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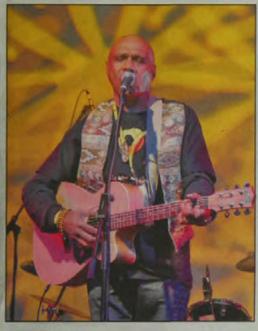


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Council lands celebration



TWENTY-FIVE years of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 have certainly had a silver lining for the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC). Today, the Council presides over an investment fund worth around

\$650 million and its member land councils control more than 80,000 hectares of land with a value of more than \$2 billion. On Friday, around 900 guests including NSWALC

Councillors, past and present local land council representatives, staff and their supporters partied at a 25th Anniversary Silver Ball at Sydney Convention Centre.

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Fears for kids

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



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My FAMILY LIZ LOCKE - Sydney, NSW

because we are from the Darug, the traditional owners of the Sydney/Blue Mountains area. In the past few years we have been finding and getting to know each other. Some of us grew up not knowing any of our family at all. Now we find we belong to a huge family.

This is just so special and means so much to me. I grew up with my white family and felt I never belonged. I was also a solo parent.

Now my children and I know exactly where we belong. I try to arrange a reunion every year.

Thanks to our website we have found many family members and through the reunions we bring them back

Our family includes singers, dancers, police officers, teachers, students, vets and nurses.

My daughter is doing a legal course at Tranby Aboriginal Community College and my son is vice-president of the Illawarra Koori Men's Group. I am so

Recently we had a reunion over three days, a picnic day at Dee Why (Sydney's northern beaches), with many cousins and my two half-sisters. It was wonderful.

Next day, I met up with another cousin on the loop at La Perouse, then we spent a wonderful day in the Blue Mountains where a lot of us grew up.

Nicole and her two children had flown from Brisbane to meet the family. This was the first time we had met Nicky and her children and Lisa, yet we all felt we'd known each other forever.

Another cousin drove from Jindabyne to meet the family.

When we first started to meet our wonderful Lock/e family back in 1997, it made my children and I feel a lot more secure. I have two half-sisters.



Pictured above: Liz Locke (centre) with, from left, her son Shane Ford, daughter Heidi Locke, cousin Nicole Stirling and Nicole's children Izzy and Henry.

> When we first met we were all aged around 60.

> At first it felt strange to realise we were so closely related, but after a few meetings, photo-sharing and lots of emails, things have worked out really

> We have made CD-roms of our lives from birth to present day to help each other catch up on the years we missed.

This is the reason I began the website to help others find their family

like I have been lucky enough to do.
I'm sure our ancestors Yarramundi and Maria would be thrilled to see their

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OUR CHILDREN



These young Brungle Primary School students are enjoying the facilities in their playground in the small western NSW community. Find out more about the students and their school in our report on Page 54.

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Triumphant night

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



MAROONS fan Don Bemrose recently made his debut appearance for the National Rugby League at the State of Origin clash between Queensland and New South Wales.

But it wasn't by playing the game – it was by singing the national anthem. The baritone said his dreams came true when he sang at last week's second State of Origin Series match, won 30-0 by home side the

Queensland Marcons.

Mr Bemrose told *The Koori Mail* that he prepared for his big moment by having some quiet time to settle the nerves, but once the game started, he donned his Queensland colours.

"I am a massive Queensland supporter, of course, which is why I wanted to sing at game two," he said. "The occasion was awesome – I was nervous a couple of hours before, but very

was hervous a couple of hours seriore, but very calm just before the anthem."

The 29-year-old, who is Australia's only classically trained male Aboriginal opera singer completed a Bachelor of Music degree at the

Queensland Conservatorium.

He said it had always been his goal to perform at the State of Origin in front of his home town and family, who were devoted rugby

I got into music after being spear-tackled in

uniors and could no longer play rugby league, so singing at the State of Origin is the next best thing for me," he said.

A long way from the boy who grew up in the small hinterland town of Woombye, on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, the Gungarri man has continued to hone his skills and has been working with internationally-renowned teacher Andrew Dalton, from Sydney's influential Conservatorium of Music, over the past six

Becoming an opera singer became Mr Bemrose's passion after his grandmother, Brisbane Elder Aunty Ruth Hegarty, showed him

Brisdane Elder Aunty Hulin Hegarty, showed him a documentary about fellow Indigenous opera singer Harold Blair.

"Harold was a brilliant tenor whose artistic talent was lost because of the era he lived, pre-referendum," Mr Bermose said.

"He is a hero to me because of who he was and what he stood for. I hope I can be the same tenters."

Mr Bemrose said he hoped his brief performance would inspire other young



From left, Don Bemrose, Queensland Premier Anna Bligh, and Don's parents, May and Steve Bemrose, before the start of Origin II.

"In this year of the centenary of rugby league and the year the Prime Minister said sorry, it is an honour to be chosen to sing. It proves that if I can do it then anyone can live their dream," he

Mr Bemrose has performed at a number of shows, but showed his versatility at the National Surf Life Saving titles in 2005 and 2006, where he not only sang the national anthem, but he also competed in the open men's beach relay

In July 2007, he was invited to California State University as a guest artist to perform his one-man 'show in progress' Gungarri Withoo Dreaming. In 2010, he will play a lead role in Pecan Summer – Australia's first Aboriginal opera, alongside premier Aboriginal opera artist

Yuendumu Elders go without food, power



Aboriginal community had no money for food or electricity at the end of last week because their pension cheques failed to arrive in the mail, a local store worker said.

More than 100 people from rendumu, about 270km north-west of Alice orings, discovered on Friday that their lyments had not been included in the regular

The next delivery service was not due to rive until Monday.

"They were quite distressed when they found it there were no cheques," said Michelle omas, assistant manager at the local

They were saying we want tucker, we're

Ingry but there's no money."

Ms Thomas said the community operated on a liver credit system for electricity and if people nout, they bought another power ticket. "It's likely at least some of them will run out of actricity over the weekend but they won't have y money to buy more," she said on Friday. Ms Thomas said it was not the first time insion cheques had failed to arrive in

Yuendumu and she believed it was probably a Centrelink 'slip-up' that was unrelated to the Federal intervention.

Residents of Yuendumu are yet to be subjected to welfare quarantining, which is being rolled out across the Northern Territory as part of the radical reforms to combat child sex abuse.

"Sometimes we have the odd person miss out on their payments but I've never known an occasion where not one has arrived in the mail," Ms Thomas said, adding that the store was reluctant to assist people given the current political climate.

"Everything is up in the air at the moment with the intervention and we don't want to give out credit because we don't know what's happening."

Ms Thomas said she had a signed statement from community Elders that said: "Elderly people will have to wait four days before they can buy basic essentials such as food and electricity.

It was reported last month that the Federal Government would subsidise a new store in Yuendumu after the Aboriginal-controlled shop was allegedly run into the ground through a series of unpaid loans to community members.

Comment was being sought from Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin. - AAP

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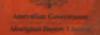
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Fears held for Kimberley kids

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



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Neither Minister Quirk's office nor her department would comment. The Minister herself was attending a Corrective Services

Ministers' Conference in Sydney, from which she released a statement saying that WA would host a national conference on improved prisoner transportation in August, with a view to developing national standards for prisoners transport vehicles.

However, the Kimberley claims drew a strong response from the State's new Commissioner for Children and Young People, Michelle Scott, and Youth Legal Service chief Cheryl ssidy-Vernon. Ms Scott said the transportation

of children to be held on remand should only ever occur as a last

make up 78.5 per cent of the overall WA juvenile muster, and most of those come from the north of the State.

The only juvenile remand centre in WA is in Perth, which is thousands of kilometres from the Kimberley region. As a consequence, young people facing charges are often removed from their families and held off-country until they can appear before a magistrate for matters which may not even proceed or for which they would not get a custodial sentence

With matters sometimes 'turned around' after a day or two, juvenile detainees can also find themselves found that one in five Indigenor juvenile offenders had eight or more contacts with the criminal justice system as opposed to one in eight for non-Indigenous juvenile

"I have recently written to the Director-General of the Department of the Attorney-General asking for a whole-of-government approach on these issues." Ms Scott said, adding that an undertaking had been received to make it the subject of an inter-agency working group with relevant government departments'

I will be closely monitoring the progress and outcomes from this

record at an early age.

Ms Scott said she had met with
the WA Police Commissioner to
lobby for the wider use of cautions
by police when dealing with
Aboriginal children and youths.
More diversionary programs as
services in regional and remote
areas would also contribute to
improving the situation, she said,
and better support systems in
those areas were needed to
address the issues behind
offending behaviour.
Youth Legal Service of WA
Manager Cheryl Cassidy-Vernon
said she supported the Children's.
Commissioner's stance in respect

Commissioner's stance in respect to young people being remanded into custody as o

remanded into custody as or a last resort.

She said many of the diversionary options available to metropolitan and regional the police do not have the ability to divert young people through to the Juvenile Justice Teams because there are no learn or juvenile justice officers in the towns and communities.

This is unacceptable as a means that young people are treated differently based on where they live rather than the alleged offence. Ms Cassidy-Vermon said. She said taking chiddren out of country before being convicted we contrary to the principles of youth intelled.

contrary to the principles of you justice 'which spell out that it is important to retain contact with family and the strengthen then

'I will be closely monitoring the progress and outcomes from this process and providing input where necessary' - Commissioner Michelle Scott

resort, and the system had a responsibility to ensure that any juveniles transported to Perth were returned home safely upon their

It is not acceptable that children and young people are being taken away from their families and country and detained on remand in Perth," Ms Scott said.

"Some strategies have been put in place by the Department of Corrective Services to address this issue, but we need to ensure Aboriginal children and young people don't fall through the gaps."

Aboriginal juveniles currently

in a 'catch 22' situation where they're unable to get bail due to

being detained off-country. Ms Scott said overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including youth, in the justice system was the crux of the

Australian Institute of Criminology figures show that Indigenous children and young people make up 75 per cent of 10-17 year olds in custody in WA, which are some of the worst figures

She said the same study also

process and providing input where

Ms Scott said the WA Chief Justice and the President of the WA Children's Court were working towards the use of audiovisual equipment and video link-ups to connect those in remote communities with court services in Perth, so children and young people did not have to be physically present in court. A recent AIC study found

Indigenous juveniles were far less likely to be cautioned by police than non-Indigenous juveniles, and this could result in an extensive criminal

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Py leader stands fi



Australian Government is considering its options following a refusal by the Chairman of the

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands to stand down while criminal charges against him are resolved.

Bernard Singer is facing charges of assault and drinking on the traditional lands in SA's far north, where alcohol is prohibited. He's due to appear in Port Augusta Magistrates Court

On 6 June, State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill asked Mr Singer to stand down within seven days, saying it was inappropriate to remain in his position during the court

Mr Weatherill said the State Government initially had been prepared to allow the APY community to resolve the matter but it has become increasingly clear that this very issue has caused deep divisions within the community'

Four members of the APY Council Executive Board have been lobbying for Mr Singer's



JAY WEATHERILL

removal, saying they had lost confidence in him. The group said they were prepared to sit down with government and negotiate in good faith regarding a \$25 million offer for 'desperately needed new housing on the Lands'.

The remainder of the Executive Board has invited former Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough to represent the body in negotiations with the SA and Federal governments for housing and other services on the Lands. Last Thursday, Mr Singer said

he would continue in his role, prompting Mr Weatherill to refer

the matter to the State's Attorney-General to decide any further action.

"I have done my best for my people," Mr Singer told ABC Radio. "I don't know why the minister really wants to get me sacked. It hurts me because I really don't know here." really don't know where it's rea

going to go for my people.

The developments came just days after the APY Lands Executive refused to meet with Federal and State government representations to discuss. representatives to discuss, among other issues, a report by former Supreme Court judge Te Mullighan which found at least one in 10 APY children had be

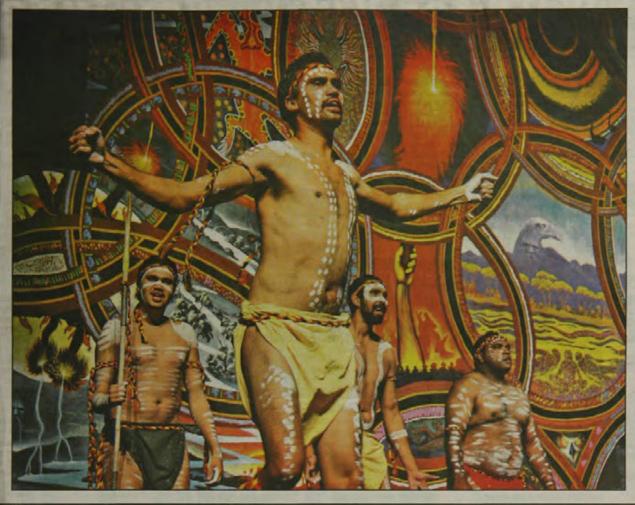
sexually abused.

Mr Weatherill said he had a number of concerns about the way in which the APY executive and its administration have been

behaving in recent weeks'
"But we are not going to be
deflected from our primary goal
of putting housing on the land in
the APY Lands and it's our intention to press ahead with the

objective," he said. Federal and State governments have committed \$25 million for a housing package for the lands, Australia oldest self-governing tribal lands. – with AAP

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Dance up for native title



NYOONGAR dancers created a colourful spectacle at the opening of the 2008

Native Title Conference in Perth earlier this month. More than 500 delegates including traditional owners and native title representative bodies attended the event. Nyoongar presentations focussed on a recent successful West Australian Government appeal against a Federal Court ruling in favour of their Single Nyoongar Claim. A major theme amongst speakers was the importance of negotiation in native title.

• For more on the Native Title Conference, see pages 12 and 13.

Photo by MICHAEL GRAY

spanel named

By DARREN COYNE



THE FEDERAL announced the make-up of a review panel to investigate the intervention into Aboriginal

ommunities in the Northern erritory. But the panel has been criticised by activists as being pro-intervention and they have romised further protests around he country.

Indigenous Affairs Minister lenny Macklin said on 6 June that he Chairman of the Halls Creek Project Management Committee, Peter Yu, would head the review, which aims to assess what is working and what is not

She promised the independent lew team would consult widely and report back to the Government by 30 September. Ms Macklin said Mr Yu had

ichieved important outcomes in falls Creek, including improved

nfrastructure and housing. She said former Chairwoman of he NSW Aboriginal Child Sexual Assault Taskforce, Marcia Ella Juncan, and former Australian Bectoral Commissioner, Bill Gray, would also be on the Review

"An independent expert group
will support the Review Board. The ealth, child welfare, legal and conomic development fields," she

The expert group consists of



MARCIA ELLA-DUNCAN

Donna Ah Chee (NT), Michael Berto (NT), Vicki Gillick (NT), Ronald Lami Lami (NT), Mavis Malbunka (NT), David Ross (NT), Dr John Taylor (ACT), Dr Mark Wenitong (Old), Neil Westbury (NSW), Ann Reboetz (NT) and (NSW), Ann Rebgetz (NT) and

Tobias Nganbe (NT).

ANTaR national director Gary
Highland welcomed the make-up
of the board, saying Mr Yu was a wise choice.

"Peter Yu is someone of great

intellect and integrity who will assess the evidence with independence, care and objectivity," Mr Highland said. Mr Highland said review panel

member Marcia Ella-Duncan would also bring a detailed knowledge of best practice in overcoming child sexual abuse in Aboriginal communities that would be of great value to the review.



JENNY MACKLIN

The expert advisory group also seems to be well balanced and capable and the terms of reference fair and comprehensive," he said.

But not everyone was as happy Activists working against the intervention were highly critical of

Barbara Shaw, from Mount Nancy Prescribed Area, said she was disappointed 'with the hand-picked expert group'

"Many in the group have interests in the intervention continuing, and their views in support of the intervention are already known," she said.

'How, in the short timeframe allowed, is the 'expert group' going to fully assess the 70-plus prescribed areas?

"The Government should revisit all the 'expert' reports produced over the last 30-40 years up to the



PETER YU

most recent, the Little Children are Sacred report.

"It should look at programs that have worked for our people and were designed by our people for our people giving us empowerment for

self-determination." Paddy Gibson, from the Aboriginal Rights Coalition in Sydney, said the review panel was another step in the Rudd Government's campaign for retention of the explicitly racist intervention laws.

"Already, they have budgeted to bring another 20,000 people on to the disastrous welfare quarantine system," she said.

"We need action now. Thousands of people have been pushed from remote communities into urban centres, with consequences well known to

Minister Jenny Macklin. The depth of anger at the quarantine is also well known. In fact, over the past few weeks the government has manoeuvred to force the system on Yuendumu in the face of overwhelming community

Ms Gibson was referring to a decision by the Yuendumu Social Club, which operates the community store, to comply with the NT intervention task force's efforts to introduce income management at Yuendumu

The Federal Government had threatened to open another store if the operators of the existing store failed to sign up for welfare quarantining measures already

rolled out to other communities. Meanwhile, Greens senator Rachel Siewert has been critical of the approach taken by the Federal Government in relation to the

"There has been no community consultation on the terms of reference for the review or its evaluation framework, despite significant community concerns having been expressed over the last nine months and so much hanging in the balance," she said.

"The Rudd Government inherited this rushed and ill-conceived intervention from the former Minister, Mal Brough, and Jenny Macklin has struggled to resolve the contradictions between its punitive approach and the ALP's philosophical commitment to a social inclusion approach to disadvantaged groups'

Elder calls for action by RSL

By DARREN COYNE



AUNTY Dot Peters, of Victoria, is leading a push to have RSL

clubs around the country recognise Aboriginal soldiers during Reconciliation Week.

The Wurundjeri Elder was just nine years old when her father, Vincent, died while a prisoner of the Japanese on the infamous Burma railway.

Her brother, Harry, also fought in World War II, after putting up his age from 16 to 18 when enlisting

"I thought two years ago that something should be done to recognise the service of Aboriginal people, and I approached the RSL and asked if they would be involved in Reconciliation Week," Aunty Dot told *The Koori Mail*.

As a result of her efforts, the Heatesville RSL raised the Aboriginal flag, and also incorporated Indigenous music into its services.

Now Mrs Peters would like to see other RSLs do the same.

She was also delighted to take part in the unveiling of a plaque during Reconciliation Week which recognises the service and sacrifice of Indigenous Victorians in Australia's armed forces.

She joined State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Richard Wynne for the third commemorative



Aunty Dot Peters at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne during this year's Indigenous memorial service.

ceremony honouring Indigenous servicemen and women.

servicemen and women.
Mr Wynne said the plaque
was a strong reminder of those
who served.

"As Australians, we are justifiably proud of the Anzac legend and yet it is important to remember that Aboriginal people who served were given no place in the history books. Unable to vote but eligible to die for their country, Indigenous veterans returned from overseas without parades," he said.

"Because accurate records were not kept, the actual number of Aboriginal soldiers who fought in the wars will never be known, but it is estimated that over 500 Indigenous Australians fought in World War I, 3000 to 4000 in World War II and more in conflicts since."

Mr Wynne said it was important to publicly acknowledge the contributions of Indigenous veterans and their families during Reconciliation Week. "I am honoured to acknowledge the significant contributions of these remarkable Indigenous servicemen and women and hope this plaque will recall the efforts of these individuals to the defence of Australia, this year and for generations to come," he said

Indigenous veteran Ricky Morris, who served in Australia's peace-keeping mission to East Timor from 1999-2000, also assisted the minister in unveiling the plantie.

"As a descendent of the Gunditimara people and the 21st member of the Lovett family to see service, I am extremely proud to be here," Mr Morris said

"I hope this plaque will be a source of comfort to the families and loved ones of Indigenous veterans who served as part of Allied forces in armed conflicts

"We have a proud history as Aboriginal people. We have been involved in the shaping of this nation, and in some cases made the supreme sacrifice which is fighting and dying overseas."

fighting and dying overseas."
For Aunty Dot Peters, the plaque ceremony was particularly special.

"I felt very moved because I know that dad's body is over there in Burma but that service helps bring his spirit back home she said.

 More special veterans services reports – Pages 28-29

Canada says sorry

Government agrees to huge payout

CANADA addressed one of the darkest chapters in its history on Thursday with a formal apology for forcing 150,000 of its indigenous children into grim residential schools, where many say they were sexually and physically abused.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper told a Parliamentary chamber packed with legislators and indigenous representatives that there could be no excuses for what happened at the church-run schools, which mainly operated from the 1870s to the

Mr Harper's act mirrored the landmark apology offered by Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in February to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were taken from their families through much of the 20th century under successive governments. Many suffered terrible abuse in government and church-run institutions.

But Canada has gone a step further by agreeing to a massive compensation payout – something the Rudd Government has

"The Government of Canada sincerely apologises and asks the forgiveness of the aboriginal peoples of this country for falling them so profoundly. We are sorry," Mr Harper said in a 15-minute address, at one point fighting back tears.

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Native leaders said they hoped the



Prime Minister Stephen Harper, standing, officially apologises for more than a century of abuse and cultural loss involving Indian residential schools at a ceremony in the Canadian House of Commons as aboriginal Canadians look on. AP Image

apology would lead to a new era of reconciliation between Canadians and the often marginalised aboriginal population, which routinely suffers from poor living

conditions and high unemployment.

The residential schools were initially set up to educate native children but later became part of a government campaign to assimilate aboriginal peoples and eradicate their culture — 'to kill the Indian in the child', as some put it at the time.

There is no place in Canada for the attitudes that inspired the Indian residential schools system to ever again prevail," Mr

Contemporary accounts suggest up to half the children in some institutions died of tuberculosis and other diseases.

Many survivors say they were abused mentally, physically and sexually. Children were beaten for speaking their own languages and told they would be damned unless they converted to Christianity.

Mr Harper received a lengthy standing ovation when he finished.

The public galleries in the House of Commons were full of native activists, several wearing feathered head-dresses and embroidered clothes.

Twelve aboriginal representatives -

including 104-year-old Marguerite Wabano, the oldest school survivor – sat on chairs in a circle in front of Mr Harper. Phil Fontaine, head of the Assembly of

First Nations, said the apology for this dreadful chapter in our shared history would ensure the survival of Canada's aboriginal people.

"Finally, we heard Canada say it is sorry." he told Parliament, his voice breaking.

"It is possible to end our racial nightmare together. The memories of residential schools sometimes cut like merciless knives at our souls. This day will help us to put that pain behind us," said Chief Fontaine, wearing a full native head-dress.

Native leaders say the damage done by the schools is directly responsible for many of the social problems that plague the country's one million indigenous people today.

Willie Blackwater, a survivor who launched a landmark 1995 lawsuit against the school supervisor who repeatedly raped him, said the apology had surpassed his expectations.

"It was actually really awasome to hear the Prime Minister speak those words of apology ... it was quite a moving moment for me. I was crying through most of that," he

In May 2006, Canada reached a C\$1.9 billion (\$A2 billion) settlement with the roughly 90,000 school survivors.

The settlement created a truth and reconciliation commission which started work on 1 June and will spent the next free years hearing from school survivors across Canada.

Mr Harper later attended an aboriginal ceremony and signed two copies of the national apology, which will be hung in Parliament. – Routers and AAP

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Forum aims to build sustainable policy



SOME of Australia's most influential thinkers on Indigenous Affairs will take part in a new discussion at the Australian Institute of

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) in Canberra this Aboriginal and and Torres Strait Islander

Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma. Labor Party stalwart Warren Mundine, health expert Mick Gooda, researcher Jon Altman, and adviser to the WA Government on Indigenous issues

Lt-Gen John Sanderson are all expected to attend 'Building Sustainable Policy for Indigenous Affairs in Australia' on Saturday,

The inaugural Dialogue, which is being organised by the Australian National University's Centre for Dialogue, is due to start at 8.45am and conclude at 5.30pm

Discussion topics include: Review of Past Successes and Failures in Policy Development & Implementation; Evaluating and Learning from the Northern Territory Intervention; Avenues for Formal

Recognition of Australian Indigenous Peoples; and Developing Indigenous Entrepreneurial Leadership and Business

For more information, phone Sarah Holcombe or Donna Maritz on (02) 6125 6708. The event has been supported by the Pratt Foundation, the Rio Tinto Aboriginal Fund, ANU, AIATSIS and the ANU's National Centre for Indigenous Studies.



Actor Ernie Dingo (sixth from the left) was the MC at the announcement in Canberra last week of nominees for the ACT's first Indigenous elected body. He's seen here with camberra last week or nominees and other guests at the announcement event, from left, Dianne Collins, Roslyn Brown, Ruth Bell, Les Coe, Loretta O'Halloran, Suzanne Shields, Jason Oakley, Agnes Shea, Leeane Daley, Tracey Harris and Fred Monaghan.

ACT election under way

By KIRSTIE PARKER



VOTING is under way for the
Australian Capital
Territory's first
Indigenous elected
ody and the results should be

nown at the beginning of next nonth. Polls opened on Monday nd will close at 6pm this

laturday, 21 June.
Indigenous Canberrans have leen urged to participate in the lection, which is the ACT lovernment's attempt to give nem a representative voice ollowing the former Howard Aboriginal and Torres Strait slander Commission (ATSIC)

To be eligible to vote, electors nust be Aboriginal or Torres Strait slander, at least 18 years old and se on, or eligible to be on, the ACT electoral roll.

Thirteen people have ominated to fill the seven ositions (names in the order ostions (names in the order ney'll appear on the ballot paper): es Coe, Terry Williams, Violet iheridan, Lynette Goodwin, ee-anne Daley, Ruth Bell, Dianne lollins, Roslyn Brown, Fred flonaghan, Rod Little, Jason Jakley, Paul House and Tracey

The body will be elected every ree years, meeting at least six mes a year, in July for the first

It will provide direct advice to

and services aimed at improving the lives of local Indigenous people, as well as scrutinise the performance of government agencies that deliver services to Indigenous Canberrans. "Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people remain the most disadvantaged group in Australian society and we aim to break the intergenerational cycle of disadvantage – and as a small jurisdiction the ACT is uniquely placed to achieve this," said Chief Minister Jon Stanhope when nominations opened on 26 May. Two groups claim traditional ownership of the ACT, the Ngunnawal and the Ngambri.

Elected body

Last week, Ngambri man Shane Mortimer called on media to ask Minister Stanhope why he was establishing the elected body, given that 'he aiready has a body of Indigenous People named the United Ngunnawal Elders that he pays \$190,000, made up of people from outside of Ngambri Country, to advise him on Indigenous

"It's a classic divide and conquer political move to water down the reason to acknowledge the Ngambri traditional owners of this region," Mr Mortimer said.

However, the Director of the ACT Government's Office of Multicultural and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Nic Manikis, told *The Koori Mail* on Friday that the United Ngunnawal Elders Council and the new elected body would have different

The Elders' Council essentially deals with connection to land issues such as heritage and culture for this area," Mr Manikis

The legislation for the elected body talks about it being a body body taiks about it being a body that deals with all issues pertinent to Indigenous people in the ACT, whether they are traditional owners or others."

Those issues will include health, education, justice, and

sport and recreation.

Mr Manikis said protocols
would be established to guide the relationship between the two bodies. "(They) will co-exist and add value to the ACT Indigenous community and the broader community in different

ways," he said. The ACT Electoral Commission's project manager of the ACT Indigenous Elected Body elections, Bill Chilvers, said the count for the elections would be held on 1-2 July, with announcements to be made soon

The AEC estimates there are about 2000 Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander people in the ACT. Locations for voting between today and Saturday include Phillip, Tuggeranong, Civic, Erindale and Narrabundah. See the ACT Electoral Commission website at www.elections.act.gov.au for

Boggabilla forum told of concerns

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



NO water, poor access to services and child protection were

among the issues raised when Commissioner James Wood revisited the Aboriginal communities of

Boggabilla and Toomelah, in the far north of New South Wales. The former judge is heading up the Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW, and his visit follows claims that truck drivers have been soliciting sex from under-age Aboriginal girls from the area in exchange for money, cigarettes and alcohol.

The purpose of Commissioner Wood's second visit to the community was a public forum

where 50 resident turned out to express in detail their

concerns. Those in attendance safety matters, as well as concerns about an breakdown in communication between the community and workers from the Department of Community Services (DoCS), and local water shortages.

Aboriginal

week in Boggabilla. did not want to be named, told the forum about a recent incident when a local boy who had complained of being sexually abused was intimated by a group of other boys outside his house

Local Elder Madeline McGrady spoke of another incident where a young boy was forced to shout for help when he was surrounded by older boys at a schoolyard toilet.

Ms McGrady praised an abuse education program for children in Toomelah, but said Boggabilla needed more action and she called for a task force to be established.

"We get young girls who come

up to me and say 'I am sick of being raped'," Ms McGrady said. "These services have a duty

of care to this community but it seems to us nothing is being done. There is nothing out there that we can see that has been done ... we are getting this sort of stuff happening once a week." When The Koori Mail asked

everal community members, they said they were not aware of a DoCS program that had been

in place in the area. Maureen Knipee, a non-Aboriginal community health nurse who has worked in Boggabilla for the past 18 years, told the forum that it was her last day on the job and she was leaving because she was

She fought back tears as she said her decision to leave was

child issues in the community. She later told The Koori Mail needed to be able to get to

Also raised in the forum was a lack of access to services such as mental health and a dentist.

Mrs Knipee said that it could take someone without a car days to get to the nearby major centre of Moree for medical help

And although the town of Goondiwindi was closer, it was difficult to access services there because it came under Queensland rather than New South Wales

Mr Wood has chaired more than 20 forums across NSW and has been granted a three-month extension by the State Government to fully process the huge amount of information he has gathered.

The Commissioner's report is due to be released in September.

· See our next edition for more from Boggabilla as Toomelah.

Commissioner James Wood last



NSW Aboriginal Land Council



Chicka Madden gave the welcome to country.



Sol Bellear (right) with, from left, Summer Naylor, Karinya Bellear, Tamara Bellear-Mayers and Edie Coe.



Jimmy Little opened the evening



NSWALC councillor Jack Hampton and wife Eileen, from Jervis Bay.



Relaxing after the meal were, from left, Robyn Wizgier, Jubullum Land Council Chairman Cedric Walker, Fred Binge and Krystyna Wizgier.





NSWALC colleagues and good mates David Dennis and Natasha Moore.



Millie Ingram (right) with daughter Susan.



MC for the evening actor Aaron Pedersen (centre) with Kooncha Brown (right) and Lillian Crombie, both from Sydney.



Enjoying a good catch up were, from left, were Ted Hart, Anthony Terare, Dane Laurie, Maurice Terare, Ted Terare and Hector Terare.



Long-time land council member and supporter, Nancy Davis, with daughter Dianne Davis, both of Sydney.



Rosarina Docker styled up in a full-length

Wendy Maybury and Lizzie May both worked in NSWALC's training and education section in the past.



Enjoying themselves were, from left, Sydneysiders Greg Slabb, Kylie Stewart, Lennie Malone, Theresa Malone and Breanna Stewart.



NSWALC councillor William Murray kept close eye on proceedings.

celebrates Silver Anniversary 25





NSW Fair Trading and Youth Minister Linda Burney (front) with, from left, Nell Appo (at back), Ricky Walford, Richard Dennis (standing) and Larry Corowa.



All smiles were, from left, Jainarri Lake, from Moree, Jessica Agland, from Narromine, Natal Bolt-Terare, from Ballina, and Natalie Mason-Lamb, from Collerenabri.

25 years, and going strong

Andrew Hegedus, from Jabiru, gave a

By KIRSTIE PARKER

THERE have been highs nsw and lows in the 25 years since the Aboriginal Land Rights Act was proclaimed in New South Wales in 1983.

But a Silver Jubilee Ball held last Friday

commemorate the historic Act was all out celebrating the best of times, tributes d reminiscing by past and present uncillors and staff of the NSW Aboriginal nd Council (NSWALC), local area local

nd Council (NSWALC), local area local uncils and their many supporters.
About 900 guests kicked up their heels the glamorous event at the Sydney invention Centre, which featured a mptuous feed and entertainment by nmy Little, Archie Roach, Ruby Hunter, biru, and comedian Sean Choolburra. Under the Act, NSWALC is responsible promoting and protecting the rights of promoting and protecting the rights of Aboriginal people of NSW.

The self-funding statutory authority has eathered a series of political and financial

orms since its establishment in 1977 to herge last year with renewed focus and a reamlined nine-member council working in se partnership with the State wernment to address a range of social

NSWALC now presides over a statutory restment fund worth about \$650 million d its member land councils control more an 80,000 hectares of land with a value of ore than \$2 billion.

On Tuesday last week, the Council had historic opportunity speak in the NSW gislative Assembly at Parliament House. cing on record its hopes for the next few

This is the living history of the struggle and rights which should never be otten," said Chairwoman Bev Manton at

The current Council inherited a history n in achievement and commitment. We e a huge debt of gratitude to all of those o worked in and were involved to build



NSWALC Chairwoman Bev Manton (centre) was supported by her family, from left, daughter-in-law Karen, son Jason, husband Kevin Manton, daughter Rowena (front), sister Joanne Simms, daughter Priscilla Mason and her husband Todd Mason, and sister Trina Brown. Photos by FELICITY JENKINS (courtesy of NSWALC), and KIRSTIE PARKER

land rights in NSW as we know it today. Amongst the guests was Nancy Davis, of Sydney, who worked for her local land council for years, helping to set up its records unit. She's now back there, working as a volunteer. Her daughter Dianne

as a volunteer. Her daughter Dianne worked for the State body 11 years. "When the Land Rights Act started in 1983, the organisers doorknocked for all Kooris in the area to join," said Ms Davis. who has now been a member of Gandangara Land Council for 24 years.

The idea behind the land councils was the economy, for us to be self-sufficient and to make a future for our kids.

"I thought it was important for Aboriginal people to be recognised, to try to reclaim our land rights, and that's what we did." Last Tuesday, NSW Aboriginal Affairs

Minister Paul Lynch said the Aboriginal

Land Rights Act had created an important structure for Aboriginal communities to pursue self-determination and self-management.

"While the acquisition of land has remained a strong focus of land councils, the needs and aspirations of communities are being met through the development of businesses, better housing and infrastructure, jobs and training," he said.

Last month, the State Government announced it would work with NSWALC to deliver a \$205 million investment to upgrade water and sewerage infrastructure in more than 60 communities over the next 25 years.

The Council also delivers a range of other community benefits, including through its \$30 million NSWALC Education Endowment Fund.



Funny-man Sean Choolburra on stage.



Kaye Mundine (right) with daughter



Les Saxby, from Newcastle, and Virginia Wood, from Sydney.

Class action call

Simmering anger over Doomadgee death and insurance payout for Snr Sgt Hurley

Story and photo by Townsville correspondent ALF WILSON



PALM Island Elder Elizabeth Clay has called on residents of the north Queensland Aboriginal community to launch a class action in court against Police

Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley over the pain and distress caused by the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee.

The call has received support from 54-year-old Carol Doomadgee, the eldest sister of Mulrunji, who died in November 2004 in the Palm Island watch house because of actions of Snr Sgt Hurley.

Snr Sqt Hurley was acquitted by a Townsville Supreme Court jury in June 2007 of manslaughter charges over

The 55-year-old Mrs Clay attended various inquest sittings into the death of Mulrunji and said the Palm Island community had suffered terribly since the incident, which was followed a week later by a riot which resulted in the police station and barracks being

The Doomadgee family has initiated civil action over the death and the call by Mrs Clay comes soon after the news broke late last month that Snr Sgt Hurley received a payout of more than \$100,000 for possessions lost in the riot.

Mrs Clay and Ms Doomadgee spoke to The Koori Mail a few days after hearing of the compensation, which has outraged the island's

"What about all the suffering and trauma all of the island people have gone through. There were raids by the police a day after the riot and some police a day after the not and some are walking around daily with that trauma. If Hurley gets paid that money, every island resident should get it and more," Mrs Clay said. Mrs Clay said she planned to talk to the new Palm Island Council, which have clayded an 15 March with More.

was elected on 15 March, with Mayor Alf Lacey the leader of five councillors. "We have so much unemployment

and social problems and everybody is under stress because of the injustice over the death of our relative and friend," Mrs Clay said.

Ms Doomadgee said her family had been 'to hell and back' and the

passage of time had not made things

"Especially when we hear about Hurley getting all this money. His actions were responsible for the death of my brother," Ms Doomadgee

Ms Doomadgee said the majority of the island's residents were suffering from depression and some had not been treated.

"Many are on medication and I support a class action by the people of Palm," Ms Doomadgee said. Mrs Clay said that if the residents

wanted to start such a class action, they would need to have a meeting and then request the Council to start

Old Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson has since instigated an internal investigation into Snr Sgt Hurley's payout after it was revealed an insurance policy may have covered

Cr Lacey said the Council would listen to any request from residents before any decision was made.

He praised the courage and inspiration his people possessed under traumatic circumstances.



Elizabeth Clay (right) and Carol Doomadgee



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.

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- 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.

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- 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



NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE 2008 NAIDOC WEEK AWARDS

ninations are open to all members of Coffs Ha Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commun Coffs Harbour City Council's Yandaarra Consultative Committee takes pride in calling for for the following awards:

2008 NAIDOC WEEK AWARDS

There are three categories for these Awards: Spo and Art & Culture. Age for the Awards is op-category seeks to recognise an individual in I pursuit. Announcements will be made at a special to be held at Council on Monday. 7 July 200 NAIDCC Week 2008 celebrations. Nominations 27 June 2008 at 4.00 pm.

Nomination forms outlining the criteria for each a available from:

- The members of the Yandaarra Aboriginal Consi
- The members of the Yandaarra Aborignal council's Administrative Centre corner of Cell and Cell Streets, Coffs Harbour or at www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.as Coffs Harbour Locat Aborignal Land Council Aborignal Family Community Care Centre Aborignal Family Wellbeing Service

 Aborignal Family Wellbeing Service

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Completed forms can be left at these locations or fore mail to The General Manager, Coffs Harbour City Locked Bag 155, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450, For Information please telephone Rob Waters, Council's A Community Development Officer, on 6648 4850.

Big native title area finalised



Ngaanyatjarra Lands Part B native title determination over 1428 sq km in the Central Desert finalised the largest

a of recognised native title

The original Ngaanyatjarra Lands determination occurred in 2005 over more than 160,000 sq

However, the Part B area could not be resolved at that time due to overlapping and underlying claims, which have now been resolved.

Justice French handed down the determination at the Commonwealth Law Courts in

The hearing was followed by a determination ceremony luncheon at Parliament House hosted by the State Government to mark the occasion.

Opportunities

At the ceremony, traditional owner Preston Thomas said the determination would create some great opportunities for the People

of the Ngaanyatjarra Lands.
"We have got nickel to mine out there and there is copper out there, so I reckon we can negotiate out there and we can go a long way," he said.

Mr Thomas said native title gave the traditional owners practical as well as symbolic

"This is something real that re can all appreciate," he said



Deputy Premier Eric Ripper with traditional owners of the Ngaanyatjarra Lands at the determination ceremony, which took place on the anniversary of the High Court's decision in the Mabo case.

Deputy Premier Eric Ripper also spoke at the ceremony. He congratulated the people

of the Ngaanyatjarra Lands on reaching a native title outcome through negotiation.

"Native title through negotiation rather than litigation can achieve not only worthwhile outcomes for Aboriginal communities, but strong working relationships between Indigenous people, government and all other parties to a native title claim," he

The Ngaanyatjarra people will have exclusive native title over most of the determined area and non-exclusive native title over the Warburton Range Stock Route, which runs through their country

In total, 22 determinations have resolved native title over about 28 per cent of WA's landmass, equivalent to about 741,000 sq km.

Funding for Cape York enterprises



FEDERAL Employment Participation Minister Brendan O'Connor has announced further funding for the development and mentoring of Indigenous

enterprises on the Western Cape York

During a visit to Weipa, Mr O'Connor announced nearly \$700,000 to fund two senior positions at the Western Cape Chamber of Commerce over the next two years.

The funding will allow the chamber to recruit an Indigenous Economic Development Officer and an Indigenous Business Mentor/Trainer. These positions will work with existing and emerging Indigenous businesses on the Western Cape to develop their capability and sustainability.

The positions are a direct result of the Western Cape Regional Partnership Agreement which includes developing and supporting Indigenous enterprise and its relationship with the booming bauxite mining industry and its service industries," Mr O'Connor

These officers will also be an important connection with the wider, existing mainstream commercial and industrial economy of the Western Cape region to ensure that Indigenous businesses can to enter niche markets and compete on an equal footing.

Mr O'Connor said the project could become a model for other regions of Australia, with many Indigenous businesses often struggling due to a lack of business support in remote

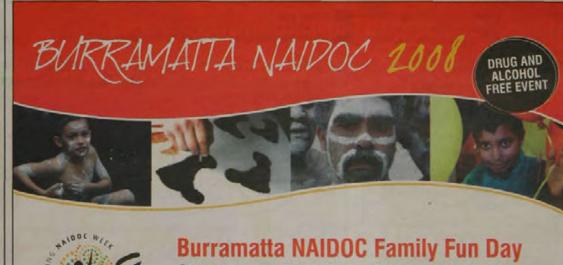
The idea of having on-the-ground economic development and mentong/training expertise aware of barriers facing Indigenous entrepreneurs came from the Chamber of Commerce," he said. This is clear and very welcome demonstration of its members' support

for Indigenous businesses to develop, grow and take full advantage of the commercial and industrial expansion of the Western Cape."



Traditional owners Preston Thomas (above) and Joyce Nelson (below) speaking at the ceremony.







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2008 Native Title Conference



NNTT President Graeme Neate: "Most of the major players worked out a long time ago that there's got to be a better way of doing it and that's to negotiate an outcome



Nyoongar dance troupes Gya Ngoop, Wadumbah and Middar provided entertainment during the Welcome to Country ceremony at the start of the Native Title Conference in Perth.

Former Federal Court judge Ron Merkel: "Once a community proves its requisite connection to land, it then should fall upon the States to show there is lack of continuity.

Women show leadership

A SHIELD donated by Alice Springs women traditional owners to last year's native title conference in Cairns was passed to Nyoongar custodians during a special leadership session at this year's event in Perth.

Women delegates called for greater recognition and respect regarding women's issues around native title saying that women played a critical role in ensuring that cultural information is passed on from generation to generation.

Colleen Hayward, who chaired the leadership session, said women had an expanding role in native title matters and it was important they be heard in the general discussion.

"Native title in lots of ways we know is about custom and tradition," Ms Hayward said.

"What can't be overlooked in that is women's place because we have our own customs and our own traditions as part of the whole cultural practice that's used to determine native title."



Nyoongar Colleen Hayward chaired a session at the conference dedicated to women's issues.

Ms Hayward said that colonisation had been experienced differently by women from men, who had usually suffered the most severe hardships

especially in the early years of the Swan River Colony.

"In some ways, it's been easier for women because our role primarily as nurturers hasn't changed. It's the contest in which we've done that that's changed.

"So the impact on our men in terms of them not being the hunters and the protectors and not being allowed to be, I understand that the impact could have been harder on them, and that for some of them the family violence and child abuse circumstances that have arisen have been as a direct result of that.

North Queensland Land Council delegate Margaret Saunders said women would always have a vital role to play in helping to prove connection to traditional country during the application process.

Women are creators and survivors, she said. "We give a different perspective to the men and men can't talk on behalf of women about such things as women's birthing places and other areas of women's business



Perth barrister Greg McIntyre: "I don't think what the Court of Appeal said in the Nyoongar case actually clarified the law any more than it was.



A traditionally painted shield donated to last year's Native Title conference in Cairns by the traditional owners of Alice Springs was passed to Nyoongar women at this year's conference.

2008 Native Title Conference



AIATSIS Chairman Professor Mick Dodson (third from left) with Nyoongar Elders at the welcome to country ceremony.

Focus on change

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



THE Federal Government's recent announcement that it will change the native title system to make it fairer for claimants dominated

discussion – both on the bodium and amongst delegates – at the 2008 Native Title Conference in Perth earlier

The conference was especially important for the Nyoongar hosts who are still fighting for native title recognition of their Single Myoongar Claim, which the West Australian Sovernment appealed against successfully to the Full Bench of the Federal Court.

Delegates were treated to a spectacular

velcome to country ceremony by Elders epresenting the 13 clan groups of the Nyoongar nation, and the Gya Ngoop, Wadumbah and Middar dance troupes

Isplayed raditional and contemporary aspects of Nyoongar culture.

The main theme running through the speeches of all the major speakers was the mportance of negotiation, which has taken on enewed vigour with the prospect of a proactive Federal Government.

There were calls from all quarters for changes to the onus of proof requirements on claimants struggling to prove traditional connection to country, particularly since the 2002 High Court Yorta Yorta decision raised

he bar significantly for traditional owners.
Goldfields Aboriginal Land and Sea
Council Executive Officer Brian Wyatt said the
Native Title Act 1993 might have to be
changed to accommodate a fairer system,
particularly for claimants in the southern half of the continent.

"The onus on proof of connection is so high that very few people south of the 26th parallel would be able to establish their onnection to the areas they're claiming," Mr

Wyatt said,
"There's got to be some relaxation of what we see as connection in that. If Yorta Yorta has set the bar in the context of what that connection might be, then perhaps the law does need to be changed.

"There may need to be some amendments to the Native Title Act to make it less

Visiting Maori speaker Chief Judge Joe Williams speculated in his keynote address that the very concept of native title was designed to work against those most affected by the settlement practices and policies of

The doctrine of surviving title has some deep problems with it," Judge Williams said it requires the Indigenous applicant to prove that colonisation did not hurt.

Govt plans dominate discussion



"The more it hurts, the less you get. The less it hurts, the more you get. There is a deep contradiction in that idea."

Former Federal Court judge Ron Merkel agreed that the system was unfair on claimants, and either administrative or

legislative changes should be made.
"Consideration should be given to reversal
of the onus of proof so that once a community proves its present observance of traditional laws and customs that give it the requisite connection to land, it then should fall upon the States to show there is lack of continuity," Mr

"The presumption of continuity is very powerful. Traditional laws and customs do not spring up out of nowhere."

WA Deputy Premier Eric Ripper said during his keynote address that native title had delivered real benefits to traditional owners in some parts of the State, and the Government wanted to work with all claimants despite the decision to appeal the Nyoongar

"It was necessary to appeal the decision because the State Solicitor's advice was that Justice Wilcox's decision contradicted the

principles established by the High Court in Yorta Yorta to guide recognition of native title," Mr Ripper said.

"The initial decision created a high level of uncertainty for future native title negotiations and may have adversely affected the achievement of consent determinations elsewhere in the State.

The WA Government had provided more than \$3 million to the South-West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) to further negotiations on the six underlying Nyoongar claims, but would not negotiate on the single claim

SWALSC Executive Officer Glen Kelly agreed with Mr Ripper that native title had delivered good outcomes for some groups, but maintained a conceptual barrier between SWALSC and the Government on the issue of

"Our position on the single Nyoongar claim we think is a sensible one, and that is that if gets referred to mediation alongside the underlying claims so that we can examine the most sensible way of going forward," Mr Kelly said. "So that we can negotiate a roadmap

for how this complicated system in the south-west will eventually get resolved."

Perth barrister Greg McIntyre, who helped Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo win his historic land rights case in the High Court in 1992, disputed whether the spread decision of the Edder. whether the appeal decision of the Federal Court regarding the Nyoongar claim had provided anyone with clarity. "I don't think what the Court of Appeal said

"I don't think what the Court of Appeal said in the Nyoongar case actually clarified the law any more than it was," Mr McIntyre said.

"All they did was to say the way in which Justice Wilcox had expressed his reasons for the decision weren't sufficiently detailed.

"Nobody criticised the evidence or the lasts that support the Newsers said."

facts that support the Nyoongar claim. It's really just a question of going back now and having another run at it." National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT)
President Graeme Neate said it would take 30 years under the present system to clear the

outstanding claims, which currently number more than 500. "Most of the major players worked out a long time ago that there's got to be a better way of doing it and that's to negotiate an outcome," he said.
"Now to have the present Government

enthusiastically supporting that is a good thing and certainly it augurs well if the Commonwealth is itself looking to alternative packages that might be made available to provide leadership and encouragement to the States and Territories to negotiate along those lines, so all of that is a very positive development.

The conference was organised by AIATSIS, in collaboration with SWALSC.



South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council CEO Glen Kelly.



WA Deputy Premier Eric Ripper delivering his keynote address.



GLSC CEO Brian Wyatt

Oh Brother, what a sister!

By SOLUA MIDDLETON

HEN Dixie Crawford from Channel 10's Big Brother said she wanted to see 'a blackfella' on her last day in the house, I didn't think I would be that black HEN Dixie Crawford from Channel face. Driving up to the Dreamworld Big Brother complex from northern New South Wales, I was thinking, 'come on TI time, please don't kick in, I just need to make it to my interview time slot'.

And I did – in the nick of time.

Upon arriving, Dave, who organised my interview with Dixie, told me she had been reading *The Koori Mail* all morning, so it was a good thing I had brought the past issues she'd missed so she could catch up on her Indigenous news

Dixie greeted me with a big smile and a bigger hug, and then frantically crammed in as many KM pages as she could before I could ask my first question.

"You're the first blackfella I've seen, oh I saw Anthony Mundine on the internet, and I was like 'blackfella, blackfella'," she said pointing to an imaginary computer screen. So why did this Brewarrina/Dubbo

blackfella want to be trapped in a house with

As it turns out she ended up there by accident – and it definitely wasn't because she wanted to find herself.

She went to the TV reality show's auditions with her cousin and her best friend. and after making it to the next few rounds she then confessed to the BB producers that she would rather anything else than to go in the house with the people from her audition.

So she was picked for the house and the rest, as they say, is history.

"I wasn't one of these people who said

they were going into the Big Brother house to work through a crisis or to learn more about mysell," she said.

"I don't know why people say that, it was just a big holiday."

But while the could that the always have

But while she said that she always knew who she was, since being on the show she had realised she could be moody.



Dixie after her eviction with BB hosts Mike Goldman and Jackie O.

Dixie said that because she was a blackfella, she was very family-orientated, and that the dynamics of the house in the beginning made it like a real family where people had different roles. But in the end she wanted her own family and gave herself two points, which saw her evicted.

She was the first Aboriginal female

contestant in Big Brother's eight-year history.
"I went in there, and I am a blackfella and I am proud of it and it's so much a part of me but it's not the only thing that makes me unique," she said.

"There is a lot more to me, and there is a lot more to any Aboriginal person than just their Aboriginality."

Being Aboriginal meant for Dixie that she was the touchstone in the house for issues

relating to indigenous people.
"I certainly felt that I did have to educate some people and I didn't mind doing that, but with some of the questions I thought either you're ignorant or you have just been living under a rock all of your life," she said.

"Even comments like with Bianca and

Terri, when they asked if Aboriginal people

developed the cork hat? ... idiots.

However, Dixie was conscious of the responsibility of being an Aboriginal woman on a reality TV show. She recalled nights where she was in bed thinking if she had shamed anyone on the outside.

"I couldn't even control myself if I wanted

It almost goes without saying that having a big personality is pretty much a prerequisite in the BB house. And while she formed close friendships with 1m tall belly-dancer Rema, veterinarian Alice, escaped Brethren David, and fellow Dubbo footy player Renee, she seemed to be at the centre of a few of the household coefficies.

"I was in heaps (of conflicts), I was a big-noter," she said.

"I had a few digs with Terri, then I had a couple with Bianca, then I had one with everyone about Bridgette.
"It was funny 'cos everyone was in the diary room and then there I was, this little black duck over here by herself to support Bridgette in getting her cluthers have." Bridgette in getting her clothes back

Bridgette was sad and I don't like seeing

"I do complete 180s on her all the time but she is good value."

Skimpy barmaid Rebecca was probably Dixie's least favourite housemate after she became involved in a heated drama which unfolded in the house when Rebecca was confronted by housemate Nobbi for hiding

At this point of my interview with Dixie, Dave the media man came in and told us it was almost time to wrap up. "Dave, do you know what Koori Time is?" Dixie asked him.

So while we wrapped our interview, Division asked if I thought she would get lost looking

The shops.

'Definitely' I said. She may as well have been a foreigner finding her way around the Gold Coast, so I decided it would be rude not to go shopping with her – I mean, show her around as it was my old stomping

By this stage I was thinking of Dixie more as one of my sista-girls than a BB celebrity, but on our outing I was reminded that she was indeed Dixie from Big Brother.

Our shopping expedition was actually her first time on a public outing since leaving the

She kept saying to me 'I keep thinking I have something on my face because everyone keeps staring at me'.

