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Dreams taking flight



SCITECH presenter Heidi Madden (far left), and students Kelwyn Muller, Angelica Costaine and Brenda Mulligan watch fascinated as fellow student Samara Skinner uses elastic energy to launch a rubber band helicopter.

This was just one of a range of hands-on activities that captivated bush kids during a careers awareness festival hosted by Kulkarriya Remote Community School at Noonkanbah, near Fitzroy Crossing in the remote Kimberley region last month.

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Men's business

By DARREN COYNE



THERE'S some major men's business going on this week in the desert near Alice Springs – but it is no secret.

Around 400 men were expected to gather from communities throughout the Northern Territory, and around Australia, to confront issues raised by the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER), or intervention, into NT Aboriginal communities.

Twelve months on, they want the world to know that they are sick of being portrayed as brutal and uncaring, and they hope to send out the message that they want the best for their families.

The summit – *Taking care of our children, taking the next steps* – began on Monday and runs until tomorrow, 3 July, at the Ross River Campsite outside Alice Springs.

John Liddle, the Male Health Manager at

Aboriginal men gather to confront demons raised by NT intervention

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, said the summit represented a turning point in a year that had seen Aboriginal men suffer massive negative media coverage – and a lot of hurt.

"We need to acknowledge the hurt and pain that has been caused by violence which has shamed many Indigenous males who are not violent. More importantly, we want to come up with solutions that will bring about safe healthy environments for our children and families," Mr Liddle said.

"Through a series of eight workshops over the first three male-only days of the Summit, we will focus on the need for behavioural change and the support needed to deal with child physical and sexual abuse and neglect."

Mr Liddle said men from communities and town camps would provide feedback on the final day on the actions needed to help males take responsibility to become better fathers, uncles, brothers and sons.

"There's no doubt that there will be some very strong feelings expressed over the three days of the Summit. Aboriginal males have been depicted in the media as brutal and uncaring," Mr Liddle said.

"We've had to live with those labels but now it is time to acknowledge that there are many, many Aboriginal males who want safe healthy environments for our children and want to make that happen."

Dr Mick Adams, from the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), agreed, saying it was time men became more involved in

addressing issues raised by the intervention.

"There's got to be a lot more work to be done with men within the intervention review ... I mean, none of the men were invited to sit down and have a yarn," he said. "If men are the problem, then we are also the solution."

"Aboriginal men by adopting healthy, responsible lifestyles can go a long way to improving the health, well-being and vitality of their families and communities."

Meanwhile, Dr Adams was critical of a recommendation from the NTER Taskforce that communities should be assessed for their viability.

"Their connection to their country strengthens them spiritually, as well as their minds and bodies. People living on their country are generally a lot healthier," he said.

Lawyers, activists, community members and non-Indigenous people have also reacted with alarm at the recommendation

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My FAMILY JENENE STOREY, Tennant Creek, NT



MEET my family. There's my five children here, plus my brother, Braydon Cleary-Goldie. At 10, Braydon is 20 years younger than me, and he was born an uncle – true. My eldest son, Tommy-Lee Storey-McLaughlin, is six months older than him.

Tommy-Lee loves rugby league and Australian rules, but he's also an artist. I've got no art talent, but Tommy-Lee sure does.

Then there's Trezman. He's just six, and he's my little trouble-maker. If there's a problem in the family, Trezman'll be in

there somewhere, bless him.

Tshanka's my only girl and I've got real hopes for her. She's got a good head on her shoulders and she can go far. Tshanka's already vice-captain at her school.

Tyreake is a gentle giant of a kid. He's got a personality all of his own and I know he's going to be just fine.

And then there's my youngest, Marquis. He's what I call an 'old soul' – already wise. He connects with the old people. There's something special about him.

I am a Wambaya

woman. My country is in the north-east of the Barkly region in the centre of the Northern Territory.

I've been in Tennant Creek since I was about 15. I love it here. Tennant Creek is a learning place – it's got everything we need right here.

● Pictured above: Jenene Storey with her children, back from left, Tommy-Lee Storey-McLaughlin, 11, Trezman Banjo, 6, and Tshanka Storey, 9, and, front from left, Tyreake Banjo, 4, and Marquis Banjo, 3. With them at front left is Jenene's brother Braydon Cleary-Goldie, 10.

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OUR CHILDREN



The Bama Dayal Dancers, from Kuranda in far north Queensland, performed at a recent men's health expo at Wuchopperen Health Service in Cairns, as part of Men's Health Week '08. Photo by LEIGH HARRIS

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Town camps deal

You've come a long way baby...



NT FRANCES Djulibing was working at the Ramingining local shop when film director Rolf de Heer became convinced she'd be perfect for his film *Ten Canoes*, which went on to become an international hit.

Djulibing was cast as one of three wives of one of the traditional drama's main characters, a commendable but relatively small part for the novice Arnhem Land actress.

It'll be a different story though, when a documentary about Djulibing's life opens the Message Sticks Film Festival at the Sydney Opera House this Friday, 4 July.

Director Darlene Johnson's documentary *River of No Return* is billed as 'a story of change and transformation', following Djulibing as she strives to achieve her dream of becoming a Hollywood movie star – just like her idol Marilyn Monroe. Djulibing re-enacted Monroe's famous scene from *The Seven Year Itch* to promote this year's film festival.

"She is a traditional, tribal Aboriginal woman, but I guess Frances could see something in Marilyn that resonated with her own experience," Johnson told *The Sun Herald*.

● The 2008 Message Sticks Film Festival will tour the country free of charge this month and next. See Page 50 for details.

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Rudd Government appears to have pulled off what former Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough couldn't – a deal with Alice Springs' town campers to surrender control of their land to government in return for millions of dollars in housing and infrastructure funding.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced last week that Tangentyere Council had accepted an offer of \$50 million in Commonwealth funds in return for granting the Government 40-year leases over the troubled town camps.

There'll also be an immediate allocation of \$5.3 million for urgent housing upgrades in the town camps, many of which have been mired in overcrowding and alcohol-fuelled violence for years.

The agreement comes just over a year after Tangentyere, which is made up of representatives of 18 housing associations that oversee the camps, rejected then-Minister Brough's offer of \$60 million in exchange for 99-year leases.

On Thursday, Ms Macklin hailed the council's change of heart as a major breakthrough that had been 'a long time coming'.

"Anyone who has been to Alice Springs town camps knows that improving housing and living conditions is vital for improving the life

chances of children in these communities," she said.

"Housing conditions (in the camps) are appalling. Essential services are either non-existent or in disrepair. Overcrowding and high levels of transience mean that families are under extreme stress.

"There are high levels of family violence and some of the highest rates of violent assault in the country. This is a situation which the nation should not and cannot accept."

Ms Macklin said she met with Tangentyere Council representatives in March to discuss how to address conditions in the town camps, and followed up with the Commonwealth's \$50 million offer mid last month.

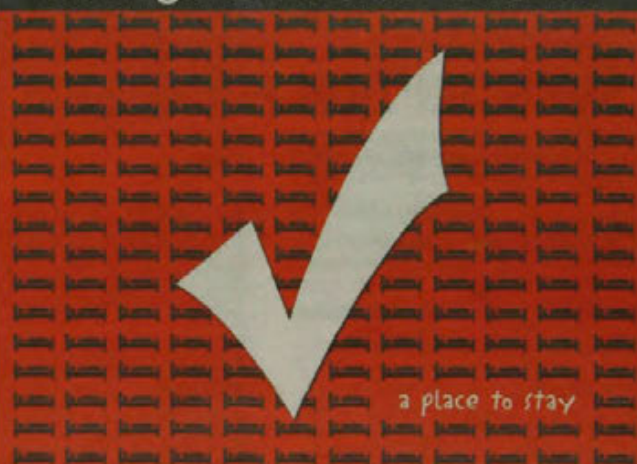
"This offer was contingent upon the grant by Tangentyere of secure tenure over the camps," the Minister said. "We required the grant of 40-year leases to be held by Government."

Ms Macklin said Tangentyere Council's acceptance of the Government's offer was a huge step towards improving housing, living conditions and child protection in the camps, and closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

NT Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgeour and Alice Springs Mayor Damien Ryan immediately welcomed the deal.

However, not every was happy, with the head of the Lhere Artepe native title organisation, Darryl Pearce, saying the deal ignored the traditional owners' claims to town camp land.

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Darryl's art in Mint condition

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



DARRYL Bellotti is a driven man and, at the age of 27, is already achieving worldwide acclaim for his graphic design work with the Perth Mint.

But he says it is respect for the past and a desire to create a better future for his young family, rather than public acclaim, that motivate him.

Growing up around Carnarvon, near his Malgana ancestral country, Mr Bellotti was taken on hunting trips by his father who taught him his Yamatji traditions and the history of his people.

European blood entered the family with the arrival of Mr Bellotti's Sicilian great grandfather, but the suffering of his Yamatji and Nyoongar ancestors is foremost in his mind as he works furiously to secure a future for his family and protect them from the horrors of the past.

Mr Bellotti decided while he was still at school in Perth in the 1990s that he wanted a career in graphic arts, and it was this path that led to an invitation by the Perth Mint in 2006 to join their design team to work on an Indigenous coin collection.

"They wanted to branch out into Indigenous design and there is obviously a market for that," Mr Bellotti told *The Koori Mail*.



Darryl Bellotti at the Perth Mint display of the coin collection designed by him and, right, his Turtle Dreaming design on a coin produced by the Perth Mint for the international market.

"I saw it as an opportunity to show the world that there is a style of art that is different from the Western Desert style that is so familiar to the international market."

While excited by the challenge, the proposed collection presented cultural challenges, including the issue of intellectual property rights and the use of

iconic Australian Indigenous images for external purposes such as tourism.

"They did originally ask about Dreamtime stories and things like that and I just said straight up that I couldn't do that," Mr Bellotti said.

"I said I didn't own those stories. I'm not the traditional owner or custodian of them and I

can't go and make things about them."

"I said what I could do was make designs on my own experiences and that's how the Kangaroo Dreaming and the Turtle Dreaming came about."

Mr Bellotti said he felt comfortable with the imagery that he chose because it was merely putting into art form his own

childhood memories of hunting for turtle and kangaroo with his father.

The Kangaroo and Turtle Dreaming collection, consisting of two gold and two silver rectangular coins, was released worldwide in March.

Mr Bellotti said the experiences of his family and Indigenous families across Australia made him determined to forge a life free from poverty and oppression.

"I feel fortunate to have been in this generation where I can do something significant and say to them that their struggle was not for nothing," he said.

Mr Bellotti was vocal in his praise for wife Melissa, his 'rock', who he says helped him through a difficult time when his father died, and their three young children aged from six months to nine years.

"Losing my father was a real low point of my life and it took me a lot of years to recover from that," he said. "(But) it makes me more determined to secure a future for my family, for my kids."

"I miss the bush and I want to be secure by the time I'm 40 so that I can get back there to my country, but there are so many goals that I have to achieve before that can happen."

One of those goals includes completing the design work for a second series of the Discover Australia Coin Program, due for international release next year.

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APY Lands uncertainty

By KIRSTIE PARKER



SOUTH Australian Aboriginal leader Bernard Singer says he should be allowed to remain on the body governing the State's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands while he fights assault- and alcohol-related charges.

Mr Singer is facing the sack from the influential APY Board because the charges, which have been adjourned, allegedly breach the board's code of conduct.

About three weeks ago, SA Attorney-General Michael Atkinson wrote to the Council's nine members - including four who have called for Mr Singer to go - giving them until 5pm last Tuesday to give any reasons why Mr Atkinson should not use powers under the APY Land Rights Act 1981 to direct them to remove Mr Singer.

Mr Singer met the deadline, arguing that his stepping aside as chairperson should suffice until his trial concludes. It is understood other members of the Council had also responded but, as *The Koori Mail* went to print at the weekend, Mr Atkinson was awaiting further information

before making his decision.

"The Attorney will be making a decision as quickly as he can but he obviously can't make it until he gets all of the information he needs and that could take days or weeks," a spokeswoman for Mr Atkinson said.

"It's a pretty serious decision," Mr Singer's lawyer, Kaz Eaton, said her client had stood aside from the chairperson's position soon after charges were laid against him in May.

"He is pleading not guilty to all of the charges and does not consider it appropriate for him to be permanently removed from his position on the Executive Board," Ms Eaton said.

Adjourned

Mr Singer appeared in court mid last month but the matter was adjourned, possibly until August.

Last week, the head of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) took both the Attorney-General and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill to task over their 'targeting' of Mr Singer, accusing them of double standards. "There is a right way of addressing Aboriginal issues and concerns, and a wrong way," ALRM CEO Neil Gillespie wrote in a letter to the ministers.

"Unfortunately, it appears you are both being inappropriately advised and pursuing the wrong agenda and heading the way of the Howard Government."

Mr Gillespie said he was concerned that the Government had not pursued 'with the same vigour and enthusiasm' a senior staff member of the Attorney-General's Department facing similarly serious charges, and questioned the media's reporting of Mr Singer's situation.

The APY Lands have been subjected to heightened media and political scrutiny since early May, when the Government tabled a report by retired judge Ted Mullighan which found alarming levels of child sexual abuse on the Lands over the past 30 years. The Government responded by promising more police and child protection workers, and is negotiating with APY communities over a \$25 million State/Commonwealth housing package, which would require communities to grant the Government control of their land and housing.

Amata community has indicated its in-principle support for such an arrangement, but others such as Pukatja community have yet to be persuaded.

Police chief regrets 'fat, black' wording

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



WHEN Queensland Aboriginal woman Rube Nixon received a traffic fine, she didn't expect to read the words 'fat' and 'black' on documents written by a Cunnamulla police officer.

Ms Nixon discovered the words, which she described as inflammatory and derogatory, when

her solicitor supplied her with a court brief.

"I was shocked," the Indigenous Queensland health worker said.

"The thing that hurts most was to see that sort of thing written on Government paper.

"I've worked for the Government for a long time and not once have I seen those adjectives written on anything I've seen.

"I opened it up and hit me straight in the face. I know that I am heavy, but I have lost a lot of weight

... I am well aware and happy of what I have achieved in my weight loss."

The *Koori Mail* has learned that the words 'fat' and 'black' are included in drop-down menus within the templates used to create a range of internal police documents.

Officers entering the information are asked to select the most appropriate description, based on their own observations, or those of members of the public.

Old Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson expressed his regret at any embarrassment felt by Ms Nixon as a result.

"There was absolutely no offence meant in the use of these terms," he said. "However, we recognise the concerns, and will explore the protocols for these descriptors, and whether they should be adjusted."

Mr Atkinson will meet with Ms Nixon later this month to discuss more appropriate terminology.

Ms Nixon also hopes to raise the issue of cultural awareness.

There were other words which Ms Nixon believed would have been more suitable to describe her appearance. She said she would be happy with 'dark complexion', 'Indigenous', 'obese', and 'proud of being black'.

"I've come too far without this sort of stuff, and I don't want it now," she said. "I don't want anyone telling me that, it's about basic respect."

Tributes pour in for Stolen Gens fighter

By KIRSTIE PARKER



TRIBUTES have flowed for Stolen Generations campaigner Bruce Trevorow who died on 20 June, aged 51, and will be buried in country Victoria tomorrow.

The Ngarrindjeri man, originally from the Coorong, south-east of Adelaide, died at East Gippsland. He had been seriously ill with heart and lung problems for a long time.

He was the first member of Australia's Stolen Generations to win compensation for his forced removal from his family.

His landmark win, which came after a 13-year fight, preceded by six months the Federal Parliament's apology to the Stolen Generations in February this year.

Last week, his family said in a statement that Mr Trevorow had left a legacy for Indigenous Australians in the realm of Eddie Mabo and Charlie Perkins, and a moral legacy for all Australians.

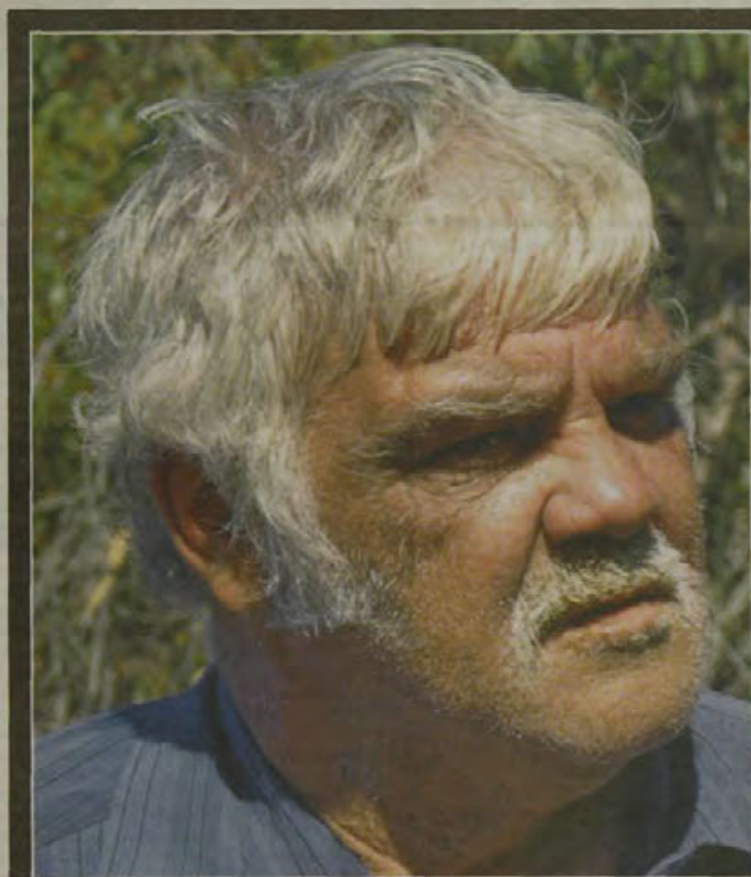
It announced that a Bruce Trevorow Foundation would be launched to promote the Stolen Generations and to support families of victims.

In August last year, South Australian Supreme Court judge Thomas Gray determined Mr Trevorow's removal from his family as a baby had caused him life-long psychological and emotional problems.

The State was found to have breached its duty of care and to have falsely imprisoned Mr Trevorow, and he was awarded \$750,000 in damages and interest.

The SA Government is appealing elements of the decision, fearing further appeals for compensation, but last week would not comment on whether Mr Trevorow's death would its plans. The government has not appealed against Mr Trevorow's actual compensation.

Mr Trevorow was just a year old on Christmas Day in 1958 when a neighbour drove him to Adelaide's Children's



Stolen Generations campaigner Bruce Trevorow will be farewelled tomorrow.

Hospital for treatment of stomach pains.

A few weeks later, he was fostered to a non-Aboriginal family without the permission of his natural parents.

He did not see his family again for 10

years and suffered life-long depression, insecurity and alcoholism.

Mr Trevorow's family said last week that despite the campaigner's court win, he continued to feel the impact of 'dislocation

from his family of origin, incomplete cultural identity and the many injustices he experienced'.

Many tributes highlighted his death at such an early age.

"That Mr Trevorow died at such an early age demonstrates the adverse effects of his life experiences," said Stolen Generations Victoria Chairperson Lyn Austin.

"Bruce created history, but suffered in doing so. This needs to be acknowledged."

Ms Austin said the fulfilment of the Stolen Generations Bill 2008 would spare other elderly Stolen Generations members from lengthy court battles.

The Senate rejected the bill last month, recommending instead that a Healing Fund be established (see separate story next page).

Indigenous Co-Chairperson of the National Sorry Day Committee, Helen Moran, said Mr Trevorow's courage, determination and perseverance had made him a hero.

"It is wonderful that Bruce lived long enough to hear the (Parliament's) apology. It is devastating that he fought for so long and so hard for the compensation he now will never enjoy the benefit of," Ms Moran said.

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) Chairman Frank Lampard said Mr Trevorow helped focus public attention on 'the evil of government policies that resulted in the Stolen Generations'.

ALRM Chief Executive Neil Gillespie said Mr Trevorow's death was a loss for all Aboriginal people across the nation - not just in South Australia.

Many people are expected to attend Mr Trevorow's funeral in Bairnsdale where he and his family had lived for more than 20 years.

Mr Trevorow is survived by his wife Veronica, son Bruce, daughters Phyllis, Charlene and Frances, his brothers James, George, Tom, Cyril, Devon and Victor, sisters Rita, Alice and Hilda, and his grandchildren with whom he had a close relationship.

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Traditional owner Jackie Green (far right) with police at the mine site. He it was a serious abuse of the Sacred Sites Act, and traditional owners were particularly upset that the mine's operators had not consulted with them.

Photo by Todd Condie, courtesy of Northern Land Council

NT traditional owner fury at mine lock-out

By DARREN COYNE

NT TRADITIONAL owners and the Swiss mining giant Xstrata remain locked in a battle over access to sacred sites around Borroloola in the Northern Territory, and the diversion of a section of the McArthur River.

The Federal Court of Australia recently ruled that the controversial river diversion to allow for the expansion of Xstrata's McArthur River Mine (MRM) from an underground to an open-cut mine was lawful.

The ruling gave the go-ahead to a 5km diversion, which will allow the mining of a zinc and lead deposit under the existing riverbed.

Traditional owners, who say sacred sites will be lost as a result of the expansion of the mine, set up camp near the mine and demanded access to sacred sites following the ruling. Jackie Green, said they wanted to hold a final ceremony at the so-called 'Stinking Turtle site'.

But instead of access, they were met with an increased police presence, which includes the Territory Response Section.

Northern Land Council CEO Kim Hill slammed the response, saying that the traditional owners were protesting because the legal and political process disillusioned them.

"They won this matter in the NT Supreme Court in April last year only to have their rights trampled on by the NT Government's over-riding legislation which allowed McArthur River Mine to proceed from underground to open-cut mining," he said.

Mr Hill said in a statement that the

NLC and traditional owners demanded MRM immediately halt its diversion of the McArthur River.

Mr Hill also called on MRM and Xstrata to allow the Gurdanji, Mara, Garawa and Yanyuwa traditional owners access to their sacred sites in accordance with Aboriginal tradition under the Sacred Sites Act.

He said it was the third time that Xstrata had stopped or tried to stop traditional owners legally entering the mine site to visit their sacred sites.

"The NLC will be looking into this, and recommending any legal recourse to the traditional owners, as we are required to do under the Land Rights Act," he said.

A spokesman for the TOs, Anthony Chong, told ABC radio last week that negotiations between the mine's management and TOs were failing.

Mr Chong said TOs were prepared for a long protest, and he called on the miner to sit down and negotiate before the protests 'get out of hand'.

"TOs are committed to going out, and by all means necessary," he said. "The TOs are looking at getting back on the war path, possibly in Darwin at the front of Parliament House, as they feel the Northern Territory Government has let them down."

However, McArthur River Mine General Manager Etienne Moller told ABC radio that negotiations were going well, and that he hoped a resolution could be reached soon.

MRM has proposed allowing traditional owners to access the sacred site as long as they give the company two days' notice. A meeting between TOs and the miner last week to discuss the proposal was cancelled because of a death in the local community.

'The NLC will be looking into this, and recommending any legal recourse to the traditional owners, as we are required to do under the Land Rights Act'

Senators say no to payouts

By SOLUA MIDDLETON with AAP



A SENATE committee has rejected a suggestion of compensation for Australia's Stolen Generations, instead recommending a 'Healing Fund' to provide non-financial support for Indigenous people taken from their families as children.

The compensation call featured in a bill introduced to the Senate earlier this year by outgoing Australian Democrats Senator Andrew Bartlett. However, the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee has now recommended that the bill not be passed.

The committee's report recommended that the Federal Government's Closing the Gap initiative be extended to establish a 'National Indigenous Healing Fund' to provide health, housing, ageing, funding for funerals, and other family support services for members of the Stolen Generations as a matter of priority.

Stolen Generations Alliance (SGA) Co-Chairperson Christine King said last week she wasn't surprised the bill was rejected and the Alliance had commissioned independent research into healing funds and foundations, which she hoped would be concluded in time for the body's annual general meeting in September.

"We want to make sure that Stolen Generations people are really knowledgeable and can have input into the discussion, then we will take that to the Government," Ms King said.

"We're being proactive. We don't want a knee-jerk reaction, we want to be



National Sorry Day Committee Co-Chairperson Helen Moran

clear, have the discussion, come up with possible solutions and go from there."

National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) Co-Chairperson Helen Moran said any healing fund should exclusively address the needs of Stolen Generations members and not be lumped in with measures to assist Indigenous people generally. "Where do we fit in this?" she asked. "Closing the gap with Indigenous people; we're entitled to the same rights and housing and medical services as non-Indigenous Australia."

"The Stolen Generations are also going to receive the benefit of the process of closing the gap, but it is not specific to their requirements. As Stolen Generations, they have special needs."

Ms Moran said the healing fund should not replace compensation.

Mr Bartlett said he was disappointed the Senate committee had not backed his call for compensation, but was pleased it had recommended that Stolen Generations representatives advise the Government on the unimplemented recommendations from the *Bringing Them Home* report, which included compensation.

"It is a positive move that the committee has heard the overwhelming evidence provided to the Inquiry about

the importance of reparations and has taken a broader look at what needs to be done to address the needs of the Stolen Generations," he said.

Australian Green Indigenous affairs spokesperson Senator Rachel Siewert said compensation for the Stolen Generations was a necessity. She promised to continue to pursue legislation to put such a scheme in place.

"We particularly support a tribunal model that provides a forum for stories to be told and experiences acknowledged," she said.

"We also support a broad remit for reparations packages which can include individual and family compensation as well as other measures to support communities to heal."

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said a national Indigenous healing fund had been suggested at the Australia 2020 Summit held in Canberra in April.

Labor senator Trish Crossin, who chaired the committee, conceded most people who gave evidence to the inquiry believed financial compensation was the 'next step' after the apology.

"We actually believe that this (healing fund) would be a way in which a more holistic, broader approach to the issues of reparations can be dealt with within this country," she told the Senate after tabling the report.

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) National Director Gary Highland said the recommendations fell short of delivering justice to the Stolen Generations.

"The lack of a compensation scheme will only add to the suffering of these people by forcing them to pursue lengthy and traumatic court proceedings to seek justice," he said.



'We're being proactive. We don't want a knee-jerk reaction, we want to be clear, have the discussion, come up with possible solutions and go from there.'

— SGA Co-Chairperson Christine King

Meet the principal who has made her school deadly and smart



EAST Kalgoorlie Primary School's motto is 'deadly and smart'. And that's just what the students – virtually all of them Aboriginal – at the Western Australian Goldfields school have become, thanks to the efforts of principal Donna Bridge.

Mrs Bridge, a Yamaji (Geraldton area) woman and one of very few Indigenous principals in Western Australia, has taken the school to unprecedented heights since she took on the top job four years ago.

Her efforts were officially recognised when she took out this year's Outstanding Leadership in Aboriginal Education award at the WA Primary Principals' Association conference.

Speaking with *The Koori Mail* in Kalgoorlie, Mrs Bridge said she was proud of her success at a school that just four years ago had a poor reputation.

Attendance was very low, staff morale



Award-winning principal Donna Bridge with East Kalgoorlie Primary School students, from left, Jeffrey Evans-Wicker, Albert Eldridge and Tayunnah Schultz.

was lower still, and many students were running wild and had little self-esteem or respect.

In just four years Mrs Bridge has turned that around through a deliberate 'journey of change' for students and staff.

She admits it hasn't been easy, 'but it has been more than worthwhile'.

"We've got 84 students here, 80 of them Aboriginal," she said.

"So we celebrate Indigenous culture in

everything we do and we encourage positive behaviour – that's the deadly part – and we encourage students to stay in class and commit to learning – that's the smart part.

"Children learn when they experience success, so every day we reinforce the message that they are special.

"Sure, we still have some problems, but they are very few and it's nothing like it was before.

"Now the kids are happy to come to school and very proud to be deadly and smart."

Mrs Bridge also paid tribute to her teaching staff and the WA District Education Office for their roles in the school's success.

She plans to examine ways to further improve education for Indigenous kids thanks to the \$10,000 package she won as part of her award.

Qld mayors support safe houses move

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL shire mayors in Queensland have backed a \$46 million plan to establish safe houses for children in their

communities. Twelve mayors and two deputy mayors met with two Queensland Government ministers on 19 June at a roundtable discussion in Cairns.

At the top of the agenda was the health and safety of children living in remote communities. This followed the previous roundtable in February, which focussed on alcohol management in communities.

Mayors from Aurukun, Doomadgee, Hope Vale, Kowanyama, Lockhart River, Mapoon, Mornington, Napranum, Northern Peninsula, Palm Island,

Porpuraaw, Woorabinda, Wujal Wujal and Yarrabah shires met with Communities Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr and Child Safety Minister Margaret Keech.

At the meeting, the mayors agreed to work with the government to ensure their communities were child-friendly, but they made it clear that policy would not be imposed, but would be developed 'via true

consultation'. As part of that understanding, they agreed to provide land for safe houses, along with a range of other measures.

Those measures were attracting more kinship and foster carers within communities, supporting more families in declaring their homes

communities, and any policies that affected their people.

They also called for true consultation to take place when developing policies at a local, State or Federal level.

To ensure that happens, the mayors elected an executive of four mayors – Alf Lacey from Palm Island, Joseph Elu from Northern

Peninsula, Desmond Tayley of Wujal Wujal and Greg McLean of Hope Vale – to inform the Government in relation to further roundtable agendas.

It is understood they have nominated housing as the next priority issue.

Ms Nelson-Carr said the Government recognised housing, economic and employment opportunities were also

Meanwhile, alcohol reforms agreed to at the February roundtable are starting to be introduced into communities.

Woorabinda became the first to go fully dry, effective this week.

Ms Nelson-Carr said the alcohol reforms provided an opportunity for Indigenous communities to reduce the level of harm related to alcohol misuse.

But Woorabinda Mayor Roderick Tobane said that while stopping drinking was a good thing, more needed to be done to offer recreation and work programs for the community.

He said the Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council was attempting to negotiate a water allocation from the McKenzie River to be used to develop further employment in the Woorabinda Pastoral Company, and was awaiting a response from the relevant minister.

'We have also committed to raising housing and economic issues with the Federal Government through the Council of Australian Governments to ensure the needs of the communities are being addressed' – Qld Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr

fundamental in keeping children safe.

"We have also committed to raising housing and economic issues with the Federal Government through COAG (the Council of Australian Governments) to ensure the needs of the communities are being addressed," she said.

Taskforce reports

By DARREN COYNE



SOME remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory face an uncertain future if the

Australian Government accepts a high-level recommendation to scrap communities deemed 'unviable'.

In the final report from the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) Task Force, it is 'strongly recommended' that the Federal Government work with the NT Government to assess which communities were viable in the longer term.

Those assessed as viable should be provided with adequate housing, a police station, a health clinic, and early childhood education centre, a primary school, a store, independent employment opportunities and access to a secondary school, the report said.

When releasing the report, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said, however, that suggestions that people could be forcibly removed from their communities were 'way off the mark'. "I think what's important to recognise ... is to make sure that



The Sydney march, held to protest the 12-month anniversary of the Northern Territory intervention.

children go to school," she said.

"What's important is that parents have the capacity and the opportunity to get a job. They're the principles that I'd be working towards."

Protests

The recommendation was condemned by Aboriginal activists taking part in rallies around the country on 21 June to protest the 12-month anniversary of the intervention.

Robin Granites, from Yuendumu, slammed the proposal. "It's like forcing

someone to move from their own backyard, houses. This is my land; you can't come in and tell me to move off my country, my backyard. I was born, bred and taught out here," he said.

"We want to live in a community, as a whole, like a bundle of sticks together is stronger than just a few."

Geoffrey Shaw, from Mt Nancy Town Camp, said: "People have fought for a number of years for access to their lands, under considerable duress with government policies."

"They (government) should be

working out how to support communities to be viable."

Barbara Shaw, from Mt Nancy Town Camp in Alice Springs, said that people living in prescribed areas had strong connections to their land through stories.

"People who are custodians, they belong to that country," Ms Shaw said. "Under the paternalistic control the government is telling us how to shop, where to shop and now the task force report is telling us Aboriginal people on 'prescribed areas' where to live."

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What the Government says it has achieved

- With an increased police presence of 51 police (33 Interstate and 18 NT Police) in 19 communities and night patrols in all 73 prescribed communities, people in a number of communities are reporting greater community safety;

- The introduction of a school nutrition program operating in 49 communities and associated outstations and seven town camps provides breakfast and lunch to school-aged children is improving child concentration and engagement in education;

- The food security of communities is being assessed and upgraded on a region by region basis through new community stores licensing arrangements (59 stores licensed) and the introduction of bush orders;

- Licensed community stores are reporting increased sales of food, including fresh food, which should support better community health in the medium/long term;

- 1147 jobs occupied by Aboriginal people have been formally recognised as Australian Government service delivery jobs for the first time, with superannuation and proper entitlements and

- More than 11,000 child health checks have identified children who require surgery. Some follow up has already taken place in Darwin, Alice Springs and Katherine.



Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin

We're part of the solution, men say



Dr Mick Adams from the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO)

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which suggests that only those communities deemed viable would receive what other citizens take for granted - access to schools, health care, housing and education.

The recommendation contained in the final report from the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) Taskforce, has raised fears of forced relocations, despite denials from Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

Aboriginal lawyer Mark McMillan, from the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at the University of Technology, Sydney, was also highly critical of the recommendation.

"These type of recommendations are for white people, not the Aboriginal communities," he said.

"Those Indigenous people on the Taskforce need to be very careful about what they are giving up to government."

"You only have to see how the Little Children Are Sacred report was acted upon as an example of how recommendations can be twisted."

Mr McMillan said any attempts to move people off land to achieve behavioural changes would strike at the very heart of cultural beliefs and systems.

"Not only have they missed the point, they've

diminished Aboriginal people's connection with country," Mr McMillan said.

"Within a rights framework this is very disturbing. We've already got the suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act, and now they appear to be attacking the fundamental right of Indigenous people to form communities," he said.

"Of course it's a completely different thing if Aboriginal people in those communities say we're not functioning but here we've got a government saying unless you can tick off these boxes then you're not viable."

"It's cultural destruction."

The controversial recommendation - from a 12-month progress report - coincided with protests marking the first anniversary of the radical reforms to combat child abuse.

Meanwhile, activists in capital cities across Australia on 21 June called on Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to abandon the intervention altogether.

But Mr Rudd said that, one year on, the government had 'learned a lot'.

The Labor Party also had no higher priority than to right the imbalances of life for indigenous communities, he said.

Mr Rudd said the NTER Taskforce report would be closely considered, along with an independent review due back in September.

Protests around Australia

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"People have been here for a long, long time, and will be here for a long, long time."

The report also recommended that the Federal Government re-examine outright alcohol bans in favour of community alcohol plans.

"We're seeing some good results from Nhulunbuy in that regard, where they're just introduced that sort of alcohol management approach," Ms Macklin said.

"We see from Groote Eylandt as well that a similar alcohol management plan is operating and operating successfully ..."

Ms Macklin said the review of the NTER

would look at ways in which alcohol was being controlled in different parts of the NT.

Other recommendations contained in the report included annual health checks for children and investment in housing.

Ms Macklin said the report outlined NTER achievements during the 12 months since it was launched on 21 June 2007 and set out its recommendations for future services for Indigenous people in the NT.

These recommendations along with the findings of the NTER Review, due to report by 30 September this year, would help shape the future direction of government policy to continue closing the gap, she said.

NTER Taskforce recommendations

- Health checks for all children on an annual basis which requires adequate resourcing of the primary health care system.

- Additional investment to alleviate overcrowding in remote communities in the Northern Territory, while ensuring that the design and location of new housing is economically viable as well as culturally and environmentally appropriate.

- Government funded mediators to work with communities to find resolutions for internal issues.

- The creation of 'real jobs' in communities;

- A community store in each viable community; and

- Increasing the number of police in communities so that every community is adequately serviced.



Jeff McMullen speaks in Alice Springs.



Barbara Shaw, from Mt Nancy Town Camp in Alice Springs, spoke out against suggestions that small communities could be deemed unviable.



Aboriginal Rights Coalition member Natasha Moore in Perth.



Traditional owner Vince Forrester, from the community of Mutitjulu, in the shadow of Uluru, spoke at a rally in Sydney, and warned that tourists would be banned from climbing Uluru in protest over the intervention. Picture by Karoline Morwitzer



People marched down Flinders Street in Melbourne to protest the intervention.

Clean up your act

White Australians should address their own violent behaviour: Busker

By DARREN COYNE



PERFORMER Adrian Burragubba reckons sections of white Australia should have a good hard look at their own violent, anti-social behaviour.

Mr Burragubba said that while busking in traditional costume on Surfers Paradise's bustling tourist

strip recently, he was attacked by two young non-Aboriginal men.

One of the men allegedly kicked Mr Burragubba's basket containing money while the other allegedly king-hit him and called him racist names in front of the Cavil Street crowd that included children.

"This happened on the anniversary of the intervention in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities," Mr Burragubba said.

The Wangan man from central Queensland said that earlier that day he had spoken at a rally against the intervention, complaining about how Aboriginal people had been portrayed as violent drunks.

"We are always hearing negative reports about Aboriginal people yet I sit here night after night watching these young white people get drunk and fight, and walk around with hardly any clothes on," he said.

"I personally don't drink or smoke or take drugs. I share my culture with people who visit this country and yet these fellas think they can get away with being openly racist.

"The coppers didn't want to arrest them at first but I persisted and they finally found these two idiots standing in line at McDonalds.

"It's ironic that they're putting restrictions on our people in the NT but these white racists can get charged up and attack me while I'm dressed in traditional costume.

"The attack wasn't personal, they were attacking our culture."

Mr Burragubba said it was important for any Aboriginal people who were victimised by racists to report such incidents.

He also called for an increase in security in Cavil Avenue to prevent further attacks.



Aboriginal performer Adrian Burragubba.

Speakers scathing at Tassie protest

Story and photo by
Tasmanian Correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



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Aborigines joined the National Day of Action against the NT intervention protesting in

Hobart. About 100 people gathered on Parliament lawns adjacent to Hobart's busy Saturday Salamanca market. The gathering was one of many that were held around Australia, marking one year of the NTER; but it was far from an anniversary celebration.

Speakers were scathing of the Rudd Government's continuation of what they called the Howard Government's "invasion".

Nala Mansell-McKenna, Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Youth Worker said: "The leader of this government, Kevin Rudd, has publicly announced that he's sorry for the laws and policies of successive governments, that have inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss upon our people."

"So why is it, that he supports this assimilation policy that includes compulsory land acquisitions which have forced hundreds of Aborigines to move from their communities and into cities, and why is it that he supports the decision to force Aborigines to stand in segregated cues at Centrelink, supermarkets and schools," Ms Mansell-McKenna asked.

She called on Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and the Prime Minister to repeal all NT Intervention legislation, restore the Racial Discrimination Act 1975,



Tasmanian protesters were scathing of the Federal Government's continuation of the intervention

fund infrastructure and community controlled services and sign and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

Leader of the Tasmanian Greens Peg Putt also spoke at the gathering.

Reading from a statement prepared by WA Greens Senator Rachel Siewert, which was also read at a similar event in Alice

Springs, Ms Putt called on the Rudd Government to admit it had made a mistake in 'backing the rushed approach taken by the Northern Territory Intervention'.

"It is high time that they returned to the ALP's core values and committed to an evidence-based community development approach to Indigenous Affairs that respects human rights and empowers people," Ms Putt said.

"We welcome the commitment through the NT intervention of more resources to address the problems caused by the way in which Aboriginal communities in the NT, and elsewhere in Australia, have been under-resourced.

"We are distressed however, that after so many years of crying out for these resources, they are being so blatantly squandered on

unnecessary, ill-conceived and ineffectual measures, while successful Aboriginal programs and organisations still go begging.

Ms Putt also spoke of her three years living in Galiwink'u, an NT Aboriginal community and the health problems there.

"People in the white community in power essentially didn't care. To blame the Aboriginal people for that, is just appalling," she said.

VAHS 35 years young



VICTORIA's oldest and largest Aboriginal health

service celebrated an important milestone last week by getting down to business and continuing to spread the word about healthy living.

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) had its 35th birthday on Wednesday and held an open day focussing on efforts to close the health and 17-year life expectancy gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

The Fitzroy service, which began in 1973, has 18,000 medical patients and 15,000 dental patients on its books, and delivers a range of services, including financial well-being, 'Active Elders', diabetes clubs, family counselling, dental, women's and children's, adult mental health, a carer group and alcohol and drug support.

VAHS CEO Rod Jackson said the organisation's holistic approach to health was 'Close the Gap in action'.

"We are an organisation that is working every day to Close the Gap on Aboriginal health and

life expectancy, and we do it on a small budget," Mr Jackson said.

"VAHS has excellent immunisation rates, and reports consistently show an average of 91 per cent of children are fully immunised.

"This compares with 85.4 per cent of children across inner

Melbourne and rates of less than 50 per cent for Aboriginal children across Victoria."

At the open day, Aboriginal health workers answered visitors' questions and handed out health information. A highlight of the day was an oral history presented by one of the service's founding members,

Elder Aunty Alma Thorpe.

Oxfam Australia Executive Director Andrew Hewett paid tribute to VAHS' 'remarkable work'.

"The day is a celebration of what VAHS is achieving - many Aboriginal people will already know this, but the broader community is largely unaware,"

Indigenous poor health.

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meets in Sydney tomorrow and the Close the Gap Coalition is calling on State and Territory governments to deliver on specific targets identified at the National Indigenous Health Equality Summit in March.



● LEFT: Herb Patten and Lorraine Bunta Patten have long histories of volunteering and working with VAHS.

● ABOVE: North Melbourne AFL player Eddie Sansbury is pictured with eight-year-old Ethan Penrith, whose mum manages the VAHS women's and children's unit.

● RIGHT: VAHS founding member Aunty Alma Thorpe spoke about the service's history.

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Govt continues boarding schools approach



THE Federal Government has announced \$11.9 million in funding for nine schools around the country to refurbish and expand their facilities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Acting Education Minister Brendan O'Connor said the funds were part of a \$50-million commitment to help boarding schools with a history of 'quality education' and 20 or more Indigenous students.

Mr O'Connor said the funding was part of the Australian Government's commitment to providing educational opportunities for Indigenous students to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous education outcomes.

"A quality education is a critical foundation for enabling all Australians to

participate fully in economic and social opportunities in life," he said.

"The boarding schools funded under the program have strong records of providing high-quality educational experiences for their Indigenous students."

Indigenous Boarding Infrastructure Program (IBIP) provided funding to improve boarding facilities at non-government schools that have a significant number of Indigenous students.

The successful schools were:

- St John's College, Stuart Park, NT
- Yirara College, Alice Springs, NT
- St Phillip's College, Alice Springs, NT
- Wongutha Christian Aboriginal Parent-Directed School, Gibson, WA
- St Joseph's College, Gladesville, NSW
- Djarraun College - Wangetti

Campus, Clifton Beach, Qld

● Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes, NSW

● St Scholastica's College, Glebe, NSW

● Rostrevor College, Woodforde, SA

However, one Indigenous researcher described the new allocation as 'a tragedy' and said governments were adopting a one-size-fits-all approach to Indigenous people.

Vicki Grieves, from Sydney University's Department of Anthropology, told the ABC that boarding school was not a viable option for remote Indigenous education in central Australia, and a more culturally appropriate curriculum was needed.

"How is it that you can shift this Western curriculum into Aboriginal communities and expect it to work?" Ms

Grieves said.

"Children need to be able to build on what they already know.

"If you've got an assumption that children are going to know the same kinds of things as kids in suburban Sydney or Melbourne, then you're not going to be successful as a teacher."

On 17 June, ABC TV's Four Corners program aired a story *Educating Kimberley*, which explored the push for more Indigenous boarding schools, focussing on a new multi-million-dollar residential boarding facility on the Tiwi Islands in the Northern Territory (see letters in Your Say, page 23).

In 2006, the retention rate of Indigenous students in the NT from Years Eight to 12 was just 40.5 per cent compared to the non-Indigenous rate of around 75 per cent.



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Dancers at the Birriiliburu determination ceremony.
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Native title holder Darren Farmer: 'We can now look forward to a brighter future'.

