of
paramount importance.

"We compete within the
national market place for
advertising revenue and meet
all the conditions of holding a
television broadcasting licence,
and at the same time deliver an
extraordinary amount of
support and sponsorship to our

and eight Aboriginal radio
stations.

However, Imparja's main
signal is fed from Alice Springs
via digital cable to Optus in
Sydney, where it is beamed to
the Aurora B satellite, and back
down to the broadcast licence
area. This satellite signal is
received at over 280
re-transmission sites (including
30 high-powered TV masts)

and sent out as an analogue
TV service to viewers' homes.
The challenge of converting
the vast engineering
infrastructure to provide a
fully digital signal to
viewers is a major issue
that Imparja Television
hopes to discuss with
Senator Conroy.

"The previous
Government's open
statement of equalisation
of services in the bush
appears to have been in
many ways lip service, because
there was no discussion about
how that would affect satellite
broadcasters such as Imparja,"
Mr Cole said.

"The opportunity to work
with the new Government and
the new Minister is welcomed.
We believe he is both fair and
pragmatic, and look forward to
achieving beneficial outcomes
for those living in remote
Australia."

**'Imparja should
be proud that it is
a leader in digital
information'**

community," he said.

The new facility includes a
single-storey open-plan office,
which combines administration
and broadcast functions, and a
110-square-metre TV studio
which uses 'virtual' or
computer-generated sets.

Five large satellite dishes
are used to send and receive
Imparja's various services,
which include National
Indigenous Television (NITV),

Pilbara service gets first female leader



NJAMAL traditional owner Doris Eaton has been appointed as Chairperson of the Pilbara Native Title Service Executive Committee.

Mrs Eaton is the first woman to chair the committee, which acts as an advocate for traditional owners in the Pilbara region.

She is joined by Natalie Parker, a Niyiyaparli traditional owner, as deputy chairperson.

Pilbara Native Title Service is facing unprecedented volumes of work as the WA mining boom continues to grow.

As well as acting on behalf of traditional owners in the resolution of native title claims, the organisation is

currently negotiating agreements with Rio Tinto, BHP and other major players in the Pilbara mining boom.

Mrs Eaton said that she was proud to represent PNTS and hoped to soon see traditional owners gain rightful recognition of their culture and land.

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"I want to see my people have their country recognised, and share the knowledge and stories of their rivers, land and sea with future generations," she said.

"I want to be part of the solution that finds a balance between the mining boom and traditional Aboriginal culture."

Chief Executive Officer Simon Hawkins said Mrs Eaton and Mrs Parker

brought strong leadership experience and a wealth of traditional knowledge.

"Pilbara Native Title Service is fortunate to have a strong committee of traditional owners dedicated to serving their community," he said.

"The next 12 months are vitally important for the Pilbara in terms of both the resolution of native title claims and mining agreements."

The Pilbara Native Title Service is one of two divisions of the Yamatji Marpa Barna Baba Maaja Aboriginal Corporation, which is the native title representative body for native title claims in the resource-rich Pilbara, Murchison and Gascoyne representative areas of Western Australia. The other division is the Yamatji Land and Sea Council.



Simon Hawkins congratulates Doris Eaton.



Victorian delegates Leanne Miller, Erin Jig, Rhonda O'Donnell and Marlene Aitkinson.



Chair of the NATSIWG, Michelle Clarke and Sandi Macintosh from Women Tasmania enjoy some local tucker - mutton birds.

Women hold gathering in Tasmania

By Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



THE recent National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Women's Gathering (NATSIWG) in Hobart celebrated the culture of this year's island hosts.

Erica Short, who is the Tasmanian member on the NATSIWG working group, said the annual event, which started in Darwin in 2002, was probably the biggest voice Aboriginal women had.

"The purpose of the gathering is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women Australia-wide to come together and share all our communal problems and try to put up recommendations to (government) ministers that are going to be a benefit all of us," she said.

Discussion topics are not confined to 'women's issues' and Ms Short would like to see a similar national forum for



Tasmanian delegate Wendal Pitchford with South Australian delegates Mary Anderson and Janette Milera.

men. "Our men need that support too, they need to be empowered and be putting up some strategies and recommendations for themselves," she said.

Ms Short said she was looking forward to seeing genuine change come from recommendations put to governments that were formulated at the gathering.

NATSIWG Chair Michelle Clarke, from the Northern Territory, said the highlight of this year's gathering was the cultural showcasing evening.

The 42 delegates and other

guests were treated to an evening which began with a night in the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

They visited the new Aboriginal gallery, Ningeneh Tunapry, and the current exhibition by Aboriginal photographer Ricky Maynard. The evening moved on to a formal dinner with singing and dancing and featuring Tasmanian Aboriginal traditional food.

"I think (the Tasmanian delegates) showcased Tasmanian Aboriginal heritage and culture excellently. I couldn't have been prouder," said Ms Short, reflecting on the evening.

"Everyone said they had a wonderful time."

"Every interstate delegate was presented with a small gift from all the Tasmanian delegates, including a book about Tasmania, a dilly bag with artwork specifically designed for gathering and a small jar containing paper bark to represent our bark canoes, sand to represent our land and a piece of ochre."



Megan Howitt, from the NT Office of Women's Policy, with Darwin delegate Ngaree Ahkit.



Keomee Mansell, Fiona Hughes, Denica Short and Keomy Mansell, all from Tasmania, did a welcome to country dance.



Top, Renelle McKellar, Karen Salam and Anita Mabb and, bottom, Robyn Williams, Eileen Williams and Nan Mabb, all from Qld with the exception of the Mabb ladies from Hobart.

Tribunal 'has work to last 30 years'



THE Native Title Tribunal has enough work to last it 30 years, a Senate committee has heard.

The Tribunal has 513 applications on its books and says it is working on speeding up the determination process to clear the backlog.

Acting Tribunal Registrar Franklin Gaffney said 135 applications had been determined in 15 years.

The 30-year estimate was based on the time it was expected to clear the present backlog as well as consider new claims, now arriving at the rate of 20 to 40 a year.

About one-third of the outstanding applications are from the Northern Territory. Nearly one-quarter of them were lodged before 1998, with the oldest lodged in 1994.

Delays had been caused by various factors, including the number of parties and the work involved in assessing their interests, and the time taken to analyse tenure, Mr Gaffney told the Senate's Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 27 May.

Increasing resources available to the Tribunal would not necessarily lift the rate of resolution, he said.

"The Native Title Tribunal works within a system and each of the parties within a system is dependent on the others," he said.

The Tribunal was established under the Native Title Act 1993 to resolve native title claims over land and waters.

Federal Human Services Minister Joe Ludwig said the Government was considering measures to improve the process and clear the backlog built up during the previous Coalition Government.

Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland was keen to work with participants and consider alternatives to reduce delays, he said.

"Clearly the delays ... were significant," he said.

"The 30-year projection would be based on the current circumstances being projected forward, that is, the current situation the previous Government left us in." - AAP



Members of the 'red team' who travelled from Cairns and the Torres Strait.



Anastasia Maria Ross with her huge Ross Family 'purple team' at the reunion.

Kanak clan gathers

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



NINETY-year-old Anastasia Maria Ross was the centre of attention at the Kanak family reunion held at the Upper Ross PCYC in Townsville last month.

The Kanak family originates from Darnley Island in the Torres Strait and five generations of descendants were there, along with other relatives and friends.

They came from as far away as Melbourne, Mount Isa, Mackay, Cairns, many of the Torres Strait Islands and places in between.

The reunion started when family members packed the Upper Ross PCYC Hall for a Friday night dinner, and Mrs Ross was still yarning to relatives after midnight.

The family members met again throughout the weekend as they looked at a history board, reminisced about past events, and enjoyed breakfast and friendship.

The reunion coincided with the 90th birthday celebrations of Townsville-based great grandmother Mrs Ross.

Darnley Island-born Mrs Ross (nee Kanak) turned 90 on 1 May and had 11 children and her eight surviving sons and daughters, aged between 47 and 62 were there.



Members of the 'green team' who travelled from Mackay district for the reunion.

One daughter, Angie Akeo, said that Mrs Ross had 37 grandchildren, 65 great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren, many of whom were at the reunion.

Another son, Manny Ross, said that the reunion had been a wonderful and often emotional event.

"There has been a great family event and it was good to catch up with so many who travelled here," he said.

There were four groups at the reunion - a red team with family and descendants from Cairns and the Torres Strait; a green team with members living in Mackay; a purple team made up of the Ross family, and a blue team. They wore special shirts to mark the occasion.

After having pictures snapped in each group on the Sunday morning, they gathered around Mrs Ross who sat in a lounge chair.

"This is a very touching moment in our lives," said one family member snapping photographs.

Mrs Ross sat surrounded by her family and was asked the reasons for her long life. "It is because of hard work and having so many children around me," she said.

Down from Hammond Island in the Torres Strait was 73-year-old Joey Sabatino who sat next to 88-year-old John Kanak, now of Mackay.

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Tim Creighton, of the Namoi CMA Aboriginal Advisory Committee; Bill Kennedy, the Aboriginal Reference Advisory Committee Member of the Western CMA, Walgett; Blackie Gordon, Aboriginal Community Support Officer, Western CMA; and Ally Coe, the conference MC. Photos courtesy of Western Magazine

Catchment talks a first



ABOUT 200 people gathered in Dubbo to attend the inaugural State Conference of the 13 NSW Catchment

Management Authority's (CMA) Aboriginal Reference Groups (ARGs) last month.

ARG members are local people who bring Aboriginal cultural values and protocols into the Natural Resource Management (NRM) portfolio and provide advice and recommendations to CMAs on Aboriginal issues.

The 13-15 May event was the first event of its kind in NSW since the formation of CMAs in 2003.

Delegates said they were able to share stories from diverse Aboriginal communities across NSW and recognise the efforts of partnerships in delivering on-ground results for Aboriginal communities, organisations, CMAs and the NSW and Australian governments.

The conference provided the knowledge, motivation and skills required to continue to develop effective projects that achieve sustainable and productive outcomes through appropriate consultation and service delivery to NSW Aboriginal communities.

A highlight was the opportunity for Aboriginal people from across NSW to reconnect, and the evening activities of 'Koorioke' and the official conference dinner provided additional networking opportunities and entertainment.

It also provided the opportunity for each CMA to showcase the achievements of Aboriginal communities in NRM by way of static displays, poster presentations, DVDs and Powerpoint presentations.

The timing of the conference was also strategic given the recent Gudget announcement by the Australian Government of the new 'Caring For Our Country' program.

The \$2.25 billion package (over the next five years) represents a new, co-ordinated approach to environmental management in Australia and aims to deliver funding to local communities through a simple 'one-stop shop' covering the existing Natural Heritage Trust, National Landcare, Environmental Stewardship and Working on Country programs.

In recognition of the need to provide NSW Aboriginal input into NRM planning



Tommy Smith, of the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts with Central West CMA media officer Lynne Hawkes, and William Walker, from the Northern Rivers CMA.

and investment decisions under the 'Caring for our Country' program, conference delegates voted overwhelmingly in support of the formation of an Interim NSW Representative Group on Aboriginal NRM Issues, consisting of a male and female representative from each of the 13 CMAs.

Terms of Reference for the Interim Representative Group were established during the conference and the group will seek consultation with senior Australian Government officials.

Conference sponsors were the 13 NSW CMAs, Australian Government, NSW DECC, Lachlan Aboriginal NRM Corporation and Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV).



Central West CMA catchment officer for Aboriginal communities William Burns, and Craig Aspinall, of the Hunter-Central CMA.



Michael Green of the Hunter-Central Rivers CMA and Noel Dates of the Karong Landcare Group. Both are Aboriginal Cultural and Environmental Network Committee members.



Event organiser Russell Hill, of the Lachlan CMA, with Lachlan CMA Chair Robert Gledhill.

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, local governments, landholders, interested groups and persons and members of the public are invited to make submissions on these draft management plans.

Copies of the draft management plans may be inspected or obtained free of charge at the following departmental offices during normal business hours:

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Copies can also be obtained from the EPA website at www.epa.qld.gov.au/parkplans.

All submissions will be considered when preparing the final management plans. Once approved, the final management plans will specify how the national park and the adjacent marine management area are to be managed.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 11 July 2008.

Submissions can be sent by e-mail to parkplans@epa.qld.gov.au or by post to:

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Environmental Protection Agency
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The Barkly's centre of culture



STAFF at the major Aboriginal art and cultural centre in the Barkly region of the Northern Territory are

gearing up for what they hope will be a busy tourist season.

Thousands of 'southerners' and foreign tourists are expected to visit the Nyinkka Nyunyu Centre at Tennant Creek, a new and already successful initiative of the local Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation.

The centre's striking steel and mud brick buildings are set on the dreaming site of the small black lizard from which it gets its name.

A gallery space for local art, interpretive exhibition of the local Warumungu people, portrait display, dance area, bush tucker garden and the Jajikari Cafe are all on site.

Staff member Jenene Storey, one of many Aboriginal people at Nyinkka Nyunyu, said the centre was important to local Aboriginal people.



"It attracts plenty of visitors and tourists," she said.

"But it's also here for the local Aboriginal people, and that's just as important.

"Nyinkka Nyunyu allows us to show the rich culture of our area. The Barkly has more than 15 language groups, and this centre is at the heart of them all."



The Nyinkka Nyunyu Centre in Tennant Creek and, above, centre workers, from left, Annette Thompson, Sally Williams, Lisa Taylor, Tina Ricky and Theresa Nelson.

Focus on identity



Student Justin Obah and his work.



SEVENTEEN Centre for Aboriginal Studies (CAS) students have questioned their identity

and the representation of Indigenous people in society through a photography project that has just ended at the John Curtin Gallery in Perth.

The photography exhibition, *Who Do You Think We Are*, featured work that aimed to reflect the identity of the 17 Aboriginal Bridging Course (ABC) students.

The students manipulated photographs of themselves, digitally adding images and words to help the viewer understand how they felt their identity was portrayed to the world.

Aboriginal Bridging Course Co-ordinator Michell Webb said the project, which was the first of its kind for CAS, was an 'incredible achievement' for staff and students.

"The project was conceived as a way of enabling the students to work across the various educational disciplines and, most importantly, broaden their exposure to new and unfamiliar aspects of university life," Ms Webb said.

"The exhibition was a way of empowering students and creating for them a sense of their own identity and belonging as



The students and their lecturers Michelle Webb, Robin Barrington, Peter Dooley and Director of CAS Associate Professor Anita Lee Hong.

they become familiar with the campus and all it has to offer."

Exhibiting student Michaela Bradley said she was surprised at how multicultural her class was.

"I come from both an Aboriginal Australian and New Zealand background, but I was not aware that my classmates came from diverse backgrounds as well," she said.

"I included dot painting and Maori symbols in my photo to represent my cultural background."

"Working on this project has made me feel proud to

be a young black person in Australia."

Lenny Ansey, another student involved in the project, felt that undertaking the project had allowed him to question himself as an Aboriginal person.

Think

"Taking my photos really made me think about who I am as an Aboriginal person and how I am portrayed in society," he said.

"I also found that I learned a lot more from this project than from doing a written assignment

as I could really engage in the whole learning process."

The exhibiting students are studying the one-year Aboriginal Bridging Course (ABC) which is specifically designed to provide Indigenous Australians with a pathway to university. Hundreds of students have graduated from the ABC since the implementation of the course at Curtin in 1976.

The students' exhibition at the John Curtin Gallery at Curtin University of Technology ended last Friday.



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NT manual to close the gap

By MARGARET SMITH



INDIGENOUS parents, teachers and education groups such as Aboriginal Education Consultative groups (AECGs) have

long held concerns about the appropriateness of the history taught in Australian schools.

The Northern Territory Government is seeking to address the issue by creating a new resource manual for school teachers of Indigenous Studies.

The resource was launched by Education Minister and Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour recently at Wagaman Public School in Darwin, as part of the Northern Territory Government's commitment to Closing the Gap Initiative.

"The resource helps teachers to better deliver Indigenous studies - allowing them to give students a deeper understanding of Indigenous culture," Ms Scrymgour said.

"...It will serve students and our community well, as children go through school and on to further education, training and employment."

The online manual is part of a bigger plan to increase contact between teachers and the Indigenous communities and to break down barriers.

"Importantly the material encourages teachers to also work directly with Indigenous community members as part of their studies," Ms Scrymgour said.

"It covers aspects of culture including language, stories, art, history and importance of local areas to Indigenous people."

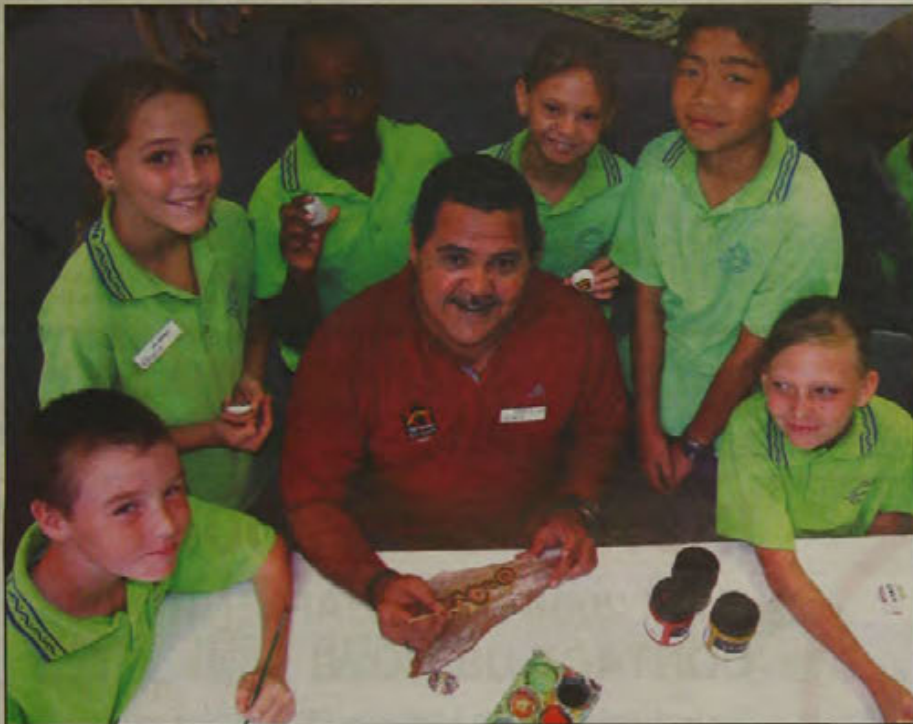
The resource is a joint project between the NT and Federal governments, and also sources earlier work by the Queensland Government.

There are several modules, and one on 'Exploration and Content' creates a much wider canvas of interlocking relationships between northern Australia and its Asian and Melanesian neighbours than the 'Captain Cook discovered Australia' belief.

It encourages students to investigate their region's own history of contact with non-Indigenous peoples during the early trade routes, and the fishermen that visited from China and Indonesia, 'to demonstrate an understanding of and value for cultural diversity'.

The module suggests that 'oral histories are a valuable medium of gaining knowledge, and understanding about people, families, places and events and history'.

Ms Scrymgour has also



ABOVE: Year 6 Wagaman Public School (Darwin) students, from left, Joshua Munday, Teoni Cantrill, Beverly Mkosi, Chynna Godfrey, Daniel Mai, and Sarah McLachlan with Indigenous Education Worker Rod MacLean.

LEFT: Minister Scrymgour with Wagaman students.

Photos courtesy of the NT Government

expressed support for programs to sensitise NT public servants and peak bodies about Indigenous history, by supporting seminars that bring up-to-date knowledge to staff.

Lecturer

Indigenous lecturer Donald Christophersen works for Charles Darwin University on a freelance basis, giving regular seminars to public servants and organisations.

He has undertaken extensive research on the history of the First Australians, and has created a fully illustrated Powerpoint

presentation. He said it was important for non-Indigenous people to comprehend that 'we lost the land because we had fewer ceremonies'.

"We were trusting and generous people, but the white man treated us like children and left us with nothing," he said.

"The only reason we didn't have text, is that our continent didn't have animals we could domesticate. We recorded our creation stories through image."

"All you have to do is decipher our images, and they will tell us our history."

In his presentations, Mr Christophersen refers to all the major events of Aboriginal history in text, pictures, photos and video footage.

Former NT Minister John Ah Kit told *The Koori Mail* that all State Education Ministers should be lobbying the Federal Government for Indigenous Studies to become part of a core national curriculum.

He said such a move would produce a new Australian society where real knowledge of Aboriginal history would empower children, parents and the wider Australian community.

Worawa College doors re-open



AN independent Victorian Aboriginal college

forced to close in December for failing to meet minimum standards has re-opened.

Worawa Aboriginal College, a boarding school in Healesville, north of Melbourne, closed on 10 December last year after it failed to meet minimum standards set by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority.

The college was reinstated by the State Government on 14 May, a statement from the college said.

The college had undergone rigorous change to identify and resolve outstanding issues relating to school registration standards, the statement continued.

College President Lois Peeler said early last week she was excited the school was reopening just five months after its closure.

"We're extremely pleased that we are able to move on and get on with the business of educating Aboriginal children," she said.

Ms Peeler said the college had devised an action plan with an increased emphasis on student welfare, assessment procedures and a focus on learning outcomes.

Learning

Aboriginal culture was central to the curriculum, and was integrated across learning areas, Ms Peeler said.

While a smaller number of students were expected to be at the school from its reopening on 28 May, the college is able to accommodate up to 60 students.

"It's a new Worawa, and we are very excited about the fact that we are able to move forward," she added.

"We have an entirely new team."

The new team includes Principal Peter Moxham, whose previous positions include a stint as head of Kambala, an exclusive Anglican girls' college in Sydney, and Worawa will cater for Years 7 to 10. Partnerships with mainstream schools, including Trinity College, will also provide opportunities for students to complete Years 11 and 12.

The college's reopening during Reconciliation Week featured a smoking ceremony, Aboriginal dance and music, and was attended by Aboriginal Elders, college students and staff. - AAP

Big day for Batchelor



MORE than 200 Indigenous students from around the Northern Territory and across Australia will gather at the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education's main campus tomorrow (5 June) to receive their graduation awards and certificates in a wide range of VET and Higher Education courses. Batchelor is a one-hour drive south of Darwin.

For the first time, the graduation ceremony will also include two graduates from the Institute's new Research Division which was established in 2007 in order to raise the profile of Indigenous knowledge systems and provide support and training for Indigenous researchers.

Batchelor Institute Vice-Chancellor Professor Jeannie Herbert said graduation was one of the most important events on the Institute's academic calendar.

"It is important to celebrate the successes of our students, many of whom have had to overcome tremendous obstacles to complete their studies," she said.

"Their achievements will assist them to make vital contributions to improving the lives and future prospects of their own communities and people."

"The graduation ceremony is proof of the vision of Batchelor Institute: A site of



Pictured: A previous graduation ceremony and the Coomalie Centre at Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.

national significance in Indigenous Education - strengthening identity, achieving success and transforming lives' is indeed achievable.

"Batchelor Institute is ideally placed, with our both-ways philosophy, to provide the necessary culturally supportive environment for the bringing together of traditional Indigenous knowledge systems with Western academic traditions."

"It is important that each and every

graduate embraces the responsibilities that go with achieving this important milestone in their learning journey. The responsibility to make good use of the knowledge and skills they have gained."

Outdoor ceremony

The 2008 graduation ceremony will begin at 2pm at a special outdoor graduation area next to the Coomalie Cultural Centre, and will conclude around

4pm when all guests will be invited to share in an afternoon tea with the students.

A special exhibition of student art works will also be on show at the Coomalie Cultural Centre and students have arranged a number of activities to take place in the recreation hall from noon before the ceremony.

The One Mob Dance Group from Darwin Correctional Services will be performing during the ceremony.



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Artist awarded doctorate



ONE of Australia's most prominent Indigenous artists, Michael Jagamara Nelson, has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters by the University of NSW. Dr Nelson has been associated with the the Western Desert Papunya Tula Artists, founders of the Central and Western Desert Art Movement, since 1983, and was elected President of the Papunya Community Council during the 1990s and again in 2002.

He won the 1984 National Aboriginal Art Award, and exhibited in the 1986 Biennale of Sydney. He was also featured in *State of the Art*, a British art documentary, with art greats Andy Warhol and Imants Tillers.

Mr Nelson was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 1993.

New Expressions

In the late 1990s, his painting career moved from more traditional dot painting to the production of modernist works belonging to the New Expressions series. These paintings helped place Aboriginal art at the forefront of the international art scene.

Dr Nelson has maintained a strong connection with Papunya and its artists, and through his collaboration with NSW University's New South Global Professor Vivien Johnson, helped establish a community art centre at Papunya.

He was chairman of this organisation for two years, during which he frequently visited the university and participated in print workshops conducted by Michael Kempson at the College of Fine Arts (UNSW) Cicada Press.

Dr Nelson received his Honorary Doctor of Letters, the university's highest honour, in recognition of his eminent service to the community.



Dr Michael Jagamara Nelson after being awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters at the University of NSW.

Course is in business



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) and Tropical North Queensland TAFE have joined forces to deliver training for aspiring

Torres Strait business owners.

The two organisations have developed an eight-week small business course to provide participants with the know-how and skills to transform business ideas into reality.

Students will learn the principles behind small business management and are also given the opportunity to prepare and submit a business plan to a TSRA business consultant.

The course is delivered over eight weeks and involves training blocks at the Torres Strait and Cairns TAFE campuses.

Through the course, participants can also apply for a business loan and mentoring with TSRA.

Tropical North Queensland TAFE Institute Director Joann Pyne said four of the tailored small business courses would be delivered in 2008.

"It's a great program that provides practical training and outcomes for participants and is

also a great example of organisations working together for communities," Ms Pyne said.

"The first program commenced in March and attracted six students. The next program is scheduled for June and I encourage anyone with an interest in operating a small business to contact Torres Strait TAFE to find out more."

Torres Strait TAFE business teachers Marianna Luckie and Vicki Pates said the level of enthusiasm amongst the first group of students was very encouraging.

'Excited'

"The students were very eager to start their training and have been excited about some of the subjects we've covered," she said.

"They have produced some excellent business plans – a great achievement for themselves and a great result for the Torres Strait community."

Ms Pates said the June program had already attracted significant interest, but places were still available.

For more information on the TSRA and Tropical North Queensland TAFE small business course contact Torres Strait TAFE on phone (07) 4069 2200.



TAFE teacher Mariana Luckie discusses a commercial fishing and charter small business plan with Robert Bollinger, from Darnley Island in the Torres Strait.

'I have overcome a lot of barriers to get to where I am'

By BRITTA LYSTER



ONE woman's determination to improve

Indigenous education in her local Hunter school community has won her a major State award presented at Sydney's Taronga Park Zoo.

Selena Archibald, an Aboriginal Education Assistant at Morisset High School, near Newcastle, received her award as part of the NSW Department of Education and Training's second annual Nanga Mai Awards, recognising and celebrating innovation, excellence and achievement in Aboriginal education.

The awards take their name from the Eora words for 'to dream' and are a unique because they are peer-nominated.

Divided into a total of 16 categories, they recognise the talents and achievements of students, staff and community members in a range of areas.

Ms Archibald's Individual Award for Outstanding Contribution to Educational Achievement by an Aboriginal Staff Member was recognition of almost 20 years she has dedicated to Indigenous education.

Recalling her own negative school experience, Ms Archibald is strong in her determination to improve the overall educational outcomes for all students and attempts to involve every aspect of the school community in that particular process.

She's known locally for her inclusion of parents, staff, students and local community identities and Elders wherever possible ensuring an overall positive and well-balanced view to both Aboriginal



Aboriginal Education Assistant Selena Archibald has been recognised for many years of commitment.

highlight the overall positive change in attitude she has seen amongst staff and students alike.

"I have overcome a lot of barriers to get to where I am today," she said.

"Aboriginal education wasn't a main focus as was probably the case in most schools, but it has been something that we've been able to work on and improve to where we are today in terms of Aboriginal education at Morisset High."

Asked what her major achievements have been over the years, she is humble and quick to shy away from any accolades.

"I'm just doing my job. I believe the whole school community works together in partnership to help our kids achieve the best possible outcomes," she said.

"The staff at Morisset High are starting to feel comfortable and are starting to learn and understand Aboriginal Australia, because it's all about educating everyone."

Ms Archibald also highlights her continued attention to Indigenous attendance and retention, proudly stating that most Year 7 students who start at Morisset High School are now likely to continue on to Years 11 and 12, and in some cases tertiary and university education – an extraordinary achievement for a woman who never dreamed she would work in the field of education.

Other nominated categories in the awards included the Student Leadership Award, Highest Score of an Aboriginal Student in the Higher School Certificate and Encouragement Award to name just a few.

All of the Nanga Mai Awards recognised an ongoing commitment to the reconciliation process.

Dream win for Selena

and non-Aboriginal students alike.

A Gamilaroi woman originally from Moree, Ms

Archibald has spent almost ten years at Morisset High School where she has worked to

implement a variety of strategies and programs including in-class tuition and personalised learning

plans to name just a few.

She has seen many changes within that decade and is quick the

Conservatorium gets down to business



THE Northern Rivers Conservatorium Arts Centre (NRCAC) in Lismore, northern NSW, is offering Aboriginal students, amongst others, a free music business course. The course offers a Certificate IV in Music Business and covers practical and theoretical work over 16 weeks with about nine hours a week of face-to-face classes over two days a week.

Students learn all aspects of the music industry from independent release, touring, grants, self-promotion, the digital market, event organisation/management, artist management, administration, copyright, royalty payments, business management, stage managing a production and equipment

hire and purchase through to negotiation skills, career planning and personal skills.

Head lecturer of the course Dave Brammah recently spoke out about why many musicians did not get gigs let alone make a sustainable income from the industry. He questioned whether musicians these

folks clubs. "I've been working in the electronic industry in Australia since 1993/94 and the biggest thing I've learnt is that you need to diversify," he said.

"People who want to be performers and musicians need to understand the industry side of things.

"It's easy to be caught up in the music and not realise you need to take time out and build your business.

"Some people are still waiting to be discovered, but that's like a lottery – for every talented musician who makes it, there are two or three hundred who don't.

"This course gives musicians a broader approach and looks at the many different angles they can take to make a living off their art."

Mr Brammah cited John Butler, of the John Butler Trio, and former Conservatorium students Blue King Brown as example of musicians prepared to work hard to make a living.

Entry into the course is by interview. For more information contact the NRCAC on phone (02) 6621 2266.

'People who want to be performers and musicians need to understand the industry side of things'

days were interested in the music or just fame and fortune.

His comments were fuelled by dwindling numbers in the course, despite past graduates having gone on to a variety of jobs from PR for the Big Day Out to running local

"I think sometimes musicians forget they're not the first musicians that ever lived and that some areas of the industry have existed for a long time and that if they understand them, they can take advantage of them rather than missing opportunities.

Staff under the pump as kidney disease spirals



CHRONIC Kidney Disease (CKD) is responsible for the highest number of hospital visits to public hospitals in Australia. That's the message from Kidney Health Australia.

In 2005 to 2006, one-third of all admissions to public hospitals were due to dialysis, that is 2000 each day of the year. During the same time, public hospitals visits related to kidney disease was 731,000 out of a total of 2.215 million admissions.

New South Wales has topped the list with 217,300 visits, while Victoria followed with 216,300 visits.

Kidney Health Australia CEO Anne Wilson said increasing pressure was being put on staff, resources and health budgets as chronic kidney disease rates continued to increase with the average of 6.5 people a day going on to dialysis, blowing out the health budget for dialysis alone at \$1 million a week.

"Australia's renal units are being presented with more patients, more complex issues and will need more

resources to cope with Australia's ageing population in the future," she said.

Ms Wilson used Kidney Health Week (27 May to 2 June), to praise the outstanding work being carried out in Australia's 247 renal units which look after patients three times a week. Staff inevitably get to know the patients, their families and carers because of the extended treatment time, which can be several years.

"We as a community owe a great deal for the work performed by all staff in our hospitals, and at Kidney Health Australia we are constantly aware of the kindness and

compassion of hospital staff to kidney patients and their families as they undertake dialysis three times a week," Ms Wilson said.

She said that there was no known cure for kidney disease and people on dialysis were on a waiting list for transplants, which on average could take between four to seven years.

Other States and Territories figures for CKD visits were: Queensland 113,000, Western Australia 68,700, South Australia 53,000, Northern Territory 35,000, ACT 17,900, and Tasmania 12,400.

Tiwi kids 'tackle' health head-on



HIGH-PROFILE rugby league players have ventured into the heartland of Aussie rules territory – the Tiwi Islands – to deliver a healthy message. The Menzies School of Health Research joined with the National Rugby League and local and interstate businesses to tackle health head-on in the Tiwis.

The project has been developed to deliver healthy lifestyle messages to Tiwi kids and parents while taking part in activities such as rugby league skills clinics, reading and story telling.

More than 1000 local people attended the event on Friday 23 May and the kids took part in skills workshops with former NRL star Gordon Tallis, Eels forward Daniel Wagon and North Queensland Cowboys players Carl Webb and Obe Geia.

At the same time, Menzies researchers took the opportunity to tell the kids and their families how they could stay strong in mind and body by eating well, playing sport, reading and looking after their health.

Kids and adults taking part in the workshops and skills clinics were rewarded with more than \$10,000 worth of NRL merchandise donated by Sydney-based Velocity Brand Management and were treated to a community barbecue supported by Casuarina Square Shopping Centre and Simon George and Sons, fruit suppliers. Publishing house Scholastic also donated 100 Indigenous story books to

encourage Tiwi parents to read to their kids.

Menzies researcher Associate Professor Ross Andrews said that as well as being an exciting community event with positive health messages, the day also gave Menzies the opportunity to thank the Tiwi people who had been supportive of Menzies' research for the past two decades.

"Menzies researchers have been working hand in hand with the Tiwi people for over 20 years," Professor Andrews said.

"We have collaborated on countless research projects and their participation has allowed us to make significant inroads into understanding the health issues facing Indigenous Australians living in remote areas, not only here in the Territory, but across Australia."

Origin star

State of Origin star Carl Webb made the trip to the Top End the day after Queensland's loss to the NSW Blues in the Origin opener at ANZ Stadium, Sydney.

"Playing for Queensland is something that's very special to me and I know how much rugby league means to the people in northern Australia," Webb said.

"This program is an important step in helping people in the area to make a positive change to their lifestyle and I want to do all that I can to ensure that happens."

The visit to the NT by the NRL contingent also involved autograph signing at the Mindil Night Markets on 22 May and appearances at Harvey Norman and Darwin Junior Rugby League on 24 May.



● **ABOVE:** Tiwi Islands children are more familiar with the ball used in Australian rules, but the rugby league ball is not all that different. These Nguiu youngsters did mind their latest gifts, courtesy of the National Rugby League's One Community's Indigenous Health Program.

● **LEFT:** The NRL players (in light T-shirts) with the 'Menzies mob'. The NRL players are, clockwise from top left, Obe Geia, Daniel Wagon, Gordon Tallis and Carl Webb.



Mary Noelene Puruntatameri and Michelle Tipiloura with Obe Geia.

UWA student wins AMA scholarship



A FIRST-YEAR medical student at the University of Western

Australia has won a prestigious national medical scholarship.

Gemma Johnston, 21, was awarded the Australian Medical Association (AMA) Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship by AMA President Rosanna Capolingua.

Ms Johnston, who was born in Darwin but grew up in Perth, is passionate about improving health in remote communities and plans to specialise in ophthalmology or obstetrics.

"I'm really keen to go and work in remote communities in the Top End - I still have family in the Katherine River region," she said.

The former Methodist Ladies' College student said she had always wanted to study medicine, but did not believe she had the ability. She did one year of a Bachelor of

Conservation Biology and Land Management at UWA before taking a year off.

"When I came back, I talked to the people at the School of Indigenous Studies and they asked me if I'd be interested in studying medicine, so I switched courses," Ms Johnston said.

Valued at \$9000 for each year of study, the scholarship provides support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying medicine. The scholarship was established in 1995 with the help of the Department of Health and Ageing.

UWA Vice-Chancellor Professor Alan Robson said the university had a strong commitment to increasing participation rates of Indigenous people in higher education.

"Last year we were delighted to see four Indigenous students graduate in medicine from UWA - the highest number of Indigenous medical graduates in a single year," Professor Robson said.



Australian Medical Association scholarship recipient Gemma Johnston and AMA Federal President Dr Rosanna Capolingua.

STIs on the increase in NSW; GPs in the front line



THE New South Wales Health Department is urging general practitioners to help combat the rise of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) among

Aboriginal populations.

Trends in HIV, STI and hepatitis C notifications, vulnerability of Aboriginal people to outbreaks of infection and the experience of Indigenous communities internationally have led NSW Health to identify Aboriginal communities as a priority population in the fight against STIs, HIV and hepatitis C.

Dr Miriam Grotowski, a Tamworth GP and member of the NSW Health Ministerial Advisory Committee for HIV, STIs and BBVs, says poorer access to primary care and consequent delays in diagnosis, management and treatment of infection are putting Aboriginal communities at greater risk.

"Australian research has shown that Aboriginal women have fewer lifetime sexual partners than women in the general population; but are at a far greater risk of STIs mainly as a result of lack of access to services rather than different behaviours," Dr Grotowski said.

"Nationally, chlamydia has increased fourfold in the past 10 years. Incidence rates are higher in remote areas, and Indigenous Australians are more than six times more likely to contract chlamydial infections."

To combat the rise in STIs in Aboriginal communities, NSW Health has recently released the NSW HIV/AIDS, STI and Hepatitis C Strategies: Implementation Plan for Aboriginal People 2006-2009, in consultation with the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector.