But it didn't take long before people were coming up to her and saying frow much they liked her in the show, and asking for autographs. Dixie took to her new celeb status like a fish to water

So what is next now she is out of the BB

Well, besides her Big Brother commitments of socialising around the countryside, she is on the hunt for a job.

She was forced to quit her job as a menta health worker when she took up a place of

the controversial show.

However, she is looking forward to meeting a lot of the Aboriginal community

And she sure is enjoying the ride.

Intervention praise

Rudd says crackdown 'enjoys a measure of success'



PRIME Minister the Federal crackdown on child sex abuse in Northern Territory

Aboriginal communities has so far enjoyed 'a measure of success'

He also told reporters in Darwin on Sunday that he was not concerned about a decision by the Australian Medical Association to quit the intervention, saying the Government would work with whichever body replaces the key doctors' group.

But Mr Rudd declined to elaborate further on the roll-out of the Territory-wide intervention program and was unable to confirm whether an expert panel had started its 12-month review of



'Let's get on with the business of closing the gap for Indigenous people so they are not just the meat in the political sandwich' - Prime Minister Kevin Rudd

the emergency operation. He said he was sure Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin's department had the review 'well in hand' and would do it consultatively with the Northern Territory Government and Indigenous leaders

Speaking at a Darwin market, Mr Rudd denied he had been tardy catching up with a 25-member board of Aboriginal leaders from the NT, set up by him last December.

He said he would meet with the group every three months, but Ms Macklin made the trip to Darwin alone in March.

The minister represented me at that meeting and we'll be back very soon, sometime I think in the July-August period for a further meeting." Mr Rudd said.

"We take our consultations with the Indigenous leaders here

Mr Rudd refused to be drawn on whether the AMA had acted in a petty manner after it decided not to bid for a new \$10 million contract to recruit doctors for the intervention

Accused

The move came after the AMA was accused of profiting by about \$150,000 under its current contract with the Federal Government, which expires on

"We'll work with whomever is able to deliver service to Indigenous people on the ground, that's the important thing," Mr Rudd said.

He refused to say if the AMA

which has claimed that the Government relied too heavily on altruism and volunteering to prop up the intervention – had its priorities mixed up.

"That's a matter for them," he said, adding he was 'sick and tired of the politics'

"Let's get on with the business of closing the gap for Indigenous people so they are not just the meat in the political sandwich," the Prime Minister said.

Health Minister Nicola Roxon said that she was sorry the AMA had declined take up another

"But I am confident that there are many hundreds of health professionals across the country who still want to be involved in the intervention," she said.

Mr Rudd said 10,000

community health checks had now been completed under the intervention and 51 governmen

business managers were hard at work in communities.
Income management functions in 52 communities and more than 50 additional police are on the

ground.
"The facts and figures indicate
a measure of success," Mr Rudd said

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson, who was also at Sunday's meet-and-greet in Darwin, said 'a lot of good work has been done

He said the Territory
Government continued to back the goals of intervention, but added the review would help determine which measures were working. - AAP

The Voice of Indigeness Australia

Aurukun rapists jailed



raped a 10-year-old girl in remote far north Queensland have been handed jail terms and two others given juvenile detention after an appeal against a judge's decision to at them walk free.

The offenders - aged 13, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 25 at the time – had sexual intercourse with the girl in early 2006 in the Aboriginal community of Aurukun.

In October last year, Cairns District ourt Judge Sarah Bradley ordered provictions not be recorded against six of ie juveniles, and gave three other ffenders – aged 17, 18 and 25 – uspended sentences.

Queensland Attorney-General Kerry thine appealed the sentences, seeking to ave the offenders jailed or placed in

Queensland Chief Justice Paul De ersey on Friday set aside all Judge 3radley's sentences, finding she made a umber of errors leading to a miscarriage of

The three oldest offenders were gir ix-year jail terms, and will be eligible for arole on 13 June 2010.

This was the most lenient sentence ossible in the case of the rape of a 0-year-old girl, Justice De Jersey said. He recorded convictions against all six

iveniles, with two to serve periods of

The youngest offender was sentenced to vo years' juvenile detention, while a 4-year-old received three years. Both will be required to serve half those

The remaining four juvenile offenders



Solicitor Thelma Schwartz representing the Aboriginal legal service at the Court of Appeal over the sentencing of nine males who originally avoided prison sentences for raping a 10-year-old girl at Aurukun. AAP Image

were all placed on three years' probation, and ordered to attend the Griffith Youth Forensic Service for rehabilitation.

While the prosecution in the District Court case must bear some responsibility for the errors made, imposing a proper sentence was ultimately the responsibility of the judge, Chief Justice De Jersey said.

These errors were so serious as to

produce a clear miscarriage of justice," he

Judge Bradley's sentences failed to carry out the duty of protecting innocent or vulnerable members of the community, Justice De Jersey said.

Outside the court, Thelma Schwartz,

from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service, would not rule out

an appeal of Friday's ruling. "There is a strategy that we have," Ms Schwartz said.

Child protection advocate Hetty Johnston welcomed the harsher sentences. "We are heartened by this decision," she said. "The most wonderful thing about this decision is that all of those young people will get access to the support and help of rehabilitation." - AAP

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No compensation for wrongfully jailed woman



AN Aboriginal woman who was acquitted of murder after spending more than two years in prison will not receive any compensation for her wrongful conviction and incarceration.

WA Attorney-General Jim McGinty

said on 3 June that he agreed with advice given to him by Solicitor-General Robert Meadows, QC, not to make an ex-gratia payment to Pilbara woman Jeanie Angel, 47.

It follows a decision by WA police in January not to launch a cold-case review of the investigation into the

killing of itinerant woman Jean Richards. The Australian reported.

Ms Angel was found guilty by an all-white jury in Port Hedland in 1989 of murdering Richards. She was subsequently acquitted of the crime in

Ms Angel never received a formal

apology or any compensation payout. four-year-old son died of a

brain infection in hospital while she was in jail.

Police have acknowledged that it was not until after Ms Angel's acquittal that several other Aboriginal women were

identified as suspects in the case.

Myall Creek to be listed

Photos by GRAEME CORDINER



FEDERAL Heritage Minister Peter Garrett says the Myall Creek massacre site, near Inverell in northern New

South Wales, will be included on the National Heritage List.

He made the announcement at the memorial service for the 170th anniversary of the massacre, where 28 wirrayaraay people, including Elders, women and children of the Gamilaroi nation, were murdered by a group of white stockmen. Seven of the stockmen were found guilty of murder and hanged.

Mr Garrett sald the heritage listing

ormally recognised a pivotal moment in Australia's history.

The fact that so many people gather each year from the Myall Creek community, Indigenous Elders and the relatives of those killed to honour and remember those who died and continue the journey of reconciliation is a testament to the community's deep understanding and acknowledgement of this crucial chapter in our history," he said.

"It was the first and last time the Colonial Administration intervened to ensure the laws of the colony were applied equally to Aboriginal people and settlers involved in frontier killings."

Mr Garrett said that the public's response to the massacre, trial and hangings also shaped the way the Colonial Administration dealt with Aboriginal people for the next century, hich led to the establishment of Aboriginal missions

"Recognition of this attachment and e sometimes brutal ways in which Aboriginal people were dispossessed are important in the journey of reconciliation," he said.

"The fact that the descendants of some of the people massacred on that horrific day in 1838 and the descendants of those charged with the crime can come together in their own peaceful and personal reconciliation gives me great flope for our country and makes me very proud to be an Australian."

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch delivered a speech at the gathering and recognised the event as a tragic chapter in Australia's history. He also said it was a special opportunity for all Australians to think

about progressing reconciliation.

"We will never, nor should we ever, lorget the horror of this and other tragic levents in Australia's history where innocent lives were taken for no other Yeason than bigoted intolerance." he

The Myall Creek Memorial, built ogether by the descendants of the amilies that were murdered here and



Federal Heritage Minister Peter Garrett speaks at the Myall Creek memorial in northern New South Wales



About 400 people turned up to the 170th anniversary of the Myall Creek Massacre, Information stalls like this were popular with visitors.

the descendants of the families that committed that crime, is a potent example of the strength and power of reconciliation.

It is an example of healing - of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people coming together to build stronger and more resilient communities.

Mr Lynch pledged his commitment to continue to work on partnerships with Aboriginal people and with the broader reconciliation movement.

\$50,000 WA art prize is the richest Australia



AUSTRALIA'S richest Indigenous contemporary art award of \$50,000 outstripping Darwin's Telstra National Art Award by \$10,000 - has been launched by West Australian Premier Alan Carpenter.

The main award is open to artists

from across the country.

Mr Carpenter said the inaugural Western Australian Premier's Indigenous Art Awards, collectively worth \$1.1 million over four years, recognised the significant contribution of Indigenous artists to the community.

"Australia is home to the oldest continual Indigenous culture in the world, and our Indigenous artists help define our national identity and raise Australia's overseas profile," Mr Carpenter said.

"Consisting of three awards, this event will highlight the quality works being produced by Indigenous artists in WA and raise the profile of

contemporary Indigenous art."
WA Culture and Arts Minister Sheila McHale

said the awards formed part of the Government's \$73 million 'Ignite' package.

"Ignite is designed to make a difference to WA's cultural landscape by investing in those things that make this State unique, such as our diverse Indigenous art industry," Ms McHale said

"We invite art dealers, gallery directors contemporary art curators, community arts co-ordinators and

ALAN CARPENTER

artists' co-operatives to nominate work by outstanding Indigenous artists." Three prizes totalling \$65,000 will be

• \$50,000 for the Premier of Western

Australia's Indigenous Art Award.

• Ignite: The Western Australian Indigenous
Artist Award of \$10,000 is for a West Australian artist who is acknowledged as developing significant work.

• The People's Choice Award of \$5000 will be selected by visitor ballots during the exhibition at

the Art Gallery of WA.

The exhibition will feature a selection of nominated works and will be on display at the Art Gallery of Western Australia from 1 November

2008 until 11 January 2009.

Nominations will be accepted for works by Indigenous artists, 18 years or older, made in the two years preceding the closing date of Monday

Artists working in any theme or media including paintings on bark, canvas and paper, prints, sculpture, fibre art, ceramics, glass, photography, and digital media can be

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Art Gallery of Western Australia website: http://www.artgallery.wa.gov.au

We're honoured

By DARREN COYNE



A NUMBER of Indigenous people from around Australia have been included in the

Queen's Birthday Honours list. Among them, Frank Lampard of Munno Para in South Australia received the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his work in the field of education, and social

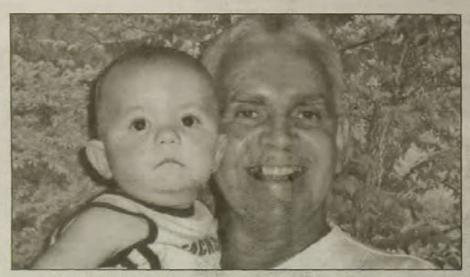
welfare policy development. Mr Lampard, of Ngarrindjeri descent, has held a number of senior executive roles within the State Department of Aboriginal Affairs and was chairman of the State Aboriginal Education and Training Advisory Committee. He has worked as a teacher

in both primary and secondary schools, and has held various senior positions relating to education, with a focus on Indigenous education.

In Western Australia, Edward adland of Moora, received the OAM for his services to the community through a range of Indigenous, ex-service, sporting and community organisations.
As a member of the Circle of

Elders in the Wheat Belt area, Mr Headland was heavily involved in the establishment of groups such as the Central Midlands Aboriginal Progress Association.

Also this year he was



Frank Lampard, who received the Order of Australia Medal, with grandson Jarell.

recognised as the Australia Day Senior Citizen of the Year in the Shire of Moora.

Receiving the public service medal, Ms Sally Riley, the manager of the Australian Film Commission's Indigenous Branch since 2000, was recognised for policy development, film production, and a range of other initiatives

She has also, according to her citation, considerably enhanced other projects,

including Dramatically Black and the National Indigenous Documentary Fund which had provided professional development opportunities for

Indigenous filmmakers. Meanwhile, Allan Tang Wei received the Australian Police Medal for his work as a Senior Aboriginal Police Liaison Officer in Western Australia, while Damian Miley was awarded the public service medal for his management of projects under

the Land and Sea Management Strategy for the Torres Strait.

Others involved with Indigenous people to receive OAMs were Valerie Austin of Walgett in NSW, who was recognised as an initiator of programs to improve Indigenous Health, and Enid McIlraith of North Narabeen in NSW, for her service to the Indigenous community of Manly, Warringah and Pittwater regions through the promotion of reconciliation.

Angus Bottrill of Maylands in WA received the OAM for service to Indigenous communities, particularly through research and assistance with land title claims, while Sally Waterford of Mittagong in NSW was recognised for her social welfare and reconciliation work in the Southern Highlands region.

Others to receive awards were Patricia Duhring, a non Indigenous woman from Port Augusta, for her public service to rural and remote communities as a continence nurse, and Sapper Malcolm Stewart of WA, who received the Conspicuous Service Medal for his work as a tradesman and mentor for the Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program Training

Meanwhile, Carmel Hattch of Alice Springs was made an Officer in the General Division (AO) for her outreach nursing of Indigenous children, and Sister Theresa Morellini of Warmun in WA for her service to the Indigenous community in the Kimberly region.

Also mentioned were Dr Kenneth Johnson for developing conservation management strategies with traditional Aboriginal owners in the NT, and Ilikena Dabea of Palm Island, who received the Fire Service

Mixed response to state budgets

By DARREN COYNE



THE Queensland Government will tackle the root causes of Indigenous disadvantage and trauma, according to treasurer Andrew Fraser.

When delivering the State's budget on 3 June, Mr Fraser said governments throughout history had struggled to improve the circumstances of the Indigenous

population.
"A new regime to tackle alcohol abuse and reduce harm, including divesting local councils of canteens to break the link between alcohol profits and council coffers, is being supported by more than \$58 million in funding over four years," Mr Fraser said.
"This allocation will deliver new alcohol

and drug detoxification and rehabilitation programs, diversionary activities, family support programs and greater enforcement of alcohol restrictions as well as compensating councils for lost revenue from canteen closures.

"We are also providing \$40 million over five years, commencing in 2007-08, for the Cape York Welfare Reform initiative, an investment in breaking the cycle of generational disadvantage."

Mr Fraser said the government was determined to increase funding for those

most in need – Indigenous children. "We will provide \$21.5 million for facilities for pre-Prep programs for children aged between three and a half and four and a half in indigenous communities.
"More than \$13.6 million will be allocated

to build and operate four residentials to house children taken into care with another \$10.4 million to operate safe havens for Indigenous children affected by family

Mr Fraser said the success of the PCYC program in Indigenous communities would



NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch

be built upon with an injection of \$7.6

million over four years.
"An additional \$4.7 million will be provided over three years to support the growth and development of the vibrant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts industry - a pathway to prosperity for the

NSW measures

Meanwhile, the NSW budget delivered a package of measures designed to improve the health, education and living standards

in the State's Aboriginal communities.
Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said the budget delivered on State Plan targets. He listed the highlights as:

 \$6.3 million over three years to build water and sewerage infrastructure in 22 communities, and \$29.9 million over four years to provide on-going support for the operation, maintenance and monitoring of

Mr Lynch said this was part of a \$205 million, 25-year partnership with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council to upgrade water

and sewerage in Aboriginal communities.

• \$22.9 million over four years to combat child sexual abuse through the expansion of Safe Families to the Orana Far West region.

 \$19.6 million in 2008-09 for housing and environmental health work under the \$240 million Aboriginal Communities Development Program.

\$1.9 million to provide project officers for 40 communities.

• \$687,000 to deliver Job Compacts. Aboriginal languages and to support cultural events.

Mr Lynch said better water and sewerage services would help deliver improved health for Aboriginal people.

"Healthier kids study better, increasing their chances to succeed in school," he

"Healthier parents are also better able to provide for the welfare of families and participate in their communities.

South Australia spends

In South Australia, the Government has allocated \$520,000 to provide interpreters

for Aboriginal people in the court system. SA Attorney-General Michael Atkinson said the funding would speed up the court process for Aboriginal victims, witnesses and offenders.

This will make a real difference to the efficiency of our justice system and ensure the courts are easier to navigate for Aboriginal-speaking people," Mr Atkinson

He said \$520,000 was allocated in the state budget to attract skilled interpreters who were already working in the state public sector.

That Indigenous specific and one of the few areas the South Australian Government highlighted in its budget, which have a massive investment of \$2 billion towards the State's public transport system.

Other highlights of the SA budge although not specifically for Indigenous people, were a record \$3.246 billion for the health budget, an 11 per cent increase in police funding to nearly \$630 million, which will help provide more police in remote Aboriginal communities, and an extra \$190million over four years to keep children at risk of abuse or neglect safe.

Tasmanian protest

In Tasmania, protestors accused the Government of ignoring Indigenous people

Aboriginal protesters refused to leave the entrance of a Launceston hotel where the Treasurer Michael Aird addressed the business sector on June 13, in relation to the State's budget.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre claimed there was nothing in the budget for Aboriginal people.
The centre's Nala Maynard said

requests for assistance had continually been ignored.

"We are highlighting the fact that for over we are nightighting the fact that to the three years we have been asking for assistance from the government to relocate and expand our Aboriginal children's centre in Hobart," Ms Maynard.

The Government hasn't been able to find a single dollar for us, but allocates.

find a single dollar for us, but allocates two and a half billion dollars for education and infrastructure in their budget," she

Treasurer Michael Aird said however that the highlights of the budget were increased spending on health, at \$1.4 billion, and education, at \$1 billion.

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day and the annual WA NAIDOC Ball.

Adelaide's Tandanya – National Aboriginal Cultural Institute will have art-and-craft workshops, cultural performances and presentations, films and

evening entertainment. Dalby, in south-east Queensland, will have a program which includes a fancy dress disco.

It seems wherever you are in the country, there will be

something on.

To see what's happening in your area, check out our calendar of events, or to have your activities included for the next edition, email your NAIDOC event to naidoc@koorimail.com



The Gehi Yubay Dubay (Saltwater Women) with their winning flag design

Women w NAIDOC flag competitio



women has won a flag-design

organised by Ballina Shire Council in far northern NSW as part of NAIDOC Week.

The entry was submitted by the Gehi Yubay Dubay (Saltwater Women), comprising Bundjalung Elders and younger Aboriginal women and a

non-Aboriginal person.
Ballina Mayor Phillip Silver
announced the winning entry.
Also present was NSW
Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul
Lynch.

The Saltwater women were

given a cheque for \$1500.

The flag design embraced the themes of land and sea and bringing people together. The women said they used plant-dyed materials for the

land/sand component.
"Combined with the rolling

seas and hand-dyed silk

representing the beautiful blue sky, the flag will billow in the winds to inspire all," they

"The hands, laid where sea meets land, represent the connections being made between young and old, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal,

'The judging panel hopes the winning design can be displayed more frequently in recognition of the Indigenous cultural heritage of our region'

to encourage in the community the sharing of knowledge and awareness of traditional Indigenous culture.

This is what we believe to be the celebratory spirit of

The NAIDOC Week

flag-design competition was a joint initiative of the Bullinah Goorl Services Action Group and the Ballina Shire Council. "Our Ballina Shire

community should be enormously proud of our local Indigenous artists, whose talents were showcased in the design competition," Mayor Silver said.

The judging panel, comprising prominent members of the shire's Aboriginal community and Cr Silver was greatly impressed by the quality of each of the submitted designs.

"The competition was principally for the design of a flag to be flown in prominent locations within Ballina annually during NAIDOC Week. However the judging panel earnestly hopes the winning design can be displayed more frequently in recognition of the Indigenous cultural heritage of our region," Cr Silver said.



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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



The more things change, the more they stay the same... As NSW gears up for not one but perhaps three Knockouts later this year, we thought this October 2002 cartoon by Danny Eastwood was worth re-printing.

4 Quote



"I certainly felt that I did have to educate some people and I didn't mind doing that, but with some of the questions I thought either you're ignorant or you have just been living under a rock all of your life."

> - Big Brother Aboriginal housemate Dixie Crawford on her time in the reality TV program's house

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We have plenty to celebrate

hat a time for celebration. remembrance and reminiscing this past month has been at national, State and local levels.
Things were kicked off on 26 May by

Sorry Day, which of course is more commemoration than a celebration but this year's event had a new optimism about it following the national apology to our Stolen Generations.
Then there was Reconciliation Week,

with its growing emphasis on recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women, past and present. It has been excellent to see Returned Services League (RSL) branches increasingly bringing Indigenous diggers and protocols into the fold where they belong. The week concluded on the

anniversary of the 1967 referendum, and was book-ended by Mabo Day, marking the anniversary of the High Court's decision in the landmark case driven by Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo. It was fitting and a relief when the Federal Government announced a review of the Native Title Act 1993 which resulted from the decision but which has so far delivered much less than all of us had

Just a few days later we saw The Dreaming festival in southern Queensland and its exciting showcasing of our community's considerable performing, visual, multi-media and other artistic talents. And now is the beginning of festival time in the Northern Territory, with planning for one of the



biggest Garma (8-12 August) well underway.

Last week saw celebration of the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983, culminating with an huge NSWALC shindig at the Sydney Convention Centre, again with some of our best musicians front and centre

There's hardly any time to draw breath before NAIDOC Week (6-13 July) early next month, with its theme of Advance Australia Fair? a nod to the past as well as the future.

What all this shows is that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are survivors, we remember and honour those who've gone before us, and despite all of the challenges that will no doubt continue to confront us we have

much to celebrate together.

Knowing this should fortify us as we move into what feels distinctly like a new era in Indigenous affairs.

The fact that more and more non-Indigenous people feel able and inclined to join our celebrations each year is also a great thing. It makes a reconciled future, where Indigenous people are valued and celebrated widely, if not by all, feel much more possible

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A Yarn



DARRYL FITZ

Central Land Council Co-ordinator Tennant Creek, NT

Favourite bush tucker? Bush turkey.

Favourite other food? Chinese

Favourite drink? XXXX Beer.

Favourite music?

Favourite sport? AFL - I support Geelong.

Favourite read? The Koori Mail

Favourite holiday destination? Cairns, north Queensland

What are you watching? NITV - It's very good.

What do you like in life? Working for my people.

What is your favourite memory? Watching my kids grow up.

Who would you most like to

(Former South African President) Nelson Mandela.

Who or what inspires you? My uncle, Ross Williams

What would you do to help Indigenous people? Ensure they receive the best education available. It's the key to

our future.

Talking culture

Franklin D Roosevelt (1812 - 1945), the 32nd President of the United States and only US President to have served more than two terms, once said: "If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something."

N a chilly evening in the small east coast community of Nuhaka on the North Island of New Zealand on May 29, I queried my wife Rhonda if we had in fact underestimated the weather. The Maori International Film Festival program which we were attending identified the first event of the four-day festival as an invitation-only dinner for film makers and festival patrons at the Kahununu Marae.

Standing in front of the impressive Marae as dusk shadows gave way to the dimness of right, I stood tall and proud beside Rhonda under street lighting in the knowledge that we would soon experience, for the first time, an official Maori welcome ceremony.

welcome ceremony.

However, what I wasn't prepared for on this auspicious accasion was the lingering wait we had to endure for the host to prive. And as such the delay had to be tolerated outside the Marae perimeter as Maori protocol orbids the entry on to the Marae grounds until summoned by emale Elders.

And as we waited the lemperature dropped sharply rom low double-digit figures nastily towards sub-zero Celsius readings.

As we stood on the side of the road we were warmed by the generosity of spirit of the guests in the official party who greeted us with their traditional hongi (rubbing noses) greeting – not to be confused with hangi (Maori least).

When the host finally made his entrance on to the quiet residential street of the smallish community of a couple of hundred people, the female Elders called out for their warnors and guests to enter the grounds of the Marse.

of the Marae.

I walked closely with the men and Rhonda took her position with the women. On entry to the Marae I was steered toward the tront row of seats in the middle of the large room. As the front row filled the second row was soon taken up by other men.

I was none the wiser as to the seating arrangement, but must say I felt honoured to be sitting in close proximity to the host Elders a mere five metres away facing us on the other side of the room. The seating arrangement was a mirror image of our side, with men occupying the front row and women taking their place at the rear of the Marae.

Not once did the Elders speak in English. The interesting process of Elders speaking first (liexperienced to the most experienced), followed by their emale relatives leaving their eats to stand next to him to



Stephen Hagan

HAGAN'S VIEW

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

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conclude his address by singing a Maori song in unison, generated by his insightful words, was a marvellous sight and one I will always cherish.

I wanted so much to ask the gentleman sitting adjacent to me to interpret in English what was being said or at least have him explain what the order of official business was. But in this instance I was hesitant as everyone looked so silently respectful of proceedings that I dared not speak in case I was in major breach of their cultural protocol.

Suddenly the host Elders appeared to have completed their formalities and with an acknowledging nod of his head in their direction Mayor Meng Foon of the Gisborne District Council stepped off to the right and started his official response in Maori, gesturing to Elders and other dignitaries present in the Marae.

Troubled

What troubled me even more as I sat totally unaware of what was being said was the fact that I had only met Mayor Foon and his elegant wite, both of Chinese descent, outside in the car park, and now he was on his feet speaking fluent Maori as if it was his first language. To make things even more worrying for me was the fact that Mayor Foon concluded his long address with the customary Maori song.

concluded his long address with the customary Maori song. As I sensed the Mayor's song coming to an end I started to feel extremely nervous and just had to



Rhonda and Stephen Hagan at the Maori International Film Festival with Associate Professor Patty Loew and Francis Peters-Little.

break with tradition as I sought counsel of the Maori Elder off to my right. I asked him if I was required, as the next in line in the seating order to speak and sing

seating order, to speak and sing.
To my relief he said that they would allow me time to get to my feet but if I chose not to take up the offer the next person in line would simply rise and step to the side and begin their address.

As the Mayor took his seat I

As the Mayor took his seat I felt an uneasy, nauseous feeling engulf me but discomfort soon turned to relief when the next Elder in line eventually rose to

The one thing I did manage to observe during the speeches in Maori was the identities of the Elders and dignitaries who were being acknowledged by speakers in their introductory remarks.

However, there was one dignitary whose name was constantly being recognised but I couldn't quite make out who it was as the person in question occupied a seat with the women at the back of the room.

at the back of the room.

I discovered later that it was the striking lady splendidly affired with an unmistakable facial tattoo (moko) on her chin who I met in the car park – Judge Caren Fox of the Gisborne Maori Land Court – who appeared not to be discomforted by the seating arrangement.

arrangement.

When the cultural ceremony concluded we were ushered into an adjoining building to a sumptuous banquet – once again served by women who took great pride in their service to the Marae's formalities – before the evening came to an end.

The following day at a much longer Powhiri (traditional Maori welcome) for the public at the Wairoa Taihoa Marae, to officially open the film festival, we got to enjoy cultural exchanges with many of the same Elders and a larger spread of youth.

larger spread of youth.

To my amazement the youth also sat attentively listening and singing in Maori, when the occasion arose, throughout the long formalities. I don't think that would happen so readily with Indigenous youth where I come

from.

On this day I took advantage of an opportunity to speak to Judge Fox and her associate, Marise Lant, from the Maori Land Court who informed me of their important work. Judge Fox told she learned a lot from her time visiting the Redfern Legal Service in the 1980s when she worked for the Maori legal service and wanted to get ideas on how things worked in Redfern.

Being aware of the demand on lates.

Being aware of the demand on Judge Fox of others wanting to chat, I asked her a question I'm sure she's fielded many times before: Why did you get a moko?

before: Why did you get a moko?
Judge Fox informed me
assertively that she only got her
moko – a facial fattoo on her chin
which represents markings from
her tribe – a couple of years ago
and felt she could do so in her
capacity as a senior judicial
figure.

She said she felt comfortable in the knowledge that she had served five years on the bench betorehand and knew the public wouldn't view it as a publicity

Honoured

On the same day, Rhonda and I were honoured to receive the award of Best International Indigenous Short Documentary for Nigger Lovers. Although we received prestigious awards in Australia; EnhanceTV ATOM and Inside Film awards in Melbourne and the Gold Coast respectively, this award was very special to us as it represented an acceptance by other Indigenous film-makers of our contribution to the field of documentary making.

documentary making.

Native American film-maker and academic Associate
Professor Patty Loew, from the University of Wisconsin, who made Way of the Warrior was so impressed with our doco – she is lighting a similar battle to remove offensive mascot labels such as Redskins etc – that she informed us that she would give a private viewing of our work to (influential US TV personality) Oprah Winfrey when she met her at the convention for African American,

Native American and Hispanic journalists in Chicago in July. The Maori International

The Maori International Indigenous Film Festival was a memorable event that left lasting impressions on Rhonda and me. The cultural exchanges were a highlight and I believe there may well be a strong argument for Indigenous Australians to model the Marae concept in each identified community in Australia. Further, I agree with the

Further, I agree with the concept of adopting a single language – out of the 300 that were spoken pre-colonisation – as the accepted language for inclusion in the national curriculum.

This should not be viewed as an insult to other active Indigenous language speakers around the nation but seen more as an opportunity for others to learn a second or third language in much the same way as those who learn Japanese, French or German at school.

There are about 100
Aboriginal languages in everyday use in Australia which about 50,000 people speak as their first language. Languages that I was thinking of as a potential standalone language for inclusion in the national curriculum include Yolngu (north-eastern Arnhem Land) with around 6000 speakers, Arrernte (southern and central Northern Territory) with around 3000 speakers and Warlpiri (central Australia) with 3000 speakers.

I am not a fluent speaker of my language, and don't know an Elder from my large tribe (Kullili) who is, so like the other 450,000 Indigenous Australians who fall into the same category I'd encourage our leaders to consider it as a viable option to our cultural restoration.

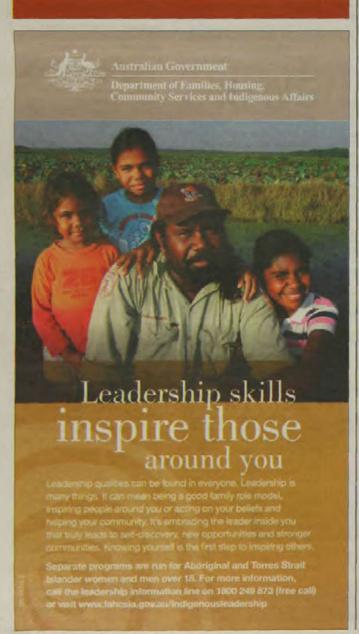
our cultural restoration.

And then when a similar Maori concept is erected progressively around the nation we could use this new language as a means of cultural expression and transmission. We may, like the NZ Maori television station does, see a time in the next generation when NITV will broadcast in the new adopted national Indigenous language and be comprehended fully by Indigenous and non-Indigenous viewers alike.

Although there will be a lot of dissention to the very mention of such a concept of a single Indigenous language I instead follow the famous line adopted by Franklin D Roosevelt, to restore our fading culture, who once said: "If it falls, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something."

◆ Correction: Last week's column 'Skinny Latte Ideology' about Stephen Hagan's 2008
Rob Riley Lecture featured a photo of Hagan with Megan Mallard (nee Riley), daughter of the late Rob Riley. The caption, which was suppiled to The Koori Mall, incorrectly referred to Ms Mallard as Megan Collard. We apologise for this inadvertent error and any distress it may have caused Ms Mallard and her family.





Married up? Move on!

NOT that many real flesh and blood people know about me being Ms Koori Love. I may have over 500 members in my group (558 - but who's counting?), Myspace page, a Facebook page and billions of column readers, but I'm more known for my day job than the husband hunting love

Real flesh and blood people who know both my real life and secret identities are a small and rare clutch of people. I generally don't mind people knowing my real-life identity, except for one group of people: The Married Up

If I had a magic stick that granted wishes, I would wish that no Married Up Black Man knew I

was Ms Koori Love in real life. Why is that, I hear you ask. Well! This kettle of catfish are smug. Smug and prancey. They prance around me like frilled necked lizards in the sun as if to say 'You are dying for a slice of me ain't ya! You wish you had me doncha!'



Ms Koori **LOVE**

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These married up ones are more likely to say things like 'me and the missus did this' and 'me and the missus did that

It doesn't bother me that much to hear the stories; it's the prancing that gets me. The 'look at me. I'm married up and I don't

even wear matching shoes! attitude bugs me so much I want to scream. As if I even register married up men on my radar.

Married up fleer on my racer.
You're married up? I move on.
Maybe I should take some
responsibility for these fullas
actin' this way. After all, I do write
a lot about how much I want a black fulla and how deadly they are. It's no wonder some come across all smug after reading all the stuff I write about them. But the married up ones shouldn't be shimmying around me. They should be doing that with their missus – preferably the one they keep telling me about.

So here is a message for the Married Up Black Men in my life. You are in a relationship.

Congratulations. You can stop the dancing around 'cos aithough you are fine, I don't want you. I have a checklist and you, your missus and you missus and you will be a supplied to the property of the proper on it, budda!

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

Putting native title in context

ONCERNS have been expressed about the National Native Title
Tribunal's estimate that it will take about 30 years to resolve native

title claims across Australia. Although a 30-year forecast may seem daunting, this estimate

needs to be put in context. Few outcomes were reached in the early years of the Native Title Act. It took some time for the law around native title to be clarified and for the framework which now exists for negotiating

outcomes, to be established.
The majority of native title outcomes have been made in recent years.
There have been 109 native

title determinations over 828,650 sq km of Australia's land mass. Most determinations are now made by agreement, and the days of long trials as the main way to deal with claims seem to have passed. In addition, 332 Indigenous land use agreements have been reached over 913,000 sq km, an area almost the size of South Australia.

It can be a long process. For those Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders who have been successful, it has taken an average of about five to seven years (and sometimes up to a decade) to reach settlement.

There are currently over 500 unresolved native title claims Around one-quarter of these were lodged before 1998, half between 1998 and 2002 and the remaining quarter since 2003.

There are still about 30 claims being lodged each year. The reality is many of the claims finalised so far were more straightforward to resolve than those that remain,

To help get more claims into mediation and for mediation to be quicker and productive, obstacles need to be overcome.

The first and main obstacle for claimants is supplying the detailed information about their connection to their traditional

Native Title and You



By National Native Title Tribunal President GRAEME NEATE

level of evidence of each group's traditional connection to claimed land before they can obtain a determination that native title exists. This evidence needs to go back to the date when the Crown asserted sovereignty over Australia. Providing connection information is expensive and the expertise available in Australia to develop these reports is limited. Most connection reports take two to three years to research and may take up to three years to be assessed by the relevant State governments

Second, there needs to be an analysis of past dealings with the land to see where native title has been extinguished or where it

Third, the number of parties that may be involved in an individual claim can reach into the hundreds. It is important to identify early on who has relevant interests in the claim area and encourage those who need not be involved to withdraw.

Fourth, disputes about overlapping claims need to be resolved. About 45 per cent of current claims have areas that overlap with neighbouring claims. These issues can cause long delays because governments and some other parties will not participate in negotiation unless overlaps are resolved.

Once matters are in mediation, it is largely for the parties to decide what outco will be reached.

To produce a fundamental shift in the way native title claims are resolved, parties need to be clear about their objectives.

Native title determinations often deliver few direct benefits to Indigenous Australians, Most determinations, in isolation, fall short of claimants' aspirations Sometimes alternative agreements can offer more

tangible results.
The claimants need to decide whether social justice measures economic outcomes or a combination of the two may be more achievable than a native title determination.

Government parties are pivotal to producing faster and better outcomes.

They need to build on examples of creative packages already negotiated, rather than concentrate exclusively on whether claimants have met the legal requirements to prove

Sufficient resources need to be available for native title representative bodies and others to actively participate in agreement-making. This may not simply mean an increase in funding. It could include a more strategic use of the Tribunal to provide expert services to participants, such as research mapping, tenurs analysis and mapping, tenure analysis and other activities that may curre

other activities that may cure be duplicated across the coun With a legal framework in place, the courts are no longer the appropriate forums for resolving most native title issu Negotiation and new approach to settling claims have the potential to provide just and enduring outcomes.

potential to provide just an enduring outcomes.

• I spoke in detail on these and other issues at the recent 2009 AIATSIS native title conference. For a copy of the speech go to www.nntt.gov.au under news and communication speeches and papers.

YOUR SAY



Letter-writer Najella Green thanks 'all concerned' for making the Australian Football League's 'Dreamtime at the 'G' and the Indigenous round such a memorable event. See Page 24

Paying respect to one of our greats



LOWITJA O'DONOGHUE

I read with interest your story (Page 3, Koori Mail, 4 June) about Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue's plans to step back from public life. As a non-Aboriginal person

of a similar vintage, I did not want to let the occasion go by without paying my respects to such a courageous Australian.
I have not had the pleasure

of meeting Professor O'Donoghue - or Lowitja, if I may call her that - but have followed her career and

achievements for many years. That she chose one of the noblest professions, nursing, is testament to her compassion for others, even though she herself has not

many other great things, leading by example how reconciliation can grow from honesty.

'I wish Lowitja the very best for her retirement... but I hope this is not the last we will see or hear of her.'

When I first read, some years ago, about the circumstances of Lowitja's reunion with her mother, I

cried a river of tears. As a mother and grandmother, I cannot imagine how they felt during their first difficult meeting, but I am so glad that they did finally meet again. I cried again and thought of

Lowitja and her mother when the Prime Minister, Mr Rudd, apologised to the Stolen Generations in February. It was the right thing for our nation's leader to do, even though long overdue.

I wish Lowitja the very best for her retirement. She has earned a rest but I hope this is not the last we will see or hear

> SYLVIA FARQHUAR Seacombe Gardens, SA

Poetry

Children of the Dust

My little one of the stolen heart your small delicate soul taken from the mother core of your birth by the ever-changing winds of the unknown again and again the cycle is unfulfilled your little soul knows its path yet strangled by souls of those with eyes closed and ears deaf to the very existence of our journey little spirit soul care not for what they do not see hold my hand little sister walk with me.

I will show you the colours of our beautiful land I will awake the dreaming in your heart to see those visions of eternal beauty that play upon our soul listen to the laugh of the morning's early call let me see the sun rise in your eyes and smile her smile upon her stolen child sit with me my princess from the past feel the soil beneath our feet hold my hand and sing with me as the wind's spirits cover your broken heart in her lullaby of love care not for changes that cannot hurt our souls.

You are pure of heart and pure of soul stay close to me recall the times of long ago our souls belonged to the skies and heavens and the soils of our earth belonged to all for you little spirit from the dreaming take heart your soul is precious little one the vision fades as once again your soul will soar clasped in the hands of the eternal spirit

> IAN FELTON Mildura, Vic

 Dedicated to children of the Stolen Generation and all children removed from their mothers.

Looking for some answers

I was wondering if you could help us to raise awareness of an issue my family is

facing. In October last year, our house was destroyed by fire, all our possessions and memories were burned to the ground. All we were left with was the clothes we were wearing and we were extremely lucky to all get out

We had lived in the house in West Albury for over 20 years and we have a lot of great memories and as a family we are very close and have always lived together.

After the fire, we were put in temporary housing and we were all spilt up. We were hoping that the Aboriginal Housing Department would in time re-build the house and we would be able to move back together again as a

family.

We have written a number of letters to the department supporting the idea of re-building the property. However, we have had limited

response and no one has officially informed us in writing of the outcome of the house.
I decided to ring the Department of Housing

in Sydney and they referred me to the Housing Department in Wagga Wagga and their argument for not re-building the house was the

However, as a family we are now split up into three different properties, which really doesn't really make sense if the argument to not re-build the property is financial.

Overcrowded

Furthermore, we are currently living in a three-bedroom home with five teenagers and two adults and two small children. Two of teenagers are completing Year 12 and are finding it difficult to study in an overcrowded

house.

The teenagers are sharing two of the rooms, while the adults share a room with the two small children. I can assure you this has

stressful on the whole family.

I have also made contact with our local MP who was not there at the time but one of his staff was very supportive and said he would follow up the matter with the Housing Department. I received a phone call the following day and he informed me that the Housing Department said that we could put in an application for a larger home. In all of time that we had been speaking

with the Housing Department they never made us aware of this. Ideally, our family would love to live in area where we grew up as we have a great affinity with the land and the area.

The reason I'm writing is to make people aware of our situation and to hopefully get some answers from the Department of Housing either in person or at least in writing

PATSY AMBRYM and CLARE AMBRYM

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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Paul Kelly, Kev Carmody and former Midnight Oil frontman and now Federal Minister Peter Garrett performing at the 'G.

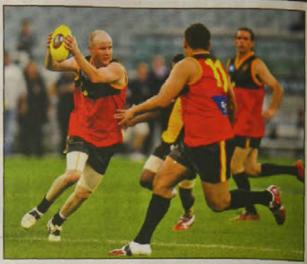
A dream time for **AFL** fans

I'd like to thank all concerned with making Saturday, 24 May, 'Dreamtime at the G' such a memorable event.

It was entertaining and cultural. A great dedication to all our Aboriginal players.

Bad luck my team 'The Bombers' lost to Richmond. Kevin Sheedy, who supported our Indigenous

players, was missed NAJELLA GREEN Palm Beach, Qld



Action from the Santa Teresa v Victorian All Stars curtain-raiser clash at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

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Take my hand...

Bold first steps along an untrodden a chance to heal the pain of our past.

Despite the divide that stills spans this land I reach out from the long-grass and offer my hand.

Come walk with me into the heart of the Dreaming and liberate your soul to a new way of being.

Imagine a nation

united and proud that embodies the it shouts so loud.

Kevin's words have sparked a flame of hope in al hearts it's now up to us to emerge from the

So take my hand and together we'll rise looking to the future with brand new eyes

JONATHAN HILL Old Erowal Bay, NSW

Had a poem in The Koori Mail?

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- A digital photo of yourself for the website would also be appreciated

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User name: bwkm Password: quest And keep on writing!

Who took all the water?

This is a plea to our nation, and I mean not

only our Indigenous nations, but the whole of this nation we call Australia.

I have noticed a new series on the idiot box titled Crimes That Shook The World. Not really of much interest to me being deaf and unable to keep up with much in the way of listening. but I do a lot of reading, as well as watching in my travels what is happening to this once mighty continent that once had the greatest export markets in the world.

What we see happening in our country in this present day is the most criminal shocker the world over, what with multinationals taking over the country that our Diggers fought and

gave their lives for.
And for what? For foreign multi-millionaires to move in to rape and abuse our land, our waterways, and wetlands (which are almost non-existent) for the length of the Barwon-Darling, the Murrumbidgee, the Lachlan Valley, the great Darling Anabranch, the Namoi Macquarie Gwydir, and most of the

I see all of this as a monster crime that is shocking the Australian continent, and our socalled politicians are powerless to do anything

Everyone knows that cotton should never ave been allowed to expand into New South Wales. I am well aware that cotton was grown in Queensland when I was a boy – and that's where it should have stayed.

If we don't soon get some decent flows of water down our system, most of our southern states are going to be in constant drought.

We need fresh clean flows – not sewer waste like the polluted chemical-ridden releases that we have been seeing over the past three years or more.

Waste

The top-end irrigators use the fresh to push their waste a certain distance then start their big pumps to reverse the flow, this takes all the fresh water back up stream. This is the reason

fresh water back up stream. This is the reason we don't get a decent flush.

Our kids in the river settlements from Brewarrina to Wentworth don't know what it is to see a fresh clean flow in the Darling River.

Locals at Wilcannia and Menindee don't even the table their fish and lackle out of bother to take their fish and tackle out of storage because of the water being too murky for the fish to see the bait, plus they wouldn't

smell the bait against the pollution.
On 16 October 2005, I happened to be in Sydney attending a workshop forum concerning the Paroo River prior to my trip

overseas to Uganda.

At the same time a huge dust storm swept right across our continent. This dust storm lasted all through the day and night of 16 October and into the morning of the next day. All new car sale lots had speckled cars, you couldn't tell what colour those cars were because of light overnight showers and continuous dust.

Anyhow, I grabbed a Sydney Morning
Herald and the featuring story showed pictures
of some of our red Aussie soil settled on the
white sandy beaches of New Zealand.
I predict that if this keeps occurring, within

the next century we won't even need boats to visit our neighbouring country – you'll be able to drive your car across, and we will not have

any top soil left to grown anything.

And speaking of top soil, if we don't pull our finger out and do some revegetation work in

Vale Donnette Walsh

I write with regard to the passing of

This strong Ma:Mu (north Queensland) lady who worked passionately for recognition of Indigenous land rights and the intellectual contribution of Aborigines will be missed by many who valued their friendship with such an articulate shern thinker. an articulate, sharp thinker.

> R A LIPSCOMBE Innisfail, Qld

the lower part of NSW we won't have any

soil for growing anything.

What we see now is a mighty mother river deliberately being killed all through white man's greed and selfishness, foreign enterprises taking out trillions of dollars and putting nothing back. All this greed with cotton and other big-water irrigation has crippled our wool industry and most of all our export market.

They claim that cotton creates employment for Indigenous communities but how long does this seasonal work last and how many Aboriginal workers do you see working full-time in the cotton industry?

Take a look at the townships where cotton is grown - do you see those town prospering? No way!

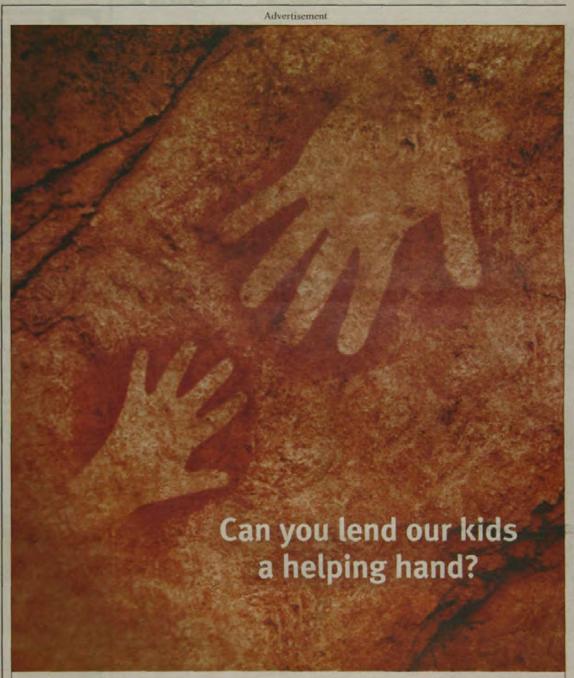
As a boy I looked on Menindee as a town that would grow and prosper. Now, as a member of the Darling River Action Group and an Aboriginal Elder, plus being involved in several other organisations ich as justice groups, Catchment Management Authority and other

environmental groups, I plead with everyone in our nation to get together and lobby our governments to take a good look at what's happening to this country.
If this fails then take it to World

Heritage and force a royal commission on our government.

There's just got to be a way. We are a mighty nation, so why not use our power - people power.

Broken Hill, NSW



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Queensland Government Department of Child Safety

Native title: A test we must not fail

Just settlement of native title is the right thing to do, argues BRIAN WYATT*

HE Prime Minister has said 'sorry'. He was joined by the Parliament in saying 'sorry' for the suffering inflicted on the families of the Stolen Generations, and he has promised to move the nation forward, forging new partnerships and closing the gaps.

We will remember that speech, and we will hold him to it. The Federal Attorney-General, Robert McClelland, gave another fine speech and highlighted the Government's intention to do

native title business differently.
The Attorney-General noted the momentum created by the apology. He made the point that Just as an apology recognises and acknowledges the past hurt caused by the removal of children, through native title we acknowledge Indigenous peoples' ongoing relationship with the land. To bury native title in unnecessary complexity is an affront to that heritage'.

If we pursue the analogy with the recent apology, we should be asking ourselves how the native title system can say sorry to those people who are deemed by the courts to have lost connection to their traditional lands and resources.

How are we going to close that gap? What we would need is an apology for the social Darwinism that lives on in our native title jurisprudence

A fundamental issue here was put very well by another Prime Minister in a speech delivered in Redfern (Sydney) in 1992. The issue turns on recognition, as Paul Keating put it - recognition of who did the dispossessing, who took the traditional land, and who broke the continuities of law and custom. Back then, we heard that Mabo marked an historic turning point that would become the basis of a new relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. It was an historic turning point, but we still had to endure the spiteful culture wars of the

We've taken a few positive steps beyond the scaremongering of those days. but opportunities to link native title to reconciliation and being lost.

Everyone is repeating the mantra of 'negotiation not



'How we deal with native title is a fundamental test of who we are. This is a test that we cannot fail' - Brian Wyatt

litigation', yet there is a large number of matters being 'strangled by litigation', to borrow a phrase from Robert

The apology has set a new tone, and a spirit of change is in the air.

The UN General Assembly recently passed the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Australian Government now has an election promise to live up to.

Can we go back to the UN. sign the Declaration, and set about rectifying the problems identified in our native title system by the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial

Revitalised

Traditional owner groups who have revitalised their traditions in recent years cannot be recognised as native title holders under Australian law unless those traditions have been observed, substantially without interruption, since the assertion of British sovereignty

Leaving aside the possibility that the assertion of British sovereignty might itself count as a substantial interruption, one thing remains clear: the UN Declaration (Article 11) provides the right to revitalise Indigenous cultures, and Section 223 of the Native Title Act will need to be

amended accordingly.
Robert McClelland is to be applauded when he suggests, for example, that the native title system should be seen as an avenue of economic development. Now we need to see some policy and legal imagination that can close the gap between understandings of

economic development and the traditional rights to hunt, fish and gather.

If we begin with the assumption that traditional owners have the right to benefit from the exploitation of all natural resources in their country, as the UN Declaration asserts, then Indigenous economic development will need to be seen in an entirely different light.

We have an opportunity now to start a meaningful dialogue with the Australian Government to develop a framework for nation-building with real benefits for our communities. A national framework should include the just settlement of native title with the full recognition of the rights of Traditional Owners and Indigenous peoples.

When the State and Federal native title ministers get together next month, there will be an opportunity to apply co-operative Federalism in new ways. The voices of native title claimants and their representatives need to be heard in that conversation.

There has never been a better time for creative thinking in relation to native title, and tinkering around the edges of the system will not deliver meaningful outcomes for traditional owners. Nor will it allow Australia to hold its head up on the international stage.

How we deal with native title is a fundamental test of who we are. This is a test that we cannot fail.

*This is an extract from a speech delivered by Brian Wyatt, Chairman of the National Native Title Council, at the 2008 Native Title Conference earlier this month

Barkly's 14 surviving languages on record

Northern Territory, the most modern technology is being used to preserve some of the world's oldest languages

DVDs, movies and hi-tech recorders are all being utilised to save the Barkly region's 14 remaining languages.

It's all part of a scheme being run through the media unit of the highly successful Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation - better known as PAK Media, or the Tennant Creek Language

The unit, established less than two years ago, has produced dozens of books and thousands of hours of recordings and footage of native speakers of the NT region's languages - Waramungu, Waparri, Alyawarra, Kaytetye, Warlmanpa, Wakaya, Mudburra, Wambaya, Jingulu, Kudanji, Wambaya, Jingulu, Kudanji, Waanyi, Ngarnga, Garrawa and Yanyuwa. Recordings are also held of the Mara and Binbinga languages, of which no native speakers are left.

It's a resource beyond value, yet it has been turning a tidy profit for the business-like PAK Corporation, which has sold recordings around the world

The media unit is the principal arm of PAK Corporation, established in 1987 to preserve the Barkly's Aboriginal languages and cultural resources.

PAK Media has also branched successfully into other areas

recently, has taken on a food delivery program as part of the Federal Government's NT Intervention.

But long-serving PAK Chief Executive Officer Karan Hayward says language and culture preservation remain the organisation's number-one

"There is so much language and culture here, and it's all in danger of dying out," she told The Koori Mail from PAK's modest base in Tennant Creek.

"We like to think our efforts have gone a long way towards preserving them. We now film speakers and put them on DVDs.

'We have been successful in selling these to institutions around

"We work closely with the local communities and observe all their protocols. We're proud that we are saving something in great danger of becoming extinct.

Ms Hayward says the organisation is blessed with a business-minded committee who believes in education.

"We've got an old committee with young ideas – it's the perfect blend for Aboriginal people," she said.

successful organisation in the Barkly, and it's all due to a great

Local school children are involved with filming and preservation work, giving them a vital role in their culture



Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation Chief Executive Office Karan Hayward.





HE central Australian community of Ti Tree now has a long-awaited women's refuge – but it appears far from everyone in the community is happy. In fact, Anmaljere Community Government Council Acting CEO Bill Fisher says many

people are angry over the new refuge - half a dozen shipping containers converted into emergency accommodation and enclosed in a chain link fence.