Native title win



THE Birriiliburu people have been recognised as the native title holders for about 66,600 square kilometres of their land in Western Australia's Little Sandy Desert. The Federal Court determination hearing on 20 June was held on Birriiliburu country close to Good Camp Rockhole, near Wiluna, 900km north-east of Perth.

A colourful welcome to country preceded the determination, which was handed down by Justice Robert French. The determination recognised the Birriiliburu people's right to exclusively possess, occupy, use and enjoy the land, and to take flowing and subterranean water for non-commercial communal purposes.

The area is mainly unallocated Crown land and includes part of the Canning Stock Route, reserves, a general purpose lease and some mining interests.

Moving speeches by the traditional owners followed the hearing.

Native title holder Darren Farmer said it

was a significant occasion for the Birriiliburu people.

"This hearing confirms what we have always known. We are the traditional owners," he said. "We can now look forward to a brighter future, one where we can achieve something far greater than we have ever imagined."

Central Kimberley-Pilbara MP Tom Stephens spoke on behalf of the State Government. "The Birriiliburu people have maintained a strong and continuing connection to their land. This connection has proven to the court, and to the other parties, that they are the traditional owners," he said. "From today, there is nothing that will be done on this land without their consent."

Congratulated

Deputy Premier Eric Ripper also congratulated the Birriiliburu people, who included some of the last indigenous Western Australians to make contact with non-Indigenous people.

He said a 1977 expedition had brought elderly couple Warri and Yutungka in from

the desert and it was their strong connection to country that had helped the Birriiliburu people with their native title claim.

National Native Title Tribunal Member John Catlin also congratulated the parties for settling native title through discussion and agreement, rather than resorting to argument in the courts.

"Through co-operation, the parties have reached an outcome which gives them clarity and certainty about their future rights to this land," he said.

"More and more groups around Australia are recognising that agreement-making is the best approach to native title. Hundreds of agreements have been reached Australia-wide and 111 determinations have been made, 78 of which recognise native title."

Through agreement, 432,321sq km in WA's Central Desert region has been recognised as native title land.

In total, 23 determinations have resolved native title over about 31 per cent of WA's landmass, equivalent to about 800,000 square km.

Mortality rate gap highlights failures



THE gap in mortality rates between Aboriginal and non-Indigenous Australians is growing wider, underlining the greatest failure of the nation's health system, a major

conference has heard.

Seventy-one per cent of Indigenous people die before they reach 65, compared with just over one-fifth of other Australians, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) conference in Canberra heard.

Life expectancy for Aboriginals is at least 17 years lower than for non-Indigenous Australians. Indigenous people are 12 times more likely than non-Indigenous people to have diabetes, four times more likely to have a respiratory disease and three times more likely to die from injury.

Indigenous Australians are twice as likely to be obese as their non-Indigenous counterparts, and almost half of Aboriginal people smoke tobacco.

Aboriginal women are four times as likely to fall pregnant in their teenage years, with one in five giving birth before they turn 20.

Rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) chlamydia and gonorrhoea have skyrocketed among Indigenous people, the conference was told.

Between 1994-2000, rates of chlamydia for Indigenous people leapt 179 per cent, while the incidence of gonorrhoea jumped by almost two-thirds.

But despite the great disparities, the nation spent just 17 cents more per person on Indigenous health than on non-Indigenous Australians.

While the death rate for the Aboriginal population has fallen, that for non-Indigenous people has declined more quickly.

"Although there have been improvements in the mortality rates of Indigenous Australians in recent years, available data suggests that the relative gap in overall mortality rates between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is widening," the AIHW Australia's Health 2008 report said.

Former health minister Dr Neal Blewett, the architect of anti-smoking and HIV AIDS campaigns during the 1980s, said the statistics presented at the conference merely scratched the surface of the 'litany of shame' in Indigenous health.

"We should be grateful to the institute for once again bringing to our attention in such a powerful and uncompromising fashion, the greatest failure of the Australian health system," he told the conference.

Aboriginal leader Associate Professor Ted Wilkes said it was part of Indigenous culture not to discourage girls of child-bearing age from giving birth.

"We need to have some systems in place to deal with that," he told the conference.

Suicide was a major concern, and it was vital Indigenous parents pass on positive health messages and habits to their children.

"The situation for Aboriginal people is that we are born into a world where it's normal to accept that poverty, being on the dole and doing what our parents have done to survive (are) normal," Professor Wilkes said.

Hospitals needed to introduce more culturally aware treatment because many Indigenous people were intimidated by the system. He urged health authorities and the Federal Government to allow Indigenous people to play the leading role in lifting themselves out of poverty.

"We have a right to self-determine our pathway out of poverty," he said. - AAP



TED WILKES

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Aboriginal lawyer on board for tourism



SYDNEY-BASED Aboriginal lawyer Terri Janke (pictured) has been appointed to Australia's top tourism body.

Tourism Minister Martin Ferguson announced Ms Janke's three-year appointment to the Tourism Australia Board of Directors.

Mr Ferguson said Ms Janke and fellow new appointee Janet Whiting's skills and experience would enhance the board's skills and governance capability and provide an appropriate balance to the existing members' expertise.

"Terri Janke, solicitor and director of Terri Janke and Company, brings a unique understanding of the legal and business issues associated with Indigenous art, music, language, film, literature, heritage and traditional knowledge," Mr Ferguson said.

"This is reflected in her extensive work experience in Indigenous culture and intellectual property."

"Her involvement in Indigenous art projects spans the international and national levels. She participated in the Australia 2020 Summit, debating and developing long-term options for the future of Indigenous Australians."

Tourism Australia is a statutory authority which promotes Australia as a tourism destination internationally and domestically and delivers research and forecasts for the sector.

About six million inbound tourist arrivals are forecast for 2008, injecting \$24 billion into the Australian economy.

Research has shown that many inbound tourists are seeking an Indigenous cultural experience, but Indigenous tourism operators are struggling to keep up with demand.

Mr Ferguson also re-appointed Jane Jeffreys and Peter Burnett to the Tourism Australia Board.

"The board will be well placed to drive a new era of tourism marketing by Tourism Australia," he said.

By Townsville Correspondent
ALF WILSON



MEETINGS have been held in Townsville to inform Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about their possible entitlements under the Queensland Redress Scheme.

A meeting for the far north Queensland city's Torres Strait Islander community last month heard that some potential applicants under the scheme knew little or nothing about it.

The State Government introduced the scheme to provide payments to people who experienced abuse and neglect in Queensland institutions, including dormitories, orphanages, detention centres, industrial schools and church-run homes.

The closure date for the scheme was to be 30 June, but has been extended to 30 September.

The Townsville meeting, held on 21 June at the Townsville Cycle Club Hall, was chaired by local Torres Strait Islander woman Helen Akee, who was assisted by volunteers Chris Congoo and his wife Shirli.

"Not many people in the Island communities even know about the scheme and it is important they find out," Miss Akee said.

She said that in the 1970s and 1980s, her family was approached by government to foster six or seven Aboriginal children from the Carramar Home, Townsville.

Should be eligible

The Aboriginal children were in State-run institutions prior to being placed in foster care, and they should be eligible for the \$7000 being offered by the Department of Communities. There were other Island families that also fostered Aboriginal children.

Miss Akee is searching for these Aboriginal families through her networks to ensure that the Aboriginal boys, now men, are informed of the scheme.

"We grew up together and they are our brothers too," said Miss Akee.

Seventy-four-year-old Paul Ahwang told the meeting he had vivid memories of Indigenous people being fed bread and water when he was a boy.



Back row from left, Father Gaidam Gisu, Ned Gabey, Helen Akee, Kakag Kudub, Bob Ghee and Paul Ahwang; front, from left, Regina Ghee, Anemah Ghee, Jessie Ahwang and Kathy Wacando holding Redress Information kits.

Mr Ahwang was there with his wife Jessie, 76, and he told of being moved to Cherbourg from Thursday Island, in the Torres Strait, during World War II when a Japanese invasion was feared.

"I saw Indigenous men, women and children being fed bread and water while the white people there ate the best food such as steaks. Our women also had their heads shaved," Mr Ahwang said.

At the meeting, information kits and application forms were handed out to enable the people to see if they were eligible and to ask any questions.

Those who needed it received help in filling in the confidential and detailed application forms, which are available on the internet or from offices of the Qld Department of Communities.

However, the meeting heard that many older Indigenous people had no knowledge of the computer technology needed to access the forms, and some had been traumatised by the experience of filling them out because they had had to relive terrible past experiences.

Eligible under the scheme are Indigenous and non-Indigenous people who were placed in a detention centre of licensed government or non-government

children's institution covered by the terms of reference of the Forde Inquiry, were released from care, had turned 18 years old on or before 31 December 1999, and experienced institutional abuse or neglect.

However, the scheme is not open to people who were placed in foster care, people who were placed in institutional care as children in other states, and family members of former residents.

Long-time stolen wages campaigner Yvonne Butler also attended and spoke at last month's meeting. A week earlier, another meeting attended mostly by Aboriginal people was held at St Theresa's Church in Townsville.



Yvonne Butler and Helen Akee.

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Step in right direction

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A GROUP of Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory have literally followed their ancestors' footsteps.

Last month, about 40 people walked along a 134km traditional track starting at Bonney Well, south of Tennant Creek, and ending at Barrow Creek.

Taking a little over two weeks to complete, the trek was designed by senior Warumungu and Kaytetye people as a way of transmitting traditional knowledge to younger generations.

More than 40 years ago, the route was a main thoroughfare for Aboriginal people who were travelling for ceremonial purposes, to visit family or go to work on the pastoral properties Greenwood, Neutral Junction, Singleton and Hatches Creek and also to pick up food from the major centres of Wauchope and Barrow Creek.

Soakage points

Some members of the group walked the route regularly when they were in their 20s. There were more than 40 soakage points along the way where people could wash up and rest.

Some family groups on the walk included three or four generations.

The walk was funded by the NT and Australian Governments' Healthy Country, Healthy People program, the Department of Employment, Education and Training and the NT Natural Resource Management program.

The Central Land Council facilitated the walk by Aboriginal people in Tennant Creek.



The group walking into Barrow Creek on the final day of the walk. The walk included different language groups with men and women, boys and girls.

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Burrup fight continues

By KEN BOASE in Perth



INDIGENOUS arts advocacy group Friends of Australian Rock Art (FARA) staged its 145th 'Stand up for the Burrup'

campaign last month outside an event hosted by millionaire Perth-based businessman Pankaj Oswal.

The Stand-up protested Mr Oswal's plans to expand his fertiliser business empire on the Burrup Peninsula, in Western Australia's Pilbara region, and what campaign organisers described as his apparent disregard for ancient Aboriginal culture.

They say that at the same time, Mr Oswal was campaigning to save a sacred Hindu site in his native India from damage by industrial emissions.

FARA Co-convenor Robin Chapple said Mr Oswal has signed an agreement with Norwegian company Yara to build an ammonium nitrate plant next to a fertiliser factory owned by Mr Oswal's company, Burrup Holdings.

Mr Chapple said the location of the Stand-up was chosen to highlight the cultural duplicity of building a petro-chemical plant within a kilometre of one of the major rock art galleries on the planet.

"In Vishnupur, the Oswal family's spiritual leaders are trying to protect the Pancha



FARA Stand-up campaigners in Perth outside an event hosted by Indian businessman Pankaj Oswal.

Ratna Temple and Jor Bangla, built about 400 years ago, from airborne pollution coming from 300km away," Mr Chapple said.

"Mr Oswal and his wife would be horrified if industry started chemically destroying the Hindu Gardens of Vrindaban, the Taj Mahal or the temple city of Vishnupur - and yet here he is proposing to build an explosives factory less than a kilometre from some of the world's oldest petroglyphs."

FARA, supported by former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, former WA Premier Carmen Lawrence and retiring Liberal MP Colin Barnett, has been acknowledged as leading the charge to protect the archipelago, the world's greatest rock art site.

Mr Chapple has also written to Federal Heritage Minister

Peter Garrett citing concerns over WA Government plans to allow other major industries on to the peninsula despite calls from FARA and other groups to locate heavy industry elsewhere.

Apart from the planned ammonium nitrate explosives

industries.

He warned that plans to build an explosives factory next to a fertiliser plant would create a scenario far more dangerous than that which caused the recent gas pipeline explosion on Veranus Island.

"Now that's going to be right next to a plant that is already volatile, and so the mix would give us a great deal of concern," Mr Chapple said.

"Not only that, it is less than a kilometre from Patterson's Valley, which is considered to be one of the most important of the valley

systems.

"It is just unconscionable that you'd do this in any other country, and yet we're quite prepared to do this in Western Australia."



FARA Co-convenor Robin Chapple:
"It is just unconscionable that you'd do this in any other country, and yet we're quite prepared to do this in Western Australia."

plant, Mr Chapple said there were plans to relocate a methanol company from Darwin back to the peninsula, and future plans for a second explosives plant and expansion of current

FARA is supported by the Burrup Peninsula's traditional owners who have consistently called for a moratorium on any expansion of industry and an audit and proper preservation of the rock art.

The Federal Government last year listed the Burrup Peninsula on the National Heritage List, and world heritage bodies led by the World Monuments Fund in New York have called for international heritage listing.

The Burrup Peninsula contains the earliest examples of self-expression by humans, with some petroglyphs dated at more than 20,000 years, giving a cultural history of that region of Australia from before the last Ice Age.

Since heavy industry was established at the site in the 1970s, it is estimated that more than ten per cent of the rock art has been destroyed.

Boggabilla women want a say

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



A GROUP of Aboriginal women from north-west New South Wales say

they must be part of the solution for the child protection issues in their troubled town.

The town of Boggabilla, and the nearby community of Toomelah, near the Queensland border, were heavily publicised earlier this year after reports emerged of some truckers soliciting sex from children as young as eight at the Boggabilla truck stop.

Last month, the towns received a second visit from Commissioner James Wood for the Special Inquiry into Child Protection Services.

The sexual abuse of children was highlighted, along with the need for more support, including counselling for victims.

A group of local women told the community forum they must be part of the solution.

Boggabilla Elder Madeline McGrady told *The Koori Mail* that many people at the forum had opened up and told their stories for the first time.

She spoke of one child abuse victim who received only two counselling sessions over six months.

"That's not good enough," she said. Another local woman who did not want to be named told the forum that her own child was molested at school.



From left, Judy Knox, Madeline McGrady, Commissioner James Wood, May Hinch, Deidre McGrady, Adrienne Duncan, Joy Jarrett, Thora Wightman, Elanor Benson and Hugh McGrady.

She revealed that her child had been going to school, but was 'acting out' a lot and never really got the counselling they needed.

"Sometimes I get emotional, but now a lot of times I don't - it just makes me stronger to speak out," she said.

"If we're going to help our own kids, we've got to try to help other kids too."

Ms McGrady said she was tired of seeing government programs come and go, so she called on all community members to stand up and help fix the problems.

"Enough is enough, we have been burning out as Elders and community as well," Ms McGrady said.

"We are the experts on our own

problems, we know where it is, we want to deal with it on our own level.

"Let us do it. It's about that self-determination that we fought for."

Boggabilla resident and PhD student trained in trauma recovery, Judy Knox, said she had tried for the past four years to set up training at the Boggabilla TAFE.

"In the training that I do, we cover all sorts of things like child sexual assault, drug and alcohol issues, loss and grief, a lot of mental health stuff," she told the forum.

"I've been doing this stuff for about ten years and I truly believe that if we were to kick the course off at the TAFE, we would have graduates within a year who could handle all of these issues."

"There are heaps of people in the community who are skilled, so skilled in responding to the stuff that happens on a weekly basis here in Boggabilla and Toomelah, but they have not been given the opportunity to go for that."

Ms Knox told *The Koori Mail* the program would empower and positively change the dynamics of the communities of Boggabilla and Toomelah, which she said were 'strong' enough to meet the challenge.

"If they gave the right resources to community to tackle it, we could turn this whole community around," she said.

Ms McGrady supported a community-driven approach supported by government agencies.

"It's really hard to continue on," she said. "I get women coming to my house all the time. I can't cope with it because I don't have the resources. It's hard; what do you say to them?"



JUDY KNOX

MP criticises NQ family

By KIRSTIE PARKER



A FEDERAL MP has used parliamentary privilege to launch an extraordinary verbal attack on a prominent north Queensland Indigenous family.

accusing its members of incompetence, nepotism and irresponsible behaviour.

Last Tuesday in the Federal Parliament, the Member for Herbert, Peter Lindsay, addressed the House of Representatives on the issue of governance of Indigenous bodies.

Mr Lindsay's speech centred almost exclusively on the Akee family of Townsville, which his electorate covers, and the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Legal Services (ATSICLS-NQ).

"It is widely known that nepotism and rotting the system is behind the Australian Government seeking re-tendering of the legal service contract - the only one in Australia required to do so," he said. "A closer look at this reveals the influence, incompetence, nepotism and irresponsible behaviour of the Akee family."

"It is the same family that have corrupted the ATSI Cultural Centre, 4K1G Indigenous Radio and the Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service. This weak capacity and corruption



ANGIE AKEE

cannot continue."

Mr Lindsay called for a government inquiry into the way the Akee family had 'inappropriately managed and spent millions of dollars that were given to these four organisations for the benefit of the Indigenous community', not for the benefit of the Akees.

"The Akee family are now squealing at being slung off the legal service gravy train," he said, saying the family had employed relatives at higher than market salaries, taken lavish up-scale weekends away at resorts 'in the guise of workshops', and made 'first-class jaunts for greatly inflated delegations of family and friends to Canberra' which Mr Lindsay said he had personally witnessed.

"Never mind the legal service clients sitting in jail waiting for a



PETER LINDSAY

proper legal interview to get them into the court system and waiting on remand longer than any period they might be sentenced to for their alleged crime," he said.

Mr Lindsay said he was speaking out in the interest of the 'hundreds of thousands of decent first Australians whose reputations and quality of life are so dreadfully impacted by the few who get themselves on the gravy train and misuse it'.

He did not mention any particular members of the Akee family in his speech but on Thursday he told local media that, while he had received a stream of messages supporting and thanking him for his stand, he had also been taken to task by several members of the Akee family over the use of their name in his speech.

"A number of members of the Akee family have contacted me about the use of their name," he said in a statement.

Mr Lindsay said he understood the relationships through marriage through the Akees and another local family. He said that both extended families were large, respected entities in the region, and said his earlier reference related only to family members associated, employed by or controlling any or all of the organisations he had identified.

"While I accept that there are solid community citizens in both extended families, I do not think it appropriate to allow the issue of families names to cloud the very real concerns I raised in my parliamentary speech."

Mr Lindsay's clarification found some support from the Chairman of the local radio station 4K1G, which is run by the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Media Association (TAIMA), Pastor Alan Johnson, who told *The Koori Mail* that Mr Lindsay appeared to have confused the Akees with another Townsville Indigenous family.

The Koori Mail was awaiting comment from the Akee family as it went to print at the weekend. However, on Saturday the local *Townsville Bulletin* published comments it attributed to an Akee family matriarch, Angie Akee.

Mrs Akee was reported as saying that Mr Lindsay's 'personal

attack' was hurtful, inflammatory, inaccurate, false and unwarranted.

"It's difficult to understand what his real motivation is," she reportedly said, before criticising Mr Lindsay's own credibility in the local Indigenous community.

"When I think of the gravy train allegation he made, I can't help but think there is no better gravy train than the parliamentary one."

Mrs Akee said the nine-member Board of ATSICLS-NQ had not been told why legal services in NQ had been tendered out and then awarded to a Brisbane-based service, which she said had no community links in the region and no understanding of how to deliver legal services to remote communities.

She said the ATSICLS (NQ) board had already been through reviews and was not afraid of another one.

"We welcome any inquiry," the statement concluded.

Mr Lindsay has run foul of some of his Indigenous constituents before. In January 2006, he angered many of Palm Island's 3000 residents when he suggested shutting the island and moving its residents to the mainland where he said they would have a better chance of finding work and making something of their lives. And earlier this year, he upset stolen wages campaigners and their supporters by suggesting they 'get over' the issue.

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In Belgium, from left, Melissa Wilschutt, former UN Secretary General Kofi Anan, Leanne Liddle, Siwongliwe Botha and Krishna Thottekkat.

Arrernte environmental expert presents international award



AUSTRALIAN conservation and environment specialist Leanne Liddle recently returned from the

European Parliament in Belgium, having presented an international environment award on behalf of the South Australian and Australian Governments.

An Arrernte woman, Ms Liddle was born and raised in Alice Springs but now divides her time working in Adelaide with the Department for Environment and Heritage SA and at Watarru in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara, Yankunytjatjara Lands on a Kuka Kanyini (looking after game animals) flora and fauna conservation project.

Ms Liddle presented the youth category of the 2008 World Energy Globe Awards to

the Eskom Energy and Sustainability Program which operates in Southern Africa and has 114 action-based environmental projects under its national guidance.

Those behind the program received \$16,000 to strengthen their current work.

Commitment

"It was exciting to see young people being enthusiastic about taking on the responsibilities associated with caring for country and their commitment to ensuring its protection for future generations," Ms Liddle said upon her return to Australia.

The Energy Globe Award for sustainability showcases projects and initiatives that conserve and protect the Earth's resources or employ renewable energy. It ranks as one of the

most prestigious international environmental prizes – this year attracting 853 entries from 109 countries.

The winning projects varied between evaluating a range of solutions for counter-balancing emissions caused by fossil fuel usage in the transport and power-generation industries, designing alternative fuel-fired heaters and stoves that reduce smoke production and developing a passive solar water snake and solar fruit driers.

"I encourage people involved in projects in Australia that support Indigenous environmental protection to showcase their great work to the world," Ms Liddle said.

"As Indigenous peoples, we too have much to be proud of, and there is the need to highlight our good work internationally."

'Food bowl' bid blasted



NORTHERN Australia's future lies in Aboriginal land and sea management – not relocating farmers from parched

southern States, a forum in Darwin has heard.

Environmental scientist Stephen Garnett, from Charles Darwin University, dismissed the notion the Top End could become 'the food bowl of Asia'.

"We can make thousands and thousands of mahogany food bowls but we can't fill them with anything but woodchips," he told the ABC's North Australia forum last week.

Professor Garnett said the pattern of rainfall during the eight-month-long wet season rendered the region good for wood but a disaster for agriculture.

"In the wet season it's not raining all the time," he said. "We get these bands of rain and then there are these gaps and that's a huge problem for tender little plants."

The Top End was also plagued by 'rotten, old soils' and lacked the transport network to



JOE ROSS

shift produce elsewhere.

Building such a system would come at a 'colossal price', he said.

But the land had been managed – and managed well – for centuries.

"We need to recognise the increasing importance of Indigenous people in the north's future and support the emerging home-grown industry sector of land management where we have a natural advantage."

Professor Garnett said.

"This sort of land management has benefits for the environment, for indigenous people, and is providing a service for the world – this is where the future lies for the broader landscape in Australia, and the great thing is it doesn't mess with water at all."

Professor Garnett cited a project in west Arnhem Land where Conoco-Phillips provided \$1 million a year to a local community in exchange for traditional practices such as burning.

"This is surely a vision for the future," he said.

Indigenous Water Policy Group Chairman Joe Ross called for a 'mind shift'.

"We have a special moment in time where we can redress and try and review and restructure the way Indigenous people are going to be engaged in this new development and this new world," he said.

Indigenous people didn't always have to be 'dragged kicking and screaming to the lawyer's table' when it came to discussions about their land, he said. – AAP



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An upper limit of \$150,000 plus GST (per grant) for up to two years has been set for individual project proposals. For organisations wishing to collaborate and submit a combined proposal, an upper limit of \$250,000 plus GST (per grant) for up to two years has been set for each combined project proposal.

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- the Scheme becomes fully funded as soon as practicable.

Many of the changes to the Scheme will become effective from 1 July 2008, while others will commence in the coming months. Some changes will affect existing claims, while others affect only new claims from 1 July 2008. A number of changes will affect registered and self-insured employers from 1 July 2008.

If you are an injured worker or an employer, you will soon receive an information pack outlining the changes.

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Another Koori Court now open



VICTORIA'S seventh Adult Koori Court has opened at Swan Hill, in the State's far north-west.

It was opened on 20 June by Acting Premier and Attorney-General Rob Hulls.

The court, to begin sitting by early August, will result in Koori communities in the Swan Hill area playing a key role in the administration of justice.

Mr Hulls said the court would help provide a culturally significant legal system that aimed to break the cycle of over-representation of Indigenous offenders in Victorian jails.

"What has made our Koori courts so successful in slashing the rate of recidivism is the presence and advice of Koori Elders and respected persons," he said.

"They question the defendant about their home, history, community and family. The Elders are imposing, but rather than being adversarial, they help get to the cause of the criminal behaviour. This model is designed to break down the disengagement that Indigenous people have had with courts."

Koori courts operate as a division of the Magistrates Court at Bairnsdale, Moe/Latrobe Valley, Shepparton, Broadmeadows, Mildura and Warrnambool. There are also Children's Koori Courts in Mildura and Melbourne.

An independent evaluation of the Koori courts at Shepparton and

Broadmeadows showed reduced levels of re-offending among Koori defendants, to almost half the general level of recidivism.

The 2006 Census showed that 411 Indigenous adults lived in the Swan Hill Rural City area. In 2005-06, 83 Indigenous adults were processed by police in the Swan Hill region.

Mr Hulls said the opening of the Koori Court in Swan Hill meant the local Indigenous community would benefit from an 'innovative approach which had helped stop re-offending and has reconnected Kooris to their own culture'.

'Meaningful'

"Koori courts do not deliver separate, different or more lenient justice. What they provide is a system for Indigenous offenders that is far more meaningful to them and a system with which they can readily engage," he said.

The Victorian Government announced in the recent State Budget plans for a pilot of Victoria's first County Koori Court. Development of the project is under way.

Other Government initiatives include the establishment of seven regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory committees, Koori liaison officers at Melbourne Magistrates Court and in Victorian prisons, Aboriginal Bail Justices, Koori mediators and the establishment of the Koori Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal list.



Deputy Director of the Indigenous Issues Unit at the Department of Justice Rudolph Kirby, Acting Premier and Attorney-General Rob Hulls and Uncle Besley Murray at the opening of the Swan Hill Koori Court. Picture: Jo Sheldrick

Commissioner backs new Fitzroy services

By ELIZABETH MURRAY in Perth



THE first leg of a tour by the newly-appointed West Australian Children's Commissioner has highlighted community concerns about the shortfall in services for families and children in Fitzroy

Crossing. Commissioner for Children and Young People Michelle Scott said it was time for more support services for children and young people, now that alcohol restrictions had been extended in Fitzroy Crossing.

"Community members told me the restrictions had given them the breathing space to assess needs and plan services to improve their children's quality of life and future opportunities," said Ms Scott after her trip last month.

She said community members had highlighted the need for support services for children and young people, and for appropriate responses to the ongoing health impacts of alcohol abuse on mothers and children as urgent requirements.

Identified as a priority, she said, was greater acknowledgement, education and support services of the symptoms and effects of foetal alcohol syndrome (FAS), which include behavioural problems and impaired cognitive development.

"There is also a need for government

service providers to acknowledge that a number of the young adults and children that come into contact with the education, welfare and justice systems are affected by FAS and work with the community on programs to provide better outcomes for these children and young people," said Ms Scott.

"The Fitzroy community is calling for services that many in the metropolitan areas take for granted such as after-school programs for children and young people,

alcohol, that 'children and young people are living in a safer, less violent community and are less stressed'.

"The Government and the community cannot miss this opportunity to work together in putting in place services that will benefit Fitzroy's children and young people, now, and in the long term," she said.

Former ATSC commissioner Terry Whitby had called for an alcohol summit in the region before the intervention, to assess the need for support and rehabilitation

said.

Patrick Green, one of the partners of LEDAL, the company that owns the Crossing Inn and the travel lodge, among other businesses in Fitzroy Crossing, said that though the Government statistics indicated improvements, there had been little change in the provision of services for the community.

Mr Green said there was still a shortfall in support services, despite the suggested success of alcohol restrictions.

He said that the alcohol content limit on sales appeared to be lip service by the Government, and that more effective initiatives were needed to reduce alcohol addiction in the region.

"The stats are one thing, but taking away the licence to sell full-strength alcohol doesn't make a difference to the services provided to the community," he said.

"There's a shortfall in services, and limits on alcohol strength are not going to fix it."

"There's been no real change even though the Government has imposed a 2.7 per cent alcohol content limit on sales, but bringing in additional services? Nothing."

Mr Green said the local community was still fragmented, and the emergence of 'sly grogging', an illegal trade in full-strength alcohol, was subsequently creating greater financial hardship for families with members dependent on alcohol.



'The Fitzroy community is calling for services that many in the metropolitan areas take for granted such as after-school programs for children and young people, more recreational activities and places for children to play in a safe environment' - Commissioner Michelle Scott

more recreational activities and places for children to play in a safe environment.

"This needs to be supported and enhanced by effective policies and programs with measurable outcomes and inter-departmental co-operation at all levels of government."

Ms Scott said the community had discussed the benefits they were experiencing from the ban on full-strength

services in the area.

He said the Government's focus on Fitzroy Crossing needed to be more rehabilitative, looking at how the community could be restored and rebuilt, but told *The Koori Mail* he feared Fitzroy Crossing had become a focus for mere 'political pressure'. "The attention needs to be on how to provide better ways of dealing with the issues confronting the town," Mr Whitby

Samantha has band in a spin

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



THE stunning looks of Aboriginal model Samantha Harris have captured the attention of the Aussie band Gyroscopic.

The Tweed Heads teen features in the film clip for the band's song *Australia*. Seeing herself on TV was something Samantha was still getting used to, but she said it had been fun.

"I couldn't believe it was me, because you don't expect to see yourself," she told *The Koori Mail*. "Mum has been watching it over and over, though. It was different from doing a photographic shoot, because I had to move around. It was a lot of fun, and the band were great to work with."

Gyroscopic front man Daniel Sanders penned the song after a visit to Derby, in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

"I'd been up there with my wife Jess visiting her sister who's a remote nurse," he said.

"I've always had a connection with the Indigenous community and having never been up into this region before, the beauty of the land revealed itself to me and I realised the powerful interaction between the land and the community."

"I guess that was the trigger that made me actually put something down, seeing and spending time with that part of our country inspired me."

"Lyrical inspiration then came from the heart and felt relatively easy and just felt right to me."

"I'm writing about coming to Australia from the 'mother country', I came over with my English



The members of Gyroscopic

mum and Australian dad when I was two."

Sanders said his entire upbringing was in Australia and he wanted to celebrate Australia as a country on its merits.

"I am just a visitor who washed up on the shore and can only tell a story from what I see and have learnt," he said.

● To hear a sample of Gyroscopic's *Australia*, go to www.gyroscopic.com.au or www.myspace.com/gyroscopic



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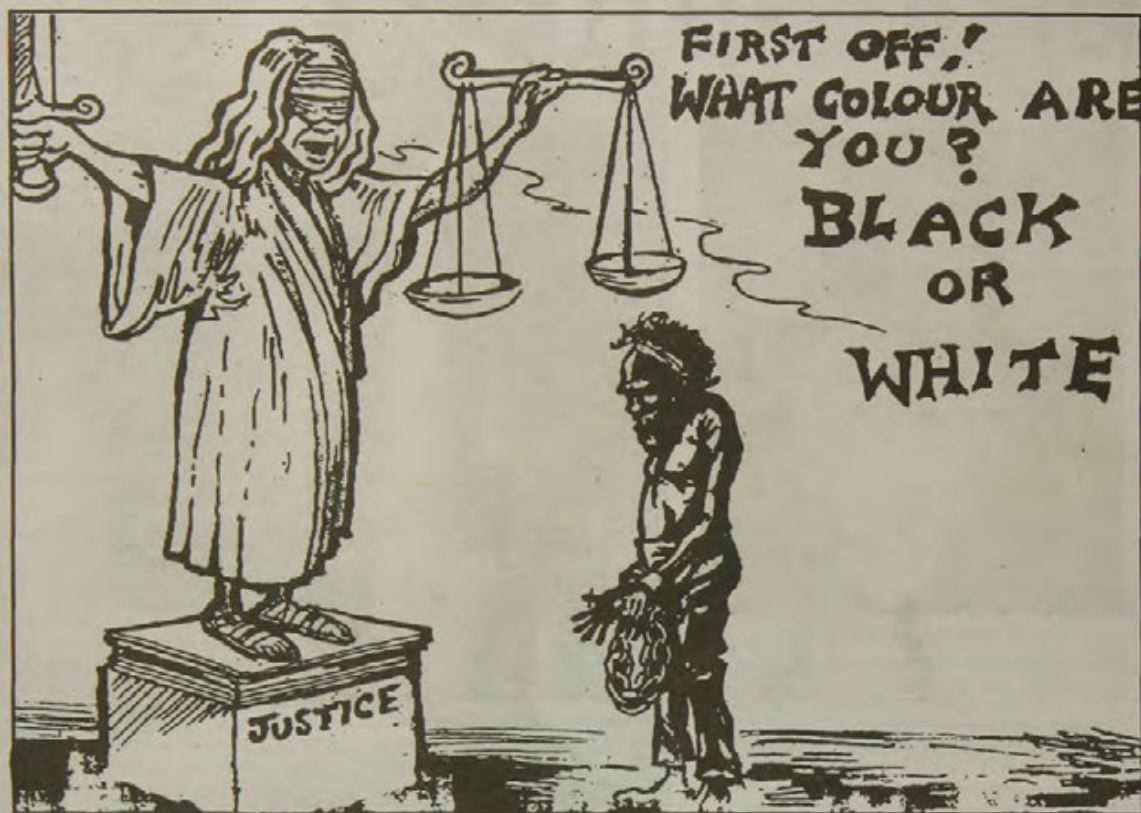
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'If we as a community continue to turn a blind eye to this ongoing and seemingly insolvable issue of alcohol and drug abuse, not just for the Indigenous people but to the total society, then we contribute to the destruction to our own nation'

— Fitzroy Crossing (WA) woman June Oscar

● See Report on Pages 28-29

Unquote

It's here, so what now?

The much-awaited 12-month anniversary of the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) has arrived, and the need for an objective, thorough and informed appraisal can't be overstated.

Notwithstanding the inevitable government spin on this first milestone, there have undoubtedly been some important and encouraging improvements in NT Aboriginal communities: a lot more attention on child health, improved community safety through increased police numbers, the roll-out of accelerated literacy teams, and a reduction in the flow of grog.

But there has also been the largely unpopular income quarantining, and paranoia-invoking trend towards demands for the surrender of land for long periods in return for basic citizenship rights.

Many of the NTER Taskforce recommendations are commendable. For example, the appointment of community mediators; education campaigns around porn, grog, violence and child abuse; increased investment in Indigenous housing; creation of market-waged jobs; increased training; the involvement of local communities in alcohol management; and further police in some places.

But the Taskforce has veered into dangerous territory by recommending that the Federal and Territory Governments work together to 'assess which communities are viable in the longer term', and to plan future investment based on those assessments.

The scant amount of information backing up this Taskforce



recommendation is a recipe for disaster. No actual criteria have been proposed to determine such a test.

Although the Indigenous Affairs Minister has alluded to school attendance being the most important thing, this alone would be a flimsy and unfair basis upon which to make such far-reaching decisions, given the failure of successive governments to ever truly support Aboriginal parents in educating themselves or their children — either on country or off it.

The viability or otherwise of any Aboriginal community must be judged as much by those living there as those who might fly in on a government charter once every 18-months. And it must be done within a cultural context because Aboriginal people do not choose where they come from, and which country they have responsibility for.

What of growing evidence that Aboriginal people's health improves when they are on country, particularly with access to a traditional or partly-traditional lifestyle? And no-one should forget that many Aboriginal homes were effectively deemed unviable before past authorities swooped in and forcibly removed children from them. It's time to talk.

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A Yarn With...



Glenda Kickett

Chairperson, NAIDOC Perth Committee, Koondoola, WA

What do you do?
I am Executive Manager of Centrecare-Djooraminde in Perth.

Your favourite bush tucker?
Kangaroo and damper.

Your favourite other food?
Pasta.

Your favourite drink?
Black tea.

Your favourite music?
Motown.

Your favourite sport/leisure?
Netball and gardening.

Your favourite holiday destination?
Broken Hill (my brother and cousin and their families live there).

What are you reading?
More Than A Hero, Muhammad Ali's Life Lessons, by Hana Ali.

What are you watching?
Sixty Minutes and *Enough Rope*.

What is your greatest highlight in life?
Being in a position where I can influence government to make positive changes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the care system.

What do you like in life?
Being happy and healthy.

What do you dislike?
Not having enough time to do all the things I would like to do.

Who would you most like to meet and why (be brief)?
Oprah Winfrey — the most powerful black woman in the world and someone who can influence change on a global level.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My grandparents who have passed away — Herbert and Maude Kickett; William and Alma Garlett.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
Ensure that governments follow through on their promises.

If there was one thing you would like to see happen, what would it be?
An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Prime Minister.

Whoopi's hot air

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844 – 1900), scholar, writer and philosopher once said: "It is not a lack of love, but a lack of friendship that makes unhappy marriages."

"It's good to see a black woman on TV who can speak well and has a full set of teeth." No, sorry folks. That's not the satirical ranting of a right-wing extremist who has a low regard for black women, perpetuating the racist myth that their abusive black partners facilitated the toothless grin through frequent bouts of domestic violence.

More on the identity of the tactless author of those repulsive words a little later.

Relaxing in my lounge room recently on a lazy Sunday morning immediately after the *Sunday* (Channel 9) program with two assertive black women – wife Rhonda and daughter Jayde – I knew I really had no choice but to hand over the prized remote control when pressured and forfeit the right to watch the *Wide World of Sport* in favour of their preferred program: *The View* on pay TV.

The taxing alternative was to go into the rumpus room and compete for the smaller flat-screen TV with my son Stephen who I knew was totally immersed in playing his new PS3 game *Grand Theft Auto IV*.

On this particular day I was content, however, to take a seat in the lounge and catch up on the latest American women's gossip, principally as Michelle Obama, potentially the first black First Lady of America, was playing co-host for that episode.

After some small talk about whether she preferred to wear pantyhose (she doesn't) or if she liked bacon for breakfast (she does) and the more riveting snippets of whether her husband Barack, Democratic presidential nominee, takes out the rubbish (he doesn't) or if he loves to exercise (he does), the show got down to more probing questions from the divergent, but complementary, assembly of panelists.

The remark made by panelist Whoopi Goldberg: "...it's good to see a black woman on TV who can speak well and has a full set of teeth", in reference to the outstanding public relations performance of Michelle Obama in support of her husband's marathon Democratic pre-selection campaign that received unprecedented television coverage around the world, almost knocked me out of my seat.

I was flabbergasted that Whoopi, a highly respected black actress, would be so implicitly

condescending of black women in such an overtly offensive manner. What was she thinking?

Michelle Obama's non-response to the insensitive and illogical observation from the dreadlocked-haired TV personality left off-screen executives with little option but to turn their cameras to other panelists who had a different slant on less threatening issues for her to answer.

Maybe what Whoopi was trying to say was that she was happy to see a successful married black couple gain such national prominence in challenging times. And in attempting to relay her



Nothing to smile about ... This handout photo, provided by the American ABC network, shows Michelle Obama, wife of Democratic presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama, third from left, on the set of *The View* with, from left, Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar, Sherri Shepard, Barbara Walters and Elisabeth Hasselbeck. AP Photo

appreciation she inexplicably tried to be a little bold and witty by making a racial remark which she perhaps thought might be hip, but sadly for her it came out wrong and totally backfired.

Only time will judge whether Whoopi will survive the flood of complaints that *The View* executives will receive over the coming weeks. I'm sure if the remark was made by one of the white panelists that person would have had their contract terminated without hesitation.

The issues of race and, in particular, mixed marriages were the subject of much debate around campfires and in lounge rooms of Indigenous households for most of the 20th century. In the 1950s and '60s many Indigenous people, as a family and individually, chose to identify as being anything but Indigenous – Gypsy, Indian, Maori etc – to avoid the blatant stigma from mainstream society that accompanied those who were identified as Indigenous.

I've spoken to many Indigenous women over the years who admitted they married outside their race as a way of escaping their impoverished lifestyle. They explained they wanted to be free of the burden of living in disadvantaged circumstances with no apparent foreseeable way out for them by maintaining the status quo – of living with and marrying one of their own mob – into the future.

To them also it was perhaps the quickest way to achieve the ultimate Aussie dream of owning a home and raising a family on a quarter-acre block in the suburbs. Once in the suburb, hundreds of kilometres away from their mob, they happily assimilated into the life of mainstream Australians and realised that dream.

Regrettably, to achieve their goal, in most cases, they chose to forgo their Aboriginality and become white, if not in appearance, then definitely in lifestyle and thinking.

What many Indigenous women also learnt was the dream, although achieved with varying degrees of



Stephen Hagan

HAGAN'S VIEW

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success, was a facade punctuated with physical and mental abuse from white partners who viewed them as a possession that they rescued from a life of despair and who therefore owed them everything.

In other cases where mixed marriages were a success, the burden of racism displayed, overtly and subtly, by in-laws and family associates continued to place a strain on an otherwise perfect union. On top of all of the doom and

gloom that's often highlighted by failed mixed marriages, there are infinitely more successful mixed marriages that have stood the test of time and whose offspring are influential advocates of Indigenous rights today.

But at the end of the day there still remains that intrinsic obsession in most Indigenous Australians to pass judgment on Indigenous personalities – involved in politics, arts, business, education, music and sport – of their preferred partner. When photos appear on newsreels, newspapers and gossip magazines of them with non-Indigenous partners attending award ceremonies etc, the aspersions on their character continue to be a focal point of gossip.

Questions like 'why can't they marry their own kind?' and 'aren't we good enough for them?' do the rounds again and again.

Who could forget the racial controversy that spewed forth in the United States over the O J Simpson murder trial of his white wife?

If you think this is an over-reaction on the part of cynics from within Indigenous communities of prominent Indigenous identities choosing non-Indigenous partners, try a little exercise and see what response you come up with.

Flit through this edition of *The Koori Mail* or any one of the past 428 editions and ask yourself the question of who that high-profile Indigenous person, prominently featured within, is associated with or married to.

Another exercise is to construct a list of all the Indigenous leaders in your local community, especially in larger regional and urban areas, who are prominent in the news or head up responsible positions in the public or private sector and query who they are married to.

If you come up with a figure of about 80 per cent of your Indigenous leaders, male and female, then you can appreciate why the question is often raised from within the Indigenous community.

The question that I've heard on many occasions is 'why are our smartest and gifted drawn outside their mob' in search of their soul mate? Is it because the talent pool in their chosen career – in politics, arts, business, education, music and sport – is limited with those of their race? Or is it because of a perception that more is gained – prestige, influence and powerful connections – by choosing a non-Indigenous partner?

In 1918, the Federal Government revised its 'Ordinance on Aborigines in the Northern Territory'.

Unmarried European men and 'persons of Asiatic or Negro race' were not permitted to employ Aboriginal women; Aboriginal women not allowed to work on boats; marriage with non-Aboriginal men required permission; it was an offence to keep an Aboriginal woman as a mistress, have carnal knowledge with, procure an Aboriginal woman for prostitution (penalty of £100 or three months' prison); it was an offence for an Aboriginal woman to solicit for prostitution.

Thank goodness that draconian policy, and those of similar intent in other States in that era, have long gone. Australia today appears to have developed a more mature approach to the issue of mixed marriages.

Australian Bureau of Statistics data revealed that in 1991, 57 per cent of all couples involving an Indigenous person were mixed (that is, only one partner was Indigenous).

However, the extent of mixed marriages for Indigenous people appears to be increasing. By 1996, this proportion had increased to 64 per cent. In more than half (55 per cent) of all couples in 1996, in which only one partner was Indigenous, that partner was the woman.

I'm not sure where Whoopi Goldberg was coming from in her offensive remark to Michelle Obama, as statistics in the United States show that interracial marriages represented 0.7 per cent of all marriages in 1970, rising to 1.3 per cent in 1980 and 2.2 per cent in 1992 – which leaves a significantly high level of black couple marriages.