"The plan recognises the need for general practitioners to work in partnership with Area Health Services and Aboriginal medical services on models of culturally sensitive screening and treatment services," Dr Grotowski said.

Delicate subject

Dr Grotowski acknowledged difficulties some GPs had in raising the possibility of an STI test with a patient.

"Social factors and risky behaviours relating to issues of sexuality, sexual identity and gender are often regarded as sensitive and personal issues within society in general and can be difficult to discuss openly," she said.

"This can be further compounded by specific cultural sensitivities within Aboriginal communities."

"However, there are ways to broach the subject that are acceptable to the GP and the patient."

"STI testing, in particular chlamydia due to its high prevalence, can be easily linked to many other clinical activities such as an adult health check and pap screening or vaccinations for human papilloma virus."

"Alternatively, GPs can consider a pre-consultation warning. All patients in the target area, regardless of their reason for a visit, can be given an information sheet in the waiting room. This avoids the need for a 'cold' suggestion of a chlamydia test."

"As GPs know well, when offering screening, it is important to respect the patient's choice and situation. GPs need to pay special attention to cultural sensitivity and the consequences of a positive test to the patient's relationships, family and community."

Tasting the good things



Peppa Hoare offers Ms Candice a fruit kebab (above), while (below) Julius Gray and Zion Fiore taste test some apples and oranges.



STUDENTS at the Aboriginal and Islander Independent Community School at Acacia Ridge, in Brisbane, have taste-tested a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables and learned how to use them in their daily meals. In a series of taste-testing activities and nutrition education sessions held over six weeks, 160 students from Prep to Year 7 have been involved thanks to a Queensland Health 'Go for 2&5' grant.

Teacher Tracy Hopkins said the school community had thoroughly enjoyed the activities, which included some students tasting some of the fruit and vegetables for the first time.

Parents and Elders also became involved in the activities, sharing their own childhood experiences with different fruit and vegetables.

Together, they prepared smoothies and fruit salads with a range of tropical fruit, and kebabs, stir fries, wraps and veggie fingers with a variety of vegetables.

"Because physical activity and healthy eating are all part of a healthy lifestyle, our students have also used pedometers to count their steps around the school grounds to reinforce the importance of regular exercise," Ms Hopkins said.

The school will now establish a vegetable garden in the school grounds.

Queensland Health's 'Go for 2&5' small grants program has been supporting local groups, organisations, and health workers across southern Queensland to plan, implement and evaluate local fruit and

vegetable nutrition promotion activities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Brisbane Southside public health nutritionist Pamela Murch said most Queenslanders were risking their health because were not eating enough fruit and vegetables when they thought they were, people still needed to get the message.

"While only 12 per cent of Queenslanders are currently eating the recommended five or more serves of vegetables every day for good health, 56 per cent of people think they're eating enough," she said.

"On average, Queenslanders are still only half-way to meeting the recommended daily consumption of two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables for good health."

Serves

One serve of vegetables is about half a cup of cooked vegetables or one cup of salad vegetables, and a serve of fruit is one medium piece, two small pieces or one cup of chopped fruit.

Ms Murch said there was international evidence which indicated that eating more fruit and vegetables could be the single most important dietary change needed to reduce disease risk.

"There is overwhelming evidence that people who regularly eat a diet high in fruits and vegetables, have substantially lower risks of a range of chronic diseases like coronary heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, obesity and several major cancers," she said.

● For more information, visit www.gofor2and5.com.au

Sexual well-being in spotlight



in Adelaide held for male Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers.

The SHine SA (Sexual Health Information, Networking and Education SA) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men's sexual health care course allows participants to learn more about sexual health, connect with a network of other male Aboriginal health workers and gain further insights into running groups with Aboriginal men around health.

The course is accredited and goes towards two Certificate IV units.

Participant Brian Goldsmith works at Kumangka Aboriginal Youth Service – an Adelaide-based service that provides counselling, assistance with court, help with other services, referrals, and activities for young people.

"Spending time with young people at work gives

me an opportunity to talk with them about the things we are learning about at this course," he said.

"It gives me knowledge and information that I can share with them on things such as safety, relationships, safe sex, health and hygiene, spiritual and emotional issues and power and control," Mr Goldsmith said.

Wiltja youth worker Adrian Elson said his experience would assist him to provide up-to-date information to young men at the residential accommodation facility for young people from remote areas in Western Australia, SA and the Northern Territory.

"Information on health aspects such as safe sex, STIs, values and beliefs are important to be able to pass on to these young men," he said.

● For more information email SHineSACourses@health.sa.gov.au or call (08) 8300 5317. For fact sheets relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sexual Health go to www.shinesa.org.au



Back, from left, Adrian Elson, John Sumner, Steve Rawson, Anthony Groves (trainee Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth worker) and medical officer Chris Hinton; front, SHine SA's Co-ordinator Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Men's Education Neil Vigants, Brian Goldsmith and Vernon Walker.

Male health is the focus



community response to the recommendations of *Little Children are Sacred* report, and how improving men's health can help reduce the wide range of social problems in Alice Springs, town camps and the surrounding communities.

The three-day summit and workshops developed by the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress and funded by the Federal Department of Health and Aging will bring males from all over central Australia to develop recommendations to government and organisations on changes and support males believe are required to allow them to reach their true potential and take their place alongside the wider community.

Male health manager and summit chairman John Liddle agrees with recent outcomes from a national health conference in Adelaide that found the national framework on men's health had largely been ignored and improving

men's health could be a major factor helping to stop abuse.

"Treatment for women and children in domestic violence, child sex abuse, alcohol problems and a whole lot of other issues falls out of some of the men's issues," he said.

Mr Liddle said that after managing the Congress Male Health Centre for the past four years, he felt that if men's issues were not addressed,

The majority of males need to acknowledge the hurt caused by a minority proportion of the male community...

these issues would be ongoing... 'and we won't be able to do anything about them'.

"The majority of males need to acknowledge the hurt caused by a minority proportion of the male community against family and community members through violent acts, which are

not historical cultural practises," he said.

Federal Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma has accepted an invitation to open the 2008 Central Australian Aboriginal Male Health Summit – a major event that will bring together more than 250 Aboriginal males to discuss a wide range of social issues.

Speaking about the importance of male health, Mr Calma said that where there was disempowerment, where there was confusion in a person's life, where people were being disenfranchised from their culture, from their language, from their authority and communities, that all led to poor health.

"Over the past 18 months we've seen sustained media coverage of child abuse and family violence, but we've rarely seen or heard how Indigenous people and communities across Australia are taking positive steps to respond to this violence, abuse and neglect," Mr Calma said.

● Aboriginal males can obtain information register on line at www.caac.org.au/malehealthinfo or by calling (08) 8950 0114.

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Website: www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing

Phone: 1300 724 995

Email: ten@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

There are targeted positions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. For further information contact the Project Officer

Ph: 9391 9607 or email

Aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.gov.au



Booklet can help in feeding your mob



THE NSW Government has expanded the Go for 2 and 5 fruit and vegetable campaign with a new resource designed to engage Aboriginal families. The new resource book is *Feeding Your Mob* – a recipe booklet based on the *Fruit and Veg* cookbook developed by the former Mid-North Coast Aboriginal Partnership.

The recipes use a variety of fresh, dried, canned, frozen and bush fruit and vegetables to make easy, nutritious meals and snacks. Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said each recipe included bush tucker tips that allowed people to experiment with traditional ingredients used in Aboriginal food preparation. The booklet contains fruit and vegetable recipes that are also

illustrated with step-by-step instructions. The title, cover, illustrations and recipes have been developed in consultation with Aboriginal people. Mr Lynch said the Go for 2 and 5 campaign and the Feed Your Mob booklet were part of the NSW Government's plan to improve the health of Aboriginal people. The Go for 2 and 5 campaign is a joint initiative between NSW

Health and the Cancer Institute of NSW. It aims to increase all NSW families' consumption of fruit and vegetables through:

- Increased awareness of the recommended daily intake of fruit and vegetables
- An increased positive attitude toward fruit and vegetable consumption
- Increased knowledge of the health benefits of eating the recommended amounts of

fruit and vegetables. The *Feeding Your Mob* recipe booklet and other campaign materials can be viewed and ordered from the Go for 2 and 5 website. For more information on healthy eating and physical activity go to www.gofor2and5.com.au www.livelifewell.nsw.gov.au www.healthylife.nsw.gov.au or www.cancerinstitute.org.au

Care services meet



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?

Are you interested in combining your studies and gaining experience in Nursing or Midwifery through work placements in a NSW Hospital?

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.

Pictured at the Aged and Community Services Australia Inc national Community Care Conference in mid-May are, from left, Indigenous Care Program project officer David Conlon, Regional Indigenous Co-ordinator (SEQ) Lyn Cullinane, and Damien Conley, Principal Advisor, Rural and Remote Services with Blue Care Qld.

During the Indigenous conference session, Ms Cullinane and Mr Conlon presented a paper on how Blue Care is recruiting and training an Indigenous care work force. Blue Care now has 100 workers and a plan to have another 150 by 2010 to reach the target of 3.5 per cent of the work force – the same as the proportion of Indigenous people in the Queensland population.

Other presenters at the session were Sharon Davies, from NT's Frontier Services, on providing Indigenous community care services; and Rhonda Murphy and Kerry Stopher, from WA, on the 'Getting Services Right' Indigenous disability information and resource package.

Maari Ma seeking quitters



SATURDAY 31 May was World No Tobacco Day, and Maari

Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation in western NSW continues to actively encourage people in the region to quit smoking. Maari Ma Regional Director Richard Weston said quitting smoking produced the biggest and quickest improvement to a person's health of any other single activity. "It's one of the key areas Maari Ma is focusing on to improve Aboriginal health," Mr Weston said.



"Smoking rates across NSW continue to decline, with the latest figures showing 17.7 per cent of the population identifying as current smokers. "However, this decline has not been seen across the Indigenous population, with 43.2 per cent identifying as current smokers. "We know that if a person stops smoking today, their blood pressure will return to normal in two months and circulation to hands and feet will improve. "After one year, their risk of dying from coronary heart disease will be half that of a continuing smoker and after five years their risk of cancer of the mouth, throat and oesophagus will be half that of a continuing smoker. "After 15 years, their risk of coronary heart disease and stroke will be almost the same as a person who has never smoked. "We are trying to reduce the life-expectancy gap

between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people and that's why getting Aboriginal people to quit smoking is so important." Mr Weston said Maari Ma was working with the local health services to run a program in the Remote Cluster aimed at helping people to quit smoking for some time, and World No Tobacco Day was a good time to raise awareness about it. "The Maari Ma Supported Smokers Program is active at seven sites across the region," he said. "Programs are run by health services at Menindee, Wilcannia, Ivanhoe, Tibooburra, Dareton, Balranald and the Maari Ma Primary Health Care Service in Broken Hill. Case Manager Bernie Kemp, left, congratulates Kevin Cattermole Snr, who was the first person to go through the Smokers Program at Wilcannia, western NSW. Mr Cattermole started the Smokers Program in August 2007 and completed it on 7 January this year. "The program includes subsidised nicotine replacement therapy such as patches, gum and lozenges, as well as weekly support sessions with a local case manager. "If anyone would like more information about the Smokers Program, or would like to register their interest in participating, they may contact the local health service in their area." Mr Weston urged smokers to make sure their habit did not affect the health of their family or children. "This could include making the house and car smoke-free areas to prevent young children from being exposed to second-hand tobacco smoke which contains many harmful chemicals," he said.

Award shortlist set



MORE than 100 artworks have been selected from more than 300 entries in this year's 25th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) Director Anna Malgorzewicz said the preselection panel had the very challenging task of narrowing down the number of entrants to the final field.

"We were very happy with the quantity and quality of entries received in this year's Silver Jubilee Award," she said.

"We have received strong entries from the Northern Territory, Western Australia and the Desert regions, as well as some

NT gallery chief pleased with Telstra prize entries

great entries from interstate."

Telstra National Indigenous Directorate General Manager Lawrie Mortimer said he was excited about the response from Indigenous artists from so many parts of the country.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists continue to create quality artworks, and are looking to be recognised for their artistry and originality," he said.

"Telstra is very proud to be a major supporter of this Award."

Ms Malgorzewicz thanked the preselection panel which comprised of well-known Australian arts industry figures Leilani Bin-Juda, Executive Officer for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Tina Baum, Senior Curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art,

National Gallery of Australia; and Steve Eland, Director of 24HR Art.

The Telstra Art Award is open to adult Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and aims to showcase the best Australian Indigenous art from around the country.

The overall \$40,000 Telstra Award and further four media categories will again be non-acquisitive in 2008, which means the winning artists can retain or sell their works.

Once artists are notified of their selection, they will be required to send their works to MAGNT by this Friday 6 June.

Winners in the Telstra Art Award will be announced on Friday 15 August at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, and works will be on display until Sunday 26 October.

Reborn! The stunning art of Lajamanu



FIVE years ago the sudden death of a senior man stopped all artwork at

the remote Northern Territory community of Lajamanu, 900km south of Darwin. But with the completion of sorry business and appropriate ceremony, a group of artists – virtually all of them female Elders – restarted work last year.

Their efforts were on display for the first time at a well-received exhibition, 'The Rebirth of Lajamanu Art', in Darwin.

The artists, working with the assistance of Katherine-based Mimi Arts, have formed the Warnayaka Art and Cultural Aboriginal Corporation as part of the Lajamanu Community Government Council.

They hope to create jobs and bring much-needed income to their community, as well as show the depth of their culture.

And the Elders are also passing on their skills and knowledge to the girls of Lajamanu as part of an innovative program.

Called 'Young Women Inheriting Their Culture', the project has been a major success for the

Lajamanu Community Education Centre.

Female students aged 11 to 15 have been learning art and culture from their senior women under a program that has drastically improved school attendance rates.

The girls also displayed their artworks in Darwin as part of the launch.

Lajamanu trainee Aboriginal art co-ordinator Valda Dixon was delighted by the success of the Darwin show.

"The sorry business is over and the community is producing art again," she told *The Koori Mail* at the exhibition.

"Doing the art is good for the community and it is also very important that the young women are being helped with art and culture too."

Win-win

Lajamanu teacher Adriana Van Bortel said the initiative had been a win-win for the community.

"It's been a win for local culture and a win for education," she said.

"The girls have been looking forward to coming to school and learning from the women. They have produced some wonderful art."

Lajamanu assistant principal Lindall Watson agreed.

"Now we're looking at a similar initiative for the boys of the community," she said.

"Lajamanu is 'boomerang country' – a place where boomerangs and other artefacts are made – and senior men have agreed to help out.

"We're looking at a project where the education centre's boys will be mentored by the men and paint artefacts."



Lajamanu student Natalie with senior woman and artist Agnes Napanangka at the 'rebirth' celebrations in Darwin.



Girls and staff from Lajamanu Community Education Centre with some of their works at the Lajamanu art exhibition in Darwin.

Entries now open for Blake religious art prize



Entries are now open for the 2008 Blake Prize for Religious Art. Shirley Purdie, from the Aboriginal community of

Warmun in Western Australia, won the award last year with her painting *Stations to the Cross*.

This year, the Blake Prize will feature increased prizemoney – up \$5000 to \$20,000 – while the John Coburn Emerging Artist

Award of \$5000 will again be awarded. Entries for this year's Blake Prize close on Friday 27 June. Entries to the Blake are now by digital submission. Artists have been asked to submit two images of their entry

(one full view and a detail) or a 30-second sample for new media works.

Further information regarding the conditions of entry can be found at www.blakeprize.com.au

The Blake Prize for Religious Art is awarded by the Blake Society Ltd in partnership with the National Art School.

The related exhibition will open on 4 September and will show until 4 October.

Big talk and lots of fire at Umi event

By Cairns Correspondent CHRISTINE HOWES



A CELEBRATION and discussion around the strength of culture in far north Queensland brought together Elders, artists, cultural workers and students over two days last week in Cairns.

Umi (as in 'you-me') Arts Ltd, a peak body for arts and culture across Cape York, the Gulf of Carpentaria, Torres Strait and Cairns region, hosted the event, called *Big Talk, One Fire*, which it's now hoped will be repeated.

Umi Arts Chairperson and artist Lisa Michl said a good turnout, especially on the second day, ensured that members, artists and cultural practitioners from across the region got to share ideas, stories and knowledge.

"Umi is about strengthening and maintaining cultural practices, that's always a key priority for us," she said.

"For a long time visual arts have been pushed and they've been pushed because that's the support that Indigenous people have received and that's what has been recognised.

"However, our board feels that 'the arts' are made up of dance, visual arts and craft, language, lore, ceremony etc, and all of those things make up cultural practice so we'll certainly be working across all areas."

Hopevale artist Roy McIvor, also a board member for Umi, said it was about sharing culture and that art in his life had been 'a wonderful thing'.

"I want to give advice to young people, that they have to have something in life and art is something that is really good for Indigenous people so I would like to give a good backing on our young people to take up art. I've found it very interesting throughout my life," he said.

"Every Elder spoke about traditional things and how they lived their lives and it was like a wonderful message to our young people, that they can really get on to cultural things because culture taught us respect.

"We came under that umbrella of caring and

sharing and looking after each other and that has been going on for a long time but the fear of the old people is don't ever lose sight of relationship, kinship, that held people together.

"You would know exactly where you come from, otherwise if that's lost we'll become lost people, that is the fear of the Elders."

Renowned didg performer David Hudson said the event went extremely well, with kids from at least three schools attendaning on the second day and role models such as himself, singer Christine Anu and others on hand to answer questions and participate in discussion.

"I think that if we can instill in these kids that it doesn't matter whether you're Ernie Dingo, Catherine Freeman, David Hudson or whoever, if you put your mind to it and set your goals you can get there because the support's there," he said.

"At the end of the day when I was going to school back in the early 1970s there was only a handful of role models, so to speak," he said. "You know, there was Evonne Goolagong, there was Lionel Rose, there was Gulpili, whereas in this day and age there's that many role models and our mob are now going on to pursue other dreams."

Ms Michl said Umi Arts would take some direction from the summit, looking to continue with their role promoting culture the 'proper' way, sharing culture with young people and whistellias and developing mechanisms to assist people to develop cultural, social and economic opportunities.

Mr McIvor said he hoped the event would happen again.

"We hope to see something like this happen again in the future, talking about culture and passing on cultural information to our young people before it's too late," he said.

"A lot of our Elders have died, passed on, and they were our strength and we learned a lot about cultural things from our Elders.

"While our Elders are still living I think it's time that we move forward and get our Elders to talk to our young people, pass on their cultural experience to our younger people."



Torres Strait Islander singer Christine Anu.



Cyril McGreen with David Hudson.



Hopevale artist Roy McIvor.



Young Zekiel Bowen with the Hopevale Dancers.



Renowned didgeridoo performer David Hudson.



Umi Chairperson Lisa Michl speaks.



Walter Lui, from Darnley Island, took part in the forum.



Yaegel women from the lower Clarence in front of Frances Belle Parker's installation, *Sorry=Reconciliation*, from left, Muriel Burns (Maclean), Lenore Parker (Maclean), Beatrice Heron (Maclean) and Thelma Kapeen (Maclean). Mrs Parker is Francis Belle Parker's mother.

Apology spur for art show



More than 50 Indigenous artists have works on show at *The Year of the Apology* exhibition at the Northern Rivers Community Gallery in Cherry Street. It will continue until Sunday 29 June.

Curator Frances Belle Parker, herself an artist and Indigenous Arts Development Officer for Arts Northern Rivers, said the exhibition featured works by established artists including Digby Moran, Les Evans, Garth Lena, Karla Dickens, Bevan Skinner and Allison Williams, and emerging artists such as Penny Evans and Marie Florence.

She said other works were by artists who worked in groups. These included the Jambama Artists, from Casino, Saltwater Women, from Ballina, Cabbage Tree Island Artists, the Charlton and Vesper families from Maclean and Yamba, and the Robinson Family from Kyogle.

Jewellery

The exhibition includes paintings, jewellery, ceramics, sculpture and installation.

The exhibition was opened on 28 May by Djon Mundine. He is the Indigenous Curator - Contemporary Art, at the Campbelltown Art Centre. He also happens to be an uncle of world super middleweight boxing champion Anthony Mundine, who later that night successfully defended his title in Melbourne.

Mr Mundine said exhibitions like the one in Ballina would help turn around the statistic of NSW having roughly one-third of Australia's total Indigenous population, but having just 1/28th of the total number of Indigenous artists.

Works for the Ballina exhibition were mainly created in response to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology to the Stolen Generations and as a reflection on the theme of reconciliation.



Lismore artist Digby Moran with *Messenger Bird*, one of two works he has on exhibition at Ballina.



Rosie Vesper, of Yamba, and her daughter-in-law, Linda Young, also of Yamba. They are looking at Rosie's painting *Brown Eagle*.



Exhibition curator Francis Belle Parker, of Maclean.



Lorraine Randall, of Maclean, northern NSW.



Artist Mark Gibson



Curator Djon Mundine



An image from the *Lowanna Emergence* exhibition.

Lowanna emerges

ABORIGINAL photographer Wayne Quilliam hopes his exhibition, *Lowanna Emergence*, which will be featured in Germany at the end of this month, will radically alter perceptions of Australian Indigenous art.

'Emotionalising' the 'bond between Mother Earth and her children', the images meld the nude female form and landscapes together in an attempt to engage the viewer.

The photographer covers, hides and camouflages his works to deconstruct, create and recreate a naked reality.

Mr Quilliam said his work was influenced by traditional Aboriginal stories and tales. Intrigued by the spirituality of nature, he says he deliberately covers and exposes photographs to reveal tensions between the act of

representation and reality.

"To interpret my work is akin to demystify the link between myth and reality, the process of covering and uncovering the human element of nature; to find depth, meaning and perhaps even a revelation that we are the vision of a 'creator'," he said.

"I'm intrigued by the differing perceptions of nudity and the role it plays in modern society."

Mr Quilliam has had more than 100 solo and group exhibitions in Australia, Europe, Asia and the United States.

He divides his time between his studio in Melbourne and touring to the most remote locations in Australia and abroad working with Indigenous cultures.

He hopes to transform *Lowanna* into a short film and stage play.

Hudson on a country dream road



By SOLUA MIDDLETON

ABORIGINAL entertainer David Hudson, pictured above right, has been in the game for more than 27 years, but his latest musical release has seen him put down the didgeridoo.

Instead, for his new album, *Dream Road*, he picks up the guitar to sing a few 'outback country' styled songs.

Noted for playing the didgeridoo, his decision to pen some country songs was driven by a desire to try something different.

"I've always been an entertainer, and been well known for traditional dancing and playing the didgeridoo, but since I formed my own record label about 18 months ago, it has given me the opportunity to do what I want to do," he said.

"When you record for somebody else,

they say we want you to record didgeridoo this, didgeridoo that, and I'm a little bit over it now.

"To have my own label, Australian Sun Records, means I can do what I want. So that is why I have done a country rock album - I've always wanted to do a country rock album.

"And it doesn't matter where you go in Australia, blackfellas love country music."

Experiences

The new album combines country and blues with Aboriginal music, and draws on Hudson's personal experiences. But it also features Goanna's Australian classic, *Solid Rock*.

Hudson said he asked good friend Shane Howard, from Goanna, who wrote and recorded the hit *Solid Rock*, about covering the song.

Howard agreed and even lent his voice to the song.

"It was great to work with Shane because he has always been a great inspiration to me as a songwriter," Hudson said.

"Shane is one of these whitefella-blackfellas, because he can fit in with the mob, he just gets in there."

The two have also filmed a video clip for *Solid Rock*, which should be out later this month.

But Howard is not the only guest to appear on the album. Singer of the 1980s classic Flashdance theme song *What a Feeling* Irene Cara also features on the album.

Hudson said he was fortunate enough to meet Cara at the 2006 AFL grand final and approached her about singing track one on the album, *I Love You Forever*.

"Irene came on board supporting one of her brothers down under," he said.

"When she said she would sing on the album I was overwhelmed 'cos I was thinking why would she want to sing with a little Murri brother from down under?"

"But she said yes and I was very thankful."

Hudson said he thought it important to 'show folks' he could play guitar and sing in addition to performing traditional material.

The muso was also one of the co-founders of the Tjapukai Dance Theatre, which was formed 21 years ago. After being away from the group for 15 years, he has returned to help refresh the park and write new music, songs, and dances.

● To buy David Hudson's *Dream Road* album, go to any ABC store or visit www.australiansunrecords.com or www.davidhudson.com.au

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



Hip-hop outfit beat the odds

BRISSBANE Hip-Hop outfit Impossible Odds have released their debut EP.

The self-titled EP, launched in Brisbane late last month, is the direct result of being awarded a \$25,000 grant through the JB Seed Speak: Indigenous Hip Hop Competition.

The grant allowed the group to record the five-track EP in Sydney with acclaimed producer Tony Buchen as well as have Impossible Odds' Fred Leone attend the 2007 JB Seed Management Workshop conference.

Impossible Odds consists of Indigenous lyricist Fred Leone aka Rival MC and features Jeremy Youse aka UZY MC as a hype man and musician.

Leone said the whole experience had been amazing, and winning the JB Seed came just in time as he was contemplating chucking it all in after 11 years,



"I feel like I have fresh legs now," he said.

Leone said the JB Seed management program opened his eyes and he was serious about the future for Impossible Odds.

Tony Buchen said: "As Impossible Odds, Fred Leone voices the struggle and culture of oppression his people has endured in an accessible and musical way that makes his message extremely powerful."

"I can honestly say that Fred is an inspiring person to work

with and be around. I believe he's destined to play an important role in bridging the gap between white and black Australians in the years to come.

"Aside from that, he's a damn fine MC."

Already a strong Indigenous voice in the Hip Hop scene, the JB Seed created a pathway for Impossible Odds to stride forward and make that voice louder on a national scale.

"It's so good to hear what these guys have to say," said musician John Butler.

"Conscious, soulful, political and funky. Apart from being great musicians they have a great message to offer the youth of today and all the challenges that they face."

"I hope to hear Impossible Odds blaring out of radios around the country for years to come. I think it's only the beginning for what we'll see from this great act."



Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities



Media jobs target



CAIE Chairman Wayne Coolwell, Minister John Mickel, Channel 7 Managing Director Max Walters and Austereo General Manager Richard Barker launched the blueprint to promote Indigenous employment in the commercial media.

It is hoped that an initiative aimed at creating employment opportunities for Indigenous people in the commercial media industry in Queensland will spread across the country.

The Centre for Aboriginal Independence and Enterprise (CAIE) launched the 'Blueprint for the integration and employment of Aboriginal people into the commercial media industry' on 22 May.

CAIE developed the project and has negotiated with the Seven television network and Austereo radio network to come on board as partners.

Both these commercial media organisations will work with the CAIE in implementing the strategies from this document, which include employment opportunities, cultural awareness frameworks, mentorships and building more productive relationships with the Indigenous communities across Queensland.

CAIE Chairman Wayne Coolwell said the blueprint had the potential to change attitudes as well as creating employment for Indigenous people, and he hoped it would have far-reaching effects.

"This is an historic initiative which we're hoping will eventually spread across the country," he said.

"I want to dedicate this document to those Aboriginal voices from the past who always wanted something like this to happen but never quite imagined it. This is for you and the start of something wonderful."

Speaking at the launch, State Employment and Industrial Relations Minister John Mickel said the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative had funded CAIE to develop the blueprint



Aspiring TV presenter Charmaine Ingram, from Cairns, met Minister John Mickel at the launch of a blueprint promoting Indigenous employment in the media.

in consultation with supportive media organisations.

"Lifting the number of Indigenous people employed as journalists, researchers, writers, on-air talent or in technical production roles in the mainstream media will help highlight the positive roles they can and are playing in other areas of our society," Mr Mickel said.

"The stories we hear about Indigenous communities and people, both here in Queensland and from around the country, affect the way Indigenous people see

themselves as well as how others see them.

"With more Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders involved in reporting the news or developing other content for TV, radio, print or on-line, the public will benefit from their different points of view, and not just on Indigenous stories and issues."

"Employing more Indigenous people will hopefully lead to more positive and balanced coverage so that negative stereotypes can be broken down and successes can be celebrated."

During 2007/08, the Queensland Government will invest \$80 million in the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative to give an estimated 17,000 long-term unemployed and under-employed people job-related assistance and skills training to maximise labour force participation.

Before the launch, Channel 7 Managing Director Max Walters said representation of Indigenous people in the media was very important on two levels.

"Firstly, media depictions of Indigenous history, culture, art, people and tourism can potentially provide a wealth of information and entertainment to the Australian community as a whole," he said.

"Secondly, I believe it is the responsibility of all businesses to assist in improving professional opportunities for Indigenous people throughout Australia. Television provides an ideal conduit in this regard."

Austereo General Manager Richard Barker said his network's objective in the initiative was to explore employment and development opportunities for qualified and suitable candidates in the Indigenous community.

"In doing so, we hope to work towards eliminating any barriers that may exist," he said.

"In addition, Austereo is keen to build a unique and capable talent bank of potential employees from all communities."

The CAIE also announced the establishment of the John Newlong media prize, named after a trailblazing Aboriginal journalist who passed away in 1999. The award will recognise an outstanding contribution to all forms of the media by an Indigenous person.

It's your guide to employment

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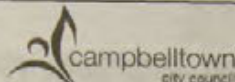
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Macarthur Community Options Case Worker (Aboriginal)

Pos. No: CSD021

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Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Inc provides medical, dental and allied health professional services to the greater metropolitan area and hinterland of Perth. With a budget of approximately \$10 million annually, the organisation also provides for broader social and cultural wellbeing through the "Bringing Them Home" and "Elizabeth Hansen Autumn Centre" programs.

DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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For selection criteria and further information please contact Laura Fox (PA to CEO) via email at paceo@derbarlyerrigan.com.au or on (08) 9421 3814.

Applications are to be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer marked "Application Private and Confidential" to 156 Willemoet St, East Perth WA 6004 by Friday, 13 June 2008.

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Government**

Principal Project Officer (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland
(Specified - Applicants must provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Salary: \$78 020 - \$81 658 p.a.

Location: Ipswich

REF: QLD/COM6507/08

Key Duties: Lead, manage and co-ordinate teams to deliver on policy and program objectives to ensure effective outcomes. Monitor, review and provide strategic advice to Senior Management. Contribute to Regional Managers Coordination Network forums to implement whole of government program and service delivery responses on issues impacting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Develop and maintain relationships/networks/partnerships between communities and other stakeholders.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 16 June 2008

Senior Cultural Heritage Officer

Regional Cultural Heritage Team

(Indigenous Services)

Natural Resources and Water

Salary: \$60 770 - \$66 050 p.a.

Location: Cairns or Townsville

REF: QLD/NRW6512/08

Key Duties: Assist in preparation and delivery of training material and provide operational advice on issues relating to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 and the Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003. Assist in the identification, recording and conservation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander places of cultural heritage significance, and in the assessment of compliance issues relating to the legislation.

Enquiries: John Sue See: (07) 4029 8217

Closing Date: Monday, 16 June 2008

Court Coordinator (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Salary: \$59 564 - \$65 046 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/COM6484/08

Key Duties: Represent Department in court matters involving young people. Provide advice to departmental staff to promote high standard of services to courts and clients, including post court advice.

Skills and Abilities: Advanced written and oral skills required. Mandatory professional qualification required.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 16 June 2008

Child Safety Support Officer

(Identified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Two permanent full-time positions available. Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Child Safety

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Caboolture and Cherside

REF: QLD/CHS6495/08

Key Duties: Provide high quality, culturally appropriate, child protection services to children and families serviced by the Child Safety Service Centre which are consistent with departmental policies, procedures and practices and provide appropriate advice and information to departmental staff to enhance service delivery.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693

Closing Date: Tuesday, 17 June 2008

Child Safety Support Officer

(Identified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Child Safety

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Cooktown

REF: QLD/CHS6531/08

Key Duties: Provide high quality, culturally appropriate, child protection services to children and families serviced by the Child Safety Service Centre which are consistent with departmental policies, procedures and practices and provide appropriate advice and information to departmental staff to enhance service delivery.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693

Closing Date: Tuesday, 17 June 2008

Indigenous Employment and Training Support Officer (Identified)

Employment and Indigenous Initiatives

(This is an "Identified Position" to be occupied by an Aboriginal person and/or Torres Strait Islander person only)

Employment and Industrial Relations

Salary: \$52 436 - \$57 662 p.a.

Location: Mount Isa

REF: QLD/IR6152/08

Key Duties: Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander wanting to help Indigenous job seekers and vocational students in Mount Isa?

Skills and Abilities: "C" Class drivers licence and good communication skills compulsory.

Enquiries: Lindsay Fuhrman-Luck (07) 4747 2317 or

E-Mail: jobvac.delir@sa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Tuesday, 10 June 2008

Child Safety Officer

Child Safety Services Division

(Four permanent full-time positions available)

Child Safety

Salary: \$44 300 - \$56 700 p.a.

Location: Various North Queensland

REF: QLD/CHS6424/08

Key Duties: Provide child protection services to young people and families serviced by the Child Safety Service Centre through case management supported by a professional decision-making framework in partnership with carers, the non-government sector, other key government departments, the community and the public.

Enquiries: 1800 089 515

Closing Date: Tuesday, 17 June 2008

Youth Worker (Adolescent and Youth Justice Services) (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Three permanent part-time positions available (36.25 hrs per fn). Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Salary: \$19 034 - \$20 283 p.a.

Location: Various locations within the Greater Brisbane Region

REF: QLD/COM6520/08

Key Duties: Provide supervision and support to young people. Negotiate with Government and community agencies. Maintain records of program attendance and prepare reports. Participate as a member of a team. Actively participate in the objectives of the department.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Tuesday, 17 June 2008

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Non Ongoing - Specified Task

APS 6 - Executive Level 1

\$56,179 - \$77,667

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An ideal applicant for these vacancies would have a good balance between relevant work experience and proven research ability. They will be asked to demonstrate leadership in their field and grow the organisation's capacity in that area.

Relevant work experience will include a substantial history of research in Indigenous studies and/or successful completion of projects; cooperation with Indigenous co-workers, communities or academic research units; an excellent understanding of key issues in your research field specifically, and Indigenous affairs generally; and the ability to create coherent, academically sound research reports.

Whilst academic qualifications are an important indicator of capability to undertake research projects, they are not the sole determinant of suitability. AIATSIS will appoint applicants without PhD qualifications if they can demonstrate equivalent research skills.

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Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

For information contact Ms Kathy Scott, Research Administrative Officer,

ph. 02 6246 1144; fax 02 6246 7714; email kathy.scott@aiatsis.gov.au

Closing date for applications: 26 June 2008

Applications should be forwarded to:

Human Resources

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

GPO Box 553

Canberra ACT 2601

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Indigenous Partnership Officer

The Indigenous Partnership Officer will work across Southern Australia to assist in increasing the number of ecologically and culturally significant properties acquired by Indigenous people; identify ways to support land management on Indigenous lands; and work with Bush Heritage to improve Indigenous participation on properties managed by them.

It is essential that you have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Indigenous societies and cultures; 'on-ground' experience working with Indigenous peoples in practical Caring for Country activities; and a broad and practical understanding of Caring for Country and conservation management/environmental issues particularly as they relate to Indigenous peoples.

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APS 6 - INVESTIGATION OFFICER

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Position: Two non-ongoing positions

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In this role you will need excellent research and analytical skills with a proven ability to interpret legislation and policy.

Note: The two vacancies are single person office positions and are for a 12-month non-ongoing period expected to commence in July 2008.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS
IS 12 JUNE 2008

For job specific questions contact:
Maureen Colley on 02 6276 0184

Selection documentation:

Can be obtained from our website,
www.ombudsman.gov.au or by phoning 02 6276 0106.

Send applications to:

recruitment@ombudsman.gov.au or post to Recruitment
Officer, GPO Box 442, Canberra City ACT 2601

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NORTHERN TERRITORY OFFICE OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH

EXECUTIVE LEVEL 2

DIRECTOR

\$91,530 - \$108,368

Reference Number: 08-0097

DARWIN

The Office for 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 Northern Territory Office has a vacancy in the role of OATSIH Director. The OATSIH Director is responsible for the leadership and management of around 26 staff based in Darwin and Alice Springs, and for implementation of National OATSIH primary health care and substance use policy, programs and initiatives throughout the Northern Territory (NT). Primary health care and substance use services in the NT are delivered in a partnership approach with the NT Government and Aboriginal Community Controlled Sector. The ability to develop and maintain productive relationships with key internal and external stakeholders during a time of significant and high profile change in Indigenous arrangements is essential.

This position will initially be filled as non-ongoing for a period of 12 months, with the potential for filling as ongoing after that time.

Contact officer: Rachel Van Oosten on 08 8950 1621 or rachel.van.oosten@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies

HEALTH STRATEGIES BRANCH RURAL HEALTH PROGRAMS SECTION

APS LEVEL 6

PROGRAM MANAGER

\$62,428 - \$70,429

Reference Number: 08-0115

DARWIN

The Health Strategies Branch of the Northern Territory Office is seeking a Program Manager to manage the local implementation and day to day activities of a range of rural health programs and projects and coordinate with other related departmental strategies. The successful candidate will also: represent the department in negotiations and consultations with community based organisations and other government bodies; establish, foster and maintain linkages with primary health care delivery agencies, provide timely advice on programs to the Branch Manager, prepare high level briefing notes and other correspondence; and contribute to the implementation and review of programs, and the development of policy and administrative procedures.