All this despite the fact that the council, which initially spoke out against the use of containers for the 'women's safe house', voted at its March meeting to approve the refuge.

Mr Fisher says that approval was given reluctantly and under pressure from select sections of the community as well as Northern Territory Intervention officials. But the Federal Department of Families,

Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), which is responsible for the shelter, rejects the claims, saying women at Ti Tree gave the safe house model their strong

Community contulation

A department spokesperson said the Ti Tree community had been consulted, concerns about the shelter's security and appearance addressed and the council had subsequently agreed with

The spokesperson said the Federal Government had been working with the NT Government and the Ti Tree community since November last year, and the refuge would open

Mr Fisher, however, remains adamant that many in the community, about 200km north of Alice Springs, are not happy.

"This shelter simply would not be accepted in a mainstream Australian community," he told The Koori Mail.

"Concerns remain over its size, safety and ecurity and there are doubts over whether reliable staff can be found to operate it."

Mr Fisher, who said there was a need for the shelter in the community, also said many people were comparing the converted containers with prison cells

The FaHCSIA spokesperson said the shelter would provide short-term and emergency ccommodation and that 12 local people were being trained for shelter-related jobs

Faster, fairer courts



MORE than half a million dollars has been allocated in the South Australian Government Budget to improving Aboriginal interpreting services in the State's courts.

This measure will ensure that all Aboriginal people involved in the court system as victims, witnesses or

offenders will have better access to a crucial tool for the delivery of justice," South Australian Attorney-General Michael Atkinson said.

"Extra Aboriginal language interpreters in our court rooms means that cases can be dealt with more swiftly and with less stress for everyone involved. It could also lead to modest savings because in cases requiring interpreting skills, delays will be reduced and pressure on resources will be relieved."

Mr Atkinson said there would be a focus on providing additional interpreters in the APY Lands, Port Augusta and Adelaide.



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Special service Cape Barren

Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



OF those who attended the recent Cape Barren Island remembrance service during Reconciliation Week to honour Tasmania's Aboriginal servicemen and

women, Marion Beeton probably travelled

Ms Beeton, 59, lives in Swan Hill, Victoria, and had only once before visited the island in the Bass Strait where her parents Clive Edwin and Thelma Jane

To the service, which was attended by the local community, veterans and officials, she wore the medals her mother received for serving in the air force during World War II.

While Ms Beeton's father's name appears on the Cape Barren Island war memorial, an oversight has seen her mother's name left off.

The island's most senior woman, Furley Gardner, said Thelma's name was accidentally overlooked at the time the plaque was made and she has been talking

to officials to have the error corrected. Eighty-year-old Mrs Gardner said: "Thelma was the only Aboriginal woman from Cape Barren Island that was in the

services to my knowledge."

Mrs Gardner was a child living on the island during World War II and recalls the war being mainly the domain of men. "I remember all the men would go to

hear the war on the one radio on the island, I also remember when the Brown boys

came home," Mrs Garner said. Of the 300 to 500 Aborigines who fought in World War I, 21 came from Cape Barren Island and of the 3000 to 4000 Aborigines who fought in World War II, 23 enlisted from

Ms Beeton hopes to visit Cape Barren



Melinda Little was presented with a poster by the RSL in recognition of her contribution to organising the event. She is pictured with other locals Geraldine Gardner, Jenny Longey and Jane Ferbrache.

Island again soon to learn more about her history. Students at the Cape Barren Island

school studied World War II leading up to the service, putting themselves in the shoes of soldiers serving and writing letters to loved ones back home which they read at the service. State President RSL Tasmania Tony Scott said it was 'the most moving part of the ceremony

A new plaque was also unveiled at the service in recognition of 'the service of all Cape Barren Island servicemen and women in the defence of our country in all conflicts and peacekeeping operations'

Mr Scott said he also hopes to return to Cape Barren Island for another service in about four years

Next year's Reconciliation Week ceremony to honour Aboriginal veterans in Tasmania will be held in Launceston.



Furley Gardner with Marion Beeton, who is holding a photographer of her mother Thelma Jane Beeton.



Uncle Hughie Kirk plays a gum leaf during his welcome to country at a function held at Parliament House in Brisbane

Qld Parit screens Apology



Week 2008 with a screening of the documentary film The Apology on 3 June.

Speaker Mike Reynolds welcome.

local Elders, Indigenous people and members of the Stolen

The Apology documentary was produced by Reconciliation Australia and provides a behind-the-scenes look at the events leading up to the Federal Government's national apology which was delivered by the Prir Minister on 13 February 2008.

Following the film's screening. Mr Reynolds reflected on the emotional story that it depicted and encouraged all schools to screen the film. "The day of the national apology, 13 February 2008, is one of the proudest in the history of our nation," Mr Reynolds said.

Genuine

"I hope that this film can be seen by all Australians and that the hard work that has produced such true and genuine reconciliation

Mr Reynolds called on Australia's political parties to work together in order to close the gap in Indigenous health.

"We need bipartisanship on this issue and I call upon the parties to put the politics aside for the sake of improving Indigenous health."

Mr Reynolds noted that the Parliament's screening of The Apology had occurred on the 16th anniversary of the High Court's Mabo decision, which ruled that native title to land is recognised by the common law of Australia.

Mr Reynolds also spoke of attending the recent ceremony at James Cook University in Townsville where the library was renamed in honour of Eddie Kolki Mabo, whose struggle had resulted in the High Court decision.

National Reconciliation Week was initiated in 1996 to provide a special focus for nationwide reconciliation activities.

Reconciliation Week 2008

Queensland forum back in business

SOME of Queensland's most successful Indigenous entrepreneurs shared the secrets of their success at the State's annual Reconciliation Business Forum earlier this month. Now in its fifth year,

the forum brought together more than 200 participants from Indigenous and mainstream businesses, including a number of delegates from this year's Young Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June).

Jan Jarratt, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Tourism, Regional Development and Industry, said a hypothetical debate led by Australian Indigenous broadcaster Tiga Bayles was a highlight of the event.

Mr Bayles said the forum was an important stepping stone for Indigenous people wanting to move into business.

Strait Islander people have been caught up in the welfare cycle," he said.

"One of the ways to break free of that cycle is to move into family owned and community owned businesses and to look at ways to engage with the mainstream business community.

"And it's important for people to know that there is government support available foods industry, explored new possibilities in the forestry, mining and tourism industries and provided advice to Indigenous operators operating sole trader, family and small businesses.

Tourism, Regional Development and Industry Minister Desley Boyle said the annual forum provided an important means of linking Indigenous and mainstream business people.

Ryde on road to harmony



EACH year, the City of Ryde in Sydney hosts 'Children's Voices for Reconciliation' – an event where local students come together

with traditional custodians of the area in a colourful show of support for reconciliation.

This year's event, at Eastwood Plaza at the beginning of national Reconciliation Week, included a smoking ceremony, welcome to country and music, dance, story or song performances by local students.

ents. Mayor Cr Ivan Petch said the City of Ryde was proud to join with Bennelong and Surrounds Residents for Reconciliation to present the 'expression of support for reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous

Uncle Greg Simms gave the welcome to country, and is pictured here being introduced by Cr Petch.

Good support for veterans





Veteran David Allie, in wheelchair, assisted by Bob Shiels



Townsville veterans service organiser Lee Smallwood



By ALF WILSON



A CEREMONY to honour Indigenous service veterans was held at Townsville's Anzac Park on May 29 as part of

Reconciliation Week 2008. The first such ceremonies were held throughout Australia during Reconciliation Week last year and proved a major success. Last year's Townsville

ceremony received strong community support and this year's attracted about 200 people including veterans

Defence Department Indigenous Liaison Officer at Townsville's Lavarack Barracks. Lee Smallwood, said the ceremony honoured Indigenous veterans and ex-servicemen and women for their contribution to the defence of Australia

This year the theme for Reconciliation Week was 'Reconciliation: It's All Our Story' and the cenotaph ceremony incorporated traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and customs. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags flew beside the Australian flag and there was a welcome to country on behalf of the Bindal and Wulgurukaba peoples.

Elders David Allie and Alec Illin laid wreaths to didgeridoo accompaniment by Jai Cummings, Megan Sarmardin sang the Australian national anthem and Padre Norton Challenor read the Lord's Prayer and gave the benediction.

Veteran David Allie, from Charters Towers, gave an emotional speech, telling the crowd that his forebears served in World War I. "I am humbled to be amongst Indigenous servicemen and women and I am one of many black people who have accepted the challenge to represent my country," he said.

Meriam dancers from Murray Island and the Shalom College dancers, who all hail from Arnhem Land in the NT. entertained the crowd.

A morning tea was served after the service.

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One of the main objectives of the Advisory Group will be to transition Walomi into becoming an independent organisation delivering vital transport services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait latander communities in South West Sydney.

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 Knowledge and experi Community Transport. ence you would bring as an Advisory Group member of Walomi Aboriginal

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Closing Date for Applications: July 8, 2008.

Reconciliation Week 2008



Adelaide Lord Mayor Michael Harbison, other dignitaries and performers during the service.

lemorial tor our veterans

Photos courtesy of IVAN COPLEY



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women were honoured in Adelaide during national Reconciliation Week

On 30 May, a service at the South Australian War Memorial commemorated the sacrifices and service of Indigenous veterans in the defence forces, followed by a Government House reception.

The day before the reception and service, the SA Government announced it would help fund what is believed will be the first Australian memorial for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women

There are no accurate records of how many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women served in theatres of war or peacekeeping missions before 1980, but about 500 are believed to have served in World War I and more than 3000 in World War II

Veterans' Affairs Minister Michael Atkinson said SA had chipped in \$129,000 for the project, driven by a veterans Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial committee. The Adelaide City Council will contribute a further \$35,000.

The committee wanted South Australia to be the first State to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women specifically," Mr Atkinson said.

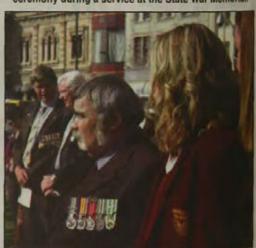
*Despite the Constitution discriminating against them until 1967, Aboriginal people have served in every conflict and peacekeeping mission in which Australia has participated from the Boer War through to current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq

"However, they are often overlooked by the public as an important part of the military family. This monument will be a place of commemoration, learning and reconciliation.

The committee will soon call for artists to submit designs for the monument, which is planned for the Adelaide Park Lands. - with AAP



Major Sumner led the Talkinjeri dancers in a smoking ceremony during a service at the State War Memorial





ABOVE: The commemorative service was a sombre but moving affair for young and old.

LEFT: George Tongerie (left) and Maude Tongerie (right) at the House recep with Ivan

Gourse goes swimming



A GROUP of people from Yuendumu, in the Northern Territory, have brought back to their community the skills to save lives in the water.

After travelling to Sydney earlier this month for Royal Life Saving's Indigenous Remote Pools Program, the Aboriginal lifesavers are now armed with the necessary pool operations, water safety skills and Bronze Medallions in time for the opening of their pool later

Royal Life Saving Chief Executive Officer Rob Bradley said the Yuendumu group received support internationally and nationally following an incident in Alice Springs in March when the group was asked to leave

pre-booked accommodation.
"As part of our Indigenous As part of our indigenous
Remote Pools Program established
three years ago, we have
succeeded with the help of
corporate generosity in bringing the
group to a major metropolitan
aquatic facility such as Emerton Leisure Centre to complete their training before the pool in Yuendumu opens," he said. "Providing this group of Indigenous leaders with the

Indigenous leaders with the opportunity to experience a major—aquatic centre to complete their lifeguard and facilities management training, while enjoying Sydney, provides the perfect basis to move forward in a positive direction."

Mr Bradley said that if the society could provide a similar opportunity for the other remote Indigenous communities, it would help them achieve their goal to

help them achieve their goal to build healthy communities much

One of the lifesavers, Sherelle Young, said: "The mob is very tired from a busy week, but excited to get home to Yuendumu to pass on the knowledge to our community." Fellow lifesaver Bethany Landgon added: "It was a sad time

back in March, but we want to thank Royal Life Saving and everyone who made this possible."

The trip, organised by Royal Life Saving, society, was supported by major partners Qantas, Quest Apartments, Emerton Leisure
Centre, Good Az Gold and the City
of Sydney Council. Mr Bradley also
said that without the support of their
major partners for this event, it would not have been possible to



From left, Royal Life Saving CEO Rob Bradley and Bethany Langdon. In the water, clockwise from top left, are Bruno Wilson, Kasman Spencer, Gina Spencer and Jamie Nelson.

Heritage council in good hands: Minister



Aboriginal cultural heritage is in good hands, according to Victorian Aboriginal Mairs Minister Richard Wynne.

Mr Wynne was speaking at the aunch last month of the council's first strategic plan, which sets the direction for the next three years for preserving the State's Indigenous cultural

"The Council is a strong and independent voice for the Indigenous communities it represents," Mr Wynne

"The VAHC determines who will exercise the important cultural heritage responsibilities on their country through registered Aboriginal parties and will pave the way for ownership of remains, some sacred objects and artefacts for better dispute resolution."

In reaching decisions, members of the council consider factors such as native title matters, links to country, experience in heritage matters and the capacity to meet the requirements of the Aboriginal Heritage Act. The Board is made up of new chair

The Board is made up of new chair Eleanor Bourke, a member of the Wergaia people, deputy chair Ricky Mullett, who has links to the Gunnai/Kurnai people and others in south-eastern Australia, Tim Chatfield of the Djab Wurrung community near Halls Gap, Graham Atkinson, of Dja Dia Wurrung country, Gundfilmara Dja Wurrung country, Gunditjmara men Damein Bell and Jim Berg, Rodney Carter of the Dja Dja Wurrung people, Vicki Couzens of the Kirrae Wurrong community, near Warrnambool, Mick Harding, a Taungurong man, Yorta Yorta woman Karen Jackson, and Denise Lovett, a Gunditimara woman



• LEFT: The new Chair of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council, Eleanor Bourke, and committee member Rodney Carter, right, presenting the VAHC strategic plan to Victorian Aboriginal Richard Wynne.

Yuendumu Lifesaver Sherelle Young

takes in the sights of Sydney from the top of the Harbour Bridge.

Jobs for Tamworth the goal

has been provided for a scheme to generate jobs for Aboriginal people in the Tamworth region on north-western New South Wales

Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said the funding for a Job Compact would support the Partnering for the Future program.

Job Compact is an agreement signed by the NSW Government, Tamworth Chamber of Commerce and potential local employers

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(DEEWR RFT 2008/22)

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) seeks tenders from suitably experienced contractors for inclusion in the DEEWR Research, Evaluation and Analysis Panels over the next 3 years.

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Tender Closing: 4.00pm (AEST) 7 July 2008.

Registration and documentation is at: www.tenders.gov.au

Enquires in writing to: RFT200822@deewr.gov.au

our Cate

From left, Pitwatter Council Natural Resources Manager Mla Dalby-Ball, Sydney Metro CMA's Tabatha Timbery-Cann, Acting General Manager John Carse and Margaret Bottrell, from the catchment management authority.

DVD's focus on landcare d country



highlights the Western Sydney Aboriginal Landcare Group

and Aboriginal people's connection to country, has been officially launched at Parramatta.

The Talkin' Up Urban Landcare DVD also offers best practise techniques in caring for country.

The project was put together by the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority (CMA) and was funded by Envirofund.

About 120 people, including the Mayor of Parramatta, attended the launch.

The CMA also launched the Bushcare with Care, Protecting and Conserving Aboriginal Landscapes field guide.

Regeneration

The guide highlights the importance of practising bush regeneration with care, and to not destroy or disturb Aboriginal sites in urban bushland areas.

The guide covers current NSW legislation, details common archaeological terms

used to describe sites, and offers a step-by-step guide to accessing Aboriginal heritage information systems. consultation, protocol and contacts.

Spokeswoman Tabatha Timbery-Cann said: "We had a

wonderful day at Riverside
Theatres, Parramatta.
"We enjoyed a hot lunch
and were entertained by
Johnny Huckle, who travelled
from Canberra."

Copies of the DVD and field guide are available from the Sydney Metro CMA on (02) 9895 7898.



From left, Uncle Wes Marne, Pittwater Council Natural Resources Manager Mia Dalby-Ball, Uncle Greg Simms, MC Vic Simms, Sydney Metro CMA's Tabatha Timbery-Cann and Margaret Bottrell, and Phill Snow, of Mirror Productions.

Day of Mourning site now on list

Ferguson also published a pamphlet asking

"...for justice, fair play and decency ... include us, fully and equally ... in the body of the Australian nation".

"Their plea and the protest itself had a lasting impact on national Indigenous policy

constitutional amendments of the May 1967.

"National Heritage listing for the Cyprus Hellene Club-Australian Hall sends a

powerful message of our appreciation for

what it represents - past, present and

reforms, playing a major role in the

referendum, nearly 30 years later



THE site of one of the most important moments in Australia's Indigenous story, Sydney's Cyprus Hellene Club, has been awarded the nation's highest heritage honour with inclusion in the National

The Club houses Australian Hall, the venue of the Day of Mourning, a historic day for Indigenous people's struggle for

equality.

Heritage Minister Peter Garrett said the site was important to all Australians.

This small building tucked into Elizabeth Street was the scene of an event that brought social justice issues to the forefront," he said.

In the 20s and 30s Aboriginal people had limited freedom - they were subject to laws that impacted on their ability to find jobs, get equal wages and buy property. These issues united groups like the Aboriginal Protection Board and Aboriginal

Advancement League.
"On 26 January 1938 – Australia Day –
over 100 members and others from NSW,
Victoria and Queensland walked to Australian Hall to mark the first Day of Mourning. Many risked their jobs and even prison to make their voice heard.

This was not only the first national Indigenous protest action but also the first time Indigenous people identified issues affecting their lives and proposed recommendations for addressing these



in 1938. (Photo from Man Magazine, March 1938).

The famous picture from the first Day of Mourning

'Concerted action'

WA suicide

report 'has

disappeared'

conducting an inquest into the link between

the Kimberley community of Oombulgurii between 2005 and 2006.

to reduce Aboriginal youth suicide.

alcohol abuse and the suicide of five people in

Giving evidence from Fitzroy Crossing on Friday, Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre Co-ordinator Wes Morris said the 2001

Working Together report had laid out a strategy

The report was handed to then Aboriginal Affairs Minister and now Premier Alan

THE West Australian Government appears to have ignored a seven-year-old report that predicted Aboriginal suicide rates would increase and had proposed

solutions, an inquiry has been told. WA Coroner Alastair Hope is

"The number of Aboriginal people affected by self-harm and suicide can be expected to increase further unless there is concerted statewide action to address their immediate and underlying causes," the report said.

It set out 50 recommendations in the form of

side prevention plan.

Mr Morris said neither the State nor Federal Governments had put funds aside in their budgets to increase resources for primary levels of prevention, as recommended in the report.

He said he had sought clarification from WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts on the implementation of the report, but her response was general and did not even refer to

The report mysteriously disappeared from the WA Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) website two months ago, he added.

DIA Acting Director-General Jackie Tang did not explain the report's disappearance. – AAP

Mr Garrett said the Government's National Heritage List showcases the developed an online exhibition commemorating the Day of Mourning. See it at http://www1.aiatsis.gov.au/ exhibitions/DOM/DOM_intro.htm natural, historic and Indigenous places of **Elders distraught** over court ruling



aimed at halting the controversial expansion of one of the world's largest zinc mines has been

dismissed by the Federal Court

But distraught traditional owners from Borroloola, near the Gulf of Carpentaria, have vowed to continue their fight against the \$110 million

diversion of the McArthur River.
"You've killed us ... can't say
any more," senior traditional owner Jacob Lansen said outside court on Friday.

"We've got to prove to you mob that we've lost everything, we've got nothing but it won't stop us from fighting."

stop us from fighting."
The ruling follows more than 12 months of legal challenges by landowners who claim the Commonwealth Government should not have approved an application by Swiss mining company Xstrata to divert the river by 5.5km.

The development is part of a

The development is part of a project by McArthur River Mining (MRM) to extend the mine's life by turning it from underground to open cut.

In 2006, then Environment Minister Senator Ian Campbell signed off on the project, but

he failed to follow proper process under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act.

They also alleged he did not have the necessary information before him, such as how the mine would affect freshwater

'You've killed us ... can't say any more ... "We've got to prove to you mob that we've lost everything, we've got nothing but it won't stop us from fighting'

sawfish populations and migratory birds. In the Federal Court in

Darwin on Friday, Justice John Mansfield dismissed the application of the Yanyuwa

people.
"As the contentions of the applicants failed to show that the minister's decision is invalid, the application is

summary judgment.
It is not the first time Elders

from the region have taken legal proceedings over the expansion of the mine. The Supreme Court in

Darwin ruled in their favour in a separate case against the NT Government last year after it found the NT Mines Minister used an invalid process to approve the mine's expansion.

But the Territory Government passed legislation to ensure the project's survival, prompting three of its own Indigenous

MPs to cross the floor. Northern Land Council Chief Executive Kim Hill said traditional landowners were considering their legal options. He called on Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett to conduct his own environmental assessment and urged MRM to halt work on the diversion.

"We also demand that MRM pay just compensation to the traditional owners for the damage caused to date," he

Xstrata later issued a statement which said Justice Mansfield's ruling validated the Federal Government's decision to allow the open-pit development to proceed. - AAP



The Cyprus Hellene Club-Australian Hall

joins 17 NSW sites on the List including the Brewarnna Aboriginal fish traps. Warrumbungle National Park and the Sydney Opera House. The Aboriginal Tent Embassy Site has

also been nominated for re-inclusion in the

currently assessing the nomination for the embassy site, and is expected t to finish its

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and

The Australian Heritage Council is

assessment within the next few months.

Torres Strait Islander Studies has

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is a non-for-profit Indigenous service provider based in Liverpool NSW. Our core business is Indigenous loster care and providing Indigenous community programs and initiatives that deliver good outcomes for our community.

We are now looking to receive small to medium funding proposals from our community based in South West Sydney for consideration in 2009-09. Proposals will be considered or selected based on criteria such as cultural significance, innovation, self determination or providing better outcomes for the community.

We are waiting to hear from you now and should you like to discuss your proposal in more detail then please contact:

Norma Burrows our Community Programs coordinator on (02) 9822 4922.





Santos Gladstone Liquefied Natural Gas (GLNG) Environmental Impact Statement

Santos is proposing a \$7.7 billion Liquefied Natural Gas (LING). Project at Gladstonie (GLNG)

GUNG, will take coal seam gas from the Bowen and Surat Basins by underground upeline to a liquelled natural gas processing plant and export facility on Curtis Idand off

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 convincity groups community information sessions (please see website for details) regular information updates through newslotters and project web opportunities to provide feedback by phone, fax, email and post

To view the draft Terms of Reference, with the website www.dip.gld.gov.in

For further information on the project or to request a copy of the draft Terms of Reference

Phone | 1800 761 113 Email info@gling.com.au. Website www.ging.com.au

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Mob goes back to Badjaling

Story by KEN BOASE Photos by ALITA BOASE



FORMER residents of the Badjaling Mission, near the West Australian Wheatbelt town of Quairading about 200kms east of

Perth, united for the Badjaling Community Festival on 30 May to mark the first reunion in 21 years.

Badjaling was one of several missions in the Wheatbelt which were home to generations of Nyoongar families during most of the 20th century, and the hard times suffered by the former residents could be heard in the voices of those revealing their

histories.
The Wheatbelt region of WA is one of the most challenging in Australia for Aboriginal families Many were dispossessed of their traditional lands relatively recently as group settlements grew rapidly in the area through the 1920s.

Badjaling Community Chairman Murray Yarran said times were hard during the sion days, and many families had suffered terrible hardships during the early days of settlement in the area. But recent political change, especially the apology, had started to ease racial tensions.

"When the apology came, it changed the way a lot of wadjelas (white people) thought about our mob, and their thinking was 'well this really actually happened' because they heard about it," he said. "But to see people crying in Parliament House and the

sadness that they shared even though it was a happy time. "And since then it's changed a lot of the white people's way of thinking about our mob, and a lot of them probably want to embrace reconciliation more now than what

Badjaling Elder Theo Michael



FRANK WALSH

also spoke during the opening and told how hundreds of Nyoongar workers had helped build the local economy, many of them based at Badjaling Missi

When we used to knock off from school we used to go and jump on tractors, so that when we finished school we knew everything we needed to know about driving tractors," he said. "Not only that, the old blokes

showed us how to work root picking, stone picking, sucker bashing, jam post cutting and clearing land. Nyoongars helped the farmers build it. They built the farms for them."

The reconciliation process in the Wheatbelt has been given an enormous boost by the Indigenous unit in the Country Arts Network of WA (CANWA) which acts as a community focal point for families

CANWA Indigenous Unit Manager Frank Walsh said the Badjaling festival was one way of reaching out to the non-Aboriginal community and fostering better service provision for Aboriginal people who had been virtually ignored since settlement.

Mr Walsh said the unit, which was based in Kellerberrin, had been warmly welcomed by the community and there were plans to expand into other towns in the

region, including the major

regional centre of Merredin.
"That's a key I think to our success over the last few years is we've been able to have the right people on the ground and really challenging things that happen in our community," Mr Walsh said. "We're there to challenge. We

confront situations and it's just about tackling issues, breaking down barriers, reconciliation, it's a whole heap of things.
"If you put them all together

that's what Community Arts Network of WA is all about and I like to think that's what the Indigenous unit of Community Arts is all about."

Mr Walsh said the main barriers to progress for Nyoongar families in the Wheatbelt were the lack of co-operation and vision from local governments, which needed to form more partnerships with Indigenous communities.

These are some of the barriers that we face in our communities, particularly here in the Wheatbelt which of course is a region that's renowned as not being too good for Aboriginal people," he said.

"Aboriginal families live in those towns. They've always lived in those towns. They'll continue to live in those towns.

"Local government, State government, Federal government have to be active in the direction of those communities."

Mr Walsh said he was shocked to hear the negative reaction from non-Aboriginal people in the Wheatbelt to the Prime Minister's

"I drove back from Perth that same afternoon and just listening to some of the comments that are quite bad coming from people on radio, on talkback radio, it's unbelievable," he said.

"Some of the attitudes still exist in our communities, but we have to challenge those attitudes.



One of the homes in the well-kept Badjaling community, east of the WA Wheatbelt town of Quairading.



The Badjaling Elders presented the flag during the Welcome to Country ceremony at the festival. Here some of them march proudly with the Aboriginal standard.



Nyoongar Elders Winnie McHenry and Janet Collard gave the Welcome to Country address.

The Dreaming



A colourful sight outside the Zugubau Zamick Gallery stall were (from left) Mavis Pabai, Fred Pabai Snr, John Tom Snr, Allira Davis-Banu, David Banu and Lucy Banu. Photos by Darren Coyne and Kirstie Parker

Delightiul Dreaming

BY DARREN COYNE

QLD

ARTISTS who appeared at The Dreaming festival last weekend are already being booked for other festivals in Australia and overseas

Which is exactly why Rhoda Roberts said she as delighted, when contacted by The Koori Mail a few days after the four-day festival on Jinibara land in south-east Queensland had finished.

After just four years, the festival celebrating Indigenous cultures is achieving tremendous results, highlighting the wealth of talent from around Australia and also overseas.

In fact, as artistic director of the festival, one of Ms Roberts' toughest jobs is choosing which acts to select for next

"The hardest thing now is saying no because we get so many applying. I've got three boxes of applications which shows that artists see this festival as a platform for further professional work,"

Ms Roberts said one of her personal highlights at this year's festival - on the Woodford Folk Festival site in



Some of the Rako Dancers from Fiji performing their traditional dance.

We really captured the closing ceremony this year," she said, adding that footage of a showdown between Aboriginal warriors and Maori warriors

As well, she said it was pleasing to see an artist such as Gurrumal, a blind singer from Gumatj country (NT), return after his first solo performance at last year's Dreaming festival. "We gave him his first solo gig last year when no-one had heard of him. Since then he has secured a number of events and concerts, and produced a CD which made it to the ARIA charts," Ms Roberts said.

That nurturing of Indigenous talent also resulted in Ms Roberts plucking the band Andie and George from a pub in Canberra, to play on the festival's main stage where they were a hit with the

Ms Roberts said that while final figures were not yet available, at least 18,000 people turned up to enjoy performances from about 800 Indigenous artists musicians and performers.

And she said the festival would continue to grow, although growth would

happen 'strategically'. She also raised the possibility of taking the festival overseas at some point, although it would always remain based on the Woodford Folk Festival site.

"We have to take it slowly so it doesn't lose its intimacy because people are coming for the experience, not just the headline acts," she said.



African guitar maestro Mikidache sang songs of hope, sharing and love.



The Dreaming's Artistic Director, Rhoda Roberts.



Former senator Aden Ridgeway during the '20/20 Vision' forum.

More photographs and reports from The Dreaming on the next four pages

The Dreaming



Artwork by Dianne Hall was displayed around the festival site



Adelaide mates Renae Johnson and Carclew's Lee-Ann Buckskin.



For many of the Injinoo Dance Team, the Dreaming festival was their first trip south of Cairns.



Mick Bayles, of Nimbin, NSW, and David Miller, of Landsborough, Qld, catch up at the festival



Harry Peel and Ruby Saunders, from Ceduna, in South



Senior Queensland Police Liaison Officers from the Brisbane Metro North Region Moira Davis and Deb DeBree were keeping an eye on festival-goers.



Nicholas Sommerville, of Coolangatta, with Tia Dalton and Jack Dickie, of Lismore.

Right pathway no trouble for young group

A GROUP of young people from the Casino and Tabulam-Bonalbo districts of north-eastern New South Wales were amongst performers invited to the 2008 Dreaming Festival.

It was the second year that the festival's Artistic Director, Rhoda Roberts, had invited young people from Bundjalung country to join in the four-day event's opening ceremony.

name of The No-Moogil Mob, which means 'no trouble' in the Bundjalung language, was made up of Annieese and Kaluha Robinson (Bonalbo), Elisio Urrea, Shanelle Ord and Tyrone Torrens (Casino), Dwayne Nicolle (Casino) and Dorothy Robinson (Casino).

The group members were all aged 12 to 16 and all but one were participants in the Federal Government's education and mentoring scheme 'Youth Pathways

They were supported by Youth Pathways case manager Owen Trembath and chaperoned by

Belinda and Elisio Urrea Snr The six-day trip started with a

four-hour drive from Casino to the Woodford venue to set up camp. They spent Thursday and Friday rehearsing, but squeezed in a trip to Caboolture on Thursday night for a barbecue and to go to the

On Friday night, the teenagers painted up in yellow othre and wore red jabi-jabis to perform in the opening procession, and in the freestylin' finale.

The girls learned two contemporary dance sequences, while the boys had a spear procession and circle dance, lit by flares, thrilling the crowd of about 2000 people. This meant sharing the stage with crowd favourites
The Chooky Dancers for their
performance of Zorba The Greek.

During the festival, Bundjalung teenagers met celebrities Casey Donovan and George Negus, saw Troy Cassar-Daley in concert as well as films and plays. Two of the boys took part in lengthy

didgeridoo sessions.
The group said their main highlight was seeing rappers Street Warriors perform late on Saturday and Sunday nights. The song Look at me became the immediate anthem, and they all went home with a copy of the

duo's current CD.

Most members of the group
have already asked to return

again next year.

The trip was made possible with the support of DEEWR. Nortec, Youth On Wheels and Kyogle Youth Ventures. The growill be nominated for NAIDOC New Awards at their schools to Day Awards at their schools to acknowledge their personal, soci and cultural achievements.

BY OWEN TREMBATH

The Dreaming



Award-winning musician Troy Cassar-Daley.



These Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) young people were amongst a Carclew Youth Arts delegation from South Australia.



The Chooky Dancers, who performed at the festival.



A didgeridoo workshop attracted plenty of participants. Photo by NATHAN PARKER



Kaya Roma, Miara Ross, Gabby Kina, Jeffo Smith and Isabella Georgetown had plenty of fun practising twirling.



Seven-piece Brisbane band Banawurun took the crowd by storm.



David Dow and Joanne Saladaga taking some time out at the festival.



The Pigram Brothers from Broome, in West Australia's Kimberley region.



Yarrapinni Donovan blows bubbles with his grandfather Wirunngga Dunggiirr, of Nambucca Heads, and grandmother Donna Dunggiirr.

The Dreaming



'Ears' looking at you: One of the Doonooch Dancers shared dance tips with some young fans.



A member of the Doonooch Dance Company, which performed at the Sydney Olympics and the Rugby Union World Cup in Sydney.



Musicians Russell Pinke, Michael Colbung and Robert Champion, from SA band merrG, with Sandi Peel.



Janet Long, of Alice Springs, Samantha Martin, Naomi Bebo, from Wisconsin (US), and Michael Butler.



Jackie Huggins (left) and son John Huggins with Edie Willmot.



Majella Anderson and Llewellyn Willams chill out.



From left, Carol Ryan with Kirstie Parker and Nathan



Arnhem Land performer Gurrumul Yunupingu, left, with Josh Bond.



From left, Tracey Law, from Brisbane, Eddie Peters, from Adelaide, singer Warren H Williams, Jason Tamiru, from Melbourne, and Angelina Hurley were all smiles.



Part of the festival opening ceremony.

Photo by NATHAN PARKER

The Dreaming



Suzanne Thompson carefully applies paint to the face of Sarah Dunk, of Brisbane



Karl Telfer and Kevin Agius, of Adelaide, and Derek Lynch, from Finke in the NT.



Poet Yvette Holt, from Brisbane.



Many members of the festival crowd, including the very young, were eager participants in a performance by the Native American Dancers.



Tasmania's Dewayne Everettsmith.



A member of The Chooky Dancers on stage at the festival.



Lou Bennet and her band Sweet Cheeks had the dance floor grooving.



Dawn Poulson and Dougle Sandy, of Sydney, enjoying the market area.



Leanne Fermanian, of Brisbane, (front) was chuffed to meet some of the Native American Dancers.



Snr PLO Roy Hodges, Snr PLO Paul Coolwell and PLO Agustino Lako were up from Brisbane to keep an eye on things.

Xstrata Mt Owen Pty Limited

Xstrata Mt Owen Pty Ltd is seeking the formal registration of Aboriginal stakeholder groups/individuals who wish to be consulted in relation to the preparation of an Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan for the Glendell Mine Lease area.

Registration of interest is requested in writing no later than the close of business 2 July 2008. Registration of interest is to be

John Watson Xstrata Mt Owen Pty Limited PO Box 320 Singleton 2330

Proposed Sand Extraction Project, Salt Ash, Stockton Bight, NSW

Mackas Sand (on behalf of Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council) is proposing to undertake sand extraction activities in two areas of land on Stockton Bight, NSW. As part of this proposal, Mackas Sand has commissioned an Aboriginal archaeological assessment of these areas of land. Mackas Sand invites Aboriginal stakeholder groups or individuals wishing to be consulted in relation to this Aboriginal archaeological assessment to register their interest (in writing) by 2 July 2008. Registrations of interest should be provided to:

Nicola Roche, Archaeologist

Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited

PO Box \$38

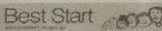
Toronto NSW 2283

Fax 02 4950 5737

Free Playgroup for Koorie Children and **Families**

Wednesday 12.30 to 2.30 Hampton Park Community House For further information contact us on

03 9799 0708 If needed, transport can be arranged











Jpgrading the Pacific Highway **Ballina** bypass

This project is jointly funded by the Australian and New South Wales governments

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has formed an alliance with Leighton Contractors Maunsell AECOM, SMEC and Coffey Geotechnics to design and construct the Ballina bypass

Construction update - June to August 2008

- Commencement of vegetation clearing, boundary fencing and utility relocation over the whole length of the project from the Bruxner Highway at south Ballina to Ross Lane, Tintenbar.
- Installation of temporary sedimentation and access tracks across the entire project.
- Construction of working platforms and placement of temporary concrete safety barriers.
- Commencement of piled foundations at Ross Lane bridge. Emigrant Creek south and Teven Road
- Construction of Pacific Highway diversions at Sandy Flat Road north of Cumbalum.
- Construction of on-site plant workshop and compound near Ross Lane.
- Completion of construction office and compound at Teven Road.

Traffic conditions

Changes to traffic will be expenenced at times along the highway due to construction activities. Where necessary for safety reasons, changes to traffic conditions and speed limits will be implemented along sections of the project as the works progress.

Please observe all project signage and traffic control directions during construction.

Monday to Friday from 7am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am to 1pm. Nearby residents will be advised of any construction works to occur outside normal working hours.





Lots of smiles at the Gladstone Vibe 3on3.

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THE Vibe 3on3 made its second appearance at Gladstone, central Queensland, with the community turning out to join in the basketball, hip-hop and healthy living

action. Held at the Kev Broome Stadium over the weekend of 24-25 May, local participants were joined by visitors from as far afield as Rockhampton and

"The community pulse in Gladstone is certainly pumping with a great turnout of enthusiastic participants and spectators," 3on3 Producer Mayrah Butt said. "You could tell that every person who came to the 3on3 had an excellent time, whether they were rapping, rhyming, playing basketball or just watching their kids. "It was great to see kids from out of

town get on so well with the locals, too."

Teaching

Once again with the Vibe crew in Gladstone was So You Think You Can Dance? top 20 finalist Suri, who spent the weekend hanging out with the locals and teaching young fellas how to dance. Other role models on hand included rapper Brotha Black, artist and comedian Kevin

Kropinyeri Jnr and actor Aaron Fa'Aoso. One of the highlights of the weekend was the 'Soulja Boy off' and for the more mature 3on3 participants, the 'Oldja Boy off' unofficial dance competitions. With the success of Soulja Boy's hit song Crank Dat, the 3on3 began its search to find the best Soulja Boy community across Australia, with strong performances at Taree, Liverpool, Murray Bridge and now Gladstone.

Organisers thanked local sponsors Nhulundu Wooribah Indigenous Health Organisation and the Gladstone

The Vibe 3on3 is a two-day Aboriginal outh weekend festival that incorporates basketball, dancing, art, culture and health. It aims to promote healthy lifestyles, strengthen communities and boost self-esteem. For more information, go to www.vibe.com.au



Plenty to laugh about at the 3on3.



The 'Oldja Boy off' attracted some younger boys, too.



Story and photo by ELIZABETH MURRAY



TWELVE Tasmanian Aboriginal youth armed with their 'palawa chef kitchen licence' are ready to combat the nasties of high fat,

nutritionless takeaways.
The group of 12 to 16-year-olds received their 'licence' upon completing a five-day cooking course which promoted healthy home cooked meals.

The pilot program, run from Hobart's premier cooking school, Drysdale House, not only produced some delicious dishes, but set the participants up with life skills and gave them a sense of pride and

achievement.
Aboriginal Health Worker Tina Goodwin, from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre's Health Promotion Unit, where the program was developed, hopes the young palawa chefs will go home and influence their families.

"We are taking back the power to keep ourselves healthy and we want to encourage young Aborigines to take the cheaper and healthier option of cooking at home," she

"Once we ate the natural produce from our surroundings. Now Aborigines are killing themselves

with high fat take-aways and beverages with no nutritional content, all promoted by big international companies and allowed by governments.

Latest statistics show that Aborigines are twice as likely to have diabetes, usually attributed to a poor diet, as non-Aboriginal people in Australia. Also, cardiovascular death rates in Aborigines is three-times as high as the rest of the Australia. "The palawa chef kitchen licence

helps develop skills such as food safety skills, knife skills, following correct cooking processes, fruit and vegetable skills, creating one pot meals, and skills in creating balanced appetising meals. The

group has cooked up a storm with meals ranging from quick pizza and pasta dishes to soups and curries, Ms Goodwin said.

Ms Goodwin explained that the course took a wholesome approach with a visit to a butchers and a fruit and vege wholesalers where new vegetables were 'discovered'.

The week culminated with a feast

cooked up by the young palawa chefs for their family and friends. According to their cooking

teacher, Peter Henderson, there's also some potential chefs amongst the group: "There's some talented people in the group with potential, a number have shown some real

Children join fight to save planet

By BRITTA LYSTER



CHILDREN and the environment are two words not often heard in the

However, one Hunter region woman's passion and determination to make long-term environmental sustainability a reality for her local youth is paying dividends.

youth is paying dividends.

Local Darkinjung woman and
Warada Landcare Co-ordinator
Kerry Patterson has been making
youth engagement a priority as
part of a series of day-long
workshops she has been
conducting throughout the Hunter
and reptral coast areas of New and central coast areas of New South Wales.

Confronted by the harsh reality that local Landcare chapters were dwindling in numbers due to an aging and less active membership, she has gone to extraordinary lengths to bridge the gap and encourage local youth to become involved in aving and sustaining their local

"Landcare doesn't discriminate. We do not exclude people on the basis of race, religion or

 RIGHT: Morisset children taking care of their school environment

'Landcare is the perfect activity as it doesn't cost anything and we are doing something tangible in terms of long-term environmental sustainability'



financial standing in the

community," she said.
"Landcare is the perfect activity as it doesn't cost anything and we are doing something tangible in terms of long-term environmental

The Natural Resource Advisory Council sponsored the workshops in recognition of Ms Patterson's efforts to educate the community about responsible care and management of the environment.

Ms Patterson has gone above and beyond recycling and rubbish removal, with her emphasis on the establishment of a partnership with her local Aboriginal community and creating awareness of cultural practices that have sustained planet Earth well beyond forty thousand years.

It's been hard work for the passionate mother of three, but she's acutely aware of the extent of the damage inflicted and is all too well aware of the fact that many traditional environmental practices and planting methods will go a long way in repairing the damage done over the past 200

We have done an extreme amount of damage over the past two centuries and it's not going to be fixed in two days," she said.

"It's going to be a long-term commitment from the people of Australia and our government. We original state, but we can go a long way in sustaining it for the

In a recent workshop presented at the Yula Panaal Healing Centre, Ms Patterson highlighted the role of responsible native regeneration and natural resource management.

"Warada promotes the idea of not just planting natives for the sake of planting. We want the community to know exactly what belongs where and why. Most native plants serve a specific role and we try and educate accordingly," she said.

Widespread support

Far from being daunted by the journey ahead, Ms Patterson is constantly encouraged by the widespread community support her projects are receiving. She continues to forge ahead with long-term plans to implement active partnerships within both the public and private sector.

"It's simple. We need to act now. Any complacency will have a tragic affect on our land. It could very well mean a direct threat to our remaining plant and animal species," she said.

Finalists in the 2008 Indigenous Governance Awards

Gategory A: Organisations established for less than 10 years



Murriajabree Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Association in Deception Bay

The role of Murriajabree is to support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Deception Bay. It was created in 2004 to represent the community at state and federal level, and also to work to improve the local conditions. Murriajabree works very closely with young mums, babies and families.

Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural and Development Centre near Griffith

In 1999 the Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural and Development Centre was created as an early intervention centre for Indigenous boys at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system, so that they might have an opportunity to learn, grow and change in a supportive environment. As well as managing a residential centre for 12-15yr old Indigenous male youth, Tirkandi Inaburra also delivers an innovative learning program which empowers participants to develop and draw on their own resilience in order to take responsibility for their lives, and to develop strategies to deal with their problems whilst promoting cultural pride, identity and self-confidence.

Warakurna Artists in Warakurna

Warakurna Artists was established in 2004 to support the production and marketing of culturally intense, artistically rich works of art, and in doing so return a broad range of benefits to individuals and the community. It facilitates the production and sale of artworks, provides professional development, employment and access to small business opportunities for remote community residents, while also supporting cultural maintenance and renewal, and giving access to independent income for local Indigenous people.

Yawoorroong Miriuwung Gajerrong Yirrgeb Noong Dawang Aboriginal Corporation in Kununurra

In 2006 a native title Indigenous land use agreement was negotiated between the Miriuwung Gajerrong people and the state government of Western Australia and other parties in relation to the expansion of the Ord River irrigation area. The Yawoorroong Miriuwung Gajerrong Yirrgeb Noong Dawang Corporation (MG Corporation) was established to keep Miriuwung Gajerrong law and culture alive and strong, and to recognise the authority of and to work with, the Kariel or senior people. The MG Corporation is also responsible for implementing the Ord Final Agreement, and for developing the benefits and opportunities that flow from it on behalf of the Miriuwung Gajerrong people.

Winners are grinners!

Reconciliation Australia and BHP Billiton are proud to announce the finalists in

Indigenous governance, highlighting the success stories of so many Indigenous organisations. Their hallmarks are strong leadership, good management, effective partnerships and brave, creative thinking.

The Awards pay tribute to these high achievers and also inspire other

As in previous years, the independent judging panel had a very difficult task selecting the eight finalists from a top quality lineup of applicants. Chair of the Awards, Professor Mick Dodson, said the x-factor for the finalists is the strength of their leadership and being able to 'walk in two worlds' - the blackfella world

You can't have good governance without good leadership and good leadership includes intelligence, integrity and is driven by community', he said. 'It also includes leadership at the Board level, in administration and in financial management."

The judging panel was highly impressed with the quality of applications and

'It's great to see organisations that have turned themselves around,' Prof Dodson said. 'Getting systems in place, good recruitment processes, new

The Awards once again showcase the depth and breadth of effective, well-run Indigenous organisations often operating under difficult circumstances. We congratulate the Board and staff of all the organisations that entered the Awards for the incredibly valuable work they're doing:

In the next two months, Prof Dodson and members of the judging panel will visit each of the eight finalists to complete the final assessments before the

The Koori Mail is a proud supporter of the Indigenous Governance Awards. Further information and updates of the Awards are available at

Category B: Organisations established for more than 10 years



South West **Aboriginal Medical** Service in Bunbury

South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS) was created in 1997 to provide a health service for Indigenous people in the south-west of Western Australia. As well as providing a forum for Aboriginal people to discuss their health requirements, needs and grievances, SWAMS also sponsors, promotes and encourages the maintenance and renewal of traditional Aboriginal medicine and culture.

Traditional Credit Union in Darwin

The Traditional Credit Union (TCU) was established in 1994 in the small community of Milingimbi. Its mission is to provide personalised quality financial services for Indigenous people and organisations in remote communities, whilst respecting and valuing the cultural heritage of Indigenous Australians. The 13,000 members of the credit union are shareholders and owners of \$10 million in deposits and over \$460,000 in the form of loans to purchase whitegoods, vehicles and furniture. There are 12 branches across the Northern Territory.

Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi in Alice Springs

In 1997 Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi was created to support community development and self-determination for remote Aboriginal communities in central Australia. Waltja provides or supports a variety of services including child care, youth programs, aged care, disability services, management support for women's centres, and a range of training services. Waltja offers training for and supports the development of community services that provide employment and professional development for local Aboriginal people.

Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Corporation in Perth

Created in 1993 Yirra Yaakin evolved from an Aboriginal youth workshop program. Today it enables Indigenous communities to celebrate their culture by telling and performing their own stories in their own way. Yirra Yaakin has three main areas of operation. The first involves mainstage theatrical productions written, directed and performed by Indigenous artists. The second is issues-based theatre performances and workshops that tackle specific social concerns in the community. The third is ensuring there are Indigenous trainees developing the skills to work in the theatre industry.

Photos by Wayne Quilliam







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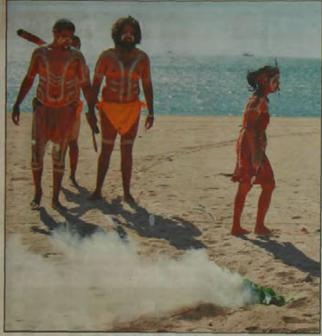
The Murgon event is currently Australia's only sarctioned state golf championships specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander golfers.



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Aboriginal dancers given opening honour



Aboriginal dancers during the smoking ceremony at the launch.



Pigeons released by Mayor Les Tyrell, left, and Dr Farvardin Daliri, with dancers in the background

A cultural feast for Townsville

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL dance group Gulumba were given the honour of performing the ceremony

water to the land at the official launch of the recent Cultural Fest 2008 at Townsville's

Lilian Willis, Frank Willis, Reggie Bligh, Daniel Brown and Stephanie Miller performed the smoking ceremony on the Strand beach before the official launch was conducted in the

nearby park after a welcome to country on behalf of the Wulgurukaba and Bindal people. "We are very honoured to be part of Cultural Fest and have been for about 10 years," Ms Willis said.

They were joined by another Indigenous dancer, Barry Leftwich, as they entertained the udience after speeches and

audience after speeches and multi-faith prayers were read.
The Cultural Fest will be held from 13-17 August at Strand Park and beachfront and will be well supported by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Unity in Diversity Totem Tower was unveiled and decorated with cultural artifacts contributed by members of participating cultural groups attending the launch

The tower will continue to be embellished in the lead-up to Cultural Fest 2008, symbolising the commitment of all Townsville's communities to the festival theme of 'Unity in

Townsville Mayor Les Tyrell and event organiser Dr Farvardin Daliri joined to launch this year's Cultural Fest with an impressive pigeon release.

Experience

"The festival mobilises over 300 community groups, cultural organisations, government departments, businesses, environmental groups, religious organisations and schools, who are working together to provide an exceptional experience for our local, national and international guests and to make Cultural Fest 2008 the most inclusive and exciting event in the Townsville calendar," Dr Daliri said

The 2008 Festival offers a five-day program of events

including hula extravaganzas, mega drumming circles, Tropigo Street Carnival, the Beyond Blue Youth Hip-hop concert, a lantern parade and the entertaining Cultural Fest Idol competition, together with the Strand Park and beachfront area packed full of Indigenous and international arts and crafts stalls, foods stalls

and displays.
"The community support thus far has been outstanding.
Cultural Fest 2008 promises to be yet another magnificent success offering something for everyone. We have many exciting new additions to the program, and our popular highlight events will be bigger and better then ever," Dr Daliri said.

People are all invited to attend the launch and to show their support for the Cultural Fest vision; that the local community can come together and lead the way in the development of a safe and positive future for all. As festival organiser Dr Farvardin Daliri expresses, 'co-existence, pea and harmony is not a far-fetched dream but is in our hands. let's experience it and live it to the full



Dr Farvardin Daliri, front, followed by Mayor Les Tyrell walk past the smoking ceremony with Aboriginal women Stephanie Miller near them and Lilian Willis, back to camera



Dancer Daniel Brown leads the way at the ceremony.





Members of the Daly River Aboriginal Reference Group, who provide advice on the management of the river system, back, from left, Keith Cummings, Michael Foster and William Hewitt; middle row, from left, Mona Banderson, Kurt Liddy and Ion Liddy; front, Theresa Banderson and Mona Liddy.

Focus on sport, culture

By the Northern Land Council's TODD CONDIE



THE dry season has finally arrived in the Top End, and one of the best ways to enjoy the end of high humidity and intense rain periods is to attend one of the many Aboriginal

community festivals.

One of the first on the dry season calendar is the Merrepen Arts
Festival, held at the Nauiyu community, near the Daly River, 240km south of Darwin.
The festival, in its 21st year, is keenly anticipated by all the Aboriginal communities in the region, such as Palumpa, Peppimenarti and Wadeye, with most sending football, basketball and

softball teams fighting for local

bragging rights.

While the auction held at the local art centre is traditionally a highlight, another spectacle added this year was the performance of Geoffrey
Gurrumul Yunupingu, a musical
legend in the NT, having cut his teeth
with music giants Yothu Yindi and
the Saltwater Band (see separate story - facing page).

Accompanying Yunupingu in the open-air concert on the banks of the Daly River were the Ad Hoc String Collective, a world-renowned string quartet.

Prior to the concert, senior women from the Nauiyu community welcomed the musicians to country by performing a water ceremony, amidst the dancing of the local children.



Children from the Nauiyu community danced.



Women dancers from Wadeye.



Samantha Anderson-Brock and Tamara Cole were on hand to provide information to visitors about the Northern Land Council.



Brenda Huddleston with samples soap products made from local native plants.



Locally made dilly bags were popular with visiting tourists

Songman Gurrumul



Gurrumul Yunupingu has absorbed his land beyond through

Like Stevie Wonder, he was blind from birth, and 'sees' everything around him through his ears. His experiences he then translates into music.

The 37-year-old has never learned Braille, does not use a cooling are the page.

seeing-eye dog or a white cane. When he performs, he sits still

Geoffrey, or as he is affectionately called Gudjuk, is a member of his father's Gumati nation. His mother hails from the Galpu nation, both First Nations peoples from north-east Arnhem

Gurrumul's music is a conduit for the land's spirituality, its law and legends, as well as his own personal and hard-won life story.