Maybe Whoopi, and might I suggest many Indigenous Australians, has become so engrossed in the mixed race debate and so accustomed to seeing black leaders from mixed marriages gain national prominence that when the rare occasions occur where successful black couples make it on centre stage together – as was the case with the Obamas – she was lost for words.

Maybe we all need to look inwardly at our own prejudices on the issue of race and be more accepting of people's choices in life. And when success is bestowed on their achievements, let's acknowledge their feats without condition.

I believe that colour alone will not be the main cause today for the break-up of a marriage between mixed-race couples or Indigenous couples.

And I also believe Friedrich Nietzsche got it right when he said: "It is not a lack of love, but a lack of friendship that makes unhappy marriages."

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I WAS chattin' with this one the other day, getting a good dose of relationship goss. This one was telling me about a problem with their partner. Everything was going along great, except for a growing feeling of discontent.

This is how it goes. My friend and their partner both work long hours a fair way from home. In fact, their partner works much longer hours than them. This means that my friend often gets home three hours before the partner. As such, this one was doing most of the house stuff: Cooking dinner, packing tomorrow's lunch, washing up etc.

My friend was feeling a bit used and abused and felt that the partner should be doing more of the work. I can understand this point. You come home after a long day at work to your second job as house witch. And you don't even get paid for this second job!

I told my friend to think



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about it in another way.

Being home first is great. It's true you have to do all the rotten jobs, but it's nothing to get worked up over. You get to choose what to eat for dinner, you can do your jobs in the ad breaks and at least you are at home.

Your home is a special haven for you and your other

half - don't give it a rotten vibe by treating it badly. Make that yummy dinner for your partner and the house will smell delicious. Pack tomorrow's lunch and know you will save \$\$ and be healthy at the same time.

Do each job knowing that you are doing it for yourself as much as your partner. After all, don't you deserve these jobs done too?

If you don't do these jobs then your partner, the long-working love of yours, will have to do it. It doesn't matter who does what, it has to be done. Do the jobs and I'm sure you will be rewarded in some 'special' way, if you get my drift.

Who wouldn't want to do some house witch jobs to get a reward? You don't know when you will be the second one home either!

Don't sweat the small stuff and remember - it's still gotta be done!

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

Kalgoorlie station is good as gold



KALGOORLIE'S Aboriginal radio station is set to become a permanent feature of the WA Goldfields airwaves.

After three years on a temporary broadcasting licence, Tjuma Pulka (which means big talking in the local Wongai language) Media Aboriginal Corporation's 96.3FM is ready to be granted a permanent licence.

Station Manager Debbie Carmody says all the conditions for a full licence have now been met and she is confident authorities will give the green light to an ongoing service.

"We've worked hard and now it's starting to pay off," she told *The Koori Mail* from 96.3FM's studios in a small converted miner's cottage.

"We're planning a second studio, a local news service and we'll also be seeking sponsorships locally."

"And we'll be looking to extend our existing 12-hours-a-day five-days-a-week broadcasting service."

The station currently has two casual broadcasters playing a range of music, as well as several volunteer presenters with health, youth and



96.3FM Kalgoorlie radio broadcasters 'Stormin' Norman Young, left, and Derek Richards.

community information programs.

The station's broadcasting range has been greatly increased in recent months thanks to a new antenna installed on a high point at Kalgoorlie's huge gold mine.

"Many of the miners listen to our station, so the Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines Company was good enough to help out with the new site for

our mast," Ms Carmody said.

"It means we can now reach a wide area of the Goldfields, greatly increasing our listener base. I can see a great future for 96.3FM."

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A Victorian Government initiative





Letter writers focus on the NT Intervention, with Tasmania's Michael Mansell drawing comparisons with Zimbabwe, while NSW woman Elsa Storey says Australia lacks maturity.

● See what they say on Page 24

YOUR POETRY

**Speak up,
Speak out,
Speak loud**

Domestic Violence ... what does it mean to you?

To me domestic violence means having more than ten stitches inserted above my right eye. Having my bottom lip split open, my left collar bone broken and numerous punches to my head and elsewhere on my body. Being kicked like a football is another trademark of domestic violence. Statistics reveal that in extreme cases death has resulted from being punched by fists, kicked by feet and being bashed and bludgeoned by objects.

Domestic Violence Hue. Black, purple, red and blue. These colours I associate with domestic violence. And these colours I call the 'domestic violence hue'. These colours represent the aftermath of a physical violent attack. Which leaves women battered and bleeding on the ground.

Statistics reveal that most victims are Indigenous. Their skin colour is fair, light brown or black. Mention those words 'domestic violence', and you'll hear a pin drop. Followed by a long deathly extended silence.

Why does society continue to ignore these facts? Why are women still being viciously and gutlessly attacked? What are these so-called 'men' thinking? When women are being kicked like a football? Is this what makes women-bashers feel ten-feet tall? Maybe they're in the wrong spot. Perhaps they should be kicking a leather soccer ball. I would like to see what's inside their small brain.

Do they sleep at night or do they constantly relive. Their domestic violence shame? Do they brag about using their fists and feet? And their physical force which they used on helpless women. Whom they bashed, battered and senselessly beat. Will they think about those victims who were bludgeoned to death? Screaming for help and mercy with their last gasping breath? When these perpetrators go to meet their creator in the sky. Will they be able to shamelessly look at her straight in the eye? Or will their pathetic story be. 'I didn't mean to inflict such painful and agonising memories!

Remember, what goes around, will eventually come around. It might be your female relative one day. Left bleeding and horribly bashed. In a crumpled heap, on the ground.

CORALIE CASSADY
Kirwan, QLD

Appalled by ABC's Tiwi Islands report



Chris Sarra ... praised by letter-writers as an outstanding Indigenous educator.

I WAS appalled by the tone set by reporter Sarah Ferguson in her *Four Corners* report 'Educating Kimberly' (ABC TV, Monday 16 June), declaiming and diminishing the strengths of the Tiwi Islanders, framing the program again from a non-Indigenous perspective, albeit with some token quotes, and belittling the community.

Why did the producer not approach framing and/or narrating the program utilising the calibre, strength and wealth of experience of (Indigenous educator) Chris Sarra and/or (NT politician) Marion Scrymgeour?

They would have provided a much more holistic examination of the education direction and well-being of the young people in Tiwi without harassing young interviewees or categorising the circumstances through arrogant non-Indigenous lenses that deemed life prospects for young people as degenerative or hopeless.

Chris Sarra has proved so much success in education for Indigenous communities in Queensland because he has tackled the foundation of the problem - the Australian

infrastructure that belittles the potential of our young Indigenous people.

Through creating engaging local school environments that are rewarding, with effective discipline and positive black and white role models in his teaching staff, attendance and attainment rates have soared.

Enabling everyone to reach their highest potential and not putting a ceiling on where that ceiling sits is not only a key philosophy but a solid educational practice.

In just a few years, Chris and his team have turned around the fallacy of a reductive education cycle in our remote and urban Indigenous schools where few are thought to succeed, a notion that is so prominently portrayed in our mainstream media.

When is white Australia going to report from a culturally sensitive and fully researched perspective that strengthens the Indigenous community to build hope for all our futures?

REBECCA HARCOURT
Sydney, NSW

Four Corners report superficial

WE watched the *Four Corners* report 'Educating Kimberly' about Tiwi Islands education (ABC TV, Monday 16 June) with growing interest.

Today (Thursday, 19 June 2008), we read in *The Australian* newspaper's media section that Sarah Ferguson's documentary was taking 'a new tack on Indigenous affairs'.

Confronting journalism can be effective and it can also be very narrow and limited.

No doubt Sarah Ferguson and Xavier College's principal had good intentions, but what both seemed to lack was an understanding of a context to the issues as well as an engagement with the community. Most of the principal's

statements revealed no general understanding of Indigenous cultures, or specifically Tiwi culture.

How discourteous to allow cameras into a classroom and speak about the students as if they were invisible or had no feelings. Did parents give permission and did they know their children would be used to further the Principal's assessment of truancy.

How narrow to laugh at the cause of a family conflict; the subject is serious enough to have warranted the school being built in the first place.

As for applauding students for returning to the classroom; this was patronising. Such behaviours are representative of missionary schools of the 1940s and 50s.

One of the young men was pursued during his leisure time, questioned and accused 'You don't look sick'. Such reporting fails to consider mitigating factors preventing this student from attending school or that he may not have wished to divulge the reason. Why was it important for us to know the relationship between one of the students to NT Minister Marion Scrymgeour?

According to the *Four Corners* website, Sarah Ferguson's report focused on boarding schools as an answer for remote area Indigenous education. Had the journalist retained that focus, background information on Tiwi education would have been vital, as would interviews with the Elders who

initiated the boarding school, discussion on why students were schooled in unfinished buildings, and, above all, a look at pedagogical strategies used to encourage school attendance.

Sarah Ferguson's investigative journalism was superficial. Indigenous education issues are complex and need knowledgeable reporting. This documentary should have explored the opinions of Dr Sarra, who is an expert in the field - his views would have been gold.

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Truth is a casualty in NT

AT the same time that Australians feel good about the Commonwealth's stand over tactics in the Northern Territory, there is open condemnation of similar tactics by (embattled President Robert) Mugabe in Zimbabwe (Africa). In both cases there is an abuse of power by the state, the local media openly support the state and in each case the victims are powerless blacks.

The first casualty of war is truth, and the victims in both countries feel like a war is being waged upon them.

From within Zimbabwe and Australia only

one side of the dispute is heard – the one backing the state.

Successive governments and oppositions, and in Australia the mainstream media, have decided the actions against Aborigines in the NT is a good thing.

Good for whom?

Undoubtedly it makes Australians feel good that 'something' is being done, and while the dissenting voices are silenced (by being dismissed by the sheer weight of government and media bias) the public do not have to think about the effect on Aborigines of

having to take vouchers to shops, being spied on by police, being subjected to humiliation by Centrelink, or being portrayed nationally and internationally as a bunch of child molesters.

Why? Because that voice is silenced.

Of course there are some benefits of the Commonwealth's massive imposition if only because of the millions of dollars spent there and the high number of personnel suddenly available. Health facilities have improved, there are more houses and drinkers have gone elsewhere (albeit

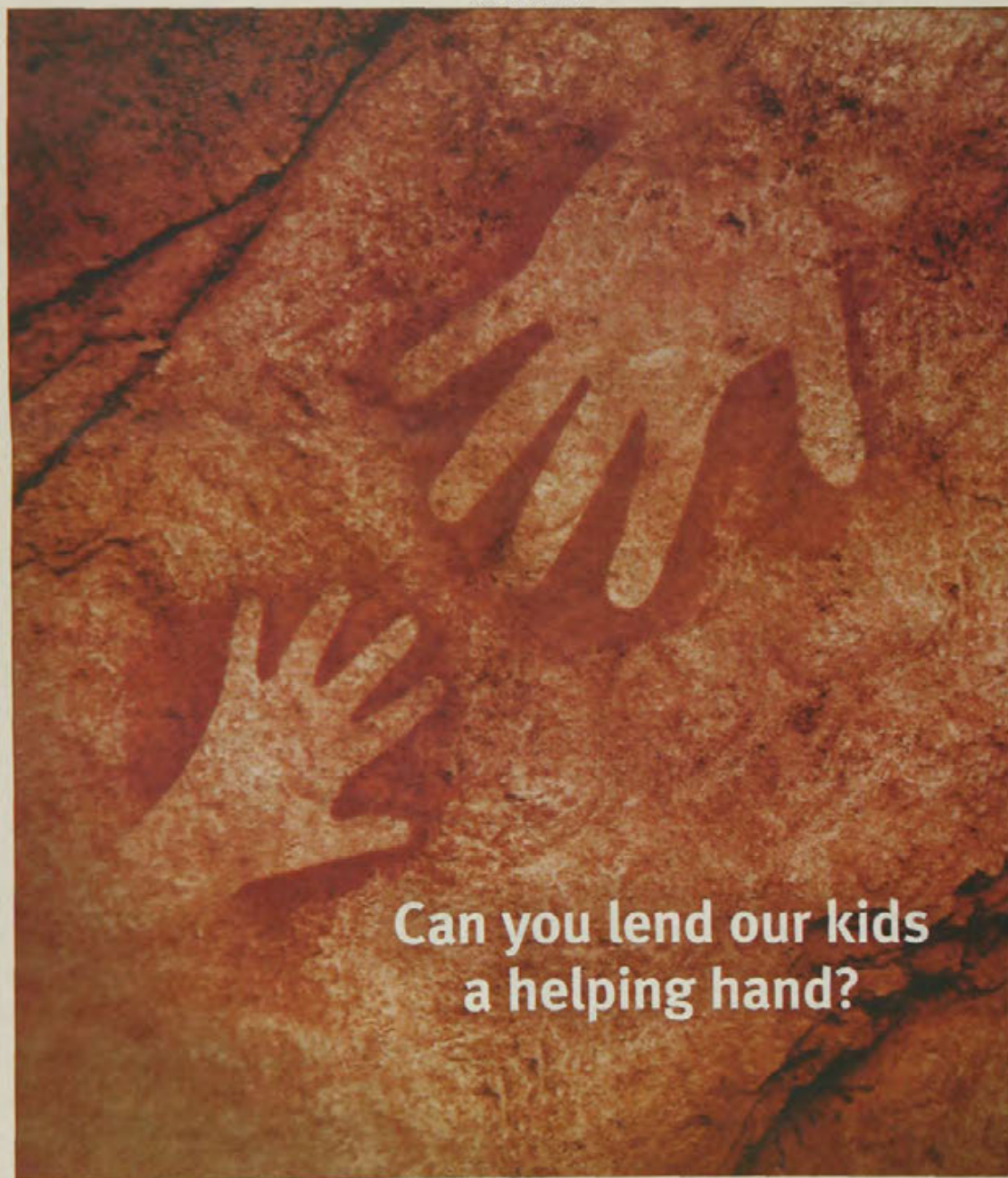
because of threats against them).

Now, (Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister) Jenny Macklin aims to shut down communities, steal their lands and dump another generation of Aboriginal children on the streets of country towns.

Any benefits will fade into history and the Aboriginal people will be left to mop up the mess when the public loses interest and politicians no longer play to poll-driven policy.

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Australia short on maturity

THE case of the squalid conditions under which two families and 21 children were living in a North Adelaide suburb has aroused concern in the wider community.

A register of at-risk families/children has been advocated. No emergency legislation was enacted or military sent in. No suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act or compulsory income quarantining.

Contrast this approach with the discriminatory, racist approach taken by the Howard Government and supported by the Rudd Opposition and now Rudd Government towards at-risk Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

The *Little Children are Sacred* report was always a convenient pretext for a mainstream Australian government to take control of Aboriginal affairs and run Aboriginal lives – an attempt to go back to pre-1967 referendum times.

It has been said that if mainstream Australians knew that the 1967 referendum would bring special rights to Aboriginal peoples, it would not have received the 90 per cent popular vote!

Australia is a very racist country, particularly towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Out of all the non-Anglo/Celtic cultural backgrounds in Australia, respect for and value of Indigenous peoples is the lowest.

The media did not go inside the two Adelaide houses and photograph there, however they often photograph inside Aboriginal houses. Do they believe they have some kind of God-given right to disregard the feelings of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people? The Australian media must accord Aboriginal people the same respect they give to non-Aboriginals.

Australian governments are useless in Aboriginal affairs because they commission multiple reports and rarely act on their recommendations. How many politicians and bureaucrats working in Aboriginal affairs have Aboriginal cultural knowledge gained through attendance at cultural awareness courses, which they should have to pass to be eligible to work in Aboriginal affairs?

Which recommendations of the *Little Children are Sacred* report have been acted upon? Why is neither of the authors of that report on Prime Minister Rudd's Review Panel?

In the past 12 months health checks have been done on 7500 Indigenous children in remote Australia and only 39 – repeat, 39 – have shown signs of neglect or abuse, and only a small percentage of that small percentage is possibly sexual abuse.

The Rudd Government's apology to the Stolen Generations will be yet another hollow political gesture if it is not followed by development in Aboriginal Australia that values and respects Aboriginality and Aboriginal autonomy.

Australia does not yet deserve to be a republic. It is not mature enough.

ELSA STORY
Wollongong, NSW

Good sport sets the record straight

I AM a huge supporter of *The Koori Mail* and have had a copy of the fortnightly edition delivered to my home address for the past ten years. I am originally from Mt Isa, Queensland and truly enjoy each and every story published as it keeps me informed on what's happening with Indigenous affairs across the country – both good and not so good news. I am a huge fan of many sports and particularly love reading the achievements of my brothers and sisters.

However, I would like to bring your attention to two statements of inaccurate information being mentioned in previous

editions of *The Koori Mail*.

A few years ago there was a story on the very talented Bo De La Cruz highlighting her achievements as an Australian touch football representative. However, the story mentioned that Bo was the first Aboriginal woman to represent Australia.

I would like to bring your attention to this statement and advise that this information is not correct. Tanya Sewter (originally from Mornington Island and who lived in Mt Isa during her representative years) was actually the first Aboriginal woman to represent Australia in women's touch football.

In the last edition (18 June 2008), the story 'Bound for Beijing' highlighted Indigenous athletes in the mix for Olympic selection. It said Stacey Porter became the first Indigenous woman to play softball for Australia. This is also incorrect.

I believe Joanne Lesiputty was the first Indigenous woman to represent Australia, and Kelly McKellar was the first Indigenous woman to represent Australia at a World Championships. Stacey Porter is the first and only Indigenous woman to represent Australia at an Olympics.

It's important to me and many others in the community that our past sporting

brothers and sisters, who have paved the way for today's athletes, both on and off field, be recognised for their achievements. Today's society is very different from that of the past.

JASON NATHAN
By email

EDITORS NOTE: Thanks for the letter and your support, Jason. *The Koori Mail* published the details provided in good faith. We did not receive a response when we contacted the national touch and softball associations.

What about other massacre sites?

THE announcement by Federal Heritage Minister Peter Garrett that the Myall Creek massacre site near Inverell will be included on the National Heritage List is welcomed but is sadly deficient in that it ignores the many other massacre sites in New South Wales alone.

Sadly, recognition of no single site can remedy the pain that persists across the many Aboriginal nations whose families, social structure and culture were permanently damaged by these murderous events. Sadly, reconciliation will make little progress where the dominant non-Aboriginal communities remain in denial of these massacres and continue to produce written histories that revere their perpetrators.

While it may take time and effort by the staff of Minister Garrett's Department, I believe that what is required is the identification and heritage listing of what I understand is described as a 'serial' heritage site, a single listing of a plurality of sites of the same kind and import.

I had the privilege to head the Aboriginal Land Claims Unit in the NSW Department of Lands for the first five years of its operation after the passage of the 1983 NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act. One of my vivid recollections from the many consultations I held with Aboriginal land councils throughout NSW



Fred Chaney and Peter Garrett at Myall Creek at the memorial.

Picture: GRAEME CORDINER

regarding their land claims was the frequency of claims over land areas where massacres had taken place.

I do not pretend to remember very many of these massacre sites that were the subject of land claims, however some do stand out in my memory, in particular some on the NSW north coast.

The Birpai LALC lodged a claim over an area at the juncture of the Maria and Hastings Rivers where their history records the site of a massacre. The claim was refused as the site is a public reserve with a boat ramp.

The Coffs Harbour LALC lodged a claim over an area to the immediate north of the village of Red Rock where the Gumbaynggirr nation history records the site of a massacre. As best I recall the area claimed was refused as it is within the boundary of the Yurragir National Park and was hence not 'claimable' Crown land.

While not the subject of a land claim, I have known of the massacre site at Tyndale near Maclean since the 1960s. This massacre site is held in the history of the Yaegl people of whom my wife is a senior member. The location of this site has been raised as relevant to the planned alignment of the Pacific Highway reconstruction in the Wells Crossing to Iluka turn-off section.

I ask Minister Garrett if he genuinely believes that the journey of reconciliation will be advanced by the understanding and acknowledgement of these many chapters in Australia's history?

If so, then it seems that he has no alternative than to instruct his department to prepare for inclusion on the National Heritage List a 'serial' site recording the massacres held in the histories of each of the Aboriginal nations.

COLIN CLAGUE
Maclean, NSW

Grog licence move hailed

Victorian communities have had a great win in the decision-making process for liquor licences. Following changes to planning laws, local councils now have a greater say when assessing new applications for planning permits for on-premises liquor outlets.

These increased powers, announced in the State Government's Victorian Alcohol Action Plan recently, are a welcome addition to recent initiatives aimed at addressing the State's growing alcohol problem.

One in four violent assaults in Victoria occurs late on Friday and Saturday nights and over 8000 people attend hospital every year, as a result of alcohol misuse. But the ripple effect of alcohol harms impacts on the health of many more thousands of Victorians.

Working through their local councils, Victorian communities will now have a greater say on the location and operation of licensed premises. The amendment to the Victorian planning provisions means councils can develop new guidelines which will consider the cumulative impact of existing and proposed licensed premises, as well as amenity factors.

Giving local communities a stronger voice on alcohol misuse is a positive step forward.

TODD HARPER
CEO, VicHealth
Melbourne, Vic

Remembering Mum

JUST over 12 months ago, a beautiful lady of the Taree, Forster and Sydney area passed away, aged 63. She was our mother, Delphinium Slater (also known as Deli, pictured), the best mother anyone could ask for. She was named after a flower called delphinium, meaning 'well-being and sweetness'.

She was a loving mother, little mum, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother, aunty, sister and friend.

Our mother was caring and sharing. She would talk to anyone and was always there for her family to talk and give support. She had a

lot of faith and hope and she respected others. We will always miss and love her, and cherish our memories of her.

We say to others: Don't take your family and friends for granted. Let them know that you love, respect and appreciate them because you may never get a second chance.

MIRINDA AVERY
(for Deli Slater's family)
NSW

A single national language

I READ with interest Stephen Hagan's column (18 June) about the need for a national Aboriginal language so that we might follow the cultural directions of first nations people like the Maori. I have an idea your readers might be interested in.

The problem with adopting one language from the north or central desert is that any one of our languages is inadequate for describing land and culture beyond its own local context. For example, there would be no Warlpiri words for saltwater things.

The answer I think is hybridity. Already we have creoles that might be used as a national language, however there is a 'broken' stigma attached to these that would be unhelpful in promoting it.

My idea is that we could create a hybrid language comprising words and structures from the remnants of all the language groups of Aboriginal Australia.

Europeans constructed a similar language – Esperanto – that was designed to be learned quickly, with simple grammar and elements in common

from many world languages. We could do the same with our own languages.

One big challenge I've found with creating language programs in Wangkumarra, Baakindji, Gamilaraay etc is that our languages have very complex grammar systems that are harder to learn than European systems. This is a barrier to our languages being taken up by the whole community – it tends to be limited instead to an intellectual elite who have the education and resources to learn the complex grammars.

A hybrid Aboriginal language could be designed to have a very simple grammar system, and combining lexicon from all our languages to honour all our peoples. This would become a 'lingua franca'.

For groups who are struggling to recover their languages, or who only have fragments remaining, this could become a framework for creating regional dialects.

This is the situation in Europe and Asia; most countries have a national language and then a number of regional variations retaining the flavour of the

original Indigenous languages.

Some of these dialects are in fact completely different from the national languages and retain the integrity of the original language. In the same way, surviving Australian languages would remain as they are. Peoples with greater language loss would use the new hybrid language as a framework to develop their own dialects grounded in remnants of the original languages.

The new language would need to be designed to be learned in 100 hours or less. Linguists and traditional owners from all over might collaborate on the design, then create written texts and a dictionary.

Then Indigenous LOTE program designers would need to construct teaching and learning materials. The next step would be developing media for broadcasting.

I'd be interested to hear other readers' thoughts on this idea.

TYSON YUNKAPORTA
Bourke, NSW

A plan to save our kids

GARY HIGHLAND* outlines a plan to end the callous neglect of our most vulnerable children

AFTER his colleague, former Aboriginal Affairs Minister Milton Orkopoulos, was charged with child sex offences in November 2006, NSW Premier Morris Iemma declared war on the State's child abusers.

"If you are a paedophile, I am your enemy," he thundered in Parliament.

However, more than 18 months later, it's apparent that when it comes to tackling child abuse, Iemma is a man of bluster rather than substance.

It's not as though the Premier isn't well aware of the scale of the problem. It was his Government that commissioned *Breaking the Silence*, a 300-page report on child abuse in Aboriginal communities.

Written by a task force headed by Aboriginal leader Marcia Ella-Duncan, *Breaking the Silence* found that child abuse in Aboriginal communities had reached epidemic proportions, with child sexual assault up to four times the rate of the general population. According to Ella-Duncan, the report paints a 'stark picture of

inter-generational abuse and social disadvantage'.

You'd think, given his tough talk in Parliament, that Iemma would be morally outraged enough to commit the resources needed to seriously tackle the problem.

Yet as documents obtained by NSW Nationals Leader Andrew Stoner revealed last week, after a year of the Government's implementation plan in response to

following five-point plan:

- Appoint an implementation team, headed by a senior public servant reporting directly to the Premier. This person needs to have the clout to enforce compliance with the implementation plan across all areas of government.

- Properly fund the implementation, with a particular focus on providing trained

that today's victims don't become tomorrow's perpetrators.

- Expand and properly resource the State's joint investigation response teams and better equip them to work with Aboriginal communities, particularly in rural areas.

These teams have had success in laying charges and securing convictions, but their work requires great patience and sensitivity given

recognition and even less resources.

- Establish an independent, transparent and public review of the implementation after one year along similar lines to the recently announced Federal Government review of the NT intervention.

This will improve accountability and develop a strong evidence base to guide progress.

Unfortunately, the Iemma Government has shown little inclination to do these things. The hard men and women who run politics in NSW have decided that because these are Aboriginal children at risk the electorate is unlikely to care.

However, their smugness is misplaced. Irrespective of the issue, voters have shown a willingness to punish governments that are seen

as cynical, complacent, arrogant and uncaring. There is no more potent example of how NSW Labor has become all of these things than the callous way it has abandoned the State's most vulnerable children.

*Gary Highland is National Director of Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) and a former Federal Labor ministerial adviser.



'The hard men and women who run politics in New South Wales have decided that because these are Aboriginal children at risk the electorate is unlikely to care. However, their smugness is misplaced ...' – Gary Highland

Breaking the Silence, only one Aboriginal child sexual assault counsellor had been hired to deal with such an enormous demand. Although two more counsellors have recently been appointed, the vast majority of children in need of this support remain unable to access it.

If Iemma were serious about overcoming the abuse of Aboriginal children, he could start with the

Aboriginal child sexual assault counsellors across the State on the basis of need.

One thing that the Northern Territory intervention has taught us is that tackling abuse and entrenched disadvantage requires far more resources than the NSW Government has devoted to this task. Counsellors are vital because they offer the best chance of breaking the cycle of violence so

the historically poor relationships between the police and Aboriginal communities. The distressing nature of their work also leads to a high burn-out rate among officers.

- Formally identify, support and resource Aboriginal children's champions across the State.

I know scores of Aborigines across NSW working successfully to overcome abuse and its causes. These people receive almost no



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Greens express sorrow at the passing on of Stolen Generations campaigner

I am writing on behalf of the Queensland Greens to express our sorrow at the news of the passing of Bruce Trevorrow (pictured right). I wish to express our condolences to his family and to the Stolen Generations community that he came to represent.

His legal victory was a great landmark; finally the courts recognised the negligence on the part of officials, the objection of his mother and his

long-lasting pain as a result of his forced removal.

The battle continues for just financial compensation for other members of the Stolen Generations nationally, and here in Queensland for justice for the stolen wages claimants.

The State governments of South Australia and Queensland stand condemned for continuing a shameful colonial legacy by not recognising the

justice of full compensation in both of these cases.

Bruce Trevorrow was inspirational in his persistence; he joins the pantheon of this country's Indigenous Rights movement.

LIBBY CONNORS
Spokesperson
Queensland Greens
Brisbane, Queensland



Doubt over AMS

I am a proud black woman who loves her people and where possible will always use a black service before mainstream.

I recently relocated to Armidale (northern NSW) and went to look at our deadly Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS). The building is beautiful and it looks like one of the most innovative AMSes I have seen.

I get emotional when we do what we do just as good or even better than whitefolks. Armidale AMS made me feel this way, but I quickly found out that you can't judge an AMS by its cover.

I had a medical complaint recently and went to the AMS. I thought the service I received could have been better, but when I raised my concerns with staff, I was shocked to be told that it would be better to go elsewhere.

I was also told, just quietly, that the Armidale AMS will soon be closing.

What the? How can this be allowed to happen, especially at a time when the Government is trying to close the gap in Aboriginal health?

Blackfolks need an efficiently run AMS. It is our human right. How can an AMS close down and the rest of the black community have no say? I feel let down. I want to access an AMS as opposed to mainstream services, but this one might be closing down and I would be left without it. How fair is that?

NAME WITHHELD
Armidale, NSW

Earth Mother

Mother earth you hold me near
I rub my feet in your soft soil
I lift my eyes and watch the sun disappear
And day's end brings me rest from toil
I stand, motionless, and know it's true,
That I belong, I am a part of you.

Yet still, I have to reach deep into me,
Take hold of anger, rage and hate
Bind it to my will
Tell it to be still
So I can be

Free to be
One with you
Before it is too late!

Then, in peace,
nothing can bend
The power of this mother's arms
For she transcends the world of man's charms;
When I sit and let her arms enfold
Me with gentle love
She lifts me to the creator
And lets me touch the sky above!

GAIL KAY
Proserpine, Qld

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a little word for a big life





At the Kalgoorlie forum, from left, Warren Mundine, Marcia Langton, Emily Carter, Andrew Forrest, Dr Sue Gordon and June Oscar.



Local Elder Les Schultz welcomed conference delegates to country, and said reconciliation was about addressing past injustices as well as social, physical, psychological and spiritual issues.



Harry Yungabun, from Fitzroy Crossing.



National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Chairman Dr Mick Adams speaks at the forum.

Time to step up, Australians told



CORPORATE
Australia has the money needed to solve Indigenous unemployment but not the will or

direction, according to the host of last month's 2008 National Reconciliation Forum, Andrew Forrest.

The multi-billionaire miner told the three-day gathering in Kalgoorlie that it was time for Australia to 'step up' to address Indigenous disadvantage and exploitation, and that the issue was not just about money.

"Why is it that the millions of people that exist in Australia and the millions that have gone before us, why is it we have failed?" he asked delegates.

"It's not because we didn't have the heart. And it's certainly not because we didn't have the cheque book because we have put billions of dollars into this."

"It's simply because the great white Australians who live in the population centres get on the phone or on the lobby train to (State and Federal governments) and say 'get rid of the problem and do it quickly'."

"And how do they do it? With a chequebook mentality."

Mr Forrest spoke of his Fortescue Mining Group (FMG) company's guaranteed employment of all graduates of a company vocational training and education centre and its policy of giving preference to skilled Indigenous job applicants.

He warned that royalties were in danger of creating a generation of 'haves and have nots' in places such as the Pilbara where FMG operates.

"It takes you Indigenous leaders to set that example," he told the forum.

A sign of the times

Comment by Koori Mail Editor KIRSTIE PARKER, who attended the forum

IT was an unusual gathering from the start, but undeniably a sign of the times.

The 2008 National Reconciliation Forum (NRF), held in Kalgoorlie from 17-19 June, drew a curious mix of Aboriginal community representatives, both white and black mining executives, politicians, business people and not-for-profit bodies – all seemingly genuinely keen to talk to the other.

Many of the 140-or-so delegates had been persuaded to attend by a challenge thrown to them by the forum's host, mining entrepreneur Andrew Forrest, to help 'break the welfare cycle by creating real jobs though building true partnerships'.

Mr Forrest is Chairman and CEO of emerging iron ore giant Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) and, with an estimated net worth of about \$13 billion, is Australia's richest man.

As such, he's the sort of person who – in the not too distant past – Aboriginal people might have crossed the street to avoid, and vice-versa. But no more in this era of startling contrasts.

On one hand, there are Aboriginal communities grappling with massive disadvantage and increasing levels of dysfunction, much of it caused by alcohol, drugs and welfare dependency.

On the other hand, there are mining and exploration companies which are reaping what many people consider to be obscene profits from Aboriginal land.

And in the middle, there appears to be a growing group of new-breed pragmatists and

'reconciliationists' determined to change the status quo, to ensure as a bottom line that Aboriginal people get more say and more practical benefit from the mining boom.

Discussion at the forum would have startled some people in the broader Indigenous community, to some extent justifiably.

Indeed, the gathering had an agenda and used some language of which former Prime Minister John Howard – with his preference for things practical over those he saw as merely symbolic – would have been proud.

Mr Forrest, for example, dismissed talk of treaties and measures that he felt would not deliver immediate and direct benefits as 'feel-good programs' and 'airy cock and bull'.

And, in the words of one of the forum's key Aboriginal speakers, Warren Mundine, it was 'certainly the most right-wing Aboriginal gathering' he'd ever been to.

However, the Indigenous philosophical and political landscape is changing almost as quickly as the physical one in the gold-laden Wongatha traditional country where the NRF was held.

Community organisations such as medical services and resource centres were at the Kalgoorlie forum because they know that some drastic changes and help from all kinds of quarters are needed to stem the flow of life blood from Aboriginal communities.

However, unlike the Northern Territory intervention which we now know the Howard Government took less than 48 hours to frame, most of those at the NRF seemed to be insisting that Aboriginal people should be equal, if not leading, partners in that change. It's a start.

"It takes you to say to government, 'cash payments, mining company royalties or whatever will deprive us of our will to succeed if it's not converted into methods of employment or training

to long-lasting and fulfilling jobs'."

However, Mr Forrest said corporates, governments and philanthropists all had to help Indigenous leaders 'attack the root causes of the real distress of the

real family and community breakdown: Drugs, alcohol, welfare, absolute dependency'.

"When I talk of everyone in this room starting the flicker of a flame

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National Reconciliation Forum



Back, from left, Josephine Maxted, Juliette Hubbard and Val Eggmolesse. Front, from left, Robyn Bell and Carol Vale.



Former WA Governor Lt-General (retired) John Sanderson, Jonathon Slottje, from Winiam Investments, and John Moriarty, from the Jumbana Group.



Pictured at BHP Billiton Nickel West's stall are, from left, Andrew Yarran, Pat Walkington, Alan James and Des Mongoo with Josephine Maxted from the Aboriginal Health Council and Rob Brittain of BIS.



At the AMSANT stall were Rishenda Moss, from Danila Dilba Medical Service in Darwin, and John Paterson and Paula Arnol, from AMSANT.



Richard Evans of Leonora, Lawrence Thomas of Kalgoorlie and Rowan Scott of Kalgoorlie.



Nita Thomson and Lorraine Sholson at the forum dinner in Kalgoorlie.

Step up call to address disadvantage

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which can ... change the nation, I'm not talking about (just) Aboriginal people. It's white Australia that's got to step up as well and stop tolerating this," he said.

The FMG chief supported calls for limited intervention in Aboriginal communities to halt the dependency on alcohol, an idea raised in Kalgoorlie by Melbourne-based academic Marcia Langton.

Professor Langton said that in Cape York and other areas with self-imposed restrictions, domestic violence had been lessened to the extent that there were no women staying in the women's shelters.

"So I'm proposing that the mining companies be the

heroes and introduce these permit systems in to their mining towns," she said.

"The limit should be more like what the medicos are recommending ... four middies for males and two per woman but zero for pregnant women."

WA Magistrate Sue Gordon told the forum that interventions such as those instigated by the Howard Government in the NT were not needed right across Australia.

"It carried a lot of baggage with it, but it was a start, it was a bold start," said Dr Gordon, who also chairs the federal NT Emergency Response Taskforce (NTER). "But what's happening now is other people in each State are standing up and saying



Western Australian Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts spoke of 'a growing momentum for change'.

'well we want some help' and I don't think that (that's) just another intervention. It's really got to be giving help to the people."

On the second day of the



Forum advisory board chairman Barry Taylor. "We don't want ... sympathy. We want real jobs, better health etc'.

forum, delegates gave three champions of grog restrictions at Fitzroy Crossing a standing ovation. Emily Carter, June Oscar and Harry Yungabun spoke

of their determination to break the grip of alcohol on their remote Kimberley community, which they say continues to manifest in high levels of suicides and premature deaths in the community.

"If we as a community continue to turn a blind eye to this ongoing and seemingly insoluble issue of alcohol and drug abuse, not just for the Indigenous people but to the total society, then we contribute to the destruction to our own nation," Ms Oscar said.

"The truth of reconciliation requires that this challenge has to be managed where the arguments about rights to drink and to abuse ourselves and others is seen for what it is - ie selfish and shallow.

"...There is no basis for true reconciliation while our fellow Australians stand by and do nothing to change the attitudes that prevail.

"However, at the same time we are not about waiting until that change has happened, nor are we keeping silent on the truth of what we see taking place in our own communities.

We are willing to make the hard decisions, we have begun to take the steps that we need to through alliances and new partnerships with those non-Indigenous Australians who are ready to make the change with us. "We are standing up on this (issue) in the firm belief that our children are worth fighting for."

- By KIRSTIE PARKER with AAP

Buddy Knox gets da blues



IT is hard to believe that versatile Tamworth-based blues musician Buddy Knox is only now launching his debut CD. For more than two decades, the seasoned

guitarist has shared the stage with many great Australian musicians – as part of his dad 'Koori King of Country' Roger Knox's Euraba Band, the years with the Warumpi Band, with multiple Golden Guitar winner Troy Cassar-Daley, and with the likes of Vic Simms, Bobby McLeod, Jimmy Little, Col Hardy, Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody.

However, it was only last year that Knox decided to really pursue his big musical passion – singing and playing the blues on his 335 Gibson (guitar) with his own crew, the Buddy Knox Blues Band.

Later this month, Knox will step up further by officially launching his debut album *Got da blues* at The Factory in Marrickville, Sydney. And he's promising all in attendance that he will, as his catchcry goes, 'smoke ya boots'.

The new CD features 14 tracks that were recorded in Newcastle during December last year, co-produced by Knox himself and recording engineer Gareth Hudson.



The Buddy Knox Blues Band

Some advance copies found their way to the 2008 Tamworth Country Music Festival, something of a taster for this month's launch when Roger Knox, Auriel Andrews, Vic

Simms and Col Hardy will each perform their three favourite songs in support of Buddy.

Knox chose the songs on his CD drawing on his passion for 'the old blues men', Albert

King, Albert Collins, Delbert McClinton, Lonnie Brooks and more, but is also reportedly exploring some soulful touches when playing live.

He delivers his own arrangement of Dave Quinlan's *Original Aboriginal* as well as what his manager, Fiona Peters, describes as 'dirty blues' – on the likes of *I'm Tore Down*, and a sweet-toned version of *She's Sure Got a Way with my Heart*.

He tackles classics such as *Big Legged Woman* and *You are My Sunshine* in a style Peters says is reminiscent of Ray Charles.

And the list goes on ... a jazzy *Going Back to Louisiana* and *Rooster Blues*.

Peters says it is the acoustic finale of *Last Fair Deal Gone Down* that really lets Knox's talent shine.

There's a \$20 cover charge at the CD Launch – an over-18s event – at 105 Victoria Road, Marrickville, at 8pm on Friday, 18 July.

Knox and his band expressed their gratitude to Ashlee Donohue and the team at Koori Radio/Gadigal for supporting the CD and its launch at The Factory.

For more information on the Buddy Knox Blues Band, go to www.buddyknox.com.au

ORIC is launching its

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A reconciliation action plan provides an organisation with a framework for the future, detailing steps and activities that we know can make a difference to achieving indigenous equality in our workplace.

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Winners will be announced at the launch ceremony of Mental Health Week held at 11 am on Tuesday, 7 October 2008 at the Adelaide Festival Centre Terrace.

If you would like to nominate yourself, another individual, group or organisation for the Aboriginal award then you can do so by contacting:

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Mental Health Unit
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The nominations close: 5.00pm on Friday, 11 July 2008.

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The AHO has an Aboriginal Employment Strategy, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in particular are encouraged to apply for AHO positions.

Call for 2009 Registration of Aboriginal Community Housing Providers (ACHPs)

The New South Wales Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) is a statutory authority created under the Aboriginal Housing Act 1998. The principal functions of the AHO are the planning, development, delivery and evaluation of programs and services to support Aboriginal people in meeting their housing needs. The AHO develops policies, strategies, processes and frameworks to guide planning, development, implementation and evaluation of the Aboriginal Housing Program (AHP).

The AHO is now calling for Registration of ACHPs for 2009. Registration is a pre-requisite for funding. ACHPs will not be considered for funding unless they have current registration and meet Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). The KPIs are collected in the Registration form and include information on the organisation's waiting list as well as data for the National Reporting Framework (NRF).

Registration is an annual process, in accordance with the provisions of the Aboriginal Housing Act 1998, requiring ACHPs to supply current information about their organisation and properties each year. ACHPs will need to complete a Registration application / renewal for the calendar year 1 January to 31 December 2009.

Registration of ACHPs for 2009 commences 7 July and closes 5 September 2008.

To register, or if you require further information, please contact your relevant AHO Regional Office as indicated below. If required, the AHO Region can also provide one-on-one assistance to your organisation.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 1988

Application under Section 12 - Consultation

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation has received an application under section 12 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 ('the Act') from Transfield Services concerning a proposed wind farm development at Barn Hill, in the vicinity of Redhill (Port Pirie and Wakefield council areas), South Australia. A map of the development area is available on request.

The section 12 application requires the Minister to decide whether any of the development area is an Aboriginal site or contains Aboriginal objects. Section 13 of the Act requires the Minister to take all reasonable steps to consult, prior to making a determination, with:

- the Aboriginal Heritage Committee;
- any traditional owners; and
- any Aboriginal person or organisation;

that in the opinion of the Minister have a particular interest in the matter.

The Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division is now consulting with Aboriginal people and Aboriginal organisations with particular interests in the matter. Aboriginal people and Aboriginal organisations who wish to comment are invited to attend a meeting, telephone or write. Separate meetings with women and men can be held if requested.

Letters will be sent to Aboriginal people on AARD's mailing list for this region. If you are an Aboriginal person and would like to be included on our consultation list for land areas in the Yorke Mid North regions of South Australia please contact AARD.

A consultation meeting will be held for Aboriginal people and Aboriginal organisations and those invited by them at:

1pm on Wednesday 16 July 2008
Wallaroo Council Office
5 John Terrace, Wallaroo S.A.

AARD can organise for the purchase of fuel to assist people attend the meeting. Several days' notice is required for this assistance.

For more information, or to make a written or telephone submission please contact:

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All comments and submissions should be received by **Wednesday 23 July 2008**.

JOSLENE MAZEL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND RECONCILIATION DIVISION

PUBLIC NOTICE

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 1988

Application under Section 23 - Consultation

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation has received an application under section 23 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 ('the Act') from the Commissioner of Highways seeking authorisation to 'damage, disturb or interfere with' Aboriginal sites or objects located within the Northern Expressway corridor. The Northern Expressway is a new 23 kilometre four lane road linking the Gawler Bypass with Port Wakefield Rd. An information pack including a map is available on request.

Section 13 of the Act requires the Minister to take all reasonable steps to consult, prior to making any authorisation, with:

- the Aboriginal Heritage Committee;
- any traditional owners; and
- any Aboriginal person or organisation;

that in the opinion of the Minister have a particular interest in the matter.

A consultation meeting will be held for Aboriginal people and Aboriginal organisations and those invited by them at:

The Committee Room
Playford Council
10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth
on Wednesday 9 July at 10 am
Refreshments will be served.

Note that all buses to Elizabeth stop in front of this building. Separate meetings with women and men can be held if requested.

AARD can organise for the purchase of fuel to assist people attend the meeting. At least 2 days notice is required for this assistance.

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All comments and submissions to be received by **Wednesday 16 July 2008**.

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NITV in the Parliament



NATIONAL Indigenous TV is now available in Parliament House, Canberra.

Following discussions between NITV and Parliament House Media Services earlier this year, NITV will now sit alongside a number of other channels on the internal Parliament House TV System.