Contact officer: Jenny Norris on 08 89193435 or jenny.norris@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Peta Mayo on 08 89193472 (peta.mayo@health.gov.au)

Applications close 19 June 2008, 7pm AEST.

Selection Documentation: An applicant kit and more detailed information are available online at the department's website: <http://www.health.gov.au>.

Hearing or speech impaired applicants can obtain the selection documents by calling the department's TTY number (02) 6289 5945.

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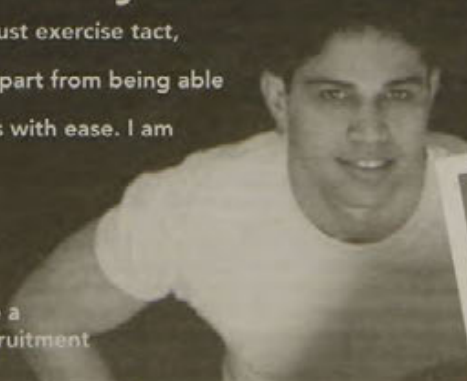
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**DEPARTMENT
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FUNDING FOR NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECTS

On 1 February 2008 the NSW Premier, the Hon. Morris Iemma, announced a new approach to tackling domestic and family violence in New South Wales. As part of that approach a new structure has been implemented across a number of agencies, including a new Violence Prevention Coordination Unit in the Office for Women, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet.

In addition to the new structure, the Premier announced more than \$2 million in new funding each year to support non-government organisations' projects to prevent or minimise the impact of domestic and family violence. The new Violence Prevention Coordination Unit will administer that funding program. It is expected that the first formal call for applications under this new program will be made in 2008/09.

In the meantime, some funds are available in 2007/08 and the NSW Office for Women is now calling for expressions of interest from NGOs for funding for high priority Aboriginal specific domestic and family violence projects in NSW.

To be eligible, projects must be:

- * linked to a dedicated service specifically designed to address domestic and family violence issues, including in Aboriginal communities;
- * delivered by providers with expertise in the area of addressing domestic and family violence in Aboriginal communities;
- * evidence based and either have already been positively evaluated, or include evaluation as a key component.

The closing date for applications is 18 June 2008.

Applications should be addressed to:

The Director
Office for Women
Department of Premier and Cabinet
PO Box 5341
SYDNEY 2000
or
ofw@dpc.nsw.gov.au

Please contact Alex Shehadie at the Office for Women for further information on (02) 9228-3141

Aboriginal Family Support Workers Male and Female Lismore NSW

Rekindling The Spirit is a Aboriginal owned and operated government funded community organisation servicing the needs of local Aboriginal people who require assistance in dealing with substance abuse and domestic and family violence issues.

We require Male and Female Family Support Workers to work with our male or female clients respectively and to run groups and camps, conduct interventions and counselling and to participate in the day to day activities of the service.

You will need to be of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent and have a minimum of 3 years experience working with the Aboriginal community in the areas of welfare, drug & alcohol, family violence, child-abuse or in the justice system. Also required are excellent verbal and written communication skills, team member skills, group facilitation and counselling skills, a current driver's licence and good PC skills. Applicants with formal qualifications in a related discipline and or experience working with clients from the stolen generation will be well regarded. Applicants must address the essential and common selection criteria outlined in the information pack. Award & conditions include Grade 3, SAC's Award, a 38 hour week, salary range from \$19.15 to \$24.72 per hour (dependent on qualifications and experience), superannuation, annual leave loading and salary sacrificing (after a qualifying period). A probationary period of 6 months applies.

Applicants may obtain an information pack by phoning Donna Hensen (02) 66 22 5534. An information day will be held on 11th June 2008 at Rekindling The Spirit from 10.00 am to 11.00am (please ring for a booking). Applications close on 18th June 2008 at 5.00pm and interviews are scheduled for 25th June 2008.

Gender and being of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent are considered a genuine occupational qualification for this position as authorised by Section 31 and 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.



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Indigenous Ranger Ranger Grade 2

\$46,253-\$49,917

Canberra (PN: 12314)

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The successful applicant is expected to bring extensive experience in protected area management and a strong desire to plan and deliver interpretive and educational programs. This is a fire designated position.

Note: This is an identified position and applicants from an Indigenous background are encouraged to apply.

Contact Officer: For further information about this challenging role please contact Rod Hillman on (02) 6205 1221 or rod.hillman@act.gov.au.

Applicants should note that a Joint Selection Committee (JSC) established in accordance with the collective agreement provisions will assess all applications for this position. Selection may be based upon application and referee (2) reports only.

Selection documentation may be downloaded from: <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au/>

Applications can be sent via email to: jobs@act.gov.au or by post to: Shared Services Centre, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158 Canberra City ACT 2601

Applications close: 21 June 2008

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- Developing 'Scope of Works' project briefs and cost estimates
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Successful applicants will work extensively in Indigenous communities and have a sound understanding of, and respect for, cultural values, views and sensitivities of Indigenous Australians in remote locations.

This is an ideal role for people experienced in building construction and/or maintenance with a desire to improve housing conditions in Indigenous Communities. Relevant qualifications and experience will be most highly regarded.

These positions are offered on a temporary contract basis until 30 June 2010 with potential ongoing opportunities. Relocation assistance is negotiable and subsidised housing is provided in Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy.

The job description and selection criteria can be obtained from www.nt.gov.au/jobs

Please indicate your preference for location/s by quoting the following position numbers: Darwin (280206), Nhulunbuy (280207), Katherine (280208), Tennant Creek (280209) and Alice Springs (280210).

For further information, please contact Ty Johnson on (08) 8987 0524.

Closing date: 13 June 2008

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Your role as a Psychologist/Behavioural Therapist will be to provide treatment interventions to prisoners as directed by the NT Correctional Services. You will be required to conduct assessments, prepare reports and facilitate rehabilitative programs to address criminologic needs, Sex Offender Treatment Programs and to maintain accurate, legible and proficient client case notes, records and statistics. You will also be an active member of a multi-disciplinary team in a correctional facility and participate in ongoing supervision. The successful applicant will have a relevant qualification.

Three vacancies are available to 2012, one in Darwin and two in Alice Springs, all based at the Correctional Centres.

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Quote vacancy number: 26378 (Darwin) and
26376 (Alice Springs)

Closing date: 13 June 2008

Contact us now

Phone: 1300 659 247
Email: Recruitment@nt.gov.au
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Ganyjuu Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Corporation for Family Support Services Indigenous Foster and Kinship Carer Program

Ganyjuu Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Family Services, have recently received funding from the Queensland Department of Child Safety to provide an Indigenous Foster and Kinship Program to the Logan, Brisbane West child safety zone.

We would like to invite you to unite with us in providing culturally appropriate Out of Home Care for our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children.

The aim of this new service is to provide ongoing support and relevant training for our Carers as well as ongoing support for the children placed in your care.

Our Organisation is recruiting Indigenous people to become a Registered Foster or Kinship Carer for our indigenous children.

Please register your interest by contacting Ganyjuu Indigenous Foster and Kinship Carer Program on phone number (07) 3808 9957 or email info@ganyjuu.org.au.



Department of
Industry and Resources
Government of Western Australia

Senior Project Officer Aboriginal Economic Development

Assisting Aboriginal people in employment and business development

Position No: IR030119

Level/Salary: 6, \$70,564 - \$78,138 pa

Are you passionate about Aboriginal Economic Development?

Are you looking for a rewarding career and making a difference?

The Senior Project Officer position develops projects, project plans for achieving the Division's Indigenous economic development outcomes.

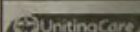
Persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

To access information about this position, visit wa.gov.au and key the Position No, or Keyword into the Search Box or Ph: 92223655.

For further job related information:

Please contact Graeme Stephens on 92220931.

Closing Date: 5pm, Fri, 20 June 2008.



UnitingCare
Children, Young People
and Families Service
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Our organisation made a commitment as part of UnitingCare NSWACT to be an employer of choice through our Indigenous Employment Strategy.

The strategy is to inspire Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to obtain sustainable employment, training and career development, at all levels of occupation.

We have in place an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Initiatives Working Group who, for the Service Group, consult about, develop and implement strategies that will assist in strengthening the staff and community relationships that will support service delivery to communities across NSW.

We are seeking Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people to fill the following positions:

Employment Officer

– North Parramatta location

This role requires a highly skilled human resources or training professional who will act in an advisory role to support our Human Resources team to recruit and retain Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees. This role is key to implementing our Indigenous Employment Strategy and will work collaboratively across our organisation to promote good working relationships with local Indigenous communities, organisations and networks.

Project Leader

ATSI Initiatives Working Group

– Parramatta CBD location

This role requires an experienced project leader who will implement a suite of strategic projects within our ATSI Initiatives Project Plan. This role will also be executive officer to the ATSI Initiatives Working Group and liaise with Indigenous communities and organisations that will assist the sustainability of the Project.

In accordance with Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for both of these positions.

For further information please contact Jessy Flower on (02) 9768 6648 or email jflower@unitedcare.org.au

These positions are of child related employment and you will require a 'Working with Children' check under the Commission for Children and Young Persons Act 1988. It is an offence for a prohibited person to apply.

We are an EEO Employer and
are committed to principles of
cultural diversity.

Relationships Australia

INDIGENOUS FAMILY RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR

Relationships Australia Queensland (RAQ) has been providing counselling and education services for 60 years. We are currently seeking applicants for the role of Indigenous Family Relationship Counsellor working from our Cherbourg venue. This role will be responsible for providing high quality counselling and support services to our clients within the region.

The successful applicant will have a relevant tertiary qualification and experience and understanding in the frameworks and models for working therapeutically with couples and families.

To express interest in this role and to obtain further information, please see our website: www.relationships.com.au/vacancy_list

Funded by the Australian Government Family and Community Services and Attorney-General's Department.

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Koori Mail

THE FORMERLY NATIONAL INDIGENOUS NEWSPAPER - 100% ABORIGINAL OWNED 100% SELF-FUNDING

The Koori Mail, Australia's national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander newspaper, is seeking a

General Manager

The successful applicant will have a solid management background in newspaper and/or the media, with a focus on advertising and marketing. She/he will answer to the all-Aboriginal Board of the newspaper.

The position is based on Bundjalung country in Lismore, northern NSW.

Applicants should send a CV and covering letter to manager@koorimail.com

Applications close: 5pm June 13, 2008

Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

The Voice of Indigenous Australia



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Australia's oldest charity is now recruiting in the Central West

Employees of The Benevolent Society have high levels of job satisfaction and strong pride in who they work for, as measured by our recent "Your Voice" employee survey.

We are a non-religious, non-profit organisation and we recently celebrated our 195th anniversary. Our work supports vulnerable and disadvantaged Australians and we have a number of offices in the Central West.

If you are interested in working for a values based organisation we currently have 5 vacancies working with the Brighter Futures Program. This is an early intervention program funded by the NSW Department of Community Services providing targeted support for vulnerable children and families aimed at improving emotional, social, health, educational and developmental outcomes for children and their families.

We encourage applications from Indigenous candidates for these positions.



BATHURST

Case Manager

(Indigenous Children and Families)

Permanent - Part time (24 hours per week)

This role provides assessment, planning and service coordination to children and families in the program.

Interested? Come along to our Information Session at Room 21, Kelso Public School, Gilmour Street, BATHURST between 2 and 3pm on Tuesday 10 June.

LITHGOW

Team Leader/ Senior Case Manager

Permanent - Full time (38 hours per week)

This role provides support and supervision to Case Managers and Parenting Coordinators in the Lithgow / Bathurst / Mudgee area and carries a small caseload of complex families in the program.

Interested? Come along to our Information Session at Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre, 1 Padley Road, LITHGOW between 10 and 11am on Tuesday 10 June.

ORANGE

Parenting Coordinator

(Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Families)

Permanent - Full time (38 hours per week, however we will consider applications for part time)

This role provides parenting skills training and support to families referred to the program.

We will consider applications for this position from people interested in part-time work

Interested? Come along to our Information Session at Room 23, Glenroy Heights Public School, Maxwell Avenue, ORANGE between 11am and 12pm on Thursday 12 June.

PARKES / CONDOBOLIN

Indigenous Parenting Coordinator

Permanent - Part time (24 hours per week)

This role provides parenting skills training and support to families referred to the program. The Benevolent Society considers that being Indigenous Australian is a genuine occupational qualification for this position.

Case Manager

(Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Families)

Permanent - Full time position (38 hours per week, however we will consider applications for part time)

This role provides assessment, planning and service coordination to children and families in the program.

We will consider applications for this position from people interested in part-time work.

The location of both positions will be negotiated with the successful candidates.

Interested? Come along to our Information Session at 1 Browne Street, PARKES between 10 and 11am on Friday 13 June.

We offer attractive conditions of employment including generous salary packaging arrangements, regular supervision from experienced Team Leaders and access to training and professional development opportunities. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory Working with Children (Criminal Record) Check.

For further information about any of these positions contact John McClinton on 6331 1457. The position descriptions including the selection criteria are available on our website or from Barbara Merrick-Bassett on 6331 1457. Applications must address all selection criteria and should be addressed to John McClinton, PO Box 1164, Bathurst, NSW 2795 or via email at johnm@bensoc.org.au and be received by 1 July 2008.

www.bensoc.org.au



Ngarda Civil & Mining is an Indigenous owned and operated civil and mining contractor. Winner of the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships, our company is dedicated to providing opportunities for Indigenous Australians. We continue to experience exciting growth and are now looking for a Maintenance Manager to help achieve our purpose.

MOBILE PLANT MAINTENANCE MANAGER Perth Based

Reporting to the Plant Manager you will be responsible for:

- Maintenance team management and support for Ngarda Civil & Mining, Yarm and Port Hedland Project sites, and as required by business demands.
- Provide mentoring, guidance and training opportunities to the maintenance team.
- Management and maintenance of equipment on-site to meet production and plant department requirements.
- Make recommendations to improve maintenance through systems of work to achieve lowest equipment cost per hour.

The successful candidate for this role must have:

- Working knowledge of the latest applicable industry practices and applicable regulations.
- Tertiary qualification or similar with an extensive background in maintenance, preferably within the mining/construction industry.
- Demonstrated ability to lead and influence within a complex network of professionals and a high risk environment.
- Profound consultative, collaborative, influencing, negotiation and leadership skills.
- Significant success in building, influencing and maintaining positive relationships.
- Must be able to travel from Perth to sites on a monthly basis.
- Strong financial focus and planning relating to mobile plant equipment.

A competitive remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful candidate. If you require further information on the duties of the Maintenance Manager, please contact Mr Trevor Curtis, Plant Manager on (08) 6272 5000 during WA office hours.

Applications marked "Confidential", including current resume, should be forwarded to:

The Human Resources Department, PO Box 496, Belmont WA 6984 or

via email to: ngarda.apply@ngarda.com.au

Please include "Maintenance Manager" in your subject line.

Applications close on 13th June 2008.



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(Identified position)

(PN Ref: Several)

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Saturday duty is a requirement of these positions.

Contact: Brendon Fitzgerald (02) 9895 3067

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Information about this job and other excellent job opportunities can be found on our website at: www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/careers

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Candidates should forward their applications to the contact officer (quoting the PN Ref) by email or by post (see website).

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For a recruitment package contact:- either Christine Ferguson, by LALC email: lgalc@internode.on.net or on (02) 6646 1664 and/or Judy Eames (Chairperson), on (02) 6645 8890

Applications close Friday 4th July 2008

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

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More information, call Pauline on

6569 4294

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www.nci.tafensw.edu.au



Legal Aid NEW SOUTH WALES

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION

Solicitor, Aboriginal Identified, Family Law

Legal Officer Grade I-III, Lismore,
Permanent Full-Time,
Job Reference No FL08/118.

Total remuneration package valued to:

\$90,756 p.a. (\$55,472-\$82,244)

Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provide high quality legal advice and representation to clients of the LAC in accordance with the LAC's policies and guidelines in order to contribute to the implementation of the LAC's mission to deliver high quality legal services to our clients.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Hold or eligible to hold current NSW Practising Certificate issued by the Law Society of NSW and eligible for admission to the High Court roll. Knowledge of family law. Capacity to represent legal aid clients and undertake an advocacy role at Court as well as proven capacity to identify and understand legal and cross cultural issues facing socially and economically disadvantaged people. Strong interpersonal skills and an ability to provide quality customer service in a high volume work environment. Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to conduct community legal education and to prepare court documents, correspondence, submissions and other written materials. Ability to meet deadlines, work without close supervision and to manage a diverse workload.

Demonstrated computer skills and class G drivers licence.

Notes: This position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. The successful applicant will need to have a willingness to drive in metropolitan and country locations as well as a willingness to travel by plane and stay overnight or longer to undertake outreach work or training, as required.

Inquiries: Dina Liouris (02) 9219 5652.

Information Packages: Kathy Trajkovski on (02) 9219 5884.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box 8847, Haymarket NSW 1238 or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 20 June 2008



Gunditj Mirring
Traditional Owners
Aboriginal Corporation

Executive Officer 71k + attractive package

Gunditjmirring country is located in the far southwest of Victoria. The Gunditj Mirring Corporation is representative of Gunditjmirring traditional owners and native title holders. The Corporation is a Prescribed Body Corporate (under the NTA 93) and a Registered Aboriginal Party (under the ATA 06). The Corporation manages cultural landscapes (under freehold title) along the Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape.

The Corporation is seeking an experienced and progressive applicant for the position of Executive Officer to successfully manage the business of the Corporation. The position will be located in Heywood, Victoria.

Applications Close: 5pm, Friday 20 June 2008.

For further information and a position description please contact Sarah on 03 5527 1427 or admin@gunditjmirring.com



Queensland Government

Manager (Specified) Child Safety Services Division

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Department of Child Safety

Salary: \$86 442 - \$91 425 p.a.

Location: Edmonton, Cairns

REF: QLD/CH56467/08

Key Duties: The Manager of Edmonton CSSC will lead and manage staff in the delivery of high quality child protection services to clients and communities through the implementation of quality case management systems/practices/standards and service delivery framework. The Manager will establish enduring productive partnerships with carers, the community, and non-government sectors and be committed to the professional development of staff.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693

Closing Date: Monday, 16 June 2008

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, PARKS AND WILDLIFE GROUP

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

FIELD OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Field Officer Grade 1/4, Pacific Palms, Permanent Full-Time. Vacancy Number DECC08-219. 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. **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 a willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement. Ability to maintain grounds, facilities and workplaces such as buildings, essential services, roads, walking tracks, fences and recreational and accommodation facilities; including a willingness to safely undertake hygiene maintenance duties. Demonstrated ability and experience to carry out all duties safely and obtain relevant WorkCover Authority certification to appropriately operate and maintain small plant and equipment and ability and willingness to obtain a First Aid certificate. Certification and demonstrated experience, or ability to obtain, in operating a chainsaw to crosscut or simple tree felling standard; Ability to operate two-way radios. Effective communication and community relation skills are required. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. Administrative skills. Ability and willingness to carry out fire fighting duties and support roles including a willingness to fly in light aircraft. Current Drivers licence and ability to drive 4wd vehicles.

Notes: This position is located in the Great Lakes Area, south of Forster in Booli Booli National Park. 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 of the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting duties, control duties. Applicants must obtain 4wd certification within the probationary period (12 months). Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Larry Thompson (02) 6591 0306 or 0429 144 882

Email: Larry.Thompson@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 6591 0300 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 13 June 2008.

Queensland Government
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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.

JUVENILE JUSTICE OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Clerk Grade 5/6, Maitland, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08/095. Total remuneration package valued to: \$74,429 p.a. (\$61,128-\$67,448) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Responsible for the provision of effective, offending focused intervention through assessment, supervision and case management of juvenile offenders. The delivery of community based programs to minimise the re-offending of juvenile offenders. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality and knowledge and respect for Aboriginal Culture. Demonstrated casework experience. Demonstrated experience in working with adolescents and/or their families. Demonstrated ability in assessment, report writing and case planning. Sound negotiation, oral and written communication skills, including well-developed computer and keyboard skills. Understanding of issues relevant to juvenile offenders. Ability to work independently and as part of a team and meet tight deadlines. Current minimum Class C NSW driver's licence.

Notes: An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorized by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package. It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

Inquiries: Michael Barrett (02) 4999 6200. Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or Janine Zulfan (02) 4999 6200. Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240.

Closing Date: Friday 13 June 2008.

Queensland Government

Team Leader
Child Safety Services Division
Two (2) permanent full-time positions available.
(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.)
Department of Child Safety
Salary: \$78 020 - \$83 658 p.a.
Location: Cairns and Weipa
REF: OLD/CHS6462/08
Key Duties: The Team leader provides leadership to a team of professional and operational staff to ensure the delivery of high quality child protection services to clients and rural and remote communities serviced by the Child Safety Service Centre through quality case management systems/practices/standards and service delivery framework, establishment of enduring productive partnerships with carers, the community, the public and non-government sectors.
Enquiries: Phone: (07) 3006 7693
Closing Date: Monday, 16 June 2008

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Indigenous Administrative Support Officer
Kew (Melbourne)

VicRoads manages the Victorian arterial road network and its use as part of the State's overall transport system.

Are you an Indigenous Australian who has

- great admin skills and a passion for achieving positive outcomes for others
- a network of contacts across Victorian Indigenous communities
- a current driver's licence

VicRoads has a vacancy for an Indigenous Administrative Officer to perform a range of duties relating to the VicRoads Indigenous Employment Program.

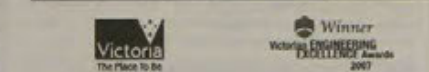
This is an Identified Indigenous position and VCAT exemption A116/2006 applies. Only Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons are eligible to apply.

Salary is the range of \$38,089 to \$46,341 p.a. plus 9% superannuation. Starting salary is normally at the base of the range. Performance bonuses may also be payable.

For more information

Visit the 'Employment at VicRoads' section of the VicRoads website www.vicroads.vic.gov.au to obtain a full position description and to submit your application. Telephone enquiries please contact Wendy Harris on (03) 9854 2099

Applications close on 20 June 2008.
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Reference No. 5075

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Two exciting opportunities working with Indigenous communities!

Are you?

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Indigenous Partnerships Facilitator South West Region

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Position No: DSE 7418

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Position No: DSE 7415

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If you possess excellent engagement and group facilitation skills and you enjoy working with others in a challenging and changing environment then this may be the role for you!

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

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Closing date for applications is Sunday 22 June 2008.

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Executive Level 2

Centrelink Band 4

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Your success will come from:

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Closing date is 19 June 2008

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Technical Advisor WATER & SANITATION

We need your planning and evaluation skills to provide expert advice on water, sanitation and shelter related issues in the context of disaster management especially but not exclusively emergency response.

Your formal qualifications in water and sanitation engineering will be supported by extensive practical experience in developing countries, preferably including support for emergency relief programs.

Your ability and availability to undertake rapid deployment in the event of humanitarian crises will be essential to the success of this role.

For full details please visit www.oxfam.org.au/jobs. Salary \$55,090 plus benefits and access to packaging. Closes 9th June. EEO Employer.

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ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKER

35 Hours Full Time to be Female and Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under (Sections 31 and 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

PENRITH WOMEN'S REFUGE & RESOURCE CENTRE

Provides accommodation and Outreach services to women with dependant children experiencing or escaping Domestic Violence or who are at imminent risk of homelessness

ESSENTIAL: Commitment to working from a feminist philosophical base; Familiarity with the local Aboriginal communities in Western Sydney; Demonstrated ability to build and maintain effective links with Aboriginal families and communities; Ability to work with women in crisis; Understanding of issues surrounding domestic violence and sexual assault; Knowledge and understanding of cultural issues; Experience in contributing to a multi-disciplinary team environment; Ability to work after hours including weekends when necessary; Current manual N.S.W. driver's licence and willingness to obtain LR within 3 months; Access to a reliable vehicle; Telephone connected.

DESIRABLE: Previous experience facilitating groups. Employment as per Social and Community (Employees) State Award.

Only applications addressing the criteria for employment outlined in the advertisement and providing 2 recent employee referees will be considered. Successful applicants will be required to undergo a "Working with Children" check and a "Criminal Record Check" prior to commencement of employment.

Applications to: The Manager PO Box 55, PENRITH, 2751

Enquiries and Job Description: Phone: 02 47 322 318.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 20th June 2008.



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Allied Health/Clinical Support

Social Work Associate - Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service, Community Health Services, Ipswich, West Moreton South Burnett Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$69 746 p.a., comprising salary between \$45 331 - \$61 129 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) (HP2) JAR: H08WM088. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide a high level of health care and support to address the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs service provision needs for clients of the Indigenous community of West Moreton South Burnett Health Service District. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. **Enquiries:** Kathy Shepherd (07) 3817 2400. **Application Kit:** (07) 3810 1881 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus **Closing Date:** Monday, 16 June 2008.

Corporate Support Services

Principal Policy Officer - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child and Youth Health Unit, Maternity, Child Health and Safety Branch, Brisbane, The Chief Health Officer Division. Remuneration value up to \$99 418 p.a., comprising salary between \$81 177 - \$87 126 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (A07) (Applications will remain current for six months) JAR: H08HL46. **Duties/Abilities:** Coordinate and support initiatives and programs that support and extend the implementation of the Strategic Policy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's and Young People's Health 2005-2010. Contribute to statewide service planning and policy implementation for the enhancement of health services for Indigenous children, youth and their families. As Australia's third largest city, thousands of people move to Brisbane each year in search of better jobs, more opportunities and a relaxed lifestyle. Brisbane city is young and vibrant, containing a variety of shopping experiences and entertainment, including theatres and fine dining. The Gold Coast's sandy beaches and hinterland are only an hour's drive away from central Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast, to the north, is within a one and half hour drive. **Enquiries:** Kerry-Ann Ungerer (07) 3235 9458. **Application Kit:** (07) 3234 1319 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus **Closing Date:** Monday, 23 June 2008.

You can apply online at www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

A criminal history check may be required on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

Careers @ Justice

INDIGENOUS CCO

Warrnambool Community Correctional Services

\$37,121 - \$47,670

Position No 3837

Indigenous Community Corrections Officers (ICCOs) monitor and supervise Indigenous and non-Indigenous offenders sentenced by the Courts to serve community based orders, or released from prison on parole by the Adult Parole Board. ICCOs undertake generalist and specialist functions, which include: provide culturally appropriate guidance/counselling; assist offenders to participate in programs and community work developing strong links with Indigenous agencies and prepare offender reports for Courts and the Adult Parole Board to help ensure the needs of Aboriginal offenders are met. The role is an Identified Position in accordance with policy direction of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement. For enquires contact marie Murfet 0409 535 936

To apply online and for further information visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 13 June 2008

www.justice.vic.gov.au

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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.

Aboriginal Health Education Officer Moree Health Service

Perm Full Time Position No. 58625

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).

Enquiries: Amanda Morris, (02) 6757 0211.

Closing Date: 20 June 2008.

Project Officers

Population Health, Newcastle or Tamworth

1 x Temp Full Time until December 2010

1 x Temp Part Time, 19 hpm until December 2010

Position No: 59185

Enquiries: Rachel Sutherland, (02) 4924 6022.

Closing Date: 27 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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NSW Department of
Community Services

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Clerk Grade 7/8

Divisional Services

Head Office, Ashfield

Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy No: DOCS-08-13006

Total remuneration package valued up to \$84,855 per annum (Salary: \$69,468 pa - \$76,896 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: As part of an active team provide high quality secretarial and administrative support to ensure the administrative needs of the Deputy Director General, Corporate Services are met in a professional and timely manner.

Selection Criteria:

- Extensive secretarial and administrative experience at an executive level and experience in working as part of a team.
- Highly developed Word processing skills (minimum 60 wpm) and experience with various software packages including Word for Windows, Excel and PowerPoint.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills including significant experience in dealing effectively with senior staff from a range of organisations.
- Ability to exercise sound judgment and discretion and maintain strict confidentiality.
- Excellent organisational skills and planning ability to support the achievement of competing deadlines and the coordination of business functions, projects and other activities.
- Ability to providing quality customer service.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant criminal records checks, apprehended violence order checks, completed disciplinary proceedings checks, together with structured reference reports and prior employment checks, will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Inquiries: For information about the position, please call Tony Giardina (02) 9716 2426

Information Packages: For a Job Application Package visit www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 13 June 2008

Training Officers (x2)

Corporate Services, Dwellingup

Position No: DEC3052697

Level/Salary: L3, \$48,409 - \$52,560 pa

Do you desire to work in the area of Aboriginal employment and participate in protecting our environment? We are seeking two motivated individuals to provide support to the Coordinator Training and Cadetship Programs and the Mentored Aboriginal Training and Employment Scheme (MATES). These positions will contribute to the development of learning and assessment strategies, and the identification of workplace learning opportunities.

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) 9334 0275.

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Richard McAlinden or Jessica Mann on (08) 9538 1200.

Closing Date: Mon, 16 June 2008 at 12.00pm.



Casework Manager

Permanent Full Time (38 hours per week)

Burrun Dalai Out of Home Care and Family Support Service

Burrun Dalai Aboriginal Corporation Incorporated is seeking applications and offering an attractive salary to suitably qualified and experienced persons for the above position. The successful applicant will be responsible for supervising and managing the Burrun Dalai Out of Home Care Casework Team with the aim of supporting and case managing children and young people in out of home care, their foster families and maintaining strong and positive connections with their birth families and community.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA:

Essential: Aboriginality; Knowledge of the Child and Young Persons Care and Protection Act (1998); Previous experience in Out of Home Care or related area; Relevant qualifications and/or extensive demonstrated experience in Aboriginal welfare and child protection areas; Extensive experience in case management; Excellent interpersonal and written communication skills; Well developed computer skills, with particular experience in data bases and case management applications; Demonstrated experience in supervision and management of a small team; Proven ability to liaise with relevant government and non government professionals, community groups, services and agencies in the provision and development of services; Self motivated with proven effective time management and organisational skills; Demonstrated assessment and report writing skills; Availability to participate in On Call Services as required; Demonstrated knowledge of the principles of occupational health and safety, equal opportunity, ethical practices and continuous quality improvement; Current NSW driver's Licence. **Desirable:** Current First Aid Certificate or willingness to obtain; Certificate 4 in Work Place Training and Assessment or willingness to obtain; Understanding of the role of the Office of the Children's Guardian and Out of Home Care Standards.

Caseworker

Permanent Full Time (38 hours per week)

Burrun Dalai Out of Home Care and Family Support Service

Burrun Dalai Aboriginal Corporation Incorporated is seeking applications and offering an attractive salary to suitably qualified and experienced persons for the above position. The successful applicant will be a member of Burrun Dalai Out of Home Care Team with the aim of supporting and case managing children and young people in out of home care, their foster families and maintaining strong and positive connections with their birth families and community.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA:

Essential: Aboriginality; Understanding of the Child and Young Persons Care and Protection Act (1998); Understanding of issues involving Out of Home Care for Aboriginal children & young people, families and foster carers in the Nambucca and Macleay Valley Areas; Relevant qualifications and/or extensive demonstrated experience in Aboriginal welfare and child protection areas; Demonstrated experience in case management; Well developed oral and written communication skills; Well developed computer skills; Demonstrated experience in a team approach to service delivery; Proven ability to liaise with relevant government and non government professionals, community groups, services and agencies in the provision and development of services; Demonstrated competence in maintaining accurate, appropriate and up to date files, data and written assessment reports; Availability to participate in On Call Services as required; Demonstrated knowledge of the principles of occupational health and safety, equal opportunity, ethical practices and continuous quality improvement; Current NSW driver's Licence. **Desirable:** Current First Aid Certificate or willingness to obtain; Previous experience working in an Aboriginal organisation; Understanding of the role of the Office of the Children's Guardian and Out of Home Care Standards.

Please Note: The successful applicants will be required to undergo a Working with Children Check, Criminal Record Check and be eligible to sign a Prohibited Person's Declaration before commencement of employment.

For further enquiries and application package please contact:

Dana Clarke 02 65621913 or email daburrun@bigpond.net.au

Applications close: Friday June 13th 5pm.

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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.

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Not a desk person? Are you a caring person? Does the idea of being paid for helping people who are frail aged or have a disability in their homes, with tasks of daily living appeal to you? An exciting and rewarding opportunity exists for you to join an organisation that promotes work/life balance and we are seeking a range of staff to join our dedicated and professional teams.

Community Carers Part time and casual

You will need a current NSW Driver's Licence and a reliable vehicle with a minimum 3rd party insurance. Training is provided to all interested applicants will be considered. Experience as a carer will be helpful and Certificate III in Aged Care, Home and Community care or Disability will attract an allowance.

To be successful in this role you will have a true empathy for the elderly (including Dementia care), younger people with a disability and their carers and, have a passion for providing quality service to them. We provide ongoing career opportunities for staff who wish to undertake further training. Applicants are also required to work in harmony with our Christian Mission and Values.

In return, we offer ongoing training and flexible work arrangements so the position is ideal for someone wanting part time work. You will be paid an award rate per hour, as well as compensation for vehicle expenses based on kilometres travelled. We offer a team-based workplace and remuneration packaging allowing up to \$16,050 of the base salary to be paid-for free. If you are interested in being part of our team and wish to work for a not-for-profit organisation that puts people first, then we want to hear from YOU!

For further information: please contact the Castle Hill or Murrumbidgee office depending on the area in which you would like to work.

Office based at Castle Hill servicing Blacktown, Baulkham Hills, Parramatta, Auburn, Holroyd, Hornsby and Kuringgai; phone Shaheen Bana on (02) 8831 9200 for an information pack. Applications can be sent to clara@bcs.org.au. Offices based at Murrumbidgee and Chesham servicing Ryde, Hunters Hill, Lane Cove, Willoughby, Hornsby, Kuringgai, Manly, Warringah and Pottersville; phone Amrita Nepal on (02) 9346 1440 for an information pack. Applications can be sent to amrita@bcs.org.au.

Applications Close:

11 June 2008

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Employment is subject to a satisfactory outcome of a Pre-employment Functional Assessment and Working with Children and Police Background Checks.



Program Manager

- Based in Liverpool, Sydney.
- \$112,000 package including motor vehicle.
- Salary packaging opportunity.

Based in Liverpool, Sydney. This exciting opportunity waits for you and includes a package valued up to \$112,000 PA for the right person. Our client is looking for an experienced/qualified person to manage its Out of Home Care Program based in the South West Sydney Region.

Here is your opportunity to work for an Indigenous service that provides a full case management service model and one that has a solid reputation and considered by many to be the lead agency in this field.

In partnership with DoCS this service is also in the process of building its service capacity and over the next two years will see it grow to a medium size agency. Our client is looking for someone with excellent management/leadership skills and who is committed to taking this Program forward to even greater heights. The service is looking to implement a quality out of home care program for the betterment of Indigenous children and young people entering care and you could be someone very significant in this service endeavour.

Criteria:

1. Tertiary Qualified in Human Services Field
2. OOH system experience necessary
3. Child Protection knowledge
4. Management experience required
5. Driver Licence
6. Computer literacy.

The complete package includes a packaged amount in salary (negotiated to someone's qualifications and experience), a motor vehicle and super.

For a complete information package including the selection criteria please contact Darryn on 02 92182383 or via e-mail at recruits@socialworks.org.au.

Applicants must return a cover letter detailing and addressing the selection criteria, and also attaching the CV/Resume to the returning application. Applications close mid June 2008

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders persons are encouraged to apply.

Darryn
Consultant
ABRS Socialworks
02 9218 2383

Ngarda Civil & Mining



Ngarda Civil & Mining is an Indigenous owned and operated civil and mining contractor. Winner of the Prime Ministers Award for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships, our Company is dedicated to providing opportunities for Indigenous Australians. We continue to experience exciting growth, and are now looking for an Auto Electrician to help achieve our vision.

Located in the Pilbara region of Paraburdoo, the position of Auto Electrician will maintain and repair the mobile and ancillary equipment on site as well as manage records and paperwork.

AUTO ELECTRICIAN

Qualifications:

- must possess a current WA HR licence
- trade qualifications documentation within the mechanical trade industry
- cert 2 in mechanical servicing of heavy vehicles
- first aid certificate
- must be able to complete and pass Pilbara Iron inductions
- must be able to complete and pass a pre-employment medical (including a drug/alcohol screening)

Skills/Knowledge/Experience:

- 2+ years in the mining/construction industry
- experience on Hitachi and Cat earthmoving equipment, preferred
- work effectively with team/work groups or those outside formal line of authority to accomplish organisational goals
- knowledge of Mines Safety and Inspection Act
- possess a satisfactory level of technical skills/knowledge in job related areas
- good communications skills
- the ability to train and mentor apprentices and trainees

The successful applicant will be employed on a 2/1 roster FIFO from Perth and a generous salary package will be offered.

If you require any further information in regards to this position, please contact Mr Don Kemp (business hours only) on 6272 5000

Please send your applications to: Ngarda HR Department, PO Box 496,

Belmont WA 6984. Ph: 6272 5000, Fax: 6272 5099

Email: apply@ngarda.com.au

Applications close by COB 20 June 2008



Australian Government
Indigenous Land Corporation

DIVISIONAL MANAGERS

Positions based in Adelaide and Brisbane

- Key strategic role requiring highly developed leadership skills
- Diverse & interesting opportunities in land related matters
- Package up to \$170k (inc 15.4% super and car)

An opportunity has arisen to join the Senior Management Team of a national organisation, which conducts business across Australia and uniquely operates in both the public and private sector.

This organisation has been successful in building a solid team of professionals who believe in risk management, continuous improvement and delivering outstanding customer service. Reporting to the General Manager, you will be responsible for managing a Divisional Office team that that oversees land acquisition and management programs.