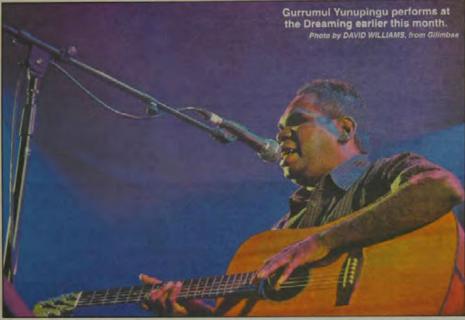
Gurrumul lives between Darwin and his homeland at Galiwin'ku, on Elcho Island, off the north coast, a very isolated 560 kilometres from Darwin.

Yolgnu culture

He grew up immersed in traditional Yolgnu culture which reveres music, both traditional and contemporary, as a combination of the sacred, a teaching tool, communication and an entertainment.

As a youngster, he was also engrossed in the songs of Elvis Presley, Dire Straits, the Eagles and Neil Diamond, as well as the Warumpi Band and other Aboriginal artists.

A former member of the seminal Yolgnu band Yothu



Yindi, he started at the age of 16 on drums, and toured overseas with them for seven years, before establishing his own outfit - the Saltwater Band.

The band's music is a smooth blend of reggae, rock, folk and country, played by dozens of brother groups (such as Wild Water, Nabarlek, Sunrize Band and Letterstick) in all the coastal communities, and known as the saltwater style. Common traditional songlines often mean that between the bands there is co-ownership of modern compositions, often having ancient, time-honoured roots. With its members from

Galiwin'ku, Saltwater Band is very popular at festivals and hugely adored, particularly in Indigenous communities, to a large degree because of Gurrumul's quite presence, yet strong creative guidance.

Rare treat

His solo performances are a rare treat and at the last Woodford Folk Festival, he pulled capacity crowds despite being relatively unknown. Many people came backstage to congratulate him, be photographed beside him and ask for an autograph. In Darwin recently he was

invited to play support for Sir Ellon John, making a grand impression.

With the release of his first solo album *Gurrumul*, Geoffrey has the opportunity finally to show Australia and the world the fabulous talent he has to offer through his inimitable brand of

The album, recorded in Australia's music capital Melbourne by the respected engineer Craig Pilkington and mixed and mastered in Darwin by Yothu Yindi keyboardist Matt Cunliffe, showcases Gurrumul's

unique gultar-playing style. A southpaw, he plays a guitar

strung right-handed upside-down (because there weren't left-handed guitars on Aboriginal communities when he was growing up).

Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu has embarked on a tour to promote his CD, which started at the Merrepen Festival, in Northern Territory, on 31 May, where he performed with a string quartet. The tour continued down

the east coast beginning in Cairns at Tanks Arts Centre on 5 June, then on to The Dreaming Festival in Woodford last weekend. His three concerts there were packed out and many of the crowd were in tears as he finished each show with the song Gurrumul History Or I Was Born Blind.

Many of the songs from his album were featured, including the very emotive number Bapa with its theme of traditional fathers/uncles.

Accompanied by manager Michael Hohnen, a very tasteful bassist, and brilliant guitarist Francis Diatschenko, Gurrumul took the audience on a mystical journey through his country; his soaring voice stirring everyone's heart.

His countrymen and women from Miwatj Dancers joined him onstage, much to the joy of the

A sell-out show at Byron Bay Community Theatre followed on 9 June. He then flew to The Netherlands for the Festival Mundial Tilburg at the weekend, and returns to play the Sydney Opera House on 12 July. - By BALANG PETER DAWSON

ance tells of Mathinna's journey



ARTS leader Stephen Page's new work Mathinna is inspired by a

young girl's journey between two cultures.

The story of Mathinna, played by Bangarra Dance Theatre's principal dancer of a young Aboriginal girl removed from her traditional life and adopted into
Western colonial society to
be ultimately returned to the
fragments of her original

Young Mary, who was renamed Mathinna, was born on Flinders Island, Tasmania, in 1835 to the Chief of the Lowreenne tribe, Towterer, and his wife

As a young girl, she captured the hearts of Governor Sir John and Lady Jane Franklin and was adopted into their household at Government House in

Mathinna was raised with the Governor's daughter. Elinor, and was described as

a 'very nice, intelligent child' When Sir John and Lady Jane Franklin returned to England, Mathinna was sent to the Queen's Orphan School in Hobart, where she struggled to adjust. When Mathinna was 16,

she left the school to rejoin her people at an Aboriginal station at Oyster Cove, south of Hobart. At this settlement, Mathinna's life came to a

disheartening end. In this brand new work Bangarra Dance Theatre has recreated her powerful story.

The Sydney season for the show will open at the Drama Theatre, Sydney Opera House on 22 July and run until 23 August 2008.

Mathinna is also touring to Brisbane, Canberra, Wollongong and Newcastle in June and July.



Art show blossoms

Regional Arts Fund (NSW) grants

Have you got a great arts project starting next year that you would like to get some funding for? If you are an Indigenous artist it exits organisation from regional NSW you could apply for a grant from the Begional Arts Fund (NSW).

Give Annette Eassie, Funding Manager at Regional Arts NSW a call to talk over your ideas. Her number is 02 9270 2502. She can help you decide if your project lits in this program. You might like to find out more by visiting our website: www.regionalartsnsw.com.au

You have until Thursday 14 August to get your applications in

The Regional Arts Fund is an Australian Government initiative to support the arts in regional and remote Australia. The aim is to support the arts in regional and remote Australia. The aim is to support arts activities that have long term cultural, economic and social benefits be individuals and communities. In NSW the fund is administered by Regional Arts NSW and applications are assessed by an independent panel.







ARTIST IN RESIDENCE 2009

The Bundanon Trust Artist in Residence program is open to professional artists and groups, from all disciplines. The program supports artists'new work, research and collaborations and encourages both emerging and established Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and performers

Guidelines and Application Forms available www.bundanon.com.au or call 02 4422 2100 Applications close: Friday 22 August 2008





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art at the heart

Territorian artists, arts workers and volunteers can apply for travel support grants of up to \$1,500. These grants are available to attend the 2008 Regional Arts Australia national conference art at the heart. This conference will be held from 3-5 October 2008 in Alice Springs.

The conference program will be announced

on 25 June and be published at www.artattheheart.com.au

For more information on the grants visit www.arts.nt.gov.au or contact Arts NT on 1800 678 237 or 8999 8981.



Closing date is 9 July 2008.

By BRITTA LYSTER



MORE than 100 people turned out at the Gosford Art Gallery, on

the NSW central coast, last month for the opening of an art exhibition supported by the Office of Fair Trading, and for the presentation of local reconciliation awards.

NSW Fair Trading Minister Linda Burney attended the launch during National Reconciliation Week to present awards to winning artists in several categories. including the major Tony Donovan Reconciliation

It was a far cry from the exhibition's humble beginnings of 20 works of Aboriginal art exhibited in the Office of Fair Trading's Gosford Office in 2000.

After the first exhibition. which was organised with the assistance and support from local Aboriginal artist Tony Donovan, it was decided to make it a regular event to engage local Indigenous artists and gain knowledge of their unique stories

Since then, the exhibition has gathered momentum and this year saw the highest number of contributions in a wide range of categories and mediums from Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal artists.

Ms Burney said the theme for the 2008 exhibition, 'It's All



Our Story', was fitting and emotional given the Prime Minister's national apology to the Stolen Generations earlier

this year.
"This is the first time for many years where we haven't had to argue about an

apology," she said. "It's the first time where the Stolen Generations could reflect earlier this week on Sorry Day in many ways without having to have that horrible angst of not having been acknowledged."

Proceedings opened with speeches and a Welcome to Country, followed by a spectacular performance by NAISDA students celebrating traditional dances from Elcho Island, off Arnhem Land, and Saibai Island, in the Torres

A prize pool of \$14,000 was divided amongst eight categories, including awards for Indigenous youth, schools

and encouragement awards. Local Darkinjung artist Kerry Patterson took out the main Tony Donovan Reconciliation

Award for her Reconciliationthemed painting.

Ms Burney was glowing in her praise of the artists contributions, acknowledging the diverse cultural background of the central coast's Indigenous artworks on display this year are a credit to all the artists and exemplify how fortunate the central coast is in having a

supportive and proud of its Aboriginal heritage," Ms Burney said.

"As Aboriginal people we have our own individual stories to tell about our journey through life, some will be joyous and others quite heart-rending."

The exhibition was the first in a series of activities being held in conjunction with Gosford Art Gallery as part of a month-long celebration of Indigenous culture in the region including an exhibition celebrating the 10th anniversary of NAISDA. mural displays by local school children, workshops and market stalls promoting local Indigenous craft and culture



Ms Burney with the winner of the Tony Donovan Reconciliation Award, Kerrie

Birth of NAISDA celebrated



NAISDA students Carmel Vale and Charlene Williams performing at the opening of the Songlines exhibition at Gosford Regional Gallery. Photo courtesy of Gosford City Co



Aboriginal Islander Skills Development Association

(NAISDA) celebrated its 33rd birthday earlier this month, with the launch of a multi-media exhibition from the dance college's archives

The display of photographs and audiovisual highlights is on show at the Gosford Art Gallery, on the NSW central coast.

More than 200 people attended the grand opening of the aptly named Songlines exhibition, which documents the establishment and development of one of Australia's leading exponents of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance and theatre.

Born out of a desire to showcase Indigenous performing arts in the early seventies, NAISDA cataputted into national consciousness from humble beginnings. Initially a six-week dance program, it completed its first full year of operation in 1976.

More than 30 years, five venues and hundreds of graduates later, NAISDA moved to its present home in Gosford

Songlines, launched by NAISDA graduate and film and television veteran Lillian Crombie, became a celebration of sight and sound with the discovery of long hidden posters, music and video clips from NAISDA's archives.

"A treasure trove has come to light", said NAISDA Chief Executive Officer and Head of Dance, Kim Walker, himself an

darcing in the streets as well as performing and learning in communities with NAISDA's cultural tutors.

"These brilliant exhilarating images create a snapshot of how NAISDA came into being and why it has such cultural significance," Mr Walker said. "They remind us too of the crucial role of traditional culture at NAISDA.

"Everyone who comes through NAISDA is transformed by the cultural immersion that the cultural residency program

provides.
"That is at the core of the NAISDA experience

The Block tells Miss amo story

BY MARGARET SMITH



REDFERN'S iconic 'The Block' came together earlier this month for a

performance celebrating its history - Gathering Ground.

More than 100 Koori residents, many of them children, worked with the Redfern Community Centre, PACT youth theatre film-makers and other performers and rehearsed for four months to put the show on over three nights.

Actor and RCC Drug and Alcohol Counsellor Billy McPherson told *The Koori Mail* the event drew on an idea by the late Kevin Smith's Mooghlin Theatre Company for The Block to tell its own story.

"I've never seen the outdoor performance space here used so well, and kids getting along and putting in so much effort, he said of last month's event.

"It just shows you anything is possible and we could even do Shakespeare here. It's a new beginning for The Block

Almost 400 people attended each night and were welcomed to country by Richard Green and introduced to the event by the song Flowers and Trees, written by Reagan Carr, 12, Stephen Carr, 13, and Marley



Redfern girls in The Block Fashion Parade.

Dixon, aged 16.

People soon began singing along to the song's infectious

One day there'll be flowers

No disease 4 me 2 breathe

Who do you believe? The drugs, the thieves or the heart that's in me?

The audience was then 'smoked' by Uncle Max Eulo, followed by Koori dancers and a Brown Sugar performance. The audience watched

video installations by Willurei Kirkbright projected on to the old Murraweena pre-school building and a block terrace house, and heard about the history of earlier times and forced evictions.

At Tony Mundine's Gym, the

shadows of Aboriginal boxers brought to life by today's youth, and learned more about past injustices

injustices.

The Goanna Puppeteers'
Blanca Hickey, Cynthia Hickey
and Arthur Walford became a
huge lit animal making its journey along the street to the local park, accompanied by totem dancers and performers dressed as tree spirits on stilts. Then came the hip-hop and break-dancing routines written by the Koori youth, a fashion parade, and spectacular aerial acrobats performed by young Kooris facilitated by Legs on the Wall

An exhausted aerial artist, Narayna, 10, told The Koon Mail after the performance:

NSW Youth Affairs Minister Linda Burney described the event as 'a really positive thing to happen in this part of Sydney'. She said it was a great

collaboration between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people which would strengthen the community and give new role models for children.

'It was incredibly inventive. particularly in the way it involved Indigenous boys in rapping and acrobatic work," she said.
"Girls will always get involved,

but it's sometimes harder to attract

Members of the audience were

equally enthusiastic.
Sean O'Riordan, an actor from
Bronte, said he had learned more about Redfern

"It showed me something about



Redfern trapeze artists were facilitated by Legs on the Wall.

Sydney's history that I didn't know," he

Another actor, David Lewis, said there was a 'fabulous use of space and of the colours red and yellow'

"It was a big concept with great involvement from Redfern residents and kids," he said.

Redfern resident and consultant Rhonda Dixon told The Koori Mail that the show had done a lot for the

"It gave them so much confidence; they had to work hard to perform so well," she said.

The Gathering Ground performance was videoed by students from the Eora College of TAFE.

Indigenous section now feature at Campbelltown



Campbelltown Rotary Club and Campbelltown Council in Adelaide have collaborated on an annual art exhibition and sale. In that time, the City of

This year, that section was won by artist Heather Shearer.

It was a big week for Ms Shearer, who had only recently returned from National Sorry Day commemorations in Canberra.

Campbelltown Art Show and Sale has raised more than \$150,000 for community programs, including community facilities, health programs, youth initiatives and support for the under-privileged and disadvantaged. In recent years, the

event has expanded to include an Indigenous art section, supported by the Aboriginal Centre For Information and Arts in South Australia.

"The result is the presentation of an excellent art exhibition for the community to visit, enjoy and purchase original pieces of Indigenous art," said Campbelltown

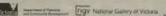


Artist Heather Shearer and Mia Fantasia-Copley, from the Aboriginal Centre For Information and Arts in SA, in front of Heather's winning work Snake Dreaming.















Expressions of Interest art+place Queensland Public Art Fund

Arts Queensland is now receiving applications for public art projects to commence in 2008-09. The art+place Curatorial Panel will consider permanent and temporary public art projects.

Applications for funding are open to:

- Queensland Government departments and agencies
- · Queensland Local Government
- · not-for-profit arts and cultural organisations based in Queensland
- arts and cultural festivals based in Queensland private developers undertaking.
- projects in Queensland. The next closing date for lodging an

Expression of Interest is 5pm Thursday 31 July 2008.

The art+place guidelines and application forms are available at www.arts.qld.gov.au Enquiries to Government Curator art+place on 07 3405 6223 OF 1800 175 532.

Applications can be delivered. posted, faxed or emailed to: Government Curator art+place Arts Queensland Level 16, 111 George Street GPO Box 1436, Brisbane, Q. 4001. Fax: 07 3224 4077 Email: art.place@arts.qld.gov.au





A Studio portrait of the Pepper family, circa 1912. Left to right (back row): Dora, Percy with Sam; (front row): Gwendoline, Alice, Sarah, Lucy, Phillip. The youngest daughter, Lena, was born in 1915. Courtesy of the Watkins family



Members of the congregation of Pastor Sir Doug Nicholls in Fitzroy, circa 1945. Percy Pepper is located in the back row at far right, with Pastor Nicholls standing immediately to the left, followed by Julia Thorpe (Edwards). Percy's daughter Dora is standing directly in front of him, partly obscured by Nancy Green.

Percy Pepper with his son Phillip, circa 1920.
Percy owned a bicycle shop at Tynong,
south-east of Melbourne. Prior to its use by the
Nazi Party in Germany, the swastika (as on
Phillip's jacket) was a symbol of Hindu origin signifying well-being. Co



Lucy Pepper (centre), with her children: (clockwise from top left) Gwendoline, Phillip, Alice, Sarah, Lena and Sam. Courtesy of the W.



Percy Pepper and his grand-daughter Rita Watkins, circa 1942, in the Fitzroy Gardens The family lived in the nearby suburb of Fitzroy. Courtesy of the Watkins family

Footprints of another time

Footprints: The Journey of Lucy and Percy Pepper

A book by Simon Flagg and Dr Sebastian Gurciullo

Published by the National Archives of Australia and Public Record Office Victoria

Retail price; \$10 from www.naa.gov.au and www.prov.vic.gov.au

N Aboriginal family, described in 1907 as 'half caste' in the Aterminology of the day, has left a trail of letters showing how such families were stuck between two worlds in the early 20th century. Footprints, a book portraying the struggles of Lucy and Percy Pepper, has been published jointly by the National Archives of Australia and Public Record Office Victoria, both of which hold original records of the family's correspondence with bureaucracy over the years.

"These letters provide a different insight into Aboriginal history in Victoria," said co-author Simon Flagg, from the Koorie Records Unit, Public Record Office Victoria, who did most of the research for

"A lot of people are unaware of the different policies that were in place for Aboriginal people in the 20th century. Footprints tells the story of a family battling their way through government policies and the impact of being defined as 'half-castes' at the time.

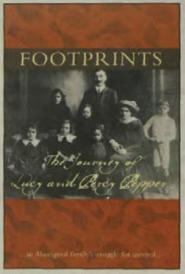
Mr Flagg said he was surprised to find

as much historical information as he did.
"This family's story demonstrates that there are unexpected rewards for researchers who broaden their scope when tracking down Aboriginal history," he

Percy Pepper had served in World War I, had received a soldier settler's block, owned a bike store and written letters to the Premier of Victoria, all of which left a paper trail in archives.

As well as brief chapter introductions the book contains transcripts of the letters to, from and about the Pepper Family. Among various aspects of the family's

life, the letters show Lucy Pepper's long



battle with tuberculosis and her request to live with other family members on a mission. But she was denied this natural wish because 'half-caste' Aboriginal

people were excluded from the missions.
"I decided to record Lucy and Percy's story in this format as I didn't feel that summarising their letters in a narrative could do them justice," said Simon Flagg.

This allows people to make their own minds up about the history rather than me or anyone else interpreting it.

"I hope the book motivates other Aboriginal people to trace their family history by showing them the sorts of records you can find in the national and state archives. And I'm sure there are people who would like to know more about Aboriginal history in Victoria and what happened on Aboriginal reserves." Mr Flagg also believes the book, with

its transcripts of original letters, will be an invaluable historical resource for university and school students.

Rita Watkins, a descendent of Percy and Lucy, provided photographs

and family stories for the book.
Simon Flagg is a descendant of the
Wemba Wemba people from the Swan Hill
region. He started work with the National
Archives of Australia (NAA) in 2002 as an Indexer on the *Bringing Them Home*Name Index Project. In 2004, he took up
the joint position of Koorie Reference and the joint position of Koorie Reference and Indexing Officer for National Archives of Australia and Public Record Office Victoria (PROV). Through this position Mr Flagg has promoted NAA and PROV Aboriginal collections, with the main focus on the former Aborigines Protection and Welfare Board Victoria. In February 2007, he became Acting Manager Koorie Records Unit at PROV and this unit manages the Unit at PROV and this unit manages the implementation of the wilam naling repor on access to records.

Mr Flagg's co-author, Dr Sebastian Gurciullo, has been working at the Public Record Office Victoria as a researcher, editor and curator since 2002. He holds the position of Archivist, Online Projects, is currently the editor of Provenance: The Journal of the Public Record Office

Our Book Cafe

HESE are some of the latest books that have come across our desks at *The Koori Mail*. Some of them are written, illustrated or published by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and publishers. Others are about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, cultures and history but come from and history but come from non-Indigenous writers or mainstream publishers. The Koori Mail features information about both in the interests of promoting greater awareness and understanding about our people. While we publish book reviews from time to time, the information shown here also draws upon material provided by publish and should not be taken to be The Koori Mail's opinion.

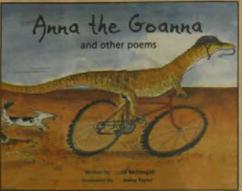
Book giveaways for our readers

softcover version of the popular ildren's book Anna the Goanna and

children's book Anna the Goanna and Other Poems to give away to readers. Written by Jill McDougall and illustrated by Jenny Taylor, this collection of illustrated poems takes readers into the lives of Aboriginal children as they camp under the stars, go hunting for fucker and play footy in the dust. The first six entries received by The Koori Mail will win a copy of the look which retails for \$39.95.

Send a stamped envelope to: Anna the Goanna Giveaway, The Koori Mail, PO Box 117, Lismore NSW 2480. On the back of the envelope, write your name and a postal address. Thanks to the publisher, Aboriginal Studies Press in Canberra.

We also have four copies of Reflections. 40 years on from the 1967 Referendum, a



book produced last year by the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) of SA to

range of contributors, including Professor Larissa Behrendt, Chris Cuneen, Aboriginal advocates Frank Lampard, Parry Agius and Brian Butler, and ALRM Executive Officer Neal

Despite a change in political fortunes for some contributors such as then-Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mai Brough, it is an important record of last year's milestone.

To win a copy, be one of the first four entries received by *The Koori Mail*. Send a stamped envelope to: Reflections Giveaway, The Koori Mail, PO Box 117, Lismore NSW 2480. Again, write your name and postal address on the back of a stamped envelope. Thanks to ALRM for the





Twos are No 1 in latest book

NDIGENOUS publisher Magabala Books has released a new addition to its Aussie Kids' Board Book

Following on from the ccess of Australian Babies and Aussie Toddlers Can, Aussie Twos Like To... continues to encourage early

childhood literacy. Featuring children from the north-west WA town of Broome, it is rich with multicultural diversity and cts a unique, vibrant society and shows Aussie two-year-olds doing all the

things they love best. Once again supported by Jean Indermaur, of the Broome Public Library, the book aims to fill an educational gap noticed by the local librarian in 2005. Since then the series has been a success in literacy programs such as Fred low's Indigenous Literacy

Children will recognise

illustrations, the text is easy to read and reflects the activities. As with the other books in the series, the text and pictures can be used as a starting point for personal stories," said Ms Indermaur. Aussie Twos Like To...

specifically targets two-year-olds at their level of learning, taking into consideration all the aspects that engage and educate early learners.

The book is recommended for child-care centres, pre-schools and libraries. The board book gives every parent the opportunity to provide early learning in the home environment, regardless of literacy levels

Launched in 1987, Magabala Books is a not-for-profit Aboriginal corporation that aims to promote, preserve and Australian Culture

Elder keeps on writing

By MARGARET SMITH

WARD-WINNING children's author Jane Christophersen is proof to turn your hand to something new

Speaking at the Northern Territory Writers' Festival last month, the octogenarian Elder of the Bunitii clan around Kakadu said she started writing 'only a couple of years ago'

"I would think of a story and write it down, and I had at least 20 stories in notebooks," she said.

Then a friend visited and she read the stories and we put a story into the NT Writers Centre. They gave me a mentor.

That changed Ms Christophersen's life. Her first book, My Home in Kakadu, (2005) received the Noteable Book Award from the Children's Book Council of Australia. It tells the story of Jane Christophersen's grand-daughter, Tarrah, and her love for native animals and bush tucker expeditions with her

Earlier this year, Ms Christophersen released her latest book, Kakadu Calling, through Magabala Books in Broome. Illustrated by her daughter Christine Garlil Christophersen, it tells the story of six young Indigenous children in Kakadu who learn survival



Author Jane Christophersen with her book Kakadu Calling, which was released earlier this year

skills during their separate

In Finding My Way Home, ten-year-old Burrki leaves his grandparents and travels across the land in a four-day trek to his family on the coast.

Along the way he has to contend with snakes, dingoes, buffaloes, crocodiles, storms and ancestral spirits, and he live off the land to survive his epic journey.

A section reads: "Burrki knew that if he lit a fire the buffaloes would move on, but he didn't have a firestick, and there was no wood amongst the rocks. Then he remembered how his father had taught him to hit two stones together to make fire. First he looked for hard rocks, not soft ones, and then he collected a bunch of grass and rubbed it until it was

In Fishing Trip, two

Bulak, find themselves taken out to sea and marooned on an island

until they are rescued.

Visit to the City tells the story of Midrib, who travels from an outstation travels from an outstation near Oenpelli when her father breaks his leg. She sees her country from a small plane with all its beauty, and the trip makes her grow up fast. Darwin seems very strange and the ocean enormous, and she is happy to return

Two other stories Dinky the Dingo and Maidje, are equally captivating with their creation of young characters caught up in unexpected events, where they learn about life. survival and themselves

Jane Christophersen makes regular visits to her traditional country from her home in Darwin. She likes to talk in schools about bush tucker, because it is in season all the time. The kids find it all so yummy, and it gives them alternatives to what they see on television.

Ms Christophersen said she was concerned about what she saw happening to many of the Indigenous children in Darwin.

You wish you could do something for the kids wandering round the streets - not just the kids but the parents as well,

Education



David Simpson receives his award from Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Julia Gillard.



Minister Julia Gillard with Ben Hollands, from Owairtilla School at Canteen Creek, in the NT.



Minister Julia Gillard with Rosetta Brim, from Kuranda District State College, north Queensland.

FROM bush schools to Ivy League universities, behind every good student there's a teacher who cared And for many students of remote Bonya, little more

than a speck on the map of the Northern Territory and about 400km north-east of Alice Springs, that person is likely to be David Simpson.

With a population of just 70 people, Bonya School has 16 children ranging in

age from four to 13.

It has three staff: A teaching principal, an ITAS/pre-school tutor and assistant teacher Mr Simpson, who earlier this month scored a major accolade.

He won the Excellence by a Support Staff Member award in the 2008 Australian Government National Awards for Quality Schooling, announced by Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Julia Gillard at Parliament House in Canberra on 3 June.

"A world-class education system is crucial to ensuring our national prosperity into the future," Ms Gillard said.

"Research has shown that the most important factor in determining a child's likely performance at school is the quality of classroom interactions.

*These awards are important for building a better understanding and greater appreciation of the work done in our schools.

In his main role, Mr Simpson teaches Bonya School's early childhood group. He and the teacher plan together, and then he delivers the program independently, covering literacy and numeracy.

But Mr Simpson also carries out many other tasks, from picking up and dropping off the children at home, community liaison, cleaning and maintenance and making

Commenting on his award, Mr Simpson identified his most important achievement as taking a small group of students and teaching them independently, enabling them to engage in a education appropriate to their age

He also listed his liaison with the community, involved families in their children's education and helping to maintain strong attendance levels in the face of challenges confronting many remote schools, including irregular attendance children with serious health issues, professional isolation and poor facilities.

Mr Simpson was deemed to be 'an excellent role model for the children, developing in them a sense of self-worth

"He is also creative and resourceful in using his skills and knowledge to inform and influence staff and contribute to the effective running of the school," said a Department of Education, Employment and

Accolade for NT teacher



Workplace Relations statement on the

Mr Simpson dedicated his award to his mother, who was a member of the Stolen Generations

Major awards

Another two of the seven major award winners had an Indigenous focus.

Kuranda District State College in far north Queensland won the award for

Excellence in Family-School Partnerships for its Families as First Teachers program, which has had a major impact on engaging Indigenous families in their children's early learning and preparation for school.

Student enrolments in pre-school and primary school have increased, record literacy and numeracy results have been achieved by Year 2 students and there is greater parent participation in school ctivitie

behaviour problems and better relations between the school and community.

The school takes learning opportunities into the community where people feel at ease and comfortable engaging with education

processes. Interactions beta the school and geographically dispersed families have increased and many families have gained confidence and the skills to support their children's learning. Owairtilla School, al

Canteen Creek, in the NT, won the award for Community Commitment to Quality Education.

A considerable increase in student enrolments from transition (Kindergarten) to senior secondary, greatly improved attendance patterns and outstanding performance in literacy

and numeracy have made the school a

place of success for young people. By forging strong links with the community, the school has changed the focus from student behaviour and attendance to student achievement and success. Opportunities for the local community have opened up, with the school catering for all levels of primary school as well as offering middle years and a secondary program.



Darwin Correctional Services dancers performed at the Batchelor Institute

Batchelor student a winner

Batchelor Institute Koori Mail Scholarship has gone to Bernard

Namok, based at Maningrida in the Top End. The young Torres Strait Islander recipient of the \$5000 prize was one of number of students who graduated earlier this month with a Certificate IV in Broadcasting (Radio).

Mr Namok is not unfamiliar with celebrity. His late father, also named Bernard Namok, designed the Torres Strait Islander flag.

The day was made even more special for Mr Namok and his fellow broadcasting graduands, who produced an outside broadcast of the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education 2008 graduation ceremony at Batchelor, about one hour's drive south of Darwin.

That broadcast was then beamed live to a potential audience of millions via the National Indigenous Radio Service around Australia and internationally through the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA) and Radio Larrakia's websites

Executive Producer and Senior Lecturer in Media Lynda McCaffery said the students had been working for



Winner of the 2008 Koori Mail Scholarship, Bernard Samuel Thomas Namok, from Maningrida.

weeks on the project, giving them practical experience producing live radio events.

She said the live broadcast meant that family and friends of Batchelor Institute students could hear the ceremony on the Batchelor Institute-based Radio Rum Jungle (93.7 FM) CAAMA Radio, TEABBA and Radio Larrakia, as well as internationally via CAAMA or Radio Larrakia's websites.

The media students have worked as a team, performing every radio production role, from reporter to producer, presenter to editor; even promo-makers," she said.

This year the program's producer was Harry Dare,

from Port Augusta, with another South Australianbased student. Justine Coulthard, assisting. The show's presenters were both from Cairns in Far North Queensland - Brad Cedric and Michael Cockatoo.

Guest speaker for the eremony was Professo MaryAnn Bin-Sallik, Dean of Indigenous Research and Education at Charles Darwin University. Traditional dances were performed by the One Mob Dance troupe from **Darwin Correctional Services**

A special art exhibition of student works was on display in the Coomalie Cultural Centre adjacent to the graduation site and featured art works created by using Google Earth images of the students' own communities as well as some hand-painted decorative tables.

Gloria Daylight Corliss, a Goori woman originally from Brisbane, delivered the student response.

Now retired, she started work at the Ipswich Telephone Exchange and later worked in the NT Government for 30 vears

Ms Corliss first enrolled at Batchelor Institute in 2005 and in 2006 won the Dymocks Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Writers' Award. She is graduating this year with a Bachelor of Arts (Creative Writing) degree

Students, lecturers riding



University (CDU) lecturers have described their experiences teaching horsemanship at the APY lands of north-west South Australia as 'mind-blowing'

Peter Dempster and Toby Gorringe cently returned to the Northern Territory after completing the program that culminated with a ceremony and symbolic

The program is aiding the revival of pastoral skills in a region in dire need of local talent and a community wanting to

re-engage with the local economy. CDU has delivered the training to 30 local men in co-operation with TAFE SA and with backing from multiple and with backing from multiple government departments, local industry and the APY Land Management Unit. Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara is the collective name for the people (Anangu) of the Pitjantjatjara and

freehold title of about 103,000 sq km of north-west South Australia.

Fully operational yards and animal handling facilities at Double Tank were used for the three-week intensive project that saw local men break in and ride

And after a celebration and awards ceremony, they proved their capability with a day-long cattle muster. The students have bright work

prospects, with 30,000 cattle on the lands and 10 new pastoral businesses approved for development by the APY Land Management unit.

The training in horse breaking starts a capacity-building program developed during 2008, with TAFE SA and CDU working to expand vocational training options for the Anangu peoples

The horse-breaking program taught units from CDU's Certificate II in Rural Operations covering literacy,

Mataranka (Katherine)-based lecturer Toby Gorringe and Alice Springs-based lecturer Peter Dempster said they gained immense personal satisfaction from the

"I've seen huge changes in the men since they've got pride in themselves and confidence in what they are doing and it makes my job such a pleasure when I see responses like this," Mr Gorringe

Peter Dempster agreed. The gratitude expressed to both of us and unashamed pride of the attendees and extended families at the closing ceremony was mind-blowing and we have never experienced such open, heartfelt appreciation of our work," he said. TAFE SA Manager of the APY Lands

Janet Skewes said the value of responding to and working closely with the APY Land Management Unit ensured a successful program

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Wadeye students win international award



OUR Lady of the Sacred Heart Thamarrurr Catholic School at Wadeye, in the Northern Territory, has won an international award for a film project based on a traditional creation story

Co-Principals Ann Rebgetz and Toby Nganbe said last week that the school had participated in a global learning initiative sponsored by multinational mining company Eni, which is developing the Blacktip Gas Pipeline at Wadeye.

Schools from Italy, Norway, Alaska and

elsewhere in the NT also participated in the middle-school project

'We submitted three class projects promoting the theme of environmental and cultural diversity enhancing local specificity," Ms Rebgetz and Mr Nganbe said. We are pleased that the Year 6/7 class won the national award. All three submissions were chosen for international submissions were chosen for international judging. Only five from each country should be chosen.

Excited school leaders said the Year 8B group were chosen as International Prize winners for their re-enactment of the Kimul Creation Story, culminating in a production of a film. They said the judges commented that the project stood out because of 'its novelty, excellent synthesis and simple yet accurate presentation of the analysed territory's peculiarities'.

Judges' praise

"The students' cultural and environmental approach is excellent, as well as their direct experience in exploring and discovering the people and the cultural institutes of Wadeye," the judges "Through the video the participants have conveyed their musical and tactile expressiveness. The students have succeeded in presenting, in a simple narrative, the history of their culture and the geographical context in which it was

The prize for the winning class was a

"We're very proud of a school, which has faced many disadvantages, being able to produce such a high quality piece of work with their students," Ms Rebgetz and Mr Nganbe said.

Brighter future at Brungle



TUCKED in the hills east of Gundagai in New South Wales, Brungle seldom rates a dot on a map. But for several

generations who experienced the oppression of the mission and the place that was one step before the Cootamundra Girls Home, Brungle looms large.

Now Brungle is assuming a proud place in

Earlier this month, Education and Training Deputy Director-General Trevor Fletcher officially declared open the Brungle Aboriginal Environmental Education Centre, Riverina

Region. It is believed to be the first Aboriginal education centre in the State, and Australia.

Rarely is a school granted environmental education centre status.

Already the school has hosted students from near and far, and attracted interest from professionals from around Australia, New Zealand, Canada, England and the United States.

While the environmental education centre has been lauded as 'Reconciliation in action', a much simpler desire drove the vision of the

Brungle School Principal Geoff Naylor explains to Natalie Dorling and Jannali Berg how a shield was cut from the scar tree that stands at the school's Aboriginal education centre. school's Principal, Geoff Naylor. "It was all done to get the kids to read and write better," Mr Naylor recalled. "Families did not have happy memories of their time at school. "They did not learn about their culture and were not allowed to speak their language.

"We wanted to create a school where culture was respected, where students loved to

learn and the community feels welcome.
"We don't just celebrate culture on one day of the year, we celebrate it every day of the

Originally started with a Learnscape grant,

the resource that is now an Aboriginal environment education centre is an evolving imprint of students' learning.

Under the guidance of teachers, and with contributions from the community, the kids use 'Six-Hat Thinking' to design and plan additions.

Brungle Public is one of just three schools in western NSW to participate in an on-line

student design project in which their creations are finessed by professional architects and

When it is time to build the designs there is no shortage of volunteers, with the local community enthusiastic to lend a hand.

Students are usually given responsibility for showing visitors around.

"It's all part of learning and as well as giving them pride in their culture, it teaches students communication skills," Mr

The students have plenty to show: The giant goanna the totem of the school and the Wiradjuri land it stands on - that can either host storytelling or double for games; the dance area; the gunyahs of the traditional camp site; corroboree area; scar trees; spring fed billabong; and 'safe' emus.

One of the favourite attractions for students and visitors alike is to go 'Wiradjuri shopping' as they wander through the grounds seeing trees and shrubs that were once used for foods and medicines planted in an area once over run with elm suckers.

Mr Naylor says the centre focuses on three perspectives: Aboriginal culture; the environment; and learning styles. As local Elder Aunty Marg (Berg) says

of the school: "We're all going forward together now



Students can entertain visitors by playing traditional instruments they learn as part of music education at Brungle Public School.



Jannali Berg sings a Wiradjuri welcome song for visitors to the Brungle Aboriginal Environmental Education Centre.

Jodi's future is life and business coaching



student Jodi Sampson has cemented a solid foundation for success, gaining in return a renewed confidence in tertiary education.

Mr Sampson has now enrolled in his second course at Gold Coast Institute of TAFE and is currently undertaking the Certificate IV in Life and Business Coaching.

He said that as an Indigenous

person who had no education role model in his upbringing, he took it upon himself to ensure he was a role model for his two sons.

"My ultimate goal is to gain as much knowledge as I can to become a qualified business coach and to bridge the gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the mainstream business

community," he said. Mr Sampson feels that since completing his first TAFE Certificate IV in Business Governance, he is now able to participate with confidence in any community organisation's plans for the future.

This course was delivered under a 'flexible learning' arrangement, which allowed the engagement of my brothers from Ngulli Gau-Rema

Aboriginal Men's Group," he said. "This created a learning framework that encouraged our participation and brought out the best in us all.

"Before starting TAFE I had no goals for myself, but I was always there for others in terms of assisting them to reach their dreams and their aspirations.

I realised that I had to be true to myself and so I took the time to talk to my manager at Blak Business Smart Business Hub about our business plan, priorities and direction and my family regarding what was needed to be negotiated for me to accomplish the TAFE challenge."



JODI SAMPSON

Nicole aiming to turn tables



THE legal system is often accused of selling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people short, but young Ngarrindjeri woman Nicole Bichard says she plans to turn the tables and use it to her full advantage.

In her final year of a law degree through the University of Adelaide's Law School, Ms Bichard is also spreading the word to other potential

She was a guest speaker at a recent two-day forum sponsored by the Law School and aimed at identifying challenges faced by Indigenous students and encouraging

challenges faced by Indigenous students and encouraging more Indigenous students to study law.

"I chose law because it enables me to understand my legal rights, the legal rights of my family and friends, and gives me the ability to stand on my own two feet," Ms Bichard said. "My law degree will put me in good stead for a successful career and a bright future."

The two-day forum, held at Port Augusta, 300km north of Adelaide, was organised by a committee of the Law Society of SA, chaired by Supreme Court judge Justice John Sulan.

"The Law School at the University of Adelaide has a very

"The Law School at the University of Adelaide has a very proud history. We are one of the oldest law schools in the common law world, celebrating our 125th anniversary this year," said Professor Rosemary Owens, Dean of Law at the year," said Professo. University of Adelaide.

"(But) for the first century of our existence, we had no

digenous law graduates.
"Over the last two decades the Law School has worked much harder to redress this situation, and since 1985, 17 Indigenous students have graduated in law from the university. However, we would like to see many more indigenous students studying law."

Raising awareness

Nicole Bichard and Matthew Stubbs, a lecturer and indigenous student liaison officer in the Law School, were among those interviewed by media as part of the forum's afforts to raise awareness of the study of law.

"In the past, sadly many Indigenous people have experienced the law as an instrument through which other people's decisions have been imposed upon them," Mr

'Our message to Indigenous students is that law has a ransformative potential - Indigenous people can use the aw as a powerful tool to advance the interests of their own

"There remain many areas where law's relationship with indigenous people needs to be further reformed and improved, and the law is poorer in its attempts to reach out to indigenous people because of the scarcity of indigenous

Support and assistance for Indigenous law students is provided by the Law School and Wilto Yerlo, the Centre for Australian Indigenous Research and Studies at the University of Adelaide.

That assistance can include helping Indigenous students o gain entry to the university, assist them adjust to life as a university student, ensure they achieve the best possible outcomes in their studies through the provision of tutoring, mentoring and other forms of support, and help link them up to employees who can provide paid work whilst they are



University of Adelaide law student Nicole Bichard was a guest speaker at the forum in Port Augusta to help raise awareness of the study of law amongst Indigenous people.

Big lunch a part of TAFE reconciliation celebrations



attended the fourth annual Ningulabul Reconciliation Lunch at the Gunung-Willam-Balluk Indigenous

Education Centre at the end of last month The 30 May event, which was co-hosted by the City of Hume, formed part of Kangan Batman TAFE's Reconciliation Week celebrations and featured a keynote speech by former Victorian Premier John Cain and a performance by the One Fire Dance

Former Kangan Batman TAFE Director John Parish was also recognised for his contribution to reconciliation and his central role in the development of the Gunung-Willam-Balluk IEC with the Terry Kildea Boonde-Mak-Balletak award.

Mr Cain addressed the gathering, drawing on his personal experiences to highlight the need for continued national efforts on the road to reconciliation

"I deem it an honour to be asked to come here and speak about reconciliation. In about 35 to 40 years, the landscape has changed dramatically. Slow as we were to begin, in the great scheme of history, if really has been a much-improved performance," he said.

Response

"Not only has the law, status and recognition of Aboriginal people changed, but so too has the community response to

But Mr Cain said that it was simply not enough to just change things in material

"Change has to spill over to attitudes in mutual respect, trust and in making and honouring commitments, because too often governments are perceived to make promises they don't keep and acknowledge the wrongs that have gone on before," he

"Until you do that, you don't deliver on those commitments. Reconciliation is an opportunity for all of us to acknowledge and

accept that it is starting.
"We all have a job to see that it doesn't stop because it can be arrested unless we all make that commitment and see that it is

Gunung-Willam-Balluk Indigenous Education Centre manager Terry Kildea also addressed the event and presented Mr Parish with the Terry Kildea Boonde-Mak-Balletak award which recognises Institute staff members who have demonstrated a particular commitment to Indigenous education. Mr Kildea paid tribute to Mr Parish's legacy at the Institute.

*By establishing the Gunung-Willam-Balluk IEC, John committed himself and Kangan Batman TAFE to a partnership with the local Indigenous community." Mr Kildea

More heartache in new research findings



Indigenous Australians have some form of cardiovascular disease, new research has found

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AlHW) has found cardiovascular disease rates are 30 per

cent higher among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people than among non-Indigenous people.

Hypertension is the most common cardiovascular condition in Indigenous people, followed by coronary heart disease, heart failure and rheumatic heart disease the report found.

Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is in rates of coronary heart disease, which are about twice as high in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the report

"Contributing to this disparity were risk factors for cardiovascular disease, nearly all of which were more common among Indigenous Australians," the institute's Susanna Senes said.

Indigenous Australians were nearly four times as likely to have diabetes as non-Indigenous Australians, and were twice as likely to be daily smokers or to be obese the report found, - AAP

Another serious danger revealed



ONE of the world's most prestigious medical journals has reported a new and serious threat to the health of Indigenous

Australians. The June 2008 edition of the Chicago-based Clinical Infectious Diseases journal featured a report by Northern Territory-based researchers on the emergence of antibiotic-resistant infections in Aboriginal communities.

Researchers describe a growing problem with community-associated

Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) in Aboriginal communities across northern Australia and believe the growing epidemic is particularly related to continuing poor skin health and poor quality and overcrowded housing.

Staphylococcus aureus (golden staph) is a common cause of skin infections such as boils, abscesses and

MICK GOODA skin sores. It may also cause more severe bone, joint and bloodstream

More resistant forms of Staphylococcus aureus called MRSA have been a major problem in the hospital environment, but more recently is also causing disease in community patients who have had no contact with hospitals.

First described in 1989 in Aboriginal patients from the Kimberley region in WA, strains of community-associated MRSA have subsequently emerged from other areas of Australia, including a strain unique to northern Australia.

Lead author Steven Tong, from the Menzies School of Health Research, says that the emergence of community-associated MRSA is likely driven by domestic crowding, poor hygiene and high rates of skin infections such as scables, tinea and skin sores and the subsequent use of antibiotics

"Controlling this epidemic will involve novel community-based strategies and improvements in health hardware," he said.

"The combination of high rates of Staphylococcus aureus infections,

overcrowding in poor quality houses non-working housing hardware, such as toilets and showers, mean that rates of MRSA will continue to be higher in Aboriginal communities in central and northern Australian than other Australian

CRC for Aboriginal Health Chief Executive Mick Gooda, said the new report highlighted the urgent need for

improvements to existing housing and a major investment into additional housing in remote Northern Australia

"Studies point to extreme overcrowding in Aboriginal houses, with one finding up to 7.5 people per bedroom and another indicating that nearly 60 per cent of houses have no working facilities for washing children or clothes," Mr Gooda said. "These sorts of conditions make

it next to impossible to control scables and other skin diseases which often lead to antibiotic use and ultimately to development of resistant strains.



Lawrence McLean receives a blood pressure check from Men's Health Worker Vincent Hollingsworth as a part of Men's Health Week '08 at Wuchopperen Health Service in Cairns

Qld service shines the spotlight on our men's health



WUCHOPPEREN Health Service in Cairns, north Queensland, joined with organisations Australia-wide

in celebrating Men's Health Week 2008 last week. Men's Health Week aims

to raise awareness of the importance of male-specific health issues, which this year included mental health, prostate health and cancer awareness, testosterone deficiency, and 'seeing your

As an Indigenous health service, Wuchopperen used the opportunity to shine a spotlight on Indigenous men's health issues

Wuchopperen Chief Executive Officer Michael White said the week was

about 'celebrating the contributions that men make to our families and making men aware that we need to take care of ourselves and our families'

'The week celebrates the contribution men make to family, work and the community, but reminds us that men don't need to 'tough it out' or 'go it alone', and they shouldn't'

"Men are an important part of our family structures and it's imperative that they know about their health and that there are services to

help them even in the tough

times," Mr White said.
"The week celebrates the contribution men make to family, work and the community, but reminds us that men don't need to

that men don't need to 'tough it out' or 'go it alone', and they shouldn't." Men's Health and Wellbeing Officer Bernard David said it was important for the community to be

aware of the health and
well-being issues that men
faced day-to-day.
"This week is about men's
health, but it's also about
our families and their health and that we as families nee to 'Get on the Road to Good Health', and men particularly need to lead the way, and that we're here to help them make that transition," Mr David said.



Melodie Reynolds and Isaac Drandich from Chopped Liver. Photo by JAMES PENLIDIS

Hepatitis C is no laughing matter, but....



A THEATRE production that aims to give hepatitis C information to Indigenous communities has started a five-month tour. Ilbijerri Theatre has already toured

Chopped Liver to more than 50 communities and prisons in Victoria and South

Australia over the past two years.

The production was developed in collaboration with the Victorian Department of Human Services, the Victorian Aboriginal Community
Controlled Health Organisation, and the Hepatitis
C Council of Victoria. This year, with interest
continuing to grow, libijerri has joined forces with
key State and local health bodies in NSW,
Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and Western

Australia to send the show on its biggest four yet.

Chopped Liver is touring rural NSW first, with shows at Casino and Grafton, in northern NSW, yesterday and a matinee at Kempsey's Bandbox Theatre today. The show hits Taree and Newcastle tomorrow, and Wyong on Friday. After Newcastle tomorrow, and vyorig oir Hody. Aid hat, it travels to Campbelltown, Wollongong, Nowra, Narooma, Queanbeyan, Wagga Wagga, Griffith, Deniliquin, Dareton, Broken Hill and beyond to finish in Mt Druitt on 17 July.

Blak comedy

Described as 'The Blak comedy show you can't liver without'. Chopped Liver was written by Kamarra Bell-Wykesm, with dramaturgy by John Romeril and direction by Rachael Maza Long.

The show last week won a Victorian Indigenous Community Justice Award, for outstanding contribution towards improved social justice for the Koori community

Told through the stories of 'Lynne' and 'Jim', the play uses comedy to humanise the experience of hepatitis C and to break down social boundaries around the virus, raising awareness and opening opportunities for discussion, prevention and support.

The current NSW tour runs until 18 July, followed by Victoria (21 July to 1 August), SA (25 August to 5 September), Victoria again (8 to 19 September), WA (22 September to 17 October), Tasmania (20 to 31 October), and Victoria again

Chopped Liver is suitable for audiences aged 16 years and over. Performance includes drug references. For more information, go to www.ilbijerri.org.au

Awareness day for otitis media



know that Aboriginal children are

ten times more likely to suffer ear disease and hearing loss than non-Indigenous children? Otitis media (glue ear), which mainly affects children up to age ten, is a major cause of fluctuating conductive hearing loss

This is turn can lead to learning difficulties, including speech delays, behavioural problems, poor letter-sound awareness, and significantly reduced listening skills.

Parents and carers need to be vigilant against the condition. If a child has lots of colds and ear infections or often seems to be ignoring people, they may be suffering from otitis media.

New South Wales, the Department of Education and Training, Community Health and Bulgarr Ngaru Aboriginal Medical Service will hold the 11th annual North Coast Otitis Media Awareness Day.

This joint health promotion will be held at Grafton Shopping World between 10am and 4pm, with free ear health checks (taking about ten minutes each) available for children and information for parents on otitis media and its effects on child development and learning. No appointments

are necessary.
For more information, contact Itinerant Support Teacher Elissa Casserly, on (02) 6642 7466

Program is a burning issue





Anangu and Oak Valley Aboriginal schools have been given access to a new education program aimed at saving lives and protecting children from burn injury.

The program, which aims to teach children, their families and communities about ways to prevent burn injury, is the result of a collaborative effort between the Julian Burton Burns Trust and Burns SA's Aboriginal Burns Program.

Burns prevention and education sessions have now been conducted at both schools by Burns SA Aboriginal Burns Program Co-ordinator Kurt Towers and Julian Burton Burns Trust Community Education Co-ordinator Deb Bates.

Aboriginal people are at ten times higher risk of death due to fires, burns and scalds compared with non-Aboriginal people," Mr Towers said.

Going into these communities in partnership with The Julian Burion Burns Trust is a step in the right direction given that 65 per cent of Aboriginal people admitted into the SA burns service are

from rural and remote areas."

Overall burn referrals to the Women's and Children's Hospital's Burn Service were on the increase, with initial admissions rising from 110 in 2006 to 173

These figures show the very real need for a greater focus on education, particularly in regional and remote areas," Ms Bates said.

Greater reach

"This joint initiative enables us to have greater reach in remote areas, It also means we can have a holistic approach and educate children and their families, as well as community health workers.

"The physical and emotional impact of burn injury, especially for a child, is often life-long and devastating.

"Burn injury is largely accidental and therefore education and awareness are

the keys to keeping ourselves, our children, and others safe from burns,"

The City2Bush Burns Prevention Program is funded by the Australian Government's Department of Health and Ageing and is a major project of the Julian Burton Burns Trust.

The program centres on education sessions at local schools, as well as the distribution of information kits and takehome bags to each child

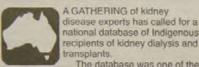
The program is designed to be interactive and all the scenarios are tailored to specific age and cultural groups, based on advice from the Women's and Children's Hospital as to the incidence and cause of burn injury.

The children participating in the program are also taught basic first aid steps for the treatment of burns

For more information on the City2Bush burns prevention program, contact Deb Bates on (08) 82325193, and on the Burns SA Aboriginal Burns Program contact Kurt Towers on (08) 8161 6438

Kidney experts seek database

By DARREN COYNE



The database was one of the key recommendations to emerge from the three-day National Indigenous Dialysis and Transplant Symposium held recently in Darwin. Dr Ashley Irish, a nephrologist from Royal

Dr Ashley Irish, a nephrologist from Royal Perth Hospital and a convenor of the symposium, said the meeting identified a number of initiatives that had made significant improvements to the health of Indigenous Australians receiving dialysis

Australians receiving dialysis.

But Dr Irish told *The Koori Mail* that a national approach was needed if governments were serious about closing the gap in the treatment of Indigenous people with kidney disease.

In order to get the message out to all levels of government, experts attending the symposium also proposed meeting more often to provide a co-ordinated voice to government.

Dr Irish said Indigenous Australians were 20 to 30 times more likely to experience a higher rate of end-stage renal disease, and an eight times higher rate of death from kidney disease.

The symposium called for greater co-operation between State and Federal governments to ensure a more co-ordinated overtan of service delivery.

overlap of service delivery.

Dr Irish said it was also extremely important to increase the numbers of Indigenous people involved in the delivery of kidney disease

"There appears to be a new push from the Federal Government wanting to stop the blame



Dr Paul Snelling, Dr Paul Lawton, Gillian Gorham, Dr Alan Cass and Dr Ashley Irish all took part in the National Indigenous Dialysis and Transplant Symposium.

game. There's a lot of money out there but maybe it's not being utilised as well as it should be "he said."

Dr Irish said other recommendations included improving education for communities about diet, smoking and other lifestyle factors which could contribute to poor health.