NITV CEO Pat Turner said it was a very proud moment for the broadcaster.

"We are approaching our first

anniversary on air and to now be available to everyone who works in Parliament House in Canberra is a great achievement," she said.

"NITV is working very hard to bring the service free to air for all Australians.

"I firmly believe that NITV is already making a constructive contribution to reconciliation through taking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples into the lounge rooms of those Australians with access to pay TV. NITV has been available free-to-air to some 160

communities in remote areas and homes with direct to home satellite facilities."

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said Indigenous media had been instrumental in building a bridge between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

National Indigenous TV is available through free to air and pay TV networks all over Australia.

NITV will celebrate its one-year anniversary on 13 July to coincide with NAIDOC Week 2008.

Traditional owner Eric Braedon whose art is on the plan's cover.

Photo courtesy of the Central Land Council



Owners get say in land



TRADITIONAL owners of the Rainbow Valley Conservation Reserve are teaming up with government to manage their land. The joint partnership is the first to start under the 2005 joint management amendments to the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act.

The reserve is a 100km drive south-west from Alice Springs.

Northern Territory Government Parks and Wildlife Service Senior Planner Dianne Scopel said the joint management planning and consultation for Rainbow Valley Conservation Reserve focused on more training, employment and business opportunities for traditional owners as well as improving access, information and enjoyment for visitors.

"One of the highlights is a new part of the reserve will be accessible for the public to take part in cultural tours with traditional owner guide Ricky Orr, of Rainbow Valley Cultural Tours," Ms Scopel said.

"This is just one of the community benefits arising

from the Rainbow Valley Joint Management Plan which are related to improved access and a greater appreciation and enjoyment of the reserve's cultural values.

"A new section of road will protect the natural and cultural values of the claypan, while improving access for a wider range of vehicles.

"There will also be improved cultural information in the form of new interpretive signage."

Consultations started in September 2005 under the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act, and Ms Scopel said the plan had many benefits to the Rainbow Valley Conservation Reserve.

Committed

"We are committed to traditional owner participation in planning, decision-making, implementation and review, and this plan helps to establish an improved understanding of the area's cultural heritage," she said.

"The reserve's traditional owners, with the assistance of the Central Land Council, have been involved in the planning process from day one."

Central Land Council Director David Ross said the Rainbow Valley Conservation Reserve held strong cultural associations and was traditional country for the Upper Southern Arrernte people.

"This plan gives authority to the Arrernte traditional owners' connection to their country under Territory law as well as their law, and the co-operative preparation of this joint management plan by the Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service and traditional owners is evidence of a good start to the joint management of Rainbow Valley," he said.

Traditional owners Margaret Kenny-Orr and Peter Kenny said they were very proud to be involved with the joint management of the reserve.

"We've been planning our joint management with NT Parks and Wildlife Service and the Central Land Council and now we are there," Ms Kenny-Orr said.

Mr Kenny said: "We have the chance to have Aboriginal skills and knowledge respected, we want to work together for the future of our families."



Australian Government

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

National Council to Reduce Violence Against Women and Children

CALL FOR PUBLIC RESPONSES

On 26 May 2008 the Government announced a National Council to Reduce Violence Against Women and Children. The National Council will oversee the development of a *National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Children*.

Written input from a diverse range of stakeholders being sought to inform the development of the National Plan. Responses are welcome from all contributors.

Below is a series of guided questions to assist you in providing your feedback. Your input through this process is highly valued.

1. Why is domestic violence and sexual assault happening in Australia?
2. What resources, programs or services are you aware of that are successful in preventing or reducing the effects of domestic and family violence or sexual assault?
3. What are the barriers to family safety for women and children in Australia?
4. What suggestions do you have to reduce domestic and family violence and sexual assault against women and children?

Responses can be submitted in three ways:

- 1) online at www.ofw.fahcsia.gov.au/safetyconsultation/
- 2) returned by post to Office for Women, PO Box 7576 Canberra Mail Centre ACT 2610 and marked attention to Fiona Tulloh, Assistant Manager, Safety, Office for Women.
- 3) emailed to women@fahcsia.gov.au.

Responses must be received by 5pm Eastern Standard Time on 18 July 2008.

www.fahcsia.gov.au

Applications to Redress WA are now open

Redress WA seeks to address historical child abuse for adults who, as children, were abused in State care, prior to 1 March 2006.

Redress WA is designed to help people move forward with their lives by providing an acknowledgement of the abuse and an apology from the State Government, access to support services such as psychological and financial counselling, an *ex gratia* payment, and help with the redress application process.

The State Government also acknowledges that people had very different experiences in State care, and not all experiences were found to be negative.

Applications to Redress WA are open for 12 months. All Applications must be lodged by 5.00pm (WST) Thursday 30 April 2009.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Tel: 1800 617 233 (free call) 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday Post: Redress WA Locked Bag 6 WEST PERTH WA 6872

Email: info@redress.wa.gov.au Web: www.redress.wa.gov.au

Redress WA

Acknowledging the past



Marches, balls, fun days, flag-raising ceremonies and cultural events will be just some of the NAIDOC activities around Australia from 6-13 July. Some events will be held outside of that week to take into account school holidays. The theme to NAIDOC Week this year is **Advance Australia Fair?**

Here is a guide to some of the many activities planned nationwide:

NSW

4 July: Liverpool 2nd Regional NAIDOC Ball. Three course-dinner including beer, wine and soft drink. Entertainment by the Donovans plus a local DJ. Cost: \$30. All welcome. Held at the Liverpool Catholic Club from 7pm-12am. For details call Tina Taylor on (02) 9602 5280.

5 July: NAIDOC Line Dancing Group. The Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service Line Dancing Group – gold medal winners at the 2008 Tamworth Country Music Festival – will perform and invite the audience to join in on the NAIDOC celebrations. They will also give a message about Aboriginal health. Free and all welcome. Held at Lane Cove Plaza, Sydney from 11am-12pm. For details call Kerry McKenzie on (02) 9428 1197 or Faith Wieland on (02) 9911 3594 or email fwieland@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

5 July: Burramatta NAIDOC flag-raising ceremony. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags will be raised over the Parramatta Town Hall. 10am-noon. For details call (02) 8839 3311 or visit www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/events

6 July: Dhakayarr v the King: Film screening and lecture. Sunday July 6, 2pm-5pm. Director and writer Tom Murray will be the guest speaker. From 2-5pm at the Museum of Sydney on the site of first Government House. Cost: \$20 includes concluding drink. Bookings essential. Call (02) 8239 2211.

6 July: Burramatta NAIDOC Family Fun Day. There will be food and celebrations throughout the day featuring music, cultural dance, bush tucker, didgeridoo playing, crafts and children's activities. Free and all welcome. Held at Parramatta Park from 11am-4pm. For details call (02) 8839 3311 or visit www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/events

7 July: Burramatta NAIDOC painting workshops. Join Danny and Jamie Eastwood in these workshops. For ages 5-8 years old at 10am. For details call (02) 8839 3311 or visit www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/events

7 July: NAIDOC flag-raising ceremony will be held on Booloombah Lawns with a community morning tea at Oorala. Held at Oorala Aboriginal Centre, University of New England, Armidale from 10.30am onwards. All welcome. For details call Philippa Trelford on (02) 6773 3105 or (02) 6773 3034 or email ptrelford@une.edu.au or visit www.une.edu.au/oorala

7-11 July: Celebrating NAIDOC Week. Yiribana: This way

Indigenous multi-media artist Emily McDaniel and Jonathan Jones, curator of the Gallery's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collection, lead this workshop based on the use movement, music, dance, and role playing in a dynamic workshop to understand and respond to the artworks. Various times and age sessions. Call Amanda Peacock on (02) 9225 1770.

8 July: NAIDOC Week celebrations at Rotary Park, Lang Street, Kurri Kurri. 10am-2pm. Aboriginal dance, bush tucker plants and tasting, face painting, stalls, sumo suits. Phone Barkuma for details (02) 4937 1094.

8 July: Bullinah Goorie Service Action Group of Ballina will celebrate NAIDOC. For details call Dave Kapeen on (0402) 530 222.

8 July: Burramatta NAIDOC

(02) 8839 3311 or visit www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/events

9 July: 5.30pm, Exhibition talk – Laddie Timbery, Bidjigal/Eora artist and historian, on Living Black. 6.30pm, Celebrity chef Mark Olive (aka *The Black Olive*) demonstrates Indigenous Australian cuisine (Auslan-interpreted). 7.15pm, Film *Ten Canoes*. Held at the Art Gallery of NSW. For details call 1800 679 278 or visit www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au

9 July: Performance at the Art Bar, Art Gallery of NSW by singer Emma Donovan. 7.30pm. For details call 1800 679 278 or visit www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au

10 July: Moving pictures. This is a film night showcasing the film *Liyam Ngam 'Coming together of the Spirit'* (rate M 15+). Starring Patrick Dodson, Pete Posthwaite and Archie Roach. Held at the

www.yarnteen.com.au

11 July: Wyong Shire Central Coast NAIDOC Week Awards Ball. Friday, 11 July at the Central Coast Leagues Club. For details contact Gosford Council's Keith Hall on (02) 4325 8904 or Wyong Council's Mitchell Bennett on (02) 4350 5214 or visit www.wyong.nsw.gov.au

12 July: The Wangatunga Strong Women's Group from Nguiu, Bathurst Island, NT, is a group of women who create and sing songs, largely for their own community. They will be singing dreaming stories. 2pm at the Art Gallery of NSW. For details call 1800 679 278 or visit www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au

12 July: The 2007 Lester Bostock mentor scheme for Indigenous film-makers – Film screenings. 2pm-3pm. Screened at the Museum of Sydney. Cost

collection. Artists include Emily Kngwarreye, Judy Watson, Kathleen Petyarre, Gordon Bennett and Rosella Namok. Held at Ipswich Art Gallery from 10am-5pm. For details call (07) 3810 7222 or email info@ipswichartgallery.qld.gov.au or visit www.ipswichartgallery.qld.gov.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-noon. All welcome. For details call Kelly on (07) 4662 6196.

7 July: Constructions Skills Queensland NAIDOC launch day held at Southbank Brisbane. For details call Leanne Baker on (07) 3309 4748 lbaker@ppr.com.au or Emma Grayson (07) 3309 4704 or egrayson@ppr.com.au

7 July: NAIDOC Art Competition. Focus on creating a unique, challenging and inspirational NAIDOC week that celebrates and develops the excellence, value and diversity of local/regional Aboriginal artists within our community and the heritage of the Dalby Aboriginal people. Cost: \$4. Ages pre-ppg-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. Focus 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 while undertaking sporting activities. 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. This event will provide safe, healthy, supervised entertainment for young people in a drug and alcohol-free environment. Encourage better relations and improve communication between young people, and adults. Cost: \$4. Grades 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: Constructions Skills Queensland Elders' lunch held at the Building Services Authority Training Room, 229 Montague Road, West End. For details call Leanne Baker on (07) 3309 4748 lbaker@ppr.com.au or Emma Grayson (07) 3309 4704 or egrayson@ppr.com.au

10 July: The Ipswich NAIDOC Family Fun Day will be held at Goodna. For details call Leanne Baker on (07) 3309 4748 lbaker@ppr.com.au or Emma Grayson (07) 3309 4704 or egrayson@ppr.com.au

10 July: NAIDOC Presentation Ball. This ball will focus on youth. Held at RSL Club, Drayton Street.

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Prisoners to take to the airwaves



INDIGENOUS people in three Victorian prisons will be speaking out in live radio broadcasts during NAIDOC Week.

Melbourne's community radio station 3CR 855AM plans to conduct live radio broadcasts with Indigenous prisoners in Port Phillip Prison, Dame Phyllis Frost Centre and Fulham Prison.

The broadcasts, which are part of 3CR's *Beyond the Bars* project, will go to air on 855AM and stream globally on www.3cr.org.au from 7 to 11 July.

Highlights of the broadcasts will be launched at the *Beyond the Bars* CD in November this year.

Organisers said the prison broadcasts were

unique in Australia and gave Indigenous prisoners in Victoria their only chance to participate with the community during NAIDOC Week.

3CR Indigenous broadcaster and comedian Shiralee Hood will be part of the team conducting music and spoken word workshops with Indigenous women prisoners in the lead-up to the broadcast at Dame Phyllis Frost Centre.

For Shiralee, the broadcasts were a way of 'getting voices heard from the inside'.

The prison broadcasts are part of a week of Indigenous special programming on 3CR 855AM from 7-11 July. The prison programming will be simulcast on 3KND 1503AM.

Beyond the Bars 2008 is funded by the City of Melbourne, the Department of Justice and the Community Broadcasting Foundation.



Broadcaster and comedian Shiralee Hood

Dance workshops. Join Miri Dance Troupe for Aboriginal workshops. Sessions one for ages 5-12 from 11am-noon and session two from 1.30-2.30pm. Held at Parramatta Town Hall from 10am-noon. For details call (02) 8839 3311 or visit www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/events

9-10 July: Burramatta NAIDOC Story time. Come join in with uncle Nikko, Indigenous storytelling. 11am-12pm daily. Held at the Parramatta Town Hall from 10am-noon. For details call

Macquarie Theatre, Macquarie University, North Ryde, from 6.30pm onwards. For details call Lee Kirkland in (02) 9952 8083 or (0434) 306 444 or call (02) 9952 8303.

10 July: Community access day we are having in Newcastle with a red ochre art workshop, family history workshop and a photo editing course running from 10am to 4pm. For details contact (02) 4940 8422 or email Samantha.Shadden@yarnteen.com.au or visit

\$10 general admission, \$5 concession. Includes museum entry and drink. Visit www.metroscreen.org.au or call (02) 8239 2211 to book.

Queensland

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

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Dalby, from 6-11pm. Cost: \$22 includes dinner and entertainment. Ages from grades 8-12. Dress code formal and partners presented with a gift. For details call Kelly on (07) 4662 6196.

11 July: Musgrave Park Family Fun Day will be held at South Brisbane. For details call Leanne Baker on (07) 3309 4748 lbaker@ppr.com.au or Emma Grayson (07) 3309 4704 or egrayson@ppr.com.au

11 July: NAIDOC Dinner and Dance with focus on young Indigenous adults. Cost: \$25 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.

12 July: NAIDOC Dinner hosted by Tjapakai Aboriginal Cultural Park. Cost: \$55 includes bus transfer to and from city, 7pm until late. Call (07) 4031 9555 for details.

ACT

8 July: National Gallery of Australia will exhibit Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri's Warlangu on for NAIDOC celebrations. 12.45pm. Free. Australia Gallery.

11 July: Aboriginal Hostels Limited annual NAIDOC luncheon. Linda Burney, NSW Member of Parliament, will speak and there will be performances by the award-winning band, Banawurun. 11.30am. Venue: Apollo/Olympus Room, Heilene Club of Canberra, Matilda Street, Woden, Canberra. Tickets \$36 includes entertainment, two-course meal. Dress is smart casual attire. For bookings or further inquiries contact Nicole Lustenberger or Jessica Johnson on (02) 6212 2095 or ahlmarketing@ahl.gov.au.

12 July: The Aboriginal Memorial turns 21. 11am, Dion Mundine, OAM, Indigenous Curator, Campbelltown Arts Centre, discusses how the gallery's Aboriginal Memorial evolved, as we celebrate 21 years since it was commissioned. Free. James O Fairfax Theatre.

13 and 14 July: Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu in concert with Shellie Morris, and Deline Briscoe, respectively. 7pm. Tickets \$40-45. Bookings essential (02) 6240 6504 or (02) 6240 6537. James O Fairfax Theatre.

South Australia

6-13 July: NAIDOC Week at Tandanya. Come and celebrate NAIDOC week at Tandanya by joining in the many cultural activities on offer. There will be art and craft workshops, cultural performances and presentations, films, against the wall installation, evening entertainment and more. Free entry and all welcome. For details: Cate Gaston on (08) 8224 3202 or email marketing@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

7-10 July: Art and craft workshops at Tandanya.

Youth emphasis on fun



MORE than 30 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people from Charleville, Cunnamulla and

Hervy Bay will take part in traditional Indigenous games, canoeing, fishing, swimming, dancing, and art during NAIDOC Week celebrations at Murra Murra in southern Queensland later this week.

The four-day Emu Fest from Sunday 6 July will promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, health and well-being, unity and self-determination.

Kargun and Susan Fogarty of the Jagera Jarjum Aboriginal Dance Group will return to Murra Murra to run a traditional dance workshop over two days, culminating in a full show of traditional dance and music.

The dance group has just finished performing their show called Red Earth Blue Water to big audiences at the Out of the Box early childhood festival in Brisbane.

Queensland Health's Allison Meek said that the Emu Fest event received such



A scene from last year's Emu Fest.

strong positive feedback from all participants and support staff last year that it would now become an annual event.

"We were delighted earlier this year when the 2007 Emu Fest won a Paroo Shire Australia Day Award in the cultural event category," Ms Meek said.

"This year we're doubling participant

numbers to 50, including 10 Charleville students who will be attending with Darren Smith, Education Queensland's project officer for Indigenous community engagement.

"We've also invited 10 Hervy Bay students from Glendale Farm School, who will be accompanied by Patricia Thompson, a youth worker at the school and a Cunnamulla local."

Murra Murra, 120 kilometres south-east of Cunnamulla is traditional Kooma land and a place of Indigenous cultural significance. The traditional owners have given their permission to use the area for Emu fest and local elders will participate in the event.

Ms Meek teamed with Paroo Shire Council's Linda Wharton to organise the Emu Fest.

"We're aiming to foster a healthy competition among the different tribes and groups in our Indigenous youth to strengthen cultural identity and tribal connections," she said.

Jewellery making, weaving, decorating masks and rock art. 10am, 11 am, 1.30pm, and 2.30pm. Bookings essential, gold coin donation. For details call (08) 82243202.

7-18 July: NAIDOC Week 2008 at the South Australian Museum program. Includes jewellery making with wooden beads from Kalgoorlie \$3 per child 10am-3pm. Torres Strait Islander headdress making \$5 per child 10am-3pm. Join in on Torres Strait Islander Dancing wearing your headdress, at 2pm. All events at the ESTA tent at rear of Museum. For details call Indigenous Information Centre on (08) 8207 7425.

8 and 10 July: Get a sneak peak at Karkarinya theatre Collective's new play while they rehearse Tanya Rigney's Belonging at 7pm, at Tandanya. Free entry. Call (08) 82243202 for details.

9 July: Nunga Funny n'ght from 6pm at Tandanya. Free entry. Call (08) 82243202 for details.

13 July: City of Adelaide Concert Band will perform with John Packham at 12.45. Call (08) 82243202 for details.

Western Australia

3 July: NAIDOC Student Awards. The City of Armadale Mayor Linnton Reynolds is presenting the awards and book vouchers for local Indigenous students who complete Year 12. Held at the Champion Centre, Champion Drive, Seville Grove, Armadale, from noon onwards. For details call Heather Quinlan on (08) 9399 0106 or (0419) 204 870 or email hquinlan@armadale.wa.gov.au or call Shelley Halse on (08) 9399 6063.

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 July: NAIDOC Perth Opening Ceremony, noon, Wellington Square, East Perth. Entry is free. Welcome to Country and speakers, bands, dancers, stalls and displays, activities for children, and more. Details at www.naidocperth.org

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 Week. 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

8 July: NAIDOC at the Perth Blues Club, 8pm. Showcasing the a number of talented Indigenous musicians, the line-up includes Clint Bracknell, Candice Lorræ Band and Djiva featuring Trevor Jalla. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for non member. www.naidocperth.org

11 July: NAIDOC Perth Ball, 6pm. Waiting list for tickets are \$85. Held at the Hyatt Regency. Call (0409) 293 837 or email info@naidocperth.org for details or visit www.naidocperth.org

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

Tasmania

Until July 11: Pungenna Community NAIDOC Art and Craft Exhibition. There are 11 Aboriginal artists and crafters participating in the exhibition Held at the Dunalley Community House, Main Road, Dunalley from 9am-2pm. All welcome, free entry. For details call Judith Macdonald on (0439) 908 394 or email pungennaart@yahoo.com.au or visit www.pungennaart.wetpaint.com

Victoria

3 July: White and Black in Black and White. Kijarra wurrun-ngeen (the Indigenous Education Unit) art exhibition celebration, 6-8pm. Gordon Gallery Fenwick Street Geelong. For details call (073) 5225 0442 or email rcampbell@gordontafe.edu.au

5 July: Songlines Indigenous music showcase, 12-3pm. Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum For further information, visit museumvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum or phone 131 102.

6 July NAIDOC Family Day with Indigenous football team match against the Victorian Police. There is a free BBQ lunch with entertainment so bring along your family and friends. Held at Hansen reserve, Robert Street, West Footscray from 12-5pm. For details call (03) 9318 7855.

7 July: NAIDOC Week Radio,

Beyond the Bars, Australia's only live prison broadcasts 3CR 855AM. 11am-2pm. Live from the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre, 2-4pm music and talk. For more details call (03) 9419 8377 or visit www.3cr.org.au

8 July: NAIDOC Week Radio, Beyond the Bars, Australia's only live prison broadcasts 3CR 855AM. 9am-11am. Good Job with Shiralee hood. 11am-noon, Footprints with Kutcha Edwards. For more details call (03) 9419 8377 or visit www.3cr.org.au

9 July: NAIDOC Week Radio, Beyond the Bars, Australia's only live prison broadcasts 3CR 855AM. 7-10am, Elders Breakfast. 11am-noon, Fire First. 12-2pm, Koori Survival show live from the Aboriginal Health Service. 2-4pm Fullham Prison broadcast. For more details call (03) 9419 8377 or visit www.3cr.org.au

10 July: NAIDOC Week Radio, Beyond the Bars, Australia's only live prison broadcasts 3CR 855AM. 12-4pm, live from the Port Phillip Prison. For more details call (03) 9419 8377 or visit www.3cr.org.au

10 July: A new exhibition of works created by renowned Victorian Indigenous artist Vicki Couzens and four generations of her family will lead NAIDOC Week celebrations at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Melbourne Museum. For further information, visit museumvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum or phone 131 102.

11 July: NAIDOC Week Radio, Beyond the Bars, Australia's only live prison broadcasts 3CR 855AM. 11am-12noon, Marngrook Aboriginal Footy Show. 12-4pm, NAIDOC march post rally coverage. For more details call (03) 9419 8377 or visit www.3cr.org.au

Pair a part of Q150 celebration



PERFORMER, arts educator and lobbyist Nadine McDonald-Dowd and sporting legend and youth advocate Steve Renouf have been

appointed to Queensland's 150th (Q150) Celebrations Advisory Committee.

Queensland celebrates its 150th anniversary of independence from New South Wales next year with a variety of projects and events around the State.

"The anniversary gives us a superb opportunity to celebrate the achievements of all Queenslanders - Indigenous and non-Indigenous," said State Premier Anna Bligh.

"Next year is a time for all Queenslanders to take stock, see how far we have come, look at who we are, what we want to fix and what we want Queensland to be in the future.

"Nadine and Steve are going to be great helping us engage with all Queenslanders, especially Indigenous Queenslanders in their role as members of the Q150 Advisory Committee.

"I look forward to their contributions as we work on ways to develop celebrations next year to their full potential in the areas of youth, arts, sport as well as ways in which we can positively engage with the Indigenous community during events such as National Reconciliation Week.

Ms McDonald-Dowd and Mr Renouf welcomed the opportunity. Ms McDonald-Dowd encouraged Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to 'get involved and get their applications for their Q150 projects together so they can really profile their wonderful culture and show everyone what makes it so valuable'.

Mr Renouf, a born and bred Indigenous Queenslander involved in promoting Queensland as a State of Origin footballer, said he could see plenty of reasons to celebrate next year.

"I think it's positive that we can celebrate, recognise we have had issues in the past and that we are moving on from that," he said.

To date, nine Q150 Indigenous projects have been funded by the State's Legacy Infrastructure Program and Round 1 of the Community Funding Program.



NADINE McDONALD-DOWD



A file picture of former Queensland rugby league player Steve Renouf in action.

They include \$590,000 for the Corroboree Ring at Cherbourg, a \$1.89 million Arts and Heritage Cultural Centre and Tourist Facility at Kowanyama, \$1 million for the Degarra Community Centre, \$8000 for the North West Queensland Indigenous Catholic Social Services project, and \$9500 for the Minjerribah Moorgumpin Elders-in-Council project.

Good news for Palm mail



AUSTRALIA Post is installing 125 new post office boxes at Palm Island to enhance mail delivery and security in the community.

North Queensland Area Manager Shane Devereaux said 60 small, 20 medium, 40 large and five jumbo boxes were being installed at the State Government's

new administration building, due for completion in coming months.

"Currently residents have to collect their mail from the licensed post office on the island," he said.

"Post office boxes provide a very secure service, accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Residents who rent a post office box will, of course, need to change their postal address."



IYLP students Trilby Ryan, Annika Bellou and Cyril Johnston in Sydney.

Young guns meet to talk leadership



IYLP students Charles Sharples, Scott Wilson, Keifer Yu, Shannon Rioli and Malcolm Dotoli.



IYLP students embarking on a tour of Sydney Harbour.



IYLP students from Immanuel College.



A GROUP of Indigenous Australia's brightest young people sharpened

their leadership skills in Sydney last month.

More than 100 Indigenous young guns from secondary schools and tertiary institutions around the country attended the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) National Gathering. The meeting provided a great opportunity for them to be inspired by and exposed to role models and potential mentors, while creating their own networks.

Over the four days, the young leaders explored leadership styles, visioning and planning; cultural activities such as traditional and contemporary dance, and body combat; a talent night, and an historical tour of Sydney. There were sessions with guest speakers including Ningali Lawford, Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik, Waverley Stanley, Dr Mark Wentong and Ursula Yovich, and a formal dinner to celebrate the students' achievements with guest speaker Warren Mundine.

Now in its third year, IYLP is an initiative that is administered by the Foundation for Young Australians on behalf of the Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

New services to help Indigenous families



NEW services to support Indigenous families have been launched in eight locations around Australia as part of a \$16.6 million Federal Government

commitment to give Indigenous children a good start in life.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced the services on 24 June, saying that over the next four years, 50 services would be rolled out based on Indigenous population numbers and needs, and the proportion of children.

Ms Macklin said the first eight locations had been selected because they generally had a large Indigenous population and

were often highly disadvantaged.

"Some have special needs, for example, Port Adelaide has problems with overcrowding, with many families accommodating relatives visiting from the surrounding Aboriginal lands," Ms Macklin said.

She said the Indigenous Parenting Support Services would target families with children aged up to eight, with a focus on children aged under two.

She said Government would provide more than \$1.2 million to the eight locations.

"A total of \$153,000 per year will be allocated to each site, covering the salaries of one full-time family support worker, one

part-time worker and other administration costs," the minister said.

"They will help Indigenous parents overcome barriers to good family relationships and support them through their children's transitions to child care, pre-school and primary school.

"Families will have access to both outreach and referral services, and will be able to seek advice on matters such as health, finances, how to look after babies, family violence and child care.

"The services will be integrated into existing child-care centres, pre-schools, Aboriginal health centres and other related services providing Indigenous families with access to parenting support."

The sites and their service providers are:

- Blacktown, NSW – the Anglicare Diocese of Sydney
- Wellington, NSW – Aboriginal Corporation Health Services (WACHS)
- Central Melbourne, Victoria – the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA)
- South Brisbane, Qld – Kummara Association
- Port Adelaide, SA – Uniting Care Wesley Port Adelaide
- Banksia Grove, WA – Ngala Inc
- Launceston, Tas – the Tasmanian Aboriginal Child Care Association (TAGCA)
- Gungahlin, ACT – The Smith Family.

Mayor paints a positive picture

By CHRISTINE HOWES



"WE have been making an effort," was Napranum Mayor Roy Chevathen's heart-felt message to the Federal Government

after a recent visit by Employment Participation Minister

Brendan O'Connor. Speaking at the announcement of continued support for a Napranum-based Work Readiness program, Mr Chevathen said he hoped the Minister had a 'positive picture' of the far north Queensland community.

"I hope that you get a positive picture of what we're trying to do because we are and we have been making an effort to put our people into real employment and get a better living standard for themselves and their families," he said.

Mr O'Connor visited the first project site of a two-year program which is part of the Western Cape Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA) involving Federal, State and local governments, business and industry and traditional Indigenous groups.

Local carpenter Eddie Sigai said continuation of the program would help.

"Even before I got my apprenticeship, my idea was to get my trade and to train others. It's all happening now, it's good," he said.

The Minister's visit to Weipa also marked the announcement of two new funding initiatives, one aimed at assisting Aurukun residents, in particular, to get into mining employment, and the other to support the development of local Indigenous businesses.

Visiting the Rio Tinto Alcan (RTA) bauxite mine at Weipa, Mr O'Connor said

negotiations were being finalised for a mentoring program to support Aurukun participants transitioning from the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program to permanent, full-time employment.

He said the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations would fund a qualified mentor as part of the three-stage RTA Destinations program.



Federal Minister Brendan O'Connor with Certificate IV recipients former Napranum Mayor Harry Maille, soon-to-be-former CEO Peter Solly, and Napranum Mayor Roy Chevathen.

"For the next two years, the mentor will work between Weipa, Aurukun and Camooweal, supporting people from Aurukun undertaking pre-vocational training through the highly successful Myuma program," he said.

develop their capability and sustainability," he said.

"There's a lot of consequential employment opportunities because of the mining industry.

"I know there's been some decisions by State governments to

The Minister also presented three graduates with their Certificate IV in Local Government, provided through the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ).

The recipients were former Napranum Mayor Harry Maille, Mr Chevathen and soon-to-be-former CEO Peter Solly. Cr Steven Hall was also to receive his Statement of Attainment, but was unable to be present.

Weipa Town Authority Chair Carrie Gay said the Minister's visit was an 'outstanding success'.

"I'm hoping what it will mean is he will realise that Weipa is actually missing out on Federal funds because we're not recognised as a proper local authority," she said.

"So maybe they'll be able to kick in some and I think he'll continue supporting the programs that they've got with the Indigenous people in Napranum so I think it's very important for all of us."



'Even before I got my apprenticeship my idea was to get my trade and to train others. It's all happening now, it's good'
– Napranum carpenter Eddie Sigai

Mr O'Connor also announced funding for two senior positions at the Western Cape Chamber of Commerce over the next two years, which would allow the organisation 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

improve the opportunities there, but it just seems pointless if we can't find better ways to get as much out of the resource as we can, not just what's under the ground, but what's on top of it."

The Minister said he also wanted to encourage existing local businesses to be involved in supporting the new Indigenous employment initiatives.

Three named on WA Board



WEST Australian Minister Jon Ford has announced three

appointments to the board of the Kimberley Development Commission.

Two reappointed members are Halls Creek Shire President Lynette Craig, and Robert Watson, a West Kimberley resident with wide experience in the Indigenous pastoral industry.

Shire of Derby West Kimberley President Elsie Archer is the new appointment.

All three are long-term residents of the region and have been appointed for three-year terms.

Mr Ford advised that Pat Dodson would remain as the commission's chairperson and Cr Nik Wevers as the deputy chairperson. Other continuing board members are Tom Vinnicombe, Mike Caplehorn, Alan Tietzel, Cr Michele Pucci and Jeff Gooding.

In announcing the appointments to the commission board, Mr Ford emphasised how the depth and range of experience among the membership would place the commission in an excellent position to continue playing a key leadership role in the region's future.

"This is particularly important with the magnitude of development opportunities in the region and the potential for the entire community to benefit in a way which ensures we retain the Kimberley's unique cultural heritage, environment and lifestyle," the Minister said.

Aboriginal Australia on show to world



ABORIGINAL Australia was one of the key experiences profiled at the Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE) in Perth last month, attended by more than 2300

domestic and overseas tourism delegates.

Tourism Western Australia Chief Executive Officer Richard Muirhead said the event took Indigenous artists, performers and tourism product to the world stage. Each day, delegates were treated to performances and visual arts, and booths displaying a range of Indigenous tourism products at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre.

Darwin singer-songwriter Leah Flanagan, WA dance group Common Ground and chef and television presenter Mark Olive were among the entertainers.

"It is also thrilling that ATE displayed the Ngallak Koort Boodja Canvas – an artwork measuring ten by eight metres, uniting the work of all 14 Noongar clan groups of the Noongar nation," Mr Muirhead said. "Ngallak Koort Boodja means 'Our Heart Land' and featured the work of Shane Pickett, Lance Chadd, Troy Bennell, Alice Warrell, Sharyn Egan and Yvonne Kickett."

Also on display was a showcase of contemporary Indigenous art, in the 'On Track' exhibition which featured 32 artworks from Indigenous artists, representing all regions of WA and was on loan from the University of Western Australia.

"Having such a big presence at ATE was a fantastic opportunity for our Indigenous artists, and it demonstrated to the world the diversity of this culture," Mr Muirhead said.

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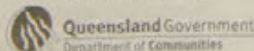
National Youth Week will be held from 28 March to 5 April 2009.

The Department of Communities has \$70,000 available to assist young Queenslanders and community organisations wishing to host National Youth Week events across the state.

The grants are to support events and provide an opportunity for young people and the broader community to celebrate the achievements and contributions of young Queenslanders.

To obtain an information package visit www.communities.qld.gov.au or telephone the Office for Youth on 3008 8622.

Funding submissions must be lodged by 4 pm on Monday 4 August 2008.



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'Mob learning



Indigenous tourism leaders in the Kimberley, from left, William 'Younguy' Watson, Dillon Andrews and Harry Watson. Photo: J McCAUL



Participants take a break during the tour at Gooloorloo Tours Mimbi Caves with Ronnie Jimbidie (second on left). Photo: S KINNANE

Lawrie and Rosita Shaw, of Ngooloodoo Tours, talking with some of the group on their tour. Photo: J McCAUL



RIGHT: Johanen Nuggett, of Mimbi community, and Joseph Nugget, of Bayulu community, took part in the program.

Photo: J McCAUL



from other mob...'

Tourism on the agenda



MORE than 20 Aboriginal people from communities around Fitzroy Crossing, in the Kimberley, took part in a unique exchange of cultural knowledge and tourism business expertise last month.

Indigenous tourism offers a unique experience for tourists – especially international visitors – but many Indigenous tourism operators struggle to move beyond the part-time level.

The six-day trip was a chance for Aboriginal people interested in tourism to learn from some of the most experienced Indigenous tourism operators in the Fitzroy Valley area.

In all, 22 Indigenous people from six communities – Jarlmadangah, Biridu, Mimbi, Yakanara, Ngapita, and Bayulu – took part.

Justin McCaul, Community Outreach Officer with the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF), which helped to organise the exchange program, spoke of the Kimberley Appropriate Economies Roundtable jointly hosted by the ACF, the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) and Environs Kimberley in Fitzroy Crossing in 2005.

"At that meeting, people said that talking about sustainable economies is good, but we want to see action on the ground," Mr McCaul said.

"Last year through talking with people working in and around Fitzroy Crossing, we learnt that a number of communities south of the Fitzroy River were interested in tourism.

"We visited some of these communities and then consulted with some established Indigenous tourism operators such as Dillon Andrews and Lawrie Shaw about setting up a project that would help both those already running tourism businesses and those that want to start a business in their community."

The aim of the 2005 Roundtable meeting was to discuss environmentally sustainable and culturally appropriate economic development in the Kimberley region.

Aboriginal people identified tourism as an industry they felt was compatible with their cultural, economic and social goals.

This was not surprising given that Kimberley Aboriginal people maintain strong links to country, language, art and culture and the region has some stunning landscapes and natural features such as the Fitzroy River.

The exchange program allowed some participants to be tourists for the first time, but its real objective was to facilitate learning and information exchange between Aboriginal people about the tourism industry.

It brought together some of the most experienced Indigenous tourism operators in the Kimberley, all of whom provided industry insights and personal



Camel rides are part of the tourism experience at Jarlmadangah community.

Photo by S KINNANE

experiences. They included Dillon Andrews, of Bungoolee Tours (Biridu community), Ronnie Jimbidie, of Giralooroo Tours (Mimbi community), Lawrie and Rosita Shaw, of Ngooloodoo Tours (Bayulu community), and Harry Watson, of Kimberley Dreamtime Adventure Tours (Jarlmadangah community).

Mr McCaul said the hosts didn't want to use too formal a learning structure.

"Instead, during the day everyone would experience the tour in the community and observe and listen to the guides," he said.

"Then at night around the fire participants could talk with the operators, guides and other community people about their experiences in starting a tourism business, how they accessed funding, how they overcame challenges and setbacks, which companies were good to work with etc.

"A lot of information was exchanged, even simple tips on how to interact with tourists and keep them engaged. It was 'mob learning from other mob'.

"Everyone took part in a wide range of activities, including viewing ancient

rock art sites and caves used for shelter by Aboriginal people, handling old stone tools and fossils, visiting old homesteads and stations where many Aboriginal men worked as rangers.

"We also visited some beautiful gorges and most of the participants even got to ride a camel."

Dillon Andrews, a Bunaba man and operator of Bungoolee Tours, explained to the group that well-managed tourism could bring opportunities to their communities.

"We are all countrymen here and we all want to see jobs in our communities," he said. "We also want to have our old people to pass on cultural knowledge and language to our young people."

"Tourism is a good way to do this and it helps to build pride in our young people and help them to have confidence when talking with whitefellas."

There are plans to bring together government, tourism industry representatives and Indigenous tourism operators later this year to discuss how to strengthen support for Indigenous tourism in the Fitzroy Valley area.

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Expression of Interest

Management and Operation of the 'Moree Positive Lifestyle Academy' Project

Moree Plains Shire Council owns the site and facilities of the former Moree Rugby League Club Ltd in South Moree. A Feasibility Study and Strategic Business Development Plan (SBDP) were completed for a project concept with the working title of The Moree Positive Lifestyle Academy (MPLA).

Council now seeks a suitably qualified and experienced management organisation to implement the intent of the project. Concessional arrangements may be available for the first year's management subject to meeting the criteria of an existing funding contract. It is envisaged that the successful management organisation will be experienced and successful in sourcing grant monies for non-profit organisations for multiple projects and will be self funding or capable of securing reducing grant funding for its own operations for the first five years as the centre moves towards sustainable operations.

The purpose of the project is to provide positive impact programs in sports and recreation, hospitality and catering, construction and grounds maintenance/landscaping, performance and visual arts, small enterprise development and other uses that the facility lends itself to.

The successful organisation, as its own business, will lease the facility from the Council.

Moree has an Indigenous population of around 20 per cent. Organisations with a demonstrated track record in successful dealings with Indigenous communities are invited to submit an Expression of Interest. A site inspection and discussions with Council officers prior to the submission of an EOI is recommended. The closing date for submissions is 3pm Friday, 11 July 2008.

For more information or to obtain an Expression of Interest Kit please contact: Anthony Kunkel (02) 6757 3266, 0428 160 835 or email anthony.kunkel@mpsc.nsw.gov.au
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Call for Nominations: City of Sydney Council Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel



City of Sydney is seeking nominations from community members to join the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel (ATSAP). All community members who live, work or study in the City of Sydney Local Government Area (LGA) can apply.

The panel will advise Council on all relevant issues concerning the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities including service delivery, access issues, implementation of Sustainable Sydney 2030 and the Eora Journey, cultural mapping across the LGA and more. The City will cover members' costs to attend and meetings will be held 4 times per year.

Applicants are requested to tell Council why you want to join the panel and what skills or knowledge you will bring to the task. Phone nominations are also available if required.

Closing date is Friday 1st August, 2008.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another community member please contact Tracey Duncan 9246 7848 or Beth Jewell 9288 5521 or forms are available at <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Community/ServicesAndPrograms/AboriginalAndTorresStraitIslanders/Default.asp>

Send nominations to:

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Wakakirri a good-news story



REMOTE towns in the Northern Territory and Queensland recently explored their creative side when the Wakakirri program came to town.

The National Story Festival brought students and teachers together to create stories using a variety of performing and visual arts techniques, including film, dance, singing and arts.

National patron of Wakakirri, Race Discrimination Commissioner Tom Calma, praised the festival for including remote community schools, including three Indigenous communities, in its itinerary.

"The Wakakirri Outback Program is tremendously valuable to the lives of Indigenous children in remote areas because of its focus on sustainable living and the opportunity it provides these children to share their stories and experiences with not only one another, but with their community and many other communities around Australia," said Mr Calma.



Children in Yuendumu working on a Wakakirri Story-Dance about what animals do when they are hunted. They are using traditional Warlpiri actions and the story is taken from a Warlpiri song.

He said it also provided a 'unique opportunity' for the children in Yuendumu in the NT, and in Wujal Wujal and Cunnamulla in Queensland, to participate on a national level, to learn and express themselves

and their culture.

"Wakakirri research shows that the outcomes for children who have participated in the festival include resilience, tolerance, literacy, physical activity and health appreciation,"



These two youngsters enjoyed the Festival Show at Wujal Wujal. The event was hosted by Wakakirri and the National Student Rural Health Network.

said Mr Calma.

"For children in remote areas, who do not always have the opportunity to participate in these sorts of projects, these outcomes and access to the festival itself cannot be under-valued."

Jobs the goal of Aurukun project



NEGOTIATIONS are being finalised for a \$370,000 mentoring program to support Aurukun, north Queensland, participants transitioning from the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program to permanent full-time employment.

The program involves the Federal Government, the Western Cape York community of Aurukun and mining leader Rio Tinto Alcan (RTA).

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations will fund a qualified mentor as part of the three-stage RTA Destinations program.

"For the next two years, the mentor will work between Weipa, Aurukun and Camooweal, supporting people from Aurukun undertaking pre-vocational training through the highly successful Myuma program," Federal Employment Participation Minister Brendan O'Connor said.

"Participants will spend 13 weeks on the Myuma training site at Camooweal before transferring to work experience at RTA's Weipa mining operations for four months."

Contract

"The third project stage will see successful participants undertaking a four-month, fixed-term contract with Rio Tinto Alcan in mine or plant operator work."

Mr O'Connor, who was visiting the RTA bauxite mine at Weipa, said this was another example of the Federal Government working with industry and Indigenous communities to support pathways to training and employment opportunities for Indigenous people.

"We are very well aware that many remote communities lack sustainable, full-time employment opportunities. But in partnership with regional industry, we can produce better employment outcomes for local Indigenous people," he said.

The aim of programs such as RTA Destinations is to build employment capacity in remote Indigenous communities, to counter local skills shortages and to provide pools of local, entry-level-ready employees for the industry.

This program also supports the Western Cape Regional Partnership Agreement in which all stakeholders in the region have committed to achieving a local Indigenous employment target of 50 new jobs a year for the next five years.

Lessons music to young ears



MUSIC is helping to turn around the lives of young people in the West Australian

Goldfields town of Coolgardie.

And it's all thanks to a special class being run through the town's Christian Aboriginal Parent-directed School (CAPS).

The school, established in 1981 by a group of Christian Aboriginal parents, now has more than 100 students, and campuses at nearby Kurrawang, and Esperance, on the WA south coast.

CAPS offers State and Christian school curriculum education for students from pre-primary through to Year 12 covering all major subjects.

But ask many of the kids what subject they like the best and 'Miss Haines's music' is the loud answer.

They're talking about Alice Haines, a music and theatre veteran best known for performing with Aboriginal reggae band *Mixed Relations* and for stage roles *Alice* with the Yirra Yaakin Nyoongah Theatre Company, and *Bran Nue Dae*.

Now the Gamilaroi woman, originally from



ABOVE: Alice Haines with her CAPS upper primary music students at the school in Coolgardie, Western Australia.



LEFT: Alice Haines in front of the school, which has students from across the State.

northern NSW, calls Coolgardie home and is relishing her role as the CAPS music teacher.

"We've got some very talented students here and we're all enjoying our music," the mother-of-three

told *The Koori Mail*.

"The school is right behind the music program, which is the only one of its

type in the Goldfields region.

"We go through a range of studies and the students love to write and compose their own work."

"It's still early days, but I'm hoping the course here will lead to more Indigenous music teachers."

Ms Haines said the music course was also helping to address youth problems in Coolgardie.