We are looking for two highly skilled, experienced and self-motivated Managers to lead, develop and achieve high-level land related outcomes. The successful candidates should have a commercial outlook and have excellent communication (written and oral), interpersonal skills and experience in dealing with and influencing key stakeholders, communities and organisations. Formal qualifications in an appropriate discipline, including Project Management will be highly regarded.

MANAGER POLICY & PROGRAM

- Exciting opportunity based in Adelaide
- Interesting, challenging and rewarding work
- Package up to \$115k (inc 15.4% super)

An opportunity has arisen to join the Policy and Program Development Directorate of a national organisation with its head office based in Adelaide.

Reporting to the Director Policy and Program Development, you will be responsible for managing a small team that provides strategic advice on policy, strategic planning, program development and evaluation.

We are looking for an experienced and self-motivated Manager who has a commercial outlook together with a good knowledge of Government programs. The successful candidate should possess good research, analytical and communication skills (both verbal and written) as you will be required to assist with developing and reviewing policies, programs and procedures and providing advice to internal and external stakeholders.

The commencing salary will be within the ranges above depending on your skills and experience and the successful candidate will have access to excellent conditions including the opportunity to further develop your skills through our generous Studies Assistance program.

For further information, please contact Dayton Lindholm, Manager Human Resources on (08) 8100 7100 or Freecall 1800 818 490. Position documentation, Cover Note and more information are available on our website www.ils.gov.au.

Applications are to include a detailed current CV and covering letter and Cover Note (located on the internet). Further information will be requested against the selection criteria if you are required for an interview.

Applications close at 5.00pm on Monday 16 June 2008. Applications should be emailed to vacancies@ils.gov.au OR marked "Confidential" and forwarded to: Mr Adam Jenkins

GPO Box 652, ADELAIDE SA 5001

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.



Australian Government Aboriginal Hostels Limited

Join our team in Cairns

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 position will need to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies.

Regional Administrative Officer (Expected Vacancy)

APS Level 5

\$47,360 - \$54,361 pa, plus superannuation

We are seeking a motivated person who will be responsible for the day to day administration of the Regional Office. Other duties include financial returns, preparing regional budgets, supervision/identifying training and development needs of regional staff, recruitment and personnel/payroll administration and liaising with Central Office.

Further inquiries: Michael Jackomos

Telephone No: 07 4051 4588

Selection documentation: Sandra Callope

Telephone No: 07 4051 4588 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 20 June 2008 and should be sent to:

Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited,
PO Box 1143 Cairns QLD Australia 4870

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the six month probation period. Satisfactory completion of a police records check is required for this position.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is committed to Australian Public Service values, merit principles and Workplace Diversity.

This is an identified position.

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Applications are sought from individuals interested in working with young people aged 14-18 in residential therapeutic drug treatment facilities in Dubbo, NSW.

We are looking for:

Assistant Manager

Week day evening and day shift roster

X 2

Vocational/Education Coordinator

X 1

Alcohol and Other Drug Workers

(Casual)

Relevant qualification &/or experience working with client group will be highly regarded.

For further enquiries and application details please contact in the first instance Wendy Norton, Admin Officer PALM Dubbo

Ph: 02 6887 3332 Fax: 02 6887 3306

And/or visit www.noffs.org.au for a full position description.

Closing Date C.O.B. 10th June 2008

Aboriginal HACC Access Worker



- \$45,190 to \$49,878 pa, inc. Super
- Permanent Full-Time
- (35 Hrs pw with RDO)
- Optional Vehicle Lease Back

Reporting to the Home and Community Care (HACC) Coordinator and based at the Garden Court Centre, you will coordinate programs and associated activities for eligible Aboriginal community members in Tenterfield and Glen Innes. You will also review and identify service needs and undertake community development within Aboriginal communities in the local government area of Glen Innes Severn.

Able to work alone and with others, you're responsive to change, have a flair for problem solving, and possess a Class C Driver's Licence. With excellent interpersonal / communication skills, you are strongly committed to customer service, workplace safety and ethical behaviour. You have sound computer skills and a proven ability to deal appropriately with sensitive or confidential information.

With formal qualifications in Community Services or another relevant discipline, you have well developed organisational skills and are experienced in working with Aboriginal community members to plan and facilitate access to services for frail aged, people with a disability and their carers.

Glen Innes Severn Council considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s. 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

It's an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or a Registrable Person under the Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act to apply for this role. Employment screening and Working with Children Checks apply.

Contact Elsie Newberry on 02 67302504 or 0429 010358 or email enewberry@gisc.nsw.gov.au for an info kit. Job inquiries may be directed to Matthew Dalley on 02 67302431 or mdalley@gisc.nsw.gov.au.

Apply by 4:30pm on 13/06/08, following the directions in your kit. Ref CS20/08/17.

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Queanbeyan City Council

CONCRETE FOREMAN

\$799.70 to \$919.65 pw (plus allowances & super)

A suitable candidate is required to undertake the duties of Concrete Foreman within the Roads & Drainage unit of Council.

The successful applicant will be required to supervise a small team in undertaking concreting works as well as other works related to road and drainage maintenance. Applicants must have at least two years experience in placement of formwork and steel reinforcement as well as concrete placement and finishing. A current NSW Class MR driver's licence or equivalent is also a mandatory requirement of the position.

Current benefits include: 38 hours per week over a 9 day fortnight, salary progression based on meeting skills/competencies set in accordance with Council's salary system and on-going training opportunities for dedicated employees. Other employment conditions will be in accordance with Councils National Agreement Preserving the State Award (NAPSA).

GENERAL LABOURERS

(2 positions)

\$ 682.60 to \$ 785.00 pw (plus allowances & super)

Suitable candidates are required to fill the role of General Labourers within the Roads & Drainage and General Maintenance units of Council. The successful applicants must have at least six months relevant work experience, and possess, as a minimum, a current NSW Class C driver's licence or equivalent.

Current benefits include: 38 hours per week over a 9 day fortnight, salary progression based on meeting skills/competencies set in accordance with Council's salary system and on-going training opportunities for dedicated employees. Other employment conditions will be in accordance with Councils National Agreement Preserving the State Award (NAPSA).

Intending applicants for either of these positions must obtain an information package from the Human Resources section, located at 263 Crawford Street, or alternatively by contacting the 24 hour answering service on (02) 6298 4504, or by Email to: recruit@gcc.nsw.gov.au. The information package may also be obtained from the Queanbeyan City Council website at www.gcc.nsw.gov.au/positions/vacant. Further information is available from Brian Drury on (02) 6298 0251.

All applications must address the selection criteria to be considered. Applications close: 5pm Friday 13th June 2008.

Gary Chapman
General Manager

Queanbeyan City Council is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from Multicultural and Aboriginal people. Council employees enjoy free parking and a dynamic, safe and healthy working environment.

The Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (Inc.) is a statewide Aboriginal-controlled and community-based organisation. An opportunity exists to work in this unique, challenging and rewarding environment with the Aboriginal Community of Western Australia. Suitable applicants are sought for the following position:

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The successful applicant to this position shall be responsible for assisting the Chief Executive Officer in the management, direction and administration of the sections and services of the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (Inc) (ALSWA). This includes supporting and deputising for the Chief Executive Officer in his absence and as otherwise required. The Executive Officer shall be responsible for overseeing all office management of administrative and support services, including finance, secretarial, reception and clerical staff including those undertaking training programmes from time to time. The Executive Officer shall be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

The appointee shall be directly responsible to the Chief Executive Officer and shall be a member of the ALSWA Senior Management Committee.

Applicants must have considerable experience in the coordination and management of staff. The focus shall be on management, although a sound working knowledge of political processes and an extensive, well-constructed network, shall be well regarded. Sound financial management skills and the ability to operate within tight budget constraints are essential, as is human resource management experience.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position pursuant to Section 50(d) of the equal opportunity act 1984.

LOCATION: PERTH

SALARY: GRADE 9 YEARS 1 - 3 (\$100,230.00 - \$108,628.00)

ENQUIRIES: Duty Statements (which include Conditions of Service) available upon request to the Personnel Officer - Telephone: (08) 9265 6666

APPLICATIONS: Should be addressed to the Attention of the Personnel Officer, Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (Inc), PO Box 8194 Perth Business Centre, WA 6849 and include a Curriculum Vitae and should nominate at least two (2) professional referees and two (2) personal referees. Applicants must fully address the selection criteria for the above position.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 13 JUNE, 2008

THE ABORIGINAL LEGAL SERVICE OF WA (INC) IS AN
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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.



Department of Corrective Services
Government of Western Australia

Prison Officer (Entry Level)

(Regional and Metropolitan)

Adult Custodial Directorate

Position No: 9098 (Appointment Pool)

Level/Salary: \$41,035 pa during 11 wks training; then \$53,271 pa with increments to \$62,235 pa (inc entry) plus regional incentives and other allowances (Prison Officers' Award).

Use a Lifetime of Experience to Turn Lives Around

Teamwork, camaraderie and challenge are key factors of this career. You'll need a common sense approach to the job, be able to stand up for your values and be fair and consistent in the way you treat offenders. It's a role like no other and one of the most rewarding things about it is that you're helping not just offenders, but the whole community. In addition to the high level of satisfaction you can experience, we also offer excellent pay, a flexible rostering system, and support for further studies and job security.

Preference may be given to applicants prepared to commence their careers at Bunbury, Eastern Goldfields (Kalgoorlie), Broome or Greenough Regional Prisons. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, women and people from diverse cultural backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Information sessions about these job opportunities will be held as follows:

Perth: Wednesday, 4 June and Tuesday, 10 June 2008 at 6:30pm-8:30pm:

Corrective Services Academy at WA, 4 Allen Court, Bentley, WA.

Contact: Prison Officer Recruitment Team on (08) 9212 3991 or (08) 9212 3992.

Regional

Albany Regional Prison (Amenities Building), Thursday, 5 June 2008 at 7:30pm:

Contact: Mark Foster on 9842 4444

Broome Regional Prison, Thursday, 5 June 2008 and Thursday,

12 June 2008 at 7:00pm:

Contact: Vanessa Morgan on 9193 8500

Bunbury Regional Prison (Amenities Building), Tuesday, 3 June 2008 and

Tuesday 10 June at 7:00pm:

Contact: Brian Williams on 9795 2155

Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison, Tuesday, 27 May 2008 and Thursday,

5 June 2008 at 7:00pm:

Contact: Ian Maliseed on 9093 5100

Greenough Regional Prison, Wednesday, 4 June 2008 and Tuesday,

10 June 2008 at 6:00pm:

Contact: Greenough Regional Prison on 9823 8500

This Appointment Pool will operate for 12 months.

Job Application Package: Please contact the Prison Officer Recruitment Team on (08) 9212 3991 or (08) 9212 3992 or email: po-recruitment@correctiveservices.wa.gov.au for further job relation information. Please do not use this email address to submit job applications.

To Apply: Please visit www.jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No: 9098 into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9212 3991/3992

Closing Date: Monday, 16 June 2008 at 4:30pm



Koorie Heritage Trust Inc
GNAK Danna Murra Kori

COLLECTIONS PROJECT MANAGER

18month position - \$55,000 pro rata

Whilst this is a full-time position, applicants who have relevant skills but are only available to work part-time are encouraged to apply as an appointment on a job share basis may be considered.

The project revolves around the production of a detailed reference book about the Aboriginal cultural heritage of southeastern Australia (artefacts and artworks). It will also include the development of an exhibition featuring items from the book, together with associated public activities. This project will be launched in February 2010. The Project Manager position will be responsible for all aspects of managing and implementing this project.

The Collections Project Manager will be responsible for:

- Liaising with and developing collaborative relationships with cultural institutions and Koorie artists and elders.
- Developing and implementing project plans for the book exhibition and associated activities.
- Conducting research into significant collections of Koorie cultural heritage materials (artefacts and artworks).
- Collating oral histories, quotes and written research in the development of the book, exhibition labels and information panels.
- Co-ordinating loan agreements, copyright agreements and other relevant paperwork.
- Co-ordinating photographers, exhibition builders, designers, editors and other contract personnel to deliver on project requirements.
- Condition reporting of incoming artefacts and artworks for the exhibition.
- Liaising with and developing relationships with Koorie artists, elders and curators in the organisation of associated activities (workshops, floor talks, seminars etc).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Position Descriptions: Please contact Reception on 03 8622 2600. Enquiries: Nerissa Broben, Curatorial/Collections Manager on 03 8622 2604.

Applications addressing the selection criteria should be addressed to:

Private and Confidential
Nerissa Broben
Koorie Heritage Trust
295 King Street, MELBOURNE VIC 3000
nerissa@koorieheritagetrust.com
www.koorieheritagetrust.com

Applications Close: Monday 23rd June 2008
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



Queensland Council of Social Service Inc.
Working for a Fair Queensland

SECTOR DEVELOPMENT WORKER – TOWNSVILLE

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply

The Queensland Council of Social Service (QCOSS) provides a voice for and with Queenslanders affected by poverty and inequality. QCOSS acts as the state-wide council that leads on issues of significance to the social, community and health sectors.

QCOSS is funded by the Department of Communities to assist organisations with the implementation of the Standards for Community Services including supporting organisations with governance tools and resources. QCOSS will also facilitate service system collaborations to enhance services to disadvantaged Queenslanders. This position will work as a member of a team to implement the QCOSS activities including work with regional networks and organisations in the community sector to develop strengthening strategies.

This is a full-time position for 12 months and will be appointed at SACS level 6.1 (above award) and is located in the Townsville office of QCOSS.

To obtain a position description please access either
www.qcoss.org.au or contact Lyndall Hulme
at lyndallh@qcoss.org.au or (07) 3004-6913

Further information is available by contacting the Manager, Sector Development on (07) 3004-6913 or 1800 232 569 Ext. 113

Closing Date: COB 13 June, 2008



Redfern Aboriginal Corporation Executive Officer

Position ID: RAC001
Location: 276-278 Abercrombie Street, Chippendale NSW 2008
Reports to: RAC Board of Directors

Purpose of Role: To oversee the RAC business operations, includes managing HR and the development and implementation of RAC policy and procedures, managing the core operating budget and financial controls, sourcing additional external funding, liaise with local, state and commonwealth funding bodies, build and maintain working relationships with an extensive network of people and organisations.

This role reports to and is accountable to the RAC Board of Directors.

Tasks & Activities: Under direction of the RAC Board of Directors:

1. Lead and manage operational staff to ensure high quality and delivery of the RAC STEPPERS services, which achieve contracted requirements and core business objectives.
2. Manage relationships with key stakeholders to identify and develop RAC business opportunities, including strong links and good working relationships with the local Aboriginal communities and local job network members.
3. Engage with small, medium and large corporates who are actively promoting Indigenous employment and participation within their companies.
4. Negotiate with local RTO's and other independent accredited training providers to develop and/or deliver accredited training to RAC STEPPERS clients.
5. Develop and manage funded programs (including STEPPERS) to achieve specified outcomes, within budget and reporting and acquittal frameworks.
6. Manage RAC STEPPERS reporting and acquittals contractual obligations with DEWR.
7. Manage the financial aspect of the operation, including development of budgets, in conjunction with RAC Board of Directors and staff.
8. Develop business proposals and undertake contract negotiations.
9. Maintain statistics and prepare quality reports, briefing papers and correspondence.
10. Establish mechanisms to facilitate evaluation processes in conjunction with the RAC Board and staff.
11. Ensure equipment and other physical resources are utilised appropriately, properly maintained and, as appropriate, secured against theft and/or misuse, including the procurement and stock management of materials.
12. Ensure a safe and healthy workplace for all staff and clients that complies with RAC's Occupational Health, Safety policies procedures (and other state legislative requirements).
13. Undertake representational duties and presentations as appropriate.
14. Undertake other duties required from time to time.

Essential Criteria:

1. Demonstrate a strong understanding and knowledge of Indigenous Australian cultures, social and economic issues.
2. Strong knowledge and experience in Indigenous Affairs, including a strong understanding of current employment policy directions in relation to the labour market areas.
3. Demonstrated leadership, business development and business management skills.
4. Demonstrate excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills, with the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal people, including external clients from diverse backgrounds, professions and employer industry groups.
5. Ability to effectively engage and negotiate with a diverse range of people in non government and government agencies to achieve specific outcomes.
6. Proven ability to lead a work team to achieve objectives and targets within time and budget constraints.
7. A knowledge of, and commitment to, the principles of workplace diversity and occupational health and safety, and a demonstrated ability to apply them in the workplace.
8. Current Drivers Licence.

Desirable Criteria:

1. Extensive experience in Business Management and/or similar experience in an executive or managerial role.
 2. Relevant Tertiary qualifications in a Business Management related field (human resources, industrial relations, behavioural science) or equivalent.
- For packages or further information please contact Vicki Ashton @ RAC on (02) 9318-1496 or email vicki.rac@bigpond.com.
- Applications to:** Vicki Ashton, RAC, PO Box 794, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012, or by email to vicki.rac@bigpond.com or dropped into RAC office at 276-278 Abercrombie Street, Chippendale. **Closing Date:** June 15, 2008.



New South Wales Government



NSW Aboriginal Housing Office

The NSW Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) plans, administers and manages the policies, programs and asset base for the Aboriginal housing sector in NSW. The AHO is responsible for resource allocation, sector wide policy, strategic planning and monitoring housing outcomes and performance in the sector.

Board and Ministerial Liaison Officer,

Clerk Grade 9/10, Parramatta, Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No AHO08/159. Total remuneration package valued to: \$96,295 p.a. (\$79,188-\$87,263) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Manages Board relationships administration, flow of Ministerial information between the AHO CEO, Deputy CEO, Directors, Managers, the NSW Aboriginal Housing Board, government agencies and the Minister's office.

Selection Criteria: Extensive experience in the provision of executive services in a major corporate or Government agency. Demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes in relation to the position. Sound analytical and conceptual skills and capacity to provide advice on complex issues. High level knowledge and understanding of the machinery of Government; including the conduct and practice of Parliament. Demonstrated understanding of and experience in dealing with Commonwealth and State Government policies relevant to Aboriginal housing. High level presentation, oral and written communication, negotiation and interpersonal skills and proven experience in effectively communicating with Aboriginal people. Proven experience in managing the preparation of complex reports, submissions, briefing papers and related documents for presentation to CEO/Board/Minister/Cabinet. Knowledge and understanding of State Government corporate reporting requirements.

Inquiries: Joseph Stanecki (02) 8836 9456 Email: Joseph.stanecki@aho.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Lina Sarmiento (02) 8836 9420 or (02) 8836 9444.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Housing Office, PO Box W5, Parramatta NSW 2150 or Fax (02) 9635 7695 or email: lina.sarmiento@aho.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 13 June 2008.



Ngarda Civil & Mining is an Indigenous owned and operated civil and mining contractor. Winner of the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships, our company is dedicated to providing opportunities for Indigenous Australians. We continue to experience exciting growth and are now looking for three heavy duty Plant Mechanics to help achieve our vision.

PLANT MECHANIC

The role of the Plant Mechanic is to maintain and repair the mobile and ancillary equipment on site in a timely manner. The Plant Mechanic must be able to work in a team based environment following all of Ngarda's safety policies and procedures, work safely while adhering to Ngarda's and the client's safety and environmental standards whilst meeting equipment production targets. The Plant Mechanic will assist the leading hand to maintain and manage records and paperwork to site standards, and to assist and train apprentices and trainees in the servicing and maintenance of plant and equipment.

Qualifications

- Must possess a current WA HV licence
- Must be able to provide documents showing made qualifications within the mechanical trade industry
- Certificate II in mechanical servicing heavy vehicles
- Forklift certificate
- First aid certificate
- Fire fighting awareness training
- Must be able to complete and pass Pilbara Iron inductions
- Must be able to complete and pass a pre-employment medical (including a drug and alcohol screening)

Skills/Knowledge/Experience

- Excellent communications skills
- Work effectively with team/work groups or those outside formal line of authority to accomplish organised goals
- Knowledge of Mines Safety and Inspection Act
- Ability to diagnose faults and repair in a timely manner
- Possess a satisfactory level of technical skills/knowledge in job-related areas, keeping abreast of current developments and trends in area of expertise
- Proactively develop customer relationships by making efforts to listen to and understand the customer (both internal and external), anticipating and providing solutions to customer needs, giving high priority to customer satisfaction
- 2+ years experience in the mining/construction industry
- Experience on various plant, preferably Hitachi and CAT earthmoving equipment

Location/Roster

- Fly-in, Fly-out from Perth
- 2:1 roster
- Paraburdoo is located approx 1500km NE of Perth, located in the Pilbara
- Direct flight Perth to Paraburdoo

A competitive remuneration package will be offered to the successful candidate. If you require further information on the duties of the HD Plant Mechanic, please contact N. Don Kemp, Maintenance Manager, on (08) 6272 5000 during WA office hours.

Applications marked 'Confidential', including current resume, should be forwarded to: The Human Resources Department, PO Box 496, Belmont WA 6984 or via email to: ngarda.opply@ngarda.com.au

Please include "HD Plant Mechanic" in your subject line.

Applications close on 18th June 2008.

NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

AREA SERVICES

Aboriginal Liaison Officer

Population Health & Planning, Sexual Health Clinic, Nowra
Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Perm Full Time Position No: 52455

- An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enq: Nina Skobalj, 4276 2399
nina.skobalj@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 17 June 2008

Aboriginal Sexual Assault Worker (Female)

Population Health & Planning, Shoalhaven Region
Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Perm Full Time Position No: 80816

- An applicant's race and gender are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under Sections 14(d) and 31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enq: Kimberly Chiswell, 4423 9211
kimberly.chiswell@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 18 June 2008

Sexual Assault Counsellor (Female) for Aboriginal Communities

Population Health & Planning, Shoalhaven Region
Social Worker, Psychologist or Clinical Psychologist

Perm Full Time Position No: 80783

- An applicant's race and gender are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under Sections 14(d) and 31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enq: Kimberly Chiswell, 4423 9211
kimberly.chiswell@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 18 June 2008

SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Aboriginal Coordinator of Service Integration

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Temp Full Time, 2 years Position No: SCH08109

- Applicant must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Sections 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enq: Sara Burrett, 9382 1021
schir@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 13 June 2008

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or contact the enquiries person.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

We can offer Registered Nurses from overseas Temporary Business Sponsorships of up to four years under arrangements with the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, and NSW Health. We are committed to EEO, OHS, Ethical Practices, and the principles of Cultural Diversity and provide a smoke-free environment. Salary and conditions (including generous employer superannuation and salary packaging) are paid in accordance with the relevant award/enterprise agreement. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record check. Prohibited Persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment. Eligibility Lists will be kept for up to 12 months. Employment with NSW Health is subject to you having current immunity status that complies with the Assessment, Screening & Vaccination against Infectious Diseases - Policy Directive. Appointment and ongoing employment will be subject to continued compliance with the policy directive.

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DEPARTMENT AND SPEAK TO CHRIS OR STUART

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NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (GTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
09/1502	Eastern Goldfields Exploration Pty Ltd	21.92km ²	154km SWly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°50' Long 116°20'	Upper Gascoyne
26/1821	Bushwin Pty Ltd	68.06km ²	97km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°18' Long 122°20'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
53/1320	Australian Metals Corporation Pty Ltd	6.11km ²	84km Ely of Wiluna	Lat 26°50' Long 121°01'	Wiluna
	Eagle Mining Pty Ltd				
	Hunter Resources Pty Ltd				
53/1321 & 53/1325	Echo Resources Ltd	88.85km ²	66km Ely of Wiluna	Lat 26°39' Long 120°53'	Wiluna
53/1348	Echo Resources Ltd	85.92km ²	65km Ely of Wiluna	Lat 26°30' Long 120°52'	Wiluna
57/658	Mits Resources Pty Ltd	213.20km ²	76km Nly of Sandstone	Lat 27°19' Long 119°05'	Meekatharra/Sandstone
57/742	Prime Iron Ore Pty Ltd	213.29km ²	76km Nly of Sandstone	Lat 27°19' Long 119°05'	Meekatharra/Sandstone
57/743	Prime Iron Ore Pty Ltd	213.61km ²	62km Nly of Sandstone	Lat 27°27' Long 119°06'	Sandstone
59/1443	Aurux Resources Ltd	42.8km ²	7km SWly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°24' Long 116°39'	Yalgoo

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: 4 June 2008

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 4 September 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration licence may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 4 October 2008), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Gth) in relation to the area of the exploration licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 18 June 2008



National
Native Title
Tribunal



QI2007/038 Jagera Yuggera and Ugarapul and Toowoomba Regional Council

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 13 hectares and is located in the vicinity Toowoomba covering part of Lot 101 CC747 (Table Top Bushland Reserve) as shown on the locality map.

The agreement area falls within the Local Government Authority of Toowoomba Regional Council.

Parties to agreement and their contact address:

Kenneth Henry Bonner, Clarence William Bonner, Caroline Joyce Bonner-Bray, James Bonner, Madonna William, Eddie Ruska, Michelle Thomson, Ross Anderson and Eileen Oertel on behalf of the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul People.
C/- Madonna William, Michelle Thomson and Clarrina McDonald
PO Box 48, BANYO QLD 4014

Toowoomba Regional Council
C/- Mr Oliver Gikerson, MacDonnells Law
GPO Box 79, BRISBANE QLD 4001

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Background.

The Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul People and the Local Government agree that they should work together to recognise each others rights and interests and to help each other meet their responsibilities. Together they can:

- better care for country;
- find ways to help protect the special rights and interests of the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul People as Traditional Owners
- look after the needs of all local people; and

- live together and support each other for the benefit of the whole community.

Validation of Acts Already Done

28.1 The Parties agree that Acts Already Done in identified classes of acts:

- (a) have been done validly; and
 - (b) have not extinguished any Native Title
- 28.3 A Future Act which was invalidly done before the Execution Date and which is not an intermediate period act under the Native Title Act is validated.

Definitions

"Acts Already Done" means an Activity by the Local Government or by any Third Party on behalf of or for the benefit of the Local Government: (a) done before the Execution Date; and (b) covered by one of the classes described in the [Agreement]. "Execution Date" means the date on which the Agreement was signed by the last of the Parties to sign it. "Future Act" has the same meaning as given in the Native Title Act.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by a the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body(ies) for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by 18 September 2008.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE QLD 4001 by 18 September 2008.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on spatial reference data sourced from NRW (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 Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

SYDNEY INSTITUTE

TAFE
Ultimo
College

Teacher Welfare
(Aboriginal)

Permanent Full-Time
Location: Ultimo College
Job Reference No: 08/082/MH

Total remuneration package valued to \$83,151 per annum, including salary (\$63,536 - \$75,352), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Note 1: Applicants MUST obtain an Information Package by calling 9217 4152 or by visiting www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Note 2: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Closing Date: Friday, 13 June 2008



ABC

Are you interested in working at the ABC?

The ABC has a range of positions around Australia and, as the national broadcaster, is committed to increasing Indigenous representation throughout the Corporation. Our goal is to reflect the cultural diversity of the Australian community in our programs and workforce and we see Indigenous employment as a key component towards achieving this goal. We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with drive, determination and a will to succeed.

Jobs Available

Please check our website at abc.net.au/jobs

It is important to check the website on a weekly basis to ensure that you don't miss out on any job opportunities.

For more information contact Paul Brant - Indigenous Employment Coordinator on (02) 8333 1089.

The ABC invites Indigenous Australians to apply for positions. The Corporation is committed to Indigenous employment outcomes and values the Indigenous culture.

www.abc.net.au/jobs

Student Programs Officer.

VCA, The Wilin Centre For Indigenous Arts & Cultural Development, Faculty of The Victorian College of the Arts

Provide support to Indigenous students, develop and implement student programs of the Wilin Centre, assist with relationship building activities with Indigenous communities locally, and provide administrative support to the Indigenous Arts Management Certificate and short courses.

Salary: \$58,002 - \$62,786 p.a. plus employer super of 9%.

Employment Type: Full-time (fixed-term) position available until 31 December 2009.

Enquiries Only To: Michelle Evans, tel. +61 3 9685 9345, email mee@unimelb.edu.au

Applications Close: 27 June 2008.

For position information and to apply online go to www.jobs.unimelb.edu.au and search under the job title or job number 0016030.

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Department of Education and
Early Childhood Development

Statewide Coordinator, Koorie Early Childhood Field Officer Program

Early Childhood Programs
Office for Children and Early Childhood Development

The Office for Children and Early Childhood Development aims to improve the health, development and wellbeing of Aboriginal children by working in partnership with internal and external stakeholders to develop new ways of responding to the issues faced by Aboriginal children and their families in Victoria. This position offers an excellent opportunity for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person to work within the department to contribute to improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No. A107/2008). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply. Further information about the position is available from Shane Nichols ph: (03) 9096 7981.

Interested applicants should apply at www.careers.vic.gov.au. In the Reference field on the Jobs Board page, enter the position reference OCECD140. Applications close 16 June 2008.

Community Broadcasting Foundation Ltd

IRRR PROJECT OFFICER

Salary: \$88,985 (plus superannuation)

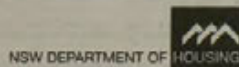
The Community Broadcasting Foundation (CBF) is an independent, non-profit company funded by the Australian Government to support the development of Australian community broadcasting. We want to employ a Project Officer to assist with the Indigenous Remote Radio Replacement (IRRR) Project, as well as the Foundation's broader administrative and grants processes. This is a twelve-month fixed term appointment based at the CBF offices in Melbourne, starting on 1 July 2008.

The IRRR Project is a \$3.3m. program to replace obsolete radio equipment at up to 79 licensed Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Services (RIBS). A position description, selection criteria and background information are available from:

www.cbf.com.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply. For further information contact Ian Stanistreet on (03) 9419 8055.

Closing date: Wednesday 17 June 2008.



HOUSING NSW TEAM LEADER, NEW SUPPLY

Clerk Grade 9/10

Community Housing Assets
Office of Community Housing, Ashfield
Temporary Full-Time
Position No. DOH-08-12064

Total remuneration package valued up to \$96,295 per annum (salary \$79,168 pa - \$57,263 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Develops business plans, implements programs and reports on the capital works program, ensuring the efficient delivery of the Office of Community Housing's Capital Works program.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated experience in delivering significant capital new supply or improvement projects.
- Proven experience of contemporary program delivery and project management tools in a capital works environment.
- Superior written, communication and negotiation skills with a proven ability to facilitate shared outcomes.
- Proven leadership skills with an ability to motivate staff and lead project teams.
- Proven high level conceptual and problem solving skills.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications in building or asset management related area, or Post Trade Certificate IV or extensive industry experience.
- Proven experience developing and using electronic performance monitoring tools.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period of 12 months under the terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

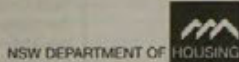
Inquiries: Gary Small or Jitender Balani (02) 8753 8275

Information package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 13 June 2008

GAS 791148



HOUSING NSW PROJECT DIRECTOR

Senior Officer Grade 1

Chief Information Office
Organisation Improvement
Head Office, Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: DOH-08-13068

Total remuneration package valued up to \$140,926 per annum (salary: \$118,519 pa - \$127,708 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Overall responsibility for monitoring/tracking project milestones, ensuring deliverables are completed to plan, stakeholder expectation & best practice. Projects/teams may vary, the role has a strong focus on coordinating resources across projects.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Superior project management skills, with demonstrated experience in managing large program portfolios.
- Significant experience in project management methods, techniques and tools for the effective management of a program of projects and related activities through to the successful achievement of planned business benefits.
- Superior negotiation & communications skills (written, verbal & interpersonal).
- Solid proven experience in project quality assurance and the ability to assess potential risk to activities and instigate appropriate mitigation activities.
- Knowledge of the principles of organisational development and change management theories and their application in an IT environment.
- A bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Computer Technology, Information Science, Business, Project Management and/or at least 5 years of project management experience at a senior level, in a software development/consulting environment or similar.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Vlada Leonas (02) 8753 8818 or 0419 239 856 or email: vlada.leonas@housing.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 13 June 2008

GAS 791148

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
EPM16877	Approx. 51 km ESE from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.18°09'S Long.139°15'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	Area: 137 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 42 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1814 k 1815 f, g, h, j, k 1816 c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, y, z 1817 a, f, l, q, v 1888 d, e, j, k, n, o, p, u 1889 a, f, l, q, v	Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd 091 271 911
EPM16879	Approx. 27 km E from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.17°56'S Long.139°05'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	Area: 326 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1595 y, z 1596 v, w, x, y, z 1597 v, w, x, y, z 1598 v, w, x, y, z 1599 v, w, x, y, z 1600 r, v, w 1667 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u 1668 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 1669 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 1670 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 1671 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n	Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd 091 271 911
EPM16881	Approx. 31 km SSW from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.18°12'S Long.138°43'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	Area: 147 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 45 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1811 z, s, v, w, x 1879 j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 1880 f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w, x, y, z 1881 o, p, r, s, t, v, w, x 1882 c, f, g, h, j, k, l 1883 a, b, c 1952 e 1953 a, b	Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd 091 271 911
EPM16883	Approx. 89 km SE from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.18°35'S Long.139°19'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	Area: 104 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 32 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2176 l, q, v, w, x, y, z 2177 v, w 2248 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2249 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r	Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd 091 271 911
EPM16885	Approx. 51 km SSE from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.18°24'S Long.138°54'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	Area: 325 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1956 w, x, y, z 1957 q, r, s, v, w, x 2026 k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2027 d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2028 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 2029 a, b, c, f, l 2098 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x 2099 a, b, c, d, f, g, l	Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd 091 271 911
EPM16886	Approx. 98 km SSE from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.18°46'S Long.139°09'E Local Government Areas: Burke Shire Council and Mount Isa City Council	Area: 324 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2317 r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2318 q, r, v, w, x, y, z 2319 v, w, x, y, z 2320 v, w, x 2388 u 2389 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2390 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 2391 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 2392 a, b, c	Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd 091 271 911
EPM16887	Approx. 31 km ENE from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.17°52'S Long.139°06'E Local Government Areas: Burke Shire Council and Mount Isa City Council	Area: 326 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1595 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u 1596 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 1597 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 1598 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 1599 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 1600 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, q	Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd 091 271 911
EPM16888	Part 1: Approx. 77 km SSE from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.18°24'S Long.139°08'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 63 km SSE from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.18°28'S Long.139°03'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 263 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 81 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2173 u, w, x, y, z 2174 k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2175 f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2245 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2246 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2247 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p Area of Part 2: 49 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 15 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2101 j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x 2102 q 2173 a	Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd 091 271 911

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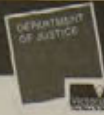
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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



HOUSING NSW

CONTACT CENTRE OPERATOR TRAINEE

(Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Identified)

Clerk Grade 2/4

Housing Contact Centre, Liverpool.

Permanent Full-Time. Position No: DOH-08-13059

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,570 per annum (Salary: \$49,012 pa - \$56,791 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Working within a fast paced and demanding environment. Responsive telephone based services to Housing NSW Clients of indigenous and non-indigenous backgrounds, primarily diagnosing maintenance problems and organising repairs.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality.
- Understanding and knowledge of general maintenance repairs and terminology.
- Capacity to work on demand in a real time working environment, even when faced with high volume pressures.
- Proven ability of effective thinking and problem solving skills including, listening, questioning and negotiating.
- Demonstrated ability to follow procedures in a real time environment.
- Proven ability in sound decision making.
- Empathy when dealing with a diverse range of clients.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Sarah Starr (02) 9612 6102

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package.

Closing Date: Friday 13 June 2008.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



HOUSING NSW ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6
Chief Information Officer
Organisation Improvement
Head Office, Ashfield
Temporary Full-Time
Position No: DOH-08-13014

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 per annum (Salary: \$61,128 pa - \$67,448 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Support the Chief Information Office through the co-ordination, provision and maintenance of efficient administration systems. This is a key role in ensuring effective teams and projects record management.

Selection Criteria:

- At least three years of office administration experience.
- Proven track record of delivering administration support in an environment which requires the management of concurrent tasks with competing priorities and demands.
- Knowledge and experience with Microsoft Office 2003 products.
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Inquiries: Adrian Richardson (02) 8753 8559

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NSW Department of
Community Services

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Clerk Grade 5/6
Finance Branch
Head Office, Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time
Vacancy No: DOCS-08-12999

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 per annum (Salary: \$61,128 pa - \$67,448 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: As part of a team, provide a full range of secretarial and administrative services to the Finance Branch for the efficient and effective delivery of services.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Good interpersonal skills, including liaison and effective communication skills and ability to work as part of a team.
- Highly efficient planning, organising, priority setting and decision making skills.
- Sound ability to interpret and analyse information.
- Demonstrated ability to use initiative.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality, exercise discretion, tactfulness, and sound judgement.
- Commitment to quality and service principles.
- Good computer and keyboard skills including sound skills in Excel.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant criminal records checks, apprehended violence order checks, completed disciplinary proceedings checks, together with structured referee reports and prior employment checks, will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Inquiries: Tony Giardina (02) 9716 2426.

Information Packages: www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package.