Trials with the 'poly pill' – a multi-purpose pill aimed at reducing the risks of heart disease, stroke and diabetes – were also proving positive, he said.

Dr Irish also said the meeting called for a

major education campaign to overcome the misconceptions and misunderstandings surrounding kidney transplantation in Indigenous communities.

This education campaign would be supported by the creation of a database of Indigenous recipients of kidney dialysis and transplantation.

Dr Irish said the database would allow doctors to track the success of dialysis and transplantation across Indigenous

'Deadly ears' a sound scheme



and Torres Strait Islander children from Eidsvold, in

central Queensland, will have better ears thanks to a program addressing ear heath.

The new Deadly Ears State-wide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ear Health Program is managed from within Clinical Support Services of the Royal Children's Hospital, Brisbane.

The program aims to provide health interventions for regional, rural and remote children with ear disease and their

communities.

Health worker for the Wide Bay Health Service District Suezanne Tanna invited the Deadly Ears team to Eidsvold to support the development of ear health services.

"In November 2007, key people in the community were consulted to develop plans to work together to tackle the chronic disease otitis media in children in Eldsvold," she said.

Reduce risk

"Deadly Ears will aim to reduce the risk of the predictable, preventable complications of ear disease, improve access to new and existing treatments, and optimise clinical management to improve quality of life and health outcomes."

Otitis media is inflammation of the middle ear, which can have serious health implications if left untreated.

It also can result in hearing loss and hinder speech and language development, which can have a life-long impact.

Deadly Ears will work with the Eidsvold

with the Eldsvold community for 12 months to address issues and gaps, which were raised by local people during the consultation last year.

These issues included support in hearing health clinics (screening and reviewing), appropriate hearing health equipment, health promotion aimed at the prevention of ear disease, communication, referral pathways, and data collection.

AMSANT warns of gaping holes



THE Northern
Territory's peak health
body says new
research identifies
gaping holes in
Aboriginal access to
comprehensive

primary health care services.
Aboriginal Medical Service
Alliance NT (AMSANT) head John
Paterson said the Audit and Best
Practice in Chronic Disease report,
published in May in the Medical
Journal of Australia, confirmed that
most Aboriginal people in remote
areas of the NT had never had
adequate access to services for ear
health, eye health, mental health
(housing, nutrition, education, jobs
etc) or dental health.

Furthermore, social initiatives to help improve health-care outcomes – such as youth, maternal, literacy, job-search, health promotion, alcohol and other drug programs – had never been integrated into the Aboriginal primary health services.

Aboriginal primary health services.
"We've got 26 Aboriginal
community-controlled health
services bringing exceptional
clinical and cultural skills to primary



'Health and social problems are closely inter-related and until they are treated as such, and integrated and funded appropriately, we'll always be battling to 'close the gap' on Aboriginal disadvantage'

- AMSANT's John Paterson

health care in urban, regional and remote areas, yet they do not have the support of allied services or the general capacity to really start 'closing the gap'," Mr Paterson said.

The report provides sound evidence that these health services need recurrent and on-going resources so they can provide truly comprehensive primary health care,

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

Mr Paterson said that social problems such as violence, alcohol and drug misuse, overcrowded housing, and youth suicide were not being addressed by the NT intervention task force or any

clinicians during child health checks because there were still very few existing programs to refer people to.

"Health and social problems are closely inter-related and until they are treated as such, and integrated and funded appropriately, we'll always be battling to 'close the gap' on Aboriginal disadvantage," he

National Calendar

 To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, write no more than two sentences with contact details to email calendar@koorimail. com or fax it to (02) 6622 2600.

Ongoing: Living Black on SBS Television. Held every Wednesday at 6pm on SBS. For details call (02) 9430 2828 or 1800 500 727 or email news@sbs.simplicitycrm.

Ongoing: Australian Indigenous Global Sports Academy (AIGSA) and Prokick 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 id@hold nat av.

Ongoing: Indigenous Australians Exhibition. The exhibition showcases the diversity and richness of Indigenous cultures as well as the problems faced by many Indigenous communities in Australia today. Serious issues such as deaths in custody and the Stolen Generations are discussed from an Indigenous point of view. Indigenous history is explored from before European colonisation to the present day. Held at the Australian Museum, 6 College St, Sydney, For details call Cheryl Connors on (02) 9320 6000 or (0417) 232 204 or visit www.amonline.net.au/visiting/ exhibitions

Ongoing: Aboriginal Heritage Projects. This project provides grants of up to \$75,000 to conserve Aboriginal heritage and encourage greater understanding of Aboriginal culture. The program assists in the conservation of culturally significant Aboriginal sites, documents community events and contributes to Aboriginal tourism. For details call Richard Sharpter on (02) 9873 8577 or email richard.sharpter@ heritage.nsw.gov.au

Ongoing: Day Club. These clubs provides social and recreational activities for veterans, their spouses, war widows/widowers and any other members of the community. For details call Margaret Morgan on (02) 9213 7225 or Erica Greig on (02) 9213 7482 or visit www.dva. gov.au/health/day_clubs

Ongoing: Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. These courses are for Aboriginal people who want to become TAFE leachers or workplace trainers This qualification will enable you to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to competently perform the role of a skilled trainer, facilitator and assessor in the workplace and the VET sector. Held in Ballina. For details call Deb Evans on (02) 6681 8911 or email debbie.evans@tafensw.edu.au or 131601 or (02) 6586 2249 or email nci.courseinfo@tafensw.

Until 25 June: 'Ngurra waltja wakami' 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

Until 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

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 and participation in all camp sessions All welcome. Drug and alcohol free event. For details: (02) 9499 5513 or email lo@rising generations.org.au or visit www.risinggenerations.org.au

Until 21 June: NAIDOC Week Competitions. There is a colouring in competition for years k-2, a Writing competition for years 3-6, Creative writing competition for years 7-9 and a Essay writing competition for years 10-12. Many prizes to be won for each competition. Entries to be sent to GPO Box 454, Sydney, 2001. For details: 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) 9360 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. Details: (02) 8423 5118 or email barefoot@nitv.org.au

Until 28 June: Christine Anu and Deni Hines 'The Two of Us Tour'. This is the first time Christine and Deni have performed together. In a two hour show, each artist will perform a 45min set of their hits and favourite songs and also there will be duet performances aswell 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. denihines.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. 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.ilc.gov.au

Until 30 June: Expressions of Interests for Training Opportunity Traineeships have been developed for permanent teachers aides special, school administrative officers, general assistants, farm assistants and Aboriginal education assistants (AEAs). Special arrangements are in place to support Aboriginal education assistants who undertake a traineeship. For details on information sessions and location call Joanne Ayoud on (02) 9266 8766 or (02) 9266 8569 or email joanne.ayoub@det.nsw. edu.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) 8951 9731 or email p.mccloskey@caama.com.au

Until 4 July: Indigenous Scholarship to study at Metro Screen. With funding from the Department of Education and Training, Metro Screen is pleased to offer a limited number of free places to aspiring Indigenous filmmakers on our popular Certificate IV in Screen course. Participants will work together to produce location dramas documentaries and studio dramas. For details: Claire Morgan or Maeve 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: Madelene McGrath on (02) 9211 0224 or (0408) 914 971 or email kidscan@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 you 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 12 July: Tommy Watson and Judy Napangardi Watson Art Exhibition. An exhibition of powerful colour and stories by Tommy Watson from Pitjantjatjara, WA/NT/SA border and Judy Napangardi Watson from Warlpiri region Yuendumu NT.

Until 12 July: Karla Dickens Loving Memory Art Exhibition. This exhibition by Karla provides a deep but playful exploration of her personal and ancestral heritage and the poetics of the spirit world. Held at Lismore Regional Gallery from 10am onwards. For details call (02) 6622 2209 or email artgallery@lismore.nsw.gov.au or visit www.lismoregallery.org

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 14 July: Aboriginal Performing Arts Auditions. The (ACPA) is a Registered Training Organisation developing and training Indigenous Performing Artists in acting, singing, dance and music. ACPA delivers accredited training with qualifications in Certificate III, IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma in the Performing Arts. All are encouraged to have a go. For details call (07) 3846 7211 or visit www.acpa.net.au

Until 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. confirms the stunning qualities this album has to offer music lovers. For performance dates and locations, call Chryss 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

Until 22 July: Country Energy Art Prize for Landscape Painting. The art prize is open to anyone who lives within the Countr 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. For details: (03) 8341 7141 or email bunjilakarsvp @museum.vic.gov.au or visit www.museumvictoria.com.au/ MelbourneMuseum

Until 29 July: Charmaine Davis new exhibition 'Sence of Place'. Held at the Spotlight Gallery within Ipswich Art Gallery For details call (07) 3810 7222 or email info@ipswichartgallery. qld.gov.au or visit www. ipswichartgallery.qld.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 neita@asg.com.au or visit www.neita.com.au

Until 8 August: NSW and ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards are calling for nominations in the following s 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 16s and under 14s boys and girls. For details: Nikita Ridgeway on (0415) 095 661 or email koorigirl@mail.com or visit www.darwin.basketball.net.au

Until 22 August: Veteran and Community Grants, calling for submissions. These grants aim to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of members of the veteran community by providing financial assistance for activities, services and projects that sustain and or enhance well being. For details 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 nonprofit organisations including local government and schools. Grants of \$5,000. For details: (03) 9670 5436 or 1800 252 316 or email fya@youngaustralians.org

Until 31 October: ARMtours calling for interest. We are looking for up to 50 role models to join ARMtour mob and come on tour. We welcome role models from different sport, academia, music and cultural backgrounds. For tour details: Carrie Bendeich on (02) 9221 8655 or (0433) 157 316 or email carrie@nasca.com.au or visit www.nasca.com.au

Until 3 November: Dance Grants Program. New work grants aim to encourage artists to take the time to develop a work over the course of its life cycle, and can be used for one or more development stages of the one work. Individual artists, companies and other organisations are we/come to apply. For details: (02) 9215 9000 or 1800 226 912 or email mail@australiacouncil. gov.au or visit www.

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Until 14 November: Chopped Liver Australian Tour. 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 Ilbijerri 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) 9212 4777 or email info@ilbijerri.org.au or visit www.ilbijerri.org.au

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: Plaving 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

- 18 June: Free hip-hop and RnB workshops, Indigenous dance with Dhinawan Dreaming and rehearsal. Help create a fusion of Hip Hop, Indigenous dance, rythmn and rhyme to lead the 2008 lantern parade. Age from 12-25. All welcome. Held at C-Block Dance Studio, Keen St Opposite Library from 4-6pm. For details call Jaz on (02) 6622 3143.
- 21 June: Lismore Lantern Parade 08. All welcome. Gold coin donation. Free transport available in Lismore, Meet at C-Block Dance Studio, Keen St, Opposite Library to start Parade then follow down to the river. For details call Jaz on (02) 6622 3143.
- 21 June: National Day of Action Rally – Stop the Intervention, Stop the Racism – Human Rights for all! A year today since the Howard Government announced NT intervention. Come join in on the rally to help repeal all "NT intervention" legislation,

restore the Racial Discrimination Act, fund infrastructure and community controlled services, sign and implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Aboriginal Control of Aboriginal Affairs. Held at The Block, Redfern from 11am onwards. For details call Monique Wiseman on (0415) 410 558 or Paddy Gibson on (0415) 800 586 or email aboriginal rights coalition @gmail.com

- 21 June: National Day of Action Rally Stop the Intervention, Stop the Racism -Human Rights for all! A year today since the Howard Government announced NT intervention. Held at the Court House Lawns, Alice Springs from 2pm onwards. For details call Barbara Shaw on (0401) 291 166 or Mariene Hodder on (08) 8952 5032 or email aboriginal rights coalition@
- 21 June: National Day of Action Rally Stop the Intervention, Stop the Racism Human Rights for all! Held at Raintree Park, Darwin from 10am onwards. For details call Liv on (0401) 955 405 or email aboriginal rightscoalition@gmail.com
- 21 June: National Day of Action Rally - Stop the Intervention, Stop the Racism -Human Rights for all! Held at Wesley Church, Perth from 11am onwards. For details call Natasha Moore on (0434) 303 248 or email aboriginal rights coalition@ gmail.com
- 21 June: National Day of Action Rally - Stop the Intervention, Stop the Racism -Human Rights for all! Held at the State Parliament, George St. Brisbane from 11am onwards. For details call Lauren on (0413) 534 125 or email aboriginal rights coalition@gmail.com
- 21 June: National Day of Action Rally – Stop the Intervention, Stop the Racism – Human Rights for all! Held at the State Library, Melbourne from 12pm onwards. For details call Michaela on (0429) 136 935 or email aboriginal rights coalition@ gmail.com
- 21 June: National Day of Action Rally - Stop the Intervention, Stop the Racism -Human Rights for all! For details call Sheree Rankmore on (02) 4228 1585 or Tina McGhie on (0415) 504 589 or email aboriginal rights coalition@gmail.
- 21 June: National Day of Action Rally - Stop the Intervention, Stop the Racism Human Rights for all! Held in Adelaide. For details call John Hartley on (0424) 943 990 or Sue Gilby on (0431) 112 898 or email aboriginal rights coalition@gmail.co
- 21 June: Lightning Spirit Concert. Lightning Spirit will take you on a moving and inspiring journey, connecting mother and earth. Performances from Kerrianne 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.kerriannecox.com.au

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- 21 June-13 July: What the Trees Have Seen Art Exhibition. Recent paintings of Bronwyn Bancroft. Held at the Wilson Street Gallery, Newtown from 11am 6pm. For details call (02) 9516 3144 or email info@ wilsonstreetgallery.com.au or visit www.wilsonstreetgallery.com.au
- 23 June: Family Drug Support Group. Do you have family members or loved ones with drug and alcohol problems? This support group offers a place to talk and listen with others struggling with similar problems. Held at Guide Hall, Carlyle St, Byron Bay from 7-9pm. For details call Margaret Reid on (0427) 857 092 or Jenny Bird on (0423) 635 320.
- 25 June-20 August: Rosella Namok-from Sand Beach Side' Art Exhibition. New paintings from the acclaimed artists. Held at Hogarth Galleries, Paddington. For details call (02) 9360 6839 or email info@hogarthgalleries.com or visit www.aboriginalartcentres.com
- 25 June: State of Origin Dinner. Enjoy an evening with the entire 2008 Qld 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 8660 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
- 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/male healthinfo

- 1 July: Free Breast Screening. BreastScreen in Lismore is having an open morning for all women who are over 40 years or age and are working in Aboriginal Community Services. Take 10 minutes out of your day to potentially save your life. Receive your free breast x-ray and share some morning tea. Held at 29 Uralba Street, Lismore from 9.30am onwards. For details call Melissa Rahmate on (02) 6621 1206 or (0417) 040 803 or email Melissa.Rahmate@ncahs.health.n
- 1-11 July: NAIDOC Art and Craft Exhibition. The Pungenna community is holding there NAIDOC art and craft exhibition. To date there are 11 aboriginal artists and crafters participating in the exhibition. Free entry all welcome. Held at the Dunalley community house, Main Rd, Dunalley from 9am-2pm. For details call (0439) 908 394 or email pungennaart@yahoo. com.au or visit www.pungennaart. wetpaint.com
- 1-4 July: Whichway Music Industry Workshops. Expression of interest for contemporary indigenous musicians and songwriters. We are looking for emerging artists that have some industry experience and or are serious about developing their careers in the music industry. Held at the Community Centre, Redfern. All welcome. Numbers are limited. For details call Michael Hutchings on (02) 9699 9706 or (0408) 085 139 or email michael@musicnsw.com or visit www.musicnsw.com or www.myspace.com/whichway1
- 2-7 July: Certificate IV in Indigenous Leadership. This course equips current and emerging Indigenous leaders with an array of competency based tools to address policy, management and administrative issues including quality service deliver and capacity development of groups, organisations and communities. Held in Melbourne. For details: (02) 6251 5770 or email ailc@indigenousleadership. org,au or visit www.indigenous leadership.org.au
- 3 July-19 October: NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition, This exhibition marks the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee week by featuring the works of indigenous artists in the city of Ipswich collection. Artists include Emily Kngwarreye, Judy Watson Kathleen Petyarreye, Gordon Bennett and Rosella Namok. Held at Ipswich Art Gallery from 10am-5pm. For details call (07) 3810 7222 or email info@ipswichart gallery.qld.gov.au or visit www.lpswichartgallery.qld.gov.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 cal Nathan Mcilroy on (02) 9250 7596 or (0421) 668 440 or email nmcilroy@sydneyoperahouse.com or www.sydneyoperahouse.com
- 5 July: The Commemoration Service. This Commemorative Ceremony will honour the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans, serving members, ex-servicepersons and their families for their contribution to the defence of Australia. Held at the Cenotaph, Lane Boulevard, South Grafton from 11am onwards. For details call Margo Weir on (0407) 369 451
- 6 July: NAIDOC Week Celebrations in Perth. The event will include, music, dance, displays and a children's marquee, with activities for the whole family. Drug and alcohol free event. All welcome. Held in Wellington Square, East Perth from 4pm onwards. For details call Simon Bailey on (08) 9213 6600 or (0400) 248 880 or visit www.naidocperth.org
- 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 celebrale 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 Gaston on (08) 8224 3202 or email marketing® tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au
- 7 July: NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony. Flag Raising Ceremony will be held on Booloominbah Lawns with a community morning tea at Oorala Held at Oorala Aboriginal Centre, University of New England, Armidale from 10.30am onwa All welcome. For details call Phillipa Trelford on (02) 6773 3105 or (02) 6773 3034 or email ptrelfor@une.edu.au or visit www.une.edu.au/oorala

7-10 July: National Leadership Camp 08. NLC is a highly interactive, challenging and motivating 4-day program which brings together up to 200 stude from across Australia. It aims to develop, challenge and encourage Australia's young people to be Continued Page 75



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Indigenous Job Opportunities

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26 equipped to mine new opportunities



TWENTY-SIX unemployed indigenous people have graduated from a north-west Queensland employment

project which is already helping them find work in mining and civil construction.

The graduation ceremony was held at the Dugalunji Camp, near Camooweal, on the Barkly Highway on 6 June

Highway, on 6 June.

State Employment and Industrial Relations Minister John Mickel and Mount Isa MP Betty Kiernan said the group completed their 13-week paid work placements with the Dugalunji Aboriginal Corporation and their sister organisation, Myuma, thanks to Queensland Government funding.

"The Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative has been supporting the Dugalunji Civil Construction and Mining Skills Pre-vocational Training Program for a number of years now, but this is an exciting time for the project," Mr Mickel said.

Second intake

"This year the initiative is providing a total grant of \$858,360 so more people can gain assistance through this project and a second intake of participants will start in August

"Attracting suitable workers to remote mines and civil construction projects in north-west Queensland is a problem but this project has created an excellent pathway so Indigenous people can help meet this demand.

"Already, 22 of these participants have job offers with more interviews and opportunities coming up for the remaining four."



Project graduates Arnold Anderson, Anthea Solom, Leon Yunkaporta, Dudley Yunkaporta, Stafford Lenoy, Tyson Kerindun, Shaun Shortjoe, Stefan Major, Greta Nicholas, Moa Sam, Ewan Kepple, Jason Petersen, Michael Marshall, Dave Minniecon, Jessica Age, Michael Ah Sam, Mario Walmbeng, Jason Marbendinar, Matthew Doomadgee, Leslie Caulton, Bruce Bell and Maxwell Neal. Absent: Andrew Caulton and Phelan Rankine.

Mrs Kiernan said the results from this intake showed Indigenous people could help tackle labour shortages in the area and across the State.

"This group includes Indigenous people from Palm Island, Yarrabah, Aurukun, Cooktown and Mossman amongst others and they are now ready to work in the mining and civil construction industries," she

"Queensland has a low unemployment rate of 3.6 per cent, but Indigenous people are still much more likely to be out of the workforce. "This project provides an example of how the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative can support community organisations and employers to close the gap."

Various projects

Myuma Projects Co-ordinator Sally Sheldon said the participants worked on road upgrades and maintenance, refurbishments of infrastructure within Camooweal township and at a quarry.

"They've also helped build a new gym facility at the Dugalunji Camp in Campoweal to house fitness equipment for participants. The money was acquired through a Gambling Community Benefits Fund grant," Ms Sheldon said.

"They've done great work and many of them had to come a long way just to join the project. It's great to see them now getting the rewards for their efforts."

The project has received support from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Structured Training and Employment Project – Employment and Related Services brokers Isa Skills and Coolgaree Aboriginal

Corporation, local Job Network agencies, the Department of Main Roads, Rio Tinto Australia, Cairns Earthmoving Company, Barrick Gold, Xstrata Copper and Zinc, Incitec Pivot, Mount Isa City Council, CDE Capital, BHP Billiton, the Mining Industry Skills Centre, Construction Skills Queensland and the Mount Isa Institute of TAFE.

The Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative is part of the State Government's \$1-billion Queensland Skills Plan which aims fo provide individuals and industry with the skills and workforce for the 21st Century.

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organisations in the world.

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sponsibilities of the Experiences Development Consultant include: Delivering Aboriginal Experience content to underpin Brand Australia as part of the Industry Development Iteam. Developing and maintaining relationships with Tourism Australia's

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Development team plays within this.

Delivering Indigenous tourism projects as outlined in the action plan from the indigenous Tourism Footprint.

Coordinating relevant national Indigenous tourism meetings including the Indigenous Tourism Australia industry panel and the Indigenous Tourism Government Forum.

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Experiences through their strategies.

Representing Tourism Australia at appropriate trade events,
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To be successful in the role, the ideal candidate will possess the

Tertiary qualifications in Marketing, Tourism Management or

equivalent highly desirable Extensive working knowledge of Aboriginal affairs Sound knowledge of the Indigenous tourism industry and its

rities and sensitivities involved in managing the diverse range of

experience in dealing with government departments.

Proven experience in stakeholder, project and budget management.

Experience in writing briefs and reports and responding to high level

Highly developed interpersonal, presentation and team skills.

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This position may be relevant to someone already working in the sector who would be interested in a temporary exciting opportunity to broaden their community development skills.

For further information, including selection criteria and information on how to apply, see our website or call 02 4353 4688. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Salary is according to the SACS NAPSA and generous salary packaging is available. Applications close 7th July 2008.

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CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 2/4
Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division
Illawarra Area
Permanent Full-Time (2 positions)
Position No: DOH-08-13416

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management of public housing waiting lists, tenancies and properties. This role involves both fieldwork and office based client service and administrative responsibilities.

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Demonstrated capacity to identify and analyse problems and propose effective solutions to meet client needs.

Active listening, communication, interpersonal and interviewing skills and proficiency in negotiation and conflict resolution.

interviewing skills and proficiency in negotiation and conflict resolution.

Ability to prioritise and manage competing tasks, meet deadlines and targets.

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Computer literacy and knowledge of Microsoft Office applications.

rrent Driver's Licence.

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Inquiries: Dawn Logan (02) 4283 0907 Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or NSW Businesslink (02) 6200 5820

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Closing Date: Friday 27 June 2006



Equal Opportunity Commission

Substantive Equality Unit

Project Officer

Position Number: 005163

Level/Salary: 6 PSGA: \$70,564 - \$78,138 pa

Other Conditions: This position is available for 2 days per week for a period up to 6 months

Substantive Equality Statement: The Equal Opportunity Commission will, through the Policy Framework for Substantive Equality, remove barriers that stop Western Australia's different communities from achieving equality. Applicants should possess knowledge of current frends as they relate to equal opportunity, substantive equality and its principles.

Work Type: Fixed Term - Part-Time

Location: Level 2, 141 St Georges Terrace, Perth

Job Description: An opportunity exists for a resourceful person to join the Substantive Equality Unit of the Equal Opportunity ssion as a Project Officer for a period of up to 6 months.

The position will be responsible for assisting the Substantive Equality Team to implement the Policy Framework for Substantive Equality and assist in undertaking equality impact assessments

For Further Job Related Information: For further job related information please contact Ms Cathy Groves on 9216 3900 or Frencis 1800 198 149. (Not to be contacted for job application packages)

Application Instructions: Application kits can be obtained by contacting the Commission on [08] 9216 3900 or Freecall 1800 198 149 during normal office hours (8.30am - 5.00pm, Mon to Frill or by visiting the Commission's site www.equalopportunity.wa.gov.au (Job Vacancies).

Send applications to: Records and Information Coordinator, Equal Opportunity Commission PO Box 7370, Cloisters Square, WA, 6850, email to eoc@eoc.wa.gov.au, fax to (08) 9216.3960; or hand deliver to 2nd Floor, 141 St Georges Terrace. Perth 6000.

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EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1 DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER \$76,718 - \$87,498

Reference Number: 08-0116 CANBERRA

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, substance use services and population health programs.

As an Assistant Director, you will be leading a small team. You will be responsible for policy and program management associated with primary health care service delivery, implementation of budget measures and working closely with Central/State/Territory Office staff and other stakeholders.

The successful applicant will be joining an enthusiastic and motivated group of people. This is an opportunity to play a part in improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's access to comprehensive primary health care services.

Contact officer: Sunita Dhindsa on 02 6289 5772 or sunita.dhindsa@health.gov.au

Applications close 3 July 2007, 7pm AEST.

VICTORIAN STATE OFFICE CORPORATE SERVICES BRANCH

CORPORATE & BUSINESS SERVICES SECTION

APS LEVEL 3

Administrative Officer \$45,923 - \$50,902

Reference Number: 08-0118 MELBOURNE

The Department of Health and Ageing's Victorian State Office (VSO) administers a range of national health and ageing programs in Victoria and liaises with local stakeholders to ensure services provided through departmental programs are responsive to local needs and conditions

The Corporate Services Branch is a critical support feature of the VSO that provides financial services, security, fleet, accommodation, business continuity planning, facilities and asset management. Further, it provides administrative support to the State Manager and

The Branch currently has a vacancy in the Corporate and Business Services Section. In this position you will manage bookings and maintenance of the fleet vehicles. Further, you will also respond to facilities and fault issues and/or liaise with external service providers. It is preferable that the incumbent hold a current drivers licence.

Contact officer: Rick Eldridge on (03) 9665 8372 or rick eldridge@health.gov.au Applications close 26 June 2007, 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 ent's TTY number (02) 6289 5945.



"One APS Career . . . Thousands of Opportunities"

The National Gallery of Australia is seeking applications from suitably qualified persons for the following position.

Indigenous Marketing Officer

Part time- 30 hrs per week Marketing & Communications NGA Level 5/6 Position Number Sup 251

\$54,385 - 68,122 (pro-rata)

The Indigenous Marketing Officer position undertakes an important role for the Gallery in providing and coordinating the marketing for the National Indigenous Art Triennial: Guilture Warriors, The Triennial is a key strategic initiative of the National Gallery and will become a permanent event in the Australian and International art calendar.

The position is based in the Marketing and Communications Department and the Indigenous Marketing Officer, under broad guidance, reports to the Head of Marketing and Communications.

The incumbent must be of Indigenous Australian background, who identifies as an Indigenous Australian, and is accepted as such by the community with which an Indigenous Austral he/she is associated.

This is a temporary part time position for a period of two years. The successful applicant will be subject to a probationary period of employment and a security check will also apply. This is an indigenous identified position. The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act.

Applications should address the selection criteria which can be obtained by contacting the Recruitment Officer on (02) 5240 6447 or by accessing the website www.nga.gov.au/jobs.

Further information about this position may be obtained by contacting Jenny Blake on (02) 6240 6700. Applications should be forwarded to the Recruitment Officer by 11 July 2008 at GPO Box 1150, Canberra ACT 2601 or by email to recruitment®nga.gov.au or facsimile (02) 6270 6407.

The National Gallery of Australia values Workplace Diversity.

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Parkes Place, Parkes ACT



ACT GOVERNMENT GraduateProgram2009

If you are enthusiastic, creative, flexible and community focused, the ACT Public Service Graduate Program is the first step.

The ACT Public Service seeks graduates (and undergraduates) of all ages and academic disciplines, including:

- Psychology:
- Social sciences
- Law and legal studies;
- Town planning.
- Environmental and structural
- Commerce, finance and business: The sciences
- Arts, politics and human resources.

The ACT Public Service Graduate Program is a ten month program that will help you build on your academic success and develop you personally and professionally to become a dynamic, inclusive and innovative leader. It offers challenging off the job training, three rotations across two agencies, permanent appointment

and advancement upon successful

The ACT Public Service has a strategy for the employment of people with disabilities. Applications are encouraged. from people with disabilities

THE NEXT PROGRAM COMMENCES IN FEBRUARY 2009.

COMMENCING SALARY

To be eligible to apply you must be an Australian citizen, a permanent resident, or a New Zealand citizen with a special category temporary residence visa (SCV).

HOW TO APPLY

Application packs are available for Applications close at 5pm on Monday 14 July 2008.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Web www.psm.actgovau Email psm@act.gov.au Phone



Australian Government

Indigenous Business Australia

NEW POSITION - CAIRNS

Lending Officer - Home Loans

Do you have experience and skills in:

· Banking:

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- · Financial services:
- . Lending; or
- · Business analysis.

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is seeking an energetic and motivated person to manage its home lending operations in its Cairns office.

IBA is a Commonwealth Statutory Authority established to engage in commercial activities while furthering the economic and commercial interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This is a new position established to assist with the implementation of IBA's Home Ownership on Indigenous Land Program (HOIL) in Queensland. Once HOIL has been successfully implemented, the Cairns' office will assume management of a discrete portfolio of home loans which are secured over freehold land and currently managed from IBA's Townsville office.

The successful applicant will need to have a good lending background and excellent communication skills and be able to negotiate sensitively and effectively with Indigenous peoples in carrying out the duties of the position.

The position will be responsible for delivering all aspects of IBA's home lending programs. and this will require the successful applicant to undertake extensive consultation with individuals, community organisations and other government agencies.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply

The salary guide for the position is \$59,109 - \$67,360, performance bonuses are available and Commonwealth Superannuation applies.

For further information including job description and selection documentation visit www.iba.gov.au. If, after reading the job documentation, you have any questions please contact Michael Thompson on (02) 6121 2671 or email michael thompson@iba.gov.au

Applications close on 27 June 2008

www.iba.gov.au



Security Officers -(Special Constable)

"No smoking" in the workplace is Departmental policy. Applications are welcome from Aboriginal and Tomas 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.

ations are invited from motivated energetic persons for the positions of Security Officer (Special Constable) in the Sydney Metropolitan area.

To guard and maintain security of NSW Police Force premises as well as other important/ significant Government establishments.

On appointment, wages are \$742.10 per week, plus loading and overtime. Generous leave entitlements including five weeks recreation leave each year. Uniform is provided and some travel concessions to and from duty apply. Shiftwork is a necessity for the position.

ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

- · Ability to communicate effectively.
- . Effective oral and written communication skills.
- Demonstrated experience in, and commitment to the delivery of high quality customer
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- · Previous experience in security industry is an advantage

All applications MUST address the 'Essential Qualifications'

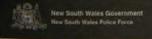
A completed 'Ministerial Employee' application form with attachments is also required. Subsequent assessment also includes aptitude and conduct, as components of merit based selection. Original documents are required.

APPLICATIONS AND INFORMATION PACKAGE:

Available from the Ministerial Recruitment Officer NSW Police Force Recruitment Branch.

Phone: (02) 8835 9881 or 1800 222 122

CLOSING DATE: 30th June 2008.



1800 222 122 www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruiting

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ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE OFFICER Marketing and Communications Unit

Salary range: \$44,963 to \$48,093 pa. plus attractive superannuation.

UTS has a continuing commitment to Indigenous employment which is reflected through its Wingara Indigenous Employment

Join UTS's strong Indigenous Staff Network in the position of Administration and Finance Officer, and you will be provided with ongoing support throughout your employment in this identified

This role will provide you with both career development and the ability to enhance your Administration and Finance skills, through on the job training and university run development programs.

Drawing on your strong administration skills, you will be a valued and integral part of the team, providing support to a number of marketing and communication professionals within a large unit.

Utilising your experience with MS Office, you will assist in the day to day administration of the units finances, including the collection and analysis of financial information leg reconciliation of accounts), while liaising regularly with other operational divisions within the University.

UTS offers flexible work practices, based on a 35 hour week to enable staff to have a work/life balance. Located close to Central Station, UTS is at the hub of transport network, while offering easy access to the City and its facilities.

For further information please visit http://www.hru. uts.edu.au/jobs/ and search for job reference number R180508





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MAINTENANCE SHIFT SUPERVISOR

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must passess a current WA HR licence
- Must be able to provide documents showing trade qualifications within the mechanical trade industry.
- Certificate II in mechanical servicing heavy vehicles
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- 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

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- Paraburdos is located approx 1500km NE of Perth. located in the Pilbara
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A compensive remuneration package will be affered to the successful condidore. If you require furnier information on the duties of the Mointenance Shift Supervisor, please corract Mr Dan Kernp, Maintenance Manager, on (08) 6272 5000 during WA office hours.

Applications marked "Confidential", including current resume, should be forwarded by dose of business on 18 June 2008 to: The Human Resources Department PO Box 496, Belmont WA 6984 or via email to: applylingardo.com.ou

Please include "Maintenance Shift Supervisor" in your subject line

JUSTICE HEALTH NSW@HEALTH

Aboriginal Mental Health Clinical Leader

Full Time - JH No: 08/135

Full Time – JH No: 08/135

Salary: Health Manager level 2: \$70,142 to \$83,194 pit.
This position will develop and ensure the provision of a culturally appropriate Aboriginal mental health service for young people 12:24 years of age who are in contact with the criminal justice system. This position will also provide support to the Aboriginal Montal Health Trainees and advice to staff on the management of assues affecting Aboriginal mental neath. Applicants should be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (Evemption under Section 14)

Enquiries: Julie Carter on (02) 9215 3343 or 0434 567 377

Closing Date: 27 June 2008.

Applicants require an information package for selection criteria and application form from: Employee Services, (02) 9289 2978 Applications to: Justice Health, PO Box 150, Matraville NSW 2036.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice





Aboriginal Student Support Officer

Position No: 002359

Level 2, \$42 017 - \$46 656 per armum (Government Officers Salaries Allowances and Conditions General

The position identifies, establishes and implements effective student support services for Aboriginal students. Plans, promotes and implements a broad range of social sporting and cultural studies for students & staff. Maintains an effective jaison with administrative, academiand counselling staff and refers individual students to appropriate personnel. appropriate personne

For further job related information: Phase contact Noelene Mantellato on 9599 8622

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs wayov au and key the Position No: into the Search Box or Pin 9264 8385 Closing Date: Wednesday, 2 July et 4 3 pm.



Careers in Health

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Allied Health/Clinical Support

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Health Worker Advanced (Indigenous Client Care Coordinator) – Home and Community Care Services, Community Aged Care, Rediand Health Service Centre, Cleveland, Southside Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$61 766 p.a. comployer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) [005] (Applications will remain current for 12 months). JAR: HosBLO133. Duties/Abilities: Provide a case finder for clients and their cares to access services for the Home and Community Care Indigenous population within the Bayside area. This position will entail building strong linkages with the Indigenous communities service providers and malidisciplinary health beam. It is a gentime occupational requirement that an Identified position be filled by an Aborginal of Terres Strait Islander person as permitted by and anguable under Section 25, 104 and 105 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991. Your application MUST address the assessment criteria in order for you to be considered for this position. Please do not send resume without assessment criteria responses. Enquiries: Loretta Allen (07) 3893 8447.
Application Kit. (07) 3136 5603 or www.health.qld.gov.nau/workforus Closing Date: Monday, 30 June 2008.

Advanced Health Worker (Indigenous Mental

Closing Date: Monday, 30 June 2008.

Advanced Health Worker (Indigenous Mental Health) – Resource Team, Northside Mental Health Service, The Prince Charles Hospital, Chemsaide, Northside Health Service District. Remaneration value up to \$61.766 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.75%) (005) [Applications will remain corrent for 12 months) JAR: HospiCh156. Duties/Ablitities: Provide culturally sensitive social, emotional and spiritual well-being support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a mental illness, including direct care coordination and support to the consumer, their families and community. Dis also includes working as a member of a mental bealth multidisciplinary team in the provision of co-case management, advice to staff on social and cultural aspects of assessment, textament and rehabilitation. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Art 1391, there is a genutine occupational requirement for the incumbent to he Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Enquiries: Kylie Garrick (07) 3139-5113. Application fix: (07) 3139-5113. Application fix: (07) 3139-5113. [Closine Date: Monday 2, July 2008. www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus Closing Date: Monday, 7 July 2008.

You can apply online at www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Jerrinja Local Aborginal Land Council (JLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA), 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 JLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate

manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aborignal 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 Yee Ching Cheam by email: yeeching.cheam@rsmi.com.au or on 1800 214.714 by email: 214 714.

Applications can be forwarded to yeeching.cheam@rsml.com.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Yee Ching Cheam Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council (Administrator Appointed) GPO Box 200, Canberra ACT 2601

Applications close: Thursday 31 July 2008 Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING



The department is a non-smoking workplace The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

Senior Policy Officer

Clerk Grade 9/10, Oxford Street, Darlinghurst. Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 123701, Total remuneration package valued to: \$96,295 p.a. (\$79,188-\$87,263) Including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Undertakes policy work involving the research analysis and monitoring of Aboriginal education and training matters and making recommendations in relation to policy options and strategies to the Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate.

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated comprehensive knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultures. histories and contemporary issues, particularly as they pertain to education and training. Demonstrated ability to research, analyse and develop sound policy proposals with experience coordinating policy inputs and associated liaison. Effective interpersonal skills-including ability to communicate effectively with officers at various levels, within and external to the Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate Superior written and verbal communication skills and ability to prepare clear and concise policy documents. Demonstrated ability to meet deadlines and balance competing priorities. Demonstrated experience in preparing or contributing to timely and well researched submissions and briefs on complex issues, including Cabinet submissions. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Inquiries: Carol Vale (02) 9266 8001

Email: caroline.vale@det.nsw.edu.au.

Information Packages: Biannoa Hoolihan

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Carol Vale. Aboriginal Education & Training Directorate, Level 14, 1 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst 2010.

Closing Date: Friday 04 July 2008 PSN/C 991669.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

SENIOR MANAGER ACCESS

Clerk Grade 11/12 Community Access Southern Region Queanbeyan, Goulburn or Nowra Permanent Full-Time Position No: DADHC-08-13335

Total remuneration package valued up to \$116,886 per annum (Salary: \$91,589 pa - \$105,923 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Lead and manage the delivery of disability community support services in a designated regional area to creure quality outcomes for people with a disability and their families and carers.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

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 SELECTION CRITERIA:

 Thorough knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting access to services and support for people with a disability and their families and carers.

 Demonstrated management experience in motivating and leading multi-disciplinary teams, and in planning and managing priorities, resources and competing demands in an environment of change, and supervising senior staff.

 Demonstrated disability support services for Aboriginal and culturally and inquestically diverse communities.

 Proven track record in negotiating cross agency service deliviery arrangements and identifying and responding to systemic operational performance issues.

 High-level negotiation and conflict resolution skills in dealing with community partners and other government organisations at a strategic and/or senior level.

 Highly developed oral and written communication skills and demonstrated completence in the preparation of briefs, reports and submissions on complex matters.

 Territary qualifications in a relevant field or equivalent knowledge, skills and expenence.

 Current Driver's Licence.

 Job Notes: This position is being re-advertised, previous accelerations with be carried forward. Further information about this

Job Notes: This position is being re-advertised, previous applications will be carried forward. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

guiries: Peter De Natris (02) 6200 7300

Information Package: www.dadhc.com/employment or NSW Businesslink (02) 6200 5820

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to. The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2820.

Closing Date: Friday 27 June 2008





The department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and

Administrative Support Officer

Clerk Grade 3/4, Aboriginal Education, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 147316. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) Including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing administrative support for key strategic

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Demonstrated ability in providing high quality administrative and clerical support, establishing priorities and setting and achieving work goals. Demonstrated proficiency in maintaining databases, information and records systems. Demonstrated organisational and administrative skills. Demonstrated proficiency in processing, spreadsheets, email and presentation software. Effective written and oral communication, interpersonal and customer service skills. Ability to prioritise, meet deadlines and exercise initiative in a high volume environment. Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

Notes: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Inquiries: Claire Dodds (02) 9244 5393

Email: claire.dodds@det.nsw.edu.au.

Information Packages: Kelda McBain

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Claire Dodds, Aboriginal Education & Training Directorate, Level 14, 1 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst 2010.

Closing Date: Friday 04 July 2008.

NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

FINANCE OFFICER

(Queshbeyan)
(This is a re-advertised position)
Attractive Remuneration Package, Benefits and Salary
Packaging options

This is an ideal opportunity if you are looking for a position that will provide a rewarding and challenging career, great potential for development and advancement and an attractive remuneration package together with an extensive range of benefits and conditions.

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Position responsibilities include the development and maintenance of comprehensive financial systems and procedures; evaluating and monitoring the financial performance of Local Aboriginal Land Councils and the timely preparation of concise and accurate financial reports.

The successful applicant will have appropriate tertiary qualifications and/or experience; the capacity to interpret and mplement legislation; effective communication skills and a ound understanding of Aboriginal issues.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact Rose Gordon by email: rose.gordon@alc.org.au or (02) 9699 4498.

Applications can be forwarded to rose.gordon@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Coordinator NSW Aboriginal Land Council PO Box 1125 PARAMATTA NSW 2124 Applications close Monday 7 July 2008 Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

MANAGER

35 Hours Full Time
Bathurst Women and Children's Refuge
requires a highly skilled manager to lead a new team of staff and
assist in the establishment and running of a restructured service.
To be female is a genuine requirement for this position under
(Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

- ESSENTIAL:

 To have a commitment to feminist principles and ability to provide services within a feminist framework.

 Proven ability to implement strategies and appropriate forward planning to enhance service provision.

 Proven ability to supervise staff and work within a multi-describing team.

Proven ability to supervise staff and work within a multi-disciplinary team
Proven ability to implement case management models
Proven understanding of the issues surrounding domestic violence and the effects on women and children
Knowledge and understanding of cultural diversity
Proven ability liaising with Government Departments and community organisations
Ability to futilit SAAP accountability requirements
Current N.S.W. Driver's licence.

DESIRABLE: Knowledge of SAAP Programs: Previous women's reluge experience. Knowledge of resources available in the local community. Tertiary qualifications or demonstrated relevant work experience.

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Employment as per SACS 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.
Enquiries and Job Description contact Joy Cavanagh Phone:
(02) 96218253 or 0409778229
Address Applications marked 'Confidential' to: PO BOX 109
Doonside 2767 NSW
CLOSING DATE: Friday, 4th July 2008

ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S SUPPORT WORKER

35 Hours Full Time
Bathurst Women and Children's Refuge
Provides accommodation and Outreach services to women with
dependant children experiencing or escaping Domestic Violence
or who are at imminent risk of homelessness
To be female is a genuine requirement for this position under
(Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

- CSENTIAL:

 To be Aboriginal, Torres Straight Islander is a genuine requirement of this position.

 Commitment to feminist philosophies;

 Understanding of domestic violence and sexual assault and its effects on women and children in general and particularly within ATSI communities.

 Knowledge and understanding of cultural issues and barriers for ATSI women and children.

 Willingness and ability to work with all women and children using the service.

 Experience in Case management;

 Willingness to talk with Government Departments and community organisations;

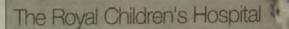
 Ability to work as a member of a team;

 Ability to attend out of town training, meetings and conferences and if required stay overnight.

 Current manual N.S.W. driver's license and willingness to obtain LR within 3 months;

Access to a reliable vehicle
 DESIRABLE: First Aid Certificate, Ability to facilitate self help groups for women in the community; Experience working with children in crisis; Basic computer skills. Previous retuge experience. Knowledge of local community organisations.
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Aboriginal Family Support Unit

Aboriginal Family Support Unit Program Coordinator: Job Ref 04139

Aboriginal Family Health Worker; Job Ret 04240

Aboriginal Case Manager: Job Ref 04227

Enquiries: Shawana. Andrews, 9345 6111 Closing Date: 02 July. 2008

The Royal Children's Hospital offers attractive salary packaging and staff benefit opportunities. Please visit the website below for more details under Staff Benefits.

Safety screening requirements including Police Records Checks and Working With Children checks are part of RCH recruitment practices. No agencies please



Download a job description and apply online at www.rch.org.au



Fancy a career in finance? Looking for a long term career?

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The AES is recruiting Indigenous Australians to fill a number of positions in Australia's 'Big Four' banks in both metropolitan and regional areas in New South Wales. Positions range from Customer Service Operators through to Business Banking. Access to Australia's top Indigenous graduate programis also available to university students.

> Help us make a difference to your life. Call AES Talent Management Service on

> > 02 8571 0900





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QUALIFICATIONS

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- 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 rearms/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 saistactory level of technical skills/knowledge in job-related areas. Neeping obreast of current developments and trends in area of expertise.
- 2+ years experience in the mining/construction industry
 Experience on various plant, preferably Hitachi and CAT earthmoving equipment.

LOCATION/ROSTER

A competitive remuneration package will be affered to the successful condidate. If you require further information on the duties of the Service person, please consist Mr Don Kemp, Maintenance Manager, on (06) 6272 5000 during WA affice hours.

Applications marked "Confidential", including current resume, should be forwarded by close of business on 18 June 2008 to The Human Resources Department P.O. Box 496. Belmont WA 6984 or via email to: applyllingarda.com.au

Please include "Serviceperson" in your subject line



VICTORIA POLICE

City of Darebin (Liaison 67)

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

\$48,714 - \$59,148 Fixed Term 12 Months VPSG-3

Unit objective: The ACLO will perform a liaison role between Victoria Police and the Indigenous of intering minual tirus, understanding and respect between Police and local Indigenous communities. The ACLO will contribute to the accomplishment of the key objectives of the Victoria Police Aboriginal Strategic Plan, Victorian implementation Review of the Recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Couody (RCIADIC), Victorian Aboriginal Instite: Agreement (Pluse 2) and the Victoria Police Way Ahead Strategic Plan

- · In partnership with Indigenous groups, develop and maintain knowledge of Indigenous issues within the local area and maintain a contemporary knowledge of relevant legislation, policies and proce-
- Contribute to establishing effective communication and networking between Holice members, local Indigenous community members and other government and non-government agencies.
- · Establish and maintain a positive partnership environment in which hidgenous communities are encouraged to communicate and interact with Police members to resolve issues and actively promote awareness of the role of Victoria Police within Indigenous communities.
- Assist in developing, implementing and providing appropriate training programs dealing with Indigenous issues
 Represent Victoria Police as required at meetings, forums or events that relate to Indigenous issues.
- Participate in the development and implementation of appropriate strategies to improve service delivery to customers based on customer needs. Prepare briefing notes and reports.

Industrial Relations Exemption Applies - only Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for

The position involves a security clearance, which will include lingerprinting. The successful applicant will be bound

A position description can be obtained by visiting www.careers.vie.gov.au. For more information about this position please contact Jacqui Marion on 93 9247 6197.

Applications addressing the Key Selection Criteria, including 3 referves and quoting LIAISON 67 can be submitted online at www.careers.vic.gov.au. Please contact Jane Shipp on 03 9247 6368 if you need belp applying. Applications close COB 25 June 2008.

North Coast Institute

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OFFICE MANAGER

Save the Children (Australia), a member of world's largest independent child right's development organisation is seeking an experienced Office Manager to coordinate the administrative functions of the East Kimberley office, based in Kununurra.

In this varied and interesting role, you will manage reception, liaise with stakeholders, coordinate accounts and reports, set up administration systems, provide support to Program staff and participate in events and programs delivery.

To be successful, you will have experience in administering a small office, excellent communication skills, good attention to detail and a track record in building relationships. Salary range: 38K to 40K + super +salary packaging. The position description is available on our website www.savethechildren.org.au.

Please send your application to SCA-HR@savethechildren.org.au by Monday 1 July 2008.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.



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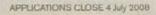
Applicants need:

- two years community services experience working with Aboriginal children and families
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Aboriginal caseworkers must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

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- · a passion for working with children.

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For more information and to apply visit www.community.nsw.gov.au/can or phone Priya Dewan on (02) 8257 4218 or email: docs@rossiuliaross.com

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 27 June 2008



NSW DEPARTMENT OF

HOUSING NSV

SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE **OFFICER**

ABORIGINAL SPECIALIST (IDENTIFIED)
Clerk Grade 5/6
Riverina-Murray Area, Albury
Temporary Full-Time
Position No. DOH-08-13426

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 per annum (salary \$51,128 pa - \$67,448 pa) includes emptoyer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Job Description: The successful applicant will be expected to demonstrate experience in working when people with high and/or multiple support needs, be motivated and have the ability to develop networks between Housing NSW and Aborginal

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Appropriate terliary qualifications or extensive relevant
- Appropriate terriary qualifications or extensive relevant industry experience. Excellent communication, negotiation and problem-solving skills in a human service environment. Demonstrated experience in the assessment and case-management of client's support needs, and an ability to develop networks with human service organisations to provide needed support. Demonstrated ability to contribute positively to team performance, support team members and provide training and development to team members in complex client work. Ability to assist the Team Leader and Team to develop networks with the community and other human service providers.

- Demonstrated understanding of and commitment to assum clients with special needs. Aboriginal and Torres Stra-islanders, people from non-English speaking background and people with disabilities.

and people with disabilities.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period of up to twelve (12) months with possibility of extension on a past time basis. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualificator and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Disamination Act, 1977. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection critera. Inquiries: Allan Mason (02) 6041 9580

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6392 8250

Apply on-line: As per link given in the information Package or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2000

Closing Date: Friday 27 June 2008

NEW SOUTH WALES AND TRAINING



The department is a non-smoking workplace The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

Senior Support Officer

Clerk Grade 5/6, Aboriginal Education, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 147315. Total remuneration package valued to: \$74,429 p.a. (\$61,128-\$67,448) Including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing administrative, clerical and project management support to the General Manager and

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated comprehensive knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultures. histories and contemporary issues, particularly as they pertain to education and training. Demonstrated high level ability to prepare reports, minutes, correspondence and PowerPoint presentations. Demonstrated organisational and project management skills including the ability to prioritise tasks, meet deadlines and exercise initiative in a high volume environment. Demonstrated knowledge and experience of financial processes and accountabilities including advanced spreadsheet and computerised accounting skills. Demonstrated capacity to develop and maintain administrative system and experience in records management systems. Effective written and oral communication, analytical, liaison and

Notes: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended

Inquiries: Raylene Saunders (02) 9244 5474

Email: raylene.saunders@det.nsw.edu.au.

Information Packages: Ian Smith (02) 9244 5301. Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Raylene Saunders, Aboriginal Education & Training Directorate, Level 14, 1 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst 2010.

Closing Date: Friday 04 July 2008 PSN/C 991668

BADANAMI CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

LECTURER, INDIGENOUS ACCESS AND LEARNING SUPPORT

Ref No. 80156

moneration Package: Academic Level 8: \$85,336 to \$100,698 p.a. mprising Salary, 17% Superannuation and Leave Loading)

This position is an Indigenous Identified position. The University of Western Sydney considers that being, an Indigenous Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Arti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). The University of Western Sydney (UWS) is committed to the advancement of Indigenous Education as a key to the achievement of national reconciliation. While responsibility for the defivery of Indigenous education is shared across UWS, Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education plays a pivotal note and as such has a number of functions including policy development, cultural advices, teaching, research, consultancy as well as Indigenous student access. In addition, Badanami is responsible for the coordination and delivery of a range of support services to indigenous students across all campuses.

The Lecturer, indigenous Access and Learning Support is located within the Badanami Centre for indigenous Education and reports to the Coordinator, indigenous Access and Learning Support. Their primary responsibility is to participate in the development and delivery of indigenous access and learning support programs for indigenous students across UWS.

As a member of Badanami's academic feam, this position is also expected to contribute to the development and feaching of indigenous studies as well as research.

Position Enquiries: Associate Professor Bence Anning, (02) 4736 0698

Closing Date: 7 July 2008.

Please visit the UWS Website: http://www.uws.edu.au/vacancies/ for full details on this position and how to apply.