"We get kids gathering after school and at weekends to play and enjoy music. So there are other benefits from the course," she said.

The CAPS campus features the historic former Convent School of Sisters of Mercy as well as modern primary, secondary and administration facilities.

Intensive numeracy and literacy programs are offered for individual students.

CAPS also offers a boarding hostel, run by Aboriginal house parents, for up to 40 people. Students come from across Western Australia, with many from the Kimberley and Pilbara regions in the State's north.

"At CAPS we believe we have a school that builds character," Ms Haines said. "And the music course here is going a long way to ensuring that happens."



The Darug reunion had plenty of activities for the younger generation.

Photo courtesy of the Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation

Miles of smiles at Darug gathering

NSW THE ancestors were deemed to be smiling the day of a reunion for some families within the Darug clan from around Sydney last month.

About 250 people attended the event at Nurranginy Reserve, Doonside, which started with a traditional welcome by Richard Green, followed by hours of catching up, storytelling, face painting

and other activities for the children.

People travelled from as far afield as Queensland, the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, regional NSW and throughout Sydney to be there.

Historians

Also in attendance were historians Jack Brook, Jim Kohen and Philippa Scarlett and archaeologist Jillian Comber. Local MP John Aquilina and the Mayor of

Blacktown City dropped by, as did Professor Dennis Foley, from the University of Newcastle.

Jacinta Tobin, recently returned from The Dreaming Festival at Woodford in southern Queensland, drew an appreciative audience. Jacinta's brother, Chris, also kept the children amused with all his bush tools, showing how resourceful previous generations had been.

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Placement and support services in Indigenous communities

The Department of Child Safety has grant funding available for non-government organisations to provide placement and support services in the Indigenous community of Doomadgee.

The purpose of this grant funding is to deliver a supervised residential care service, for six children or young people, and a related family intervention service. This service will provide safe places for children and young people who have entered the statutory child protection system, so that they are able to safely remain in their community while their longer-term needs are being assessed.

The functions required of the organisation, together with eligibility and assessment criteria, are set out in the Indigenous Community Residential Care and Family Intervention Services Funding Information Paper, which can be accessed via the Department's website at www.childsafety.qld.gov.au/funding/calendar/index.html or by phoning (07) 3224 4546.

Intending applicants are advised to contact Trish Walsh, Community Support Team, Northern Zone, on (07) 4799 7943.

Funding submissions must be lodged by **Monday 8 September 2008**.



Push on for Indigenous bus drivers

NSW INDIGENOUS people on the far north coast of New South Wales can now train at the Lismore Community College to get their bus licence. It is hoped that the initiative will see increased numbers of qualified bus drivers in communities that are in need of improved transport facilities.

Jesse Wone, the Indigenous facilitator at Lismore Community College, said there was a real need for licensed bus drivers in isolated areas where there was no regular, affordable public transport to take the elderly, young and infirm to activities that 'many of us



Bus driver Norton Bolt

take for granted'. 'We are very grateful for the financial assistance and professional advice provided by

Ben Riley from the local Ministry of Transport, and we would find it very difficult to run the program without the support of Leonie Watson at Community Transport,' Mr Wone said.

All staff and trainers in the program are Indigenous, including Norton Bolt and Margaret Yuke, who are commercial school bus drivers, and Uncle Bucky Robinson, who is a qualified driving instructor.

The funding is a result of a partnership between the Ministry of Transport, Community Transport, Lismore Community College and Indigenous organisations in response to government recommendations and community requests.

Attention

Public housing residents, applicants & people receiving assistance from Housing NSW

Tenant Fraud Amnesty - 1 July to 30 September 2008

Public housing residents, applicants and anyone receiving assistance from Housing NSW will have from **1 July to 30 September 2008** to report to Housing NSW any changes to their income, household or other circumstances. If you make a report during the amnesty, you will **not** be prosecuted and will **not** have to pay back the debt arising from these changes.

Examples of changes you will need to report include:

- someone new coming to live in the household
- inheriting or buying a property
- income from owning or operating a business
- where you are no longer living in your Housing NSW property
- an adult living in the household starting or leaving a job
- adult children leaving home.

To make a report, you can phone the Housing Contact Centre on **1800 813 447**, Monday to Friday 8.00 am to 6.00 pm and Saturday 9.00 am to 3.00 pm.

From April 2008, changes to the *Housing Act* make it a criminal offence to intentionally provide false information or fail to notify Housing NSW of changes to circumstances that affect public housing entitlements.



A 'black lining' seen to ageing NT workforce



AUSTRALIA'S ageing workforce is a 'darkening cloud' for the booming Northern Territory economy, warns a population expert.

But Professor Tony Barnes says Aboriginal people could plug employment gaps and ward off a slide in service quality.

The researcher with Charles Darwin University said migration had underpinned most of the employment growth in the region. But with more and more baby boomers retiring, he said, the workforce would come under increasing strain.

"There is a darkening cloud for the Territory workforce - we are rapidly getting older, in some ways faster than the rest of Australia," Professor Barnes said.

"Ageing diminishes the number of people available to work, and the Territory could be hit harder than elsewhere in Australia in coming years."

Injectors

Professor Barnes said recent injections from non-traditional working sectors had managed to stave off an economic slide.

"If not for a very rapid increase in the number of women of all ages working, and older men continuing to work during the decade to 2006, the Territory's economy and the quality of services would already be in a dire situation," he said.

"In the past decade, we have been losing workers to retirement at a rapidly increasing rate."

"Despite this, enough of us have continued to work for an extra few more years producing the current record high levels of employment. But it is unlikely this trend can continue."

One answer to the problem would be increasing employment levels among the Indigenous population, said Professor Barnes, who presented his research at the Australian Population Association Conference in Alice Springs at the end of June.

"The best thing the Government can do is to continue to aggressively support policies that will improve employment prospects for Indigenous Territorians and to attract migrants by making the territory the preferred place to work," he said. -AAP

Winners given just rewards

Photos by ILANA ROSE



WINNERS of the Victorian Government's Indigenous Community Justice Awards included creators of a family violence

prevention program, a timber studies and construction training course, and a leadership program.

The awards are an initiative of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement, which recognises that Koori people must be involved in the development of justice policy and programs to address the over-representation of Indigenous people in custody.

Parliamentary Secretary for Justice Brian Tee presented the awards last month.

"We still have so far to go towards closing the gap and addressing the gross over-representation of Indigenous people in the criminal justice system," Mr Tee said.

"The winners of the Indigenous Community Justice Awards are going above and beyond to make a difference. They are an inspiration to us all."

Seven awards were presented for outstanding initiatives that are improving Indigenous justice outcomes across the categories of family violence prevention, youth, elders, leadership, enforcement, and education.

The winners were:

- Family Violence Prevention - Tracks to Stronger Communities, Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Co-operative. The program offers drug and alcohol-free events including excursions, family camps, and anti-violence workshops.

- Youth - Yan Yean Annual Youth Gathering, Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory Council. This gathering is organised by the Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory Council (VIYAC) and brings together Koori youth and job service and education providers in a market style, with performances and activities to engage participants.

- Elders - Elders Initiative, Magistrates Court of Victoria. The court's Koori-specific unit (Koori Court Unit) support the 60 Elders and other respected people employed by the courts.

- Leadership - Deadly Leaders Program, Unity Foundation. The Unity Foundation runs this intensive life skills, leadership and mentoring program for Koori youth in Melbourne's south-east suburbs.

- Employment - Build Ya Life, Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation. Run through the Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation, in conjunction with the local industry and TAFE, the program provides employment and training opportunities in the field of timber studies and construction.

- Enforcement - Chopped Liver, Ilbjerri Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Theatre Co-operative. Ilbjerri developed the play *Chopped Liver* to raise awareness of hepatitis-C among the Indigenous community. The production was staged in Victoria's prisons over two seasons and Ilbjerri has since been invited to perform it in other correctional jurisdictions.

- Education - Community Education Program, Indigenous Law Students and Lawyers Association of Victoria - Tarwirri (ILSLAV). ILSLAV operates community education initiatives including information sessions on rights and careers in the legal profession for regional Indigenous high school students.



Winners in the Youth Category for the Yan Yean Annual Gathering Initiative, from left, Keira Martin, Linda Bamblett, Jade Colgan, Lowell Hunter, Kristen Bell and Dr Alf Bamblett.



● ABOVE: Winners in the Employment Category for the Build Ya Life initiative, from left, Larry Kanoa and Ricky Morris, with Roslyn Kelleher, Acting Secretary of the Department of Justice.

● RIGHT: Winners in the Elders category for the Magistrates Court Elders initiative Brian Tee MP, court representative Mason Atkinson and Dr Alf Bamblett.

● BOTTOM RIGHT: Winner in the Leadership category for the Deadly Leaders initiative, from left, Brian Tee MP, Allan Murray, of the Unity Foundation, and Victorian Aboriginal community leader Marion Hansen.



\$130,000 for Swan Hill



THE Victorian Government is injecting \$130,000 into a new program to boost employment, education and training for young Indigenous people in the Swan Hill area.

Visiting the town, Acting Premier and Industrial Relations Minister Rob Hulls launched a local Connectus project, an initiative to place 25 young Indigenous people into sustainable employment, education or training in the region.

"The Government is taking action to provide opportunities for all Victorians, and this program will significantly improve the employment and training

opportunities for young Indigenous people living in and around Swan Hill," he said.

"Connectus is about getting young Indigenous people on the right path at school, giving them opportunities to train and to move into the work force in areas that directly address Victoria's skills shortages.

"It is the first step in range of measures we are developing to support the local Indigenous community in Swan Hill."

The launch of Connectus followed a presentation made by the Swan Hill Rural City Council on challenges facing Indigenous youth during the Government's Community Cabinet meeting in the area in September last year.

Praise for Ms Marika



A MEMORIAL service has been held at Yirrkala in the Northern Territory to honour Ms Marika, a Yolngu educator and reconciliation champion who died suddenly on 11 May.

Tributes have flowed for the woman from Arnhem Land described as 'an exceptional Indigenous Australian'.

On 15 June, as her home community mourned, flags were also lowered to half-mast in Canberra at the National Museum of Australia and the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

Ms Marika had been an AIATSIS Council member, a Director of Reconciliation Australia and a member of many Aboriginal education committees, including the NT Board of Studies.

The 49-year-old teacher/linguist held the position of Research Fellow at the Mulka Centre in Yirrkala and was also 2006 Northern Territory of the Year, and last year's NT Australian of the Year.

"Ms Marika's contribution to the Institute, to her community and to Australian society throughout her life goes beyond what most of us ever hope to achieve," said AIATSIS Chairman, Professor Mick Dodson.

"A Yolngu woman of the Rirratjingu clan, Ms Marika was an exceptional Indigenous Australian. She was committed to improving the education outcomes for Indigenous

children and always fought to keep culture and language strong for her people and more broadly for all Indigenous Australians."

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said Ms Marika had been 'very much her father's daughter'.

"Roy Marika taught his daughter community and culture; he taught her how to hunt and from him she learned a deep sense of justice and compassion," Ms Macklin said of Mr Marika, who was one of the Yolngu men who travelled from Arnhem Land to Canberra in 1963 to present the Yirrkala petitions.

"Their appeal was refused. But the bark petitions are still displayed in Parliament House for all to see."

Ms Macklin said Ms Marika would be remembered by many people across many cultures.

"Her unique, free-ranging intellect encompassed her own Yolngu culture and mainstream Australia," she said. "Her enthusiasm and ability to live and thrive in both cultures was an extraordinary example to all of us."

"She said that the confluence of the two cultures was quite simply 'where the saltwater coming in from the sea meets the stream of fresh water coming down from the land'."

"It was her unshakeable belief that both cultures could and should be lived and nurtured in a way that preserved and respected each of them."

"...She believed that her knowledge of her beloved culture was a gift to all Australians ... and it was."

Bookabee a winner



INDIGENOUS tour company Bookabee Australia has just won an award for being Australia's Best Indigenous Experience.

The *Travelling in Australia* magazine ran the awards, with winners selected by a panel of tourism experts.

Bookabee is based in Adelaide, South Australia, and was established in early 2005.

Owned and operated by Haydyn Bromley, an Indigenous man of Adnyamathanha, Narrunga and Yarluyandi origin, his people hail from the Flinders Ranges, Yorke

Peninsula and Birdsville areas.

Bookabee's outback tours run from two to five days, or a local tour from two hours to a full day.

For those with individual needs, Bookabee offers the choice to create their own, self-designed, personalised tour to locations like Birdsville and Coober Pedy. For those with a little more time, the tours allow them to escape to the Flinders Ranges, travelling by luxury four-wheel-drive.

Bookabee Tours has a strong focus on South Australia's Indigenous history and guests are left with an understanding of and appreciation for the Adnyamathanha culture.



We want your views



Have your say about community engagement in Two Ways Together Partnership Communities.

The Partnership Community Engagement Framework is a policy to support community and Government engagement in Two Ways Together Partnership Communities across NSW.

The Framework will inform the way government engages in Partnership Communities now and into the future. It will help improve service delivery, responding to local needs and will help communities to strengthen community resilience. The framework is based on the need to work together.

The NSW Government believes that Aboriginal people know best the needs of their communities. When Aboriginal people are real decision makers with Government, it leads to better outcomes. This is the basis of *Two Ways Together* and important commitments in the NSW State Plan.

When and where is consultation taking place?

Date	Location	Time	Venue Details
14 July 2008	Broken Hill	1.30pm-4.00pm	Centre for Community (Sturt Park)
15 July 2008		9.00am-11.30am	200 Beryl Street, Broken Hill
16 July 2008	Batemans Bay	9.30am-3.30pm	Batemans Bay Soldiers Club
			Beach Road, Batemans Bay
17 July 2008	Albury	9.30am-3.30pm	Albury Commercial Club
			618 Dean Street, Albury
21 July 2008	Taree	9.30am-3.30pm	Ormsby House
			24 Commerce Street
			(Cnr Albert Street), Taree
23 July 2008	Tamworth	10.00am-4.00pm	Coledale Community Centre
			28 Kenny Drive, Tamworth
25 July 2008	Lismore	9.00am-3.00pm	Lismore Workers Club
			231 Keen Street, Lismore
28 July 2008	Dubbo	10.00am-4.00pm	Dubbo RSL Club
			Cnr Brisbane & Wingewarra Streets, Dubbo
29 July 2008	Walgett	10.00am-3.30pm	Euragal Goondi,
			Walgett
30 July 2008	Sydney	9.30am-3.30pm	Redfern Community Centre
			29 Hugo Street, Redfern

More information

More information is available at www.daa.nsw.gov.au or by calling us on 02 9219 0700.

If you would like to attend a workshop, please let us know three days in advance. This will help us with catering.

Written submissions

We will also welcome your written submissions.

Email these to communityengagement@daa.nsw.gov.au or post to Matthew Swadling at the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Level 13, 280 Elizabeth Street Surry Hills NSW 2010 by 8 August 2008.



New South Wales Department of
Aboriginal Affairs

Marchers take to the streets against grog

NSW

A 'Walk Against Grog' was held in Lismore, northern NSW, on 18 June. Marchers rallied to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol abuse and the problems associated with the escalating 'grog culture' in Australia. The Bundjalung Elders' Council supported the action.

Organiser John Allen said

alcohol abuse was everyone's responsibility.

"This truly is a cross-cultural issue. The grog barons cynically market designer grog to target young people - 'alcopops' for young women etc," he said.

"Alcohol culture is fuelling increased aggression and violence in young females and males.

"Whatever problem youth and

adults have is made worse by alcohol and other drugs. Alcohol is a legal, powerful drug that kills or damages more people than the illegal ones.

'Spirit'

"A sense of emptiness is not filled, and the search for meaning falters, when we go for the spirit in the bottle."

The protest, in solidarity with

the women of the NPY Women's Council and their communities, was held to coincide with a walk in Coober Pedy, South Australia, aimed at demonstrating the strength of local resolve to bring about changes to liquor licensing laws.

Dr Maggie Brady, a social anthropologist and author of *The Grog Book*, had written a letter of support for the protest.

Lawyer Pam Ditton spoke of successful programs that involved reduction in the availability of alcohol. She also called for tax equity on all alcohol products.

"This is a community problem, and the solution needs to involve the whole community," Ms Ditton said.

"Strong women are saying enough's enough, and we're here to support them."

Girls dancing on air after US adventure

By SOLUA MIDDLETON

NSW

THREE young Koori girls are safely home after recently undertaking an

overseas adventure. Tori Taylor, aged 10, and seven-year-olds Teliah Edwards and Shani-Lee Bolt are all dancers from the Innovative Dance Co with studios at Glenmore Park and Blacktown, western Sydney.

The young dancers spent seven days in Los Angeles and Disneyland in the United States.

The youngest dancers of the group, they performed twice at Disneyland, and participated in workshops in the Disneyland Magic Music Days performing arts, and The Edge Dance studio in Hollywood.

In between dancing they took in some of the sights, including Universal Studios.

Shani-Lee and Kiah's mother Kylie Wilson, who accompanied the girls to America, said they performed well and their dance teacher praised their enthusiasm at the workshops.

"We are so proud of them," Ms Wilson said.

"The experience was something, which doesn't happen every day.

"My girls and I travelled for another 10 days, stopping in San Diego and Hawaii.

"I took them to the San Diego Zoo, Legoland and SeaWorld and we spent two days at the Pacific Island cultural centre in Hawaii.

"It was a great learning experience for all of them."

Tori said the trip was a good experience, and she liked spending time with her mum, nana and the other girls, but there was nowhere like home, so the flight back was a bit of a bonus, too.

"It was a good experience and I enjoyed it," she said.

Teliah also enjoyed the trip, but it was extra special for her as she celebrated a birthday over there.

"My favourite part of the trip was the rides, having breakfast with Goofy at Goofy's kitchen, and having my seventh birthday there."

Shani-Lee couldn't narrow down her favourite part of the trip, but she loved the Disney rides, San Diego SeaWorld, and the San Diego Zoo.



Teliah Edwards on stage.



Tori Taylor performing



Shani-Lee Bolt dancing.

And she also had fun dancing, despite some nerves.

"I was scared, but I did it," she said.



Jeannie Robin is congratulated by Muriel (Mumthelang) Van DerByl and Auntie Josie Agius.

SA women honoured

SA

TWO Aboriginal women have been honoured at a ceremony in Adelaide for their community service.

Wendy Koolmatie was awarded the 2008 Gladys Elphick Award during International Women's Day celebrations for her strong leadership - particularly in law and order, and justice.

Ms Koolmatie was the instigator behind the Aboriginal Mini-Deb Ball held two years ago in the Adelaide suburb of Elizabeth.

She often patrols the train stations in the Elizabeth and Salisbury areas, working with youth on the street, teaching them how to react in provocative and confronting situations. Her efforts have cut the number of individual youth and police conflicts, reducing possible arrests for incidents in the northern suburbs as well as 'back home' in Point Pearce.

A qualified early childhood teacher, Ms Koolmatie was raised on Point Pearce Mission on Yorke Peninsula.

In the other award, Jeannie Robin was recognised for her work as both a teacher's aide for more than ten years, and more recently as project manager of



2008 Gladys Elphick Award winner Wendy Koolmatie (centre) is congratulated by Muriel (Mumthelang) Van DerByl and Auntie Josie Agius.

the Robin family's own natural resource management project at their traditional lands, Walaikara, 50kms south of Fregon, SA.

She and Kuka Kanyini workers do many jobs, including mucking out decomposing camel flesh and moving soil and rubbish. It is a messy task, but one that is critical to the health of the water for Anangu and also

the native animals whose lives depend on it.

The Robin family's commitment has resulted in Walaikara having one of the highest diversities of reptile species found anywhere in the world, and the area also has rare and endangered species, including mallee fowl and the great desert skink.

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The Colony - Monday 7th July @ 10:00pm AEST



The Colony is a 6 part series which takes a group of British, Irish, Aboriginal and European Australians back in time to relive the harsh reality of their ancestor's days 200 years ago. The Aboriginal family live on the land as their indigenous ancestors did. Alan walks around the colony and finds out how they've made their houses, gardens and what they eat.

NITV Anniversary Documentary - Sunday 13th July @ 7:00pm AEST

NITV celebrates its 1 Year anniversary and takes a look back at a year of achievement both in front of and behind the camera. The documentary will profile a variety of NITV productions in the works and the impact that these shows have had in the community. Behind the scenes footage and interviews will provide the stories and successes, as well as views on NITV's productions commissioned in its first year of operation. It will also showcase the comments on the journey so far from NITV Board members and the employees who have made this service come to life.



Noongar Dando - Friday 4th July @ 9:00pm AEST

This month NITV put the spotlight on Western Australian communities. Tune into **Noongar Dando** to watch Dennis Simmons host a panel of experts who discuss social issues relating to the Noongar Dando people.



NITV programming is subject to change, please refer to your Pay TV Electronic Program Guide or the TV Guide on the website at www.nitv.org.au for any updates

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Townsville residents have their say



Part of the audience at the Yarn Up as Eddie Savage speaks.



Eddie Savage speaks at the Yarn Up. Dr Grace Sarra is sitting at right.



Associate Professor Gracelyn Smallwood was there with Dorothy Savage.



Eddie Savage took time out to have a cold drink.



John Ansey and Florence Onus were happy to be at the Yarn Up.

Yarn Up event a success

Story and photos by ALF WILSON



THE newly-incorporated Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Years Community Group held a successful Yarn Up Day for Townsville's Indigenous community on 22 June at the Aitkenvale PCYC.

Red Cross auspices the Early Years Community Group project through a community partner agreement with The Smith Family and Good Beginnings Australia, as part of the Communities for Children Townsville West initiative, which is funded by the Federal Government's Stronger Families and Communities Strategy.

Early Years Community Group Inc Chairman Eddie Savage said the Yarn Up day was held to give Indigenous people the opportunity to have their say about community support services locally, particularly for Indigenous parents and families with young children.

While the main speakers included Dr Grace Sarra and Nathaniel Prior, all participants were able to put forward their views in small Yarn Up discussion groups after the main speakers.

"Overall, there was around 70 adults and 50 children who attended the forum. The first session of the day was the introduction for the purpose of the Yarn Up and its

funding and auspicing bodies," Mr Savage said.

"We had two guest speakers, my sister Dr Grace Sarra, and Sam Reuben. I felt the speakers were really good, especially being from or still living in Townsville.

"I felt proud when my sister gave her journey of where she came from and how she got to be where she is today."

Mr Savage said that participants separated into five workshop groups, with many important topics discussed.

"These topics were adolescent youth, education, crime/law/social justice, early years/play group and employment and training," he said.

"The group work was very well done and there were a lot of issues raised from the workshops."

Mr Savage said the main follow up objective from the Yarn Up would be to collect all information and ideas raised and put it into a special report.

"We will try and address issues raised and hopefully funding will be available to hold the next community Yarn Up in three months," he said.

"Overall, I think the yarn up was a great success and I am looking forward to working with the community to address the issues they have identified.

"I would like to give a special thanks to all of those who were involved in bringing together the community Yarn Up and hope to see even more at the next."

'We will try and address the issues raised...'



Torres Strait Islander Alma Pilot was there.



Red Cross family and community worker Bonny Hoey with food at the Yarn Up.



Eddie Savage, left, and Sam Reuben.



Jalen Button-Malo, Scitech presenter Heidi Madden, Cheamay Mulligan, Samara Skinner and Kimmaya Yamalulu watch as Tojoe Michael explores gravitational and movement energy with giant Jenga.



WA Young Person of the Year Jaden Mellick (right) shares his experiences with Cheryl Button, Crystal Walagie, Johnathon Mulligan, Anastacia Pye, Kane Rivers, AJ Mulligan and Gabriella Mulligan. All photos courtesy of Scitech



Natalia Mulligan launches herself into the sporting activities provided by the Garnduwa Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Association.



Karisha Munda flies through the Garnduwa Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Association's obstacle course.

Kids at home with science



DESIGNING spool racers, marble tracks and rubber-band helicopters as well as using different forms

of chemical energy to fill up balloons were amongst the hands-on activities that captivated students during a careers awareness festival in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Organisers of Scitech's first-ever Careers Awareness Festival in a remote Aboriginal community say the event drew a fantastic response.

Students from six of Western Australia's most remote communities recently took part in the initiative, hosted by Kulkarriya Remote Community School at Noonkanbah, near Fitzroy Crossing, and involving the Yungngora community.

The festival was part of Scitech's Aboriginal Education Program and saw local organisations such as the Garnduwa Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Association and the Department of Environment and Conservation present students with a range of career opportunities, and demonstrated how they use science on a daily basis.

"The program is designed to cut through cultural and language barriers and give students positive, educational experiences," said Co-ordinator Elisa McGowan.

"The festival is an extension of this, aiming to encourage students to stay at school and consider future training and career possibilities."

Comedian and radio announcer Mark Bin Bakar (Mary G) and WA Young Person of the Year Jaden Mellick officially launched the festival on Thursday 19 June. Mr Bin Bakar also broadcast his three-hour radio show live



A Notre Dame University (Broome) stall-holder shows Shantay Moora, Kelvin Skinner, Dailys Button and Cheryl Button how to use a stethoscope.

from the community to more than 100 radio stations via the National Indigenous Radio Service.

Scitech's travelling science teams also delivered a range of science activities to each of the six communities.

The Aboriginal Education Program is the result of a partnership between Scitech and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. Since its inception in May 2007, the strategy has been delivered to 2300 students from more than 40 remote WA schools, and early indications have showed a significant increase in student attendance and science learning.

"It's hoped that greater student involvement at school will eventually lead to the training, employment and retention of Aboriginal workers," said Ms McGowan.



A Shire of Derby stallholder teaches Ella Campbell, Johnathon Mulligan and Angelica Costaine about personal hygiene.

Students working on building their futures



ABORIGINAL students in southern New South Wales hoping to secure a building apprenticeship have the opportunity to develop essential core skills by taking

part in an Indigenous building project.

Twelve students are engaged in the project which is delivered by the Building and Construction Training Centre at Wagga Wagga and supported by the Waagan Waagan

Aboriginal Group with support from the NSW Department of Housing.

The project will provide more skilled Indigenous construction workers for the Riverina area.

Carpentry and joinery teacher Bill Cooper said

students from the Wagga Aboriginal Construction Class would complete the Certificate III in General Construction this year and then continue with the Certificate IV in Building (Residential) next year.

They will build a new five-bedroom brick-veneer house in the suburb of Ashmont in Wagga Wagga.

It is hoped the initiative will provide a model for future projects with the Department of Housing.



Waymamba Gaykamangu and Dr Michael Christie with CDU's Yolngu Studies team.

Yolngu work wins award



ONE of Australia's leading educators has been recognised for his ground-breaking work in integrating Yolngu culture and practices into tertiary teaching.

Associate Professor Michael Christie, of Charles Darwin University's School of Education, was awarded the 2008 Senior Australian Teaching and Learning Fellowship, valued at \$300,000, at an awards seminar at CDU's Casuarina campus last Wednesday.

The program, planned by Dr Christie, titled *Teaching from Country*, is a reversal of the conventional distance learning set-up.

"The project plans to have students on campus and Aboriginal knowledge workers on country in their remote communities, teaching languages and culture, including Indigenous art," Dr Christie said.

"The project will integrate and extend three ongoing collaborative research programs which have worked on the use of digital technology for traditional knowledge work, supporting homeland communities with internet

connectivity, and professionalising Yolngu consultants and researchers," he said.

"The use of digital technology in this project will provide not only a video link between remote teachers and students on-campus, but a means of communicating Indigenous

'The project plans to have students on campus and Aboriginal knowledge workers on country in their remote communities, teaching languages and culture, including Indigenous art'

knowledge workers' environment and the way that they organise it."

Dr Christie said it was the organisation of objects that would create a pathway to understanding of alternative knowledge systems.

During the awards seminar, CDU also recognised the 12 years of service by Yolngu languages co-ordinator and culture adviser Waymamba Gaykamangu.

Dr Christie and Waymamba Gaykamangu were a part of the team recognised in 2005 with Australia's highest teaching award, the Prime Minister's Award for University Teacher of the Year, for the Yolngu Studies program.

Head of the Australian Learning and Teaching Council Professor Richard Johnson looked in on the awards seminar via video link.

CDU Vice-Chancellor Professor Helen Garnett congratulated Dr Christie on the achievement.

"This is a great honour for Michael and his Indigenous I co-workers and demonstrates CDU's commitment to leading-edge education," she said.

"The award supports Charles Darwin University's stated commitment in its Futures Framework to be the best in Australia in Indigenous participation and relevance and to incorporate Indigenous perspectives and needs into mainstream University activities."



JAMES BRIGGS



IRENE McBRIDE

Graduates take pride in colours



INDIGENOUS students were proud to show their colours during a recent University of Southern Queensland Fraser Coast graduation ceremony.

The 2.3-metre-long red, black and yellow stoles, worn over the academic robes, distinguished the three Indigenous graduands present from fellow graduands during the ceremony.

Almost 120 Fraser Coast graduands received their formal qualifications during the ceremony in Maryborough, Queensland.

James Briggs was awarded a Diploma in Community Welfare and Development, Stacey Cochrane received a Bachelor of Education degree in Early Childhood, and Charlene McQuilty received a Bachelor of Education Primary.

Butchulla Elder Marie Wilkinson welcomed guests to country and expressed her pride in the Indigenous graduands.

A fourth student, who could not attend the ceremony, was Irene McBride. She received a Master of Education in Early Childhood and is now considering studying for a PhD.



CHARLENE McQUILTY

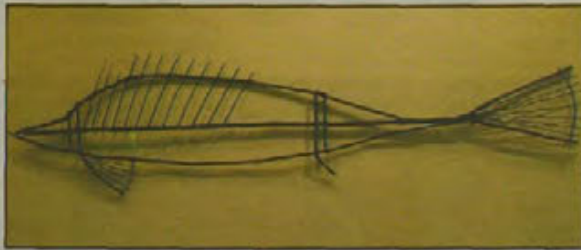


STACEY COCHRANE

Barramundi artwork hooks students



STUDENTS from Chatswood Public School, Sydney, are exhibiting a collection of paintings, works on paper and quirky sculptures that 'pay homage' to Aboriginal art and culture. The exhibition *Collaboration and Celebration* runs until 11 July in the Foyer Exhibition Space, 31 Victor Street, Chatswood. Part of the Guringai Festival, it consists of works by students in response to a life-size Barramundi carved from privet by local Indigenous artist Shana Haurama.



Above: This artwork, titled *Barramundi*, is by Indigenous artist Shane Haurama.

Right: Some of the works created from pipe cleaners by students from Chatswood Public School in Sydney.



Throughout the creation of their artworks, students attended a series of art activities and workshops, conducted by Willoughby City Council with the assistance of local artist Kathie Najar, and discovered the richness and diversity of Aboriginal culture.

The exhibition, featuring the

barramundi, ranges from individualised clay sculptures to paintings, etchings, and a series of hanging artworks.

The paintings are rich in imagery, some are reminiscent of art from the Central Desert with an abundance of dots while the etchings are quite different in style as a result of the technique

of making intricate marks on the surface.

Also included in the exhibition are hanging sculptures made from pipe cleaners.

Encouraged

The students were encouraged to engage with Mr Haurama's carving and replicate

the model of the barramundi. This was achieved on a much smaller scale and with individual points of view.

"This project has been a wonderful opportunity for both council and students from Chatswood Public School," said Willoughby Mayor Pat Reilly. "The students have

responded with tremendous imagination and passion and their artworks are filled with energy, life and colour."

The exhibition illustrates the aims of the Guringai Festival – that is, to bring Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people together and celebrate Aboriginal culture and heritage.

No minuses at Napranum

By Cairns Correspondent
CHRISTINE HOWES



PLACING less emphasis on calculation and more on the role of games and parents was the focus of a recent visit to Napranum by two QUT lecturers in mathematics education.

"Maths can be fun" was the unofficial catchphrase of the two days of activities last month designed to take the fear out of a subject that few people are comfortable or familiar with.

Professor Tom Cooper and Senior Lecturer Annette Baturo have worked in other communities, including Palm Island and Woorabinda.

The pair, along with Parents as First Teachers (PAFT), hosted an evening of strategy games – 'not really maths, but thinking' – at a local school, followed by a morning of making and taking away games for young ones the next day.

PAFT is a program unique in Queensland at Napranum and Weipa, aimed specifically at supporting parents in getting their children to school.

Co-ordinators Yvette Carter and Leticia Murgha said it was all about building capacities and improving confidence.

"At the end of the day the result is better and improved outcomes for Indigenous students and their families," Ms Murgha said.

Professor Cooper and Ms Baturo said it was the first time they had worked almost exclusively with parents instead of children.

Ms Baturo said it had been a great opportunity for them to emphasise the importance of parents' roles in tackling maths.



Seated, from left, Professor Tom Cooper, Anna Motton, Frederick Wheeler, Messaya Glanville, Annette Baturo, Heather Miller, Nadja Pilkington, Katie Pilkington and Dominic Wheeler. Standing, from left, Yvette Carter, Loretta Glanville, Leticia Murgha and Joyce Brown.

"It's the same for all kids. I don't know Napranum kids as well as I know Woorabinda or Palm Island, but for Indigenous kids it's just the lack of preparedness that you have for non-Indigenous kids," she said.

"I think it's that notion of going to school has been around for longer, so it's partly that I think it's also the parents themselves

probably haven't had enough education, and certainly not maths education.

"And it's not about how to do it but how to teach it, knowing how to teach it and knowing what's important is half your battle."

Professor Cooper said the emphasis on strategy games was about teaching people how to think.

"There is in the world a very large

number of games that are used to train children in thinking and we played a variety of them," he said.

"A strategy game is one where you have to think to win it but it doesn't involve computation in any way so a common strategy game that everyone knows would be chess or draughts.

"They are related to mathematics because the basis of maths is logic and high-quality thinking."

Professor Cooper said Aboriginal children did well in strategy games.

"Mathematics is about solving the world's problems and computation is a part of that, but it's also about how to think clearly, how to solve problems and do things," he said.

"I think Aboriginal children can do very well in strategy games, and a lot of the games we played were invented by Indigenous people, they were Indigenous people's games.

"The only problem is that some Indigenous people have no experience of playing games at home so it was fairly new to them and that's a difficulty."

Weipa mum Nadja Pilkington said the project had been 'fantastic'.

"I think it's an excellent opportunity for parents to get involved with their children's learning and I'd really like to encourage more parents to come along and learn," she said.

Grandmother Heather Miller, from Napranum, said she also wanted to see more young mothers getting involved.

"This morning we had a really good time and we hope that a lot of mothers will come and do the same thing as us, what we're doing with the children," she said.

"They all the time want to play it now. I know my little grandson, he likes to play and he's in the prep class and he's very active."



Parents as First Teachers Queensland Co-ordinators Yvette Carter and Leticia Murgha.

Funding the future



ONE of Queensland's most prestigious private schools, Brisbane Boys' College, has launched a fund to boost the number of scholarships it can offer to disadvantaged Indigenous students.

The Brisbane Boys' College Indigenous Fund will enable more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in need to study at the school, at Toowong in Brisbane's west.

Three Indigenous students from Mornington Island, in the Gulf of Carpentaria, and one each from Mackay, in central Queensland, and Moree, in north-west New South Wales, are currently attending the college as boarders.

Year 12 student Dane Gagai came to BBC from his home in Mackay last year. His achievements include being named captain this year of the school's First XV rugby union side and topping the table of grade point average improvers over the whole of Years 10, 11 and 12.

The college aims to expand the Indigenous scholarship program, which is partially funded by the Federal Government's Abstudy program, and raise \$2.5 million for the trust fund from private and corporate benefactors.

Queensland Chief Justice Paul de Jersey has been appointed patron of the fund,



From left, Brisbane Boys' College Headmaster Graeme McDonald, Indigenous students Clargie Saltmere and Dane Gagai and Chief Justice Paul de Jersey.

which is conducted under the umbrella of the Brisbane Boys' College Foundation.

The Indigenous fund also includes ambassadors from politics, business and Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

College Headmaster Graeme McDonald said the fund was an ideal way to help promote understanding between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other

Australians. He said the Indigenous scholarship fund would also incorporate the traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as part of the curriculum at the college.

"Brisbane Boys' College wants to nurture and expand the knowledge of Indigenous cultures and encourage their recognition by the wider community," he said.

St Joseph's College, at Hunters Hill in

Sydney, has enjoyed success with its Indigenous fund, upon which the BBC Indigenous Fund is modelled. St Joseph's now educates 40 Indigenous boys each year.

St Joseph's fund patron, former Governor-General Sir William Deane, believes it's a wonderful example of grassroots reconciliation in action.

"Its whole basis lies in an acceptance that education is both the key and the hope in so far as the future of Indigenous Australians is concerned," he said.

The BBC Indigenous Fund has been supported by Lloyd McDermott, Australia's first Aboriginal barrister and the first Indigenous player selected to play rugby union for Australia.

Reconciliation Council co-founder Jackie Huggins, Queensland Education Minister Rod Wellford and many business identities are among the ambassadors to the fund.

Former Australian rugby union player and ex-Brisbane Boys' College school captain Mitchell Palm is the fundraising officer for the program.

He said the aim of the fund was to create a 'sustainable, ongoing program for Indigenous students to be able to attend the school'.

Donations to the college Indigenous fund are tax deductible.



The 2008 winner, Jason Howell, signing the deed with SA Employment, Training and Further Education Minister Paul Caica while last year's inaugural winner, Rebecca Richards, looks on.

Jason wins scholarship

By GABRIELLE FRANKLIN



FOR Jason Howell, helping communities has been a passion since a young age.

The 29-year-old has been selected as just the second winner of the annual Terry Roberts Memorial Scholarship for Indigenous Australians.

This stems from Mr Howell's first efforts in helping his community,

when he worked as an employment consultant in Broken Hill.

Mr Howell said he hoped his accomplishment would show young Aboriginal students that they could achieve more than what had been portrayed in the past in the media.

"I am hoping to be a bit of a role model," said the first-year University of Adelaide student.

After completing his Bachelor of Arts, majoring in psychology, Mr Howell said he planned to support young Aboriginal people by working

in regional communities as a clinical psychologist or school counsellor.

The scholarship will provide Mr Howell with assistance to meet living and study-related costs of up to \$8000 over four years. It is awarded in memory of the late SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Terry Roberts.

Employment, Training and Further Education Minister Paul Caica said he was pleased that Mr Howell was determined to support Aboriginal people and communities through their future careers.

WA parents told to get kids in early



THE West Australian Department of Education and Training is calling on Aboriginal

families to enrol their children in kindergarten and pre-primary classes for next year before the 25 July deadline.

Children turning four on or before 30 June next year can start kindergarten in 2009, while those who turn five on or before 30 June next year can start pre-primary.

Susanne Benjamin, who has been an Aboriginal education specialist teacher at Cable Beach Primary School, near Broome, since 2003, said it was important for Aboriginal families to ensure they were 'school ready'.

"The number of school-aged Aboriginal children in WA is increasing, but we're not seeing those figures translate into increased enrolment numbers at schools," she said.

"We want to get the message out to as many people as possible that parents need to apply for enrolment now, so their child doesn't miss out next year."

As well as distributing flyers and postcards issued by the department, the

primary school has introduced local strategies to boost Aboriginal participation in their early childhood education programs.

"Every year the school hosts a big barbecue for families with children of enrolment age," Ms Benjamin said.

"We talk to them about what school is going to be like, and they can have a look around to get comfortable with the school environment."

'Zero to four'

The school also offers a 'Zero to Four' program to prepare younger Aboriginal children and their families for kindergarten and schooling.

The program is in its second year, and provides a combination of play and discovery activities for children, as well as support and information for parents in partnership with local community and health services.

When applying for enrolment, parents need to bring their child's birth certificate, immunisation records and proof of current address.

For more information on enrolment, parents can visit their local primary school, district high school or community kindergarten or contact the department.

Message and the medium

By JENNY FRASER



THIS year's Barunga Festival in the Northern Territory was historically important because it marked the 20th anniversary of the time when then-Prime Minister Bob Hawke was presented with the historic Barunga Statement.

The bark petition, painted to represent country, outlined a call for sovereignty and highlighted a pro-active way for the Government to engage with Aboriginal people on a national level.

That was 1988 and Bob Hawke, touched by the gesture, responded with a promise of concluding a treaty between Aborigines and other Australians by 1990.

The wish hasn't been fulfilled and few Federal politicians attended this year's anniversary, but some of the original bark painters and leaders like Wali Wunungmurra, Pat Dodson and Galarwuy Yunupingu are holding strong.

Treaty call revived

This year at Barunga, the call for a treaty was revived by some people who live in communities affected by the NT intervention's income quarantining and other new rules imposed for the new 'super shires' rearrangement – people such as Lisa Mumbin and Malarndirri McCarthy.

The Barunga Festival is one of Australia's major and longest-running Indigenous community festivals. It is celebrated each year over the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

This year was the first time the festival was managed by an Aboriginal Corporation, the Jawoyn Association with Mia Christophersen as the Festival Director.

Music is the highlight of the event, with contemporary and traditional musicians and dancers performing from all over the Northern Territory and beyond, including Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter alongside Narbalek, Shellie Morris, Springwater, Wildflower, B2M, a battle of the bands competition, gospel singers and many more.

Proving that art is still a strong aspect of the festival, the Barunga Art Prizes were awarded over the weekend, hanging in the gallery proudly alongside a life-sized copy of the original Barunga Statement.

Independently judged by NT Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour and an ANZ representative to include \$7000 worth of prizes, the gallery was a feature of the festival that was frequently revisited by countrymen.

The David Blanas Acquisitive Art Prize went to Marcus Blanas, of Beswick, for his work *Kunlabbarl*.

Dorothy Bienanwangu Dullman took out the Three-Dimensional Art Prize for her exquisite woven pandanus mat, and the Paddy Fordham Emerging Artist Award was won by 13-year-old Jason Armstrong Ashley for *Turtle and Lily Pads*.

Other cultural activities including bungul (dance), a Yidaki competition, bush tucker walks, artist-in-residence programs, outdoor cinema, storytelling, bush toys, spear throwing and other demonstrations were all regular elements of the festival, along with special appearances from Yamba the Honey Ant.

A full sports program ran throughout and attracted participants from remote and urban communities throughout the Territory competed in football, basketball, softball and athletics.

Visitors camped during the festival with opportunities to meet and talk to residents.



The Kalkaringi and Central Desert Dancers.



Aaron Pedersen congratulates Jason Armstrong Ashley, winner of the Barunga Emerging Artist Prize. Jason won for an acrylic work on canvas.



A flying fox artwork by Chilean artist Tedy Masero in collaboration with the Barunga community.



An illuminated Mimi figure.



Marcus Blanas's *Kunlabbarl – Freshwater Crocodile*, which won the D Blanas Barunga Art Prize.



The Ngukurr Bulldogs won the festival's footy competition.



Ruby Hunter was amongst the musical performers.



● LEFT: Dorothy Bienanwangu Dullman's woven pandanus mat won the three-dimensional category of the Barunga Art Prize.

Potters hone their skills



Central Australian potter Heidwig Mokebaringa finishes one of her latest works.

Photo courtesy of Charles Darwin University



INTERNATIONALLY recognised potters from central Australia have been honing their techniques at Charles Darwin University's Alice Springs art facilities.

Eight of the women who make up the group known as the Hermannsburg Potters, based at the community (also known as Ntaria) west of Alice Springs, have just completed a week-long design course on site.

They developed new surface treatment for their world-famous hand-made terracotta pots which are sold and exhibited throughout the world.

Many pots fetch five-figure sums on the international market. A rush on the pots before their display at a recent Melbourne exhibition is typical of the group's popularity.

Most of their work reflects Dreamtime and bush-forest themes, and features figures of birds, animals and lizards sculptured on to the bodies and lids.

Hermannsburg, a former Lutheran mission, is home to the Arrernte community and birthplace of the artist Albert Namatjira, who, like the potters, was influenced by the teaching of art skills at the mission.

Contact with CDU was initiated after the women decided to further their skills during the

re-development of their Hermannsburg pottery.

Through informal channels, CDU art lecturer Henry Smith and the group's manager, Dr Margaret White, established contact and explored training options.