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Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16889	Approx. 19 km ESE from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.18°0'S Long.139°0'E Local Government Areas: Burke Shire Council and Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council	Area: 326 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1666 h, j, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 1667 l, q, v, y, z 1668 v, w, x, y, z 1669 v, w, x, y, z 1670 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1671 q, r, v 1738 e 1739 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p 1740 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 1741 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r 1742 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o 1743 a	Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd 091 271 911
EPM16890	Approx. 58 km SSE from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.18°41'S Long.139°12'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	Area: 325 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2245 s, t, u, x, y, z 2246 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2247 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2248 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2249 v, w 2317 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2318 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, s, t, u 2319 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 2320 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s	Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd 091 271 911
EPM16891	Approx. 46 km E from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.17°58'S Long.139°15'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	Area: 326 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1600 k, p, t, u, x, y, z 1601 a, f, l, q, v 1671 p, u, z 1672 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1673 a, f, l, q, v 1743 e, h, j, k, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1744 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 1745 a, f, l, q, v 1814 e 1815 a, b, c, d, e 1816 a, b, c, d	Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd 091 271 911
EPM16892	Approx. 55 km SSW from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.18°25'S Long.138°41'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	Area: 282 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 87 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2024 c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2025 a, f, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2026 l, q, v 2096 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, 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, z 2098 a, f, l 2168 c, d 2169 e	Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd 091 271 911
EPM16893	Approx. 46 km WSW from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.18°06'S Long.138°25'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	Area: 309 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 95 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1732 e, k, p, u, z 1733 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1734 q, r, v, w, z 1735 v, w 1804 e, k, p, u, z 1805 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 1806 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x 1807 a 1876 e, k 1877 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 1878 a	Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd 091 271 911

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* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2: 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

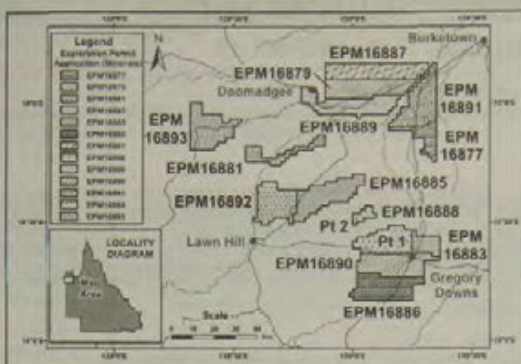
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 25 June 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land into Exploration Permit

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Government party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to the Exploration Permit(s) shown below, under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit(s) to which this notice applies:

The Exploration Permit(s) currently excludes land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Current Holders have applied under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s).

Exploration Permit Number	Location (Refer to diagram below)	Description of Area of Application* (Refer to diagram below)	Current Holders
EPM15922	Location of Excluded Land Approx. 27 km WNW from Monto Centred at approximately Lat.24°44'S Long.150°53'E Local Government area: North Burnett Regional Council	Area of Exploration Permit including Excluded Land Area: 22 km ² Block Identification Map: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 13aLx 13ong) Block Number Sub-blocks 587 o, t, y 659 c, d, h, j	Aussie Q Resources Limited 121 964 725

* 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: It is proposed to grant the application to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s) under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) pursuant to and subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August 2003.

On the granting of the application the Excluded Land is included in the existing Exploration Permit(s). This authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified on the Excluded Land for the current term of the Exploration Permit(s).

Name and address of person doing Acts: The application to add Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s) under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) will be granted by the Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, Coorparoo, 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, Qld 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 future Acts. 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

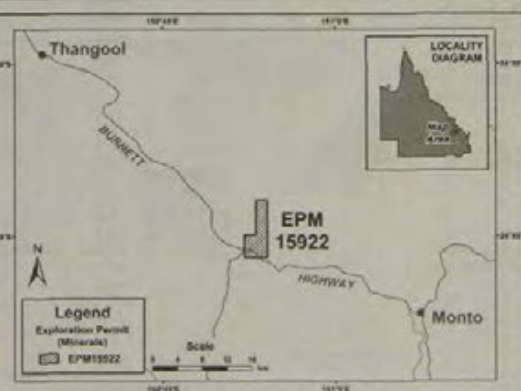
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The Government party considers the future Act(s) is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

The application to add the Excluded Land to 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 with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the future Acts attract 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, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 25 June 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



KNOX COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE
ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER
(0.5FTE 12 months)

We have a vacancy for an Aboriginal Health Worker to work with Knox Community Health Service to improve access to our services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Knox Community Health Service is located in the Outer Eastern Metropolitan Region of Melbourne. Pre-requisites include Certificate 3 in a health related area, or equivalent experience, and demonstrated capacity to fulfil the requirements of the position. The successful applicant needs to be well organised and able to liaise with a variety of people.

For a position description, look at our website at www.kchs.org.au

Contact: Anne Parkes 03 9756284

Written applications addressing the key selection criteria with 3 referees to: CEO, Knox Community Health Service 1063 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully Vic. 3156 by 5.00pm Monday June 16, 2008.

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Guri Wa is seeking applications from qualified and experienced persons for the above position, to work within our Employment Services section (ESS) at Kempsey and Port Macquarie. The successful applicant will be a highly motivated team player with a strong track record in the professional case management and successful placement of Indigenous unemployed people into sustained work. Aboriginality will be highly regarded for this position as you will require a demonstrated ability to engage and work with effectively with Aboriginal clients.

Salary range is from \$42,286 commensurate with skills and experience. In addition a generous incentive package may be offered after completion of a trial period.

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Desirable: Experience and knowledge with: Job Network, Active Participation Model (APM), GDEP, STEP ERS, STEP, Cert IV in Workplace Assessment and Training, Qualifications in mentoring, Cert IV in Employment Services.

Application packages are available from our main office at level one, 44 Forth Street, Kempsey, or contact Stefan Burg on 6562 8291, email stefan@guriwa.com.au.

Applications marked "The Human Resources Manager -ESS Position" must be received before 5pm, Friday 13th June 2008, and may be faxed to 6562 1620, mailed to PO Box 115, Kempsey 2114, or hand delivered.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT OF NSW LAWACCESS NSW CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Clerk Grade 3/4, Parramatta, Various, Job Reference No: AG08/457. Total remuneration package (\$50,056) Salary Start: \$41,427 Salary End: \$45,361 Total remuneration includes employers contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

LawAccess NSW provides a telephone and internet based legal information and assistance service. Customer Service Officers are the first point of contact for LawAccess NSW customers and provide legal information, assistance and referrals.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality; Admission as an undergraduate law student with a NSW university. Excellent interpersonal skills including verbal communication. Negotiation and conflict resolution skills. Commitment to and experience in providing excellent customer service to a diverse range of customers. Ability to apply initiative in demanding situations and to plan and organise personal workload, set priorities and meet performance targets. Flexible problem solving skills and an ability to collate and analyse information and make timely and effective decisions. Understanding of the legal system and legal issues confronted by customers. Ability to work individually and as part of a team. Excellent computer skills.

Notes: Aboriginal Customer Service Officer positions are being offered under the LawAccess NSW Indigenous Customer Service Officer Program. The program aims to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander undergraduate law students combine their law studies with employment in a legal environment. Applications are invited from Indigenous law students enrolled at a NSW university only. These part-time positions are for up to 28 hours per week (days of attendance and times to be negotiated). The position is temporary for a period of up to 3 years. An eligibility list may be created to fill future temporary vacancies as they arise. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement. TTY (Telephone Typewriter) facilities are available for people who are speech or hearing impaired. If applicants require this service, please call on TTY: 1300 889 529.

Inquiries: Julianne Evans (02) 8833 3160
Information Packages: Julianne Evans (02) 8833 3160 or email julianne_evans@agd.nsw.gov.au

Applications to: Applicants can apply for this position online at our website www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au or by post to the Recruitment Services Unit, Attorney General's Department, Locked Bag 5111, Parramatta NSW 2124.

Closing Date: 20 June 2008.

Notice of Proposed Inclusion of Additional Surface Area in 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 inclusion of an additional surface area within a Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

ML1531, when granted on 29 January 1987 did not include a portion of the surface of the land to which it relates. The current holder has now applied under Section 275 of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for an additional area of surface of the land to which the Mining Lease relates as described below to be included in the Mining Lease.

Mining Lease to which this notice applies:

Surface Area on Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Surface Area on Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Additional Surface Area Application	Current Holder ACN
Surface Area No 1 on ML1531 Greater Thalanga	Approx. 65 km South West from Charters Towers Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Current Land Tenures: Lot 829 on GF808564 - Preferential Pastoral Holding 11/3829 Road Reserve Area of Additional Surface Area applied for within the Mining Lease: Approx. 395.7ha (as shown on the map below)	Kagara Copper Pty Ltd 117 972 353

Nature of the acts: The inclusion of additional surface area within a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities on the additional surface area subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for the term of the Mining Lease.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the inclusion of Additional Surface Area No 1 in ML1531 be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, QLD 4002.

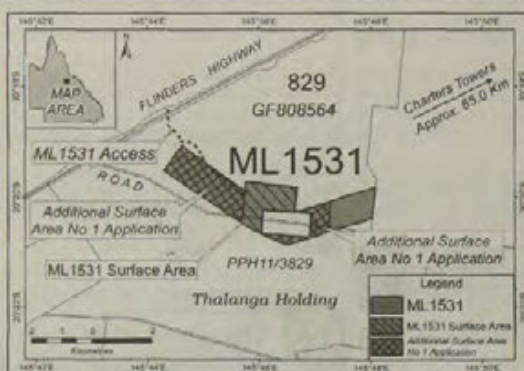
Further Information: Further information about the proposed inclusion of the Additional Surface Area including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Additional Surface Area application within Mining Lease 1531, can be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Tropical Weeds Research Centre, 27-43 Natal Downs Road, Charters Towers, QLD 4820, Telephone: (07) 4761 5762.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of an Additional Surface Area and drilling and other activities within a 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: 25 June 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16961	Approx. 12 km SW from Stanthorpe Centred at approximate Lat.28°51'S Long.151°42'E Local Government Area: Southern Downs Regional Council	Area: 57 km ² Block Identification Maps: Armidale Number of Sub-blocks: 19 (each 1 LatX 1 Long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 669 v, w, x, y, z 740 e, j, k, o, p, u 741 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m	Queensland Gold and Minerals Ltd 096 142 737

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to 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.

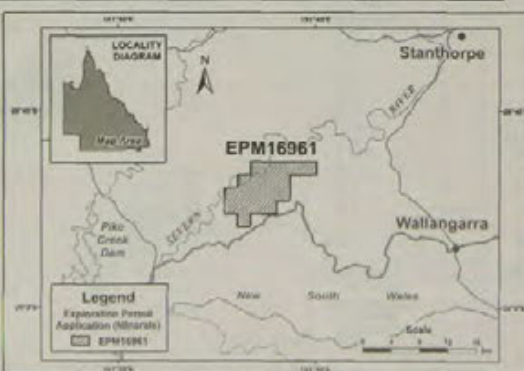
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 25 June 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



ON TRACK
Community Programs

Aboriginal Mental Health Support Worker

Temporary Part Time Position - 1 year contract

On Track is a not for profit community organisation providing a range of community based support services for people experiencing mental illness, disability, homelessness or extreme disadvantage.

Our Day to Day Living Program in Tweed Heads is looking for a committed person to develop an Indigenous specific caseload providing psychosocial rehabilitation for people living with a mental illness.

The successful applicant should:

- Be identified as being of Aboriginal descent.
- Have relevant qualifications and/or experience working with people with a mental illness or disability.
- Be able to develop and maintain links with professional contacts and local Indigenous networks.
- Have a current driving licence.

The position is paid under SACS award Grade 2. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Jobseekers eligible under CDEP funding are encouraged to apply. Please provide jobseeker ID number on application.

A position description and selection criteria are available from janet@ontrackngo.org.au or our website www.ontrackngo.org.au

Completed applications may be returned to the same email address or posted to: On Track Community Programs, PO Box 6713 Tweed Heads South NSW 2486

Applications Close: Friday 13th June, 2008



Stolen Generation Counsellor

- * Community Health Organisation
- * Based at West End

The Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd. (AICHS) provides a holistic approach to address the health and well being needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Brisbane and surrounding areas.

We are seeking applications for a Stolen Generation Counsellor. As part of the Stolen Generation initiative this position is to respond to the full range of emotional and social well being issues for a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, not exclusively those who are currently going through family reunion.

This position is classified in accordance with the HSLA (Aboriginal Health Services) Award 1992 Administration Level 6 \$853.46 gross per week. AICHS Brisbane is a non profit organisation which offers access to Salary Sacrifice Fringe Benefits Tax Entitlements of \$308.00 per week. Please contact AICHS if you have specific queries about the vacancy (07) 3393 0055 or for a Position Description, please email vacancy@aichs.org.au or contact the HR Officer on (07) 3393 0055.

Closing Date and Submission Details:

The closing date for applications is close of business 18th June 2008.

Please submit your resume and a brief application addressing the selection criteria to:

Confidential
HR Officer
PO Box 8112
Woolloongabba Qld 4102

AICHS is an equal employment opportunity employer and applies merit based selection techniques to ensure that the best person for the position is selected. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply for vacant positions.



Male Mental Health Worker

- * Community Health Organisation
- * Based at West End

The Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd. (AICHS) provides a holistic approach to address the health and well being needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Brisbane and surrounding areas. We are seeking applications for a Male Mental Health Worker to provide a culturally appropriate counselling and support service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in Brisbane and Surrounding areas.

Reporting to the Site Coordinator, the main aim of this position is to work with clients with a diagnosis of mental illness, to develop practical life skills which enable them to live personally satisfying lives in the community.

You will be joining a well respected organisation with family friendly employment conditions. You will also have access to regular professional supervision and peer support and enjoy well-supported and structured staff development opportunities. This position is classified in accordance with the HSLA (Aboriginal Health Services) Award 1992 AHW Grade 3 level 1 \$789.62 gross per week. AICHS is a non profit organisation which offers access to Salary Sacrifice Fringe Benefits Tax entitlements of \$308.00 per week.

Please contact Beryl Garrard if you have specific queries about the vacancy (07) 3393 0055 or for a Position Description, please email vacancy@aichs.org.au or contact the HR Officer on (07) 3393 0055.

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USQ is a leading provider of quality distance and on-campus education. Our University highly values the contribution of its employees in supporting approximately 25,000 students studying in Australia and overseas.

TO APPLY:

- 1 Obtain an information package from www.usq.edu.au/jobs or email jobs@usq.edu.au or phone Recruitment 4631 2193
- 2 Your application must include:
 - (i) USQ Application Cover Sheet
 - (ii) Curriculum Vitae
 - (iii) A statement systematically addressing the selection criteria
- 3 Send to: Recruitment, Human Resources University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba QLD 4350 or email jobs@usq.edu.au by 5pm on the closing date.

The USQ Toowoomba Campus is situated 90 minutes drive from Brisbane on the Great Dividing Range. Toowoomba is the regional centre of the rich Darling Downs produce belt. The city is the economic and educational capital of southern Queensland offering affordable housing, excellent shopping, facilities and a healthy lifestyle. USQ is an integral part of the Toowoomba community and contributes extensively to the city's economy, culture and well-being.

INDIGENOUS OUTREACH OFFICER

Marketing and Public Relations (Toowoomba)

Salary: USQ Level 7 \$59,167 to \$65,425 pa

Term: Full-time fixed term for 2 years

We need an experienced and committed Indigenous Outreach Officer to implement Indigenous Marketing and Employment initiatives at the University of Southern Queensland. You will work to promote USQ offerings to prospective Indigenous students throughout secondary schools and other organisations and to recruit new Indigenous employees to positions within the University.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Reference No: 008104

Closes: Friday 13 June 2008

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The Australian National University is among the world's best universities and is recognised as a world leader.

As part of its ongoing focus to achieve excellence, this innovative and progressive organisation is renewing its staff equity and diversity focus. This team will continue to support existing work by focusing on raising awareness and positively engaging the workforce on gender, indigenous and disability diversity and inclusion.

MANAGER, WORKPLACE DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

\$89,253 - \$ 91,710 pa plus 17% super

Reporting to the Associate Director HR Strategy & Development, you will build key relationships across the University, leading and influencing values and practices. You will have a demonstrated background in diversity and possess excellent communication and people management skills with the ability to consult extensively with a broad range of internal clients. Your strategic approach will be underpinned by tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline.

This is your opportunity to take a leading role in relation to the diversity and inclusion strategies for this diverse organisation and work with a specialist team committed to positive cultural change.

Reference: 323628

SENIOR CONSULTANT, WORKPLACE DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Part-time up to 4 days per week (negotiable); Two-year contract

\$68,539 - \$76,210 pa pro-rata plus 17% super

Reporting to the Manager, Workplace Diversity and Inclusion you will provide high level program design and facilitation across the organisation to support the University's diversity and inclusion objectives. You will liaise with and influence stakeholders in support of these initiatives and contribute to the development and implementation of key policies.

In return you will have the opportunity to apply your learning and development expertise while working with a range of specialist HR professionals in support of this expanding program. Tertiary or accredited qualifications in a relevant discipline would be highly regarded.

Reference: 324629

Enquiries: Ric Taylor or Keith Cantlie, Cantlie Recruitment Services
T: 02 6239 7755 E: applications@cantlierecruitment.com.au

Closing Date: Monday 23 June 2008

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W: <http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/jobs>

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NOTICE TO GRANT GENERAL PURPOSE LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following general purpose lease applications under the Mining Act 1978.

No & Purpose	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
5039 Waste dump, accommodation camp, power station, effluent treatment & water tanks	Karara Mining Limited	1383.41ha	80km Ely of Morawa	Lat 29°10' Long 116°48'	Perseus

Nature of the act: Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

Notification day: 4 June 2008

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 4 September 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 4 October 2008), there is no native title party in relation to the area of the leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 18 June 2008



National
Native Title
Tribunal



Q12007/037 Jagera Yuggera and Ugarapul and Ipswich City Council

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 1,200km² and is located west of Brisbane in the Ipswich region as shown on the locality map.

The agreement area falls entirely within the Local Government Authority of Ipswich City Council (as at time of execution of the agreement area (30 January 2008)).

Parties to agreement and their contact address:

Kenneth Henry Bonner, Clarence William Bonner, Caroline Joyce Bonner-Bray, James Bonner, Madonna William, Eddie Ruska, Michelle Thomson, Ross Anderson and Eileen Oertel on behalf of the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul People,
C/- Madonna William, Michelle Thomson and Ciarrina McDonald
PO Box 48, BANYO QLD 4014

Ipswich City Council,
C/- Mr Oliver Gikerson,
MacDonnell's Law, GPO Box 79
BRISBANE QLD 4001

The agreement contains the following statements:

(Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal)

Background

The Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul People and the Local Government agree that they should work together to recognise each other's rights and interests and to help each other meet their responsibilities. Together they can:-

- better care for country;
- find ways to help protect the special rights and interests of the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul People as Traditional Owners
- look after the needs of all local people; and
- live together and support each other for the benefit of the whole community.

Future Acts

31.1 The Non-Extinguishment Principle applies to an Future Acts that are covered by the Agreement.
31.2 Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act (which relates to the right to negotiate) does not apply to any Future Acts covered by the Agreement.
33.1 A Future Act is covered by this Agreement where it is expressly

or impliedly done in a manner consistent with this Agreement.
33.2 A Future Act is not covered by this Agreement where:-
(a) it does not constitute a Low Impact Activity, a Medium Impact Activity or a High Impact Activity under this Agreement; or
(b) the Local Government advises that it is not covered by this Agreement (this does not mean that the Local Government has a discretion to advise that an Activity is not a Low Impact, a Medium Impact or a High Impact Activity where this Agreement provides otherwise).
35.1 The Parties consent to [certain] Low Impact Activity [identified in the Agreement].
35.3 Where [certain conditions are satisfied], the Parties consent to [certain] Medium Impact Activity [identified in the Agreement] and the consent becomes effective as soon as the [particular] condition is completely satisfied.
35.5 Where [certain conditions are satisfied], the Parties consent to a High Impact Activity [identified in the Agreement] and the consent becomes effective as soon as the conditions are completely satisfied.
38.1 The Parties agree that Acts Already Done [as described in the Agreement]:-

- (a) have been done validly; and
 - (b) have not extinguished any Native Title.
- 38.3 A Future Act which was invalidly done before the Execution Date and which is not an intermediate period act under the Native Title Act is validated.
- Definitions:**
"Acts Already Done" means an Activity by the Local Government or by any Third Party on behalf of or for the benefit of the Local Government:-
(a) done before the Execution Date; and
(b) covered by one of the classes described in the Table in Clause 38.2.
"Execution Date" means the date on which the Agreement was signed by the last of the Parties to sign it.
"Future Acts" has the same meaning as given in the Native Title Act.
"Low Impact Activity" means anything which is covered by any of the classes of activities contained in Schedule 6 [of the Agreement].
"Medium Impact Activity" means anything which is covered by any of the classes of activities contained in Schedule 7 [of the Agreement].
"High Impact Activity" means anything which is covered by any of the classes of activities in Schedule 8 [of the Agreement].

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body(ies) for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to this registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by 18 September 2008.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE QLD 4001 by 18 September 2008.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on spatial reference data sourced from the NRW (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 Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

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
EPM16289	Approx. 31 km SE from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.18°49'S Long.143°45'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 29 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2445 o, r, y, z 2517 d, e 2518 a, b, c	Pepinini Minerals Limited 101 714 989
EPM16727	Approx. 79 km SSE from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.19°17'S Long.143°45'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 207 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 64 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2805 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, o, t, u, y, z 2806 q, r, v, w 2877 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, z 2878 a, b, f, g, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2949 c, k, p 2950 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s	RCW Resources Pty Ltd 119 367 083 60% Bartsch Geoscience Pty Ltd 090 935 667 40%
EPM16729	Approx. 55W from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.19°20'S Long.143°27'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council and Croydon Shire Council	Area: 207 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 95 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2872 o, p, t, u, y, z 2873 l, m, n, o, p 2874 l, m, n, o, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2875 k, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2876 f, g, h, i, m, q, r, v, w 2944 c, d, e, h, j, k 2945 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, p, o, z 2946 e, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2947 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 2948 a, b, f, g, j, m	RCW Resources Pty Ltd 119 367 083 60% Bartsch Geoscience Pty Ltd 090 935 667 40%
EPM16907	Approx. 26 km E from Einasleigh Centred at approximate Lat.18°30'S Long.144°21'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 227 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 70 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2092 w, x, y, z 2093 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 2164 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, y, z 2165 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	Greystoke Mines Pty Ltd 125 547 259
EPM16909	Approx. 59 km SW from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.18°51'S Long.143°07'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council and Croydon Shire Council	Area of Part 3: 201 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 62 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2437 m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2438 q, r, v, w 2439 s, t, x 2509 d, e, j, k, p, u, z 2510 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 2511 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q 2582 a, b	Greystoke Mines Pty Ltd 125 547 259
EPM16917	Approx. 50 km SSE from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.19°05'S Long.143°44'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area of Part 3: 45 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 14 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2661 w, x, y, z 2662 v 2733 b, c, d, e, h, j, k 2734 a, f	Pepinini Minerals Limited 101 714 989

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Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COOKPAROO, 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 10 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.

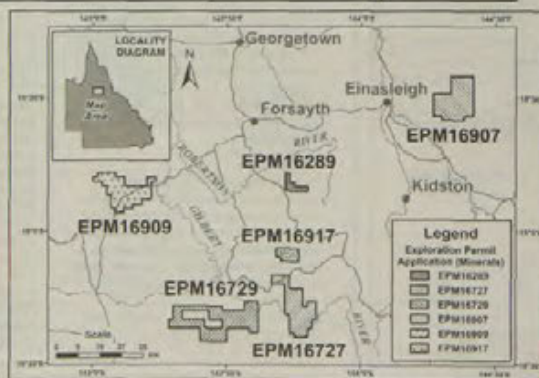
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 25 June 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Social & Emotional Wellbeing Advocates

for Taree, Manning & Great Lakes area

Carer Assist is seeking applications from suitable people who are experienced and qualified to join our team of carer advocates providing education, information, advocacy and support to people who care for someone with a mental illness. Salary as per SACS Award Grade 3, enhanced by salary sacrifice. Two part time positions.

All applicants must address the essential and desirable criteria listed below.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality
- Demonstrated ability to engage and work effectively with Aboriginal communities
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Self motivated
- Ability to work independently and as a team member
- Knowledge of Aboriginal medical and community services
- Knowledge of mental health services in Taree - Manning & Great Lakes area
- Strong computer skills
- Hold a current Drivers Licence and reliable car

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

- Experience caring for someone with a mental illness or other disability
- Conflict resolution and advocacy skills
- Experience in the provision of training

For info pack and more information, contact: Helen Staines on 4925 2811 or helens@carerassist.org.au; or Angela Mice on 9816 5652 or angela@carerassist.org.au

Applications close June 16, 2008

Aboriginal Health Education Officer (Sexual Health)

Permanent Full-Time

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 Drift.

Established in October 1989 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 authorised 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 Drift Village NSW 2770 or email: Jean@amsws.org.au

Applications close: Friday 4 July 2008

NSW POLICE FORCE

LOCAL AREA COMMAND - NORTHERN REGION

No smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. Applications are welcomed from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from diverse cultures and people with a disability.

Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

General information about NSW Police can be found on our web site at www.police.nsw.gov.au

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Clerk Grade 3/4, GRAFTON, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 08/5937. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Liaise with Police at Coffs/Clermont Local Area Command and local Aboriginal communities to develop positive relationships through the application of the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Strategic Division. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality and sound knowledge of indigenous issues. Demonstrated high level of written and oral communication skills and ability to communicate effectively at a variety of levels. Demonstrated commitment to participate in local police and Aboriginal community strategies. Knowledge of referral networks and awareness of issues affecting police and the Aboriginal communities. Must be prepared to work 7 day rotational shift work and attend after-hour recalls to work. Ability to work with minimal supervision. Current drivers licence with clear driving record for the past 12 months. Willingness to undertake further training and relevant courses.

Notes: This position is 35 hours per week.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification in terms of Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997. All applicants must include date of birth & other supporting documentation.

Applications are encouraged from both females & males. In accordance with the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998, applicants for this position are advised that they will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration & the preferred applicant will be subject to criminal records, probity & prior employment checks.

This position is subject to the terms of the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998. Under the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position, as it involves child-related employment.

Inquiries: Megan Mannall (02) 6652 0256 Email: mann1meg@police.nsw.gov.au. Information Packages: E201 Boyer on (02) 6652 0238.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Local Area Manager, Coffs/Clermont Local Area Command, PO Box 540, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450.

Closing Date: Friday 13 June 2008

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT COURT SERVICES

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disabilities and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

ABORIGINAL CLIENT SERVICE SPECIALIST, BOURKE

Clerk, Grade 3-4, Bourke, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG08/428. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Aboriginal Client Service Specialist program is intended to improve communication and co-ordination between Courts and the Aboriginal community in order to provide a more effective service to Aboriginal clients. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; Knowledge of the needs/issues impacting on Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system; Ability to work effectively with local Aboriginal communities, service providers and other government/non-government agencies; Knowledge of community resources in the legal, advocacy, community and welfare sectors; Well developed oral and written communication skills, including the ability to develop material, organise and deliver information to groups; Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

Notes: This position is identified under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement.

Inquiries: Vicki Simon (02) 8688 8042 Email: vicki_simon@agd.nsw.gov.au. Information Packages: Vicki Simon (02) 8688 8042.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au or by post to the Recruitment Services Unit, Attorney General's Department, Locked Bag 5111, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 13 June 2008.

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FORSTER LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Forster Local Aboriginal Land Council (FLALC) is seeking application from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the FLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities, the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolution in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principle. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Loma Paulson by email: loma@forsterlalc.org.au or on 02 85555411.

Applications can be forwarded to loma@forsterlalc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The A/g CEO
Forster Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 384
Forster 2428 NSW

Applications close Thursday 19th June 2008
Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

EMPLOYMENT FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Opportunities for employment in the following categories currently exist in a number of NSW public schools.

- Aboriginal Education Officers - various schools
- School Administration Officer - Tweed River High School
- School Administration Officer - Vincentia High School
- Teachers Aide (Special) - Canobolas Rural Technology High School
- Teachers Aide (Special) - Kelso Public School
- Teachers Aide (Pre-School) - Dubbo West Public School

Find out more at:

www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au

These positions are available only to Aboriginal people

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION



AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION (AICA)

An Exciting new position exists in Canberra with the Peak Body for Indigenous Communications

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES OFFICER

AICA functions as the peak body to 23 Indigenous Radio Stations, in excess of 120 Remote Indigenous Broadcasters, 60 Community Broadcasting Groups, National Indigenous Television Service (NITV), National Indigenous Radio Service (NIRS), Indigenous Community Television (ICTV), National Newspaper, Independent Film Producers and Information Technology Producers, Indigenous Training Organisations.

Membership Services Officer, will be responsible to the Chief Executive Officer for providing appropriate advice to and support for prospective and current members of the Association on a wide range of activities appropriate to the establishment, management and continual development of Indigenous broadcasting groups and stations (both radio and television).

Advising the CEO and the AICA Board on matters of policy and practice related to the provision of services to AICA members, providing proactive and timely advice to AICA membership about the full range of legal, regulatory, financial, technological and operational factors affecting the welfare, success and future prospects as community broadcasting stations, aspirants or groups.

For further information and Duty Statement contact

Brendan Richards
Tel: 02 62628677
Email: brendan@aicainc.org.au
Forward applications to
CEO AICA, PO Box 4235,
AINSLIE ACT 2602
Fax: 02 3044456

Applications close: COB 13 June 2008



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
20/2058-60	Tuckanarra Gold Pty Ltd	588.51ha	42km NE'ly of Cue	Lat 27°06' Long 118°06'	Cue
20/2061-3	Tuckanarra Gold Pty Ltd	461.8ha	39km NE'ly of Cue	Lat 27°06' Long 118°04'	Cue
20/2064	Tuckanarra Gold Pty Ltd	193.61ha	45km NE'ly of Cue	Lat 27°06' Long 118°09'	Cue
28/1158	Burbairn Pty Ltd	44.53ha	94km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°20' Long 122°20'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
53/1405	Newmont Yandall Operations Pty Ltd	9.19ha	63km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 28°38' Long 120°51'	Wiluna
53/1407	Newmont Yandall Operations Pty Ltd	59.13ha	60km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 28°38' Long 120°49'	Wiluna
53/1408	Newmont Yandall Operations Pty Ltd	13.25ha	69km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 28°40' Long 120°52'	Wiluna
53/1409	Newmont Yandall Operations Pty Ltd	76.6ha	64km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 28°38' Long 120°51'	Wiluna
53/1412	Echo Resources Ltd	73.76ha	84km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 28°48' Long 121°01'	Wiluna
53/1414	Echo Resources Ltd	20.51ha	68km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 28°38' Long 120°51'	Wiluna
53/1415	Echo Resources Ltd	125.23ha	72km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 28°38' Long 120°53'	Wiluna
53/1416	Echo Resources Ltd	148.01ha	67km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 28°37' Long 120°53'	Wiluna
53/1456	Echo Resources Ltd	175.61ha	64km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 28°36' Long 120°52'	Wiluna

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

Notification day: 4 June 2008

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 4 September 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9208 7100. The prospecting licences may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 4 October 2008), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the prospecting licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 18 June 2008



National
Native Title
Tribunal



Q12008/005 Yarrabah Primary Health Care Centre ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 1.5 hectares and is located approximately 2.9km south of Yarrabah. The agreement covers Lease H on Plan SP193116 which is within Lot 207 on Plan NR7310 as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Yarrabah Shire Council

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

State of Queensland, C/- Senior Director
Capital Works and Asset Management Branch
Queensland Health, GPO Box 48
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Les Murgha & Stewart Harris on their own behalf
and on behalf of the Gunggandji People
C/- North Queensland Land Council
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 grant of the Trustee Lease and the doing of the Construction Acts.

5.4 Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the NTA (which deals with the right to negotiate) is not intended to apply to the grant of the Trustee Lease or the doing of the Construction Acts.

'Trustee Lease' means a trustee lease under the Land Act 1994 between the State and the Yarrabah Council, or its successors in title, over the Agreement Area on the terms, or substantially the same terms, as set out in Schedule 2.

'Construction Acts' means any act done as part of, or in relation to, the construction or operation of the Health Care Centre including, but not limited to, survey activities, geotechnical investigations and the grant of any licences, permits or authorities.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council, the native title 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 required by section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Cairns QLD 4870 by 18 September 2008.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources & Water, Queensland. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Louise Doyle on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



YOUTH WORKERS

Permanent and Casual Positions

If you enjoy challenging and rewarding work with young people, we are looking for Youth Workers, primarily for our intensive, high needs residential programs across the Western Sydney region. We have a number of vacancies including aboriginal specific positions.

Essential:

- Experience in working with young people with intensive needs;
- Relevant qualifications in youth work or similar;
- High level of oral communication skills;

- Active listening skills;
- Effective negotiation skills;
- Availability to work flexible 24/7 shifts with sleepovers;
- Current driver's licence.

Terms and conditions are per the SACS Award plus shift allowances and salary packaging. Enquiries Debbie Evans (02) 9853 0315 or email: debrae@maristyc.com.au

Applications to: Marist Youth Care, PO Box 589, Seven Hills 1730.

Applications close: 18th June 2008.

Employment screening of successful applicants is a requirement of child protection legislation.



CENTRAL TABLELANDS
HOUSING (CTHA) ASSOC
Wellington Short-Stay
Accommodation Project

HOSTEL MANAGER

2 YEAR CONTRACT

CTHA is inviting applications for this new full-time position based in Wellington. The Hostel Manager will be responsible for managing the operation of a weekend hostel type facility containing 22 beds for families and friends visiting inmates of the Wellington Correctional Facility. The facility will be targeted but not limited to Aboriginal people.

Applications

All applicants must obtain the information package containing the Position Description, details of the salary & conditions and instructions on how to apply. This is available by contacting the Administration Office on (02) 6360-3433. Applications will be received by CTHA until 4pm on 16 June 2008.

CTHA considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s.14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)



Reconnect Team Leader

Level 6 NT SACS Award

Rewarding position available coordinating Wailja's remote Reconnect early intervention youth services.

The successful applicant will:

- Have extensive experience in managing remote community projects, community development & / or working with Aboriginal young people and their families.
- Provide, monitor, evaluate and report on services provided through Reconnect for young people and their families.
- Have the ability to lead a small team and work well within an Aboriginal community controlled organisation.

For more information including an application pack, check our website at www.wailja.org.au or contact Liz Archer on (08) 8953 4488.

Applications due by close of business Friday 13th June 2008. All applications must address the Selection Criteria for the position & provide contacts for 3 referees.

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.

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
EPM16868	Approx. 54 km NW from Alpha Centred at approximate Lat.23°15'S Long.146°23'E Local Government Area: Barralldine Regional Council	Area: 315 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2692 m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2764 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 2836 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 2908 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 2909 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 2910 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p 2911 a, f, l	Waratah Coal Pty Ltd 114 165 669
EPM16872	Approx. 97 km NNW from Alpha Centred at approximate Lat.22°48'S Long.146°24'E Local Government Areas: Barralldine and Isaac Regional Councils	Area: 115 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks Charleville 2332 y, z 2333 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2404 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2405 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 2406 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 2477 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u 2478 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t	Waratah Coal Pty Ltd 114 165 669

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

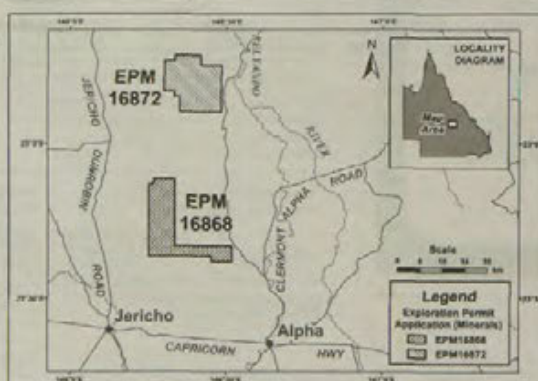
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Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 25 June 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT ABORIGINAL TRAINEE SHERIFF'S OFFICERS

Sydney Metropolitan & Regional Areas (Bourke, Moree, Wyong, Walgett, Dubbo, Broken Hill, Taree, Tamworth, Goulburn, Wollongong)

Total Remuneration Package valued to \$46,720 p.a. inclusive of employer's contribution to super and annual leave loading

Are you looking for a long-term rewarding career in the NSW Public Sector?

Uniformed Sheriff Officers are responsible for providing court security and support services, managing the jury system and serving & executing the orders of the states courts and tribunals. The NSW Sheriff's Office plays a key role in the administration and development of a just and equitable NSW legal system.

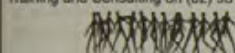
If you are interested in helping us to ensure a just and equitable legal system, the NSW Sheriff's Office is offering Trainee Sheriff Officer positions across NSW.

Selection criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Good communication skills, (oral and written);
- Ability to manage conflict, work under pressure and display emotional control and patience;
- Negotiation and interpersonal skills, including the ability to persuade and influence a diverse range of clients in a professional manner;
- Ability to work with minimal supervision and also as part of a team;
- Ability to learn new skills such as radio techniques, scanning and security alarm response, and are able to undertake self-defence training;
- NSW Driver's Licence (at the minimum Green P plates)

If you would like more information on these positions or working in the NSW Attorney General's Department, you can attend an information session to be held: 20 June 2008, 2pm, Downing Centre, Cnr Elizabeth and Liverpool Sts, Sydney 26 June 2008, Blacktown Library, Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Alpha St, Blacktown, 2 July 2008, 75-77 Wingewarra Road, Dubbo.

For a copy of the position information package and/or to register for an information session, please contact Yarn'n Employment, Training and Consulting on (02) 9319 4000



Norimbah Unit



EXPLORATION LICENCE NO. 5915 (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 minister's consent to prospect on native title land.