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department of disability, housing & community services

HOUSING ACT **GATEWAY SERVICES**

CLIENT SERVICE/SUPPORT OFFICER

Administrative Services Officer Class 4

(PN: 07763)

\$51,554-\$55,974

Housing ACT is offering an exciting opportunity for a self motivated and enthusiastic person to join its Gateway Services team as a Client Service/Support Officer at the ASA4 level. Gateway Services is responsible for managing the public housing waiting list, assessing eligibility of applicants for public housing and allocating public housing and allocating public housing and allocating public housing are those most in need. The successful applicant should have excellent oral and written communication skills and the ability to deliver a range of front-line services. to a diverse client group.

Note: Applicants should note that a Joint Selection Committee (JSC) established in accordance with Collective Agreement provisions will assess all applications for this position.

Contact Officer: Rochelle Bessey (02) 6207 1315

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 159, Canberra City ACT 2601

Applications close: 7 July 2008

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COMMUNITY AND STUDENT LIAISON/ RECRUITMENT OFFICER

Position Number: W632934

Located in the Indigenous Support Unit the successful applicant will develop and maintain a University wide network and deliver a coordinating role for the campus Unit to assist with the smooth running and integration of the Unit, staff and support and services to students. Duties will include assisting with managing campus Unit budget, staffing, programs, publications and websites.

Conditions: Indigenous designated position.

Salary Range: \$47,178 - \$53,218 per annum

www.csu.edu.au/jobs

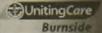
SUPERANNUATION: Compulsory superannuation arrangements, including a generous employer most positions at Charles Sturt University.

APPLICATION DETAILS: Applicants are required to obtain the University's Application for Employment form, a Statement of Duties, and full Selection Criteria from the staff information website at www.csu.edu.au/jobs.cr the Duties on of Human Resources, Wagga Wagga latephone (02) 8033 2213, facsimale (02) 8033 2886 or email rectineageatic csu.edu.au/

Applications close at 9.00am 30 June 2008.

Equal opportunity in ecoplayment is University policy.





Early Childhood Facilitator Brighter Futures - Dubbo

This position requires relevant life or work experience with children and families, effective communication skills and ability to form strong relationships with children, families and child care services. You will need experience derivering developmentally appropriate play based programs for children 0-5 years and a drivers licence.

Brighter Futures, an early intervention program, assists vulnerable families and supports them in caring for their children. Your role will be to conduct developmental assessments of children and develop programs to meet their needs, sociated and support child care placements, provide consultation to staff in child care setting and resource parents on all aspects of child care and management.

For turther information please contact Jessykah Flower on 9768 8848 or email iflower@burnside.org.au

People from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Applications close on 23 June 2008

This position is of child-related employment and will require a "Working with Children" check under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is likegal for Prohibited Persons to

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Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation 21 Hovell Street PO Box 1535 Wodonga Vic 3689

Readvertised Positions

Mungabareeria Aboriginal Corporation is seeking to fill full-time and part-time positions as follows:

Family Decision Making Convener

Part-time (20 hours pw) responsible for co-convening family decision making meetings for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander clients of the regional child protection and care program.

Supported Access Worker

Full-time responsible for developing methods of engagement between Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation and mainstream HACC organisations at the service management

Koori Maternity Support Worker

Part-time to work specifically with the local Aboriginal Community in Albury/Wodonga and surrounding areas to improve utilisation of and access to Maternity and Maternal & Child Health Services. Note: Only applications from Aboriginal women will be accepted for this position. (Exemption No A67/2006 has been granted by VCAT)
Award wages apply. 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 please phone (02) 6024 7599 or call into 21 Hovell Street, Wodonga.

Closing date for all positions is 5 pm Friday 27th June 2008.

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Phone: (02) 6024 7599 Fax: (02) 6056 0376 E-mail: ceo@mungabareena.com



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Closing Date: 4 July 2008

POPULATION HEALTH

Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer (HEO)

Ref: 54614/1. Salary: \$745.10-\$1218.30 pw. Temp F/T up to June 2010 at Population Health, Liverpool.

Enq: Janelle Borg, 9828 5911.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination

Apply online at: www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au jobs@sowahs.nsw.gov.au or send application to: Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 7050, Liverpool NSW 1871.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

DIRECTOR ABORIGINAL POLICY

Executive Officer 1 (\$94,922) / Executive Contract Officer 1 (Up to a 4 year contract with a total remuneration package of \$157,162 may be negotiated)

Aboriginal Policy - Darwin

The Director Aboriginal Policy is a senior position leading the development and implementation of strategic Aboriginal health and family wellbeing policy. The Aboriginal Policy Branch is a progressive, supported and valued function within this large complex human services

The person will be an experienced and energetic manager and will have the opportunity to contribute to an exciting policy and service environment that is engaged with Aboriginal communities, evidence and innovation, and solid, effective and fair goals for **Aboriginal Territorians**

An Executive contract of up to 4 years may be offered. Permanent vacancy will depend on qualifications

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: 280216 Closing Date: 27 June 2008

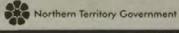
For further information contact Professor Shane Houston on (08) 8999 2993.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

All applications should address the selection criteria. A full job description can be obtained by visiting www.nt.gov.au/jobs Further information about these positions can be obtained by FREECALL 1300 659 247

or email recruitment@nt.gov.au Information on the Territory and it's great lifestyle is available at www.theterritory.com.au

Note: The preferred or recommended applicant may be required to undergo a criminal history check. A criminal history will not exclude an applicant from this position unless it is a relevant criminal history.



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Equal Opportunity Commission vernment of Western Australia

Substantive Equality Unit

Assistant Project Officer

Position Number: 008400

Level/Salary: 4 PSGA \$54,510 - \$57,609 pa

Other Conditions: This position is available until the 30 June 2010.

Substantive Equality Statement: The Equal Opportunity Commission will, through the Policy Framework for Substantive Equality, remove parriers that stop Western Australia's different communities from achieving equality. Applicants should possess knowledge of current trends as they relate to equal opportunity, substantive equality and its principles

Work Type: Fixed Term - Full-Time

Location: Level 2, 141 St Georges Terrace, Perth

Job Description: An opportunity exists for a resourceful person to join the Substantive Equality Unit of the Equal Opportunity ission as an Assistant Project Officer until 30 June 2010

The position will be responsible for assisting the Substantive Equality Unit's Project Officers to coordinate implementation of the Policy Framework for Substantive Equality across participating State Government departments, and undertaking research concerning systemic racism in public sector service delivery

For Further Job Related Information: For further job related information: rescall 1800 198 149. (Not to be contacted for job application packages)

Application Instructions: Application Kils can be obtained by contacting the Commission on (08) 9216 3300 or Freecall 1800 198 149 during normal office hours (8.30am – 5.00pm, Mon to Fri) or by visiting the Commission's website www.equalopportunity.wa.gov.au (Job Vacancies)

Send applications to: Records and Information Coordinator, Equal Opportunity Commission, PO Box 7370, Cloisters Square, WA, 6850; email to eoc/0eoc.wa.gey.au, fax to (08) 9216 3960; or hand deliver to 2nd Floor, 141 St Georges Torrisco, Porth 6000

Closing Date: Monday 7 July 2008, 5pm WST.

Reach your potential at ECU

Head, Kurongkurl Katitjin Centre

Indigenous Australian, enterprising and motivated to advance the participation and success of Indigenous people across all disciplines. As Head of Kurongkurl Katitjin, ECU's centre for Indigenous education and research, you will lead work with Kurongkurl Katitjin staff and all areas of ECU to improve outcomes for Indigenous students, promote Indigenous culture and history and enhance teaching and research

Reference No. 5075

For more information about this opportunity, go to www.ecu.edu.au/jobs where full details about the vacancy, contact details, closing dates and how to apply are available.

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Life Without Barriers is a national not-for-profit charitable organisation providing innovative community based programs and services to promote, support and enhance independent being for children, young people and adults with disabilities.

Manager - Central Australia

We are seeking a Manager for our Alice Springs office who has experience in managing Out of Home Care and Disability Services for both children and adults.

The ideal candidate will have will have sound organisational and interpersonal skills, the ability to lead a new and dynamic team of coordinators, and have experience in the development and delivery of innovative and

LWB prides itself on being innovative and exceeding clients' expectations.

You will have an understanding of the challenges of providing services to remote and culturally diverse community and have the capacity to lead and develop culturally appropriate services.

An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful candidate, including base salary + super and salary packaging options and relocation assistance. In addition, you will be provided with a company vehicle, including personal use, mobile phone and laptop.

To obtain a information package, or for further information regarding this role, please contact Daniel Findley NT Operations Manager on 0418 436 983 or e-mail: dfindley@twb.org.au or download a package from www.lwb.org.au

Applications Close: 5pm, Friday 27th June 2008.

Applications addressing all criteria under Knowledge, Skills and Experience as outlined in the Position Description must be marked 'Confidential' and addressed to: Daniel Findley NT Operations Manager, PO Box 1166, Danwin NT 0801 or via e-mail: dfindley@twb.org.au

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE SITABILITY CHECKS

Manager, Aboriginal **Education Centre**

Aboriginal Education Centre Mt Helen & SMB Campuses

Full-time, continuing appointment.

This is an exciting opportunity to join a leading regional University.

UB has a reputation for graduate satisfaction and a friendly environment for learning. Staff of UB may take advantage of career development and progression, health services and our child care and recreation facilities

In this role you will lead and manage our Aboriginal Education centre which has responsibility for the wellbeing of our Indigenous students studying in both TAFE and Higher Education programs

You will have a demonstrated ability to work with and gain acceptance of Indigenous Communities and it will be necessary to match this with extensive knowledge and understanding of the needs and aspirations of Indigenous students and their communities

Salary \$75,745 to \$78,810 p.a. plus 17% superannuation.

Applications Close: Sunday, 29 June 2008.

For further information and to apply online, please visit our website at http://careers.ballarat.edu.au or telephone (03) 5327 9870.



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Job Title: Accountant Reporting to: GM, Corporate Services Hours: 8.30am to 5.00pm Salary: Up to \$70k Start Date: ASAP Location: Corporate Office, Glebe Closing Date: 27 June 2008

Job Description: The successful candidate will be reporting to the Corporate Services, General Manager, Your core responsibilities will involve general tedger control and reconciliation, cash flow reporting, accounts preparation, variance analysis, account coding, asset project reporting, month end and budget and forecast preparation. Ensure that financial and accounting reports are developed and prepared for management.

- Assist in leading Month end processing
 Manage general ledger control and reconciliation
 Manage account coding within accounts procedures
 Generate cash flow monthly reports
 Generate monthly health reports

- Conduct a variance analysis on accounts monthly
 Assist in preparing budget and forecast preparation
 Assist in preparing financial statements for annual audit

Knowledge, Experience & Skills Required

- Excellent accounting skills
 Good oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work as part of a team
 Good time management skills

- Degree qualified
 CA or CPA qualified (undertaken to do)
 At least 3 years experience in Accounting
- Strong communication skills, both verbal and written Ability to travel
- Drivers licence

Contact Details

Please forward your CV and a covering letter to zane rice@aes.org.au by Friday 27 June 2008.



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Housing and Community Building **Public Housing Client Services** Salary: \$37,121 to \$42,396 + superannuation Full time ongoing

Multiple full-time positions are available across various Melbourne Metropolitan Housing Offices Housing Services Officer Grade 1 (Trainer) Salary \$37,121 progress to \$42,396 within 12 months of successful completion of training. Ongoing education and developmental opportunities are available.

The Job involves assisting people to obtain and maintain public housing through

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- Managing a portfolio of properties
- · Building and strengthening diverse communities

Are you. Client focused?

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- needs clients?
- . Seeking an opportunity to develop skills and knowledge in the social housing sector

An information evening will be held on Wednesday 18 June 2008 at the Department of Human Services, Conference Room, Level 1, 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, commencing at 6.30pm. Registrations are not required. All visitors must obtain a visitor access pass at the front security desk

All applications must include

- . Application for Employment DHS
- Completed Questionnaire
- . Your preferred regional work location listed in order of

For further information, or for persons with disabilities and requiring assistance or adjustments to fully participate in the application process and information evening, contact Franca Tiziani on (03) 9096 7584 or Elpi

Please quote reference no DHS/HOUS/1208 Closing date for applications is Friday 27 June 2008

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to



KOORI COURT **OFFICER**

Grade 3, MC1783 Fixed Term (12 months) 548,714-559,148

Koori Court division of the Magistrates Court (Warrnambool)

The Koori Court is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement and was initially established as a division of the Magistrates Courts in Victoria.

The Koori Court currently sits at Shepparton, Broadmeadows, Warrnambool, Mildura, La Trobe Valley and Bairnsdale Magistrates' Courts. The Children's Koori Court is based at the Children's Court in Melbourne and Mildura

This is an exciting opportunity for a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent to work within Victoria's Judicial system. The person will be based in

This is a designated Indigenous Position which has been granted exemption status by VCAT (Ex No. 183/2002 and extended by application NoA106/2005). The Koori Court provides a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and other security checks.

For further information contact Mr Mason Atkinson, Manager of Koori Courts, (03) 96039415.

To obtain a position description and apply online please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au Applications close on Friday 4 July 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, PARKS AND WILDLIFE GROUP

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental The successful applicant will be expected to show on to the principles of Equal Employment Op Occupational Health and Sefety, Cultural Diversity po programs and ethical practices.

FIFI D OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Field Officer Grade 1-4, Kyogle and Urberville, Permanent Ful-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-220. Total remuneration package valued to: \$60,669 p.a. (\$35,658-\$47,572) Satary package includes base salary (inclusive of annual laws loading), an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, and employer contributions to superannution. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale. Undertake maintenance and improvements to 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 as well as cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities. Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources and a willingness to obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aborginal 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, tences and recreational and accommodation facilities locluding a willingness to safely undertake hygiene maintenance didea Demonstrated ability and experience to carry out all didies safely and obtain relevant WorkCover Authority certification appropriately operate and maintain small plant and ecuprient and ability and willingness to obtain a First Aid certification and demonstrated experience, or ability to obtain, in operating a chalinsaw to crosscut or single true felling standard; ability to operate two-way radios. Elective communication and community relation skills are required, ability to work independently and as part of a testin, administrative skills. Ability and willingness to carry out fire fighting duties and support roles including a willingness to fin light aircraft. Current Drivers licence and ability to drive 4wo vehicles.

Notes: Two permanent positions available one at Kyog Notes: Two permanent positions available one at kyogo, one at Urbenville, please indicate on your application which location you prefer. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. The position of Field Officer, including fire flighting retailed activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, litting, carrying, pushing & pulning loads, bending, climbing, & 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 fenses assessment to a of a clearance to undertake the fire litness roles. The applicant must pass the task based finess assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fightinglecised control duties. Applicants must obtain 4wd certification with the probationary period (12 months). Inquiries: Wayne Piepenborn (02) 66321 1133 0429 657 667. Email address: wayne.piepenborn@environment.nsw.gov.au. Information Packages: Doona Doolan(02) 6632 0000 or jobs nsw.gov.au.

jobs.nsv.gov.au.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer.

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Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurshile NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 27 June 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

REGIONAL MANAGER HOME CARE

Clerk Grade 11/12 Southern Region Queanbeyan Permanent Full-Time Position No: DADHC-08-13309

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$116,886 per annum (salary \$91,589 - \$105,923 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Job Description: Manage the planning, staffing, budgeting and delivery of home Care in the Southern Region to provide equitable and quality services to clients and the community, consistent with resources and policy.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Experience in leadership and management of services within the human services area, in a public service environment or similar.
- Sound understanding of contemporary issues covering the provision of services to people with disabilities and older people and their carers.
 Ability to develop, collaborate and implement innovative and sustainable approaches to the planning and delivery of
- Ability to lead and inspire a team who often work in a conflict environment of competing priorities and needs with limited
- Well developed conceptual and analytical skills including an ability to interpret financial and output/outcome
- performance data.

 Effective communication, relationship and partnership skills including high level negotiation and presentation skills with stakeholders.

 Tertiary qualifications in a related discipline, or equivalent knowledge and experience, with demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional development.

 Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: James Christian (02) 6200 7326. Information Package: www.dadhc.com/employment or NSW Businesslink (02) 6200 5820

Businessink (92) 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 27 June 2008.

BROADLEX SERVICES

INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT COORDINATOR

12 MONTH FIXED TERM CONTRACT

Broadlex Services is Australia's most respected cleaning provider to some of Australia's most recognisable organisations providing cleaning and related services to commercial, industrial, government, retain, haalth, events and hoppitality and education just to name a few, generating around \$70

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An ideal opportunity exists for an individual who would like to enhance their career aspirations and gain valuable experience working within a well-

evaluating doubles.

We are saking applications from experienced Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples for a fixed term opportunity as an indigenous Employment Coordinator to implement and coordinate our participation in the Indigenous Employment Shututured Training and Employment Project, a government funded initiative through the Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations. This position reports to the Operations Manager, NSW Sovernment Schools and is located at our head office in Artarmor

sovernment schools and is located at our fread ordine in Artamon. Some of the key responsibilities of the role are to coordinate the ongoing strategic development and project managing the day-to-day implementation of Broadlex's Indigenous Program, including a range of imbigenous workforce issues, administering Commonwealth flunding and influencing cultural change through key initiatives. You will be required to develop ongoing cooperative partnerships and external connections with rederal. State and local government agencies, business, trade unions and community organisations on key diversity objectives, especially those temmunity organisations on key diver-leating to indigenous Program initiatives.

Experience in Indigneous Employment with a strong understanding of owners trends in government policies and programs for indigenous people

The most suitable applicant will also possess:

• Extensive experience working in an indigenous recruitment role and government assisted employment and education programs.

• Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of indigenous Australian solubles and others.

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- Demostrate abmy to communication indigenous people
 Sound understanding of EEO principles and employment legislation.
 Excellent written and spoken communication skills.
 Strong Project Management skills.
 Demonstrate leadership, negotiating and laterall thinking skills.

Tertiary level qualifications in a HR related discipline or equivalent HR experience is desirable but not essential. Applicants will also need to provide names and contact details of at least two referees. We often a competitive salary package and excellent conditions of

epilications by 27th June 2008 to Broadlex Service Pty Ltd, 16-18 Watthan Street, Artarmon NSW 2064 or faxed to (C2) 9906 5500 or small for

Note: Short listed applicants will be the subjects of a full probity check.

NSW@HEALTH GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

ALLIED HEALTH

Orange

Project Officer - Aboriginal Health Program

PFT. Salary: Health Manager, Level 1: \$53,358–\$71,776 pa, Recruitment No: 6W57551, Enquiries & Application Kit: Domna Roberts, (02) 6363 8045 or donna roberts@gwahs.health.rsw.gov.au Close: 02/07/08.

Being Aboriginal or Torres Straight Islander is considered a genuine occupational qualification as per Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Application Kits are also available on our website www.gwahs.nsw.gov.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Support & Education Worker

Nguru Program - The Canberra Rape Crisis Centre Up to 28 hours/week negotiable (SACS Grade 4 to 5) Designated Position

The Canberra Crisis Centre (CROC) is a non-government organisation working collaboratively within service provision systems in the AGT and surrounding areas to provide services and programs to people and communities affected by sexual violence.

The Nguru Program worker will provide support, outreach, information and advocacy, community education and training to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities as well as mainstream service providers.

Requirements: Tertary qualifications/or working towards qualifications in Welfare, Counselling or equivalent and previous experience in providing support services to Indigenous people, understanding of the causes and consequences of sexual violence and computer skills.

Generous and flexible salary packaging options apply to this position. Clinical and Cultural supervision will be provided.

TEAM LEADER KOORI COURTS

Grade 5, MC2193 Ongoing \$69,584-\$84,190 Koori Court division of the Magistrates Court

The Koori Court is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement and was initially established as a division of the Magistrates Courts in Victoria.

The Koori Courts currently sits at Shepparton Broadmeadows, Warrnambool, Mildura, La Trobe Valley and Bairnsdale Magistrates' Courts. There is one Children's Koori Court based at the Children's Court in

We are looking for a person with well developed interpersonal skills, including the ability to supervise and support a multi-disciplinary team, to perform a number of functions including professional advise, coaching and direction to staff on effective, professional practices and standards; develop and co-ordinate the implementation of quality assurance systems in line with organisational standards and best practice requirements: liaise with court staff and stakeholders on the Koori Court development and implantation issues, establishing effective consultation and negotiation processes and encouraging innovative solutions, deal with and resolve complex problems to ensure that the Koori Court Model maintained and enhanced; identify key issues and recommend strategies to ensure Koori Courts organisational standards are maintained and to provide reports and briefings with details analysis and recommendations on a regular basis to key stakeholders to report on the Koori Court progress highlighting any potential gaps/trends.

You will have a demonstrated knowledge of Victorian Aboriginal culture and society and an ability to communicate effectively with Victorian Aboriginal people. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to

apply.

The Koori Court provides a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and

other security checks. For further information contact Mr Mason Atkinson, Manager of Koori Courts, on (03) 9603 9415.

To obtain a position description and apply online please visit www.careers.vic.gov.a Applications close on 4 July 2008.

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Web address:www.dtmt.com.au



The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) is all about people. We are committed to providing a meaningful and rewarding career in a supportive environment. We value respect, collaboration, professionalism, results and innovation.

People working in FaHCSIA provide support that touches on the lives of every Australian family and community in some way. We are responsible for about a quarter of the government's budgetary outlays and we are the government's principal source of advice on social policy and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues

Team Leader (Ongoing)

Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations **Executive Level 1** Woden, ACT

Lead a team providing assistance in the manangement of ORIC's registration and reporting services and providing high quality and innovative statutory functions in the context of the special needs of Indigenous clients.

This position is only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians under clause 4.3(3)(b)(i) of the Public Service Commissioner's Directions 1999.

Project Officer (Ongoing)

Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations APS Level 6 Woden, ACT

Are you a Project Officer looking for a change, why not join our Team. Your experience in adult education and your training background will be highly valued by the Governance and compliance training section

This position is only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians under clause 4.3(3)(b)(j) of the Public Service Commissioner's Directions 1999.

Project Officer (Ongoing)

Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations APS Level 3 Woden, ACT

Do you have sound judgement, conceptual, analytical and problem solving skills? If so, these skills will be highly valued in a team that is responsible for regulating Corporations. Come and provide support to ORIC's clients and staff in relation to

This position is only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians under clause 4.3(3)(b)(i) of the Public Service Commissioner's Directions 1999.

How to apply

via TTY 1800 260 402.

For further information visit "Careers in FaHCSIA" at www.fahcsia.gov.au or contact Recruitment on (02) 6200 0514.

We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with a disability.

People with hearing or speech impairment may obtain selection documents





Principal Project Officer (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland (Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Forres Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Salary: \$78 020 - \$83 658 p.a. Location: Mt Isa

Location: Mt. Isa REF; QLD/COME/02/08 Key Duties: Lead the planning, development, implementation review and management of projects to support policy and program outcomes in the region and the development of solutions to regional issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander peoples.

Skills and Abrillies: A demonstrated ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including a sound knowledge and understanding of hoth cultures.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 30 June 2008.

Local Coordinators

Comporary role for up to 12 months; previous applicants need not re-apply as the aplications will be re-considered!

Family Responsibilities Commission

Salary: \$78 020 - \$81 658 p.a.

Location: Far North Queensland.

REF: 0LD/FRC907/08

Key Duties: Support efficient and effective operation of the Commission in the welface reform community area for which the coordinator is appointed lay per Section ill of the Act).

Skills and Abilities: Coordination and leadership, skills.

Skills and Abilities: Coordination and leadership skills and ability to contribute to the strategic direction of the Commission. Commitment to providing quality client service including effective local adaptation of Commission policies

relating to client service: Enquirles: Tammy Sovenyhazi (07) 4057 3871 or E-Mail Tammy Sovenyhazi@premiers.qld.gov.au Closing Date: Wednesday, 25 June 2008

Community Support Officer

(Specified)
Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland
(Temporary full-time position until 31 December 2009.
Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities Salary: \$60 770 - \$66 050 p.a. Location: Calms REF: QLD/COM6699/08

REF; QLD/COM6699/08

Key Daffies: Develop and maintain regional relationships with relevant non-government organisations and assist with the coordination of regional and local community development. Skills and Abilities: Demonstrated effective interpersonal communication, including negotiation and community consultation with cultural competence. Demonstrated skills in project management.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 30 June 2008

Business Development Consultant

(Indigenous Focus)
Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE
(Temporary to June 2011 with possible extension. Previously
advertised as TAFE42366/07, previous applicants need not reapply and will be considered)
Education, Training and the Arts
Salary-\$10.769 - \$66 050 p.a.
Location: All Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE CampusesREF: QLD/TAFE5620/08
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REFYLD/TAFE5620/08

Kep Duther: This position will initiate/implement business strategies and develop a range of training programs that reflect the training needs of the indigenous and Commun Sector to enhance business performance and growth for Indigenous clients and promote quality education, training consultance, services.

consultancy services.
Enquiries: (07) 3247 6243 or E-Mail:
WorkforceOpsApplications@deta.qld.gov.au
Closing Date: Monday, 30 June 2008

Business Support Officer (Information) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing

Housing
Salary: \$52 436 - \$57 662 p.a.
Location Brisham
EF: QLD/HO6/28/08
Key Duties: This position provides information and business system advice and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Funder Housing.

istander Housing.

Skills and Abilities: Provide effective assistance, advice, training and support to Service Area staff on a range of

business systems. Enquiries: Rachel Holloway (07) 3227 7268 or E-Mail jobvac bag@ssa.qld.gov.au Closing Date: Monday, 23. June 2008

Senior Housing Officer

Housing Salary; \$52 436 - \$57 662 p.a. Location: Mt Isa REF: QLD/HD6349/08

REF: QLD/H06.349/08
Key Dutles: Support the delivery of quality service to clients in housing need and supervise a small team.
Skills and Abilities: Ability to organise and deliver integrated services to a diverse range of clients. Strong communication, leam work and problem solving skills.
Enquiries: Diana Roper (07) 4747-2125 or E-Mail: jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gova.uu
Closing Dute: Monday, 23 June 2006

Ranger (Indigenous Identified) Queensland Parks and Wildlife

(Identified - The EPA has determined that it is an Equal Opportunity Measure that an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander person fills this position)

Environmental Protection Agency

Location: Cairns REF: QLD/EN6392/08

Key Duties: This position will consult with and encourage the development of meaningful participation by appropriate Traditional Owners and local Indigenous groups in the conservation, management and mainten-cultural heritage values.

Enquiries: (07) 4057 3310 or E-Mail: nt.ens@sharedservices.qld.gov.au Closing Date: Friday, 27 June 2008

Caseworker (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

People) (Identified)
Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Identified - Applicants must i Torres Strait Islander descent) ants must identify as being of Aboriginal or

Salary: \$44 300 - \$65 046 p.a.

REF: QLD/COM6703/08

Key Duties: As a Case Worker you will deliver culturally appropriate casework and counselling services to young people

Skills and Abilities: Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 Closing Date: Monday, 30 June 2008

Caseworker (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland (Three permanent full-time positions available. Specified -Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community) Communities

Salary; \$44 300 - \$65 046 p.a.

REF: QLD/COM6713/08

Key Duties: Delivery of best practice statutory casework services to young people. Prepare and present information and evidence to the Children's Court.

Skills and Abilities: Sound assessment and intervention skills to deliver integrated and culturally appropriate services. Preparation of pre-sentence reports, affidavits and other

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 30 June 2006

Youth Worker (specified)
Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland
[One Full-time permanent and one temporary full-time position
available for six months. Specified - Applicants will need to
provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres
Strait Islander Community]

Salary: \$38 067 - \$40 566 p.a.

REF: OLD/COM6709/08

Key Duties: Supervise, support young people in compliance

with court orders and reintegration into the community. Skills and Abilities: Liaise with stakeholders and services of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to implement youth justice interventions. Maintain records of program attendance, preparation of reports.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 Closing Date: Monday, 30 June 2006

Youth Worker (Adolescence and Youth Justice Services) (Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(One permanent full-time position and one temporary part-time position (60.8 hours per f(n.) Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Tornes Strait Islander descent)

Communities Salary:\$18.067 - \$40.566 p.a.

Key Daties: Supervise, support young people in compliance with court orders and reintegration into the community. Skills and Abilities: Liaise with stakeholders and services

of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to implement youth justice inferventions. Maintain records of program attendance, preparation of reports. Enquiries: (07) 3006-7675 Closing Date: Monday, 10 June 2008

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Youth Justice Case Worker

Your role will be to provide culturally appropriate and well-planned services to young people to assist them to comply with court orders and reintegrate into the community,

You will need the ability to engage and communicate effectively with disadvantaged and marginalised young people from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Positions are available in both the rural and remote, and Cairns teams. The base salary range per year for a case worker is \$44,299.61 - \$56,699.84.

A position description for the role is available at www.jobs.qld.gov.au

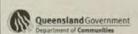
Applications close 5 pm, Monday 23 June 2008.

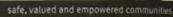
For more information contact Phillip Duncan on 4048 9801 or Email:

phillip.duncan@communities.qld.gov.au

"Giving young people support and guidance to make positive changes in their lives is really rewarding,

Bronwyn Larsen









Principal Project Officer (Indigenous Education)

VRN QSA 21/08 Salary Package \$92,574 - \$99,266 pa (includes employer superannuation contributions and leave loading)
The role of the Principal Project Officer (Indigenous Education) is to manage projects aimed at increasing the engagement of Indigenous people and communities in education, increasing participation and improved learning outcomes, and increasing the capacity of teachers to incorporate Indigenous perspectives in learning and ssment programs. You will do this by:

- Managing and contributing to the implementation of QSA's strategy for embedding Indigenous Perspectives.
- Managing and promoting the implementation of QSA's Australian Indigenous languages policy.
- Providing advice and contributing to the development and review of contextrelevant materials for Indigenous students.

To be successful in this role you will need to have:

- Extensive knowledge and understanding of issues relating to the cultures and societies of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Ability to communicate, consult and negotiate sensitively with Aboriginal people

and Torres Strait Islander people.
This is a permanent position. Applications close 7 July 2008 at 5.00 pm.

Senior Project Officer (Indigenous Education)

VRN QSA 20/08 Salary Package \$82,734 - \$88,517 pa (includes employer superannuation contributions and leave loading)

The role of the Senior Project Officer (Indigenous Education) is to support the work of the QSA by contributing to the development of products and services, particularly in regard to the engagement of Indigenous people and communities and the education of Indigenous students. You will do this by:

- Monitoring national and state initiatives and projects associated with Indigenous
- Contributing to specific syllabus development projects and a P to 12 approach to syllabus development.
- Contributing to projects which support the embedding of Indigenous

To be successful in this role you will need to have:

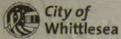
or a Torres Strait Islander person.

- Thorough knowledge and understanding of issues relating to the cultures and societies of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Ability to communicate, consult and negotiate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people.

 This is a temporary position for a period of 12 months. Applications close 7 July 2008

Both of these vacancies are Identified positions to be filled by an Aboriginal person

A copy of the position descriptions and information on how to apply are svallable from www.jobs.qld.gov.au or by phoning (07) 3864 0331. Information about the QSA is available from www.gsa.gld.edu.au



ATSI Liaison Officer

Part Time (3 Days Per Week) Fixed Term (2 Years) \$46 - \$53K p.a. (pro rata)

Key Responsibilities
Link Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) related activities across Council.
Support the City of Whittlesea Reconciliation Group.
Work with ATSI community members and local organisations to improve outcomes for ATSI people.
The Ideal candidate willi:
be experienced in working with ATSI communities.
have community development skills.
have the ability to assist Council to respond effectively to ATSI communities.

communities.

Benefits include comprehensive learning and development programs and our award winning corporate health program.

Enquiries to Sandra Nicolaides on 9217 2389.

This is an identified Aboriginal position. Exemption No A36/2007 granted under the operations of Sections 13, 100 and 195 pursuant to Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995.

Council is an equal opportunity employ www.whittiesea.vic.gov.au/skysthelim

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

CLERICAL OFFICER

(ABORIGINAL)

Clerical Officer, Grade 1/2, Group C, Kyogle, Permanent FullTime, Vacancy Number DECC08-221, Total remuneration
package valued to: \$68,445 p.a. (\$21,154-543,903) Salary
package includes base salary, annual leave loading and
employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Provide administrative support to the Area staff to optimise the
effective and efficient operations of the work area. Ensure
communication systems are in place to facilitate information
transfer. Deliver quality information service to the public.
Selection Criteria. This position is an identified Aboriginal
position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job as Selection Criteria: This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job as well as cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities. Well-developed written and verbal communication and customer service skills. An understanding of the operations of Department of Environment and Climate Change Experience in general office administration support and records management. Effective organisational skills and ability to manage competing priorities and a high volume workload. Demonstrated ability to work effectively with minimal supervision and proven ability to work as part of a team. Demonstrated experience in word processing and use of spreadsheet experience in word processing and use of spreadsheet applications. Current Drivers Licence.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Naiomi Brugman phone (02) 6827 0210 Email: naiomi.brugman@environment.nsw.gov.au. Information Packages: Donna Doolan phone (02) 6632 0000

Information or jobs rsw gov au or jobs rsw gov au Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1987; Hurstville NSW 2220. Facsimile (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment®environment.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 27 June 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational fealth and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE **CONSERVATION OFFICER**

Environment Officer Class 27, Broken Hill, Permanent FutiTime, Vacancy Number DECC08-223. Total remuneration
package valued to: \$81,363 p.a. (\$49,421-\$73,732) \$elary
package includes base salary, annual leave loading and
employer contributions to superamusation achemic
Contribute to the protection and understanding of Aboriginal
cultural heritage through the identification, assessment,
management, interpretation and monitoring of objects and
places of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance. Selection
Criteria: Female gender and Aboriginality are requirements of
the job, along with a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal
cultural heritage management issues combined with knowledge
of Aboriginal heritage. Thorough knowledge of, and association
with, Aboriginal communities within its geographic area of
responsibility. Demonstrated effective written and verbal
communication skills and a capacity for project management.
Demonstrated understanding of the processes associated with
developing, planning and implementing conservation works.
Demonstrated consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict
management skills for management of cross-cultural issues.
Demonstrated experience in the identification and recording of
Aboriginal objects and places of cultural significance including a
capacity for data entry, mapping and maintenance of information
systems. Current driver's licence and a willingness to traval,
including his aircraft.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Garry Curray (02) 6966 8111 0417 270 415 Email: Carry Curray (80) 6867 8111 0417 270 415 Email: Carry Curray (80) 605 or jobs.nsw.gov.au. Information Packages: (02) 9585 6605 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 27 June 2008.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permit

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qtd).

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM12362	Approx. 47 km North West from Eromanga Centred at Lar.26-26-30'S Long.142'S2'30'E Lord Government Area Quilpie Shire Councit	Area: 12 km* Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each Tlat.x Tlong.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2147 b, c, h, o	Edward Joseph HENNESSY

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 mans use a linear grid to cover the whole of Decensiand. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minute of longitude.

to indicate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. J456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to J456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map. Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map has a different name on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 121 000 000.

of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'E 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 1456) and the Sub-Block [from a to 2] ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

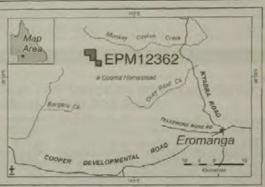
Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permit will be granted under the Mineral Resources Art 1989 [Old] by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre. Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: [07] 3896-3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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) 3240-1100 or Email: Courts, 119 North Quay, gldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Notification Day: 9 July 2008



Queensland Government Natural Resources and Water

Re-notification of Proposed Grant of Mining Leases

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance wit Mining Leases shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 [Old).

Mining Leases to which this notice applies

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagrams)	Descriptio	n of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN	
ML70381 Isaac Plains South 3	Approx. 20 Km South East from Moranbah Local Authority Area: Isaac Regional Council	Current Land Tenures:	Lot 6 on SP174999 - Freehold Imining and access) Lot 9 on GV33 - Res5215, Reserve for Camping, Water and Road Partly held as Special Lease 12/51188, Primary Industry (Grazing) - (mining only) Lot 5 on GV132 - Freehold (access only) Isaac River (access only) applied for in Mining Lease: 863.4 Ha	Vale Australia (IP) Pty Ltd 114 276 694 (50%) IP Coal Pty Ltd 114 245 993 (50%)	
ML70382 Isaac Plains South Access	Approx. 12 Km East South East from Moranbah Local Authority Area: Isaac Regional Council	Current Land Tenures:	Lot 3 on GV252 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 5 on GV132 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 6 on SP174999 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 8 on GV196 - Res21421, Quarry Reserve (mining only) Peak Downs Highway (mining only) Isaac River (mining only) applied for in Mining Lease: 250.6371 Ha	Vale Australia (IP) Pty Ltd 114 276 694 (50%) IP Coal Pty Ltd 114 245 993 (50%)	

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Leases be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Old) by the Governor-in-Council, c)- the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Leases, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4802, Telephone: (07) 3896-3216; DME, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Qld 4720, Telephone; (07) 4987-9350.

Astive Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three OJ 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 fitle determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Co

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.





NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, CV-Department of Industry and Resources Plain Street, East Parth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE	
45/2970	FMG Piloars Pty Lto	514.65km ²	48km NE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20'08' Long 119'01' Lat 21'25' Long 120'47' Lat 22'21' Long 116'30' Lat 22'16' Long 118'07'	Port Hecland Town	
45/3108-9	Taleman Mining Ltd	446.5km ²	87km NE'ly of Nullagine		East Pibara	
47/1351	FMG Piloars Pty Ltd	206.95km ²	82km S'ly of Pannawonica		Ashburton	
47/1361	FMG Piloars Pty Ltd	148.95km ²	22km W'ly of Wittengom		Ashburton	

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration icences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the

Notification day: 18 June 2008

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Netwe 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 sand and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closer on 18 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 fang an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Foderal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Aveniue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (05) 9288 7100. The supportation foreign may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (is, 18 October 2008). There is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Citrl in relation to the area of the exploration isoences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Inclustry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perih WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222-3828.

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that ADAVALE MINERALS PTY LTD (ACN 123 308 912) ("the Licensee") of Unit 8-9, 88 Forrest Street, Cottesloe Western Australia 6011, registered holder and mining operator, proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land located in South Australia:

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL4106)

CLAYTON AREA - Approximately 50 km NNE of Marree, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°09'S and longitude 138°23'E, thence east to longitude 138°27'E, south to latitude 29°20'S, west to longitude 138°16'E, north to latitude 29°14'S, east to longitude 138°19'E, north to latitude 29°13'S east to longitude 138°21'E, north to latitude 29°12'S, east to longitude 138°22'E, north to latitude 29°10'S, east to longitude 138°23'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66)

AREA: 282 square kilometres approximately.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL4107)

COORYANNA AREA - Approximately 75 km northeast of Marree, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°08'S and longitude 138°40'E, thence east to longitude 138°44'E, south to latitude 29°11'S, east to longitude 138°45'E, south to latitude 29°13'S, east to longitude 138°46'E, south to latitude 29°16'S, east to longitude 138°47'E, south to latitude 29°17'S, east to longitude 138°48'E, south to latitude 29°20'S, west to longitude 138°35'E, north to latitude 29°13'S, east to longitude 138°40'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

AREA: 317 square kilometres approximately.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL4108)

AKE EYRE AREA - Approximately 65 km NNW of Marree, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°00'S and longitude 137°55'E, thence east to longitude 138°01'E, south to latitude 29°01'S, east to longitude 138°03'E, south to latitude 29°02'S, east to longitude 138°11'E, south to latitude 29°06'S. west to longitude 138°10'E, south to latitude 29°07'S, west to longitude 138°09'E, south to latitude 29°08'S, west to longitude 138°07'E, south to latitude 29°09'S, west to longitude 138°05'E, south to latitude 29°10'S, west to longitude 138°04'E, south to latitude 29°11'S, west to longitude 137°56'E, north to latitude 29°10'S, west to longitude 137°54'E, north to latitude 29°09'S, west to longitude 137°49'E, north to latitude 29°04'S, east to longitude 137°55'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

AREA: 504 square kilometres approximately.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL4109)

ETADUNNA AREA - Approximately 100 km NNE of Marree, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 28°37'S and longitude 138°38'E, thence east to longitude

138°43'E, south to latitude 28°46'S, west to longitude 138°41'E, south to latitude 28°52'S, west to longitude 138°39'E, south to latitude 28°59'S, west to longitude 138°35'E, south to latitude 29°01'S, west to longitude 138°29'E south to latitude 29°03'S, west to longitude 138°22'E, north to latitude 28°56'S, east to longitude 138°24'E, north to latitude 28°47'S, east to longitude 138°27'E, north to latitude 28°46'S. east to longitude 138°28'E, north to latitude 28°43'S, east to longitude 138°36'E, north to latitude 28°40'S, east to longitude 138°38'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

AREA: 995 square kilometres approximately.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralisation, which (without limiting that general description) may include the following: reconnaissance activities such as mapping and gridding; aerial and other photography; airborne ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, gravity and electrical surveying geochemical sampling; water sampling hydrological studies; trenching; drilling including rotary mud and diamond core; downhole probing.

The proposed operations are authorised by the following exploration authority under the Mining Act 1971 (SA):

Exploration Licences 4106, 4107, 4108 and 4109, of which ADAVALE MINERALS PTY LTD is the registered holder.

ADAVALE MINERALS PTY LTD seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 (SA).

IF, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971 (SA), 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, ADAVALE MINERALS TY LTD 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. On such an application, that Court must make a 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. Such a determination may be made on conditions the Court considers appropriate. Any person who holds or may hold native title in land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent ADAVALE MINERALS PTY LTD as

ADAVALE MINERALS PTY LTD

c-/ ENVIRONMENTAL & LICENCING PROFESSIONALS PTY LTD Level 27, 288 Edward Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

GPO Box 559, Brisbane QLD 4001

Telephone: (07) 3239 9700 Facsimile: (07) 3220 2135 Contact: James Sunter



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No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy.

The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

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Clerk Grade 1/2, Alstonville, Casual
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Delivers Discovery activities of Walks, Talks and Tours which foster appreciation for conserving
natural and cultural heritage values, and represents the public face and the front-line delivery
of the organisation's education programs. Selection Criteria: Experience in the planning
delivery and evaluation of educational and interpretive activities. Understanding of the role of
the Department of Environment and Climate Change, and a broad knowledge of the natural
values and cultural history of the local area. Practical experience in leading groups, conducting
nature based or cultural education activities. Sound understanding of Minimal Impact and Bush
Safety principles. Superior oral communication skills and sound written communication skills.

Experience in Customer Relations and Service with a sound knowledge of, and capacity to
implement Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS). Current Drivers Licence; current Senior
First Aid Certificate or willingness to gain a Senior First Aid Certificate prior to commencement
of employment.

of employment.
Notes: This is a casual position for a period of up to 12 months, with the possibility of
extension. As this position is considered child related work under the provisions of the Child
Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 you are required to satisfactorily sign a
Prohibited Person Declaration and undergo a satisfactory pre-employment screening
Relevant forms are attached for your signature and return if you have not already done so.
Appointment and employment is dependent on meeting the requirements of relevant
legislation. This position may involve regular evening and weekend work. This is a shift-based
position, under the Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Reviewed
Award 2006. Award 2006.

Inquiries: Kate Adams, telephone: (02) 6627 0204 or 0424 287 642 Email

Information Packages: Helen Small (02) 6495 5011 or jobs.nsw.gov.au
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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 27 June 2008.



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

ABORIGINAL SENIOR COMMUNITY CARE ACCESS **OFFICER**

Clerk Grade 7/8
Access Point Demonstration Project
Strategic Policy & Planning
Parramata
Temporary Full-Time
Position No: DADHC-08-13340

Total remuneration package valued up to \$44,855 per annum (Salary; \$69,468 pa - \$76,896 ps) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:
To determine the needs of clients requiring community care services and to refer them to service providers. Assessments are conducted using a standardised assessment instrument and are socially conducted over the selephone with some face to face.

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Demonstrated high level communication and interpersonal skills.

Understanding of Government policies and programs to the quality delivery and management of community care services.

Proven capacity to contribute effectively to a team in a high-volume transaction environment, with a strong focus on achieving results.

Understanding how new technologies can be applied to support client assessment, data management and the capture and reporting of performance data.

Capacity to be self motivating and proactive, able to find solutions to complex problems and being able to adapt to a changing work environment.

Relevant terilary qualifications and/or equivalent knowledge, skills and experience. Current Drives Licence.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(6 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977. This is a temporary full-time position for a period of 12 months will possibility of extension under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selector.

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Inquiries: Garry Law telephone (02) 8270 2020 or email. garry.law@dadhc.nsw.gov.au information Package. www.dadhc.com/employment or 1800 185 486
Apply on-line: As per the link given in the Information Package.

Closing Date: Friday 27 June 2008

Indigenous Youth Officer

Opportunity for an innovative and energetic Youth Supportunity for an innovative and energetic Youth Supportunity for an indigenous Youth Program,
Townsville region.

Must be client focused, excellent communication skills, a motivated and self-directed. Ability to work with indigenorm all resume to: cea@ceagroup.com.au by COB 28/3/07

PRACTICE NURSE

Maribyrnong, Victoria

ion is available for a Div. 1 Registered Nurse to provide health nursing duties.

This role includes liaising with internal and external staff to coordinate patient care. Salary to be negotiated in accordance with experience and salary packaging is available.

Please confact the Western Suburbs Indigenous Gathering Place (located in Maribymong) for a PD on (03) 9318 7855.

Applications close: Tuesday 24th June 2008

Contact: Western Suburbs Indigenous Gathering Place for PD. Phone: (03) 9318 7855 Fax: (03) 9318 7866



Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

CASEWORK CONSULTANT

(CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE)
Clerk Grade 7/8
Planning & Access
Metro South Region, Burwood
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: DADHC-09-13371
renuneration package valued up to \$84,855 per annum
: \$69,468 pa - \$76,896 pa) includes amployer's
ution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

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Jub Description:
Supports staff who are working with children & young people with
a disability to ensure that their practices align with relevant
policies & procedures. This position will facilitate development &
amplementation of systemic changes to DADHC services.

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 SELECTION CRITERIA:

 **Understanding of current philosophies and trends in the provision of human services and contemporary attifudes towards children and young people and their tamiles.

 **Experience in working with children and young people with complex needs and their families to build capacity and support them to participate in the community.

 **Demonstrated ability to mentor and support staff.

 **High level interportsonal skills and demonstrated ability to build informal and professional local networks and develop strategic approaches to community development.

 **Demonstrated ability to interpret and apply legislation and policy within the context of the role.

 **Demonstrated commitment to teamwork and a wittingness to show initiative and flexibility and reliability in meeting deadlines.
- Well developed communication, negotiation and problem

wee developed communication, negotiation and problem solving skills.
 Formal qualifications in Social Sciences or Human Services and/or equivalent knowledge, skills and experience.
 Job Notes: Further information about this position is available online and you must address the full selection criteria and complete.

ulries: Janelle Chapman (02) 9334 3700 mation Package: www.dadhc.com/employment or 1800 185

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package Closing Date: Friday 27 June 2008





ABORIGINAL SERVICE CO-ORDINATOR

ABORIGINAL SERVICE CO-ORDINATOR
Grade 57 (HCS Admin)
Alleena Warrambucca Branch, Campbelltown
Permanent Full-Time. Position no: HCS-08-13353
Salary package is valued up to \$63,028 pa includes a salary range \$51,784 pa to \$57,117 pa leave loading and employers contribution to superannation.

Job Description: This position is responsible for providing consistent, high quality and cost effective services to Home Gare'a customers through the planning, allocation and supervision of Care Workers, matching service delivery resources to requirements.

Selection Criteria:

Aborignality.

Knowledge of the community care needs of frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers.

Commitment to improving quality of life for frail aged, people with disabilities and their carers.

Ellocitive written and oral communication skills.

A focus on customer service and administrative, record keeping skills and computer literacy.

Signilicant experience in a similar role in a community service: setting and/or tertiary qualifications in the Behavioural, Social and Health Sciences.

Sound organisational skills and ability to supervise staff; ability to roster staff work on a computerised roster system and ability to undertake training.

Understanding of and commitment to Aboriginal Access.

Driver's Licence, own vehicle and ability to travel.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and in authorised by \$14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

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ries: Judith Murray on (02) 9245 1822.

Information Packages: Robert Culmore on (02) 9245-1822. Applications to: Branch Manager, Home Care Service of NSW, Alsenia Aboriginal Branch, 12a Dadley Street, Alexandria NSW 2015. Closing Date: Friday 27 June 2008.

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that HOLLOMAN MINERALS LIMITED (ACN 120 314 016) ("the Licensee") of U8-9 88 Forrest Street, Cottesloe Western Australia 6011, registered holder and mining operator, proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land located in the state of South Australia:

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL3802)

HAWKER GATE AREA - Approximately 190 km SSE of Moomba, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°41'S and longitude 140° 37'E thence east to longitude 140°42'E, south to latitude 29°45'S east to longitude 140°51'E, south to latitude 29°49'S, west to longitude 140°37'E, and north to the point of commencement. all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

AREA: 226 square kilometres approximately.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL3803)
WHITECATCH HOUSE AREA - Approximately 160 km southeast of Moomba, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°12'S and longitude 140°58'E, thence east to the eastern border of the State of South Australia, thence southerly along the border of the said State to latitude 29°24'S, west to longitude 140°48'E, north to latitude 29°21'S, east to longitude 140°49'E, north to latitude 29°20'S, east to longitude 140°50'E, north to latitude 29°19'S, east to longitude 140°51'E, north to latitude 29°18'S, east to longitude 140°52'E, north to latitude 29°17'S, east to longitude 140°53'E, north to latitude 29°14'S, east to longitude 140°58'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6. 1966 (AGD66).

AREA: 292 square kilometres approximately.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL3804)

ARTRACOONA HILL AREA - Approximately 100 km south of Moomba, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°01'S and longitude140° 09'E thence east to longitude 140°14'E, south to latitude 29°17'S, west to longitude 140°10'E, north to latitude 29°11'S, west to longitude 140°08'E, north to latitude 29°10'S, west to longitude 140°07'E, north to latitude 29°08'S, west to longitude 140°06'E, north to latitude 29°05'S, east to longitude 140°07'E, north to latitude 29°03'S, east to longitude 140°09'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6. 1966 (AGD66).

AREA: 275 square kilometres approximately.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL3805)

BOLLARDS LAGOON AREA - Approximately 100 km southeast of Moomba, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 28°43'S and longitude 140°34'E, thence east to longitude 140°38'E, south to latitude 28°48'S, east to longitude 140°40'E, south to latitude 28°53'S, west to longitude 140°38'E, south to latitude 28°55'S, west to longitude 140 °36'E, south to latitude 26'58'S, west to longitude 140° 33'E, south to latitude 29°00'S, west to longitude 140°30'E, south to latitude 29°04'S, west to longitude 140°28'E, south to latitude 29°08'S, west to longitude 140°22'E, north to latitude 29°01'S, east to longitude 140°26'E, north to latitude 28°52'S, east to longitude 140°30'E, north to latitude 28°50'S, east to

longitude 140°34'E, and north to the point of commencement. all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6,1966 (AGD66)

AREA: 558 square kilometres approximately.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 3824)

TILCHA AREA - Approximately 150 km SSE of Moomba, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°10'S and longitude 140°38'E thence east to longitude 140°41'E, south to latitude 29°12'S, east to longitude 140°43'E, south to latitude 29°15'S, west to longitude 140°40'E, south to latitude 29°18'S, west to longitude 140°38'E, south to latitude 29°22'S, west to longitude 140°36'E, south to latitude 29°27'S, longitude 140°34'E, south to latitude 29°30'S, longitude 140°31'E, south to latitude 29°40'S, west to west to longitude 140"28'E, south to latitude 29°42'S, longitude 140°25'E, south to latitude 29°44'S, west to longitude 140°21'E, north to latitude 29°42'S, west to longitude 140°20'E, north to latitude 29°40'S, east to longitude 140°23'E, north to latitude 29°37'S, east to longitude 140°25'E, north to latitude 29°34'S, east to longitude

140°27'E, north to latitude 29°28'S, east to longitude north to latitude 29°27'S, east to longitude 140°29'E, 140°30'E, east to longitude north to latitude 29°25'S. east to longitude 140°32'E, north to latitude 29°22'S. north to latitude 29°20'S, east to longitude 140°33'E. 140°34'E. north to latitude 29°12'S, east to longitude 140°35'E, north to latitude 29°11'S, east to longitude 140°38'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

AREA: 588 square kilometres approximately.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 3825)

INNAMINCKA AREA - Approximately 35 km east of Moomba, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 27°58'S and longitude 140° thence east to longitude 140°53'E, south to latitude 28°09'S, west to longitude 140°45'E, south to latitude 28°13'S, west to longitude 140°39'E, south to latitude 28°29'S, west to longitude 140°33'E, north to latitude 28°09'S, east to longitude 140°36'E, north to latitude 28°05'S, east to longitude 140°39'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

AREA: 936 square kilometres approximately.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 3826)

CAMERONS CORNER AREA - Approximately 80 km southeast of Moomba, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 28°30'S and longitude 140°34′E, thence east to longitude 140°51′E, south to latitude 28°40′S, west to longitude 140°48′E, south to latitude 28°43′S, east to longitude 140°55′E, south to latitude 28°59′S, west to longitude 140°50'E, north to latitude 28°47'S, west to longitude °45'E, north to latitude 28°43'S, west to longitude 140°34'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66)

AREA: 917 square kilometres approximately.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralisation, which (without limiting that general description) may include the following: reconnaissance activities such as mapping and gridding; aerial and other photography; airborne and ground magnetic electromagnetic, radiometric, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical sampling; water sampling; hydrological studies; trenching; drilling including rotary mud and diamond core; downhole probing.