Art lecturer Suzi Lyon agreed to work with the women and a customised program was developed exploring ceramic and print-making techniques which could be applied easily to their works.

Dr White described the program as a success, with the women enjoying their time and gaining many new skills.

'Outstanding'

"Suzi was outstanding in how she worked closely with the potters and we are very grateful for her support," she said.

And Ms Lyon said she valued her time with the women.

"I enjoyed my time with them listening to their singing and learning language, and they are of course great artists," she said.

"We have explored some different techniques that they may choose to incorporate into their work."

Potter Heidwig Mokebaringa said she enjoyed her time at the university.

"Suzi shows us the different styles of painting. I really like being here learning new things," she said.



THE 2008 Message Sticks Film Festival will tour around the country free of charge this month and next, starting on 5-7 July at the Sydney Opera House.

A celebration of Australia's unique culture, Message Sticks will examine the state of play in Indigenous Australia with 12 documentary and short films by established and emerging Indigenous directors.

Curated by Rachel Perkins and Darren Dale, from Blackfella Films, their ninth film program will ask some questions about Indigenous Australia including: What should be celebrated? What still needs to be addressed? and Where to now?

"Our program this year reflects the big questions being asked by Australians about Black Australia," says Dale. "Aboriginal film-makers use the lens to capture the feelings and thoughts of our people, talking about their lives at a turning point in our nation's history. Message Sticks allows the nation to hear our stories and talk to the film-makers who have opened the window to Black Australia."

Perkins said: "We are thrilled to be able to bring audiences closer to the film-makers who have made these films. In each State we will have directors and some of the films' subjects at the screenings to answer those questions audiences never get to ask."

Darlene Johnson's documentary *River of No Return* is a film highlight. A story of change and transformation, this film follows

Message Sticks on the road

Frances Djulibing (*Ten Canoes*) as she strives to achieve her dream – of becoming a Hollywood movie star.

After the Brisbane, Darwin and Mount Gambier screenings there will be a question and answer session with director Darlene

Johnson and Frances Djulibing.

Another highlight will be *Mad Morro*, a documentary from director Kelrick Martin. This story about familial love follows James Morris as he returns to Taree (NSW) after 13 years in prison.

Director Rima Tamou profiles political activist Joyce Clague and her husband in *When Colin Met Joyce*. The marriage of Colin and Joyce Clague has been a 40-year journey. They thrive on maintaining cultural teachings, breaking down barriers, speaking out politically, and focusing on the bigger picture. Their passions and struggles inspire a true sense of reconciliation. In Perth and Melbourne following the film, the producer Pauline Clague will talk to the audience about the work.

Allan Collins uncovers real-life phenomena from the 1940s and 50s in *Spirit Stones*. Noongar Elders reveal phenomenal events of the 1940s and 1950s in the south-west of Western Australia, when mysterious stones fell for hours, days and weeks. Memories of the Noongar storytellers are linked to places of importance as images and sounds radiate feeling.

All films will be screened at all venues. Check local session guides for details.

- Canberra, 12 and 19 July, The National Film and Sound Archive
- Brisbane, 17-23 July, Gallery of Modern Art
- Perth, 24-26 July, Cinema Paradiso
- Melbourne, 1-3 August, Bunjilaka Centre at Melbourne Museum
- Adelaide, 7-9 August, Tandanya, National Aboriginal Cultural Institute
- Darwin, 21-22 August, Deckchair Cinema
- Mt Gambier, 28-30 August, Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre.



Participants in the Master Printmakers Series at Umbrella Studio, from left, are film-maker Ben Southwell, artist and workshop facilitator Alick Tipoti, Raneitta Lind, Maverick Fox, Aicey Zaro, Seryanna Gabey and Ian Gabey.

Master artist shares skills

Story by ALF WILSON in Townsville



ALICK Tipoti doesn't mind sharing his considerable artistic talent. The Torres Strait Islander artist recently facilitated a five-day, intensive master class workshop for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people who live and work in the Townsville region.

Eight people took part last month in the first of three in a series of such classes for printmakers at Umbrella Studio in Townsville. Studio Director Vicki Salisbury said the range of ages, skills and experience of participants was diverse.

Some had never worked with printmaking while others had some experience.

"The work that resulted was of an extremely high quality, with Maverick Fox, an 18-year-old emerging artist from Palm Island, producing eight superb works," Ms Salisbury said.

'Natural talents'

"And Ian Gabey, from Mer (Murray Island), did not consider himself a visual artist. However, after completing five extremely detailed linos, he will continue to develop his natural talents."

Ms Salisbury said lino printing was a wonderful medium for artists to work in because it was inexpensive and

accessible. "The students are really motivated and the high level of work amazed everyone involved," she said.

"They were really fortunate to be able to work with Alick. He is a generous teacher and great role model."

"Arts Queensland has supported us with the funding for this project and this has been a significant success."

"With the extraordinary talent and enthusiasm we've seen emerge from only one week, it is clear that Townsville could become a notable centre for Indigenous printmakers."

The next workshop will run from 8-13 August, with master printmakers Arone Meeks and Theo Tremblay.



Carving lino in the Studio at Umbrella, from left, are Raneitta Lind, Alick Tipoti, Ian Gabey, Aicey Zaro, Seryanna Gabey and Maverick Fox.

Growing interest in Replant



WHILE global warming and climate change dominate the news, plants that prosper through extreme climate conditions will be celebrated in a new exhibition in Sydney.

Replant - a new generation of botanical art, featuring the works of six diverse and renowned artists, will be on show at Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens from this Saturday until 15 August.

Acting Executive Director of the Botanic Gardens Trust, Bernard Carlon, said the exhibition of 26 limited-edition etchings showcased botanical prints of plants that survived through monsoonal rains, dry weather and wild fires.

"The prints were produced by the artists who visited the Top End of Australia, gathering at the Daly River, 230km south-west of Darwin, to investigate the scientific, cultural and social aspects of Indigenous plant species," Mr Carlon said.

"They worked on the project for two weeks alongside ethno-botanist Glenn Wightman, who provided them with an insight into the traditional knowledge of the custodians."

"*Replant* reflects the traditional role of women as gatherers of food and holders of knowledge, combined with the rise of printmaking as a significant medium for Indigenous artists."

The launch of the *Replant* exhibition at Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens coincides with NAIDOC Week celebrations that got under way nationwide from Sunday.

Mr Carlon said the *Replant* exhibition was "another way we can celebrate the vibrance of Indigenous culture and the Indigenous contribution to modern Australia".

"Glenn Wightman, an ethno-botanist with 25 years' experience in the Northern Territory, provided the six *Replant* artists with an informative guide of protocols and knowledge systems, which interweave cultural and geographical boundaries," he said.

The first few days of the artists' journey to producing their prints began with meetings in the bush with traditional owners. After that they produced drawings and prints at Merrepen Art Centre.

"Cultural stories, plant use and scientific knowledge were then distilled together on zinc plates in an acutely observed survey of flora and the Top End environment," Mr Carlon said.

The *Replant* artists are: Fiona Hall (SA), Judy Watson (QLD), and Winsome Jobling, Deborah Wurrkidj, Marita Sambono, Irene Mungatopi, and photographer Peter Eve, all of the Northern Territory.

The exhibition is a Nomad Art Productions and Artback NT: Arts Development and Touring exhibition.

● *Replant* - a new generation of botanical art at the Red Box Gallery, National Herbarium of NSW, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney (entry via Reception) until 15 August. Open this weekend (5-6 July), then weekdays only from 10am until 4pm. Entry is free.



Judy Watson's 2006 etching on paper *Batwing coral tree, red bean tree* is among 26 etchings featured in the *Replant* exhibition.

Exhibition a family affair



AN exhibition of works created by renowned Victorian Indigenous artist Vicki Couzens and four generations of her family will lead NAIDOC Week celebrations at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre at the Melbourne Museum.

The exhibition is called Ngathook mangnoorroo watanoo... ('I come from...') and will run from 11 July to 12 October.

It will showcase paintings, photos, sculptures and artefacts that tell the story of the Couzens family clan, a Keeray Wurrong/Gunditjmarra family from the Western district of Victoria.

The family's strong creative spirit spans four generations, from Ms Couzens' parents to her grandchildren. The exhibition explores the family's history and relationships with each other, offering a reflection on Aboriginal identity and culture.

"This is a rare opportunity to show a broad collection of artworks from one Aboriginal family clan," said Bunjilaka Manager Caroline Martin.

"The Couzens family is an amazingly talented network of artists, and we are proud to have these works displayed as part of Bunjilaka's NAIDOC Week program.

"Land, language and identity are central themes in this series of

artworks from my family.

"Art and cultural practice is an integral part in keeping our traditions and culture alive and strong. It is a legacy for the future – to know who you are and where you come from."

The Couzens' artistic tradition started with Nicholas Couzens, who painted portraits, nudes and landscapes in the early to mid-1900s in and around the Port Campbell/Peterborough area.

Uncle Stan Couzens became a well-known painter in his later years, while Auntie Zelda Couzens was a renowned basket weaver.

Currently, family members Vicki Couzens, Gavin Couzens and Bronwyn Razem are practising artists. Vicki is an award-winning artist, with work represented in collections across Australia.

"The Couzens family exhibition is an inspiring way to mark Bunjilaka's celebration of NAIDOC Week," Ms Martin said.

"We will also be presenting Songlines, a program of Indigenous music and performance, including the Grenadines and Vic Simms, on Saturday 5 July at Melbourne Museum."

The Melbourne Museum is in Nicholson Street, Carlton. Open 10am-5pm daily.

Admission: \$6 Adults, children and concession free.



A Vicki Couzens painting.



Students studying Aboriginal art at the Lismore TAFE with some of their works.

Students put flair on show

By DARREN COYNE



STUDENTS at Lismore TAFE in northern NSW have

displayed their artistic flair with an exhibition they have dedicated to a former student who passed away.

For many of the 16 students at the Lismore campus of TAFE, the exhibition titled *Dirrawong* (meaning Goanna) was the first time they had placed their work on public display.

Aboriginal Support Officer Ros Sten said the Certificate III in Aboriginal Art course covered various styles of artistic expression, including the use of paint, ceramics, screen-printing and sculpture.

Perspective

As well, students are taught art history from an Aboriginal perspective, and also learn the best ways to market their works.

Ms Sten said the ANZ Bank had bought work from students last year which would be toured around in Australia in coming months.

And in a first for the banking industry, the ANZ is issuing banking cards which feature Indigenous artwork from Lismore students.

When opening the exhibition, Ms Sten paid tribute to former student Carmel Knight, a 'significant person in the group'.

Ms Knight, 65, had been involved at Lismore TAFE for a number of years before passing away this year. Her sister, Narelle Knight, is a student this year.

Ms Sten said art class had provided an outlet for Carmel Knight during the time she was not well.



Stephen Phillips and Narelle Knight, of Lismore, with Narelle's mosaic work *Goanna Flow*.



ABOVE: Rouline Ferguson, of Wardell, with her painting titled *Crabs*.



LEFT: Daphne Kal-ma-kuta Dux, of Bribie Island, Queensland, with her sculpture. Ms Dux was the winner of the Aboriginal section in the Coraki Art Prize last year.

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Karla McGrady, centre, with her mum Helen Duroux and sister Nicole.

Artist's works are the stuff of dreams

ARTISTS glean inspiration from all kinds of places. For Kamilaroi woman, Karla McGrady (Pengilly), that inspiration comes from her dreams.

Ms McGrady has been painting for two years and, with encouragement from her friends, recently made the leap from giving her paintings to friends and family as gifts to

showing them in public.

She is now showcasing her talent with an art exhibition at a local coffee lounge in Toowoomba, southern Queensland.

Born and bred in Tenterfield, northern NSW, into the large McGrady clan from Boggabilla, Ms McGrady says each colourful piece is something she dreams

about, and it lives in her head until she paints it on canvas – hence the name of her exhibition *I Dream in Colour*.

The exhibition works are on display and for sale at the Oxygen Café in Ruthven Street, Toowoomba, until 13 July.

Inquiries can be made to Ms McGrady via email kariamcgrady@hotmail.com

Best in the region showing their art

NSW A NEW exhibition which showcases some leading Indigenous artists of the north coast of NSW will open in the region during NAIDOC Week.

Identity: Indigenous Art of the North Coast will open at Grafton Regional Gallery next Friday, 11 July.

The show encompasses a body of work curated by Indigenous artist and curator Alison Williams, and will feature work by another ten established Indigenous artists: Digby Moran, Frances Belle Parker, Karla Dickens, Garth Lena, Bevan Skinner, Chico Monks, Robert Appo, Natalie Bateman, Les Murdoch and Orsi Roberts.

The exhibition aims to identify and promote excellence in contemporary Indigenous art whilst gaining an insight into the more personal themes explored by each individual artist as they express their identity.

Next Friday's opening will be a morning tea starting at 10am, and will feature a performance by the Bundjalung Dance



Bevan Skinner holds his work *Stars of Banyabba* (2006).

Photo by Cher Breeze

Troupe, a smoking ceremony by Rex Marshall and art activities with artists from the exhibition.

A colour catalogue has been produced to support the exhibition and will be available

at the gallery throughout the show.

Identity will show at Grafton Regional Gallery in Fitzroy Street, Grafton, from 9 July-10 August.

Western Desert art hits Sydney



AUDIENCES at the Australian Museum in Sydney will be transported to the epicentre of Western

Desert Aboriginal culture when an exhibition opens on Saturday.

The exhibition – *Papunya Painting: Out of the Desert* – will feature a stunning collection of rarely seen artworks. Organisers say it will answer questions people have been wanting to ask about this unique style of Indigenous art.

The exhibition will run until 2 November. For the first time in a major public exhibition, *Papunya Painting: Out of the Desert* brings together some of the early masterpieces of the renowned Papunya Tula art movement that spanned the 1970s and early 1980s.

Set against the backdrop of their 'desert studio' at Papunya, in the Northern Territory, Central and Western Desert artists created a body of work that transformed understandings of Aboriginal art.

On large canvases and suitcase-sized boards, they experimented with colour and style to tell their Dreaming stories linked to land, nation, people and history while uncovering the perpetuation of a living culture.

Developed and presented by the National Museum of Australia, in Canberra, almost 50,000 people visited the exhibition while it was open last year.

Now Sydney audiences will have the opportunity to view 37 of these paintings and 24 cultural objects.

Many of the paintings are 2m tall and 3m wide.

While Papunya-style art and 'dot

patterning' has become identified with Australia, few people are aware of the history, culture and rituals behind the development of this signature painting style.

Consultation and collaboration with community Elders, artists and arts advisers has endowed the exhibition with stories and opinions that help to provide a cultural and historical context for these works.

From stories of ancestral ties and

cultural landscapes to religious, social and family relationships, they reveal the lives and experiences of the artists who made them.

Exhibition Curator Vivien Johnson said: "The paintings in this exhibition are classic 1970s Papunya paintings, layered like the skins of an onion and all with depths of meaning awaiting discovery."

"Visitors to *Papunya Painting: Out of the Desert* will experience some of the early masterpieces from the Papunya Tula Artists company, acclaimed nationally and internationally as one of the most extraordinary artistic phenomena of the late 20th and early 21st centuries."

● *Papunya Painting: Out of the Desert* opens at the Australian Museum on 5 July (until 2 November). Admission (including general museum entry): \$15 adult, \$10 concession / WYD08 pilgrims; \$7 child (five-15 years); free for children under five years of age.

Opening hours for exhibition: 9:30am-5pm seven days a week.

● **WARNING:** Visitors should be aware that this exhibition includes images and names of deceased people that may cause sadness or distress to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



The Two Women Dreaming, 1975, by Shorty Lungkarta Tjungurrayi. Synthetic polymer paint on canvas 1652 x 496mm.

Fest goes nuclear



A FILM about proposed Northern Territory nuclear dumping grounds and Aboriginal community reaction to them will screen this

weekend during the Activating Human Rights film festival at Byron Bay, on the NSW far north coast.

Director/producer Tara Jones

will attend the screening of her 33-minute documentary, *Nowhere Here in the Middle*, from 10am on Saturday 5 July at the Byron Community and Cultural Centre.

Made last year, the film asks viewers to consider if the Government wanted to build a radioactive waste dump in your backyard and changed the law to make it happen and told you it was perfectly safe, what would you do?

The film's title refers to what some people may perceive as 'the middle of nowhere', but which some Aboriginal people call 'home'.

A proposed radioactive waste dump in an 'unused' area of the Northern Territory is an integral component of the Federal Government's plan to expand Australia's nuclear industry.

Jones' film takes viewers to

the area in question to meet and listen to the people who live there.

"Far from being 'nowhere', this land provides life and well-being to its inhabitants. People not only cherish their 'country', they understand it. They also understand the long-term implications of a nuclear waste dump," the director said said.

The Activating Human Rights festival is the finale to the Activating Human Rights and Peace Conference, and will be held on 4-5 July at the Byron Community and Cultural Centre.

The festival aims to expose and examine human rights issues and abuses, and provide an insight into people's lives and situations both in Australia and around the globe.

"The films we selected do not focus solely on the negative; they

seek solutions and show how individuals can create some form of positive change in a world that is experiencing a range of social injustices," said festival director J'aimée Skippon-Volke.

Other films featured during the festival include *Plum Blossom in Snow*, an insight to the adversity the Falun Gong movement has faced in China; *A Soldier's Peace*, where a US soldier returns from Iraq and initiates a personal peace movement; *Sliding Liberia*, a story of war, peace and surfing – a surf road movie with a difference; plus a vibrant collection of short films by local film-makers.

Tickets to film sessions start at \$5 a person. More information on the festival and films can be found by visiting the website www.activatinghumanrights.com.au



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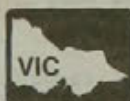
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3rd October 2008

Gwen Garoni's works come from the heart



KOORI artist Gwen Garoni has just held her first solo painting exhibition – at the ripe old age of 75.

She showed her work at

the Bundoora Homestead Art Centre at Bundoora, in Melbourne's north-east, in a show titled *Gwen Garoni: A Koori Elder's Perspective*. The exhibition closed at the weekend.

Born in Prahran in 1933, Ms Garoni is a descendant of the Taungurong people of north-east Victoria.

In 2005, she took up painting and joined the Indigenous Arts Unit at RMIT University, studying for a Certificate IV in Visual Arts and Contemporary Craft.

Her art is grounded in her love of country.

"I can trace my family roots right back to the land around Yea, the country where my ancestors were once the owners," she said.

"I feel differently about that land to how white people whose families have been there for just a few generations do, for I know my connection goes back thousands and thousands of years."

Sharon West, who teaches in the Indigenous Arts Unit, said that Ms Garoni took people 'on a pictorial journey of the Yarra Valley, her tribal Taungurong country'.

"Her work is a celebration of landscape, and offers a personal perspective and artistic vision that has been formed by an intimate knowledge of the land," Ms West said.

"Aunty Gwen also applies a pictorial narrative, expressing aspects of Koori domestic life as well as childhood memories of trips to the beach and the country."

"Various narratives depict life at Corenderk Aboriginal Reserve as well as contemporary farming scenes."

Ms Garoni has been a finalist in the Daffodil Art Award and the Victorian

Indigenous Arts Prize, exhibited in *Koori Elders Talkin' Up Country* at the Counihan Gallery in Brunswick and featured in the *Footprints Through the Bush* Elders group show at the Melbourne Museum in February 2007.



GWEN GARONI



One of Gwen Garoni's artworks.

Photos courtesy of RMIT

Gloria Fletcher Thankupi, Fishermen 2007

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News



Men get the message



MEN'S health can be a serious business, but workers from Wuchopperen Health Service in Cairns know there are ways to make it less so.

Last month, as part of Men's Health Week '08, the Cairns health organisation create a relaxed and family friendly atmosphere at an expo to deliver important health messages to local men.

An official launch kicked off the gathering, which focussed on some key issues including mental health, prostate health and cancer awareness, testosterone deficiency, and seeing your doctor (GP).

Wuchopperen CEO Michael White said the event 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'.

"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 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 and shouldn't 'tough it out' or 'go it alone'.

"It's important for us as a community to be aware of the health and well-being issues that men face day-to-day," said Men's Health and Well-Being Officer Bernard David.

"This week is about men's health, but it's also about our families and their health and that we as families need 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."



Dr Mark Wenitong talks about the importance of men's health and how important it is for men to get health checks.



TAFE Indigenous support officer Daniel Geia, left, with Marlon Hill, from Wuchopperen.



● ABOVE: Robert Cockatoo and Carl Briscoe with members of the Mamu Medical Service team, Innisfail.



● LEFT: From left, Gerald Hobbler and Neville Hobbler, from Kuranda, with Stephen Creek, of Cairns.

Photos by
LEIGH HARRIS



● ABOVE: Bernard Sabadi with daughter Mea Sabadi.

● LEFT: From left, stars of the show Mark Oliver, Andrew Mathison and Danny Benjamin.



● LEFT: Back, from left, Rene and Darryl Simpson with Jane David and Rowan.

● RIGHT: Wuchopperen's Paul Ferris cooking up a storm.

● FAR RIGHT TOP: Jane Mairu, substance abuse worker at Wuchopperen, with grand-daughter Mary-Sha Mairu.

● FAR RIGHT BOTTOM: Tennyson Kynuna and Patrick Hunter.



Life-savers honoured

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



TWO Indigenous north Queensland men have been awarded gold stars by Transplant Australia for each donating a

kidney to save a life.

Ayr-based Joe Henaway, 56, and Bowen Elder Jim Gaston, 55, proved genuine good Samaritans, both undergoing painful surgery to donate a kidney.

In 1992, Mr Henaway donated one

of his organs to his brother Charlie, who is now 60.

"When you donate a kidney, they say it has a life span of 15 years and Charlie had his checked medically last year and it is as good as gold," Mr Henaway told *The Koori Mail*. "It is good to be recognised."

Mr Henaway lives a healthy life and is a quality golfer, having won the Henaway Cup tournament.

It was a billion-to-one chance when Mr Gaston got to donate one of his kidneys to a Bowen co-worker who was seriously ill back in 2001.

At the time, Mr Gaston was the long-serving Giru Dala Council of Elders Aboriginal Corporation Cultural Heritage Officer where 37-year-old Charmaine Mansfield was the administrator.

Only hope

Ms Mansfield suffered from chronic renal failure. She had been on daily dialysis since 1999 and her only hope was a kidney transplant.

However, her relatives were checked out to see if they were compatible and the only one who was (compatible) suffered from diabetes.

Ms Mansfield admitted she was beginning to lose hope and work was the last place that she expected her life might be saved in the form of a donor.

Then one day, Mr Gaston came to her and said that since he had two good kidneys, he would get checked to see if he was compatible. It turned out that he was.

"We went to see social workers," Mr Gaston said. "I was inspired by the man who donated a kidney to Kerry Packer. I was also inspired by Joe Henaway, who is my mate."

Charmaine said she was blown away when Jim decided to donate one of his kidneys to her.

In November 2001, they entered Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane, which had the second largest kidney treatment service in Queensland.

"Jim was five days in hospital and I was down there for five weeks and I was very happy. I feel part of him," said Ms Mansfield.

"I had seen other people with the kidney problem who have

been so sick after the tests and needles."

Ms Mansfield was off work for nine weeks in total, while Mr Gaston returned to work after taking four weeks' annual leave.

The Koori Mail caught up with Mr Gaston last month, soon after he was notified of his award. "It is great to get some recognition," he said. "Myself and Charmaine are both healthy."



● ABOVE: Jim Gaston, right, with his friend Francis Tapim at the recent naming of the Mabo Library at James Cook University, Townsville.



● LEFT: Joe Henaway after winning a Henaway Cup.

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Department of Health and Ageing

RURAL HEALTH SUPPORT EDUCATION AND TRAINING (RHSET) PROGRAM

2008-09 FUNDING ROUND

The Australian Department of Health and Ageing is seeking Applications from interested parties to undertake projects under the RHSET Program.

The RHSET Program aims to contribute towards recruitment and retention of rural/remote health workers through funding initiatives that provide them with appropriate support, education and training.

Projects should address the RHSET Program objective and one or more of the priority areas listed in the 2008-09 RHSET Grant Application Guidelines. Projects should have a budget of no more than \$200,000 and should be finalised within 12 months.

Application packs for the 2008-09 RHSET Funding Round are available to download from the Department's website <http://www.health.gov.au/tenders> after submitting your details.

All Applications must be submitted by email to RHSET@health.gov.au. Applications that are received after the closing date will not be considered.

All applicants must have an Australian Business Number.

The closing date for all Applications is COB Thursday 31 July 2008.



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Department of Health and Ageing

Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Health Scholarships

The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme (PHMSS) is open for applications from students intending to study in 2009.

The PHMSS is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, and administered by the Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA).

Applications are invited from students who wish to study at the undergraduate or TAFE level in the areas of:

- Aboriginal Health Worker;
- Allied Health (excluding pharmacy);
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- Health Service Management;
- Health Education/Promotion;
- Medicine;
- Mental Health;
- Midwifery; and
- Nursing.

Scholarships are available for the start of the 2009 academic year and are worth up to \$15,000 per year for full time study and up to \$7,500 per year for part time study.

Applicants must identify as and be able to prove their Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status. Selection will be based on criteria including demonstrated interest and experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, leadership qualities and financial need. This selection is not based on academic achievement.

Applications are available to download from our website www.rcna.org.au.

The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship scheme will close 8 August 2008.

Further information is available by contacting RCNA on free call 1800 688 628 or email at scholarships@rcna.org.au.



Inhalants info service launched



A CENTRAL web-based service will provide immediate online information about inhalant abuse – petrol-sniffing, chroming, and glue-sniffing – to communities across Australia.

The National Inhalants Information Service (NIIS) was launched on 23 June at Alice Springs as part of the Drug Action Week 2008 (DAW) activities.

The service will be particularly relevant for parents, teachers, young people, as well as alcohol and other drug (AOD) frontline workers.

Central Australia Youth Link-Up Service co-ordinator Blair McFarland launched the initiative.

Mr McFarland also is an advocate of the roll-out of the OPAL alternative to unleaded petrol.

"The Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) is to be congratulated on getting this information website up and running," he said.

"With funding made available through the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy

Cost-Shared Funding Model, ADCA's National Resource Centre (NRC) in Canberra co-ordinated development of the website and populated it with relevant information to inform Australian communities about inhalant abuse.

"The NIIS website is user friendly and has filled a vital missing information gap on inhalant abuse, and will help to increase knowledge and awareness of this issue as well as enhancing the ability of people to respond to inhalant abuse in Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities."

People wanting to know more about inhalant abuse can now log on to the NIIS website at www.inhalantsinfo.org.au to read/download information about inhalants used in Australia, treatment guidelines, where to go for help, user stories, new resources, and projects. There are also links to other sites and major reports on inhalant use.

ADCA NRC manager Jane Shelling said a database and virtual library of inhalants resources offered everything expected from a traditional library, including an 'Ask a Librarian' reference service, and document delivery.

Study finds 'benign' malaria to be potentially fatal



A STRAIN of malaria thought previously to be 'benign' has been found to be potentially fatal, in a recent study published by the Menzies School of Health Research.

The study, published in the International journal PLoS Medicine, has shattered previous conceptions that this 'benign' strain is a mild and non-life-threatening strain of malaria.

There are two major strains of malaria affecting humans: *P. vivax* and *P. falciparum*. Traditionally, attention has focused on *P. falciparum*, the dominant strain in Africa, which is considered by authorities to be the more virulent

and deadly strain of the disease.

In Asia, almost half of malaria is due to *P. vivax*. There are up to 400 million cases of vivax malaria each year, with about 300 cases reported each year in patients returning to Australia from malaria-endemic countries.

In Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, the parasite has developed resistance to standard treatments, making it difficult to treat. New research conducted in Indonesia has shown that *P. vivax* is far from benign, and is responsible for a significant amount of illness with high rates of severe disease and death. The paper also shows that in many cases, victims are infected with a mixture of both parasites and that this results in an even higher risk

of severe disease than infection with a single parasite.

The paper's author, Dr Ric Price, from the Menzies School of Health Research, said that these findings provided important information about the burden of malaria associated with *P. vivax* infection and that this should focus attention on treating and preventing the disease.

"Our findings show that in a region where multi-drug-resistant strains of malaria are common, *P. vivax* infection is associated with severe and fatal malaria, particularly in young children," he said.

"We have also shown that people infected with both types of malaria parasite are more likely to suffer from a severe case of malaria and, importantly, that similar

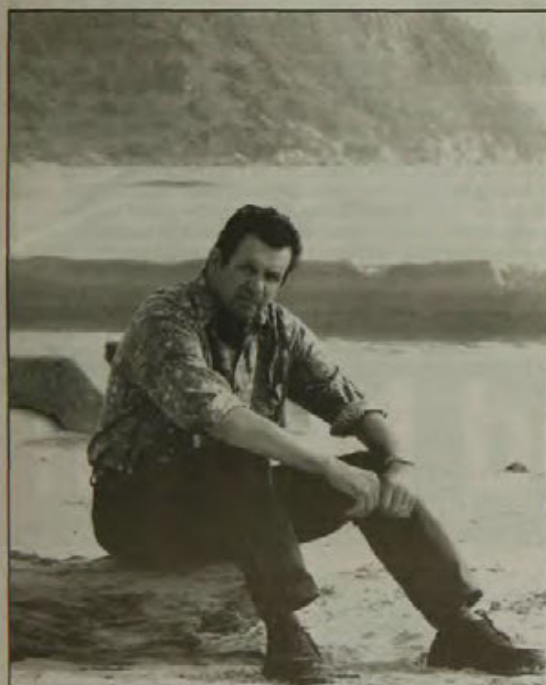
proportions of patients infected with *P. vivax* and *P. falciparum* die from the disease.

"The implications of these findings will be far reaching as they highlight the need to consider both strains of malaria when implementing measures designed to reduce the burden in regions where these parasites co-exist."

Dr Price said more research would be needed in other settings to confirm these findings and to learn more about the pattern of severe malaria associated with *P. vivax*, in particular, with multi-drug-resistant strains.

● A copy of the paper can be downloaded from the following weblink: <http://medicine.plosjournals.org/perlserv/?request=get-document&doi=10.1>

Hear, hear, says Edmund



Edmund Thomas relaxing at the beach (above) and carrying the Beijing Olympic torch in Canberra (right).



BY being pro-active about his hearing loss, Edmund Thomas has been able to reconnect with

family and friends and realise his dreams.

Mr Thomas noticed the change in his hearing after being a client of Australian Hearing in Burnie, Tasmania, for about 10 years.

The 2003 Tasmanian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year

began wearing a hearing device, which he was pleased to see was much smaller than he had expected.

As a result, his relationships have improved and he takes pleasure in gardening with his wife, Jenny, and painting with his granddaughter.

"It's great to go out and enjoy life and have a joke with people now that I have my hearing devices" Mr Thomas said.

Mr Thomas, who was a torchbearer during the Olympic Torch Relay in April, advises people to get their hearing checked if they

suspect they may have problems.

He said it was important to act straight away, because 'once your hearing is damaged, you can't get it back'.

Australian Hearing Principal Audiologist Janette Thorburn said the latest hearing devices were very comfortable and discrete.

● Call 131 797 to be connected to the nearest Australian Hearing centre or take Telscreen, the telephone hearing test, by calling the toll-free number 1800 826 500 and following the prompts.



An Australian Government Initiative



Aged Care Nursing Scholarship Scheme

The Aged Care Nursing Scholarship Scheme is an Australian Government initiative aimed at encouraging more people to enter aged care nursing and increasing the skills of nurses working in the aged care sector, particularly in regional, rural and remote Australia. Preference is given to applicants living and working in regional, rural and remote areas but applicants living in metropolitan areas with an aged care background will be considered.

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Guard against winter 'nasties'



QUEENSLAND Health is encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to get vaccinated against influenza and pneumococcal disease this

winter. Those at high risk of developing serious problems from these illnesses include older people and people with chronic health problems like diabetes, asthma and kidney disease.

Brisbane Southside Public Health Medical Officer Dr Brad McCall said it was important for Indigenous families to consider vaccination.

"Influenza and pneumococcal disease are very serious and can be life-threatening, especially if you have chronic health problems," he said.

"So much illness and hospitalisation, and many deaths, can be prevented by having timely immunisation against disease."

The National Immunisation Program provides free influenza and pneumococcal disease vaccination each year for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

aged 50 years and over and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders aged 15 to 49 who have a chronic illness or who are at risk of developing a chronic illness.

"I encourage all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to discuss immunisation with their local Indigenous health worker, doctor, community health service or local council clinic to ensure those people in your family and community who are most at risk are protected," Dr McCall said.

Immunity

"Once you have your flu shot, it takes about 10 days to develop good immunity to the influenza virus."

"The flu vaccine is safe and is your best protection against this serious illness. It can't give you the flu, because it doesn't contain the live influenza virus."

"Immunisation is a very simple and effective way to prevent disease and local health workers can show you how to keep a record of what vaccinations your family has been given and when they are due for their next vaccination."

Health Alliance calls on governments for a ... Strategic plan



THE National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA) says a new national report suggests that governments could eradicate much of the overall health differential between metropolitan and rural and remote areas by targeting health improvements for Indigenous people and people living in remote areas.

The two groups account for about 5 per cent of the Australian population – about 2.5 per cent of the population are Indigenous people and 3 per cent are people living in remote areas.

NRHA Chairman John Wakeman says that Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) report 'Australia's Health 2008' released last week confirmed that the health of the small proportion of Australians who lived in remote areas was far worse than those who resided in major metropolitan locations.

And he said it also confirmed that overall, health outcomes in rural and remote areas were adversely affected by poor health among Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander peoples who made up a greater proportion of residents in those areas.

"I don't want to paint too grim a picture. There are also many positive examples of effective health services in the bush and of thriving towns and communities," Professor Wakeman said.

"But this latest publication from the AIHW provides clear evidence of the

of the evidence-based approach to Australia's broad system for health, infrastructure and community services.

The NRHA believed it 'perverse' that there was relatively sparse evidence for the remote areas that contributed disproportionately to poor health, Professor Wakeman said.

"Death rates for Indigenous Australians have declined since 1991

expectancy for people in remote areas is almost seven years less.

"Looking at this information, it is clear that to ensure equal health outcomes for people in the bush, we need to improve access to health services, particularly the first level of care.

"At the same time we need to address the broader social and economic determinants of good health.

"We also need to know more about the movement of people to and from remote areas and how it affects reported figures for morbidity and mortality.

"Despite the much worse health figures overall, death rates are lower for older people in remote areas and, at least among non-Indigenous people, lower rates of cancer are observed in remote areas."

Professor Wakeman agreed that health in remote areas was further compromised by high rates of smoking, dangerous drinking patterns, and high-risk transport and occupational activity.

He renewed the NRHA's earlier call for a national inquiry into the sustainability of small rural and remote communities.

'...it is clear that to ensure equal health outcomes for people in the bush, we need to improve access to health services, particularly the first level of care.' – Prof John Wakeman

substantial returns that will accrue if government elects to invest further in health services, infrastructure planning and social inclusion in remote and Indigenous communities."

Professor Wakeman argued that a more closely targeted approach to particular population groups – and to remote areas where health outcomes were poorest – should be an integral part

and for the last several decades in places like the Northern Territory where data are available," he said.

"However, the rate of decline did not keep pace with the relative decline for the total Australian population.

"Over half of Australia's very remote communities are in the bottom quarter on the measure of socio-economic status. Compared with major cities, life

A garden of good health



A SPECIALISED garden that will provide bush tucker and bush medicine to chronic renal (kidney) patients has been officially

launched in Alice Springs.

The Alice Springs Desert Park (ASDP) created the 'Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Garden', which park nursery manager Tim Collins said supported and promoted Indigenous health and culture as well as the use of Central Australian plants.

"The garden was created for the Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku (WDNWPT), a local charity that supports renal patients from remote communities who have had to relocate to Alice Springs for lifelong dialysis treatment," Mr Collins said.

"The ASDP developed a plan to create a bush food and bush medicine garden so that resources are more readily available for the patients and visitors to use, as well as having a beautiful garden to improve the aesthetics of the house.

"The bush onion (yalka) and Quandong (pmweripe) are some of the plants to be used for bush tucker.

"Some of the plants being used for bush medicines include



In the garden are, from left, ASDP's Tim Collins (ASDP), WDNWPT carer Marina Alice, WDNWPT patient Norah Nelson and Gary Dinham, of ASDP.

stemodia viscosa (pintye-pintye) used as a compress to relieve colds and flu, *eremophila freelingii* (arrethe) used as a skin wash to

treat scabies, and *cymbopogon ambiguus* (ilintji) used as a drinking medicine or rubbing medicine for colds and flu."

WDNWPT Manager Sarah Brown said the organisation was grateful to everyone involved in creating the garden and

overwhelmed by the results.

"When we first walked out into the garden it felt like 'Backyard Blitz' Desert Park style; the transformation was truly amazing and brought tears to our eyes," she said.

"It means a lot to WDNWPT to have received such tremendous support towards the project and that the garden will help our patients and their families.

"WDNWPT, whose name means 'keeping all our families well', was formed from the Western Desert Dialysis Appeal, which raised over \$1 million in 2000 when Indigenous painters from the Western Desert painted pictures and auctioned them off at the Art Gallery of NSW.

"The aim of the appeal was to support patients in town and set up dialysis out bush, with the money raised used to help WDNWPT buy a house in Alice Springs, which now has two dialysis machines and acts as a meeting place for patients and their families."

Ms Brown also thanked the Australian Government youth initiative Green Corps, Alice Springs Town Council and pharmaceutical company Amgen for their contributions towards the project.

The WDNWPT hosted a morning tea last week to thank everyone for their contributions.

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.

Until 12 July: Karla Dickens *Loving Memory* Art Exhibition. 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 13 July: *What the Troops 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

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: 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.austliancouncil.gov.au/grants

Until 25 July: Indigenous Leadership Program calling for applications. Participating in the Indigenous Leadership Program will enable you to embark on a journey of self-discovery and development that will enhance your leadership abilities for yourself, your family, your community and your nation. All welcome. For details call 1800 249 873 or email indigenousleadership@fahcsia.gov.au or visit www.fahcsia.gov.au

Until 31 July: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations, featuring more than 1000 black and white photographs, documenting more than 47 years of the former Aboriginal Welfare Board. 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

Until 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

Until 14 November: *Chopped Liver* Australian Tour. Black comedy play informing about hepatitis C. For details on event locations, call (03) 9212 4777 or email info@ibijeri.org.au or visit www.ibijeri.org.au

2-7 July: Certificate IV in Indigenous Leadership. This course equips current and emerging Indigenous leaders with an array of competency based tools to address policy, management and administrative issues including quality service deliver and capacity development of groups, organisations and communities. Held in Melbourne. For details: (02) 6251 5770 or email aic@indigenousleadership.org.au or visit www.indigenousleadership.org.au

3 July-3 August: Aboriginal Art

Award 2008 invites Aboriginal artists 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.

3 July: *Celebrating Friendship* Exhibition. This is an Exhibition by Joanne Cassidy and Leona McGrath. Celebrating Friendship is a story of friendship spanning over 30 years. Showcasing hand painted Aboriginal Art of a Contemporary Style. Free and all welcome with light refreshments served. Held at the Cultural Centre, Townsville from 6.30pm onwards. For details call (07) 4772 7679 or visit www.octownsville.com.au

3-6 July: Darwin Indigenous Art Exhibition. Engineers Without border elements will change how you see Aboriginal art. Join EWB's NT Chapter at the Gala Opening Night to celebrate the diversity, cultural richness, and achievements of Indigenous Australians. Guided tours and opportunities to meet some of the artists will follow on for the next three days. Held at Browns Mart Theatre, Darwin. For details call Rana Everett on (0416) 320 498 or email whos_lookn@yahoo.com.au or visit www.ewb.org.au/elements

3 July-August: National Parks and Wildlife Service Aboriginal Art Awards 08. Prizes include \$3000 open 1st prize, \$1000 open 2nd prize, \$1000 people's choice awards, \$1000 collaborative award and \$500 youth award. Welcome to country by Auntie Maureen Logan with performances from the Buygal Bunji Dancers. Open day is 6 July. All welcome. Held at Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah from 10am-5pm. For details call (02) 6670 2790 or email tweedart@tweed.nsw.gov.au

4 July: Charity Event with Sean Choolburra to help raise funds for Gold FM's Give Me Five For Kids, along with Steve Allison and Bridge Daly from Gold FM in this very special charity event. All welcome. Tickets \$25 per person. Held at The Basement, 135 Bundall Rd, Surfers Paradise, from 8pm onwards. For details call Tracey Bennett on (0417) 616 840 or (07) 5581 6500 or visit www.gcac.com.au

4-5 July: Activating Human Rights Film Festival. This festival will present a positive pathway for informing people through a fascinating, entertaining, and sometimes provocative range of international, national, and local films, this festival will take the viewer on a journey towards understanding and empowerment. Held at the Activating Human Rights Film Festival, Byron Bay Community and Cultural Centre. For details call Jamie on (0427) 668 717 or email jaimie@bbff.com.au or visit www.activatinghumannights.com.au

4-9 July: *Born Free*. This is a Tribute to Bowman Johnson. Born Free is a photographic exhibition honoring the life of Bim Gubba man, the late Bowman Johnson, born at Barambah (Cherbourg) on 1 January 1924. Held at Footsteps Art Gallery, 166 Ann St, Brisbane from 6pm onwards. For details call Bruce or Ryan on (0406) 081 082 or email ryan_mclean@hotmail.com or call Juanita on (07) 3407 0808 or (0419) 793 052.

5 July: *Nowhere Here in the Middle* screening. This film takes us to the area of a proposed radioactive waste dump in an 'unused' area of the Northern Territory to meet and listen to the people who live there.

Far from being 'nowhere', this land provides both life and well being to its inhabitants. Runs for 33min. Tickets \$5 each. Held at the Activating Human Rights Film Festival, Byron Bay Community and Cultural Centre. For details call Jamie on (0427) 668 717 or email jaimie@bbff.com.au or visit www.activatinghumannights.com.au

5 July-15 August: *Replant, A New Generation of Botanical Art*. This exciting exhibition of limited edition etchings and photographic prints explores the unique characteristics of species that survive and prosper through the climatic extremes of monsoonal rains, annual drought and wild fires in northern Australia. Free entry. Held at the Red Box Gallery, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney from 10am-4pm. For details call Clarence on (02) 9231 8128 or (0409) 902 256 or call Sheryl on (02) 9231 8164 or visit www.rbgnsyd.nsw.gov.au

5-7 July: 2008 Message Stick Film Festival. Focussing on documentaries with highlights including a touching tale about an Indigenous actor who strives to achieve her dream of becoming a Hollywood movie star as well as a confronting and compelling documentary about familial love which follows a prison inmate returning home after 13 years inside. Held at Sydney Opera House. For details call Nathan McIlroy on (02) 9250 7596 or (0421) 668 440 or email nmcilroy@sydneyoperahouse.com or visit www.sydneyoperahouse.com

5 July: The Commemoration Servicewill honour the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans, serving members, ex-servicemen and their families for their contribution to the defence of Australia. Held at the Cenotaph, Lane Cove Boulevard, South Grafton from 11am onwards. For details call Margo Weir on (0407) 369 451.

7-10 July: National Leadership Camp 08, is a highly interactive, challenging and motivating four-day program bring up to 200 students from Australia-wide together. Held at the Collaroy Conference Centre, Collaroy Beach, Sydney from 9am onwards. Cost involved. All welcome. Drug and alcohol free event. For details: (02) 9499 5513 or email fo@risinggenerations.org.au or visit www.risinggenerations.org.au

8 July-31 August: Eddie Kneebone - *Bones of Contention* Art Exhibition. This exhibition is a compelling representation of what is often referred to as our 'hidden history'. In this epic work Aboriginal artist, Eddie Kneebone tells the story of colonial settlement and its impact on the Indigenous clans of the north-east and upper Murray region of Victoria. All welcome. Including public lectures, screening events, music and storytelling in the Art Museum. Held at La Trobe University Art Museum. For more information contact Renae Belton on (03) 9479 2111 or email artmuseum@latrobe.edu.au or visit www.latrobe.edu.au/artmuseum

9 July: Memorial Service. The Department of Defence is holding a Memorial Service to honour Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Service Personnel. Held at the ATSI Memorial, which is located in bushland 350 metres behind the Australian War Memorial towards Mount Ainslie in Canberra from 12pm onwards. Light lunch will be served. For details call Jenny Maidment on (02) 61272978 or email jennifer.maidment@defence.gov.au

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 will be notified of the outcome by Monday 21 July. For details call Anita Field on (08) 9200 6202 or (08) 9200 6200 or freecall 1800 811 883 or email afield@countryarts.wa.asn.au or visit www.artattheheart.com.au or visit www.countryarts.wa.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 honouring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. 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 five 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 acknowledging Bundjalung past and present, sportsmen and sportswomen. 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.