An area of 40 units situated approximately 7.5 kilometres east-south-east of West Wyalong, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

GOLDEN CROSS OPERATIONS PTY. LTD. (ACN 050 212 827) is the holder of exploration licence No 5915 - (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 Wayne D. McDonald, Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, ph (02) 6360 5341 or fax (02) 63605363.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) the notification day is 19 June 2008. Note this day should be 14 days after the date of publication of the last newspaper notice. You will need to confer with Drafting to determine the date. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/349	Intrepid Mines Limited	74.97ha	95km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°28' Long 116°10'	Ashburton
08/350	Intrepid Mines Limited	98.39ha	96km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°29' Long 116°12'	Ashburton
26/587	Moto Gold Mines Ltd	330.56ha	11km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°39' Long 121°25'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
37/902	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	241.49ha	5km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°51' Long 121°17'	Leonora
37/1282	Frederick Andrei	1.8ha	41km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°38' Long 121°38'	Leonora
39/846	Glen Jangala Smith David John Woodley Joseph Rex Smith	24.99ha	61km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°00' Long 121°56'	Laverton/Leonora
59/525	Ferrowest Ltd	90.45ha	14km E'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°19' Long 116°49'	Yalgoo

Nature Of The Act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification Day: 4 June 2008

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 4 September 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 4 October 2008), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration 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
EPM16989	Part 1: Approx. 47 km NE from Clermont Centred at approximate Lat.22°35'S Long.148°01'E Local Government Areas: Isaac and Central Highlands Regional Councils Part 2: Approx. 47 km NNE from Clermont Centred at approximate Lat.22°31'S Long.147°57'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 206 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 65 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2136 n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2208 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2209 v, w, x 2280 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2281 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x, y 2352 d, e, j, k 2353 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p Area of Part 2: 3 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2208 g	D'Aguilar Gold Limited 052 354 837

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

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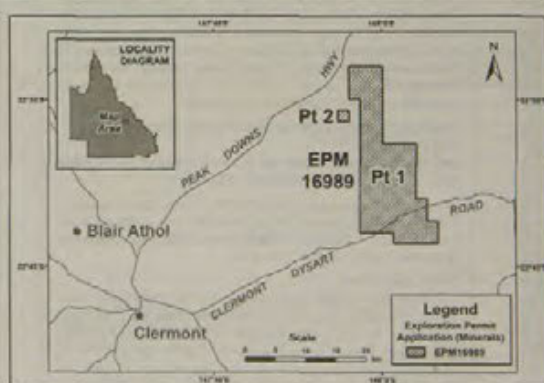
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Notification Day: 25 June 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

HOUSING NSW
CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 2/4
Northern NSW Housing Services Division
Gosford, Wyong & Toronto
Permanent Full-Time (4 positions)
Position No: DOH-08-13060

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: To deliver a broad range of applicant, tenancy and property management services and advice to clients, including those with complex needs.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Understanding of and capacity to relate to people from a diverse range of social and cultural backgrounds, including those with complex needs.
- Experience in delivering quality client service in a high volume work environment.
- Demonstrated capacity to work as an effective team member combined with active listening, oral and written communication, interpersonal and interviewing skills.
- Proficient in negotiation and conflict resolution with the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with stakeholders.
- Ability to prioritise and manage competing tasks, meet deadlines and targets.
- Ability to understand, interpret and apply standards, legislation, policy and guidelines in the provision of service to clients.
- Computer literacy and knowledge of Microsoft Office applications.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: There are 4 Permanent Full-Time positions available. Central Coast area has offices in Wyong, Gosford and Toronto. The current vacancies are in Tenancy Management (Gosford, Wyong and Toronto) and in Access (Wyong). An Eligibility list may be created to fill future similar vacancies within the Central Coast area. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. Inquiries: Amanda Leyshon (02) 4352 9842 or email: amanda.leyshon@housing.nsw.gov.au
Information package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or NSW Businesslink (02) 4960 4635

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309
Closing Date: Friday 13 June 2008

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HOUSING NSW
CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 2/4
Northern NSW Housing Services Division
Hunter Area, Raymond Terrace & Newcastle
Permanent Full-Time (2 positions)
Position No: DOH-08-13001

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: To deliver a broad range of applicant, tenancy and property management services and advice to clients, including those with complex needs.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Understanding of and capacity to relate to people from a diverse range of social and cultural backgrounds, including those with complex needs.
- Experience in delivering quality client service in a high volume work environment.
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- Computer literacy and knowledge of Microsoft Office applications.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: Hunter Area has offices in Newcastle, Mayfield, Charlestown, Raymond Terrace, Maitland and Muswellbrook. The current vacancies are in Tenancy Management, Raymond Terrace and Access, Newcastle. An Eligibility list may be created to fill future similar vacancies within the Hunter Area. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Astrid Gray (02) 4926 9302 or email: astrid.gray@housing.nsw.gov.au
Information package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or NSW Businesslink (02) 4960 4635

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2160, Dangar, NSW 2309
Closing Date: Friday 13 June 2008

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HOUSING NSW
PROJECT OFFICER
HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES ACCORD

Clerk Grade 7/8
Divisional Business Unit
Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division,
Nowra
Temporary Full-Time
Position No: DOH-08-13057

Total remuneration package valued up to \$84,855 per annum (Salary: \$69,468 pa - \$76,896 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Responsible for providing input into planning, development and coordination of strategies under the Housing and Human Services Accord to address the core issues of stable housing for Offenders with Co-Existing Disorders.

Selection Criteria:

- Capacity to engage, consult, and work with culturally diverse communities.
- Well developed communication skills with demonstrated interpersonal and negotiation skills.
- Sound understanding of Social Housing Services and the delivery of those services.
- Proven capability to develop networks and work collaboratively with government and non-government stakeholders.
- Knowledge and experience in case management and proven ability to co-ordinate services across geographic distances.
- Ability to prioritise and carry out a range of tasks under competing demands.
- Experience in a social service delivery environment or relevant post-secondary qualifications.

Job Notes: This is a temporary position for a period of 12 months, with the possibility of an extension under the terms of Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Craig Iskov (02) 6041 9625

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 13 June 2008.

GA1791748

EXPLORATION LICENCE
NO. 7016 (ACT 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land.
An area of 300 square hectares (100 units) situated approximately 10.37 kilometres south west of West Wyalong, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act
NSW Tin Pty Limited ACN 126 083 976 is the holder of Exploration Licence No. 7016 (Act 1992) for Group One 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 W T Moore, Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Telephone (02) 6360 5338 Fax (02) 6360 5363.

Notification Day
For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th) the notification day is 19 June 2008. Note this day should be 14 days after the date of publication of the last newspaper notice. You will need to confer with Drafting to determine the date. 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.

EXPLORATION LICENCE
NO. 6986 (ACT 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land.
An area of 261 square hectares (87 units) situated approximately 54.79 kilometres south west of West Wyalong, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act
NSW Tin Pty Limited ACN 126 083 976 is the holder of Exploration Licence No. 6986 (Act 1992) for Group One 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 W T Moore, Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Telephone (02) 6360 5338 Fax (02) 6360 5363.

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For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th) the notification day is 19 June 2008. Note this day should be 14 days after the date of publication of the last newspaper notice. You will need to confer with Drafting to determine the date. 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.

MINING LEASE APPLICATION
319 Act 1992

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease:
An area of 3.18 hectares situated approximately 5 kilometres east south east of Ulan, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act:
Moolarben Coal Mines Pty Limited (ACN 108 601 672) is the applicant of Mining Lease Application 319 Act 1992, for a mining lease which would authorise mining for coal and be granted for a term of twenty-one years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done:
Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained:
Further information may be obtained from Melanie Brown, Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, phone 02 4931 6424 or fax 02 4931 6676.

Notification Day:
For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th) the notification day is 19 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.



Calendar

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Until 27 November: Friends of Tranby Meetings. Held at Tranby, 13 Mansfield Street, Glebe, from 6pm onwards. For details: 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: 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: (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 1883 and 1969. Held at State Records Gallery in The Rocks, Sydney from 9am-5pm. Free entry. For details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

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

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NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) - SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that QUASAR RESOURCES PTY LTD (ACN 101 227 070) of Suite 2, Level 4, 25 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000 (**Quasar**) as mining operator pursuant to a joint venture agreement with ALLIANCE CRATON EXPLORER PTY LTD (ACN 095 337 385) of Suite 3, 51-55 City Road, Southgate Victoria 3006

(**Alliance**) proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land (**Land**):

DESCRIPTION OF LAND

The Land is an area of approximately 122 km² being that portion of Arkaroola and Wooltana Pastoral Stations bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of 362011.72 and 6669434.04 and then south to Node 2 at the intersection of 362034.89 and 6667586.94 and then west to Node 3 at the intersection of 360427.95 and 6667565.09 and then south to Node 4 at the intersection of 360523.28 and 6660177.96 and then west to Node 5 at the intersection of 358917.08 and 6660155.98 and then south to Node 6 at the intersection of 359012.29 and 6652767.29 and then west to Node 7 at the intersection of 348439.9 and 6652625.81 and then north northeast to Node 8 at the intersection of 349939.9 and 6656307.66 and then north to Node 9 at the intersection of 349941.19 and 6659307.66 and then east to Node 10 at the intersection of 350308.34 and 6659307.66 and then northeast to Node 11 at the intersection of 350871.13 and 6660263.42 and then north to Node 12 at the intersection of 350872.38 and 6660807.65 and then northeast to Node 13 at the intersection of 351439.9 and 6661222 and then northeast to Node 14 at the intersection of 352446.59 and 6662307.66 and then northeast to Node 15 at the intersection of 352939.9 and 6662921.01 and then north to Node 16 at the intersection of 352940.55 and 6664164.25 and then northeast to Node 17 at the intersection of 354052.55 and 6665307.66 and then east to Node 18 at the intersection of 354439.9 and 6665307.66 and then northeast to Node 19 at the intersection of 355939.9 and 6666097.13 and then northeast to Node 20 at the intersection of 356526.49 and 6666807.65 and then east northeast to Node 21 at the

intersection of 359480.46 and 6667174.84 and northeast to the point of commencement. All the within reference points are expressed in GDA 94 (Zone 54).

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

In-situ recovery mining for Uranium, using existing Beverley Uranium Mine infrastructure and will include the construction of additional resin capture columns, production well fields and associated pipelines.

The proposed operations are authorised by the following production tenements under the Mining Act 1971:

Quasar and Alliance have applied for 63 Mineral Claims over the Land and have applied for a Mining Lease encompassing substantially the whole of the area of the Mineral Claims.

In this notice a reference to a tenement includes that tenement as substituted, extended or re-granted and a reference to a party currently holding or being an applicant for a tenement includes successors and assigns of the party's interest in the tenement.

Quasar seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement for production under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

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, Quasar may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent Quasar as follows:

CG- McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers

262-266 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000,

Telephone: (08) 8223 5088

Facsimile: (08) 8223 5290, Contact: Abigail Steed.



MINING LEASE APPLICATION

Mineral Claim Application No.23 (Act 1992) Singleton Mining District

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 minister's consent to prospect on native title land.

An area of 2 hectares situated approximately 2.5 km north of Ulan, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act:

Ulan Stone Pty Ltd (ACN 123 199 191) is the holder of Mineral Claim Application No.23 in the Singleton Mining District. The claim if granted, would authorise the mining of Dimension Stone by Open Cut methods.

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, phone (02) 4931 6462 fax (02) 4931 6776

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) the notification day is 18th 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.



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
EPM17051	Approx. 16 km NE from Croydon Centred at approximate Lat.18°06'S Long.142°22'E Local Government Area: Croydon Shire Council	Area: 33 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanston Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 17Latx 1'Long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1852 k 1851 b, c, f, g, h, j, m, n, o	Stonebase Pty Ltd 120 143 142

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Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

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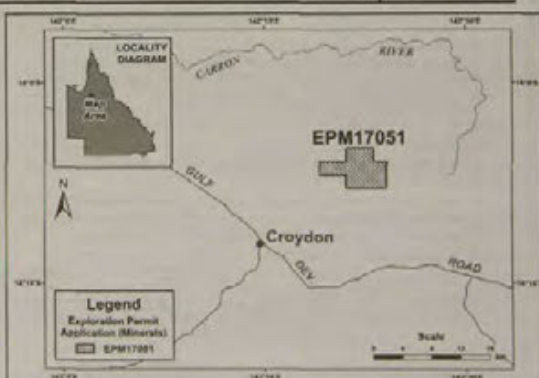
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Centre. All welcome. Held at Warnervale Oval Wyong from 10am-2pm. For details: Leonie Mason or Christine Robinson on (02) 9569 3847

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: Leonie Mason or Christine Robinson on (02) 9569 3847 or 1800 686 587.

4-5 June: Celebrating the Voice 8 - Indigenous Writers Tour. This is an annual Indigenous literary event featuring Australian and International Indigenous writers. Guest speakers: Auntie Barbara Nicholson, Ernie Blackmore, Elizabeth Hodgson, Minnie and Auntie Mary Duroux. Held at Moruya Library, Moruya from 2pm onwards. All welcome. For details: Ali Smith on (02) 4228 0151 or 0431 689 465 or email scwc@earth.net or visit www.southcoastwriters.wordpress.com

5 June: Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu performing at The Tanks Arts Centre, Cairns. Cost \$25 per person. All welcome. For details: Belinda Griffin on (07) 4032 6600 or visit www.tropicalaustralia.com.au/events

6-9 June: The 23rd Barunga Festival 'Marr Ngan Jaddak 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: 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: (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: 0412 149 094 or email info@australiansongwritersconference.com.au or visit www.australian-songwritersconference.com.au

6-25 June: 'Ngurra waltja wakarni' We are painting country. Short St Gallery in conjunction with Martumili Artists presents this exhibition of exciting new works. Come and meet the artists. Held at Short St Gallery, Broome. For details: (08) 9192 2658 or (08) 9192 6118 or email

enquiries@shortstgallery.com or visit www.shortstgallery.com

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: (02) 6685 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: (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: (08) 8216 8600 or 131 246 or visit www.bass.net.au or www.adelaidecabaretfestival.com visit www.tanwirri.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: 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: Lynette Eggins on (02) 6643 4643 or email info@edexpo.info or visit www.edexpo.info

14 June: Metro Screen's Open Day 2008. This open day will feature workshops, seminars, screenings, equipment demonstrations, competitions, industry markets and the Metro Screen 2020 Summit. Held at Paddington Town Hall from 10am-3pm. For details: Katrina Beck on (02) 9356 1818 or email k.beck@metroscreen.org.au or visit www.metroscreen.org.au

15 June: Darug Family Reunion. Meet the Historians, Jack Brooks and

Jim Kohens. There will be painting for children, storytelling, cold soft drinks, tea and coffee, great food, face painting, singing with Jacinta and speaking Darug with Richard Green. Held at Narraginy Reserve Doonside, Rosella from 9am onwards. For details: Sandra Lee on (02) 9622 4081.

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) 9326 9097 or email info@ilbjerri.org.au or visit www.ilbjerri.org.au

17-19 June: National Reconciliation Forum. This forum has drawn together a number of companies, leaders and communities to share and learn from the successes and failures in helping our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Held in Kalgoorlie, WA. For details: (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: Barbara Shaw on (0401) 291 166 or Marlene Hodder on (08) 8952 5032.

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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:

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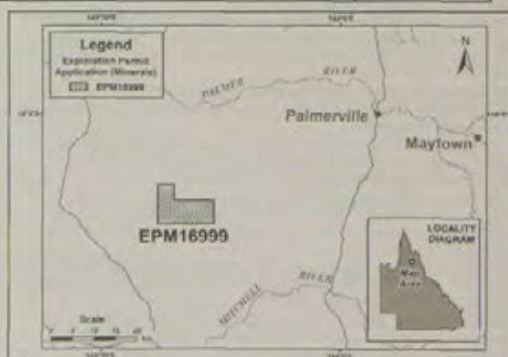
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Exploration Licence No. 6309 (Act 1992)

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 minister's consent to prospect on native title land

An area of 150 square hectares (50 units) situated approximately 33.4 kilometres south south east of Condonbain, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Augur Resources Limited ACN 106 879 690 is the holder of Exploration Licence No. 6309 (Act 1992) for Group One 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.

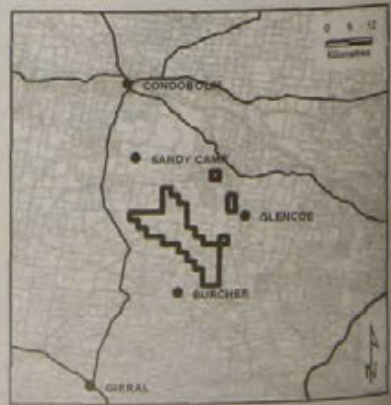
Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from W T Moore, Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Telephone (02) 6360 5338 Fax (02) 6360 5363.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) the notification day is 19 June 2008. Note this day should be 14 days after the date of publication of the last newspaper notice. You will need to confer with Drafting to determine the date. 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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21 June: Lightning Spirit Concert. Lightning Spirit will take you on a moving and inspiring journey, connecting mother and earth. Performances from Kerianne Cox and Black Velvet. Tickets are \$25 full, \$15 concession or \$30 family. All welcome. Drug and alcohol free event. Held at Ahimsa House, Horan St, Brisbane. For details: Sitara Gare on (07) 3407 0094 or (0438) 833 648 or call Jenny Pineapple on (07) 3255 0527 or visit www.keriannecox.com.au

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25 June: State of Origin Dinner. Enjoy an evening with the entire 2008 Old State of Origin Team and special guests plus the naming and presentation of Jerseys to the Cairns and District Team of the century. Cost

\$100 per person includes meals, beer, wine and soft drinks. Raffle prize of a trip for two people to the third State of Origin match in Sydney, including flights, tickets and accommodation. Held at Brothers Leagues Club, Cairns from 6pm onwards. For details: (07) 4031 6772 or Pat Bailey on (0419) 700 870 or email cdrl@bigpond.com

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: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8880 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

27 June: Drug Action Week. Namatjira Haven drug and alcohol healing centre is holding a drug action week. There will be cultural music and dance, morning tea and a bbq lunch provided free of charge. Held at 108 Whites Lane, Alstonville. For details:

(02) 6628 1098.

30 June-3 July: Aboriginal Male Health Summit 2008-2020. There will be discussions to find solutions for better understanding of issues being faced by children in communities, better understanding of males and their roles as fathers, uncles, brothers and sons in caring for children in a safe family environment that leads to a happier, healthier, longer life that reflects opportunities experienced by the wider community. For Aboriginal males only. Held at Ross River Camp, 45 minutes from Alice Springs. For details: Colin Cowell or Don Mallard on (08) 8950 0114 or (0401) 331 251 or email malehealthinfo@caac.org.au or visit www.caac.org.au/malehealthinfo

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: (02) 6251 5770 or email alc@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 focussed 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) 9250 7596 or (0421) 668 440 or email nmcilroy@sdneyoperahouse.com or www.sydneysoperahouse.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

6-13 July: NAIDOC Week at Tandanya. Come and celebrate NAIDOC week at Tandanya by joining in the many cultural activities on offer. There will be art and craft workshops, cultural performances and presentations, films, against the wall - installation, evening entertainment and more. Free entry all welcome. For details: Cate Gaskin on (08) 8224 3202 or email marketing@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

7-10 July: National Leadership Camp 08. NLC is a four-day program which brings together up to 200 students from across Australia to encourage Australia's young people to be leaders. Held at the Collaroy Conference Centre, Collaroy Beach, Sydney from 9am onwards. Cost involved. All welcome. Drug and alcohol free event. For details: (02) 9499 5513 or email fo@risinggenerations.org.au or visit www.risinggenerations.org.au

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	NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1723	Baden Pty Ltd	81.43km²	68km SE of Derby	Lat 17°50' Long 123°56'	Derby-West Kimberley	59/1421	JML Resources Pty Ltd	8.94km²	53km SW of Paynes Find	Lat 29°31' Long 117°13'	Yalgoo
04/1804	Odore Resources Ltd	156.36km²	54km SE of Derby	Lat 17°47' Long 123°33'	Derby-West Kimberley	59/1422	JML Resources Pty Ltd	8.96km²	53km SW of Paynes Find	Lat 29°29' Long 117°12'	Yalgoo
04/1805	Odore Resources Ltd	319.37km²	48km SW of Derby	Lat 17°42' Long 123°26'	Derby-West Kimberley	59/1430	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	3km²	57km SW of Paynes Find	Lat 29°29' Long 117°09'	Yalgoo
06/1842	Odore Mines Limited	57.49km²	120km SW of Panamoonka	Lat 22°43' Long 116°11'	Ashburton	59/1436	Romano Natale Morganti	17.96km²	38km NW of Paynes Find	Lat 29°07' Long 117°20'	Yalgoo
08/1844						59/1444	State Resources Pty Ltd	94.25km²	19km SW of Yalgoo	Lat 29°29' Long 116°41'	Yalgoo
08/1845	Intrapid Mines Limited	6.32km²	101km SW of Panamoonka	Lat 22°32' Long 116°14'	Ashburton	59/1449	Romano Natale Morganti	14.96km²	45km SW of Paynes Find	Lat 29°08' Long 117°14'	Yalgoo
09/1479	Bancroft Pty Ltd	3.13km²	161km SW of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°48' Long 116°14'	Upper Gascoyne	59/1456	Silver Lake Resources Limited	8.96km²	80km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°17' Long 116°51'	Perenjri
09/1480	Bancroft Pty Ltd	18.78km²	103km SW of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°30' Long 116°14'	Upper Gascoyne	59/1467	Barker Exploration Pty Ltd	42.15km²	50km SW of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°33' Long 117°42'	Mount Magnet
09/1501	Catalyst Metals Ltd	235.03km²	133km NW of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°53' Long 115°30'	Carnarvon/Upper Gascoyne	59/1469	Barker Exploration Pty Ltd	83.34km²	38km SW of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°24' Long 117°49'	Mount Magnet
09/1504	Brandon Chevill Doshon	31.68km²	164km NE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°53' Long 116°12'	Upper Gascoyne	59/1470	Barker Exploration Pty Ltd	30.04km²	58km NW of Paynes Find	Lat 28°48' Long 117°39'	Yalgoo
09/1507-8	Lighthouse Investments Pty Ltd	1104.11km²	140km SE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 26°05' Long 116°10'	Murchison	59/1472	Kanara Mining Limited	59.83km²	59km E of Moora	Lat 29°12' Long 116°33'	Mount Magnet
09/1509	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd	159.45km²	170km SW of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 26°03' Long 115°45'	Murchison	63/1222	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	69.03km²	122km SW of Widdemooltha	Lat 31°57' Long 120°24'	Dundas
09/1510	Sandridge Resources NL	37.61km²	154km NE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°45' Long 115°48'	Ashburton	66/58	Searcove Enterprises Pty Ltd	129.54km²	29km NE of Geraldton	Lat 28°36' Long 114°50'	Chapman Valley/Greenough
15/1039	Pioneer Nickel Ltd	38.19km²	22km SE of Coolgardie	Lat 31°05' Long 121°20'	Coolgardie	66/59	Bancroft Hill Resources Limited	510.42km²	16km E of Northampton	Lat 28°19' Long 114°47'	Northampton
15/1048	Dunkle Pty Ltd	2.91km²	31km SE of Widdemooltha	Lat 31°39' Long 121°50'	Coolgardie	66/60	Bancroft Hill Resources Limited	3.01km²	23km SE of Northampton	Lat 28°30' Long 114°47'	Chapman Valley
20/649	Gratia Resources NL	15.24km²	30km NW of Cue	Lat 27°08' Long 117°46'	Cue	69/2269	Gratia Resources NL	124.18km²	158km NW of Wiluna	Lat 25°11' Long 120°26'	Wiluna
20/671	JML Resources Pty Ltd	60.81km²	21km NE of Cue	Lat 27°19' Long 118°08'	Cue	69/2429	Lost Sands Pty Ltd	602.73km²	277km SW of Warburton Mission	Lat 28°34' Long 122°16'	Laverton
21/130	Goldcorp Pty Ltd	209.59km²	21km SW of Cue	Lat 27°33' Long 117°44'	Cue/Mount Magnet	70/2598	Oryza Mining Ltd	207.53km²	63km NE of Dalwallinu	Lat 29°54' Long 117°08'	Dalwallinu/Yalgoo
28/1824	Hemphre Resources Ltd	17.68km²	90km NE of Kambalda	Lat 30°44' Long 122°26'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City	70/2599	Oryza Mining Ltd	207.31km²	28km E of Dalwallinu	Lat 30°13' Long 116°57'	Dalwallinu
28/1825	Hemphre Resources Ltd	14.73km²	78km NE of Kambalda	Lat 30°47' Long 122°19'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City	70/2782	Odore Resources Ltd	116.08km²	18km SW of Toodyay	Lat 31°43' Long 116°27'	Northam/Toodyay
28/1826	Hemphre Resources Ltd	2.94km²	71km NE of Kambalda	Lat 30°48' Long 122°15'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City	70/2916	Minix Energy Pty Ltd	278.49km²	18km NE of Brooking	Lat 32°13' Long 117°05'	Beverly/Brooking
28/1888	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	32.93km²	107km W of Menzies	Lat 29°20' Long 120°01'	Menzies						Quairading
28/1895	Epsilon Energy Ltd	12.03km²	80km W of Leonora	Lat 28°48' Long 120°30'	Menzies	74/349	Image Resources NL	83.57km²	55km W of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°52' Long 121°04'	Exmouth
31/659	Jackson Minerals Ltd	38.59km²	148km NE of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°04' Long 122°47'	Menzies	74/416	Tek Comico Australia Pty Ltd	11.48km²	30km NW of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°21' Long 119°53'	Ravensthorpe
31/614	Rubicon Resources Ltd	86.33km²	107km E of Menzies	Lat 29°14' Long 122°08'	Menzies	77/1290	TE Johnson & Associates Pty Ltd	8.79km²	38km E of Southern Cross	Lat 31°21' Long 119°42'	Yigan
36/654	Camel Toe Exploration Pty Ltd	63.63km²	28km SW of Leonora	Lat 28°01' Long 120°26'	Leonora		Brue Robert Legrande				
36/670	Venture Uranium Pty Ltd	18.21km²	30km NE of Leonora	Lat 27°45' Long 120°56'	Leonora		Corporate & Resource Consultants Pty Ltd				
37/660	Rhodes Resources Pty Ltd	126.58km²	10km W of Leonora	Lat 28°53' Long 121°14'	Leonora	77/1291	Image Resources NL	73.58km²	36km E of Southern Cross	Lat 31°03' Long 119°41'	Yigan
38/2140	JML Resources Pty Ltd	36.32km²	59km W of Coorabie Mission	Lat 27°51' Long 122°17'	Laverton	77/1292	Dukeston Consolidated Pty Ltd	146.64km²	31km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 31°21' Long 119°37'	Yigan
38/1374	Golden Cliffs NL	98.82km²	51km SE of Leonora	Lat 29°04' Long 122°19'	Leonora	77/1403	Panama Resources Ltd	17.52km²	58km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 31°42' Long 119°34'	Yigan
45/2188	De Grey Mining Ltd	15.95km²	105km SW of Port Hedland	Lat 21°08' Long 118°40'	Port Hedland Town	77/1454	Minara Resources Ltd	189.61km²	39km SW of Southern Cross	Lat 31°33' Long 119°10'	Yigan
45/2192	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	3.19km²	96km SW of Port Hedland	Lat 21°18' Long 118°38'	Port Hedland Town		Gryphon Minerals Ltd				
46/752	Hazledorn Resources Ltd	15.95km²	42km NE of Mulgaibar	Lat 21°41' Long 120°27'	East Pilbara	77/1456	St Barbara Ltd	78.88km²	67km E of Southern Cross	Lat 31°44' Long 119°27'	Yigan
47/1887	BC Iron Ltd	3.17km²	30km SE of Mulgaibar	Lat 21°50' Long 118°27'	Ashburton	77/1476	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	5.92km²	55km NW of Koolanook	Lat 30°25' Long 119°24'	Yigan
47/1888	BC Iron Ltd	6.32km²	37km SE of Panamoonka	Lat 21°56' Long 118°29'	Ashburton	77/1478	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	2.96km²	73km NW of Koolanook	Lat 30°15' Long 119°23'	Yigan
47/1889	BC Iron Ltd	6.52km²	41km SE of Panamoonka	Lat 21°57' Long 118°31'	Ashburton	77/1479	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	2.96km²	73km NW of Koolanook	Lat 30°15' Long 119°23'	Yigan
47/1890	BC Iron Ltd	3.17km²	45km SE of Panamoonka	Lat 21°58' Long 118°33'	Ashburton	77/1481	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	37.45km²	110km NW of Koolanook	Lat 30°48' Long 119°23'	Yigan
47/1891	BC Iron Ltd	3.17km²	47km SE of Panamoonka	Lat 21°59' Long 118°34'	Ashburton	77/1482	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	207.57km²	34km NW of Koolanook	Lat 30°13' Long 119°23'	Yigan
51/2252	Sarman Holdings Pty Ltd	175.55km²	64km E of Meekatharra	Lat 26°21' Long 119°18'	Meekatharra	77/1483	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	328.55km²	34km NW of Koolanook	Lat 30°13' Long 119°23'	Yigan
51/2253	Sarman Holdings Pty Ltd	165.94km²	68km NE of Meekatharra	Lat 26°21' Long 119°06'	Meekatharra	80/3901	Geocentral Ltd	119km²	145km NW of Wyndham	Lat 14°52' Long 120°55'	Wyndham
51/2254	Mewa Pty Ltd	15.27km²	52km SW of Meekatharra	Lat 26°51' Long 119°10'	Meekatharra						East Kimberley
51/2255	Lee Christian Pasco	33.61km²	61km NW of Cue	Lat 26°52' Long 117°54'	Cue	80/3906	Palquest Resources Pty Ltd	32.18km²	78km NE of Halls Creek	Lat 17°33' Long 127°38'	Halls Creek
51/2258	Coronella Pty Ltd	36.52km²	67km W of Meekatharra	Lat 26°24' Long 117°50'	Meekatharra	80/3907	Palquest Resources Pty Ltd	9.77km²	63km NW of Halls Creek	Lat 17°42' Long 127°37'	Halls Creek
62/2185	Sarman Resources Pty Ltd	5.14km²	18km SE of Newman	Lat 22°29' Long 119°32'	Cue	80/3909	Gagrin Wang	162.53km²	163km NW of Wyndham	Lat 14°09' Long 127°27'	Wyndham
62/2173	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	203.77km²	142km NW of Meekatharra	Lat 26°39' Long 117°31'	Meekatharra						East Kimberley
62/2174	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	33.92km²	130km NW of Meekatharra	Lat 26°47' Long 117°32'	Meekatharra	80/3923	Sharon Heng	65.00km²	54km E of Halls Creek	Lat 18°10' Long 126°13'	Halls Creek
63/1172	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	24.59km²	50km NE of Wiluna	Lat 29°23' Long 120°40'	Wiluna	80/3929	Oryza Resources Pty Ltd	136.31km²	100km SW of Halls Creek	Lat 18°06' Long 127°10'	Halls Creek
63/1317	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	9.19km²	41km SE of Wiluna	Lat 26°55' Long 120°28'	Wiluna	80/3936	Mission Minerals Pty Ltd	242.83km²	130km SE of Balgo Mission	Lat 20°58' Long 128°54'	Halls Creek
63/1324	Echo Resources Ltd	6.12km²	78km E of Wiluna	Lat 26°49' Long 120°58'	Wiluna	80/3937	Mission Minerals Pty Ltd	486.39km²	177km SE of Balgo Mission	Lat 21°54' Long 128°42'	East Pilbara
63/1326	Newmont Yandak Operations Pty Ltd	9.17km²	78km SE of Wiluna	Lat 26°52' Long 120°57'	Wiluna	80/3989	Talman Mining Ltd	208km²	54km NW of Halls Creek	Lat 17°23' Long 127°44'	Halls Creek
63/1327	Echo Resources Ltd	12.23km²	77km SE of Wiluna	Lat 26°53' Long 120°56'	Wiluna	80/3991	Talman Mining Ltd	160.61km²	78km NW of Halls Creek	Lat 17°03' Long 129°44'	Halls Creek
63/1367	Peter Romeo Gams	9.19km²	37km SE of Wiluna	Lat 26°53' Long 120°55'	Wiluna	80/3999	Eagle Nickel Limited	72.01km²	128km SW of Kunene	Lat 18°52' Long 129°30'	Halls Creek/Wyndham
63/1372	Desert Energy Ltd	73.03km²	54km W of Wiluna	Lat 26°36' Long 119°21'	Wiluna						East Kimberley
63/1386	Arco Resources Ltd	21.48km²	138km NE of Leonora	Lat 26°57' Long 121°35'	Wiluna	80/4000	Eagle Nickel Limited	497.38km²	80km E of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 19°16' Long 126°23'	Derby-West Kimberley
63/1401	Toy Resources NL	372.51km²	17km SE of Sandstone	Lat 29°03' Long 119°27'	Sandstone						Halls Creek
67/802	Fission Energy Ltd	119.97km²	123km SW of Sandstone	Lat 29°06' Long 119°31'	Menzies/Sandstone	80/4011	Northam Star Resources Ltd	81.79km²	37km W of Halls Creek	Lat 18°11' Long 127°19'	Halls Creek
67/820	Legend Mining Ltd	6.16km²	83km NW of Sandstone	Lat 27°15' Long 119°30'	Sandstone	80/4012	Northam Star Resources Ltd	48.73km²	37km SW of Halls Creek	Lat 18°26' Long 127°13'	Halls Creek
67/841	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	78.09km²	110km SW of Sandstone	Lat 26°56' Long 119°30'	Sandstone	80/4023	Thunders Exploration Ltd	98km²	34km W of Halls Creek	Lat 18°17' Long 127°21'	Halls Creek
67/848	Desert Energy Ltd	174.01km²	42km W of Sandstone	Lat 27°36' Long 119°30'	Sandstone	80/4036	Oryza Exploration Pty Ltd	221.25km²	120km SE of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°44' Long 126°14'	Derby-West Kimberley
67/852	Reynolds Allen	146.92km²	122km SW of Sandstone	Lat 29°15' Long 119°30'	Sandstone						Halls Creek
68/657	Mariner Resources Ltd	21.67km²	59km E of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°08' Long 118°28'	Mount Magnet	80/4037	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	275.03km²	150km NW of Halls Creek	Lat 18°52' Long 127°39'	Derby-West Kimberley
											Halls Creek/Wyndham
											East Kimberley
68/662	Tek Comico Australia Pty Ltd	142.63km²	58km NW of Sandstone	Lat 27°42' Long 118°48'	Cue/Sandstone	80/4045	Heron Resources Ltd	87.85km²	41km NE of Halls Creek	Lat 17°53' Long 127°38'	Halls Creek
68/666	Barker Exploration Pty Ltd	27.17km²	21km SW of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°14' Long 117°48'	Mount Magnet		William Robert Richmond	59km²	28km NW of Wyndham	Lat 15°14' Long 128°02'	Wyndham
68/1000	Dawn Metals Pty Ltd	161.75km²	30km NE of Paynes Find	Lat 29°07' Long 117°58'	Sandstone/Yalgoo						East Kimberley
69/1291	Pedder Holdings Pty Ltd	180.28km²	49km SW of Yalgoo	Lat 28°45' Long 116°41'	Perenjri/Yalgoo	80/4050	United Minerals Corporation NL	205.29km²	128km SW of Halls Creek	Lat 18°18' Long 125°08'	Halls Creek
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DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

Water Act 1912

An application under Part 8 Section 167 of the Water Act, 1912, for approval of controlled works being within a proclaimed (declared) local area under section 5(4) has been received as follows:

Macintyre River Valley

TAYLOR FARMING COMPANY LTD for controlled works consisting of levees on the Lower Macintyre Floodplain on Lot 176, DP 756007, Parish Mayne, County Stapylton, on the property known as "Parkdale" for prevention of inundation of land by floodwater and leetid development on the floodplain. (new approval) (Ref: 90CW810962). Written objections to the applications specifying grounds thereof, may be made by any statutory authority or local occupier within the proclaimed local (declared) area and must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484, within 28 days of publication.

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D Milling, Manager Licensing

Applications for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000 have been received from:

ADELONG CREEK WATER SOURCE

STEFAN CORNELSON & KAREN LYNETTE STEENS for a pump on Adelong Creek, Lot 2 DP757211 Parish ADELONG, County WYNARD for IRRIGATION on Lot 2 DP757211, Parish ADELONG, County WYNARD. (Ref: 40CA405146)

LOWER MURRUMBIDGE SHALLOW GROUNDWATER SOURCE

P J HULME PTY LTD for a bore at/adjacent to Lot 521 DP751745 Parish YARANGERY, County COOPER, for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 144 DP751703 Parish GOGELDRIE, to Lot 516 DP751745 Parish YARANGERY, to Lot 521 DP751745 Parish YARANGERY, to Lot 80 DP751703 Parish GOGELDRIE, to Lot 82 DP751703 Parish GOGELDRIE, all County COOPER. Additional work only on an existing Combined Approval. (Ref: 40CA403862). Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 6953 0700. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Steven Webb, Licensing Manager

LOWER LACHLAN GROUNDWATER SOURCE

YANKALILLA PTY LTD for 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 4980 DP43242 Parish TORCOBIL, County BLAXLAND, for Irrigation purposes. (Ref: 70CA603428). Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 6850 2800. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Lyn Gorham, Senior Licensing Officer

LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

Shane Pierre & Lynette Muriel McNAUL for 1 x Bore on Lot 2 DP230796, Parish Corry, County Wakool for Irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1822).