The proposed operations are authorised by the following exploration authority under the Mining Act 1971 (SA):

Exploration Licences 3802, 3803, 3804, 3805, 3824, 3825 and 3826 of which HOLLOMAN MINERALS LIMITED is the registered holder.

HOLLOMAN MINERALS LIMITED seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 (SA).

IF, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971 (SA), there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of claimants to, native title in the land, HOLLOMAN MINERALS LIMITED 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. On such an application, that Court must make a 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. Such a determination may be made on conditions the Court considers appropriate. 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 HOLLOMAN MINERALS LIMITED as follows

HOLLOMAN MINERALS LIMITED

c-/ ENVIRONMENTAL & LICENCING PROFESSIONALS PTY LTD Level 27, 288 Edward Street, Brisbane QLD 4000 GPO Box 559, Brisbane QLD 4001

Telephone: (07) 3239 9700 Facsimile: (07) 3220 2135 Contact: James Sunter

TO ADVERTISE IN THE KOORI MAIL CONTACT CHRIS OR STUART IN THE ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT ON 02 66 222 666

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

A Notice of Proposed Grant of Mineral Lease in relation to the mineral lease the subject of this Notice was published in this publication on 7 May 2003. That Notice is hereby withdrawn and this Notice is published in its stead.

Mr Chris Natt MLA, Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act namely to grant the following mineral lease in accordance with the application made therefor.

The application to which this notice applies:

Mineral Lease Northern 1155 sought by RUSTLERS ROOST MINING PTY LIMITED, ACN 053 308 188 over an area of 614 Hectares depicted below, for a term of 25 years, within the MARY RIVER locality. OLD MOUNT BUNDEY GOYDER NT POR 4937 MOUNT BUNDY MLN 1155 NMIG Map Sheet No: 5272 Not To Scale

Nature of act(s): The grant of the mineral lease under s60(1)(b) of the Mining Act 1980 (NT) will authorise the holder to use the lease area for the limited purpose of construction of a tailings dam and purposes ancillary to the operation of Rustlers Roost Gold Mine the subject of ML 1083 (the intended purpose) including to mine and use extractive minerals for or in connection with the intended purpose. The term sought for is for a term the Minister thinks fit commencing from the date of grant but not exceeding the term for which ML 1083 was granted 25 years. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000, Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Notification Day: 18 June 2008

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qtd). Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM15738	Approx. 74 km South from Isisford Centred at approximate Lat.24°55'30°5 Long.144°29'30°E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Longreach Regional Council	Area: 3.1 km ⁻ Block Identification Maps: Charters Towers Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 798.	Stephen Phillip COMBE
EPM15860	Approx. 99 km North West from Windorah Centred at approximate Lat. 24°37°S Long. 142°15°30°E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Barcoo Shire Council	Area: 12.5 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1 lacx 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 555 p 556 f, I, m	Jaroslav DOKTOR

* 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

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Block, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'l' 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 (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to 2) 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 (Old) 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 (Old).

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Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Old) by the Ouccustand 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 1997 (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: qidreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226-8200 or 1800-640-501.

Notification Day: 9 July 2008



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Youth and Family Service (Logan City) Inc (YFS) is a community based, not-for-profit organisation, providing responsive and innovative social welfare services to people in Logan City and surrounding areas.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Youth Workers

Multiple Positions (full and part time)
Salary range: \$43,350 - \$45,423

YFS, in partnership with the Logan Community Elders, provides support, case management and activities with young Aborgous and Torres Strait Islander people aged 12-24 years who may need support with their social and emotional wellbeing and may be using substances. Formal qualifications are an advantage bu experience working with youth and commitment to the community will be considered. Both men and women from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community are encouraged to apply.

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Attractive salary packaging including vehicle packages provide additional net remuneration. YFS is a diverse organisation that values family friendly practices. Other opportunities include: professional development and working within a diverse organisation that values learning and continuous improvement.

Applicants are required to submit a covering letter expressing their interest and current resume.

Position Descriptions and application information av • www.yfs.org.au. • yfsjobs @yfs.org.au • (07) 3826 1500

Closing date: Monday, 23rd June 2008



AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION (AICA)

An Exciting new position exists in Canberra with the Peak Body for Indigenous Communications

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES OFFICER

OFFICER

AICA functions as the peak body to 23 Indigenous Radio Stations, in excess of 120 Remote Indigenous Broadcaster, 50 Community Broadcasting Groups, National Indigenous Television Service (NITV), National Indigenous Radio Service (NIRS), Indigenous Community Television (ICTV), 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 Chel Executive Officer for providing appropriate advice to and support for prospective and current members of the Association on a wider 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 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 GEO AICA, PO Box 4235, AINSLIE ACT 2602 Fax: 02 304456

Applications close COB 27 June 2008

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION

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ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Environment Officer Class 7, Hay, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-229. Total remoneration package valued to: 570,174 p. 3, (566,732-570,842) Salary package includes basis salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Responsible for assisting and facilitating Aboriginal community involvement in the NSW Rivers Environmental Restoration Program (RERP) Subprogram IV - Recording of Aboriginal use and values in the Lowbidgee and Lower Lachian wettand areas. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality, and demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal community Groups or organisation within the project area. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the importance of Aboriginal values to Aboriginal people in Nahital Resource / Cultural Heritage Management. Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills and a capacity for project management and supervision. Demonstrated effective liasson, consultation, facilitation, negotiation and confidence and willingness to flight in light aircraft and helicopten. Notes: This is a temporary position for the pence to 3 June 2010. This is an identified position under Section 3 Act the NSW Antil Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

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Office 2003 compatible. Including September 2003 compatible. Including September 2003 compatible. Including September 2003 confidence of the September 2003 confidence of the September 2003 confidential. To: Recruitment Office. Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail for recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 27 June 2006.

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leaders who actualize their own potential and use their gifts and energies to serve others. 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 to@risinggenerations. org.au or visit www.risinggenerations.org.au

7 July: NAIDOC Baby Show 08. Come along and show to the community your beautiful baby or little one up to five years and join in the celebrations with your little ones. Cost \$10 includes key ring and child health checks. Ages 0-18 months, 18 months 3 years, 3-5 years. Prizes for first and second place. Held at Bungeeba, Mary St, Dalby from 9am-12pm. All welcome. For details call Kelly on (07) 4662 6196.

7 July: NAIDOC Day. A day where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people celebrate and share the positive aspects of their culture with each other and in that spirit of sharing invite non Aboriginal people to join with them. Bringing together the community, to celebrate Aboriginal Culture for NAIDOC day. Lots of activities for the kids. All welcome. For details call Jill Taylor on (08) 9690 2888 or email jill.taylor@health.wa. gov.au

7 July: NAIDOC Art Competition 08. Our focus is on creating a unique, challenging and inspirational NAIDOC week that celebrates and

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

An Application for a Water Supply Works approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been

received: LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE COROWA SHIRE COUNCIL for a BORE adjacent to Lot 2 DP511764 Parish COROWA. County HUME. (Ref.50WA506625)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 6024 8859. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 829, Albury NSW 2640, within 28 days of the date of publication.

Clare Purtle, Licensing Officer

Clare Purtle, Licensing Officer Applications to amend an existing Water Supply Works & Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:
LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE
WILLIAM JOHN WILSON for an additional work (storage dam) on Lot 1 DP171098, Parish Troubalgie, County Ashburnham and for the irrigation of additional lands to include Lots 5 DP16600, Lot 4 DP107987, Lot 7 DP113069, Lot 8 DP113069, Lot 1 DP1919433, Lot 1 DP132229, Lot 1 DP171098, Lot 1 DP1940305 Parish Troubalgie, County Ashburnham (400 hectares - lucerne and cereal), (Ref. 70CA602130)
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.

LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE
Raymond Lewis & Karen Mary ZANATTA for 1 x additional bore
on Lot 49 or 69 DP752299, Parish Kerranakoon, County
Townsend for Irrigation purposes. (Ref. 50CA504415).
Applications for Water Supply Works Approval under Section
92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received

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LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

Majorie Eleanor MAXWELL for 1 x Bore on Lot 55//861459,

Parish Ulupna, County Denison for irrigation purposes.

(Application No. 1849)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898 3900. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer

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LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER-SOURCE GLEN IAN EVANS and CORRINE LEE EVANS for 1 x BORE all adjacent to Lot 43 DP750874 Parish BOONA, County BOYD for impation atladjacent to Lot 43 DP750874 Parish BOONA, County BOYD, (Application no. 1848)
JOHN NORMAN POUND and GAIL MAREE POUND for 1 x BORE atladjacent to Lot 167 DP756441 Parish PULLEGA, County URANA for imgation atladjacent to Lot 167 DP756441 Parish PULLEGA, County URANA. (Ref.40WA405215)
Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 693 0700. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

S.F. Webb, Licensing Manager

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LOWER DARLING REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL for a WEIR x 1 for Town Water Supply purposes in replacement of an existing structure at part Lot 6 DP820421, Parish Pooncaira, Country Perry, (southern bank) and part Lot 4735 DP767963, Parish Mullojama, County Windeyer, (northern bank) and part Crown land (bed of river). (Application No. 1843) Any inquiries resparding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5051 6211. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 363, Burenga NSW 2739, within 26 days of the date of this publication. GA2:538498

Peter Winton, Licensing Officer

develops the excellence, value and diversity of local/regional Aboriginal artists within our community and the heritage of the Daiby Aboriginal people. Cost \$4. Ages prep-grade 2, grade 3-7, grade 8-12 and adults 18 and over. Prize is an art pack. Held at Bungeeba, Mary St, Dalby from 2-4pm. All welcome. For details call Kelly on (07) 4662 6196.

8 July: NAIDOC Family Fun Day 08. Our focus for the day is culture games and activities. This will educate the other community members of a different culture. This is a great way of getting everyone in your community whilst undertaking sporting activities to participate and get involved without the pressure of competition. It will also show the

sportsmanship of the community and their families. Cost is a gold coin donation. All welcome. Held at Bungeeba, Mary Street, Dalby from 9am-3pm, For details call Kelly on (07) 4662 6196.

9 July: NAIDOC Fancy Dress Disco 08. This event will provide safe, healthy,

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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 (Old).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	nit Permit (Refer to Diagram)				
EPM15255	Approx. 30 km North West from Middleton Centred at Lat-22*05*30*5 Long.141*46*E Local Authority (Shire) within the area. Winton Shire Council	Area: 76 km ⁴ Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 24 (each 1 lat x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1772 w. x. y. z 1845 h. c. d. e. g. h. j. k 1846 a. b. c. d. c, f. g. h. j. k	Frederick SALKANOVIC		
EPM15830	Approx. 29 km North West from Middleton Centred at Lat 22°07'30"S Long 141°40'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Winton Shire Council	Area: 130 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clonturry Number of Sub-blocks: 41 (cach 1 lat.x 17long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1772 t. u, y, z 1773 v 1844 b. c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, u, p, t, u, z 1845 a. f. l. m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 1917 a. b. c, d, e, g, h, j	Raymond Alfred HERMANN		
EPM15839	Approx. 40 km North from Middleton Centred at Lat 22"S Long 141'29'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Winton Shire Council and McKinlay Shire Council	Area: 218 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1697 c. k. p. u. z 1698 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 1699 a, b. c. d, e, f, g, h. j. k. m. n, o, q, r. s. t. v. w. x. y 1770 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 1771 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	Colin Edward DUFF		
EPM15863	Approx. 27 km South from Kymuna Centred at Lat.21'49'30'S Long, 141'55'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Winton Shire Council and McKinlay Shire Council	Area: 12.7 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloneurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each Tlat.x Tlong.1 Block Number Sub-blocks 1559 u, z 1631 e 1612 a	Tony CHRISTIANOS		
EPM15864	Approx. 37 km South from Kynuna Centred at Lat.21'52'S Long.141'52'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Winton Shire Council	Area: 12.7 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1631 g. h. m. n	Tony		
EPM15893	Approx. 45 km North North East from Middleton Centred at Lat.21°57'30'S Long.141'37'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Winton Shire Council	Area: 257 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 81 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1627 e. k. p. u. z 1628 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 1699 e. k. p. u. z 1700 a. b. c. d. e. f. g. b. j. k. l. m. n. o. p. q. r. s. t. u. v. w. x. y. z 1772 a. b. c. d. e. f. g. b. j. k. l. m. n. o. p. q. r. s. t. u. v. w. x. y. z	Colin Edward DUFF		

* 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 Querostiand. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

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Each Bock is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 25 omitting 't. 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 liberation of the Block Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Block liberation Map with the number of the Block Block is 1 to 3456 and the Sub-Block (from a to 2) 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 (Old) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek a renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources.

Act 1989 (Old).

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Art 1989 (Old) 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] 3895-7216.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Ch) any person who is a 'native title party' is notified to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Ch) persons have until three (1) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native

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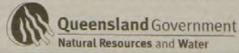
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Empiries in relation to filing a native 6th determination application may be directed to the Federal Court. Brisbane Registry, Level 6. Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248-1100 or E-mail: qldreg@fedecourt.gov.au

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, Ourensland 4000, Telephone: [07] 3226-8200 or 1800-640-501.

Notification Day: 9 July 2008



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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Pierth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/1771	Parmavonica von Associates Registered Business Name) Cape Lambert fron Associates Registered Business Names	287450	127 92ha	62km Ety of Onslow	Lat 21"40" Long 115"42"	Ashburton
37/760 37/847 37/848 80/3205	Mittus iron Ore Development Phy Ltd. North Mining Ltd. Robe River Mining Co. Phy Ltd. Newmont Yandal Operations Phy Ltd. Newmont Yandal Operations Phy Ltd. Newmont Yandal Operations Phy Ltd. Timespun Holdings Phy Ltd.	273000	9.71ha 42ha 62.18ha 135.68ha	92km NE'ly of Leinster 67km NE'ly of Leinster 78km NE'ly of Leinster 126km SW'ly of Kinsurung	Lat 27°26' Long 121°27' Lat 27°28' Long 121°08' Lat 27°18' Long 121°08' Lat 16'49' Long 128°20'	Leonora

Nature of the act: Grant of smalgsmation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 18 June 2008

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Netive Title Act, persons have unit 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native life parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 18 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 Pt of the Native 7/tle 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, Parth, WA 8000, telephone (08) 9298 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day it.e. 18 October 2008, a native title party lodges an objection with the Netional Native Title Tribunel against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an oblicition should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terripai, Pierth, or GPO Box 9973, Pierth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700

For further information about the act including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland





QI2008/010 Gurang Land Council and Central Queensland Pipeline Pty Ltd ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 11km² and is located approximately mid way between Rockhampton and Gladstone in the vicinity of Raglan as shown on the locality map

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of Gladstone Regional Council and Rockhampton Regional Council.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are

Central Queensland Pipeline Pty Ltd GPO Box 5262 BRISBANE OLD 4001

Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation) 3 Maryborough Street BUNDABERG QLD 4670

The agreement contains the following statements:

(Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal)

Clause 3 Statement for the purposes of the Native Title Act

For the purposes of section 24EB(I)(c) of the Native Title Act, the parties state that Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the Native Title Act fielich intended to apply to the grant of the Project Rights.

Clause 12.1 Project and associated

The Parties consent to the grant of:

a) the Project Rights;
b) any other act necessary or
expedient to give effect to the

Project and any act necessary to enable the Project to proceed in accordance with all Applicable Laws, Applicable Authorisations and any works necessary or desirable to develop, construct, operate or maintain the structures and works comprising the Project;

in the ILUA Area and agree not to challenge their validity at any time in the future.

Clause 12.2 Compensation payment

The consents in this clause 12 are given on the basis that CQP agrees to the terms of clause 13 of this ILUA fluidich exit out provisions for the making of a compensation payment).

The term 'Project Rights' is defined in Clause 1:

Project Rights means all approvals, consents, licences, titles, renewals and other entitlements that may be required for the Project in the ILUA Area, including but not limited to:

a) pipeline licences and associated easements (if necessary), and the registration of such easements under the Land Title Act 1994 (Qfd)

under the Land Title Act 1994 (Qld) to deliver the gas to market, and b) any permit, licence to occupy, lease or other similar right or consent or renewal for the purposes of the Project and any act done by CQP for the purposes of the Project including, without limitation, any works necessary or desirable to construct, operate, maintain or develop the structures and works which are part of the Project.

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 Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation), the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to haid 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 2038E(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Fille Act 1993 (Cwith).

in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE, QLD 4001 by 2 October 2008.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisatio 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 Felicity Thiessen on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

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supervised entertainment for young people in a Drug and Alcohol free environment. Encourage better relations and improve communication between young people, and adult members of the community. Cost \$4 per person. Grade 1-7. Prizes will be awarded to the kids through the night. Held at PCYC, Cooper Street, Dalby from 6.30-9pm. For details call Kelly on (07) 4662 6196.

9 July: Memorial Service. Department of Defense will hold a Memorial Service to honour Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Service Personnels, A light lunch will be served. Held at the ATSI Memorial, which is located in bushland 350 metres behind the Australian War Memorial towards Mount Ainslie in Canberra, ACT from 12pm onwards. For details: Jenny Maidment on (02) 6127 2978 or email jennifer.maidment@defence.gov.au

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10 July: NAIDOC Presentation Ball 08. This ball will focus on youth, giving them an opportunity to build their self esteem, make them proud of their culture and Aboriginality. Enable young people to experience a formal event, help youth recognise the importance of NAIDOC, involve youth in NAIDOC celebrations recognise that youth are our future leaders and showcase positive imaging of our youth. Held at RSL Club, Drayton Street, Dalby from 6-11pm. Cost \$22 per person includes dinner and entertainment. Ages from grade 8-12. Dress code formal and partners presented with a gift. For details call Kelly on (07) 4662 6196.

11 July: NAIDOC Dinner and Dance 08. This dinner and dance will focus on young Indigenous adults giving them an opportunity to build their self esteem and re focus on their culture and Aboriginality. Our Elders in the community who share in this are given the opportunity to interact with the youth of our community, sharing culture, stories and guidance. Cost \$25 per person includes dinner and entertainment. Ages 18 and over. Held at RSL Club, Drayton Street, Dalby from 6-12pm. For details call Kelly on (07) 4662 6196.

11 July: NAIDOC Perth Ball. This year, the NAIDOC Perth Committee are encouraging people to come dressed in Indigenous designed gowns, suits and fabrics. There will be prizes for the best Indigenous gowns and suits. Tickets \$85 per person includes beer, wine, soft drinks and a three course meal. All welcome. Held at the Hyatt Regency, East Perth from 6.30pm-12.30am. For details call Glenda Kickett on (0409) 293 837 or email info@ naidocperth.org or visit www. naidocperth.org/naidocnb.htm

11 July: Art at the Heart Volunteer Assistance Grant. Country Arts WA is offering funding to help with the cost of attending the

conference for West Australian regionally-based arts volunteers.
Applicants may apply for funding for the costs associated with traveling to and from Alice Springs and the conference registration fee. Applicants will be notified of the Applicants will be routined of the outcome by Monday 21 July. For details call Anita Field on (08) 9200 6200 or (08) 9200 6200 or freecall 1800 811 883 or email afield@countryartswa.asn.au or visit www.artattheheart.com.au or visit www.countryartswa.asn.au

11-12 July: Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu performing at the Sydney Opera House. For details: (02) 9250 7111 or (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.sydneyoperahouse.com

12 July: 'Reconciliation' Theme Competition honoring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. There will be craft and artists demonstrations, opportunity to sell your art and crafts free damper and honey tea, free Christian booklets and more. Cash prizes from \$50-\$150. Ages from 5 and over. Free event all welcome. Held at St Cuthbert's Anglican Church, Florence and Powell St Tweed Heads from 9am-2pm. For details: Carol or Fred on (07) 5599 4280 or (07) 5536 1060.

12 July: Indigenous Sports Stars Gala Dinner. This gala dinner will be acknowledging Bundjalung past and present, sportsmen and sportswomen for their outstanding achievements in the sporting arena Tickets \$40 per person including meals and entertainment. Tickets on sale at the Lismore Workers Club. Held in the Auditorium at the Lismore Workers Club from 6pm onwards. For details call Grantley Greighton on (0402) 309 582.

18 July: The Black Arm Band-Brisbane Festival. This special Brisbane Festival 2008 opening presentation of The Black Arm Band murundak will feature some of Australia's most unique voices including Lou Bennett, Kutcha Edwards, Shane Howard, Ruby Hunter, Jimmy Little, Archie Roach Peter Rotumah, Dan Sultan, Bart Willoughby and many more. Held at River Stage, City Botanic Gardens

18 July-3 August: Brisbane Festival. This is one of Australia's leading international Arts Festivals. The Festival places great emphasis on creating new work, accessibility and facilitating exchanges between local, national and international artists and companies. Held at River Stage, City Botanic Gardens, Free entry all welcome. For details: Joanna Nilson on (07) 3833 5449 or (0422) 104 178I or Gabe Cramb on (0419) 798 995 or visit www.brisbanefestival.com.au

20 July-2 August: 10th Festival of Pacific Arts. Arts Queensland and the Australia Council are offering Indigenous artists and groups in Queensland the chance to be part of this festival. The event attracts artists and delegates from 27 Pacific nations and features performances presentations, forums and advocacy events during its 10 day program For details: Raelene Baker on (07) 3224 4896 or visit www.arts.qld. gov.au or visit www.festival-pacific

8-12 August: 2008 Garma Festival of Traditional Culture. The key forum theme will be Indigenous Knowledge: Caring for Culture and Country, Garma is a unique combination of education.

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entertainment and cultural interaction and exchange. Held in Nhulunbuy, north-east Arnhem Land. All welcome. For details: (08) 8941 2900 or email garmafest@bigpond.com

12 July: National NAIDOC Ball 2008. Entertainment includes the energetic Blue King Brown, Australian Idol finalists Jessica Mauboy and Casey Donovan, the entertaining Mary G, Dale Huddleston and the Riverbank Band and other local performers. Tickets \$70 per person including three course meal and drinks. Held at The National Convention Centre, Canberra from 6.30pm onwards. For details: 132 849 or visit www.ticketek.com.au

15-20 July: World Youth Day 2008 Volunteers needed. Volunteers must be over the age of 18 and be able to work during the event and will receive a uniform, backpack and assistance with public transport costs and meals. For details: Mandy Higgins on (02) 9390 5901 or (02) 9390 5997 or (0410) 477 935 or visit www.wyd2008.org

22 July-23 August: Bangarra Dance Theatre presents Stephen Page's new exhilarating work 'Mathinna'. Inspired by a young girl's journey between two cultures, Mathinna traces the history of a young Aboriginal girl removed from her traditional life, adopted into Western Colonial society to be ultimately returned to the fragments of her original heritage. Held at the Drama Theatre, Sydney Opera House.

27-31 August: Pasifika Festival. Back by popular demand the festival of music, theatre visual arts, markets, workshops and discussion. This festival will draw together international, national and local artists and performers to showcase the living cultures of a range of Island nations including Polynesia, Micronesia, New Zealand and Australia. This is a free and ticketed event, Held at Brisbane Powerhouse, For details call Rachael Morgan on (07) 3358 8670 or (07) 3358 8600 or visit www.brisbanepowerhouse.org

4 August: Celebrate National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day. 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families, Nurturing Our Children to Flourish'. SNAICC encourages all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations, schools, mainstream child and family welfare services, government agencies, preschools, child care services and any organisations with an interest in children to celebrate National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day. For details: Angelique Davis on (03) 9489 8099 or email admin@snaicc.asn.au or visit www.snaicc.asn.au

9-28 August: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. The exhibition features more than 1000 black and white photographs, documenting more than 47 years of the former Aboriginal Welfare Board which controlled every aspect of Aboriginal people's lives between 1883 and 1969. Held at Dharriwaa Elders Group Centre, Walgett. For details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

13-16 August: International Unity in Diversity Conference. The conference will address the need for collaboration, communication and co-operation across cultural, religious and ideological barriers. The program has immediate relevance to work, community, education, health and Indigenous partnerships. For details: (07) 4772 4800 or email Farvardin.Daliri@bigpond.com or visit www.unityindiversity conference.com

13-17 August: Cultural Fest 08. The theme is Unity in Diversity'. During five fun filled days of dance, food, music, arts, workshops and sports. Held at Strand Park, Townsville, from 10am-10pm. Entry fee \$2 and kids under 10 free. Alcohol and drug free event. All welcome. For details: (07) 4772 4800 or email culturalfest@bigpond.com or visit www.

15-17 August: The Drumley Walk. Follow the footsteps of Billy Drumley in the early 1900s as he regularly set off on a 70km journey to check on his sister and her family. Organisers are calling for volunteers to help with the organisation

of the event. Information sessions will be held on the Gold Coast, in Brisbane and in Beaudesert. For details: (07) 3807 6155 or email thedrumleywalk@optusnet.com.au or visit www.thedrumleywalk.com

4 September-4 October: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. The exhibition features more than 1000 black and white photographs, documenting more than 47 years of the former Aboriginal Welfare Board which controlled every aspect of Aboriginal people's lives between 1883 and 1969. Held at the Tourist Information Centre, Brewarrina, For details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

9-12 September: 3rd annual National Basketball Championship. There will be a dunk competition and 3 pointer shoot out. Cost for a team \$250. Held at the Darwin Basketball Stadium. Drug and alcohol-free event. For details: Nikita Ridgeway on (0415) 095 661 or email koorigirt@mail.com or visit www darwin.basketball.net.au

12-13 September: National Indigenous egal Conference. Held at the RACV Club, Melbourne. Bookings essential. For details: Aislinn Martin (03) 9607 9474 or (0413) 009 072 or email amartin@liv. asn.au or visit www.tarwirri.com.au

13 September: Inaugural Indigenous Legal Ball, Town Hall, Melbourne.

Bookings essential. For details: Aislinn Martin on (03) 9607 9474 or (0413) 009 072 or email amartin@liv.asn.au or

3-5 October: 'Art at the Heart' Regional Arts Australia Conference 2008. Art at the heart will provide an opportunity for artistic and cultural exchange, cross cultural collaboration and best practice approaches to working in the arts. All welcome. Held in Alice Springs, NT. For details: (08) 8951 1152 or email artattheheart@nt.gov.au or visit www.artattheheart.com.au/ah/1.asp

3-5 October: The East Coast Christian Indigenous Youth Network (ECCIYN) Annual Youth Group Sports Challenge Held at Lake Burrendong Sport and recreational Centre, Tara Road, Lake Burrendong NSW from 9am onwards Cost \$120 adults and \$90 kids. For details call Mark Naden on (0404) 233 603 or Tom Sloane on (0413) 618 097 or email germo05@aapt.net.au

4-6 October: 38th Official Annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout. Held at Ned Byrne Oval and Walter Peate Oval. Cudgen Leagues, Kingscliff, For details: (07) 5534 6770 or Selwyn on (0431) 571 973 or email info@wollumbin.org or visit www.wollumbin.org

14 October-4 November: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. The exhibition features more than 1000 black and white photographs, documenting more than 47 years of the

former Aboriginal Welfare Board which controlled every aspect of Aboriginal people's lives between 1883 and 1969. Held at the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Centre, Quirindi. For details Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

22 October: Deadly Days Festival. The purpose of the festivals is to encourage school attendance, retention and educational outcomes, career pathways and healthy lifestyles for all young Australians, in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The festivals also provide an opportunity to showcase Aboriginal cultures of the North Coast. Held in Lismore, NSW. For details call Neil Brown on (02) 6586 2224 or (0438) 624 804 or Regan Harding on 0458

29 October: Deadly Days Festival. The purpose of the festivals is to encourage school attendance, retention and educational outcomes, career pathways and healthy lifestyles for all young Australians, in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The festivals also provide an opportunity to showcase Aboriginal cultures of the North Coast. Held at the Education Campus. Coffs Harbour. For details call Neil Brown on (02) 6586 2224 or (0438) 624 804 or Regan Harding on 0458 200 151.

30 October: Deadly Days Festival. The purpose of the festivals is to encourage

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Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mining Lease shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Lease to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagrams)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN
ML10333 Colinta Weir	Approx. 10 Km West North West from Collinsville Local Authorary (Shire) within the area: Bowen	Current Land Lot 4914 on PH1791 - Pastoral Develorities Lot 1 on CP903895 - Freehold Land Lot 1022 on MPH 40910 - Freehold L Lot 1022 on MPH 40910 - Freehold L Lot 20 on MPH34460 - Freehold Land Lot 934 on SP105424 - Freehold Land Lot 42 on CP903896 - Freehold Land Lot 42 on CP903896 - Freehold Land Lot 43 on MPH30099 - Freehold Land Lot 128 on CP80384 - Lease in Pergonly) Lot 1 on AP13635 - Permit to Occup Lot 4 on AP11631 - Permit to Occup Lot 5 on AP11631 - Permit to Occup Lot 98 on DK53 - Unallocated State Lot 293 on SP122375 - Railway Lam Road Reserves - Imining and access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease. 312.8639 1	daccess only) and (access only) and (access only) and (access only) (access only) d (access only) access only) d (access only)

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (03d) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (01d), for a term not exceeding

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Old) by the Governor-in-Council of the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) Landcenter, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 1896 3216; DME, Tropical Weeds Research Centre, 27-43 Natal Downs Road, Charters Towers, Qld 4820, Telephone: (07 4761 5762.

Rative Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) pary person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enoughtes in relation to Blind a native title determination application may be

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, Telepho [07] 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 2 July 2008



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For details call Neil Brown on (02) 6586 2224 or (0438) 624 804 or Regan Harding on 0458 200 151.

4-7 November: Desert Knowledge Symposium and Business Showcase 2008. Be part of this rare opportunity to hear about how business innovators, researchers and educators from Australia and overseas are

working in partnership with communities, industry and governments to develop a body of desert knowledge that will help sustain desert communitie around the world. Held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre. For details: (08) 8959 6000 or email info@desertknowledgecrc.com.au or visit www.desertknowledge crc.com.au

8 November: Gala Presentation. The NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Award winners will be announced. The winners will go in for a share in \$30,000 worth of prize money thanks to Commonwealth Bank, Television Airtime Packages and PRIME Television. Held at Coffs Harbour Details: Teesha Cupples on 1300 735 445 or email info@awards australia.com or visit www. awardsaustralia.com

22 November 08-30 January 09: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. The exhibition features more than 1000 black and white photographs, documenting more than 47 years of the former Aboriginal Welfare Board which controlled every aspect of Aboriginal people's lives between 1883 and 1969. Held at the Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place, Armidale. For details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw. gov.au

3-5 December: Re-Orienting Whiteness – Call for papers. Re-Orienting Whiteness 2008 invites scholars to explore the potential, or otherwise, of 'whiteness' to analyse the operations of race, past and present. Held in Melbourne. For details: (03) 990 52172 or email katherine.ellinghaus@arts.monash.ed u.au or reorientingwhiteness@ gmail.com or visit www.arts.monash. edu.au/historical-studies/news-andevents/reorienting-whiteness-2008

5 February-1 March 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 the Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina. For details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw gov.au

12 March-2 April 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 the Kempsey Shire Library. For details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

11 April-28 June 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 the Regional Gallery, Penrith. For details: Andrew Willia on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

9 July-24 September 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 St George Regional Museum, Hurstville. For details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

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 Penh WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1976 (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
38/505	Cresount Gold Ltd	205.86ha	19km SETy of Laverton	Lat 28'45' Long 122'30'	Liverton
45/1136	Net Andrew Allen	9.97ha	45km WTy of Nullagine	Lat 21'49' Long 119'41'	East Picara

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: 18 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 waiters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 18 September 2006, Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is critically the act. The 3 month period closes on 18 September 2006, Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is critical to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native 7the Act. Enguises in relation to filing an application for cauthe, this 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 6 a. 18 October 2006. there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Oth) in relation to the area of the mining less

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plan Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (06) 9222-3828.

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that LARCA PTY LTD (ACN 008 971 515) of Suite 5, 137-141 Main Street, Osborne Park, Western Australia 6017, registered holder and mining operator, proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land:

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL3812)

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 50 km east of Leigh Creek, referred to as Copley Area and is the land bounded as follows

Area A

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°30'S and longitude 138°30'E, thence east to longitude 138°35'E, south to latitude 30°33'S, west to longitude 138°32'E, south to latitude 30°37'S, east to longitude 138°35'E, south to latitude 30°37'S, east to longitude 138°35'E, south to latitude 30°39'S, east to longitude south to latitude 30°39'S, east to longitude 138°40'E, north to latitude 30°34'S, west to longitude 138°39'E, north to latitude 30°33'S, east to longitude 138°42'E, south to latitude 30°35'S, east to longitude 138°44'E, south to latitude 30°41'S, west to longitude 138°32'E, north to latitude 30°39'S, west to longitude 138°31'E, north to latitude 30°38'S, west to longitude 138°30'E and north to the point of commencement.

Area B

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°38'S and longitude 138°52'E, thence east to longitude 138°55'E, north to latitude 30°37'S, east to western boundary of Nantawarrinna Aboriginal Lands, thence generally southeasterly and southwesterly along the boundary of the said Lands to latitude 30"47'S, west to longitude 138°54°E, north to latitude 30°44'S, west to longitude 138°52°E and north to the point of commencement.

Area C

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°58'S and longitude 139°05'E, thence east to longitude 139°08 E, north to latitude 30°57 S, east to longitude 139°10 E, north to a southern boundary of the Nantawarrinna Aboriginal Lands, thence generally westerly along the boundary of the said Lands to longitude 139°05'E and south to the point of commencement.

All within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66)

Area of the land: approximately 466 square

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL3813)

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 85 km southeast of Leigh Creek, referred to as Wearing Gorge Area and is the land bounded as follows

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°45'S and longitude 139°15'E, thence south to latitude 30°55'S, west to longitude 139°10'E, north to a southern boundary of Nantawarrinna Aboriginal Lands, thence generally north easterly along the boundary of the said Aboriginal Lands to latitude 30°45'S, and east to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66). The general nature of the proposed mining

operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralization, which (without limiting that general description) may include the following: reconnaissance activities such as mapping and gridding; aerial and other photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, gravity and electrical surveying geochemical sampling; water sampling; hydrological studies; trenching; drilling including rotary mud and diamond core; downhole probing The proposed operations are authorised by

following exploration authority under the Mining Act 1971 (SA):

Exploration Licences 3812 and 3813 of which LARCA PTY LTD is the registered holder.

LARCA PTY LTD seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 (SA).

IF, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971 (SA), 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, LARCA PTY LTD 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. On such an application, that Court must make a 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. Such a determination may be made on conditions the Court considers appropriate. Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding invited to contact the proponent LARCA PTY LTD as follows:

> LARCA PTY LTD C- ENVIRONMENTAL & LICENSING PROFESSIONALS PTY LTD Level 27, 286 Edward Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

Telephone: (07) 3239 9700 Facsimile: (07) 3220 2135 Contact: James Sunter

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA, Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act namely to grant the following mineral lease in accordance with the application made therefor

The Application to which this notice applies:

Mineral Lease 26222 sought by TERRITORY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 100 552 118 over an area of 6 Hectares depicted below, for a term of 25 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.

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of a mineral lease under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals including (but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term sought

Nature of act(s): The grant

for is for a term the Minister thinks fit commencing from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 997393.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain sleps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House. 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600

Notification Day: 18 June 2008

Setting the record straight

Ahmat, of Adelaide, has taken us to task for reporting that Danny Morseu was the first Indigenous Australian to play basketball for Australia.

She says her great uncle, Michael Ahmatt, was the first Indigenous basketballer to play for

Mandy wrote: "Danny Morseu was not the first Indigenous Australian to play basketball for Australia. It was my great uncle Michael Ahmatt.

Uncle Michael represented Australia at two Olympic Games, they being 1964 and 1968. It was even before Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were given

they rights to vote.
"It really disappoints our families when we see our great uncle not even being recognised for his great

achievements.
"How about you, Koori Mail, doing a story on his achievments to make us proud.

"He is the first person." You are correct, Mandy. We have checked with the National Basketball League and they informed us that Michael Ahmatt did represent Australia at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo.

Michael also represented Australia in the qualifying matches for the 1968 Mexico City Olympics. but Australia failed to qualify, so the NBL says Michael's only Olympic appearance was in 1964.

In this 1964 Boomers team picture at right, Michael is fourth from left, front row, hands on knees (No 8 - striped sleeves).

The NBL also mentioned another Indigenous basketballer -Kevin Coombs - who has had a distinguished career over 40 years.

Coombs has been synonymous with wheelchair basketball in Australia, representing at five Paralympic Games, including two as captain of the Rollers.

- Sports Editor





NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

ate 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 Act 1978:

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08/1649	Epsilon Energy Ltd	223.4416	72km NWNy of Plannawonica	Lat 21"12" Long 115"48"	Rosbourne	58/359	Maximus Resources Ltd	211.11kmF	74km SETy of Mount Magnet	Lat 28'23' Long 118'30'	Mount Magnet/
18/1850	South Boulder Minés Ltd	593.65km²	63km Ety of Corol Bay	L# 22"57" Long 114"21"	Camarion/Exmouth						Sandstone.
18/1851	Brookman Iron Pty Ltd	6.31km²	115km Wily of Paraburdoo	Lat 22"48" Long 116"38"	Ashburton	58/363	Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd	94.126=2	49km NWN of Sandstone	Lat 27"42" Long 118"55"	Sandatone
B/15113	Dawn Metals Ltd	508.47km²	182km NW ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°49' Long 116°53'	Murchison	59/1060	Rem Pty Ltd	26.92km²	5km NWIy of Paynes Find	Lat 29°13' Long 117°39'	Yalgoo
5/1057	South Boulder Mines Ltd	70.34kmF	24km Ely of Kambalda	LM 31716" Long 121"54"	Coolgarde	59/1288		17.64km²	63km S'ty of Paynes Find	Lat 29/50' Long 117/38'	Deviatry/
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6/359	Western Resources Pty Ltd	5.9km²	31km Wily of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30'39' Long 121'09'	Coolgardie	59/1404	Prosperty Resources (Mt Gloson) Pty Ltd	208.13km²	67km NETy of Dalwallinu	Lat 29"49" Long 117"07"	Delwalinu Perenjori/
4/157	Heron Resources Ltd	32.55km²	42km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°22' Long 121°23'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City						Yalgoo
5/356	Sparking Tenements Pty Ltd.	2.94km ²	55km ETy of Kalgoonie	LM 30142' Long 122'02"	Kalgoorlie Boulder City	59/1447	Royal Resources Ltd	Z.99km²	42km NW ly of Payres Find	Lie 29'03' Long 117'19'	Yalooc
5/359	New Metals Explorations Ltd	2.94km²	56km ETy of Kalgoortie	List 30'43' Long 122'03'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	59/1453		182.5km²	58km W/ly of Paynes Find	LM 29/11/ Cong 117/05	Privingo Tolago
5/374	Nex Metals Explorations Ltd	2.93kml	45km ETv of Kambolda	Lat 31'09' Long 122'08'	Kalgoorle-Boulder City	59/1454		14.96km/	AZkm Wily of Paynes Find	LM 29"11" Long 117"15"	19000
7/322	Heron Resources Ltd	11.83km²	57km NE'ly of Kalgoorke	Lat 30"20" Long 121"49"	Kaloportie-Boulder City						
7/392	Hamisphere Resources Ltd	5.94km²	53km NTy of Kalgoorie	Gat 30*17" Long 121*38"	Kalgoorie Boulder City	59/1456		2.99km²	81km Elly of Morake	Lat 29"14" Long 115"50"	Perenjori
	Hemisphere Resources Ltd	23.67km	48km NNy of Kalgoonie	Lut 30°20' Long 121°38'	Kalgoorle Boulder City	59/1468	Barber Exploration Pty Ltd	36.03km²	50km N'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 28'49' Long 117'35'	Y9900
7/393						59/1471	Baybor Exploration Pty Ltd	12:06km²	29km Sily of Moura Magnet.	Lat 28'19' Long 117'47	Mount Magnet
8/1625	Newmont Exploration Pty Ltd.	11.83km²	122km E'ly of Kalgoorle	Lat 30°20' Long 122°39'	Kalgoorle-Boulder City	63/585	Lake Johnston Ltd	2.5km²	1 10km Wily of Norseman	Lat 32*14" Larso 120*30"	Dundan
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e 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: 18 June 2008

d procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts the party loogues an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inc should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide 1

mation about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plan Street, East Perit WA 6004, or telephone (dil) a552 5828

Governor pays a visit



THE South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy in the Adelaide suburb of Para West has received some Vice-Regal visitors.

The South Australian Governor, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, and the Lieutenant-Governor, Hieu Van Le visited the academy at its adult campus.

The Academy is an initiative of the SA Government's Social

Inclusion Board.
It caters for Aboriginal students wanting to improve their health and wellbeing and provides increased opportunities for students to make a career from

their sporting pursuits.

Academy Director Kerry Colbung said staff and students were honoured by the Vice-Regal visit.

"We are happy that the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor have taken an interest in our Academy," said Ms Colbung.

"We were pleased to show them how we work with young Aboriginal people to give them opportunities to achieve their goals and lead healthy successful lives."

The Governor and his wife and Lieutentant-Governor were treated to a skills demonstration by the students.

The students were thrilled when the Governor joined them for a kick of football.

The Academy was redeveloped in 2005 after the Premier asked the Social Inclusion Board to consider a preventative approach to improve Aboriginal health and wellbeing through sports, recreation and the arts.

The Academy has 42 students enrolled in 2008. Last year four students three of them males – completed their South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE).

"Our program is successful because we work closely with the students to make sure the benefits from our program has a direct impact on their lives and increase their involvement at the community level," Ms Colbung said.



Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce with some of the South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy students.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 26676 sought by ACACIA MINERALS PTY LIMITED, ACN 127 419 729 over an area of 3 Blocks (10 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 4 years, within the



Exploration Licence 26697 sought by PALACE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 106 240 475 over an area of 16 Blocks (52 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BREADEN locality.



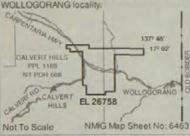
Exploration Licence 26698 sought by PALACE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 106 240 475 over an area of 9 Blocks (24 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MALLEE



Exploration Licence 26699 sought by PALACE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 106 240 475 over an area of 34 Blocks (108 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BREADEN locality.



Exploration Licence 26758 sought by RBM OPERATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 109 362 165 over an area of 163 Blocks (535 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the



Exploration Licence 26722 sought by NEIL HENRY SCRIVEN over an area of 475 Blocks (1571 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the DELAMERE locality.



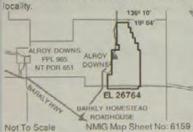
Exploration Licence 26762 sought by SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD, ACN 097 904 302 over an area of 337 Blocks (947 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PROUT



Exploration Licence 26763 sought by SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD, ACN 097 904 302 over an area of 81 Blocks (263 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ALEXANDRIA locality.



Exploration Licence 26764 sought by SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD, ACN 097 904 302 over an area of 280 Blocks (908 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY



Exploration Licence 26765 sought by SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD, ACN 097 904 302 over an area of 285 Blocks (897 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the



Exploration Licence 26766 sought by SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD, ACN 097 904 302 over an area of 64 Blocks (208 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY



Exploration Licence 26759 sought by WDRFE PTY LTD, ACN 129 748 456 over an area of 241 Blocks (768 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ST. VIDGEON locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of one material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term sought for commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.
Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural right provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party sin relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts altracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this

notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal

within 4 months of the notification day. Notification Day: 18 June 2008

Young Hagiga a rising gymnast

By ALF WILSON

EVEN-year-old Cairns gymnast Hagiga Mosby is another young rising Torres Strait Islander sporting star, having won a pag of medals at the Suncorp North eensland Games in Townsville.

The ex-Tagai student won four gold and one silver medal at the Games, which were contested by competitors in more than 50

In the women's gymnastics Level One division. Hagiga won gold on the vault, floor, and beam, and silver on the bars, and took the

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gold medal for the best overall performance

Hagiga was representing the Cairns City Gymnastics Club before a crowded Townsville PCYC Gymnastics Centre, the first time she has experienced such an atmosphere.

Combined with her natural talent, Hagiga's coaches prepared her well and gave the young

gymnast very good support.

Hagiga's parents – Danny and Fauziah –
made the trip from Cairns and joined other
family members in Townsville to cheer her on.

"It was a new experience for all of us, so it was normal to feel a little nervous. We're very proud of Hagiga. She's had her fair share of

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challenges in her young life, so we appreciate every moment we have with her," Danny

Seeing her on the podium with that big smile was such a special moment for the whole family. She is such an inspiration, she's blessed.

About 300 gymnasts took part in the 10 divisions, with clubs competing from Mackay, Hughenden, Mt Isa, and the north Queensland Tablelands and from the Cairns and Townsville

The Suncorp North Queensland Games have been held every two years since 1984

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Hagiga Mosby and her mum. Hagiga is proudly displaying the medals she won at the North Queensland Games.

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NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

APPLICANT

Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Reso irces C/- Department of industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 5004 may grant the following pro-

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06/555	Lasmonth Limestone Pty Ltd	173.87ha	40km 51y of Exmouth	List 22"16" Long 114"01"	Emouth	45/2696	De Grey Mining Ltd	74.44ho.	6km NWTy of Marble Bar	LM 21"08" Long 119"42"	East Pitters
08/560	For Mountain Mining Ltd	23.33hu	61km N'ly of Parmaworka	Lat 21'06' Long 116'12	Rosbourne	45/2697	Robert Edward Ward	6.75Ni	24km SETy of Martin Bar	Lst 21°20' Long 119'52'	East Pilbins
08/561	iron Mountain Mining Ltd -	23.35ha	64km NIV of Parnawonica	Lat 21'03' Long 116"14'	Roebourne		Steven John Wiston			to a condition	
06/582	Iron Mountain Mining Lld	23.34ha	62km N/ly of Pannavonica	LM 21/04: Long 116'13'	Roebourne	45/2702	Grafa Resources NL	51.22ha	77km SWN of Marble Bay 1	Lat 21"31" Long 119"06"	East Pibora
15/4797	Reptor Exploration Pty Ltd	9.68%	20km SW ly of Coolgardia	Lat 31'03' Long 120'59'	Coolgarde	46/1623	John Lewis Callegan	40 09ha	37km Ety of Nullagere	Lat 21"51 Long 120"28"	East Pibara
15/5113-9	Talijon Greenbushes Pty Ltd	1240.91ha	61km ETy of Widgemooths	Lat 31'33' Long 122'12'	Coolgardio	46/1624			39km Ety of Nullagrie	TRI 51,21, Food 150,58.	East Pibara
15/5177	Mount Frmety Pty Ltd	9.72%	64km Ely of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30"51" Corg 120"11"	Cooperde	40/1004	Teakdate Nominees Pty Lto IACN 113 310 2131	175.63N	TOWN C A CLIMATORIE	TW STOLL FOOD 150 SE	DBITTORIA
15/5196	Jabara Rodwan	899%	Skrti N3y of Coolstyde	Lat 30°54° Long 121°08°		47/1424		44.44	No. 200 (D. C.	I CAMPAGE CONTRACTOR	2.114.12
15/52/1-3	Barra Resources Ltd	539.32tu	18km SW ly of Coolgardia	Lat 31/04' Long 121/02'	Coolgardia		De Grey Mining Ltd	23.09ha	74km SE ly of Roobourne	Lar 21'14' Long 118'16'	Port Hodard Town
15/5216	Luke John Shan-Walker	200's		Lat 31'20' Long 121'25'	Coolgarde	51/2571	Valnai Eva Macey	69.39ha	34km SWNy of Moekathama	Lat 26'50' Long 118'18'	Moderhans
15/5227	Focus Minerals Ltd		23km NW y of Widgemoothu	Lat 31 (00 Long 121 20	Coolgardic		John Royden Hudson				
13-347)		98.58ha	6km STy of Coolgardia	Lat 31'00' Long 121'08'	Coolgardie	51/2572	Ame Olavi Enksson	50.12hs.	85km Willy of Williana	LM 26'50' Long 119'24'	Willra
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By PETER ARGENT



WHEN 19-year-old Indigenous talent Charlie Sharples donned the State jumper for South Australia after just nine SANFL games, he joined a select

group of teenagers to have worn the traditional red, blue and gold guernsey. He also was the first person since

current Fremantle captain Matthew Pavlich to have played national under-age and State senior representative football in the same year.

"There is no doubt Charlie has a big future in the game," Sturt coach Rick Macgowan said.

he wasn't drafted last year.

"He is a super talent and I'm surprised

"He has made a strong commitment this year and was rewarded with selection in the State team.

"Playing generally at half forward or on a wing, with the occasional run on the ball, Charlie has all the creative skills

you'd expect from his heritage.
"But his greatest attribute is hardness at the contest - he loves the physical side of the game - he tackles well, is good at harassing opponents and is defensively strong."

Another Darwin product

Sharples, who comes from Darwin, played a pair of League games in Macgowan's first season at the Unley Oval-based club last year and has been a regular member of the senior team, which is currently in second place on the ladder.

He was commendable without having a huge impact in the showcase State League contest where South Australia had an emphatic victory over the Victorian Football League at Adelaide oval, on Saturday 31 May.

From the Darwin Buffaloes, where he played a couple years of senior football in the NTFL, Sharples played under 16s for the NT Thunder in 2005 and at under 18 level last and this year. (The Northern Territory is allowed four over-age players

at under 18 level). Last year, Sharples played alongside AFL draftees Austin Wonaeamirri, Cyril Rioli, Cameron Stokes and Marlon Motlop at the national 18s in Melbourne.

"My dream is to play at the top level as well," Sharples said.

"It helps you when you see the other

boys from the Thunder under 18 side from last year are now playing in the AFL you start to think if they can do it, so

can I.
"I actually played a lot of footy with
Cameron Stokes in Darwin."

A Rostrevor College boarding student whose football hero is Aboriginal football statesman Michael Long, he admitted it was initially hard to adjust to moving to Adelaide, but realises it is an important part of the process if he is to fulfil his

Unlike a lot of his team-mates from up north, Sharples said his family's sporting was is a little different.

"My mum, Sandra, is originally from Alice Springs and she was a talented soccer player, while dad Julian was a swimmer," he said.



















Brothers' paths run parallel



THEIR dad was a more than useful player - now brothers Chris and

Caleb Binge are forging careers that could take them to the top of

Chris, 16, and Caleb, 14, both students at St John's College, Woodlawn, near Lismore (northern NSW), have gained selection in the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges 18 years and 15 years rugby league teams

Chris' team will contest the Australian Schoolboys Championships in Darwin from 13-18 July. Caleb will be in the NSW team for the Australian Schoolboys 15 Years Championships at Wynnum (Brisbane) from 29 June to 4

July.
If Caleb impresses, he could be named in an Australian Under 15 merit team to be announced that team is his focus

The rewards could be even greater for Chris if he impresses in Darwin. An Australian team will be chosen to tour England at the

end of the year.
"My goal and focus is on being selected in this team," Chris said.

The word in rugby league circles is that Chris, if he performs up to expectations in



Caleb Binge in his 2007 Ballina Seagulls outfit.



Chris Binge Jnr on the attack

chosen for the England tour.

Both boys recently took part in the NSW Combined Catholic Schools Rugby League Country Selection trials in Bass Hill,

Their performances at those trials earned them selection in their respective NSW teams.

Chris plays in the centres and also is a second-rower. He is about 184cm tall and weighs between 95kg and 98kg and also is a goal kicker and is used to kick in general play.