11-12 July: Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu. Geoffrey will perform tracks from Gurrumul accompanied by his collaborator of 10 years, ex-Kilijoy Michael Hohnen on double bass, and guitarist Francis Diatshenko. Tickets \$35 per person, \$25 concession. Held at The Studio, Sydney Opera House, Sydney from 8.15pm onwards. For details call Nathan McIlroy on (02) 9250 7596 or (0421) 668 440 or call (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.sydneyoperahouse.com or visit www.skinnyfishmusic.com.au

11 July-8 August: *Identity - The State of Being*. This is an innovative exhibition showcasing the leading Indigenous artists of the North Coast of NSW on a regional and national level. The show encompasses a body of work curated by Indigenous artist and curator, Alison Williams, and will feature work by eleven established Indigenous artists including Digby Moran, Frances Belle Parker, Karla Dickens, Garth Lena, Bevan Skinner, Oral Roberts and more. Held at the Grafton Regional Gallery, 58 Fitzroy St, Grafton from 10am-4pm. For details call Rose Marin on (02) 6643 0200 or (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

11-12 July: Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu performing at the Studio, Sydney Opera House from 8.15pm onwards. Tickets \$35 per person, \$25 concession. For details call (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.sydneyoperahouse.com or visit www.skinnyfishmusic.com.au

12 July: Cultural Forum 08. Come and find out more about the exciting future of cultural development in our city, celebrate cultural development's achievements and programs and experience unique entertainment, performances and presentations. \$20 per person for registration for the full day includes all sessions, performances, food and beverages. Held at the Gold Coast Arts Centre from 9.30am-7pm. For details call Bianca on (07) 5581 6075 or (07) 5588 4000 or visit www.gcac.com.au

12-13 July: Townsville Indigenous Art Exhibition. Engineers Without border elements will change how you see Aboriginal art. Join EWB's north Qld Chapter on the ga'a opening night to celebrate the diversity.

cultural richness, and achievements of Indigenous Australians. Guided tours and opportunities to meet some of the artists will follow on for the next three days. Held at Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre from 10am-6.30pm. Tickets \$20 per person. For details call Bethany Davies on (03) 9696 9040 or visit www.ewb.org.au/elements

13 July: Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu performing at National Gallery Canberra. For details call Skinnyfish music on (08) 8941 8066 or visit www.skinnyfishmusic.com.au

13 July: Ngarukunwala: We Sing Songs. Fifteen members of the Wangatunga Strong Women's Group from the Northern Territory will unite with five Sydney musicians for one show only and will combine the magic and wonder of traditional Tiwi Island music with contemporary jazz and funk. Tickets \$30 per person, \$20 concession. Held at The Studio, Sydney Opera House, Sydney from 6pm onwards. For details call Nathan McIlroy on (02) 9250 7596 or (0421) 668 440 or call (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.sydneyoperahouse.com or visit www.ngarukunwala.org

14 July: Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu performing at the Basement, Sydney. For details call (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.sydneyoperahouse.com or visit www.skinnyfishmusic.com.au

15 July: Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu performing at the World Youth Day featuring the Pope. For details call Skinnyfish music on (08) 8941 8066 or visit www.skinnyfishmusic.com.au

18 July: Klub Koori - 'The Legends'. Klub Koori concert nights provide an opportunity for Indigenous artists to perform in mainstream concert and club venues throughout Sydney. Featuring: Vic Simms, Roger Knox, Aurel Andrews, Col Hardy, Bobby McLeod and Buddy Knox launching his latest album 'Got da Blues' as well as Koori Radio's live and dead DJ. This is an over 18s event. Tickets \$20 at the door. Held at The Factory Theatre, Marrickville from 8pm-2am. For details call (02) 9564 5090 or email ashlee@gadigal.org.au or visit www.factorytheatre.com.au/events

18-20 July: Cairns Indigenous Art Exhibition. Engineers Without border elements will change how you see Aboriginal art. Join EWB's north Qld Chapter on the ga'a Opening Night to celebrate the diversity, cultural richness, and achievements of Indigenous Australians. Guided tours and opportunities to meet some of the artists will follow on for the next three days. Held at the Brisbane Room, Brisbane City Hall from 10am-4.30pm daily. For details call Bethany Davies on (03) 9696 9040 or visit www.ewb.org.au/elements

18 July: The Black Arm Band Murundak - Brisbane Festival 2008. Featuring 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 from 7pm.

12 July: National NAIDOC Ball 2008. Entertainment includes Blue King Brown, Jessica Mauboy and Casey Donovan, 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

Relief Hostel Manager

Sydney
Various Hostels
APS Level 2
\$34,500 - \$39,597 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager

Want to know more?
Contact Tony Greer on 02 9310 2777

Hostel Manager

Sydney
Ngadu Hostel
APS Level 3
\$38,089 - \$43,720 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager

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Contact Tony Greer on 02 9310 2777
This is a transient hostel.

Cook

Sydney
Biala Hostel
APS Level 1
\$151.51 - \$177.38 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 10 hours per week
- Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel whilst ensuring a high level of cleanliness.

Want to know more?
Contact Lara Rutledge on 02 9905 2200
This is a secondary education (girls) hostel.

Domestic

Sydney
Biala Hostel
APS Level 1
\$279.94 - \$321.33 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 20 hours per week
- Ensure that a high level of cleanliness is maintained throughout all areas of the hostel
- Preparation of all rooms
- Stock control of all linen including the changing and washing
- Food preparation, cooking and service

Want to know more?
Contact Lara Rutledge on 02 9905 2200
This is a secondary education (girls) hostel.

Weekend Cook

Sydney
Tony Mundine Hostel
APS Level 1
\$151.51 - \$177.38 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 10 hours per week
- Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel whilst ensuring a high level of cleanliness.

Want to know more?
Contact Molisa Carney on 02 9550 0778
This is a tertiary education and training hostel.

Weekend Cook

Sydney
Kirinari Hostel
APS Level 1
\$151.51 - \$177.38 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 10 hours per week
- Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel whilst ensuring a high level of cleanliness.

Want to know more?
Contact Rhonda Lake on 02 9522 8958
This is a secondary education hostel.

Night Attendant

Sydney
Tony Mundine Hostel
APS Level 1
\$378.77 - \$443.45 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 25 hours per week
- Responsible for the general security of the hostel and its occupants
- Checking in late arrivals

Want to know more?
Contact Molisa Carney on 02 9550 0778
This is a tertiary education and training hostel.

Relief Night Attendant

Sydney
Tony Mundine Hostel
APS Level 1
\$151.51 - \$177.38 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 10 hours per week
- Responsible for the general security of the hostel and its occupants
- Checking in late arrivals

Want to know more?
Contact Molisa Carney on 02 9550 0778
This is a tertiary education and training hostel.

Weekend Cook

Newcastle
Kirinari Hostel
APS Level 1
\$151.51 - \$177.38 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 10 hours per week
- Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel whilst ensuring a high level of cleanliness.

Want to know more?
Contact Neil Kinchela on 02 4943 4362
This is a secondary education hostel.

Relief Houseparent

Newcastle
Kirinari Hostel
APS Level 2
\$529.07 - \$607.24 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 30.40 hours per week
- Responsible for the 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty
- Ensure that appropriate recreational, educational and other support facilities are available to the students

Want to know more?
Contact Neil Kinchela on 02 4943 4362
This is a secondary education hostel.

Weekend Cook

Newcastle
Durungaling Hostel
APS Level 1
\$151.51 - \$177.38 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 10 hours per week
- Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel whilst ensuring a high level of cleanliness.

Want to know more?
Contact Dianne Gordon on 02 4952 4062
This is a tertiary education and training / transient hostel.

Domestic

Newcastle
Kirinari Hostel
APS Level 1
\$209.96 - \$241.00 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 15 hours per week
- Ensure that a high level of cleanliness is maintained throughout all areas of the hostel
- Preparation of all rooms
- Stock control of all linen including the changing and washing
- Food preparation, cooking and service

Want to know more?
Contact Neil Kinchela on 02 4943 4362
This is a secondary education hostel.

Relief Hostel Manager

Newcastle
Durungaling Hostel
APS Level 2
\$264.54 - \$303.62 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 15.20 per week
- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager

Want to know more?
Contact Dianne Gordon on 02 4952 4062
This is a tertiary education and training/transient hostel

Assistant Hostel Manager

Tamworth
Tamworth Hostel
APS Level 2
\$264.54 - \$303.62 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 15.20 hours per week
- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager

Want to know more?
Contact Tony Greer on 02 9310 2777
This is a medical transient/transient hostel.

Hostel Manager

Tamworth
Tamworth Hostel
APS Level 3
\$38,089 - \$43,720 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager

Want to know more?
Contact Tony Greer on 02 9310 2777
This is a medical transient/transient hostel.

Assistant Houseparent

Dubbo
Warrina Hostel
APS Level 2
\$34,500 - \$39,597 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Responsible for the 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty
- Ensure that appropriate recreational, educational and other support facilities are available to the students

Want to know more?
Contact Ken Morgan on 02 6884 1624
This is a secondary education hostel.

Weekend Cook

Dubbo
Warrina Hostel
APS Level 1
\$151.51 - \$177.38 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 10 hours per week
- Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel whilst ensuring a high level of cleanliness.

Want to know more?
Contact Ken Morgan on 02 6884 1624
This is a secondary education hostel.

Application Documents
From our website or telephone Samantha Duncan on 02 9310 2777

How to Apply
Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited GPO Box 783 Strawberry Hills NSW 2012.

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By Cairns Correspondent
CHRISTINE HOWES



THE smell of freshly baked bread and pies every morning, as well as finishing work when others are just starting their day, are just two things baker Darrell Geary loves about his job at the Yarrabah bakery.

To add to his satisfaction, Mr Geary, 27, has just been recognised as north Queensland's best second-year apprentice at the Queensland Bakery Awards, an award he accepted earlier this year in Brisbane.

The beautifully weighted chef's knife that was part of his prize would be framed and kept, he said.

"I can't say much - I just love being a baker," he said.

"I started my apprenticeship in 2005 and when I finish in August this year, I'll be a bread baker and pastry cook.

"Before that I was working at the service station, 11 hours a day straight up, but I like this job here because you start at 2 o'clock in the morning and then I have the whole day to myself.

"I love it. I'm laughing when I go home because everyone else is going to work - I love being a baker."

Bakery supervisor Donny Ambrum, also a qualified baker and pastry cook, said he was proud of Darrell's achievement.

"He's been working under me, I've been more or less manager for about five months now and now we're starting to step up again because the place is doing well," he said.

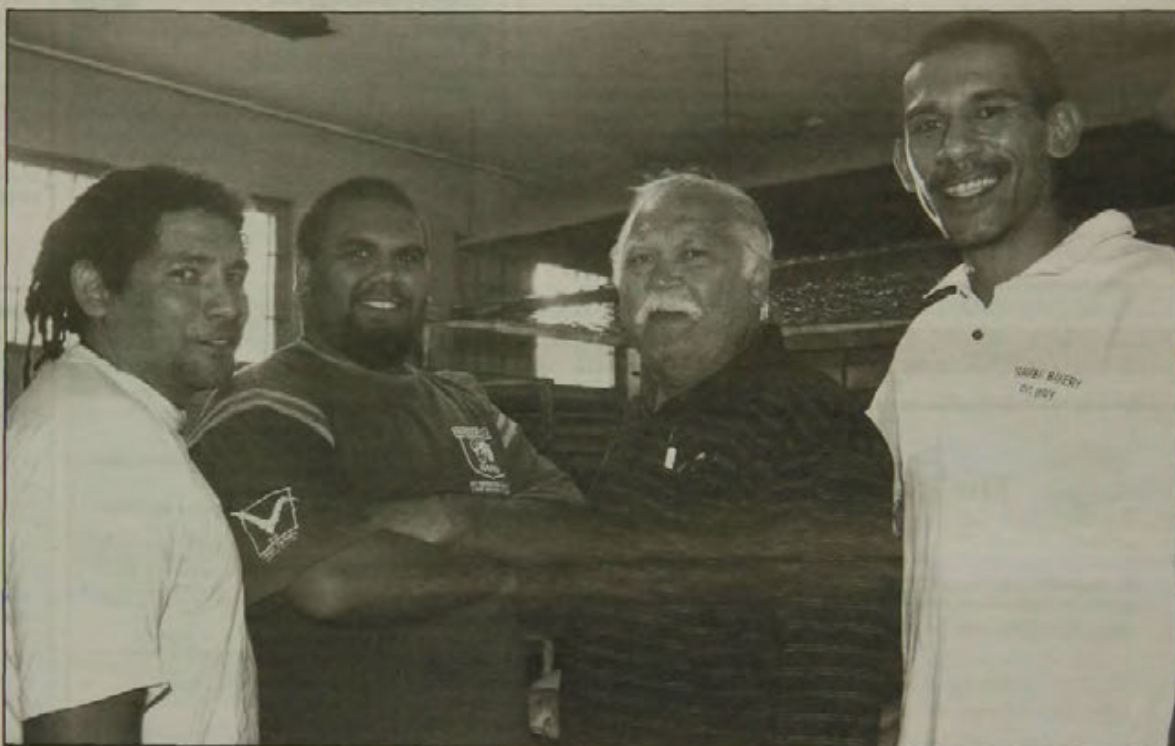
Both of the men agreed that the Indigenous-owned-and-operated bakery at Yarrabah, near Cairns, was the best start they could hope for in their careers, and they expressed their willingness to share what they had learned.

"Being run by Indigenous people, it gives a lot of confidence and keeps us in work," Mr Ambrum said.

"With other Indigenous communities who are looking to open their own bakery, if they're having trouble, they can give us a ring and we'll point them in the right direction."

Mr Geary also wanted to emphasise that other communities 'can actually do this'.

"I want to teach other people how to be a baker because it's Indigenous-owned-and-operated, me and



Bakers/pastry cooks Donny Ambrum, Zac Stadhams, Percy Neal and Darrell Geary.

my workmate Donny, we're Indigenous and we run the whole show here. It's a good experience," he said.

"We teach people from Hopevale. They come down and we teach them. It's just been a really, really good experience."

Yarrabah Mayor Percy Neal, a qualified baker of 30 years, said the bakery was a 'perfect example' of 'practising what we've been preaching for years now'.

"You've got young Donny Ambrum, he's the manager there now, a qualified baker/pastry cook, and he's got two apprentices there," he said.

"My wife Pauline works on the counter and she's got a couple of young girls there."

"You talk about self-management, self-determination, self-whatever, there's the living example of it."

Mr Neal said the Yarrabah bakery started about 34 years ago and was possibly the oldest independent business on any Aboriginal community, at least in Queensland.



Bakery workers Pauline Neal, Harriet Williams and Dorothy Koowarta.

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An exciting opportunity exists for a human rights motivated professional to make a difference in Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. This position involves informing community of their equal opportunity and anti-vilification rights and working with individuals through the complaints process to lodge complaints.

Closing Date: 14 July 2008

Enquiries: George Bisas on 9281-7128

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The University of Sydney

Indigenous Health Studies

Faculty of Health Sciences

The Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Sydney is the largest and most comprehensive grouping of health care professions, researchers and teachers in Australia.

Specialising in Indigenous health studies within the Faculty, there is an opportunity to collaborate with other areas of the University with related interests. This includes the recently announced Poche Centre for Indigenous Health providing medical and other health students with experience of Indigenous health care; and medical and social health research through work with outreach clinics in western New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

Professor/Associate Professor

S08/078a

Providing strategic leadership in the development of the Faculty's recently introduced Indigenous Health Studies program, you will head a team of researchers and educators to develop an internationally recognised centre for the study of Indigenous health issues in relation to the allied health professions.

Your outstanding record of research and academic leadership in the area of Indigenous Health Studies and achievement in capacity building in higher education is paramount.

Senior Lecturer/Lecturer

S08/078b

Teaching modules within the Indigenous Health Studies program to students throughout the Faculty, as well as an independent contribution to research in a related area. You will be involved at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels and contribute to curriculum development.

A PhD in a relevant area and experience in multi-disciplinary Indigenous health research is key.

To be appointed at Senior Lecturer level, you must demonstrate expertise to make a significant contribution to the Indigenous health issues research activities at a national level.

For a full information pack and to apply please contact: Kevin Mitchell, Senior Recruitment Manager at rsacademic@usyd.edu.au or telephone (02) 9036 7294.

Closing Date: 30 July 2008



Editor, Indigenous Law Bulletin

FACULTY OF LAW | Indigenous Law Centre
Excellent writing and editing skills along with attention to detail and the ability to work with a range of people and communicate effectively at all times.
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Applications can be lodged on line at
www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3272.

Administrative Officer (Identified)

Drug and Alcohol Clinical Services, Tamworth
Permanent Part Time, 24 hpw Position No: 59056
The position is identified for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).
Enquiries: Steve Allen, (02) 4016 4624.
Closing Date: 18 July 2008.

Aboriginal Child & Family Violence Counsellor (Specialising in Sexual Assault)

Location negotiable between Glen Innes, Armidale and Inverell

Perm Full Time Position No: 59337
This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).
Enquiries: Dana Cooper, (02) 6739 0120.

Aboriginal Sexual Health Worker (Identified)

Capacity Building Service Team
Location is negotiable
Perm Full Time, Perm Part Time (hours are negotiable)
Position No: 59188
Hunter New England Population Health offers an exciting opportunity for an innovative Aboriginal Sexual Health Worker to be involved in the development, delivery and evaluation of evidence-based sexual health promotion projects that aim to improve access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to information relating to the prevention, testing and treatment of HIV/AIDS, Blood-borne Infections, Sexually Transmissible Infections and other related diseases. These projects will integrate other Population Health services, the broader health system, and strategic partners including Aboriginal Controlled Organisations.

A key role of this position will be to contribute to ensuring that Population Health Services and other related health services are culturally appropriate and effective for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977). Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent through parentage, identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be accepted as such within the community.
Salary and conditions: Health Education Officer Non-Graduate Level 1 (\$38,864.00) - Health Education Officer Graduate Level 9 (\$66,320.00)
Application packs and further information can be obtained by contacting Todd Heard, Program Manager, on (02) 4924 6398 or via email at todd.heard@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

Environmental Health Manager

Population Health, location negotiable
Perm Full Time Position No: 59526
Enquiries: Beth Gow, (02) 4924 6472.
Closing Date: 8 August 2008.

Project Officer

Hunter New England Population Health
Location is negotiable (Wallsend, Tamworth or Taree)
Perm/Temp Full and Part Time (multiple positions)
Position No: 59547
Hunter New England Population Health offers an exciting opportunity for an innovative Project Officer to be involved in the development, delivery and evaluation of evidence-based health promotion projects that address the prevention of: chronic disease; obesity; HIV/AIDS and related diseases; and injury risks in the Hunter New England Population. These projects will integrate other Population Health services, the broader health system, and strategic partners. A key role of the position will be to contribute to ensuring that Population Health Services are effective and culturally acceptable to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

Salary: Health Education Officer Non-Graduate Level 1 (\$38,864.00) - Health Education Officer Graduate Level 9 (\$66,320.00)
Further information can be obtained by contacting Todd Heard, Program Manager on 4924 6398 or via email at todd.heard@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
(Hunter New England Population Health recognises the traditional owners of the land)

Closing Date for all positions (unless specified): 11 July 2008

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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We currently have a number of Full Time Aboriginal Health employment opportunities available across the Area Health Service.

Team Leader Aboriginal Health

Golden/Wagga Wagga/Albury Clusters
Health Service Manager - Level 2
Perm Full Time, 76 hpn Position Number: 51559
Salary Range: \$70,142-\$83,194 pa pro rata

Team Leader Aboriginal Health

Eurobodalla/Bega Valley Clusters
Health Service Manager - Level 2
Perm Full Time, 76 hpn Position Number: 51562
Salary Range: \$70,142-\$83,194 pa pro rata

Team Leader Aboriginal Health

Southern Slopes/Southern Tablelands/Queanbeyan
Health Service Manager - Level 2
Perm Full Time, 76 hpn Position Number: 51560
Salary Range: \$70,142-\$83,194 pa pro rata

Aboriginal Health Education Officer/Aboriginal

Hospital Liaison Officer
Yass Community Health Centre
Aboriginal Health Education Officer
Perm Full Time, 76 hpn Position Number: 51773
Salary: \$38,878-\$73,003 pa pro rata
Enquiries: Lee Simpson Program Developer Coordinator
Aboriginal Health, (02) 6936 6174,
lee.simpson@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au
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Expressions Of Interest - Aboriginal Health Division

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Community Health Improvement Team and Liaison and Strategy Team
ASOS and AS06 classification levels 1 to 5 year contract positions**

The Aboriginal Health Division is seeking Expressions of Interest from prospective employees who can contribute to the Division's objectives which are: To reduce Aboriginal ill health, develop a culturally responsive health system and build Aboriginal community health and wellbeing. To this end, the Division provides workforce initiatives, policy advice and analysis and 'front line' community-based health improvement coordination utilizing Community development principles.

This is your opportunity to be a part of a dynamic Aboriginal Health team that is committed to reducing the gap between Aboriginal and non Aboriginal life expectancy.

Are you committed to improving Aboriginal health in South Australia? Do you want to play a part in "Closing the Gap" in life expectancy between Aboriginal and non Aboriginal people? If so, we want to hear from you!

The Aboriginal Health Division provides advice on and advocacy for policies and initiatives that lead to improved Aboriginal health outcomes.

Project Officer (ASOS) and Senior Project Officers (AS06) - Liaison and Strategy Team

Senior Project Officer (more than one position) (AS06) - Community Health Improvement Team

To register your interest, please request a registration form and information package from Mr John Evans, Senior Administration Coordinator on 8226 7358 or email john.evans@health.sa.gov.au

For further information on the positions available, please contact:

Gracie Bennett, Manager
Liaison & Strategy Team
Telephone 8226 0794
Bennett.Gracie@health.sa.gov.au

Sally Castelli-McGregor, Manager
Community Health Improvement Team
Telephone 8226 6674
Castelli-McGregor.Sally@health.sa.gov.au

For more information visit:
www.health.sa.gov.au/careers
or phone 1300 882 992



Government of South Australia
SA Health

north coast TAFE

Student Support Officer (Aboriginal)
Taree Campus
Permanent Part-time 21 hpw

This position also services Great Lakes.
This is a re-advertised position.

Job Reference: 08/080/NC1

Salary: \$28.36 ph - \$31.05 ph

Duties: Provide an Aboriginal student advisory and support service.

Information Package: Applicants must obtain a package as it contains selection criteria and other relevant details. Please call the Recruitment Officer 1800 008 233 or download www.nci.tafensw.edu.au

Note: This position is a designated Aboriginal position in terms of section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date: 11 July 2008

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Department of
the Attorney General
Government of Western Australia

Graduate Policy Project Officers (Pool)

Corporate Services

Position No: 009120 Recruitment Pool

Level/Salary: L3 PSQA \$48,409 - \$52,560pa

The Department of the Attorney General is seeking up to fifteen recent university graduates of all ages to participate in its Graduate Development Program. The program offers graduates a chance to develop and strengthen their skills as well as gain practical work experience across the Department. Graduates will be involved in a range of justice functions and issues which will enhance their future careers. We are looking for people from all disciplines including the humanities, the arts, social sciences, business, commerce, psychology, social work, political science, law, accounting and communications. Candidates should have completed a relevant Bachelor's degree from a university during 2008 (or by the date of commencement of the GDP) or within the last three years. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. The Department of the Attorney General offers a diverse range of career paths where you can make a difference to society in a range of exciting and challenging roles.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No or Keyword into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9470 0011.

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Lorna Mathie (not to be contacted for application on) (08) 9264 1219.

Closing Date: Mon, 21 July 2008 at 4.30pm.



SGPN is a not for profit organisation providing advocacy and support to General Practice in the delivery of high quality health services to the SE NSW Community.

Two new positions are available in Moruya and the successful applicants will enjoy an attractive remuneration package, family friendly workplace, opportunities for training, a high performing team environment and a great lifestyle on the South Coast of NSW.

Both positions are to join the Aboriginal Healthy for Life Program which aims to improve child and maternal health and chronic disease screening in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities along the coast from Ulladulla to Eden.

Healthy for Life Nurse - Part Time

You will be required to undertake Child and Adult health checks and to assist with management of chronic disease through GP Management Plans and Team Care Arrangement. The position will also require you to participate in monthly Aboriginal Diabetes Clinics. You will be working in an established supportive team and will have access to generous ongoing professional development opportunities.

Healthy for Life Aboriginal Liaison Officer

This position offers the opportunity to work within a team for better health outcomes for the Aboriginal communities from Ulladulla to Wallaga Lake. The position offers opportunities for further training in Aboriginal Health Work or Nursing.

See position description for pay rate.

For selection criteria and job descriptions contact: Sue Fraser on (02) 4474 5100 or you can download from our website at www.sgpn.com.au/Employment/Network.

Written applications addressing selection criteria to: Ms Kym Batt Executive Officer, Level 1, 73 Vulcan Street, Moruya NSW 2537 or by email to sfraser@sgpn.com.au

Applications close: Friday 25th July 2008

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Senior Examiner (Ongoing)

Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

Executive Level 1

Woden, ACT

Be part of a team assisting with the management of ORIC's Regulation section and providing high quality and innovative assistance to Corporations who are encountering difficulties meeting requirements under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006.

This position is only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians under clause 4.2(6)(b)(i) of the Public Service Commissioner's Directions 1999.

Special Project Officer (Ongoing)

Research and Analysis Branch

APS Level 5

Tuggeranong, ACT

Do you have the ability to develop publicity and indigenous specific promotional products, have experience in MARVIN Software and have good skills in graphic design and multi media? If this is you, come join a team dedicated to improving the lives of Indigenous children!

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How to apply

For further information visit "Careers in FaHCSIA" at www.fahcsia.gov.au or contact Recruitment on (02) 6200 9514.

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 via TTY 1800 260 402.

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COUNTY COURT OF VICTORIA

County Koori Court Officer

Reference Number CC0806

Grade 3, \$48,714 - \$59,148 / Position No: CC0806 - Fixed Term, 12 Months

The County Koori Court pilot, is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement, which will be the first County Koori Court established as a division of the County Court in Latrobe Valley Court complex.

The County Koori Court is an adaptation of the successful adult Koori Courts which have been established at seven locations around Victoria.

This is an exciting opportunity for a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent to work within Victoria's court system. The position will be based in Latrobe Valley Court complex.

This is a designated Indigenous Position which has been granted exemption status by VCAT A131/2008. The Court provides a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and other security checks.

Applications close on 13 July 2008.

www.dhs.vic.gov.au



Indigenous Family Violence - Statewide Coordinator

Children, Youth and Families Division
Child Protection and Family Services Branch
\$69,584 to \$84,190 plus super
Full time, ongoing

The Indigenous Family Violence Statewide Coordinator is a member of the Family Violence and Sexual Assault team and has responsibility for coordination of the Regional Indigenous Family Violence Support Workers and the provision of support and advice to Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Groups. The Statewide Coordinator will also liaise closely with Aboriginal Affairs Victoria and other Government Departments, and will play a key role in implementing the Indigenous Family Violence Strategy.

An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No. A255/2004). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Jenny Willox on (03) 9096 8703. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on vacancies. Please quote reference no DHS/IC/YF/51916. Applications close Sunday, 13 July 2008.

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity. www.careers.vic.gov.au

Western Health

Caring for the West

Aboriginal Liaison Officer Cultural Diversity and Aboriginal Health Part Time - 60.8 hours per fortnight

Western Health in the western suburbs of Melbourne is seeking a suitably experienced person who is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or accepted by the Aboriginal community (IEC Exemption).

The person will be responsible for:

- Improving access to and the availability of appropriate health services and preventative care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people, and
- Increasing the sensitivity of health care services and providers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health issues.

The role will be based across our three campuses, including Sunshine Footscray and Williamstown, and will work closely with the Indigenous service providers within the western suburbs. The ALO will be a member of the Western Health Aboriginal Health Advisory Committee. Enquiries: Leanne Lade, Manager, Cultural Diversity and Aboriginal Health, Ph: 8345 1302 or 0408 567 979 or Email: Leanne.Lade@wh.org.au

Closing Date: 11/07/2008

For complete advertisement, PQ and application form, please visit www.westernhealth.org.au

Applicants may be required to undergo a Police Records / Working with Children check.

www.westernhealth.org.au

ILLAWARRA LEGAL CENTRE INC Aboriginal Legal Access Worker

Part Time (17.5 hours per week)
SACS Award Grade 3

Duties: This position will work with the Financial Counsellor to promote the financial counselling service to Aboriginal people, and assist and support Aboriginal people in their dealings with the service and the broader Legal Centre. The worker will assist Centre caseworkers to provide services in a culturally appropriate way and to build a sense of trust between the client and the Centre.

Training: The worker will be provided with orientation to the Centre, and to the role of the Financial Counsellor, as well as training in intake and assessment procedures and budgeting counselling.

Selection Criteria: Illawarra Legal Centre considers that being an Aboriginal person is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

The successful person must demonstrate the following:

- Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Ability to develop trusting relationships with Aboriginal people in the Illawarra
- Good written and spoken communication skills
- Basic word processing skills
- An interest in assisting people with financial and other legal problems

We are seeking to employ an Aboriginal worker to be part of our team to assist in promoting the Centre's services to Aboriginal people and support Aboriginal people in accessing Centre services.

Contact the Centre on 02 4276 1939 for an information package. Applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm Monday 14 July 2008.

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Indigenous Coordination Centres

Executive Level 2

\$87,069 - \$99,478 pa

- ICC Managers
- Tamworth (ICC) PN 40000027
 - Western NSW (Bourke / Dubbo) ICC PN 40100004
 - Wagga Wagga (ICC) PN 40071353

The work of the Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICCs) includes delivering Government programs, liaising with a wide range of Australian Government, state, territory and non-government agencies, contributing to policy and program review and formulation, and working cooperatively with program areas within FaHCSIA to achieve the Department's strategic outcomes.

The Vacancies

FaHCSIA has three ongoing vacancies at the EL2 level, at Tamworth, Western NSW (Bourke / Dubbo) and Wagga Wagga ICCs.

The ICC Manager will be part of a team driving close cooperation between Australian Government agencies, state and local government agencies, Indigenous organisations, communities and stakeholders including the corporate sector.

They will also lead a collaborative approach to Indigenous program management and service delivery, including the development and negotiation of Shared Responsibility Agreements (SRAs) with Australian Government agencies, state and local government agencies and Indigenous communities.

The ICC Manager provides a leadership role in the ICC's whole-of-government work including managing the day-to-day operations of the ICC, coordinating activities of staff from different agencies and resolving any conflicts in whole-of-government work priorities.

The successful applicants will be able to negotiate an attractive package of conditions, including access to a privately plated vehicle, through an individual remuneration agreement.

How to apply

For further information contact James McCormack, ICC Manager, on (02) 6841 3110, visit 'Careers in FaHCSIA' at www.fahcsia.gov.au or contact our Recruitment 24-hour answering machine on (02) 8225 1153.

We welcome applications from Indigenous Australians, people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with a disability.

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To be eligible for engagement applicants must be Australian citizens or willing to apply for Australian citizenship.

Applications close 11 July 2008

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TAFE Teacher Community Services (Koori)

- Delivery of emerging new Indigenous programs
- Great CBD location
- \$62,788 per annum pro-rata + super Ref. No.: 461961

This role will involve working in new and existing partnership programs with Victorian Indigenous communities. Your previous, successful work with Indigenous peoples will be highly regarded.

Essential to your application will be your extensive knowledge and understanding of the Community Services Sector and experience in the delivery of flexible VET training and assessment. You will demonstrate a high level of planning and organisational skills as well as the ability to form and maintain relationships.

This is an initial 6-month fixed term position with the potential to be extended, dependant on funding.

As part of a team, you will be responsible for:

- Assisting the School in the development and delivery of training to Indigenous students
- Negotiating training options with communities
- Evaluating and continuously improving Indigenous training programs

Community Service related qualifications and a Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training is preferred.

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For further information please contact David

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4323, or please visit our website to apply.

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Associate Lecturer or Lecturer in Nursing

School of Nursing and Midwifery

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Salary Range: Lecturer \$67,852 - \$80,576 per annum; Associate Lecturer \$47,497 - \$64,457 per annum, plus 17% superannuation.

Logan campus

Closes: 30 July 2008

Reference: NRS17270/08

To Apply:

- 1 Go to www.griffith.edu.au/hrm/employment/ for further information on the position and selection criteria or phone 07 3735 4010 if you do not have internet access.
- 2 Follow the specific application process for that position.
- 3 Applications can be lodged in electronic or hard copy form. All applications will be acknowledged.

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Community Development Officer (Aboriginal)

Re-advertised

\$607.12 to \$702.96 per week + super
4 days (28 hours) per week

An exciting and challenging opportunity awaits a motivated and versatile indigenous person with a community development background.

The successful applicant will have the ability to plan, develop, support and deliver community building activities or programs; be able to provide a strong link between Council and the community. A high level of oral and written communication skills, including report writing is required, together with PC and keyboarding skills (including competency in Microsoft Office applications).

This position is also funded by the NSW Department of Community Services and therefore its continuance is subject to ongoing funding.

For a copy of the position description including details of the selection criteria, go to our website www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au or contact our Customer Service Officer on (02) 6568 2555.

Further information is available from Council's Manager Community and Cultural Services, Coral Hutchinson on 02 6568 0239.

Applications marked "Confidential" should be forwarded to the Manager Human Resources, PO Box 177, Macksville 2447 or emailed to council@nambucca.nsw.gov.au by Friday 18 July 2008.

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MICHAEL COULTER
GENERAL MANAGER



NSW Ombudsman

OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE
CROSS AGENCY TEAM

Project Officer (Aboriginal Unit)

Clerk Grade 7-8, Sydney, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 0801. Total remuneration package valued to: \$84,855 p.a. (\$69,468-\$76,896).

Undertakes trips to Aboriginal communities to assess the implementation of key government plans and strategies. The role also involves resolving complaints by Aboriginal people about agencies and services. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality, Sensitivity to cultural issues relating to Aboriginal communities and the capacity to effectively work with Aboriginal communities, police and other key agencies/departments. Knowledge of relevant legislation, especially the Police Act, Ombudsman Act and Community Services (Complaints, Reviews and Monitoring) Act and the ability to interpret legislation, policy development, review and/or research skills. Ability to develop and deliver community education and/or staff training programs. High standard of written and verbal communication skills. Project management, negotiation, organisational skills and the capacity to work both independently and as part of a team. Knowledge of the role of the Ombudsman and the workings of government. Word processing and computer skills with knowledge of Word, Excel and/or data base concepts.

Notes: Short listed applicants will be subject to security vetting which includes a criminal records check, working with children check and providing a statement as to certain personal particulars.

An eligibility list may be created for future permanent and/or temporary vacancies that may arise. One permanent position is currently available.

Inquiries: Laurel Russ (02) 9286 0999

Email: lruss@ombo.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or Ayishan Ansari (02) 9265 0480.

Closing Date: Friday 18 July 2008.



Australian Government

Indigenous Business Australia

New Position

Manager, Service Delivery Home Lending Canberra Based

Do you have experience and skills in:

- managing diverse work teams
- customer relationship management
- business analysis
- financial services
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Ref: 4463

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Local Facilitator 'Kids Excel'

Clerk Grade 7/8, Bidwill Public School, Mt Druff, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 132624. Total remuneration package valued to: \$84,855 p.a. (\$69,468-\$76,896) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Coordinate and implement the Kids Excel program in partnership with Aboriginal children and families and in collaboration with local schools and service providers in the Mt Druff area.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Knowledge and understanding of culturally appropriate strategies and early intervention principles for supporting Aboriginal children 0-12 years and their families. Demonstrated skills and experience in project management and community and partnership development. Ability to support a local management group to oversee the implementation and budget of Kids Excel. Excellent communication, liaison and consultation skills. Computer skills. Current NSW drivers license. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: This is a temporary appointment for the period up to 19 December 2008. 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: Peter Robinson (02) 9628 2444

Email: Peter.P.Robinson@det.nsw.edu.au

Information Packages: Peter Robinson (02) 9628 2444.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:

Mr Peter Robinson, Principal Bidwill Public School, Bunya Road, Bidwill NSW 2770.

Closing Date: Friday 18 July 2008

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Strategic Coordination Officer

Clerk Grade 7/8, Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 124077. Total remuneration package valued to: \$84,855 p.a. (\$69,468-\$76,896) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provide high quality advice and project assistance on the development of programs in vocational education and training (VET) for Aboriginal people.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Knowledge of issues in Aboriginal education and training. High level communication, liaison and negotiation skills. Experience in developing and implementing vocational education and training programs. Demonstrated ability to consult and work effectively with Aboriginal communities, industry and training providers. Ability to collect and analyse statistical information. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

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Inquiries: Tony Chenery (02) 9244 5352

Email: tony.chenery@det.nsw.edu.au

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REF: QLD/DSQ6795/08

Key Duties: Provide information, advice and referral to people with a disability and their families in relation to the DSQ Registration and the region's funding programs and processes.

Skills and Abilities: A strong values base consistent with the mission of Disability Services Queensland and substantial knowledge of current philosophies, policies, practices and programs in the provision of human services particularly to people with disabilities.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689

Closing Date: Monday, 14 July 2008

Local Area Coordinator

(Supervisor)

Service Delivery

Disability Services Queensland

Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Mount Isa

REF: QLD/DSQ6870/08

Key Duties: Develop relationships with people with disabilities, their family and committed others, to provide information, advocacy and support; facilitate the identification of immediate and long term needs; and planning for supports and services that are responsive to individual need. To facilitate "community building" - community awareness and engagement which result in greater levels of participation of people with disabilities in community life.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689

Closing Date: Monday, 14 July 2008

Regional Coordinator

Disability Services, Community and Home Care

Disability Services Queensland

Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/DSQ6873/08

Key Duties: Assist in planning, implementation and evaluation of regional strategies, policies and procedures to ensure efficient, effective and integrated regional disability services; contribute to development of business unit plans; contribute to development and management of funding processes; undertake regional projects as required.

Skills and Abilities: Well developed consultation, negotiation, written and interpersonal communication skills to enable effective resolution of complex service system practice issues.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689

Closing Date: Monday, 14 July 2008

Manager (Professional and Specialist Services)

Community and Home Care

(Two permanent full-time positions available)

Disability Services Queensland

Salary: \$72 017 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/DSQ6872/08

Key Duties: The Manager (Professional and Specialist Services) ensures the provision of high quality professional and specialist services to clients with disabilities and their families/carers. This position will develop, implement and evaluate services to ensure positive client outcomes, and manage a multi-disciplinary team.

Skills and Abilities: A tertiary degree in one of the professional disciplines, and professional membership/registration as required in Queensland is mandatory.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689

Closing Date: Monday, 14 July 2008

Community Resource Officer

Disability Services, Community and Home Care

(Two permanent full-time positions available)

Disability Services Queensland

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/DSQ6868/08

Key Duties: Liaise and work collaboratively with funded non-government service providers in the delivery of services and supports for people with a disability, in relation to accountability responsibilities and reporting obligations as outlined in DSQ's funding guidelines, and maintaining continuous service improvement.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689

Closing Date: Monday, 14 July 2008

Local Area Coordinator

Service Delivery

Disability Services Queensland

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Charters Towers

REF: QLD/DSQ6874/08

Key Duties: Work with people with disabilities, their families and local communities to identify and develop required supports/services, which will assist people with disabilities live quality lives and participate fully in local communities; assist families in continued provision of care and support.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689

Closing Date: Monday, 14 July 2008

Project Coordinator

Corporate Office, Human Resources Branch

Transport

Salary: \$60 770 - \$66 050 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/TD6958/08

Key Duties: You will: Have worked sensitively and effectively in delivering programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and their communities; Have a clear understanding of the specific issues which face Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and their communities in securing and retaining employment; Be able to plan and deliver projects to achieve agreed results independently and as part of a team; Demonstrate solution focused advisory and consultancy skills; Have well-developed administrative and financial reporting skills.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7682

Closing Date: Monday, 14 July 2008

Conference Support Officer

(Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Communities

Salary: \$46 121 - \$51 432 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/COM6897/08

Key Duties: Provide information and support to conference participants in particular those with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds. **Skills and Abilities:** Ability to engage effectively with young offenders, victims and their families who are experiencing difficult personal situations as well as relevant community stakeholders.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 14 July 2008

Social Worker

Disability Services, Community and Home Care

(One temporary full-time position available for five months)

Disability Services Queensland

Salary: \$46 071 - \$57 647 p.a.

Location: Wrooloolin

REF: QLD/DSQ6878/08

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689

Closing Date: Monday, 14 July 2008

Graduate IM Support Officer

Information and Facilities Management

(Two positions, temporary full-time for two years)

Housing

Salary: \$44 346 - \$49 454 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/HO6521/08

Key Duties: Web design/web development, software development, usability testing and business intelligence (data management). **Skills and Abilities:** You will be able to work cooperatively within a team environment, apply your learning in new situations, communicate effectively and develop or deliver solutions to meet client needs.

Enquiries: Roh Freeman (07) 3225 2703 or E-Mail: rohvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 14 July 2008

Program Coordinator

Service Delivery

(One permanent part-time position available (58 hours per fm)

Disability Services Queensland

Salary: \$43 627 - \$47 975 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/DSQ6866/08

Key Duties: This position creates opportunities for people with a disability to develop and maintain friendships and relationships within local communities; supports and promotes inclusion of adults with a disability within social networks in the community through use of community linking strategies.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689

Closing Date: Monday, 14 July 2008

Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Coordinator

Child Safety Services Division

Child Safety

Salary: \$30 973 - \$33 824 p.a.

Location: Mt Isa

REF: QLD/CHS6981/08

Key Duties: Coordinate the effective functioning of teams within the SCAN System.

Skills and Abilities: Coordinate the functioning of SCAN Assessment and Management (AM) Team in a manner that assists in effective and professional discussion and recommendations that are responsive to case needs.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693

Closing Date: Monday, 14 July 2008

Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Administration Officer

Child Safety Services Division

(One permanent part-time position available for 36.25hrs/fort)

Child Safety

Salary: \$23 060 - \$25 716 p.a.

Location: Mt Isa

REF: QLD/CHS6987/08

Key Duties: To provide timely and effective support to the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Assessment and Management (SCAN) Coordinator and Team.

Skills and Abilities: Organise SCAN team meetings as required, and record accurate minutes to reflect SCAN Team discussions and recommendations.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693

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Duties/Abilities: Provide a high level of health care and support based on the needs of the Indigenous community of the Sunshine Coast and Cooloola District and in accordance with the goals and targets set for Indigenous Health throughout the Area. It is a genuine occupational requirement that an identified position be filled by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by an arguable under Section 25, 104 and 105 of the *Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act (1991)*.

Enquiries: Leone Smith (07) 5450 4794.

Application Kit: (07) 5313 8065 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 14 July 2008.

Health Workers Advanced (Sexual Health) – Q Clinic, Wide Bay Sexual Health, Community Health, Bundaberg Hospital, Wide Bay Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$54 530 p.a., comprising salary between \$43 449 - \$47 793 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (Two positions. Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H08WB0601.

Duties/Abilities: Maintain professional and operational accountability to Queensland Health, to enhance the health and well being of Indigenous people focusing on the sexual health of the Indigenous community living in the Wide Bay Health Service District and Fraser Coast. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Fiona Stack (07) 4150 2754.

Application Kit: (07) 4150 2066 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 21 July 2008.