Shane Pierre & Lynette Muriel McNAUL for 1 x Bore on Lot 114 DP756515, Parish Bookit, County Wakool for Irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1823).

CURZOND PTY LIMITED for 1 x Bore on Lot 1 DP1062036, Parish Moira, County Cadell for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1824).

Paul Norman & Dianne Kay BRENNAN for 1 x Bore on Lot 99 DP756391, Parish Booroorbanilly, County Urana for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1825).

Applications for Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:

LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

Paul James & Clifford Charles STRINGER for 1 x Bore on Lot 12 DP756274, Parish Dahwilli, County Townsend for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1835).

Maurice William & Lynette Gai BOYD for 1 x Bore on Lot 106 DP752299, Parish Ulupna, County Denison for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1831).

Wayne Douglas & Valerie Maree UPTON for 1 x Bore on Lot 114 DP756532, Parish Corry, County Wakool for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1829).

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5896 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



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
15/4235-6	Collyville Pty Ltd Peter Ronald George Mills	325.63ha	14km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°01' Long 121°02'	Coolgardie	39/4702	Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	71.02ha	52km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°03' Long 122°06'	Laverton
15/4290	Scorpion Mining Pty Ltd	199.11ha	22km Wly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°55' Long 120°56'	Coolgardie		Barrick (GSM) Smith Pty Ltd				
15/4309	Scorpion Mining Pty Ltd	23.16ha	9km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°01' Long 121°07'	Coolgardie	47/1803	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	119.88ha	111km Sly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°34' Long 116°43'	Ashburton
15/4311	Scorpion Mining Pty Ltd	105.43ha	10km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°02' Long 121°08'	Coolgardie	52/1250-2	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	402.51ha	46km Sly of Newman	Lat 25°44' Long 119°53'	Meekatharra
15/4312	Scorpion Mining Pty Ltd	306.19ha	12km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°03' Long 121°07'	Coolgardie	53/1312-4	Eagle Mining Pty Ltd	417.81ha	56km Ely of Wiluna	Lat 26°47' Long 120°44'	Wiluna
15/4314-5							Australian Metals Corporation Pty Ltd				
15/4316-7	Scorpion Mining Pty Ltd	230.41ha	16km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°05' Long 121°05'	Coolgardie		Hunter Resources Pty Ltd				
15/4320	Scorpion Mining Pty Ltd	56.08ha	12km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°02' Long 121°05'	Coolgardie	57/1231	Danny James Glende	200ha	15km SWly of Sandstone	Lat 28°03' Long 119°10'	Sandstone
15/4769	Merridan Mining Ltd	193.21ha	26km Wly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°54' Long 120°54'	Coolgardie	59/1375	Melba Joan Welsh	111.61ha	11km Nly of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°58' Long 117°49'	Mount Magnet
15/4970	New Hampton Goldfields Ltd	196.96ha	8km Wly of Kambalda	Lat 31°12' Long 121°35'	Coolgardie	59/1403	Maximus Resources Ltd	142.41ha	46km Ely of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°10' Long 118°16'	Mount Magnet
15/5181	Stanley James Broadwell	5.4ha	8km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°01' Long 121°07'	Coolgardie	59/1404	Maximus Resources Ltd	4.7ha	47km Ely of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°10' Long 118°16'	Mount Magnet
15/5186-7	Goldcorp Pty Ltd	355.06ha	18km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°05' Long 121°02'	Coolgardie	59/1444	Maximus Resources Ltd	21.37ha	46km Ely of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°10' Long 118°20'	Mount Magnet
	Darlington Geological Services Pty Ltd					59/1445	Maximus Resources Ltd	21.29ha	46km Ely of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°16' Long 118°25'	Mount Magnet
15/5195	Graham Paul Young Beryl Ann Young	48.29ha	24km NWly of Widgeemootha	Lat 31°19' Long 121°25'	Coolgardie	59/1851	Maximus Resources Ltd	21.17ha	46km SEly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°31' Long 118°31'	Mount Magnet
	Graham Vincent Warren Beryl Narel Warren					59/1884	Gandabai Metals Ltd	43.14ha	43km Wly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°22' Long 117°16'	Yalgoo
						63/1143	Hevon Resources Ltd	123.76ha	9km Wly of Norseman	Lat 32°10' Long 121°41'	Dundas
15/5197-8	Scorpion Mining Pty Ltd	306.62ha	17km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°05' Long 121°06'	Coolgardie	63/1328	Pluto Ltd	65.55ha	24km NWly of Norseman	Lat 31°59' Long 121°40'	Dundas
15/5200	Scorpion Mining Pty Ltd	6.51ha	14km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°02' Long 121°03'	Coolgardie	63/1376	Minor Tungsten Pty Ltd	74.27ha	46km Ely of Norseman	Lat 32°19' Long 122°14'	Dundas
15/5201	Scorpion Mining Pty Ltd	117.73ha	21km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°04' Long 120°59'	Coolgardie	63/1377	Minor Tungsten Pty Ltd	194.72ha	50km SEly of Norseman	Lat 32°23' Long 122°15'	Dundas
15/5208	Charles George Chitty	71.94ha	27km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°04' Long 120°55'	Coolgardie	63/1378	Minor Tungsten Pty Ltd	23.5ha	51km SEly of Norseman	Lat 32°26' Long 122°14'	Dundas
15/5217	Chad Graeme Johnson	64.77ha	22km Wly of Kambalda	Lat 31°16' Long 121°27'	Coolgardie	63/1379	Minor Tungsten Pty Ltd	176.37ha	54km SEly of Norseman	Lat 32°30' Long 122°13'	Dundas
	Nedra Graeme Johnson					63/1640	Michael Ashley Giles	138.82ha	9km SWly of Norseman	Lat 32°15' Long 120°31'	Dundas
15/5220-5	Crow Mining Pty Ltd	1094.24ha	23km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°04' Long 120°58'	Coolgardie	63/1660	John Calkins	53.44ha	11km Wly of Norseman	Lat 32°15' Long 120°31'	Dundas
15/5234	Kurawang Resources Pty Ltd	154.18ha	6km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°54' Long 121°11'	Coolgardie	63/1661	Australian Strategic & Precious Metals Investment Pty Ltd	18.44ha	19km Sly of Norseman	Lat 32°21' Long 121°40'	Dundas
15/5235	Kurawang Resources Pty Ltd	8.79ha	9km NEly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°54' Long 121°11'	Coolgardie						
15/5236	Friedrich Charles Saunders	192.97ha	20km NWly of Widgeemootha	Lat 31°22' Long 121°25'	Coolgardie	63/1664	Hannans Reward Ltd	42.29ha	100km Wly of Norseman	Lat 32°19' Long 120°38'	Dundas
15/5237	Nel William Hess	36.62ha	21km NWly of Widgeemootha	Lat 31°22' Long 121°22'	Coolgardie	63/1671	John Calkins	161.01ha	100km NWly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°29' Long 120°40'	Dundas
16/2184	Siberia Mining Corporation Pty Ltd	199.89ha	79km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°21' Long 120°45'	Coolgardie	70/1556	Metal Sands Ltd	148.92ha	16km NEly of Augusta	Lat 34°14' Long 115°18'	Augusta-Margaret River
16/2358	Marilyn Helen Mason	113.64ha	40km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°37' Long 120°58'	Coolgardie						
16/2357	Dennis Radisch	199.89ha	48km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°33' Long 120°57'	Coolgardie	71/3774	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	71.13ha	12km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°18' Long 119°24'	Yalgoo
16/2547-8	Kim James Harris	366.14ha	50km NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°27' Long 121°01'	Coolgardie	71/3775	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	10.93ha	11km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°19' Long 119°22'	Yalgoo
16/2502-6	Hayes Mining Pty Ltd	637.27ha	47km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°32' Long 121°00'	Coolgardie	71/3776	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	9.76ha	9km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°17' Long 119°22'	Yalgoo
20/2008-40	Mid West Gold Operations Pty Ltd	5.28ha	4km NWly of Cue	Lat 27°24' Long 117°51'	Cue	71/3777-83	Orion Resources NL	1223.62ha	43km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°31' Long 119°35'	Yalgoo
20/2038-40	Silver Lake Resources Limited	524.78ha	24km Ely of Cue	Lat 27°24' Long 118°07'	Cue		Gaegonye Gold Mines NL				
20/2041-2	Silver Lake Resources Limited	251.2ha	23km Ely of Cue	Lat 27°25' Long 118°06'	Cue	71/3784	Orion Resources NL	158.19ha	49km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°36' Long 119°32'	Yalgoo
20/2047-51	Chad Graeme Johnson	776.77ha	4km Ely of Cue	Lat 27°25' Long 117°55'	Cue	71/3785	Gaegonye Gold Mines NL	1.54ha	52km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°36' Long 119°39'	Yalgoo
	Nedra Graeme Johnson						Gaegonye Gold Mines NL				
24/4355	Kim James Harris	12.05ha	42km NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°24' Long 121°15'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	71/3786	St Barbara Ltd	31.1ha	48km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°33' Long 119°30'	Yalgoo
24/4359-70	Nickelore Limited	230.81ha	54km Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°16' Long 121°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	71/3787	St Barbara Ltd	117.25ha	48km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°35' Long 119°42'	Yalgoo
25/1886-7	Solomon Australia Pty Ltd	290.58ha	40km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°49' Long 121°52'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	71/3788	Minco NL	8.42ha	28km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°27' Long 119°29'	Yalgoo
26/1889	Solomon Australia Pty Ltd	198.01ha	36km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°50' Long 121°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	71/3789-90	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	364.58ha	29km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°25' Long 119°28'	Yalgoo
26/3029-32	Bakeloni Mining Ltd	681.5ha	12km Sly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°31' Long 121°27'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	71/3791	Orion Resources Ltd	85.48ha	28km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°26' Long 119°29'	Yalgoo
27/1818	Kalbarri Mining Ltd (ACN 053 530 037)	30.09ha	24km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°33' Long 121°34'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	71/3792-7	Orion Resources Ltd	1039.79ha	20km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°22' Long 119°25'	Yalgoo
27/1843-5	Barrick (Kambalda) Ltd (ACN 010 511 789)	528.17ha	16km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°37' Long 121°33'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	71/3803	Polaris Metals NL	23.33ha	55km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°19' Long 119°30'	Yalgoo
						71/3804	Polaris Metals NL	47.31ha	55km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°17' Long 119°30'	Yalgoo
27/1847	Barrick (Kambalda) Ltd (ACN 010 511 789)	11.67ha	21km Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°33' Long 121°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	71/3805	Polaris Metals NL	58.31ha	60km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°14' Long 119°18'	Yalgoo
						71/3806	Polaris Metals NL	2.15ha	60km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°13' Long 119°16'	Yalgoo
27/1874	Kalbarri Mining Ltd (ACN 053 530 037)	119.39ha	41km Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°22' Long 121°31'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	71/3807	Western Areas NL	153.97ha	67km NWly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°45' Long 119°29'	Yalgoo
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						80/1652	Peter John Taylor	10.52ha	11km NWly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°54' Long 119°02'	Yalgoo
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He's raw, but Reggie Palm Island looks the goods

By ALF WILSON



THE North Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island is already renowned for producing quality young amateur boxers, and the latest one also carries the name of his home.

Reggie Palm Island had only been training on Palm Island at the PCYC Gymnasium for four weeks before his first bout at Mount Isa on 26 April.

But when the 15-year-old stepped into the ring against Mount Isa's Liam Hill, even veteran Palm Island trainer Ray Dennis was a bit surprised by the quality of his performance.

"Reggie attacked from the first round and in the second the Mount Isa trainer was forced to throw in the towel before his boxer was hurt. Reggie looked like a very experienced boxer and I am sure he will be one of our best," Dennis said.

Dennis said that having the surname of Palm Island would ensure the community received positive publicity whenever his new fighter travelled away for tournaments.

He said that Palm boxers fought in eight of the ten Mt Isa bouts after travelling 900km from Townsville. That followed a ferry trip from their island, which is 48 nautical miles off Townsville.

"The only other travelling boxing club was Hawks, from Townsville, where the boxers are trained by former top Mount Isa rugby league footballer Dennis Clancy," Dennis said.

Star Palm boxer Selwyn Seaton lost the main bout on points to Kolby Johnson, who, Dennis said, was a grandson of the great Bronco Johnson.

"I thought Selwyn was unlucky to lose. In my opinion it was his best-ever performance and I thought he easily won the last two rounds," Dennis said.

Several weeks earlier, Seaton had a win at the North Queensland Games

tournament held in Townsville.

Dennis said that young Palm Islander Nathan James gave away age and weight to a Hawks opponent and lost on points at Mt Isa.

"It was very hard for me to believe that the judges gave the decision against Nathan," Dennis said.

Dennis Haines, from Palm Island, had an impressive win over Luke Dore, from Hawks, and Dennis said more wins were coming.

"Haines has won nine bouts with the last four in a row and is a very much improved boxer," he said.

In the first bout, Patrick Clarke, from Palm, was defeated by Dean Thomas, of Hawks, and in his second contest, defeated a Mount Isa boxer.

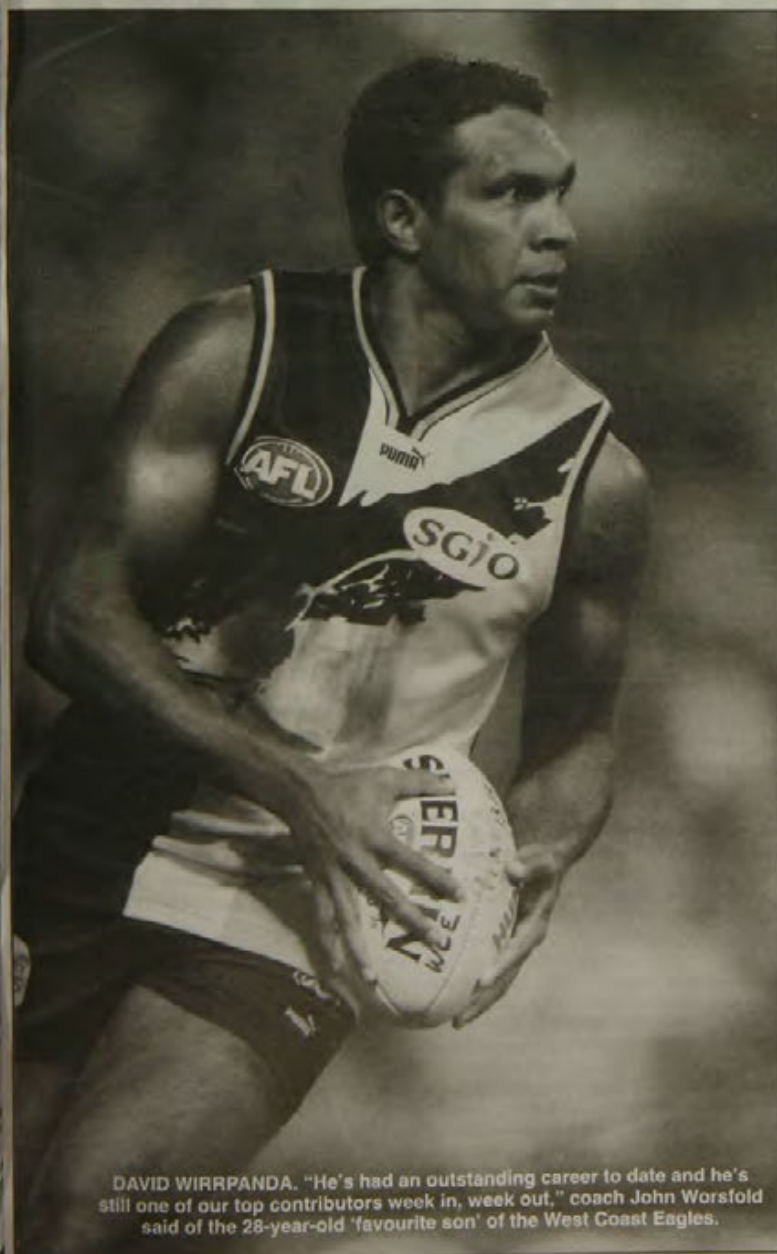
"It was one of the best bouts of the night and the home crowd was right behind the Mount Isa boxer, cheering loudly for him," Dennis said.

Mosi Geia, from Palm, lost his bout to Dean Thomas, of Hawks.



REGGIE PALM ISLAND

In awe of Wirrpanda



DAVID WIRRPANDA. "He's had an outstanding career to date and he's still one of our top contributors week in, week out," coach John Worsfold said of the 28-year-old 'favourite son' of the West Coast Eagles.



WEST Coast coach John Worsfold has described David Wirrpanda as the Eagles' 'favourite son'.

The 28-year-old Wirrpanda played his 200th Australian Football League (AFL) game on 24 May.

Wirrpanda arrived at the Eagles as a scrawny 16-year-old back in 1996, but despite his small stature and early injury troubles, established himself as one of the club's most exciting talents in 1999 when he played 24 matches.

"He's had an outstanding career to date and he's still one of our top contributors week in, week out," Worsfold said ahead of West Coast's clash against Adelaide at Subiaco Oval.

"It's been a magnificent effort.

"It's been great to see him develop as a player and a person over his career. He's one of the special players to have played for the West Coast Eagles."

Maturity

Worsfold played three years of football with Wirrpanda before retiring in 1998 and said he was amazed at his team-mate's maturity at such a young age.

"I remember looking at him at the time (when he first arrived from Victoria) and thinking it's amazing to take on that challenge as he did and to cope with that," Worsfold said.

"It may appear at times he's pretty cool and calm, but I know it was very tough for him in periods.

"He's a great role model in the community for all people, not just young Aborigines.

"He speaks very well, he looks after himself and he's got great values.

"Wirrpanda is a real favourite son of the West Coast Eagles."

Meanwhile, Wirrpanda has given the biggest indication yet that this could be his final season.

Wirrpanda said his mind was willing but his body was feeling the effects of a 13-year career.

"It might be this year, it might be next year, I might be standing here with a microphone with you blokes next year, who knows?" Wirrpanda said ahead of West Coast's clash with Adelaide on 24 May.

"I can understand what Chris Waterman, Chris Mainwaring, Lewy (Chris Lewis), Peter Matera and Dean

Kemp used to complain about now.

"I couldn't understand back then, now I do understand the difference between what the mind and body says.

"The body feels a bit like it's 40 but the mind obviously loves to play footy. But you've got to be realistic and I'm a realistic person.

"If the time's right, I'll let it go. There's no dramas for me to go to the next chapter of my life."

Wirrpanda also revealed just how close he was to missing West Coast's premiership triumph over Sydney in 2006 with a hamstring injury.

"I was almost ruled out just about," he said.

"It was kind of 50-50 after I completed the fitness test at the MCG. That was when the ball was in the coaching staff's box, and they made the call.

"It was a very scary time for myself but I was able to get over the line and be a part of that team and that's something that I share dearly with the rest of my team-mates.

"To be able to be labelled as a premiership player - that's an honour that a lot of great champions haven't had ... so I'm just very fortunate to be in that position."

Wirrpanda admitted he had contemplated moving back to Victoria many times early on in his career.

Turning point

But the turning point came in 1998 when senior Eagles Chris Mainwaring, John Worsfold, Brett Heady and Dean Kemp sat him down to lay out what was expected of him.

"They all got me in the room and told me what the expectations are and what they demand as a West Coast Eagles footballer, and it was pretty hard to take because I cruised through the first two years and they really grilled me," he said.

"That was the turning point I think because the following year I really committed to a pre-season and really wanted to be a part of the team."

And as for the ponytail hairstyle he had in the early days?

"Yeah (Mick) Malthouse told me to cut my hair. He said 'either look after it or cut it off', and when I cut it off in '99, David Hart did me a favour and retired... and I went back to the back pocket and played every game," Wirrpanda said with a laugh. - AAP

Mundine chasing greatness



ANTHONY Mundine admits he needs a defining fight against a high-profile opponent to help him achieve his goal of achieving boxing greatness.

Having successfully defended his World Boxing Association super middleweight title with a unanimous points decision over Sam Soliman at Vodafone Arena on 28 May, Mundine is considering a drop down to middleweight division so he can fight the likes of Americans Ronald Wright and Kelly Pavlik, or Joe Calzaghe of Wales.

Mundine said his rivalry with Soliman was now a 'closed chapter' after three wins, and acknowledged he had to work towards fighting bigger names and reaping bigger pay days.

"If it don't make money, it don't make sense," he said.

"I'm after money, so bring on those guys who are going to make me money."

Mundine said he needed to contest a

major bout to prove himself a 'defining fighter', but admitted doing so would be difficult in the United States or United Kingdom because he was not a big name internationally.

"So I've just got to keep racking up victories, do what I did here, be dominant and fight good contenders and treat them like they're pretenders," he said.

"When they see me fight, they'll know I'm a great fighter and I'm looking for greatness."

The Soliman bout was a more even contest than last year's fight, which Mundine won by knock-out, as Soliman started well and finished strongly, while Mundine controlled the middle rounds.

Both fighters claimed victory after the 12th round, but the judges, from Thailand, the Philippines and Korea, awarded the fight Mundine's way 116-112, 116-112, 117-112.

Mundine said he won comfortably, but the Soliman camp was bitterly disappointed by the verdict, as they

claimed they threw three times as many punches.

Soliman felt the judges ignored the punches he landed, but counted Mundine's, while the Victorian's trainer Dave Hedgcock said the perception 'The Man' threw a more powerful punch should not be taken into account.

"If you land five punches in a round and someone else lands 12, isn't that the point of boxing?" Hedgcock said.

"Isn't that scored on points not power. Otherwise you wouldn't have weight divisions would you?"

"Boxing's about scoring points, he (Soliman) scored the more points. He threw the more punches and landed the more punches."

Both boxers claimed the proof of their punching was on their faces, as both were mostly mark-free afterwards.

Mundine had a nick near his left eye - he claimed from Soliman's elbow - but said he should be on the catwalk given how good he looked.

Although Mundine acknowledged the public would not want to see a fourth fight between the pair, Soliman indicated he wanted another re-match at his preferred weight.

"When I go back to my weight, middleweight, and he thinks he's going to come down to middle, so he won't have the title to be doing that," he said.

"I don't want no title to knock him out. I just want to knock him out, and if he comes down to my weight he wouldn't be strong enough."

Soliman also thrived on enjoying the home-town support of the crowd, many of whom jeered when the decision was announced.

"He might have got the decision but on the crowd support and every other judge in Australia that have sent text messages and told us who won the fight..." he said.

"To have 8000 people chanting 'Sammy', there's no better buzz, no better high, it makes all the hard work worth it and makes it all so special." - AAP

Folly exposed



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THE hard-nosed approach of the Queensland selectors has been exposed for the stubborn ignorance of those who cannot admit they were wrong.

Queensland chairman of selectors Des Morris says Scott Prince is not necessarily the answer for the second State of Origin match in Brisbane.

Prince was controversially left out of the Queensland side for game one with Karmichael Hunt preferred out of position at five-eighths.

The Maroons struggled for creativity in the halves and went on to lose the game and place the Maroons' hold of the trophy under threat.

Morris said it was much too early to say if Gold Coast Titans halfback Prince would be

considered for the next match.

"He was seriously considered for game one and we just didn't think it was in our best interests," he said.

"When you see the amount of tackling that Karmichael had to do last night, maybe people will have another think about it."

Morris says selectors would be taking the easy option if they called Prince into the side.

"It's easier for us to put him in the side than be criticised all the time," he said.

"But you've got the gel of the side right and the mix of the side right, so we'll have another look at that and see where we go when we sit down and have time to reflect on the game last night."

Well, Mr Morris, I have had time to sit down and reflect on the game and I still think you got it wrong.

Johnathan Thurston lacked the dominance expected from a player of his calibre and his combinations with others, especially Hunt, were poor.

Thurston was easily isolated and although you speak of the amount of tackling Karmichael had to do, you fail to mention the six tackles he missed.

Don't get me wrong - Karmichael is an outstanding player and I would have him in my team, but not in a position he does not play in at club level.

The fact that Wayne Bennett - a man with a fair understanding of Origin football - discarded loyalty to his club

Scott Prince, the Gold Coast Titans' halfback. Columnist David Liddiard says Prince should have been in the Queensland Origin side for game one, but with the likely return of Darren Lockyer, Prince probably will miss selection in game two at Suncorp Stadium on 11 June.



player in Hunt in support of Prince was telling.

"Scott Prince is one of the best team players I've ever coached," said Bennett.

"He's just a wonderful team player."

"I had him here (at the Broncos) for three years and we didn't see enough of him (because of injuries). I took him away in the Australian side (for the 2005 Tri Nations)."

"He'd do any role he had to do to be in the team."

"You see him play for the Titans every week, he's their best team player."

But Morris and his mates may well be saved from further embarrassment following the successful return to the field by

Darren Lockyer against the Parramatta Eels.

And the irony that should not be lost on any true fan of the game is that Lockyer will play the same type of role that Prince could have filled in game one!

Wayne Bennett said he wasn't expecting miracles from skipper Darren Lockyer in his comeback against Parramatta.

But that's exactly what he got.

With two seconds left, Lockyer's magical left foot chip kick provided young speed machine Denan Kemp with a club record-equalling fourth try and the Broncos with an astonishing 30-26 victory over the deflated Eels.

"He (Lockyer) was solid, we weren't expecting miracles," said

Bennett. "He was probably the only guy on the ground who could have done what he did."

Lockyer's 52-minute return from knee surgery was great news for Queensland and the champion five-eighths declared all systems go after pulling off yet another match-winning play.

"He only had to run across the white line to be an Origin certainty," said Bennett, who devised a plan to use Lockyer in two bursts.

Lockyer said: "I had a rest but my fitness is fine and I was confident with my knee."

"I've got another 12 days to go and I'll do everything I can to prepare myself for a big game."

Unfortunately, Justin Hodges and Sam Thaiday will have nervous waits after being replaced on report in the game against Parramatta.

Hodges is perhaps the most in doubt and his loss would be a severe blow given his mere presence lifts players around him.

Despite an engaging battle with Matt Cooper, he was one of the Maroons' best and almost scored a miraculous try.

An attacking movement in the 53rd minute almost produced what may have been one of Origin's greatest ever tries only to fall just short.

Billy Slater did extremely well to keep an attempted 40/20 infield by tapping it back, re-entering the playing surface, picking up the ball and streaking away down the left side.

The Maroons will rely heavily on the caudron of Lang Park to lift them in the second game.

I expect them to square the series and set up a decider back in Sydney for Game Three.

Bring It On!

300... and counting

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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AS I write this, I am preparing for the game against Richmond and – like every game at this level – the result for the team will be more important than any individual performance or achievement.

At the same time, I cannot help but feel humbled that this will be my 300th official game, earning me the honour of AFL life membership.

Since my debut in 1995, I have played 279 premierships, 14 pre-season, two State of Origin and four International Rules matches.

This includes the Sydney Swans' 2005 flag plus runner-up efforts in 1996 and 2006, and I cannot be more thankful for the opportunities the game and the club have afforded me.

However, this milestone was news to me until shortly before the club's press conference.

What it did reinforce to me was the time when injury threatened my career

and I was unsure how much time I had left at this level.

I always said I didn't think I'd be here this long and to play so many games at one club... it's something special."

The most important thing is that I feel I am still contributing and have enjoyed a good start to 2008, kicking 24 goals in nine matches so far.

It's amazing what a pre-season can do for a bloke's confidence and I've been lucky enough to have that this year.

I'm not pulling up as sore and the knee is holding up well – touch wood.

The week has caused me to pause and, once again, reflect on those who have helped me on my life's journey.

Without the help of those people – many of whom I will not be able to individually name – I would not have even reached the AFL let alone play 300 games.

Growing up in Salisbury, SA, I discovered my love of the game like any other kid kicking a ball around the park or on the roads with my brothers and cousins.

Like any favourite sport, it is the one you are happy to play until dark or until somebody breaks a neighbour's window with a mistimed kick.

If I needed any further encouragement, I also had the privilege of playing for Salisbury North, which had produced a champion like Gavin Wanganeen as well as noted players like Troy and Shane Bond and my brother Ricky.

Pulling on the same junior jersey of players such as these gives you the confidence to dream.

Representing Central Districts as a youngster allowed me to start to think that I might play at the AFL level.

Like many kids of that age, it was a simple dream but one that inspired me to work harder.

I was fortunate however to have a mother who was determined to keep her son's head out of the clouds and my Mum (Muriel) made certain that school came first or there was no footy.

Mum made certain I had my priorities in the right order and I would like to think that the values she gave me as a kid are still central to my life today.

They are certainly the values I will try to pass on to my own children.

By ensuring that I stuck it out at school, she not only taught me the value of a good education, but also the rewards that come through perseverance and effort.

These are the things you do not always appreciate at the time, but always value greatly when you look back over your life.

This did not mean that she did not encourage me in my footy pursuits.

She was – and is – my greatest fan.

Along with my grandparents – Glenn and Cecilia O'Loughlin – she continually not only encouraged me to follow my dreams, but also gave me a great deal of physical support.

Oil for the machine

All sports should not underestimate the value of a supportive parent or the loyal club volunteer who provide the oil for the machine of junior development.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those sporting mums and dads and junior club officials whose time and devotion to their junior clubs gave me the opportunity to play as a youngster.

Included in this are those often unacknowledged people who man the canteen, set up the grounds and wash the team gear!

They are the true lifeblood of junior sport.

Of all the volunteers, however, it is the good junior coach that is a truly rare breed of person.

I am not talking about those coaches who rant or rave, or those who want to live through the reflected glory of their players' achievements.

I am talking about those passionate individuals whose main desire is to give children the gift of their knowledge and love of the game.

I was fortunate to have a succession

of good coaches and would like all kids to appreciate the time volunteer coaches give up to provide you with a game.

Every coach I had gave me a new skill or a piece of knowledge that helped me improve as a player.

But the most important thing they gave me was their time.

My Uncle Wilbur Wilson and the great Gilbert McAdam had a special influence on me, but I remember every coach I had.

None of this, however, filled me with confidence when I was selected by the Swans as a third round pick and 40th overall in the 1994 national draft.

Don't get me wrong – I was thrilled but I certainly wasn't thinking of a premiership flag back then!

I just hoped to play a game and when I came over to Sydney, I didn't think I'd last that long here – maybe one or two years, then back home to Adelaide and doing... I'm not too sure what!

The continuation of my life's journey has been both great and exciting and I owe a lot to the footy club.

The calibre of people at the Swans make it a special place.

It is like family and I could never imagine playing for another club.

Again, my coaches during this time have played a special role in my success.

I've been around the club for a long time now, so to reach AFL life membership while playing for this club is certainly an honour.

On that note, I would like to thank all the fans who have supported me over the years.

Through this column I feel I have been able to reach out to the Indigenous community on a more personal level and I particularly thank all my brothers and sisters for their loyal support.

The greatest lesson I have learned in my 13 years at the AFL level is never to take anything for granted.

I hope the old body will take me around a few more years yet.

Retirement will be another milestone – but my life's journey will continue!

Until next time – Keep Dreaming!

August new date for the Island of Origin

By ALF WILSON



Birthday long weekend in June.

At a community meeting on 27 May, Badu Island residents voted to hold the carnival from 22-24 August and ten rugby league teams are expected.

The 23rd carnival had been planned to be held at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island after the previous three carnivals were on Badu.

But in late April, the Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL) on Thursday Island was forced to withdraw from hosting the carnival due to the poor condition of the re-laid Ken Brown Oval.

Badu Island Councillor and one of the carnival organisers, Wayne Guivarra, told *The Koori Mail* on 30 May that the late notice of the change had been a main reason for the postponement.

"We had only five weeks to prepare and the people at the meeting decided that was not enough time to do it to our normal standard which competitors are used to," Cr Guivarra said.

Another reason was that some of the islands were too late for funding which closed at the end of the March quarter.

"Some teams didn't bother seeking funding because they had no accommodation if it was held on TI and now they can put in for funding in the quarter which ends at the end of June," Cr Guivarra said.

Badu Island provides free accommodation for visitors in the form of billets and also supplies a free welcoming and departure dinner, and

complimentary breakfast for the carnival duration.

Last June, Kulpiyam beat another Badu team Mulga Tigers 44-40 in the grand final. Nine sides competed last year.

The Origin is considered the premier sporting event in the Torres Strait and the theme this year is 'The Spirit Lives On'.

Cr Guivarra is confident that the two Badu teams will again nominate along with Arkai Brothers (Kubin), Yam, Duan, Mabilia (two teams), and several other islands will line up.

The Koori Mail was told by a Townsville source in late May that a Yorke Island team made up of mainly Mosby family members would also travel to Badu.

Cr Guivarra said he was confident 12 women's volleyball teams would compete and added that darts singles would be contested for the first time.

Opals make clean sweep of Taiwan



ROHANE Cox, with 10 points, helped the Australian women's basketball team complete a clean sweep of Taiwan, winning the third and final game of the series 77-53 in Terrigal, on the

NSW central coast.

A 22-8 second-quarter blitz gave the Opals a 20-point lead at half-time and the reigning world champions controlled the contest for the remainder on 24 May.

Natalie Porter top scored for Australia with 16 points while Rohane Cox (10 points), Alicia Poto (nine), Emma Randall (nine) and Jenni Screen (nine) all kept the scorers busy.

With 43 and 32-point victories in the previous two games, Australia responded well to a lacklustre performance at the test event in Beijing last month, where they lost to New Zealand for the first time.

"We wanted a tight game because the other two games have been quite a margin," Opals head coach Jan Stirling said after the Terrigal match.

"It makes us have a different thinking cap on, so we were challenged and that's what we wanted. In the end it was very pleasing and we've certainly got some things to work on."

Teams set for carnival

Cricketers lining up to take part

By ALF WILSON



THE inaugural Charters Towers Indigenous cricket carnival will be held during NAIDOC Week celebrations in July, with 10 teams from around North Queensland expected to compete.

The carnival will be held under the Twenty/20 format at Mosman Park, in Charters Towers, on 12-13 July.

An organising committee consisting of Karleen Kerr, Dicky Davidson, Bill Jerri and Kerry Ward has been working since January to get the carnival running.

"We will have a limit of 10 teams for the first carnival and have been getting things organised during NAIDOC Week meetings here in Charters Towers," Ms Kerr said.

So far Innisfail, Mt Garnet and two Charters Towers-based teams - Black Brems and the CDEP Hot Mowers - have entered.

Black Bream and CDEP Hot Mowers played in the annual Goldfield Ashes Cricket carnival held at Charters Towers over the Australian Day long weekend.



Elder Dick Davidson, the man behind the Indigenous carnival.

Those sides contested the B-2 grade, while players from Mt Garnet, on the Atherton Tablelands, and Innisfail lined up for various other sides.

A record 206 teams battled it out at the 2008 Goldfield Ashes which started in the late 1940s with just six sides.

More than 500 Indigenous cricketers competed at the event.

Inquiries have been received from as far away as Hughenden, Weipa and Tasmania about competing at the coming Indigenous carnival.

A Tasmanian team with some players based at Latrobe, in the Apple Isle, had indicated a desire to travel to Charters



The CDEP Hot Mowers at the Goldfield Ashes. They will compete at the inaugural Indigenous carnival in July.

Towers, with finance the only obstacle.

Some of these Indigenous Tasmanian cricketers had previously played grade cricket in Townsville and also made annual appearances at the Goldfield Ashes.

Ms Kerr said the organisers wanted to take things slowly and would be careful not to accept too many teams as their first carnival.

"We think that 10 teams would be good so there are still places for six sides and nomination forms are available from the Charters Towers CDEP," she said.

The carnival is the brainchild of Elder Dick Davidson who was the founder of the

Black Brems XI which has been part of the Goldfield Ashes on and off for many years.

Indigenous women will also be involved in a mini rugby league carnival to coincide with the cricket.

"There will be a ladies football team from Charters Towers and another from Hughenden," Ms Kerr said.

There will be a full program of NAIDOC activities in Charters Towers starting with the raising of the flag and continuing all week.

More information on the cricket carnival is available from Karleen Kerr on (07) 4787 8659.

Looking to the future

NSW Cricket focus is on development



ADMINISTRATORS behind Indigenous cricket in NSW are aiming to engage more people to

volunteer their time to help in the development of the sport.

The NSW Aboriginal Cricket Advisory Committee last week held a teleconference to evaluate the previous season and start planning for 2008/09. The committee advises on the planning and implementation of Indigenous programs across NSW. Regions associated with this are seeking Indigenous volunteers to help develop cricket locally.

Cricket NSW says that where possible, it can provide education and training courses (subsidised or potentially free) to any Indigenous volunteers willing to help with coaching, umpiring, scoring, volunteering and administration.

Spokesman Russel Grimson said the goal was to form regional organising groups of Indigenous



Russel Grimson, second from right, back row, with the NSW women's Indigenous team during the Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs last February.

people which would provide more sustainable development of cricket within their own Indigenous communities.

Grimson, who is Cricket NSW's Indigenous Program Co-ordinator, said that in the 2008-09 season, Cricket NSW would be selecting three NSW Indigenous

representative sides: NSW Aboriginal XI, NSW Aboriginal Women's XI and a NSW Aboriginal Youth XI.

"We are always looking to identify more talented Indigenous cricketers and support staff who are available for selection," he said.

"If anyone is eager to be a part of the selection process, I urge them to contact me."

"Each season Cricket NSW conducts a census of player participation. For the last few years, Indigenous numbers have continued to grow but we still need the help of the Indigenous

community to help identify the level of Indigenous participation."

Grimson said many associations were not recording the number of Indigenous cricketers they had, "meaning we don't get a complete picture of how many Indigenous cricketers there are and where they are playing."