Caleb, at 184cm and 95kg, is a prop forward and has also represented NSW in rugby union.

Apart from their school rugby league commitments, the brothers also play in local Group One junior competitions with the Lismore Marist Brothers club.

Chris has also made a debut in senior first grade, where he has been a sensation.

financial help to realise their

Chris needs to raise a \$1900

levy, while Caleb needs to raise \$1650. The boys are selling raffle tickets in which first prize is a framed and autographed limited edition NSW State of Origin jumper. Second prize is an autographed Parramatta Eels jumper and third prize is an autographed Melbourne Storm

It comes as no surprise that the Binge brothers are rising stars. Their dad, Chris Snr, was an outstanding player and more recently has stamped

himself as a quality coach.

He played first grade in country NSW and four times was chosen in the Australian Aboriginal side. In his last appearance he captained the team against Great Britain at Redfern Oval. The Aboriginal team that year (1998) was coached by Arthur Beetson

Chris Snr was also heavily involved in organising the 37th annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival in

Cathy joins elite group



ABORIGINAL Olympic track queen Cathy Freeman has become the newest member of the Laureus World Sports Academy, a unique collection of the world's legendary

Freeman's gold medal-winning victory in the 400 metres provided one of the most powerful images of the 2000 Sydney Olympics and won her the Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year Award in 2001. For Australians, she became the icon of

the Olympics after she had been chosen to light the Olympic flame during the Games opening ceremony. She became the only person in history to light the Olympic flame and go on to win a gold medal at the same

Laureus World Sports Academy Chairman Edwin Moses said: "I am delighted to welcome Cathy Freeman as a new Academy member. Her victory in Sydney in that unforgettable green and yellow hooded running suit is one of the most enduring memories in Olympic history. She has already been a great supporter of Laureus activities and now, as an Academy member. know she will be even more energetic

Cathy Freeman said: "I'm honoured and excited to be part of an amazing and very special organisation that is really making a difference in the world

Sport is a powerful language as it has the power to connect just about everybody. It's the sports people who have touched audiences' hearts and minds, who should be most comfortable sharing back their ises to continue inspiring others



Cathy Freeman with young fans during a recent visit to remote Leigh Creek, in

"I am looking forward to sharing some pretty amazing experiences with folks through the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation. I have no doubt it will all be a once-in-a-lifetime experience and truly unforgettable.

Role model

Freeman is regarded as a role model for her people and by the non-Aboriginal community as a symbol of national reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

At the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Canada, where she won the 200 metres and 400 metres, she created controversy by waving the Aboriginal flag as

vell as the Australian flag during her victory lap of the arena.

But there was no such debate when she did the same after winning the gold medal at the Sydney 2000 Olympics. Her cause had become much more widely accepted by then within her own country.

She said: "I feel I have managed to change some people's outlook on this particularly negative view of Australian

Freeman becomes the 46th member of the Laureus World Sports Academy and the third Australian after (swimmer) Dawn Fraser and (cricketer) Steve Waugh. The other members are: Giacomo Agostini, Marcus Allen, Severiano Ballesteros, Franz

Beckenbauer, Boris Becker, Ian Botham Sergey Bubka, Bobby Charlton, Sebastian Coe, Nadia Comaneci, Yaping Deng, Marcel Desailly, Kapil Dev, David Douillet, Emerson Fittipaldi, Sean Fitzpatrick, Tanni Grey-Thompson, Marvellous Marvin Hagler, Mika Häkkinen, Tony Hawk, Mike Horn, Miguel Indurain, Michael Johnson, Kip Keino, Franz Klammer, Dan Marino, John McEnroe, Edwin Moses (Chairman), Nawal El Moutawakel, Robby Naish, Ilie Nastase, Martina Navratilova, Alexey Nemov, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Morné du Plessis, Hugo Porta, Vivian Richards, Monica Seles, Mark Spitz, Daley Thompson, Alberto Tomba and Katarina Witt

The Laureus Academy members volunteer their services as global ambassadors for the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation, which was set up to promote the use of sport as a tool for social change.

The Foundation addresses social challenges through a worldwide program of sports-related community development initiatives. Its work focuses on helping young people overcome poverty, homelessness war, violence, drugs abuse, discrimination and AIDS. More than 150,000 underprivileged young people are helped in over 60 projects around the world.

Academy members also act as the ultimate sports jury, voting for the winners of the Laureus World Sports Awards, the premier global sports awards honouring the greatest sportsmen and women each year. The awards are presented at an annual awards ceremony, attended by global figures broadcast to 180 countries

Sailor back to shore

DEANO'S LEAGUE



With DEAN WIDDERS

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HERE are very few players who can make the headlines spin like Wendell Sailor.

His recent return to rugby league after a two-year suspension for taking cocaine while playing rugby union has been no exception.

Many people have asked me my attitude towards Sailor, given the work I do with kids, and I have to say I have no problem either on a personal level or as a matter of principle.

On a personal level, I have admired the way Wendell has conducted himself in public

At no time has he avoided his personal accountability for his situation or sought to blame others.

Away from the spotlight, he has not been idle and has spent a lot of time talking to youth about the error of his

I remember the Souths Toyota Cup players coming back from their NRL Induction Camp speaking of the impact Sailor's presentation had on them.

Served his time

From my point of view, Wendell has also served his time and deserves the opportunity to redeem himself.

This does not soften my personal approach on drugs at all.
There is no place for drugs –

performance enhancing or the so-called 'recreational' variety – in sport. This holds even stronger at the professional level where – whether they

like it or not - athletes are role models for young kids and sport is used as a vehicle to promote healthy lifestyles and community values

Professional athletes have no case to

They either accept the responsibilities that go with the other benefits of signing a lucrative contract or they turn their back on the money and stardom that comes with professional sport.

Our contracts spell out the consequences of taking drugs. We have educational workshops that

remind them of those consequences.

There is no excuse.

This does not mean that I do not feel any sympathy for Wendell Sailor

I prefer to take the Shane Webcke line and condemn the action rather than the person.

As a person, Wendell has the opportunity to redeem himself.

Understandably, it was difficult for him to look at situations like those involving the



tikes of the West Coast Eagles star Ben Cousins and not consider himself a victim of double standards.

While Cousins received support, Sailor remained a lonely figure in isolation. "I wouldn't be human if I wasn't unhappy

at the different types of treatment and levels of support others are getting," he

"I couldn't believe that while I was doing my time, Ben Cousins was still getting his \$800,000 a year and the public was feeling

sorry for him.
"I feel for him. But he came back into the country like he's a Hollywood star.

Did the ARU give me opportunity? No. they didn't." Sailor had to put himself through a

rigorous training regime to keep his dream of salvation alive.

'It was pretty lonely," Sailor said.

"I didn't miss the big crowds and all the hype. I missed training with the guys, that feeling you can only get playing footy with

The hard thing about training alone is that when it's raining or cold, you can give yourself an easy way out. When you're training with a team, you can't let anyone down. With yourself, you can take short

Offered short-cut

It's not widely known that Sailor was offered the chance to take a one-year short-cut on his suspension if he dobbed in the supplier of the cocaine he used and offered information about other players he suspected were using it.

"I don't regret not speaking up at all," he says. "You've got to be accountable. There was no way I would've given up any other players. Why would I want to drag other people down?

"I want to finish on my terms. I don't want to finish my career like this. I'm a content dual international. But I've got some unfinished business.

When Sailor's return against the Broncos was cut short by a stray elbow that broke his cheek, he showed that he was in it for the long term.

He is out to prove to all that you can redeem yourself both on and off the field. He has become a role model for those

who have made mistakes - there is hope for a better future.

He deserves our support in this Yet Wendell would be the last to

encourage anybody to make the same mistake.

All of us have seen the scourge of drugs on our society.

I defy anybody to experience the pain that this has caused and to try to defend the 'recreational' use of drugs.

I know you find the ravages of drugs in any suburb and we have all been touched by someone we know who has used drugs

The message in some of our remote communities is even more stark.

Not only is there no place for drugs in sport - there is no place for them in

civilised society. There is no place for drugs in our game.

The Voice of Indigenous Australia



Qld's magic trio



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O matter which team you supported in last week's State of Origin, the sight of the combined powers of Johnathan Thurston, Scott Prince and Greg Inglis provided one of the great rugby league experiences for the true fans of

Inglis was explosive, dynamic and skilful in a display which has his name pencilled in as one of the true modern greats of rugby

Yet it was no mere coincidence that he discovered this form when he had Princey and Thurston playing inside him. For a start, Prince played the

perfect unselfish foil for Thurston, who rediscovered his running game to set the outside backs alight.

Prince also took the pressure

off Thurston when it came to kicking duties, with the NSW defence unable to create any sustained pressure on either of

As for the question of Prince's defence, I cannot remember too many breaks down his side of the field. In fact, I cannot remember

too many NSW breaks at all!

Darren Lockyer, being the true champion he is, virtually ruled himself out of State of Origin III contention and was full of praise for the halves pairing.

Meanwhile, chairman of selectors Des Morris refused to buy into whether match-winning Origin halves Scott Prince and Johnathan Thurston would be

split if Lockyer returned. His availability would pose problems for Queensland selectors after they finally bowed to pressure - and common sense - playing Prince and Thurston in Queensland's 30-0 Origin drubbing of the Blues.

Lockyer says even if his knee improved enough to make a late bid to play, he probably wouldn't have the petrol in the tank required for the high intensity of

And he said it would be unfair if either Prince or Thurston lost their spots on the back of such a commanding performance.

There's always injuries and suspensions in this game, so let's wait and see what happens in the next two or three weeks, Morris said.

Lockyer admits he's 'rolled the dice' without winning a few times this season and after Wednesday night's big win, said he wouldn't expect selectors to change the halves for the

"It's very unlikely (I'd be back) and you don't change combinations like that after those sort of wins," said Lockyer.

"Even if I'm around, I'd have very limited football so I'd be very unlikely for Origin III."

Queensland's selectors copped some flak and personal abuse – including a serve from me - for not picking Prince in the first two Origins. But Morris said on Thursday

it was difficult to have them both in the halves - and not just because they were dominant

players. "I think it was generally acknowledged that Thurston is the number one halfback in the country," said Morris.

"It was pretty hard to ask him to move or expect him to move to five-eighth to accommodate Princey, but in the end he did, which made it easier."

Why a selector would find it hard to ask a player such a question is beyond my comprehension, particularly when the likes of Billy Slater, when answering a question about losing his starting position because of the move of Karmichael Hunt, simply stated

'Queenslanders play anywhere'. Enough of my gloating – let's get back to the performance of

He has won a Clive Churchill Medal as best player in a grand final and starred for his country, but at Suncorp Stadium, Inglis produced what could be a career-defining performance.

His talent has him hailed as the game's next superstar and as part of the Melbourne juggernaut he has torn apart opposition defensive lines with an ease which has

bordered on scary.

His peers can only shake their head at the way he canters around a football field, without seemingly getting out of second

But for most of this year, after he returned from injury. Inglis struggled with his form and fitness.

Questions answered

Questions about Inglis preparation were bought firmly into focus in Origin I, when New South Wales star Mark Gasnier took his young rival 'to school'

"We heard NSW were coming to embarrass us but no one embarrasses the Queensland spirit," Inglis said.

From the outset, he made his intentions clear, demanding Prince and Thurston feed him the ball at every opportunity to allow him to deliver a spectacular display of attacking

After an early error, he reminded everyone why he is so highly rated, disposing of Gasnier and Storm team-mate Steve Turner with a left-hand palm reminiscent of his coach Mal Meninga

After a 60m run, he fed winger Darius Boyd for the opening score of the game. But more was to come.

The game had settled into an arm wrestle, which appeared to be favouring the Blues, until Inglis stepped up again in the 21st minute, breezing through the NSW defence, before handing off to a jubilant Boyd who, on debut, could barely believe his luck.

In another breathtaking bust before half-time, Inglis tossed in a five flick juggling act, perhaps

to add an extra level of difficulty in a game that was looking all a

little too easy for him.
Only a sensational lunging tackle from Blues fullback Brett Stewart prevented Inglis from crossing for what would have been his sixth try in as many

Origin appearances.
"It was the perfect footy
game," said Meninga, who came up with the answers after NSW coach Craig Bellamy had all the cards in Sydney.

Thurston, who was under tremendous pressure after coping a lot of criticism for his performance in Sydney, turned in a blinder but finished the game with a soft tissue shoulder injury

Thurston equalled the Queensland record of kicking seven Origin goals, achieved by Meninga on debut in 1980.

Lockyer could not say enough about the performance of man-of-the-match Greg Inglis, who at time was almost

unstoppable in open space. Inglis was hurting badly after criticism of his game against

Mark Gasnier in Sydney. The 21 year-old more than settled the score, using his big right fend to dump Gasnier on the way to setting up Boyd's first

"It just shows the character of him, he's only young," Lockyer said

I think he made a bit of a statement through the week, ne was going to turn things around and he did.

"He's real talent, that's for sure, and some of the things he did tonight were special.

So special, I can hardly wait for the decider back in Sydney. Bring it on!

Une at a time

Magicos Moments



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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LTHOUGH it is standard for every player and every coach to come out with the lines "We'll take it one game at a time' and 'We can't look too far ahead', there are times in the season when you have to take a step back and assess

At the half-way mark of the season, we at the Sydney Swans can take the simple approach of saying that we've won seven games, lost three and drawn one to sit a reasonably comfortable fifth on the table

But that would be too simplistic and perhaps under-estimate the growing confidence in the camp that we are capable of reliving past glories.

There is little doubt that after five

gruelling seasons of finals footy, we

collectively - players and coaching staff enjoyed three weeks extra rest in the off-

This 'luxury' also allowed Paul Roos the chance to bring through some youngsters to a list in that important cycle of refreshing

and reinvigorating the playing list.

Although it is difficult for a 'slightly more mature' player like myself to admit, the injection of new blood is vital to the even the most successful and experienced of

New blood brings new enthusiasm and new competition for positions and keeps everybody on their toes

There is little doubt that key players Adam Goodes, Barry Hall and Tadhg Kennelly enjoyed the extra break as much as myself and have all profited from restful and recuperative off-seasons.

Additional bonus

New signing Marty Mattner has been an additional bonus for our playing roster and

has fitted in perfectly.

A round one exit in the NAB Cup certainly gave us more time to prepare, although Nick Malceski's (knee) injury was

When we had a two-point opening day loss to the Saints, some were quick to predict our demise, although such negative talk was soon banished by three

consecutive wins.

Barry Hall's suspension in round four and subsequent losses to Geelong and the

Bulldogs were our proper reality checks.
Part of this was the intense public scrutiny of the club and its values given the

nature of Barry's suspension.
It is my belief that both the person in question and the club have returned stronger and better prepared for the demands of the end of season.

Our recent win against a very determined West Coast Eagles showed the depth of character that exists within this

Barry's return certain to lift our stocks and the addition of a fresh quality player will certainly set us on course for the

While round-11's stunning comeback win at West Coast was arguably our best of the season, capping four consecutive victories, there was another miracle which has added to our strength.

The return in round eight of Malceski delighted both players and fans and he only gets better each week

The absence of Hall also caused us to remodel our forward structure, including

new signing Henry Playfair.

Jarred Moore, Kieren Jack, Ed Barlow,

Jarrad McVeigh and Amon Buchanan have
all stepped up this year and with Hall set to return, there's a quiet confidence that we

have got the mixture right.
In beating West Coast, our biggest rival after epic grand final clashes of recent years, we showed with Jude Bolton's set shot in the shadows of the final siren showed that we have the temperament when it matters as they posted a rousing five-point win.

Brett Kirk is having his customary influential season.

As is always the case, our co-captain has played every game and quietly and effectively has done what we all know he can: Get his hands on the footy in the centre clearances, use the ball intelligently to set up goal-scoring opportunities up the field and work relentlessly to keep the pressure on the man.

It is good to see the 'mature' 31-year-old averaging 22 disposals per game (243 disposals in total) and has chipping in with eight goals and 34 marks.

Young Kieren Jack's performances in the centre of the ground have gone to another

down Eagles' midfielder Daniel Kerr in round four (winning him a NAB Rising Star

Playing every game this season, his ability to pressure the man, force turnovers and keep the Swans' intensity up has been a delight to watch.

The son of Balmain rugby league legend Garry Jack, Kieren is fast carving his own name in AFL with his assured performances under the mentoring of the Kirk

Should things go amiss, we have Nick Davis, whose season has yet to really lire, and it is testament to the forward structure that the goal sneak has not been able to force his way back into the side, despite some impressive performances in the reserves

Stirring speech

New club co-captain Craig Bolton's stirring pre-season speech to the Swans' faithful has been played out on the pitch with another dependable, 110 per cent effort from one of the most consistent defenders in the game

With 75 marks and 197 disposals, Bolton has led one of the league's stinglest defences and can be relied upon to manup and contest well with the best forwards in

All of this combined gives us confidence that we can do better than our 2007 finish of seventh.

The question that worries our opponents is how much Barry Hall's return will improve our well-oiled forward structure. We expect Adam Goodes to be target

on the park more often after the West Coast game, but are more than confident of his ability to handle the pressure.

All in all, we are quietly confident of what the future holds... as long as we take it one game at a time!

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming

Burgoyne should be next Power captain - Long



(AFL) team's next captain. Long, who has served as a role model to many of today's 72 indigenous players in the AFL

says they are now inspiring a new generation of children.

Kids looked up to us - no

doubt these players are having the same influence," Long said. "No doubt kids look up to Peter

Burgoyne and Shaun Burgoyne -

who I think will be the next, hopefully the next, captain of

Port Power, I think he's

tremendous," Long said. "These guys are enormous, I think their status within the Michael Long rates

community is very important "Football and sport has become very influential changing our kids

"Most importantly, there are other things that we have to strive for and be better at in terms of health and education for the future.

Long had a trailblazing 190-game career at Essendon, becoming an unofficial spokesman for Indigenous players. The two-time premiership

player won the Norm Smith Medal as best on field in the 1993 grand final and continues to be a leader in the Indigenous community. - AAP



SHAUN BURGOYNE

Function to honour Bundjalung icons of sport



United Rugby League Club will host a Night

of Indigenous Sports Stars at the Lismore Workers Club on Saturday 12

It will be the club's contribution to NAIDOC Week. Northern United secretary Grantley Creighton said part of the evening would be in the evening would be in recognition of the sporting achievements of past and present Indigenous men and women of the Bundjalung area of northern New South Wales. The club has asked for pominipations for awards in

The club has asked to nominations for awards in acknowledgement of those who have passed and made outstanding contributions to the sporting arena.

Evonne's big racquet

By PETER ARGENT



ABORIGINAL tennis legend Goolagong-Cawley is to be honoured in her NSW home

town of Barellan in a big way. The former world number one player will be immortalised by the world's biggest tennis racquet, to be constructed in Evonne

Goolagong Park in Barellan, on the Burley Griffin Way 60 km north of Narrandera. Barellan's 2001 population was 359, including six

Indigenous people.
The racquet will assembled from steel supplied by Steel
Supplies of Wagga Wagga, and
will be 13.8 metres long and 11
metres high on a 45-degree angle.
It will be erected alongside a
similar 20/1 scaled tennis ball on an imitation grass mini-court installed by Sports Technologies Limited and will be a replica of



 LEFT: The magic of technology gives us an impression of how the Big Racquet will look in

RIGHT: Tennis legend Evonne Goolagong-Cawley.

together to help fund the dreams

The wheat farming community was rewarded with the sporting success of Evonne – their most

celebrated daughter.
"The idea came after reading

an article about the big landmarks around our nation," said Barellan

Big Racquet Committee President

"While waiting to play a night tennis in early January 2007, I

start talking about the idea with

of the future Wimbledon

champion.

David Irvin.



my combatant. "The community has given tremendous support in this

project.
"We are delighted to build this

landmark in honour of Evonne. "She has never forgotten her roots here and has become one of the truly great ambassadors for

The entire community is looking forward to the Centenary celebrations and welcoming Evonne home again

An ecstatic and flattered

not to make too much fuss but this was a 'big racquet that I'm really

"The people of Barellan were my first sponsors and I'm so grateful for their help," she continued.

This tribute is incredible and I can't wait to get home to see it.

Evonne Goolagong-Cawley won the Australian Open four times between 1974 and 1977, the French Open in 1971 and Wimbledon titles in 1971 and again in 1980 after motherhood.

She brought to the game vitality, freshness and effortless talent which hadn't been seen

Between 1970 and 1980. Evonne Goolagong won at least one title each year, collecting 68 in total, 15 of them in 1970 and another 12 in the next calendar

To this day she continues to promote tennis in Australia through her scholarship program.



A master of martial art

The town was proud of its only

Dunlop racquet which she used during the zenith of her success in

The landmark giant racquet will be unveiled by Evonne during Barellan's centenary celebrations in October 2009.

Evonne, one of eight children

the 1970s

MEET 12-year-old Alex Lee, a promising exponent of judo. Alex picked up a silver medal in the under 55kg division at the Australian judo championships at Castle Hill during the June long weekend. The young Darug lad lives with his mum and dad, Peter and Lisa Lee, at Doonside. Alex is something of a sporting all-rounder – he is his school's 12-year-old swimming champion and arlier this month broke the school shot put record. We're told that Alex is doing well on

Khandisha's family weighs in to help



THE family of disabled Lismore 11-year-old athlete Khandisha King are planning a number of

fund-raising events to help finance Khandisha's participation in the 2008 Pacific School Games.

The Games will be held in Canberra from 30 November to 6 December and Khandisha will be

swimming in the 50m and 100m and relay freestyle events.
Swimming is one of five sports in the eighth Pacific School Games. Hockey and basketball have been added, joining the core sports of swimming, diving and track and field.

The Pacific School Games began as a test event for the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games. School Sport Australia took responsibility for the Games, which have become the flagship of the Australian school sport program.

Subsequent PSG were test events for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney and the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, using the relevant major

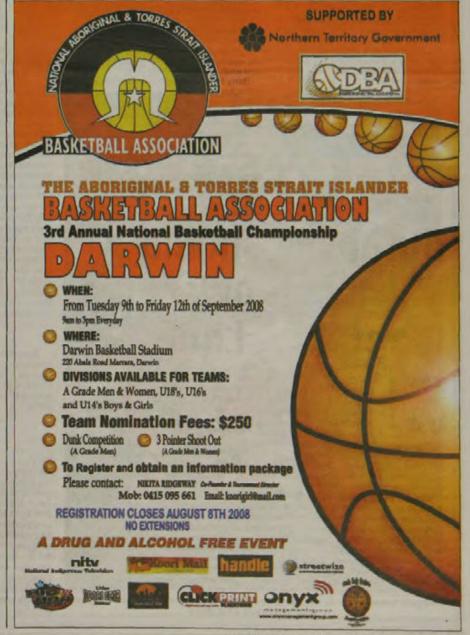
The number of competitors has grown from 2184 from 12 teams (including all Australian States and Territories) in the first PSG to about 3500 competitors from 30 teams from Australian States and Territories, Pacific Rim nations and other invited nations.

About 500 officials accompany the teams

New South Wales is set to send a team of more than 800 to the Canberra Games.

Khandisha lives at Goonellabah. a Lismore suburb, and attends Lismore Heights Public School, where she is in Year Six.

Her disability is asthma Khandisha's older brother, Jacob, is a promising cross-country runner.



Our 10 per cent: How

T is now the middle of the 150th year of Australian football and PETER ARGENT takes a look at the Indigenous players, who continue to excite fans. In 2008, 73 players - which is 10 per cent of the total AFL player base - have Indigenous heritage and many of them are dominating the competition. Argent focuses on the performances of players between rounds five and 11.

Adelaide

Senior Squad: Jon GRIFFIN, Andrew McLEOD, Graham JOHNCOCK, Jarrhan JACKY, Tony ARMSTRONG. Rookies: Jared PETRENKO, Ed CURNOW.

At the half-way mark, the Crows are sitting comfortably inside the top four with eight victories and three losses. This is despite premier player Andrew McLeod playing below his best over the past six weeks. On the other side of the coin, Graham Johncock has continued his consistently impressive performances and, until he received a hip injury, ruckman Jon Griffin had been an important member of the squad. Jarrhan Jacky, another creative goal-kicking small forward and a first-year recruit from Western Australia, made his debut in the round five against Fremantle

After his initial opportunity, he has struggled to get in senior level with Woodville West Torrens and played the last round in the SANFL reserves. Tony Armstrong started his season in the North Adelaide reserves and debuted at SANFL league level in round eight against
Woodville-West Torrens. Playing with
Glenelg, Crows rookie Edward Curnow
has been dealing with injury, while Jared
Petrenko, after having his shoulder reconstructed, returned to football with Woodville-West Torrens in May.

Brisbane Lions

Senior Squad: Anthony CORRIE, Rhan HOOPER, Ashley McGRATH, Albert PROUD, Jason ROE, Sam SHELDON.

The Lions are travelling well, winning their last three games on home soil and being firmly entrenched in the top eight - looking to push their way into the top four. Small forward Ashley McGrath played his 100th game in the Brisbane Lions colours in a one-sided contest in round six against Melbourne at the Gabba. After recovering from a knee problem last year, Anthony Corrie has played every game so far this season, being hard working and creative mainly across half forward. Rhan Hooper is another Aboriginal small forward who is starting to make an impact at the top level. Jason Roe forced his way back into the Lions' senior team in May and has given his side plenty of run out of defence. Albert Proud was the architect in a couple of the Suncoast Lions' wins in the QAFL over the last month and is looking to force his way into the Lions' mid-field. Sam Sheldon, son of Carlton premiership player and South Adelaide coach Ken, has been dealing with a groin injury which has limited his opportunities.

Carlton

Senior Squad: Joe ANDERSON, Clint BENJAMIN, Eddie BETTS, Andrew WALKER.

Forward Eddie Betts has taken his football to the next level for Carlton, being lively in most matches. During May, Joe Anderson had three successive impressive performances for the Bullants and will be looking to add to his five games with Carlton at senior level. In his second year at the Blues, Clint Benjamin has played every game with the Northern Bullants' senior team in the first half of their season. While not being outstanding, he has been conspicuous on occasions for the Carlton feeder's side. Andrew Walker hasn't had any impact because he as been recovering from a shoulder injury.

Collingwood

Senior Squad: Leon DAVIS, Brad DICK, Chris EGAN, Shannon COX. Rookie: Sharrod WELLINGHAM.

The Magpies are looking like real contenders again in 2008. Promoted rookie Sharrod Whellingham made an impressive debut before a huge crowd in the Anzac match against Essendon. He is the Alizac match against essention. He is starting to find his feet and prosper at AFL level. Leon Davis played his 150th senior match with Collingwood in the round 11 games on the Queen's Birthday holiday Monday clash, celebrating his milestone with a freakish goal against the Demons. He has been a vital cog in the Magpies' side this year. Brad Dick is suffering with a knee injury which has meant too much time on the sidelines, while Chris Egan has played every game for the Collingwood reserves this year. Shannon Cox, after a string of solid performances in the VFL, forced his way back in the impressive Magpies' senior team just before the half-way mark of the season.

Essendon

Senior Squad: Alwyn DAVEY, Courtenay DEMPSEY, Leroy JETTA, Andrew LOVETT, Nathan LOVETT-MURRAY, Paddy RYDER. Rookies: Jarrod ATKINSON, Dean

After another brilliant start to the season, Alywn Davey suffered a knee injury which will see him missing a significant part of 2008. Courtney Dempsey has also been sidelined with a leg injury. Jarrod Atkinson has been playing solid VFL league football for the Bendigo Bombers at senior level. It has also been tough for young players like Leroy Jetta as the 'Dons look to change their game plan under Matthew Knights, but there has been patches of brilliance to the quicksilver small man. In a team which has been struggling, Andrew Lovett has been one of Essendon's bright lights, while Nathan Lovett-Murray is an integral part of the structure. Ultra-talented big man Paddy Rider has been asked to ruck



Jarrhan Jacky is finding it hard to hold down a spot with the Adelaide Crows. The recruit from the west made his debut in the round-five game against Fremantle, but has struggled lately to get a senior level place with Woodville West Torrens, and played the last round in the SANFL reserves.

on occasions or hold down the key centre half-back role. While he has been beaten at times, he is developing in to the one of the premier big men in the AFL – watch this space!

Fremantle

Senior Squad: Jeff FARMER, Antoni GROVER, Roger HAYDEN, Des HEADLAND, Michael JOHNSON. Rookie: Calib MOURISH.

The Dockers look to be only a shell of the side which made it to a preliminary final a couple of years ago. The best performing Indigenous player has been running defender Michael Johnson, who running defender Michael Johnson, who has been consistently among the top players despite Fremantle being unable to win a game in this period. Fellow defender Antoni Grover has been sidelined during this period with a substantial lung complaint, while Lions premiership player Des Headland also dealt with a knee complaint. Jeff Farmer has been kicking a couple of goals a game, but he has been patchy as best. Second-year rookle, 190cm 89kg Calib Morish, has played all ten games in the WAFL for East Fremantle, averaging 10.7 possessions a game.

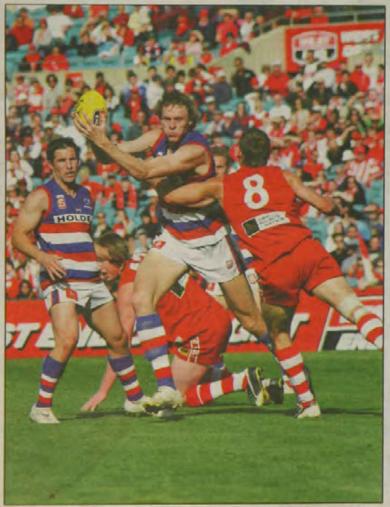
Geelong

Senior Squad: Nathan DJERRKURA, Mathew STOKES, Travis VARCOE. Rookie: Liam BEDFORD.

In the Geelong Cats' defence of their 2007 crown, Mathew Stokes has (except for his week on the sidelines due to suspension) been an integral part of the starting XVIII.

Wearing Graham 'Polly' Farmer's famous number five Cats jumper.

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Adelaide ruckman Jon Griffin had been an important member of the Crows' squad until he received a hip injury.

they are performing

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Travis Varcoe been a bits-and-pieces player at senior level for the powerful Geelong outfit, while Darwin lad Nathan Djerrkura had a late start to the season due to injury, but has played the past five games in the VFL. Second-year rookle Liam Bedford has played each senior game for Geelong VFL side and has been improving steadily.

Hawthorn

Senior squad: Chance BATEMAN, Lance FRANKLIN, Mark WILLIAMS, Cyril RIOLI. Rookie: Cameron STOKES.

In the fist half of this season, all the talk was about the premier power forward in the AFL – Lance 'Buddy' Franklin. With the young Hawks perched on top of the AFL premiership table with ten victories and just the single defeat, Franklin has been the most impressive goal kicker in the competition. He equalled a career high nine-goal effort in the round-11 match against Essendon and is currently sitting on 59 goals at an average of over five a match. If this trend continues, he will become the first Aboriginal player to kick 100 goals in a season and the first Indigenous John Coleman Medallist. Mark Williams, dual Hawks leading goalkicker in 2005 and 2006, got into plenty of hot water after his message to his namesake in the round-eight win over Port Adelaide. Cyril Rioli is already making his mark in this side as a creative small forward, having won the NAB round-six Rising Star nomination. Chance Bateman is now a senior member of the Hawks side and is a consistent high possession winner. Cameron Stokes was starting to play some consistent football with the Box Hill Hawks in the VFL before a hamstring injury had him on the sidelines.

Kangaroos

Senior Squad: Matt CAMPBELL, Eddie SANSBURY, Daniel WELLS, Lindsay THOMAS. Rookie: Cruize GARLETT.

Kangaroos champion Daniel Wells had a frustrating first half of the 2008 season, looking to be playing under difficulties, before an injury in the round-nine match on the Gold Coast sent him to the sidelines in late May. Matt Campbell and Lindsay Thomas have played all games at AFL level for the Kangaroos in their second year at the top level. While their form has at times been inconsistent, they are still valuable members of the squad. Despite solld performances in the VFL with North Ballarat, Eddie Sansbury has been unable to force his way into the Kangaroos' senior team. Rookie Cruize Garlett has played each game at VFL senior level, but is yet to stamp his authority on a game in this competition.

Melbourne

Senior Squad: Aaron DAVEY, Matthew WHELAN, Isaac WEETRA. Rookie: Austin WONAEAMIRRI.

Elevated in round three, Austin Wonaeamirri was a key part of the Demons' only win in the first half of the season when they beat Fremantle in a thriller at the MCG in round seven. His effort was enough to collect the NAB

round-seven Rising Star nomination. Issac Weetra, after playing the opening two games in the Melbourne side, has just forced his way back into the Sandringham seniors after a six-week spell in the reserves combination. Experienced defender Matthew Whelan looks to be ready for a recall to the Demons side after a month on consistent performances with 'Sandy' in the VFL. Like his club, Aaron Davey has had an up-and-down season before being sidelined with injury.

Port Adelaide

Senior Squad: Peter BURGOYNE, Shaun BURGOYNE, Nathan KRAKOUER, Daniel MOTLOP, Marlon MOTLOP, Danyle PEARCE.

Shaun Burgoyne's season went spiralling downwards after he was unable to beat a report charge for rough conduct in the round-eight match against Hawthorn at Aurora Stadium in Launceston, Tasmania. Besides him losing any opportunity of winning of winning the Brownlow Medal, his loss also was devastating for the club. Daniel Motlop was the star of the day in the round-ten clash with Fremantle with a six-goal haul, including what may be the goal of the year. Peter Burgoyne is playing his usual sweeping role perfectly and has had another stellar season, while Danyle Pearce's form has been inconsistent. He was actually dropped back to the SANFL before a late recall due to injury. Starting off in the North Adelaide reserves, Marlon Motlop has had limited opportunities at senior level under Andrew Jarman's guidance at the Roosters. Nathan Krakouer forced his way back into the Power side in round ten after a number of good games with the Port Adelaide Magples in the SANFL.

Richmond

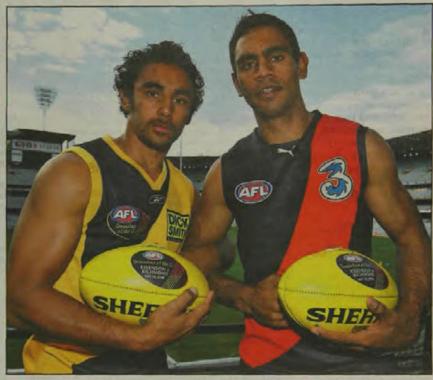
Senior Squad: Jarrod
OAKLEY-NICHOLS, Richard TAMBLING,
Shane EDWARDS. Rookie: Clayton
COLLARD.

Former South Australian Shane Edwards' best performance this year was in the Indigenous round where his kicked three goals in the win over Essendon. Richard Tambling is threatening to take the competition by the scruff of the neck, but is just off the mark currently. Jarrod Oakley-Nicholls has been in solid form for the Coburg Tigers, while the number-one rookie selection, Clayton Collard, will be looking for elevation to the senior list after forcing his way into the VFL side's senior team at the end of May and being in the best three players.

St Kilda

Senior Squad: Raphael CLARKE, Xavier CLARKE.

It hasn't been a season to write home about for the Clarke brothers in the first half of 2008. Xavier has again had to deal



Richmond's Richard Tambling and Essendon's Nathan Lovett-Murray. Peter Argent says Tambling is threatening to take the game by the scruff of its neck, while Lovett-Murray is an integral part of the Bombers' structure.

Picture: AFL

with injury woes, mainly hamstring problems, while Raphael's form with the Saints has been modest and they are currently playing with the Casey Scorpions in the VFL competition. The second half of the 2008 season will prove critical for both siblings if they want to continue in the AFL in the longer term.

Sydney

Senior Squad: Adam GOODES, Michael O'LOUGHLIN.

The Swans continue to show they will be around the mark again this year. After a modest start to 2008, Adam Goodes has returned to form over the last month, being a key player in the Swans' performances. He played his 200th consecutive game in the Indigenous round-nine game against Port Adelaide at AAMI Stadium, and hasn't been far from controversy as well, being reported a couple of times, but still continuing his unbroken games record up to round 11. Veteran Michael O'Loughlin gained automatic AFL life membership with his 300th official match in the clash against Richmond. Amazingly, he made his debut back in 1995. His effort comprised of 279 premiership games, 14 pre-season games, two State of Origin matches and four International Rules fixtures, before getting to his milestone in the round-ten Sunday match against Richmond at the SCG. He continues to be a major cog in the Swans' forward structure.

West Coast

Senior Squad: David WIRRPANDA

David Wirrpanda became the 11th Indigenous player in the history of the game to reach 200 games in the Eagles' emphatic Indigenous round win over the Adelaide Crows. While it hasn't been a strong first half of the season for the Eagles, the team lifted for Wirrpanda's milestone match and they comprehensively beat the Adelaide Crows. The West Coast star joined at elite group of Aboriginal footballers in this match — Gavin Wanganeen (300 games — Essendon and Port Adelaide), Andrew McLeod (291 – Adelaide), Michael O'Loughlin (278 – Sydney), Darryl White (268 – Brisbane Bears and Lions), Chris Johnson (264 – Fitzroy and Brisbane Lions), Peter Matera (253 – West Coast), Nicky Winmar (251 – St Kilda and Western Bulldogs), Jeff Farmer (237 – Melbourne and Fremantle), Adam Goodes (217 – Sydney) and Chris Lewis – (215 West Coast) in the 200-club.

Western Bulldogs

Senior Squad: Jarrod HARBROW, Malcolm LYNCH, Brennan STACK, Josh Hill

With just one loss and a draw in the opening half of the season, the Western Bulldogs are being talked up as contenders in 2008. After starting the season in a blaze of glory, Josh Hill has been a lot quieter in the past month. Returning to play with Williamstown in two rounds of the VFL, a best-on-ground effort against the Northern Bullants will have him forcing his way back into the senior team soon. Jarrod Harbow had also been playing with Williamstown in the past month, looking for consistency in his game.

After a frustrating start to the season, Malcolm Lynch has played three games at senior level for Williamstown as well and is cementing a spot in this side. Brennan Stack played his best games at VFL level in the 7 June match against the Northern Bullants and was selected as second best in the match.

Looking for Olympic glory

Benn Harradine

(Track and field)

A talented Victorian track and field athlete who broke the Australian record in discus of 66.37 metres to achieve an A-qualifier for the Olympics in early May at the Chula Vista meet

A dual national champion, he broke the previous national record of 65.06m set by Wayne Martin almost 30 years ago.

Harradine was added to the Olympic team for the 2008 Beijing Olympics on 29 May.

Desmond Abbott

(Hockey)

Abbott is an AIS scholarship holder who hails from the Northern Territory and is a talented midfielder/striker who has



played more than a dozen games for the Australian Kookaburras He is likely to be named in the Australian Kookaburras team bound for the Beijing

Olympics. He is silky skilled and also has a great goal sense, being very dangerous inside the circle.

Paul Flemming

(Boxing)
Flemming is originally from
Tully, in far north Queensland, and now lives on the Sunshine Coast. He recently was named in the Australian Olympic team to compete in the 54-57kg featherweight division.

Defeating rival Luke Jackson in the 2008 Oceania Championship to qualify for the Olympic Games Flemming was selected in his first national team in 2006 for the World Junior Championships

where he won a bronze medal. He became the first Australian to win a medal at an under-19 world boxing championship event. Some judges say he is our best medal hope in boxing in

Anthony Little

(Boxing) Little will now fight in his second Olympics after being named in the Australian team to fight in the 60kg lightweight

He is one of just two Australian boxers to have had Olympics experience.

He made it to the second round of competition at the 2004 Athens Games in the 60kg division, but missed the 2000 Sydney Olympics because of a drugs ban.

Rohanee Cox

(Basketball)

Rohanee Cox, a talented guard who plays for the Cairns Dolphins in the QABL, has been named in the Australian Opals basketball

team for Beijing.
The 182cm forward hails from Townsville, north Queensland, and has represented her country



Discus thrower Benn Harradine has qualified for the Australian track and field team for the August Beijing Olympics and is our best-ever medal prospect in this sport.

Luke Boyd

(Boxing)

Now in his second year an AIS scholarship holder, Boyd has been named in the Australian Olympic boxing team bound for Beijing. He will fight in the 51-54kg division.

Boyd graduated from the Australian Sports Commission's National Talent Identification and Development Program (NTID).

He took up boxing ten years ago after being too small to play rugby league.

Nathan Jawai

(Basketball)

Nathan is a former AIS scholarship holder and is in the United States in the run-up to the 26 June National Basketball League draft.

Dubbed the 'Aussie Shaq', he has played for the Cairns Taipans in the National Basketball League

He is touted as one of the next big things in Australian basketball. He won the Most Valuable Player award in the NBL versus World All Star match in December 2007

There are suggestions the Olympic team may decide not to select Jawai because he has not been part of the Australian build-up for Beijing. He instead has focused on his US NBA career and has nominated for the June 26 draft in New York.

Otis Gowa

(Athletics)

Gowa is one of the success stories of the Australian Sports Commission's NTID program, which is being delivered in partnership with Athletics

Against the odds, Gowa broke through to win the national 100m title at the Australian Athletics Championships in Brisbane in a time of 10.63 seconds.

He remains in contention for a spot in the Australian Olympic

What makes Gowa's story special is his ongoing triumph over cancer. Diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in August 2006, while living in Cairns and employed as an AFL development officer, he returned to training eight weeks later and competed at the Oceania Championships in Samoa in December of that year.

Patrick Johnson

(Athletics)

Patrick Johnson is preparing to qualify for what is likely to be his swansong.

He competed in the 4x100m relay team at the Athens Olympics, which eventually finished a very good sixth in the

Johnson also competed at the Sydney 2000 Olympics, reaching the quarter-finals (top 32) in the

100m and 200m, and the semi-finals of the 4x100m relay. Johnson became the first Australian sprinter to break 10 seconds for 100m, running 9.88 seconds wind-assisted in Perth in February 2003.

The following May in Japan, he ran 100m in 9.93 seconds with a legal wind speed, becoming the 17th fastest man of all time over

Patrick Mills

(Basketball)

The prodigious former AIS scholarship holder now plays point guard for the St Mary's College



team in enjoying one of its best ever seasons in the highly competitive college basketball scene.

At just 19 and in his fourth

game for St Mary's, the Canberra point guard dominated with 37 points against Oregon - the sixth best return in the school's history

Mills became the youngest player for the Boomers last July when he made a stunning debut against Austria at just 18.

Robbie Crowther

(Athletics)

This talented long-jumper relocated from Bowen, in Queensland, to the AIS in Canberra after being spotted by AIS athletics coach Craig Hilliard. Since then, Crowther has

progressed rapidly and in an injury-interrupted preparation, won the long jump at the World Junior Athletics Championships in 2006 in Beijing, the host city of the Olympic Games. It was the best-ever jump by an Australian junior at 8 metres.

His best jump is the 8.02 metres he set at the World University Games in Thailand last

He still needs to break his personal best and jump 8.20 metres before 22 June to qualify for the Beijing Olympic Games.

Stacey Porter

(Softball) Stacey Porter, from Tamworth, NSW, played a leading role in the 2004 Olympic team in Athens, hitting the only run against the United States to win the silver

She became the first Indigenous women to play soltball for Australia.

She has been named in the Australian softball team for the 2008 Beijing Games, and this third and first base player noted as a powerful performer and is one of the best batters in the world.

She has put on the green-and-gold uniform more than 180 times, debuting during the Japan tour in 2002

Jade North

(Football)
Jade is the captain of the title-winning Newcastle side in A-League soccer and has represented his country at senior

He is looking for a place as one of the over-age players in the Olyroos under-23s side for the Beijing Olympics.

Khalen Young

(BMX)

BMX is set to make its highly anticipated Olympic debut in Beijing, and this Indigenous starts on top of the world.

Noted as one of the characters of the BMX circuit, Young is a West Australian. This Boulder-born rider is a California resident and is expected to have a real chance of Olympic gold in

Beijing. He won the World Cup in 2007 and finished second at the 2007 World Championships

Joshua Ross

(Athletics)

It has certainly been a tumultuous 12 months in the life of Indigenous sprinter Josh Ross

A four-times winner of the national 100 metres crown, he went to the Athens Olympics in 2004 and will be looking for a place in the 100-metre relay team

Jersey retired, but totem lives on



THE totem of First Contact founder the late Robbie Williams has been incorporated into the uniform of the First Contact

All-Stars men's touch football

And in a further tribute to Mr Williams, the All-Stars have officially retired the No 1 jersey in honour of their founder

On Friday night 23 May, before their touch game in the South-East Queensland Touch League, the First Contact All-Stars men's team players were officially given their new jerseys by the organisation's CEO, Trish Williams, widow of the late Mr Williams.

Mr Williams became the first Indigenous alderman for Brisbane City Council.

Passion for sport

Mrs Williams spoke of her husband's great love and passion for sport, especially rugby league and touch footbal

rugby league and touch football.
"Robbie will always be remembered on the sideline getting very passionate and giving coaching and encouragement tips to not just his First Contact teams, but any team that had Indigenous players," she said.

"Robble would always say 'play hard and play strong, wear your Murri colours with pride. At the end of the game always know that you have given your

It had been agreed by the players and team management that out of respect, remembrance and



The First Contact All-Stars men's team in their new jerseys featuring the totem of the late Robbie Williams, back row, from left, Trevor Lake, Mathew Lalaga, Matt Radecker, Jessie Green, Geoff Coakley (team manager), John Rolleston, Trish Williams (CEO First Contact), Jorgie Skeen, Ashley Knight (captain), Josh White; front row, Cody Green, Clargie Saltmere, Nathan Appo (coach), Puni Tairea (assistant team manager), Dustin Green and Layton Chapman.

acknowledgement of Mr Williams, the First Contact All-Stars No 1 playing jersey would never be used again.

"Without Uncle Robble, the boys' and men's teams of the First Contact All-Stars would not have existed. He saw something special in us and we saw him as a true warrior, mentor and role model. He set our levels high, and we have responded in kind", said All-Stars captain Ashley

During the ceremony, there wasn't a dry eye in the clubhouse.

The Wednesday and Friday night All-Stars teams are performing strongly in the south-east Queensland competition. Both teams of the All-Stars are made up of Indigenous players.

Indigenous players.

The Wednesday night junior team is gearing up to play in the Queensland Junior State

New beginning



PHILLIP HALL

By GRAHAM HUNT



LONG-TIME Aboriginal rugby league co-ordinator Phillip Hall has a vision for the future of NSW Aboriginal rugby league – and it is

based on the boundaries of land councils throughout the State.

Reporting on the success of a 'summit' he called in Newcastle on 8 June, Mr Hall said people at the meeting endorsed his plan that divorces Aboriginal rugby league from the Australian Rugby League, the National Rugby League, NSW Rugby League and Country Rugby League.

Instead, he wants to see the creation of Aboriginal rugby league competitions – each one based on the boundaries of the nine NSW Aboriginal Regional Land Councils.

He then proposes that each of the nine land council areas choose two representative teams to play in a 'super competition.

Mr Hall told The Koori Mail there was strong support at the Newcastle summit for his vision

He could give no starting date for the new competitions, saying individual land

councils would have to absord his plans and that there was much groundwork to be done.

He said a State Aboriginal Rugby League Council would be the over-arching organisation.

Meanwhile, Mr Hall reported that his new-look plan for the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival planned for Newcastle during the October long weekend had been endorsed at the Newcastle summit

The Newcastle tournament will be hosted by the Newcastle All Blacks – winners of last year's rugby league knockout carnival at Kempsey.

Rival carnivals

The Kempsey knockout was held at the same time as the rival Aboriginal knockout carnival in Lismore.

knockout carnival in Lismore.

Mr Hall was the co-ordinator of the
Lismore carnival, but the winners of that
carnival – the Wollumbin Warriors – are
pressing ahead with their carnival on
the Tweed coast without the involvement
of Mr Hall.

The Tweed carnival – at Ned Byrne Field, Kingscliff, and endorsed by the Australian Rugby League – will clash with the Newcastle carnival.

The two carnivals this year will differ in a big way: The Tweed carnival will be a straight knockout in the tradition of previous Aboriginal carnivals, while in Newcastle, there will be a new format. Organisers are planning a 32-team competition, with teams broken into eight pools of four. Teams will play each other in their pool, with the pool winners then advancing to a knockout format of quarter-finals, semi-finals and grand final.

Pool teams not qualifying for the quarter-finals will play repechage matches.

Mr Hall said this would get around the disappointment of teams paying thousands of dollars to enter the competition, only to be eliminated after just one came.

be eliminated after just one game.
The carnival will be played on the
Newcastle Sports Ground No 1 and No 2

Mr Hall's vision is to turn the carnival into more than just rugby league. He said there were plans for a golf day at Newcastle on Thursday, 2 October, and a basketball carnival involving men's, women's and junior teams on 3-4 October.

Other features of last year's Lismore carnival, such as a Miss Koori pageant, would continue at Newcastle.

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Indigenous athletes in mix for selection

By PETER ARGENT and GRAHAM HUNT



FOLLOWING in the footsteps of 400-metre gold medallist Cathy Freeman and Hockeyroo gold medallist Nova Peris, a new generation of Indigenous athletes are

looking for opportunities to excel at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. Among the next wave of Indigenous stars chasing their Olympic dreams are basketballers Patrick Mills and Rohanee Cox, boxer Luke Boyd and hockey player Desmond Abbott.

Some athletes already have booked their tickets to Beijing, while others are waiting to find out if they have been selected.

Three Indigenous boxers are among the lucky ones who know they are Beijing-bound. They are Paul Flemming, Anthony Little and Luke Boyd.

Discus thrower Benn Harradine is another certainty for Beijing. He has been told he's in the team and he represents Australia's best ever chance of a discus medal.

Certainties

Other Indigenous athletes look certainties for selection. Patrick Mills will be one of the first chosen in the Boomers' line-up, while Rohanee Cox is already in the women's Opals team. A question-mark hangs over the selection of North Queensland basketball sensation Nathan Jawai. The 208cm gentle giant from Barnaga, near the tip of Cape York has played for the Boomers, but with his focus on a career in the United States, Australian selectors may look to a player more involved

with the Boomers' Olympic lead-up games. For the moment though, Jawai and Mills

are in a 20-man squad still in contention for selection for Beijing.

Tamworth softballer Stacey Porter is already in the Olympic team and Jade North (soccer) should gain selection as one of three older players allowed in the Olyroos under 23 team.

In athletics, 22 June is an important date. Athletes have until then to justify their selection for the Olympics.

So far, Benn Harradine is the only

Indigenous athlete in the Australian track and field team.

Time running out

There are three Indigenous sprinters at the elite level of athletics, but none of them so far has been chosen.

Otis Gower is the current Australian 100m champion, but his chances of selection look

Joshua Ross has an A-qualifier time of 10.13 seconds for the 100m, while Patrick Johnson's A-qualifier time is 10.17 seconds. In the 200m, Johnson's A-qualifier time is

20.48 seconds, and Ross' time is 20.53 seconds.

Time is running out for the men's 4x100m relay team to qualify. Such a team could include Johnson and Ross.

Long jumper Robbie Crowther - the world junior champion – needs to break his personal best and jump 8.20 metres before next

Sunday (22 June) to qualify for Beijing. Selectors will meet on 23 June (next Monday) to choose the Australian track and

In men's hockey, the Kookaburras are always highly rated and Desmond Abbott should be one of the first players chosen.

Abbott has been a regular fixture in the Australian team for some time

The Northern Territorian took a step closer to Beijing after being named in the 18-man squad to play at the Champions Trophy in the Netherlands beginning on Saturday (21 June). The 22-year-old striker was a stand-out at the recent Four Nations tournament in Darwin. The Dutch tournament will see the

Kookaburras play matches against five of the world's leading teams, and selectors will use it as an opportunity to finalise their

Exciting BMX rider Khalen Young, born in Boulder, Western Australia, is at the top of the tree. BMX is set to make its Olympic debut in Beijing and Young, who now lives in California, is a real chance for Olympic gold.

The healthy proportion of Indigenous athletes already chosen or in line for selection for Beijing has a lot to do with the Australian

Sports Commission.

Sports Commission CEO Mark Peters said: "The Indigenous Sports Program through its network continues to work closely with the ASC's National Talent Identification and Development (NTID) program to find and develop the next generation of Indigenous athletes across a number of sports including track and field, boxing, hockey and basketball.

Mr Peters said the AIS, since its establishment in 1981, had supported the training and development of more than 100

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