"I urge every Indigenous cricketer to identify their Aboriginality to their association and request they record participation levels," he said.

"In short, the more Indigenous cricketers and volunteers in a cricket region, the higher the percentage of funding."

Grimson said Cricket NSW was trying to strengthen its pathway for Indigenous cricketers by closing the gaps between the existing Indigenous participation-based programs and the elite Indigenous sides as well as link them more closely to existing mainstream talent ID programs.

"Part of this objective is the creation of Regional Indigenous Development Squads. We are seeking talented young Indigenous cricketers, aged 13-17, and qualified Indigenous coaches to run these programs which will feed into the NSW teams into the future," he said.

Grimson is available on (02) 9339 0915, fax (02) 9360 6877 or mobile: 0425 295 551.

150 games for quiet achiever

By CHRIS PIKE



WA Football League player Keren Ugle might not have the profile of some other Aboriginal sports stars, but he has quietly gone about his decade-long football career and become one of the most-respected and hardest working players around.

And now the 28-year-old has passed the 150-game mark.

The South Fremantle player has virtually done it all in his career, and with his dedication to keeping in shape and working hard, it wouldn't surprise to see him continue playing into his 30s and pass the 200-game mark.

Ugle brought up his 150th game in round nine of the WAFL season with his South Fremantle side thumping Swan Districts by 79 points at Fremantle Oval. It was a tremendous day for Ugle as he played well, was chaired off the ground and became a life member of the club that is close to his heart.

Ever since returning to South Fremantle for the 2000 season after being told he wasn't good enough, Ugle has been a brilliant and consistent performer in whatever role asked of him.

His outstanding 2000 season saw him rookie-listed by the Fremantle Dockers and he played four AFL matches in 2001.

Ugle returned full-time to South Fremantle and cemented his spot in the league and as a great of the club. He played in the reserves premiership of 2004, and then had the best season of his career to be instrumental in South Fremantle's league premiership in 2005.

Consistent form

He has continued his consistent form since then and is proud of everything he has accomplished, especially now to reach 150 games.

"I'll always cherish those moments. The 2005 premiership is the standout, but I also look back fondly on the reserves premiership, my 100th game and even my 50th milestone," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"Now to get to 150, be a premiership player and play four games for Freo, I'm rapt with how it has all turned out for me.

"There's not many players in the league these days who have played 150 games or onwards, so I'm happy to be acknowledged as a 150-game player. It's a huge honour to not only play the 150 games, but to become a life member.

"South Fremantle have a function for all the life members every couple of years, so it's a huge achievement."

Ugle nominates his four AFL matches and the 2005 premiership as the pinnacles of his career.

"To play four games and a couple more in the pre-season was huge and is more than a lot of other guys ever get the chance to experience. I had the taste of AFL footy and that's an achievement I'm also rapt about," he said.

"You can't go past a premiership at a club like South Fremantle, or any level for that matter, but it was just so good to be part of. I can't describe the feeling and hopefully I will get to experience it again."

Ugle has been solid again this season for the Bulldogs as they push to be in the finals for the fifth straight year. He is also now a leader at the club and is playing under another Aboriginal star, Toby



Life member Keren Ugle chaired off the ground after completing his 150th game for South Fremantle.



Keren Ugle leads South Fremantle on to the ground.

McGrath. "I've been pretty consistent again this year. There have been a couple of games where I was a little down, but all in all I've been happy with how I've been going," he said.

"I have taken on a bit more leadership this year as well as a few other guys."

It hasn't been all smooth sailing for Ugle, with the toughest time coming when he left South Fremantle in 1999.

Hunger

He attempted to make his way at Perth, but left soon after to spend the rest of the season playing in the country.

Looking back now, though, he believes that helped build his hunger to succeed.

"The hard times that I've been through are always in the back of my mind," he said.

"1999 was tough to deal with, but I had to jump over the hurdle and start my career all over again and be recognised once more.

"It was a huge mountain to have to

climb to start all over again, but to get the phone call from South that they wanted me to come back in 2000 after they didn't want me was great.

"Then to have a great season and end up being rookie-listed by Fremantle made me over the moon."

Ugle is just the sixth current player in the WAFL to have played more than 150 games, and while the others might be nearing the end, he sees himself playing for years yet.

"I'll definitely keep working hard and hopefully keep playing well. It's all about looking after your body, which is what I do, and I'm happy to keep going for a while yet," he said.

Ugle is also a strong cricket all-rounder. He represented Western Australia at the recent Imparja Cup again this year and enjoyed the experience.

"It was exciting. I made the All-Australian side again for the third straight year, so things went pretty well on the cricket side of things too," he said.



Troy Cook in action for the Dockers.

A winner on and off the football field



TROY Cook has always been held in high regard on the football field, but now he is also being recognised for his work off it as well.

The former Sydney Swans and Fremantle Dockers AFL hard man retired from professional football last year after 193 games, and just recently received the Nowalenko Award.

It is the second time the annual award has been presented, with former St Kilda and Brisbane AFL player Gilbert McAdam winning it last year. The award was initiated by the Essendon and Richmond Football Clubs in conjunction with the AFL and provides recognition for an Aboriginal person who has made a significant contribution to the game and community.

Cook was nominated by the David Wirrpanda Foundation, where he and West Coast Eagles 200-game player Wirrpanda work tirelessly to help Aborigines throughout Western Australia. Cook received the award during West Coast's victory over Adelaide at Subiaco, which was also Wirrpanda's 200th game.

It was a big night for Cook and Wirrpanda, and the Eagles veteran could not speak more highly of the work his former fierce Fremantle rival is doing in the community.

'Positive role model'

"Troy is passionate about his heritage and giving back to the community. I admire his ability as a mentor and his stature as a positive role model," Wirrpanda said.

"I considered Troy a formidable opponent on the playing field and am now privileged to work with him as we help make positive changes to ours and future generations."

Cook was selected by a panel made up of representatives from the AFL, Essendon, Richmond, AFL Sportsready and the AFL Players Association and judged on the criteria of making a contribution to the game and the community.

His excellent AFL career that included 150 matches with Fremantle and 43 with Sydney, Fremantle's best-and-fairest in 2000 and a two-time State representative might be well known, but his work in the community has until now gone relatively unheralded.

Upon retiring from the AFL at the end of 2007, Cook started his role as a mentor and project officer with the David Wirrpanda Foundation.

He has implemented his own health and fitness program aimed at physical and mental health as well as tackling substance abuse. The program has been trialled at Perth's Balga Senior High School and will soon go to three more schools.

Cook is also an ambassador to the Be Active WA program. — Chris Pike

Relay runners' fingers crossed



JOSH ROSS



THE Australian men's 4x100m relay team, headed by Indigenous anchor sprinter Joshua Ross, is running out of opportunities to win last-minute selection in the Australian team for the Beijing Olympics.

Competing at the Grand Prix meet in Osaka, Japan, last month, the Australian team

failed to finish, putting their Olympic qualification hopes in jeopardy.

Ross took off too early at the third change, with Isaac Ntiamoah unable to pass him the baton in time.

Australia is currently ranked 11th in the world and must now hope that other 4x100m teams don't push them out of the top 16 before the Beijing Olympic Games. - AAP

Harradine's throw sets new record



TWO-TIME Australian discus champion Benn Harradine has elevated his stocks before the Beijing Olympics by breaking his national record in Salinas, California.

He threw the discus 66.37m, surpassing his mark of 65.37m in the US a month ago, to improve his ranking to No 6 in the world this year.

The throw also saw him claim the Victorian and Ringwood club record of 65.92m held by Werner Reiterer, which was not ratified by Athletics Australia as the national record.

Coach Gus Puopolo said Harradine had been chasing the two local records.

"The Victorian and Ringwood Club record was the record that Benn really wanted to break, it was the most important record," Puopolo said.

"This US series has been really good, we are really happy with it."

The news even got better for Harradine, who, on 29 May, was added to the Australian team for the Beijing Olympics.

His name was one of four added to the Australian track and field team for Beijing.

Further athletes can be added until 23 June.

At 25 years of age, Harradine, whose mob come from the Victorian Wimmera region, still is early in his career.



Discus thrower Benn Harradine



Long-jumper Robbie Crowther

"Benn has the potential to throw over 70m, it may just take a few years," Puopolo said.

"If all the lifestyle factors remain positive, you can hit your career peak at 40."

Harradine will return to complete a four-to-five-week winter training program before heading to the European circuit

for another round of competition in July.

Meanwhile, the Beijing Olympic test event continued with another rising Indigenous star, world junior champion Robbie Crowther, taking out the men's long jump with a jump of 7.94m ahead of Zhenwe Yu

(7.83m).

Australian Indigenous sprinters Joshua Ross (10.32s) and Patrick Johnson (10.31s) were overrun by personal best performances from Chinese sprinters Peimeng Zhang (10.23s) and Kai Hu (10.24s) in the 100m final. - AAP



Sprinter Patrick Johnson on the track.

'I'm still in the running' - Johnson



VETERAN Indigenous track sprinter Patrick Johnson is determined to continue his

athletics career - even if he misses out on selection in the team for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games in August.

Johnson told *The Australian* newspaper he still was the country's best sprinter and he planned to stick around at least until the 2010 Commonwealth Games in India.

Johnson is the only Australian to break 10 seconds in the 100m. He will turn 36 in September.

So far, Athletics Australia selectors have not chosen him for the Beijing Olympics despite him having clocked a qualifying time.

An appeal by Johnson over his non-selection failed.

But Johnson remains optimistic. The final team won't be

announced until late this month. Johnson, who last month was competing in Beijing and then planned to go on to Taiwan, said he was sick of people talking about his age.

"I don't know why people keep saying I'm old, I am still the best in Australia," he said.

If he doesn't make it to the August Olympics, Johnson said it would not be the last of him. He said he still was driven by a passion to succeed.

"I don't believe I've even reached my full potential. I started late in the sport," he said.

"People see my age, but they don't see my athletic age. I am coming into my prime in the next couple of years."

"Maybe the London Olympics (2012) would be pushing it. I will see how I feel, but I am looking at the Commonwealth Games and will test the waters from there."

'People see my age, but they don't see my athletic age. I am coming into my prime in the next couple of years.'

Gold Coast Titans rugby league player Preston Campbell during a 2007 visit to Pormpuraaw, on the west coast of Cape York.



Presto stands tall

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RESPECT is something you work hard for in the NRL. Whether it is the respect of your own team-mates or the respect of your opposition matters little because the respect of your peers is the highest praise of all.

I do not know any player in the game who does not respect Preston Campbell.

Preston embodies the qualities of physical and mental courage that are the foundation of our game.

I make the distinction between physical and mental courage for a special reason.

Anybody who watches the game cannot help but admire Preston's physical courage because his small stature gives him the status of the underdog.

In every game he plays, he is almost certainly the smallest player on the field and the way he puts his body on the line draws applause from the fans, inspires his team-mates and frustrates the opposition who inevitably target him whenever possible.

But as tough as he is physically, it is his mental toughness that makes him a true star of the NRL.

Preston is one of the few players in the game who will continually back his instincts, no matter what the situation of the game.

As was witnessed in the recent thriller against the Wests Tigers, he is ready to throw the dice and back his skills in an attempt to turn the game.

He is thriving under the coaching of John Cartwright, whose faith and confidence in Preston is being returned tenfold.

Cartwright believes Preston Campbell is in career-best form and that is why the Titans re-signed the electrifying fullback until the end of 2009.

Campbell, 30, has been in blistering form as the Titans have charged to the top of the NRL ladder.

"He's coming into some of the best form that he's played in his career," Cartwright said.

"He is also so important to the club. He's the type of guy you want as a role model for everyone that plays at the club."

And that is the other dimension of respect for Preston.

He is one of the nicest blokes playing the game and is certainly the one current player that all other Aboriginal players look to as a source of inspiration.

He is one of the few players – if not the only player – in the game who cannot only inspire quotes of affection from his coach, but get away with it!

Coach Cartwright said he felt like

giving Campbell 'a cuddle' after the diminutive fullback's five-star performance almost stole the show against the Wests Tigers.

Campbell scored a try and played a big role in another as the Titans fought back from 20-6 down to lose 20-18.

Some of Campbell's takes under pressure were beyond belief.

But just as noteworthy were his fearless charges into the defence, try-saving tackles and weaving runs.

It is hard to imagine any other fullback having the audacity to make one-handed pick-ups and catches like Campbell.

He is one of the best advertisements the code has.

"Presto was fantastic. You just want to take him home and give him a cuddle, don't you?" said a beaming Cartwright.

Entertainers like Preston seem in short supply these days in the NRL.

The tiny fella from the tinier country town of Tingha who turns up every week ready to thrill fans.

The lightweight who has no fear charging at the biggest player on the park.

As Cartwright says, 'when Preston gets the ball in his hands, most people watching him have their hearts in their mouth'.

Campbell turns 31 next Saturday, but he runs around the park with the enthusiasm and smile of a 16-year-old.

"We've probably got a shortage of entertainers at the moment," Preston said.

"Sometimes our game can be too structured. I remember growing up and watching Phil Blake play. He did some things that were just amazing. I still think they're amazing."

"Even when I first started playing, blokes like Wes Patten, Cliff Lyons, David Peachey... I know they were all Aboriginal, but they were my inspiration. I don't go out to entertain. I just go out to play my game."

"I think Sonny Bill Williams, Sam Thaiday, Scott Prince are all entertainers. But there aren't many. I've realised you can't think about things too much when you're out there. When you think about things too much, it takes something away from your game."

"I may turn 31 next week, but there's no way I'm going to go into my shell now."

As the AFL prepares an assault on the Gold Coast, they will have to counter the 'Presto Factor'.

He is the AFL's worst nightmare. Sure, they've got a team joining the national competition in 2011, but Campbell is single-handedly flying the flag for league.

Schoolchildren love him. Currumbin Primary School acting principal Ken Lydiard said Campbell was a regular last year, 'but now we've got to share him with the other schools'.

"They're inspired by the way he has worked hard to make a go of things and he's always made time for them. We've got about 990 kids at the school and he hung around one day to give nearly every one of them his autograph," Lydiard said.

It is John Cartwright, the father, rather than the coach who pays Preston the ultimate compliment.

"If you want your kids to grow up and be like somebody, it would be Preston. He's the ultimate gentleman and competitor," he said.

As always, Campbell plays down the wraps. He is grateful to be playing footy. He loves his team-mates. He loves the attention from the public.

"They make the effort to turn up each week, so I've got no problems returning the favour," he said.

Well Preston, on behalf of all your fans – including those who play the game – happy birthday and may there be many more seasons to come!

Well done, brother!

Huge celebration of

By PETER ARGENT



HONOURING the Australian Football League (AFL) Indigenous heroes in the community and

the game, the 2008 Indigenous round of football from Friday 23 May to Sunday 25 May was a great celebration of what our footballers have achieved in Australian rules.

The theme of the weekend was to build bridges between cultures.

The round also acknowledged the efforts of the previous generation of players and their fight against racial abuse, which was a scar on the game. The people like Michael Long who decisively made a statement after the Anzac Day match in 1995, when he was called a 'black bastard'.

The powerful image of Nicky

Winmar pointing the colour of his skin after suffering racial taunts in the contest between St Kilda and Collingwood at Victoria Park in 1993.

Aboriginal footballing pioneers at the top level go back to Joe Johnson early in the 20th century and include icons of the game like Graham 'Polly' Farmer and Carlton's Syd Jackson through the 1960s and 1970s, and champions like Maurice Rioli and Michael McLean in the 1980s.

By the time it had become a truly national competition at the start of the 1990s, Chris Lewis, Gavin Wanganeen, Peter Matera and Chris Johnson were dominating the competition.

In total, 189 Aboriginal players have graced the football fields around Australia at VFL/AFL level, and another 11 are on senior or rookie lists with AFL clubs currently.

Amazingly, 26 of them have achieved the ultimate reward, an

AFL premiership, with five players – Maurice Rioli, Peter Matera, Michael Long, Andrew McLeod (twice) and Byron Pickett – securing the ultimate accolade on grand final day – a Norm Smith Medal.

There are also two Brownlow medallists – Gavin Wanganeen and Adam Goodes (twice) – while West Australians Barry Cable and Steve Michael, along with Long and Peter Matera, have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Farmer was honoured with Legend status when the inaugural inductees were announced in 1996 and was selected to lead the ruck in the AFL's Team of the Century.

Other honours include 14 separate players collecting 19 club best-and-fairest, with Norm McDonald being the first back in 1951, while 11 players have been their respective club leading goal kicker.

Phil Matera was the West

Coast chief goal kicker on five separate occasions.

Highlights of the Indigenous Round – 23-25 May

● The traditional Welcome to Country ceremony prior to each match.

● Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody and the entire pre-game performances at the MCG

● Michael Long singing *Walk With Me, Talk With Me* at Federation Square

● Northern Territory lad Richard Tambling tossed the coin for Richmond in the 'Dreaming at the G' match at the MCG

● Eddie Betts (Blues) and Jeff Farmer (Dockers) tossed the coin in the Fremantle v Carlton match at Telstra Dome on Saturday 24 May. Betts won the toss.

● In the match at Subiaco, 2006 West Coast premiership player David Wirrpunda became the 11th Indigenous man to play 200 VFL/AFL games

● In the crucial Sydney v Port Adelaide game, former Yorke Peninsula junior Adam Goodes became the fourth footballer in the history of the game to play 200 consecutive games.

● Nathan Foley won the Yiooken Award as the best player in the Dreaming at the G match between Richmond and Essendon

● In just his 22nd senior appearance, Shane Edwards played one of his best games in Richmond colours, kicking three goals and three behinds in the Tigers' win at the MCG on Saturday night.

● The other celebration games – curtain-raisers at AAMI stadium between APY Thunder and Maralinga Eagles, in Subiaco between Nyoongar Country and Yamatji Sharks, along with Indigenous Girls' matches at the Gabba between Invitational and Narangba and Djarragun College v St Peter's Lutheran.



● LEFT: Paul Kelly (left), Kev Carmody, and frontman for the former Midnight Oil and now Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett at the Dreamtime at the G celebrations before the AFL Indigenous Round Nine match between the Essendon Bombers and the Richmond Tigers at the MCG.

– This picture and pictures on the facing page supplied by the AFL

Foley fires at the 'G'

By PETER ARGENT

STARTING to stamp himself as a premier young mid-fielder in the Australian Football League (AFL), 21-year-old Nathan Foley was terrific for the Richmond Tigers, winning the prized Yiooken Award for best on ground in the Dreamtime game at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

In this showcase fixture of the Indigenous round on 24 May, he was the game's leading centre

clearance player with five, and Foley was nearly unstoppable through of the middle for the Tigers, with 32 disposals.

His tremendous pace and clean use of the ball gave Richmond's forwards plenty of opportunities, making him the obvious choice for the best-on-ground Yiooken Award.

The Tigers kicked the first eight goals of the game and the contest appeared over by the first change.

Essendon came back, but Richmond steadied to win before

60,333 spectators. The Tigers' near record 50-point half-time lead was enough to see them win 16.14 (110) to 10.12 (72).

The Yiooken award has been presented in each of the last three Dreaming at the G games. Pronounced yie-yoo-ke, it is a word from the Woiwurrung language of the Wurundjeri people, which means 'dreaming'.

"The way we're going about our football, in terms of tackling pressure and just the way we're attacking the footy, I think is

definitely gaining back a bit of respect throughout the rest of the league," Foley said.

"A lot of hard work went in over the pre-season and it's been a progression over a long period."

Foley said that dealing with extra media attention as he climbed up the AFL pecking order was 'certainly different, and it's something you have to adapt to. I think it's important to make sure you keep doing the things you do – the stuff that gets you there. The rest looks after itself'.

Indigenous football



Port Adelaide's six Indigenous players with the Kaurna Plains School students at the launch of the Indigenous round at their Elizabeth school, in the northern suburbs of Adelaide on Tuesday, May 20, from left back, Danyle Pearce, Peter Burgoyne and Daniel Motlop; front, Nathan Krakouer, Marlon Motlop and Shaun Burgoyne.



● LEFT: Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin with the Flying Boomerangs during a media conference to promote the 2008 AFL Indigenous Round.

● ABOVE: A Santa Teresa player kicks in the Dreamtime at the G curtain raiser match against the Victorian Fitzroy Stars.

Experience of a lifetime

By PETER ARGENT

AS a curtain-raiser to the highlight fixture of the Australian Football League (AFL) Indigenous round, the Santa Teresa side from the Northern Territory took on the local Victorian Fitzroy Stars combination on Saturday 24 May.

Having won the right to play in this special contest before the Essendon versus Richmond Dreamtime at the 'G' match due to their first place in their Division of the Defence Jobs AFL Carnival last October, the Santa Teresa team also had the opportunity to train with Richmond on the Friday before

this experience of a lifetime.

On match day, playing in the stadium where the greats of football have created history – the MCG or simply the 'G' – Santa Teresa were gallant in defeat, putting up a strong fight but going down in the end 9.8 (62) to 17.14 (116) after the Fitzroy Stars produced a five goals-to-one final term.

The versatile Kane Cooper, from the Fitzroy Stars, was named the best player on the ground.

Gary Jones, rotating through the middle, was precise with his ball use, and five-goal haul up forward Rowan Best was a good target for the victors.

Captain Lionel Proctor (selection number 53 in 1997 AFL national draft – playing 20 AFL matches) played a true leader's role.

Other players with an AFL connection in the contest included Lally Bamblett, the son of Melbourne and Footscray player Les, and former Sydney and Bulldogs footballer Alan Thorpe's nephews, Corey and Alister. Santa Teresa's Graham Hayes kicked three of his team's nine goals, while young talent Selwyn Anderson was conspicuous as well.

Hard-working ruckman Darren Young deserves a mention for his tireless performance.

Facts & figures

SOME Indigenous Statistics on the Australian Football League:

● The AFL's Indigenous programs reach more than 87,000 Indigenous people, or 36 per cent of Australia's total Indigenous male population.

● There are currently 25 Australian Football Indigenous academies across the country. Clontarf Foundation is working in WA and NT in co-operation with AFL State affiliates where appropriate, while the AFL has academies in NSW, Queensland and Victoria independently of Clontarf.

● Four AFL Clubs are engaged with Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory to deliver the Club Fostership Program, namely: Essendon (in Wadeye), Geelong (Gove and Groote), Richmond (Alice Springs), Collingwood (Katherine).

● Adelaide and Port Adelaide are planning to foster communities in the APY Lands and Ceduna region in South Australia.

● A total of 189 Indigenous players have played AFL/VFL football. Currently there are 72 Indigenous players on AFL Club lists the most to be listed in a single season in VFL/AFL history. This number makes up 10 per cent of the AFL competition, as it was last year, the highest ratio it has ever been.

● In February, the AFL's Indigenous youth team, the Flying Boomerangs, toured South Africa, playing three matches against local sides.

● Since joining the AFL in 1997, 13 Indigenous players have debuted for Port Adelaide. This is the second highest number in the AFL behind Fremantle (18) and equal with Essendon (13).

● Fourteen Indigenous players have played 200 or more matches, the latest being David Wirrpanda (in the Indigenous round).

● Seven Indigenous men have played more than 250 games.

● Only one Indigenous player has reached 300 games (Gavin Wanganeen) but Andrew McLeod is nearing the 300 game milestone with 291 after round eight.

TOP 10 Indigenous player games (After round eight in the 2008 season):

- 300 – Gavin Wanganeen (Essendon/Port Adelaide)
- 291 – Andrew McLeod (Adelaide)
- 278 – Michael O'Loughlin (Sydney)
- 268 – Darryl White (Brisbane)
- 264 – Chris Johnson (Fitzroy/Brisbane)
- 253 – Peter Matera (West Coast)
- 251 – Nicky Winmar (St Kilda/Western Bulldogs)
- 237 – Jeff Farmer (Melbourne/Fremantle)
- 217 – Adam Goodes (Sydney)
- 216 – Peter Burgoyne (Port Adelaide)

INDIGENOUS Players' Honour Roll:

3 Brownlow Medals: Adam Goodes (2003, 2006), Gavin Wanganeen (1993). 6 Norm Smith Medals: Maurice Rioli, Peter Matera, Michael Long, Andrew McLeod (twice) and Byron Pickett.

24 All-Australian players

27 Premiership players

3 NAB AFL Rising Star award winners: Byron Pickett (1998), Adam Goodes (1999), Danyle Pearce (2006)

● Four Indigenous players were picked up in the 2007 NAB AFL Draft – a further six were recruited in the Rookie Draft.

● Since 1980, 156 Indigenous players have made their AFL/VFL debut. Prior to 1980, just 23 Indigenous players had played in the elite competition.

● So far in 2008, three Indigenous players have been nominated for the NAB AFL Rising Star Award: Josh Hill (Round 2), Cyril Rioli (Round 6), Austin Wonaeamirri (Round 7).



Nathan Jawai shows the basketball style that seems likely to land him a million-dollar US NBA contract.

'Baby Shaq' Jawai a hot NBA pick



THE National Basketball Association (NBA) draft stocks of Cairns Taipans Indigenous star

Nathan Jawai have soared since the Australian arrived in the United States on 18 May, with ESPN expert Chad Ford ranking him as a mid-to-late first-round pick.

Jawai, 21, and countryman Aleks Maric have been put through their paces in Las Vegas by noted trainer Joe Abunassar ahead of the 26 June draft in New York.

After watching Jawai in action, Ford adjusted his likely draft position from a late second-round possibility to the No 26 pick of the first round.

Ford gave the man known as 'Baby Shaq' a huge compliment, comparing him with Los Angeles Clippers superstar and former NBA All-Star Elton Brand, one of the best power forwards in the league.

If Jawai was drafted in the first round, he would get a guaranteed contract and instantly become Australia's next NBA millionaire,

joining Milwaukee centre Andrew Bogut in the world's premier basketball league.

Second-round picks on the other hand have no guarantee of being signed and have to compete for a roster spot on their prospective team.

Should Jawai, the 2008 NBL rookie of the year, be picked at No

"Despite his size, he's pretty light on his feet and shows the footwork of a former soccer player."

"What surprised me were Jawai's skills facing the basket. He has a very soft touch and great range out to about 18 feet (4m)."

"He showed an excellent understanding of the game and went through the workout like a

seasoned pro."

Jawai, who comes from the Indigenous community of Bamaga, 40km south of Cape York Peninsula, didn't touch a basketball until he was 15.

He has been training six days a week in the NBL off-season and has dropped 7kg in three months. "Jawai has been criticised for

his poor conditioning in Australia," Ford said. "He's already lost some weight training in Australia and expects to lose another 15 pounds (7kg) over the next few weeks training with Abunassar."

"He also needs to hit the weight room. While he possesses natural strength, his body doesn't look like he's really ever lifted seriously."

Ford said Jawai reminded him of Brand, who represented the United States at the 2006 World Championships.

"His game resembles Elton Brand's," he said. "Usually you can't say that about players in the second half of the first round."

"Unfortunately, he's skipping the Orlando pre-draft camp, where we could see him in five-on-five play. But it shouldn't damage his stock."

"As he gets in shape and gets into team workouts, his draft stock should take a leap."

"I think at the end of the day, someone takes him in the first round." — AAP



NOVA PERIS

Peris is member of elite group



INDIGENOUS woman Nova Peris is one of 13 Australians to have represented their country at the Olympic Games in more than one sport.

Peris represented Australia in hockey in 1996 in Atlanta, Georgia, and athletics in 2000 in Sydney.

A search through records for Olympians in multiple sports was prompted by the selection of former Olympic gymnast Alexandra Croak in the Australian diving team for the 2008 Beijing Olympics in August.

The 23-year-old was in the Australian gymnastics team in the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Australian athletes who have competed in two or more sports at the Games:

EDWIN FLACK: Athletics 1896, tennis 1896.

REGINALD SNOWY BAKER: Diving 1908, boxing 1908, swimming 1908.

LILY BEAUREPAIRE: Diving 1920, swimming 1920.

PETER MACKEN: Fencing 1968, modern pentathlon 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972, 1976.

SYDNEY MIDDLETON: Rugby 1908, Rowing 1912.

HARRY MORRIS: Diving 1928, wrestling 1928.

PAUL NARRACOTT: Athletics 1984, bobsleigh 1992.

FIONA HANNAN: Basketball 1996, handball 2000.

NEVILLE SAYERS: Modern pentathlon 1956, 1960, shooting 1960.

NOVA PERIS: Hockey 1996, athletics 2000.

DONNA KITE: Athletics 1984, cycling road 1988.

DUNCAN PAGE: Modern pentathlon 1964, 1968, fencing 1964.

Source: AOC Website

— AAP

League 'summit'

By GRAHAM HUNT

NSW WHILE the Australian Rugby League has thrown its weight behind the 2008 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout on the Tweed coast, a summit has been called for 8 June to bring together factions organising rival Aboriginal competitions throughout the State.

The Wollumbin Warriors are pressing full steam ahead with its knockout carnival at Ned Byrne Field, Kingscliff, during the October long weekend.

Wollumbin President Selwyn Apanui was supremely confident the Tweed knockout would be a resounding success.

He was confident the number of teams entered would surpass the 26 teams that played in the 2007 knockout in Lismore.

The Wollumbin Warriors won the Lismore knockout and with it also won the right to host the 2008 knockout.

But the NSW Koori League claims the

Wollumbin Warriors have hijacked the knockout.

The Koori League, headed by Phillip Hall, organised the Lismore knockout in association with the Lismore-based Northern United Rugby League Club.

Mr Hall argues that the Wollumbin Warriors do not 'own' the knockout. He says the Warriors won the right to host the knockout – not to organise it.

Mr Hall now is in talks with officials from the body that organised last year's rival Aboriginal knockout at Kempsey.

The Newcastle All Blacks won the Kempsey knockout.

Because the All Blacks won, they also won the rights to host the 2008 knockout, which also is set down for the long weekend in October.

Mr Hall told *The Koori Mail* that he had been involved in talks with organisers of the Newcastle carnival because it was time that the factions in Aboriginal rugby league in NSW came together.

He has convened a rugby league

'summit' to be held at Yooloe-la Indigenous Development Association Centre at Garden Suburbs, in the Newcastle suburb of Cardiff, on 8 June.

At that summit, Mr Hall will propose a new format for the Newcastle carnival – a 32-side competition. Teams will be drawn into eight pools each having four teams. The teams in each pool will play each other in a round-robin competition.

Round-robin, then elimination

The pool winners then will advance to an elimination competition, starting with quarter-finals, then semi-finals and a final.

He will propose that teams that do not qualify for the elimination rounds take part in a repechage competition.

He said such a format would overcome the disappointment that half the teams have experienced in previous knockout carnivals – being eliminated in the first round.

He said it cost teams a lot of money to enter knockout carnivals and then to be

eliminated in the first round was a blow to the players.

Under his proposal, each team would play three pool games. The winners would advance to the knockout stage while the pool losers would enter a repechage competition.

Mr Hall said he wanted a cross-section of Indigenous rugby league administrators at the Newcastle summit, including representatives from the Aboriginal Nations Super League, which has been fighting with the rugby league hierarchy over an Aboriginal rugby league competition in north-western NSW.

He claimed 70 per cent of the teams involved in last year's Lismore knockout and 70 per cent of the teams in last year's Kempsey knockout were behind his latest initiative.

He said the summit would develop strategies to assist Aboriginal rugby league sides throughout NSW.

"We should all come together for the betterment of the game," Mr Hall said.

ARL backs Tweed knockout

ORGANISERS of the 2008 NSW Rugby League Knockout on the Tweed coast on 4-5-6 October believe their competition – now with the backing of the Australian Rugby League – is the 'official' competition.

The Tweed knockout is being organised by the Wollumbin Warriors, who won the 2007 knockout in Lismore.

Wollumbin President Selwyn Apanui told *The Koori Mail* that judging by the number of inquiries he had fielded, the 2008 Tweed knockout would be more successful than the 2007 Lismore carnival.

"It's full steam ahead here," Mr Apanui said.

"We have the backing of the Australian Rugby League (ARL).

"The ARL has told us that a player will be chosen from the carnival to join the Australian Indigenous side to meet a New Zealand Maori side in a curtain-raiser to the opening game in the 2008 Rugby League World Cup."

The World Cup will begin about three weeks after the Tweed knockout.

Local backing

Mr Apanui said the Wollumbin Warriors had the support of local police, the Tweed Shire Council and the Cudgen Leagues Club.

The knockout will be held at the leagues club's home – Ned Byrne Field, and the adjoining Walter Peate Oval.

Mr Apanui said he was confident the Tweed knockout would attract at least 40 teams.

Last year's Lismore knockout drew 26 teams.

The Wollumbin Warriors have their own web site (www.wollumbin.org). On that site they say they are the official organisers of the 38th annual NSW Aboriginal Knockout.

The website also says: "The NSW Annual Aboriginal Rugby



Joshua Kirk about to score the match-winning try for the Wollumbin Warriors in the 2007 NSW Aboriginal Knockout at Oakes Oval, Lismore. The Warriors staged a huge comeback to snatch the title from the Pa Perouse Panthers 44-38.

League Knockout started out in 1971. Since that time it has grown to a full three-day carnival with more than 60 teams competing annually over the long weekend in October. It was initiated by six men who were affiliated with Koorie United – Bob Smith, Bob Morgan, Bill Kennedy, Danny Rose, Victor Wright and the late George Jackson.

"Since then the Knockout has been held every year.

"The original winning trophy was donated by the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs, the inscription on the trophy reads, NSW Koori Sports Committee Annual Football Knockout memorials.

"This trophy is currently held by last year's winners (2007) the Wollumbin Warriors.

"The very reason that this knockout competition claims to be the 'Official New South Wales Annual Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout' is this trophy, which has been handed down to every winning team for the last 37 years and will be again in 2008.

"The Official New South Wales Annual Aboriginal Knockout is the only Knockout Competition endorsed by the Australian Rugby League (ARL)."

In a media statement issued on 27 May, organisers called for registration of teams.

Registration forms and other

details are available at www.wollumbin.org

The media release said more than 100 teams from throughout NSW would be vying to be the State's best in the various divisions.

Carnival co-ordinator Sol Belleair said the knockout was a celebration of Indigenous rugby league and the chance for young men and women to show their skills.

"This year, along with the chance to join the Australian Aboriginal side up for grabs, the event will be covered by NITV," Mr Belleair said.

"We are going to see topline players and the rugby league will

be of the highest standard."

Mr Apanui said this year's knockout would be the biggest and best yet.

"The carnival will be an alcohol- and drug-free family event. No intoxicated people will be allowed inside the carnival enclosure," he said.

"We will also be following traditional knockout rules and with the ARL endorsement, we will be able to ensure professionalism in the refereeing, administration and insurances."

Mr Apanui said a carnival launch, with a host of past and present Aboriginal rugby league stars and dignitaries, was to be announced this week.



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Still the champ

Anthony 'The Man' Mundine strikes Sam 'King' Soliman during their WBA super middleweight world title fight at the Vodafone Arena, Melbourne, last Wednesday 28 May. Mundine successfully defended his title.

The judges, from Thailand, the Philippines and Korea, each awarded the fight to Mundine 116-112, 116-112 and 117-112. Mundine landed most of the sweeter punches through the middle stages of the 12-round bout.

"I told you again I am the superior fighter," Mundine said after the fight.

It was Mundine's 32nd victory from 35 fights and gave Soliman a 35-11 record.

The pressure now is on Mundine to consider staying in the super middleweight division or dropping down to middleweight, where he could pursue fights against Americans Ronald Wright and Kelly Pavlik.

— AAP Image

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League impasse

By GRAHAM HUNT



New South Wales rugby league Aboriginal knockout factions seem no closer to calling a truce.

Organisers of the 2008 knockout carnival on the Tweed coast are 'powering full steam ahead' with their event, set down for the October long weekend.

The Wollumbin Warriors won the right to host the knockout after winning the 2007 event in Lismore.

Meanwhile, one of the key officials behind the Lismore knockout, NSW Koori League President Phillip Hall, has called a 'summit' in Newcastle on 8 June to bring together factions organising rival Aboriginal competitions throughout the State.

At this stage, it seems almost certain the Wollumbin Warriors will not be taking part in the Newcastle 'summit'.

Mr Hall now is in talks with officials from

Australian Rugby League backs Tweed knockout, but rival Newcastle KO presses ahead

the body that organised last year's rival Aboriginal knockout at Kempsey. That carnival was held on the same weekend as the Lismore event.

The Newcastle All Blacks won the Kempsey knockout and in doing so, claimed hosting rights to the 2008 event, which will be held in Newcastle.

Mr Hall told *The Koori Mail* that he had been involved in talks with organisers of the Newcastle carnival because it was time that factions in Aboriginal rugby league in

New South Wales came together.

At that summit, Mr Hall will propose a new format for the Newcastle carnival — a 32-side competition. Teams will be drawn into eight pools each having four teams. The teams in each pool will play each other in a round-robin competition.

The pool winners then will advance to an elimination competition, starting with quarter-finals, then semi-finals and a final.

Meanwhile, the Wollumbin Warriors are pressing ahead with their knockout

carnival at Ned Byrne Field, Kingscliff.

Wollumbin President Selwyn Apanui said the Tweed knockout would be a resounding success.

He was confident the number of teams entered would surpass the 26 that played in the 2007 knockout in Lismore.

He said the Australian Rugby League was backing the Kingscliff knockout and NITV would be providing coverage of the event.

"The ARL has told us that a player will be chosen from the carnival to join the Australian Indigenous side to meet a New Zealand Maori side in a curtain-raiser to the opening game in the 2008 Rugby League World Cup," Mr Apanui said.

The World Cup will begin about three weeks after the Tweed knockout.

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