Admin/Management

Manager – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Unit, Brisbane, Office of the Director-General. Salary between \$88 171 - \$93 246 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (A08) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H08FL542.

Duties/Abilities: Provide advice at an executive level both within Queensland Health and across other government and non-government agencies, on the provision of health services to improve health outcomes and the health status of Indigenous people across Queensland. Manage the day to day operations of the unit. As Australia's third largest city, thousands of people move to Brisbane each year in search of better jobs, more opportunities and a relaxed lifestyle. Brisbane city is young and vibrant, containing a variety of shopping experiences and entertainment, including theatres and fine dining. The Gold Coast's sandy beaches and hinterland are only an hour's drive away from central Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast, to the north, is within a one and half hour's drive.

Enquiries: Yasmin Muller (07) 3234 0575.

Application Kit: (07) 3234 1319 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 14 July 2008.

Corporate Support Services

Principal Policy Officer – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Unit, Brisbane, Office of the Director-General. Salary between \$79 578 - \$85 322 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (A07) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H08FL553.

Duties/Abilities: Contribute to the provision of leadership and direction to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Unit and Queensland Health by developing relevant policies and providing advice, leading to the improvement of Indigenous health status across Queensland.

Enquiries: Yasmin Muller (07) 3234 0575.

Application Kit: (07) 3234 1319 (Info-line) or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 14 July 2008.

Health Worker Generalist – Child Youth and Family Health Service, Toowoomba Health Service Toowoomba and Darling Downs Health Service District. Remuneration up to \$47 535 p.a., comprising salary between \$39 173 - \$41 662 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (A03) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H08TW252.

Duties/Abilities: Advance the health and well being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, youth and families and provide an efficient, effective, confidential and holistic primary health care service to the Toowoomba Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Jan Stirling (07) 4616 6822.

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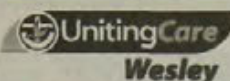
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Applications are to include a detailed current CV, Covering Letter and ILC Cover Note (located on the internet). Further information will be requested against the selection criteria if you are required for an interview.

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Job Description:

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SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications, as acceptable to the Department, in Psychology, Special Education, Speech Pathology or other relevant area.
- Significant skill and experience in the provision of supervision, mentoring and management of other professionals in the delivery of behaviour intervention/relapse prevention, treatment options and risk management.
- Knowledge, extensive experience and demonstrated skills in comprehensive assessments, design and implementation of intervention plans, identification of appropriate service/therapeutic models for clients with offending behaviour and complex needs.
- Highly developed written and oral communication skills including significant skills in conflict resolution and mediation and ability to support staff in stressful situations.
- Highly developed skills and extensive experience in providing advice, professional opinions and judgements on clinical issues affecting people with disabilities and offending behaviour.
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- Ability to undertake project work and manage high volume work flow by planning and organisation of priorities.

Job Notes: There are two permanent full-time positions available. An eligibility list will be created. The services provided by the position are statewide and country travel stays are required. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: Melinda Smith, Manager Case Management and Clinical Practice on (02) 9895 8626.

Information Package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or 1800 185 466.

Apply on-line: As per link provided in the Information Package.

Closing Date: Friday 11 July 2008.

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NSW Department of
Community Services

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 1/2

Northern Region

Toomelah/Boggabilla

Temporary Full-Time (2 positions)

Vacancy No: DOCS-08-13709

Total remuneration package valued up to \$55,568 per annum ((Salary: \$46,320 pa - \$50,356 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Provide administrative support to a team of Aboriginal Caseworkers working closely with indigenous families and communities on site.

Selection Criteria:

- Interpersonal skills including the capacity to provide client contact service to Aboriginal families and communities and the ability to work within a team of indigenous Caseworkers.
- General office computer skills, combined with a working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications.
- Capacity to work within an environment of fluctuating workloads and changing priorities.
- Capacity to develop a good working knowledge of DoCS financial, administration and other systems (eg KIDS, SAP Financials, SAP HR).
- Knowledge of office procedures and a capacity to understand and apply policies in undertaking administrative processes.
- Capacity to set up a range of office equipment (photocopiers, faxes, overhead projectors and printers) and to ensure operational efficiency of equipment.

Job Notes: There are two temporary full-time positions available for a period of up to 30 June 2009 under the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 and are located in Goondiwindi. The Toomelah/Boggabilla project is a unique project with the purpose of assisting communities in the Toomelah/Boggabilla region address long standing issues with a particular focus on child sexual assault. The project delivers services with a community development focus using innovative models of service delivery. The project concentrates on engaging with the child, young person, family and the community, and there is a great emphasis on fieldwork. Whilst the Toomelah/Boggabilla project has focused on the needs of the child and/or young person it adopts a top down focus to engaging the community.

Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Maureen Ervine on 0411 257 618

Information Packages: www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers or NSW Businesslink (02) 6626 4100.

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Regional Service Centre, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480.

Closing Date: Friday 11 July 2008

DA170848

New School of Arts Neighbourhood House Inc.

Youth Worker

(Part-time)

A position exists for a youth Worker for a community project based in Yamba, Northern NSW.

You must have the ability to work independently and as part of a team, exercise initiative and independent judgement, use your strong communication skills to interact with clients, service users and colleagues.

Applications must address the Selection Criteria contained in the position description and must include a detailed resume and two current relevant referees and a Working With Children Check clearance is required. Prohibited Persons are not eligible to apply.

Please contact the centre on 02 6642 6843 for an application package.

Closing Date: 11th of July 2008.

Applications to be addressed to: Centre Management, New School of Arts Neighbourhood House Inc., PO Box 82, South Grafton NSW 2460.



DISABILITY CASE WORKERS

Fulltime/Parttime

If you are an experienced Disability Case Worker and want to make a difference and be part of supporting our local community then opportunity exists for you at The Junction Works Inc.

We are a community based Non Government organisation committed to the provision of quality support services for people with disability within our community.

Due to the growth and expansion of our services we have opportunities for qualified case workers in our Transition to Work and Community Programs.

To be successful in this role it is essential that you have a proven background and experience in working with persons with disability, together with the ability to develop, implement and evaluate a range of Community Participation and Transition to Work programs.

You will possess a degree or diploma in social Welfare or related disciplines with well developed written and verbal communication skills and hold a Senior First Aid certificate.

Salary: SACS Award + Salary Packaging
Applications answering criteria + 2 references to PO Box 15, AUSTRAL 2179

Email: thejunctionworks@bigpond.com

For further information: phone 9606 9628

Closing Date: Wednesday July 16

Police Check will be conducted for successful applicants



Ian Potter Foundation Indigenous Research Fellow

\$50,183 - \$72,675 pa

plus half clinical loading (where appropriate)

Full-time, 2 years

Based in Darwin

A fellowship is being offered to allow an Indigenous person to undertake research at Menzies in one or more of the following areas: Child Health; Preventable Chronic Diseases; Healing and Resilience; Tropical and Emerging Infectious Disease; International Health and Services, Systems and Society.

It is anticipated that the successful applicant will hold a nursing, medical, allied health or other relevant tertiary qualification; have demonstrated their interest in, and ability to pursue, a career in research; and a strong interest in the health and wellbeing of Indigenous Australians. There is potential for the research undertaken in this role to form the basis of a PhD program of studies.

Contact: Bilawara Lee on 6922 8235

Vacancy Closes 21 July 2008

Menzies is a Health Promotion Charity (HPC). HPC salary packaging arrangements can significantly increase your effective salary. Menzies also provides generous superannuation benefits, 6 weeks annual leave, and flexible working arrangements.

For information on how to apply for this position, and to obtain the Position Description and Selection Criteria please visit www.menzies.edu.au/opportunities or phone 08 8922 7667/6914.

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia



The Greater Sydney Aboriginal Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service is supplied by Otawarra Pty Ltd. Otawarra seeks to employ an Aboriginal Tenancy Service Manager and two Aboriginal Tenants Advice Advocates, based at Sydney.

Manager Aboriginal Tenancy Service 38 hours P.W.

- Applicants must demonstrate:
- Experience at a high level in organisational and project management
 - Ability to understand and interpret legislation
 - Ability to manage own caseload
 - Ability to lead and manage a team
 - Experience in working with Aboriginal communities
 - Current driver's licence
 - Willingness to undertake training & travel

Applications must address all points on the selection criteria. Selection criteria and duty statement from Ruth Simon phone (02) 9589 1839 or 0425 290 066.

Application close: Friday, 25th July 2008.

Advocates Aboriginal Tenancy Service 38 hours P.W.

- Applicants must demonstrate:
- Demonstrated skills in client/case management; advocacy, negotiation and representation
 - Proven communication, interpersonal and administrative skills
 - Experience in dealing with clients with intellectual disabilities
 - Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team
 - Ability to effectively undertake and deliver community education initiatives
 - Good computer skills, including word processing, data entry and Internet experience
 - Willingness to undertake training & travel
 - Current driver's licence

Applications must address all points on the selection criteria. Selection criteria and duty statement from Ruth Simon phone (02) 9589 1839 OR 0425 290 066.

Application close: Friday, 25th July 2008.

Applications to
Confidential
Director - Otawarra Pty Ltd
PO Box 126
JANNALI NSW 2226

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S140 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1987 (NSW)



QUEENSLAND ABORIGINAL & ISLANDER HEALTH COUNCIL (QAIHC) 2 X POSITIONS VACANT

Queensland Aboriginal & Islander Health Council (QAIHC) is the state peak body representing the Aboriginal and Islander Community Controlled Health Sector in Queensland. QAIHC's vision is to eliminate disparities in health and well-being experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the delivery of comprehensive and effective primary health care services, delivered by a viable and independent Aboriginal & Islander Community Controlled Health Sector integrated into the Queensland Health System.

WORKFORCE POLICY OFFICER HEALTH POLICY REFORM

- Attractive Remuneration Package \$84,000 - \$90,000
- 10.5 % Superannuation
- Fringe benefit salary packaging (after 3 month's probationary period)

A suitably qualified individual is required to undertake the Workforce Policy officer position with the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC). The position will be offered full-time for an initial period of 12 months with an extension depending on funding.

The Workforce Policy Officer - Health Policy Reform provides high level workforce policy advice to QAIHC's Senior management team and designs and manages workforce planning and development interventions at the national, state and local levels. The position supports a range of workforce initiatives and is a key member of the QAIHC team.

PARTNERSHIP POLICY OFFICER

- Attractive Remuneration Package \$45,000 - \$55,000
- 10.5 % Superannuation
- Fringe benefit salary packaging (after 3 month's probationary period)

A suitably qualified individual is required to undertake the Partnership Policy Officer position with the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC). The position will be offered full-time for an initial period of 12 months with an extension depending on funding.

The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Partnership (QATSHP) comprises QAIHC, the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing and Queensland Health. The Policy Officer is responsible for supporting the QAIHC members of QATSHP and providing policy advice to QATSHP on a range of health issues. This is seen as an entry level position for people interested in working in this area of policy.

Applicants are required to provide an up to date Curriculum Vitae together with a covering letter outlining their experience and qualifications for the position. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people are strongly encouraged to apply and a part-time appointment may be negotiated if required.

For more information on either position, please contact
Anne Turner - Director, Policy & Advocacy
e-mail: annetturner@qaihc.com.au
or phone: 07 3360 8444

Closing date for Applications: Friday 9th July 2008

Recruitment

C.E.O

Attractive Salary Package

Our client is a very successful community controlled health organisation. They are currently seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Chief Executive Officer who will be directly responsible for all business functions pertaining to the effective and efficient operations of the Health Service.

This position will provide financial and business direction to the Board of Management, provide leadership and management to staff and prepare reports, documentation and funding submissions on behalf of the organisation.

The successful candidate will possess relevant tertiary qualifications with significant experience in a senior management role. Previous Management experience in the health industry and in a private/public/community controlled organisation will be highly regarded. Well developed corporate management skills, high level representational and interpersonal skills and strong financial management skills are essential for this position.

For further information, please contact
mp personnel and training:
Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285
Email: admin@mppersonnel.com.au
Web: www.mppersonnel.com.au
Suite 3, 491 Smollett St, Albury, NSW 2640

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for a living planet™

Policy Manager - Conservation on Country

Become a futuremaker and help WWF-Australia create a living planet

WWF-Australia, the conservation organisation, is seeking a Policy Manager to develop and implement strategies in collaboration with WWF staff and Indigenous groups including Traditional Owner groups to advocate the implementation of government policy to improve outcomes for Indigenous conservation.

The ideal candidate will have the ability to develop and advocate policy positions, experience engaging with government, industry and science audiences to communicate conservation threats and solutions and experience developing and maintaining strategic relationships with government and other key stakeholders. The ability to engage with Indigenous people/organisations and with the media is also essential.

A full position description with selection criteria is available on our website www.wwf.org.au and enquiries may be directed to Dr Raymond Nias on (02) 6202 1223. Please note: This is an identified Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position.

WWF values a diverse workforce and is an equal opportunity employer.

Please send applications, with covering letter, CV and statement addressing the selection criteria to Matt Mackenzie, WWF-Australia, GPO Box 528, Sydney NSW 2001 or via email jobs-aw@wwf.org.au by Friday 18 July 2008.



Reconciliation Australia

ABN: 76 092 919 766

Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Program - Four unique positions -

Reconciliation Australia is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation with a focus on closing the 17-year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children.

Our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program provides organisations in all sectors with a format and expert advice to develop plans in their areas of influence and expertise which will contribute to closing the 17-year life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children. Government departments, major corporations, Indigenous organisations, schools and not-for-profits are involved in this ambitious program to turn good intentions into action.

High interest in the RAP program across Australia means that we need to expand our Canberra based team, creating the following four new positions:

- Relationship Manager
- Advisor - Community and Higher Education
- Advisor - Schools
- Planning Officer

Each role has common elements including: working with a team of RAP advisors to maximise the potential of the program to attract diverse organisations through strategic promotion, group seminars and industry support; working with organisations to consult, develop and effectively implement and monitor appropriate actions promoting reconciliation; and consulting with Indigenous and other stakeholders to ensure that the actions are informed, relevant and positively linked to the drivers of life expectancy.

Information about the RAP program and job descriptions are available from www.reconciliation.org.au.

Successful applicants will work in a dynamic team environment, have excellent interpersonal and organisational skills and be able to deliver in a fast paced environment. They will work strategically, independently and diplomatically with diverse, influential stakeholders.

Salary will be determined depending on experience, networks and skills.

Applicants of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged.

Applications close: Friday 11 July 2008

Written applications to:
Deborah Burton, Finance & HR Manager
Reconciliation Australia
PO Box 4773, Kingston ACT 2604
phone: 02 6273 9200
email: deborah.burton@reconciliation.org.au



Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited

Aboriginal Hostels have numerous jobs available in NWS, see our ad on page 60 of this edition for further details.

www.ahl.gov.au



ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY

Fancy a career in finance? Looking for a long term career?

Then the Aboriginal Employment Strategy wants you.

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 programs also available to university students.

Help us make a difference to your life.

Call AES Talent Management Service on

02 8571 0900



Looking for a change? Tired of your existing site location?

Ngarda Civil & Mining is an Indigenous owned and operated civil and mining contractor. Winner of the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Community business Partnerships, our company is dedicated to providing opportunities for Indigenous Australians. We continue to experience exciting growth, and are now looking for mining extraordinary to join our successful team for a "new" project in the Pilbara region.

- Project Managers - 2 positions
- Training Coordinators - 2 positions
- Environmental Health & Safety Advisers - 2 positions
- Mobile Plant Supervisors - 3 positions
- Excavator Operators - 3 positions
- Truck Operators - 12 positions
- Mobile Plant Operators - 3 positions
- Dozer Operators - 3 positions
- Grader Operators - 3 positions

You must possess:

- HR or HC licence valid for minimum 6 months
- Valid West Australian Driver's Licence
- Must be willing to pass a FULL pre-employment medical, Drug & Alcohol, Site clearances and all relevant inductions

Benefits:

- Competitive rates
- 10% superannuation
- Service bonuses
- New project

Do not miss this exciting opportunity as all positions are required urgently and will be treated in a professional and timely manner.

For any further enquiries please contact Adam De Silva at NGARDA on 08 6272 5086.

To register your interest please send your applications to apply@ngarda.com.au or address your application to:

Mr Adam De Silva - Human Resources Advisor
Ngarda Civil and Mining Pty Limited
P.O. Box 496, Belmont WA 6984



NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/1797	Pegasus Metals Ltd	12.62km ²	145km SE of Onslow	Lat 22°50' Long 115°41'	Ashburton
48/706	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	222km ²	56km N of Newman	Lat 22°21' Long 120°25'	East Pilbara
48/716	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	126.04km ²	13km SE of Newman	Lat 22°13' Long 120°32'	East Pilbara
48/722	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	177.77km ²	43km S of Nalgine	Lat 22°16' Long 120°06'	East Pilbara
47/1363	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	148.66km ²	14km SW of Wittenoom	Lat 22°20' Long 118°14'	Ashburton
47/1370	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	50.43km ²	29km SW of Tom Price	Lat 22°48' Long 117°32'	Ashburton
47/1384	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	36.49km ²	55km NW of Wittenoom	Lat 21°52' Long 117°59'	Ashburton
47/1741	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	3.14km ²	29km SE of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°20' Long 117°54'	Ashburton
47/1756	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	34.6km ²	8km SE of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°14' Long 117°42'	Ashburton

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 2 July 2008

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 2 October 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration licence may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 2 November 2008), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (CTH) in relation to the area of the exploration licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3528.



NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
20/2018	Hampton Hill Mining NL	47.2ha	61km N of Cui	Lat 28°54' Long 117°40'	Cui
20/2057	Windy Knob Resources Ltd	6.70ha	49km NE of Cui	Lat 27°03' Long 118°05'	Cui
29/1933	Scoria Nickel Pty Ltd	23.19ha	26km SE of Merides	Lat 29°52' Long 121°10'	Merides
29/2075	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	46.96ha	91km NW of Merides	Lat 29°07' Long 120°21'	Merides
31/1855	Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd	23.43ha	125km NE of Kalbarrie	Lat 28°54' Long 122°20'	Merides
31/1856	Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd	11.79ha	126km E of Merides	Lat 29°50' Long 122°50'	Merides
31/1956	Dusgale Pty Ltd	39.2ha	120km E of Merides	Lat 29°51' Long 122°18'	Merides
31/1957	Dusgale Pty Ltd	73.37ha	114km E of Merides	Lat 29°43' Long 122°13'	Merides
31/1968	Dusgale Pty Ltd	20.77ha	114km NE of Kalbarrie	Lat 29°59' Long 122°16'	Merides
31/1969	Chelocher Peter Potts	4.96ha	124km E of Merides	Lat 29°47' Long 122°18'	Merides
31/1969-70	Darrington Geological Services Pty Ltd	901.74ha	62km E of Merides	Lat 29°51' Long 121°51'	Merides
35/1953	Synergy Metals Ltd	176.29ha	35km SE of Leinster	Lat 28°02' Long 121°01'	Leonora
37/7384	St Barbara Ltd	25.64ha	49km N of Leonora	Lat 28°28' Long 121°09'	Leonora
37/7385	St Barbara Ltd	17.43ha	50km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°28' Long 121°05'	Leonora
37/7388-9	St Barbara Ltd	299.62ha	25km N of Leonora	Lat 28°56' Long 121°12'	Leonora
37/7390	St Barbara Ltd	160.21ha	45km N of Leonora	Lat 28°30' Long 121°09'	Leonora
37/7567-75	Ross Frederick Grew Resor John Dixon	1675.20ha	11km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 121°25'	Leonora
37/7569	Bruce Robert Legendre	121.23ha	9km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°49' Long 121°23'	Leonora
37/7590-1	Peter Ben Prugnot	595.73ha	29km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°40' Long 121°31'	Leonora
37/7592-5	Gregory Gordon Trenbath	2230.21ha	31km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°41' Long 121°38'	Leonora
37/7600-8					
37/7603-9					
37/7596	Gregory Basil Whitfield	722.54ha	36km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°41' Long 121°37'	Leonora
37/7599-8					
37/7601-2					
37/7597-8	Gregory Basil Whitfield	358.62ha	36km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°43' Long 121°39'	Leonora
37/7610	St Barbara Ltd	118.77ha	40km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°35' Long 121°05'	Leonora
37/7631-4	Gregory John Keeley	35.68ha	14km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°47' Long 121°26'	Leonora
37/7635-9	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	853.25ha	29km E of Leonora	Lat 28°49' Long 121°37'	Leonora
37/7640	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	141.23ha	34km E of Leonora	Lat 28°48' Long 121°40'	Leonora
37/7641	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	93.22ha	35km E of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 121°41'	Leonora
37/7642	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	89.97ha	34km E of Leonora	Lat 28°51' Long 121°40'	Leonora
38/3508-12	Bruce Robert Legendre	603.67ha	74km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°37' Long 122°16'	Laverton
	Bernhard Gunter Franz Wasse				
	Artane Minerals NL				
	Mark Gareth Oresay				
38/3513	Artane Minerals NL	107.59ha	68km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°40' Long 122°18'	Laverton
	Mark Gareth Oresay				
	Bruce Robert Legendre				
38/3514	Bernhard Gunter Franz Wasse	31.13ha	68km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°41' Long 122°17'	Laverton
	Bruce Robert Legendre				
	Artane Minerals NL				
	Mark Gareth Oresay				
	Bernhard Gunter Franz Wasse				
38/3515	Mark Gareth Oresay	26.03ha	68km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°42' Long 122°17'	Laverton
	Bernhard Gunter Franz Wasse				
	Bruce Robert Legendre				
	Artane Minerals NL				
38/3565-6	Sub-Sahara Resources NL	399.9a	74km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°40' Long 122°13'	Laverton
38/3606	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	27.69ha	26km S of Laverton	Lat 28°51' Long 122°21'	Laverton
	Barick (GSM) Limited				
38/3667	Barick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	141.2ha	32km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°48' Long 122°38'	Laverton
	Barick (GSM) Limited				
	Barick (GSM) Limited				
38/3768	A1 Minerals Ltd	2.43ha	29km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 122°39'	Laverton
38/3780	Peter Ben Prugnot	7.52ha	57km W of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°10' Long 122°19'	Laverton
38/4176	Scott Walter Wilson	104.87ha	51km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°56' Long 122°01'	Laverton
	Ross Frederick Grew				
38/4811	Austhien Resources Pty Ltd	35.28ha	22km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°44' Long 122°12'	Laverton
38/4812	Austhien Resources Pty Ltd	17.6ha	22km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°44' Long 122°13'	Laverton
38/4813	Austhien Resources Pty Ltd	28.59ha	22km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 122°14'	Laverton
38/4909	Golden Cliffs NL	180.51ha	72km S of Laverton	Lat 29°16' Long 122°25'	Leonora
38/4910-1	Golden Cliffs NL	280.48ha	72km S of Laverton	Lat 29°16' Long 122°27'	Leonora
38/4930	Gerard Victor Brewer	195.25ha	54km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°58' Long 121°57'	Laverton
38/1872	Maximus Resources Ltd	89.54ha	58km NE of Paynes Find	Lat 29°01' Long 118°13'	Yalgoo
77/3682	Polars Metals NL	98.84ha	49km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°22' Long 119°35'	Yalgoo
77/3683	Polars Metals NL	114.59ha	47km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°24' Long 119°36'	Yalgoo
77/3684	Polars Metals NL	20.72ha	49km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°28' Long 119°40'	Yalgoo
77/3685	Polars Metals NL	43.47ha	52km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°21' Long 119°42'	Yalgoo
77/3686	Polars Metals NL	43.4ha	58km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°20' Long 119°44'	Yalgoo
77/3687	Sommar Resources Ltd	23.69ha	58km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°19' Long 119°45'	Yalgoo
77/3688	Sommar Resources Ltd	31.87ha	58km NE of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°26' Long 119°56'	Yalgoo
77/3690	David Lewis Williams	20.72ha	67km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°13' Long 118°21'	Yalgoo
77/3691	David Lewis Williams	49.94ha	67km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°13' Long 119°20'	Yalgoo
77/3692	Gryndwala Resources Ltd	173.54ha	73km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 31°49' Long 119°36'	Yalgoo
77/3693-7	Gryndwala Resources Ltd	874.69ha	79km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 31°50' Long 119°39'	Yalgoo
83/1673	Meremba Ltd	18.69ha	54km NE of Hills Creek	Lat 17°49' Long 127°57'	Hills Creek

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 2 July 2008

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 2 October 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 2 November 2008), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9208 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 3528.

Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited

ZONE MANAGER

(12 month contract)

This is an Aboriginal Identified position.

We have a vacancy for a Zone Manager for the Central South Eastern Zone of the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited.

For more information and selection criteria, please contact:

Vikki Lennon on

(02) 8842 8000

or email vikki.lennon@alsnswact.org.au

Closing date: July 11, 2008



BATCHELOR INSTITUTE
OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

Research Development Coordinator

Position No.: 18600

Fixed term appointment for 3 years commencing

August 2008 - Batchelor, NT

Remuneration Academic Level B - \$67,006 - \$79,570

This position is responsible for identifying, initiating, developing, submitting and participating in significant research proposals in conjunction with the Research Division and Institute staff members. This position will support a range of research capacity-building initiatives in the Institute, developing policies, coordinating research seminars, website maintenance and carrying out administrative duties as required. Travel throughout the NT and Australia may be required.

Applications close Friday 11 July 2008

For further information, the Selection Criteria's and the information for applicants sheet are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

Batchelor Institute has a vital national position as the only higher educational institution solely for Indigenous students (AUAQ report 2006). As such, BIITE endeavours to be a strong employer of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. BIITE strongly encourages applications for the above positions from suitably qualified and experienced Indigenous Australians.

A free commuter service is normally available for staff travelling between Darwin, Palmerston and some rural areas. HNA/NT04629

HEALTHSUPPORT NSW/ACT HEALTH

HealthSupport is the new shared corporate services entity responsible for delivering services to area health services to NSW public health organisations. We are seeking enthusiastic team members with a "can-do" attitude to assist in the establishment of our HealthSupport Service Centres at Newcastle and Parramatta. These roles have a strong focus on customer service in accordance with HealthSupport's culture and values. HealthSupport policies and all relevant legislative, statutory, government and customer requirements.

Newcastle and Parramatta

Purchasing Officers

Admin Officer Level 5

Salary Range \$47,868-\$49,016pa

The role of the Purchasing Officer is responsible for:

- Oversee the placement of purchase orders with suppliers
- Ensure the timely delivery and compliance within the service partnership agreements and government related regulations.

For the Newcastle positions: Job Reference No: HS198

Phone: Terry Smith, Procurement & Logistics Manager on (02) 4926 7898 or 0418 215 168

For the Parramatta positions: Job Reference No: HS199

Phone: Alex Araujo, Procurement & Logistics Manager on (02) 9845 7944 or 0414 193 332

Accounts Payable

Admin Officer Level 4

Salary Range \$45,332-\$46,423pa

The role of the Accounts Payable Clerk is to:

- Process accounts payable invoices using the Oracle Accounts Payable system
- Create invoice batches
- Reconcile supplier's statements
- Maintaining vendor details and relevant reports

For the Newcastle positions: Job Reference No: HS194

Phone: Anthony Mitchell, Financial Services Manager on (02) 4926 7898 or 0432 000 100

For the Parramatta positions: Job Reference No: HS195

Phone: Glenn Hackenberg, Financial Services Manager on (02) 9841 3705 or 0413 085 394

Payroll Administration Clerk

Admin Officer Level 3

Salary Range \$42,729-\$44,137pa

The role of Payroll Administration Clerk is an excellent opportunity as a career entry into Payroll. The person is required to:

- Assist in providing an effective, well managed payroll operation to ensure the HealthSupport Service Centre's (HSSC) obligations to its customers are met
- Enter rosters and other payroll related data and requires computer/data entry skills.

For the Newcastle positions: Job Reference No: HS196

Phone: Petra Ellis, Payroll Services Manager on (02) 4926 7902

For the Parramatta positions: Job Reference No: HS197

Phone: David Gough, Payroll Services Manager on (02) 4734 2504

If you are interested in being part of a vibrant customer service focused team, this is a great opportunity, so make your application count - ensure you address the above selection criteria in your application letter.

Australian Aboriginals and/or Torres Strait Islanders are strongly encouraged to apply. HealthSupport is an Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action employer.

For an Application Kit for any of the above positions, please phone: Vanessa Taiton, Recruitment Support Officer on (02) 9840 4080

Closing Date: 21 July 2008

Applications are to be sent to Recruitment Coordinator, HealthSupport, Locked Bag 516, Westmead NSW 2145 or email ai.pataky@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au

FAMILY WORKERS SUTHERLAND & ST GEORGE ABORIGINAL FAMILY WORKER PROJECT (Identified Positions)

Sutherland Shire Family Services is seeking skilled Aboriginal Family Workers to work with vulnerable Aboriginal families/carers who have children aged 0 - 8 years, living in the St George and Sutherland LGAs.

One Full Time Position (35hrs) and one permanent Part Time (15hrs) SACS Award Grade 4, dependent on experience, (includes use of vehicle). Fixed term for 3 years

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

- To be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine requirement of this position
- Experience in Family Support casework or closely related area of practice
- Ability to work as a team member
- Knowledge of child protection issues and domestic violence, and an awareness of the needs of vulnerable families and their children.
- Understanding of the impact of trauma, abuse and violence on children.
- Experience in the development and facilitation of group work programs.
- Excellent written communication, negotiation and conflict resolution skills.
- Team worker who can work independently.
- Current Drivers licence.
- Satisfactory computer literacy

DESIRABLE:

- Knowledge of local community based services
- Experience in working collaboratively with Aboriginal community organisations, key community representatives and Elders
- Experience in crisis management and counselling.

This position is identified as a child related employment and is subject to relevant criminal checks. This service operates with a commitment to EEO, Social Justice and recognition of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Enquiries: Kathy Jones 9528 2933 ext 100 or email: shirefam@ihug.com.au

Closing date: 4pm Friday July 25th, 2008

TIRKANDI INABURRA CULTURAL & DEVELOPMENT CENTRE www.tirkandi.org.au

VACANCIES

Community Liaison Officer

Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent, have established links with ATSI communities across Tirkandi Inaburra's catchment area, and have a proven ability to liaise, consult and negotiate sensitively and effectively with ATSI peoples. Applicants will also be required to demonstrate that they possess good written skills and experience in the use of computers, a sound knowledge of the agencies and networks providing services and support to Indigenous youth and a strong work ethic with the ability to work within a team environment. The ability to work with minimal supervision to meet deadlines is essential.

Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural and Development Centre Inc consider that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s. 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) for this position.

Aftercare Co-ordinator

Applicants for this position must demonstrate an ability to establish effective communications and linkages with the ATSI communities in order to foster strengthen and maintain an ongoing and co-operative relationship. Applicants will also be required to demonstrate an ability to work collaboratively with schools, community agencies, generalist and specialist youth support agencies and culturally specific services to form and maintain relationships which will enhance the capacity of Tirkandi Inaburra to maximise access for our graduates to a broad range of educational, vocational and personal aftercare support services and transitioning programs. A strong work ethic and an ability to work within a team environment with minimal supervision to meet deadlines are essential.

PLEASE NOTE ALL TIRKANDI INABURRA STAFF MUST POSSESS A CURRENT AND VALID DRIVERS LICENCE AT ALL TIMES AND OBTAIN A SNR FIRST AID CERTIFICATE WITHIN 2 MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT.

To request Applicant Packages which contain position descriptions and employment criteria please contact Liz Carroll on (02) 6954 4800 or email admin@tirkandi.org.au. Inquiries should be directed to the Assistant Manager Michelle Kilgower on (02) 6954 4800. Applications should be marked "Confidential" to the Executive Officer PO Box 134 Coleambally NSW 2707 or email cmurray@tirkandi.org.au by the due date.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5pm FRIDAY 11TH JULY 2008



INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT COORDINATOR (EQUITY AND DIVERSITY)

(FULL TIME, CONTINUING)
Ref. 19398

Macquarie University is located on a leafy campus in North Ryde, half an hour from Sydney's CBD. The University is committed to improving employment and educational outcomes for Australian Indigenous people and is seeking to employ an Indigenous Employment Coordinator (IEC).

The role requires excellent communication skills, the ability to manage people, and to coordinate programs and events. The successful candidate will:

- Provide expert advice on employment matters relating to Indigenous staff
- Design and implement programs and materials including professional development initiatives for current Indigenous staff
- Promote the Indigenous Outcomes Strategy within the university, drive working parties and gain and sustain the support of key stakeholders
- Manage Trainees and Cadets
- Coordinate cultural awareness activities and outreach
- Previous experience in the higher education sector will be highly regarded.

Macquarie offers a 35-hour flexible working week and an attractive salary with great benefits including, access to the on-campus medical centre, banks, childcare and the newly renovated sports centre.

Enquiries: Contact Kate Wilson, Manager, Equity & Diversity on Ph: (02) 9850 7471 or email kate.wilson@mq.edu.au. To apply for this position go to www.jobs.mq.edu.au or for written applications please contact Kate Wilson to obtain an application pack prior to sending your application to Kate Wilson, Manager Equity & Diversity, Macquarie University, NSW, 2109.

Package: Attractive salary package including base salary + 17% employer's superannuation.

Applications Close: Wednesday 16 July 2008.

Please note, applications will only be accepted via the Macquarie online recruitment system.

The appointment is currently governed by the terms of the Macquarie University Enterprise Agreement 2006-2009. This university is an Equal Opportunity Employer with a commitment to diversity and social inclusion. This is an identified position for an Indigenous Australian pursuant to Section 14 of the NSW anti-discrimination Act.

AUSTRALIA'S INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY

MADE ON THE KITCHEN TABLE PROJECT COORDINATOR CASULA POWERHOUSE

(Part time contract - 14 hours, 2 days per week)

Casula Powerhouse is a key cultural facility within Western Sydney. We are looking for a self-motivated and enthusiastic person to join our innovative team.

Your role as Made on the Kitchen Table Coordinator will be to manage the creation and production of cultural programs including workshops that will provide a range of social and economic opportunities for Aboriginal women in the South West Sydney region. This role involves building new partnerships between service providers and the Aboriginal community in an effort to secure artistic programs for Aboriginal women.

You will have relevant experience in the development and management of community development and arts programs or similar roles. You will have the ability to communicate both orally and in writing with a diverse range of clients, have exceptional organisational skills, have an excellent understanding of Aboriginal Women's Cultural Development Programs and the ability to work as part of a small team. You will have a car and a current driver's licence.

It is an essential requirement of this position for the successful applicant to identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

For further information and Duty Statement contact Liverpool Council's Call Centre on 1300 362 170. An information package containing a Job Description and Person Specification can be obtained by accessing the Councils Website at: www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au/council/jobs.htm.

Written applications with a minimum of two referees should be forwarded to:

Recruitment Coordinator
Liverpool City Council, Locked Bag 7064
LIVERPOOL BC NSW 187
or lcc@liverpool.nsw.gov.au

Applications close:

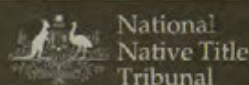
Friday, 25th July 2008

**CASULA
POWERHOUSE
CHANGE
YOUR MIND**

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 16 July 2008



Q12008/014 Albert George Beaven and Heather Jean Beaven Indigenous Land Use Agreement

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers an area of about 13 hectares and is located approximately 13 kilometres south of Atherton adjacent to the Kennedy Highway. The agreement area covers Special Lease 1/52198 for primary industry (grazing) purposes over Reserve for Camping and Water R367 on Lot 437 on Crown Plan NR6074 as shown on the locality map. The agreement area falls within the Local Government Authority of Tablelands Regional Council.

The parties to the agreement and their contact addresses are:

State of Queensland, C/- Executive Director, Indigenous Services, Department of Natural Resources and Water, Locked Bag 40, COORPAROO DC QLD 4157

Albert George Beaven and Heather Jean Beaven
C/- Andrew Kerr, MacDonnells Lane, PO Box 5046
CAIRNS QLD 4870

Emma Johnston, Vera Florence Keitchell, Ernie Douglas Raymond, Stanley Thomas Morta, Elsie Elizabeth Go Sam, Yvonne Shirley Canendo, Ena Eileen Gertz, Grace Kidner, Margaret Patricia Raymond and Ila Elizabeth Kidner on their own behalf and on behalf of the Native Title Group, C/- Martin Doré, North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation, PO Box 679N, CAIRNS NORTH QUEENSLAND 4870.

The agreement contains the following statements:

(Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal)

5. Statement for the Purposes of the NTA

5.1 The Parties agree that this ILUA is intended to be an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) and is intended to be registered by the Registrar and entered on the Register.

5.2 This ILUA applies to the ILUA Area.

5.3 The Native Title Parties represent and warrant that before entering into this ILUA they informed the Representative Body of their intention to enter into this ILUA under Section 24CD(7) of the NTA.

5.4 The Parties agree that Subdivision P, Division 3 Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply to the surrender of native title rights and interests over the ILUA Area.

5.5 The Native Title Parties, on their own behalf and on behalf of the Native Title Group, agree that the execution of this ILUA is compensation provided for in the ILUA under section 24EB(5) of the NTA.

7. Agreement to Future Acts

7.1 The Native Title Parties consent on their own behalf and on behalf of the Native Title Group to the grant of freehold title to the Lessees over the ILUA Area.

7.2 The Native Title Parties on their own behalf and on behalf of the Native Title Group agree to surrender to the State any native title rights and interests that may exist in relation to the ILUA Area.

7.3 The surrender of native title rights and interests under Clause 7.2, takes effect immediately prior to the Deed of Grant in fee simple issuing in the Lessees' names over the ILUA Area.

7.4 The Parties agree that the surrender of native title rights and interests under Clause 7.2 is intended to extinguish any native title rights and interests that may exist in relation to the ILUA Area.

Defined Terms:

"ILUA Area" means the land and water covered by the Special Lease.

"Lessees" means Albert George Beaven and Heather Jean Beaven.

"Native Title Group" means the Ngadjon-Jui People.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, CAIRNS QLD 4870 by 16 October 2008.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Water (QLD). Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Karrell Ross, Case Manager on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PROGRAM

Commencing July 2008

DO YOU WANT A CAREER IN CHILD CARE?

- Are you an Indigenous Australian?
- Are you available to start immediately?
- Are you currently unemployed?
- Are you yet to obtain a qualification that is a Certificate III or higher?
- Are you aged 17 years or older?

THEN WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU.....

CMC Training at Work are looking for Indigenous Australians to start Nationally Accredited Traineeships in Certificate III in Children's Services.

3 days per week at College plus 2 days per week Work Experience leading to 15 hours per week Certificate III in Child Care Traineeship.

You will receive continued individual support from the Program Coordinator and Indigenous Mentors for the length of the traineeship and program.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

Contact your Job Network Case Manager for more information or call Tania on 0425 750 098 or Karly 0422 060 442.



GUNDITJMARRA ABORIGINAL COOPERATIVE LTD.

Accountant Bookkeeper

(Full-time)

The Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative is a growing organization and provides services, support and advice to Aboriginal people living in the southwest of Victoria in the areas of health, welfare, housing, education and economic development.

We are seeking an experienced Accountant Bookkeeper who will be responsible for the organisation's overall accounting operations and compliance, including preparation of financial reports and assist with the development of further business enterprises.

Ideally, the successful applicant would have a proven background in financial accounting, a good understanding of Government funding processes and be a good communicator. Recognised accounting qualifications would be highly regarded.

This is an excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic, self-motivated and team orientated person to take up this challenging position within an expanding organization in Warrnambool, Victoria.

For position description contact Annette Ludeman, Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative Ltd, Harris Street Reserve, Phone 5564 3333.

Applications close 5.00pm Wednesday 16 July 2008.

Applications addressed to:

Chairperson

Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative Ltd.

PO Box 732, Warrnambool, Vic 3280

Indigenous persons are encouraged to apply.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE PARKS AND WILDLIFE GROUP

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy.

The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER MUNGO JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Clerk Grade 7/8, Buronga, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-193. Total remuneration package valued to: \$84,854 p.a. (\$69,468-\$76,896) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Provide executive and administrative support to the Joint Management Advisory Committee and assist the Area in the implementation of the Plan of Management for Mungo National Park. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Barkindji, Mutthi Mutthi and Ngaiampaa Tribal Groups. Demonstrated interpersonal skills including conflict management skills and high order influencing, persuading and negotiating skills, with the ability to work within and across complex inter-tribal and intra-tribal relationships. Proven ability to communicate across cultures, demonstrated presentation and facilitation skills and experience in correspondence, letter and report writing. Knowledge of the rules and regulations governing co-management of lands, World Heritage Areas and use of public estate in order to ensure that the cultural heritage, public safety, and flora and fauna remain protected. Experience in liaising and working with Aboriginal people, government organisations, and communities. Supervision, administrative and organisational skills and experience including an understanding of budgetary principles, OH&S and a knowledge of adult learning principles and current issues in staff development. A demonstrated understanding of environmental issues and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage management. Current Driver's Licence and willingness to fly in light aircraft.

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: Jo Gorman (03) 5021 8903 or 0418 545 231 Email: Jo.Gorman@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Lisa Mitchell (03) 5021 8923 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 11 July 2008

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16533 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 27 km SSW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°56'S Long.139°18'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 2: Approx. 36 km SSW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.20°01'S Long.139°16'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 1: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3400 d, h, j, n Area of Part 2: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 15 e, k 16 a, b	Deep Yellow Ltd 006 391 948
EPM16626	Approx. 37 km N from Kajahbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°42'S Long.140°04'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 197 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 61 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3120 o, p 3121 k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3193 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3194 a, b, f, g, i, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 3265 c, d, e, j, k 3266 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, m, n, o	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd 122 727 342
EPM16800 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 18 km N from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°33'S Long.139°25'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 2: Approx. 22 km NNW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°30'S Long.139°21'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 1: 29 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3041 p, u, z 3042 a, f, i, q, v 3114 a Area of Part 2: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3041 a	Freehold Mining Pty Ltd 056 463 579
EPM16802 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 40 km NNE from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°22'S Long.139°32'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council and Mount Isa City Council Part 2: Approx. 34 km NNE from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°24'S Long.139°27'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 1: 26 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2899 h, j, m, n, o, q, r, s Area of Part 2: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2898 w, x	Freehold Mining Pty Ltd 056 463 579
EPM16803 This Application consists of three separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 51 km N from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°14'S Long.139°21'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 2: Approx. 50 km N from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°15'S Long.139°29'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 3: Approx. 49 km N from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°16'S Long.139°30'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 1: 100 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 31 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2752 n, o, p, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2753 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2825 a, b, c, f, g, h Area of Part 2: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2826 d Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2826 k	Freehold Mining Pty Ltd 056 463 579
EPM16848	Approx. 105 km NW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.18°54'S Long.138°49'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council and Mount Isa City Council	Area: 26 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2458 s, t, u, y, z 2530 d, e 2531 a	Zinifex Australia Limited 004 074 962
EPM16869	Approx. 36 km NNE from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°25'S Long.139°33'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 26 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2899 x, y, z 2971 b, c, d, e, k	Freehold Mining Pty Ltd 056 463 579

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Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROOK, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

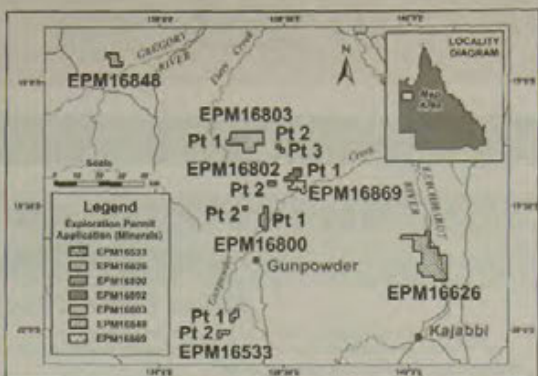
Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 23 July 2008



The South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) is the representative body of the Noongar People, the traditional owners in the south west of Western Australia. SWALSC works with its members to exercise their rights under the Native Title Act 1993 as well as advancing the Noongar culture, language and society.

Regional Development Manager

SWALSC is seeking a professional to fill the newly created position of Regional Development Manager. You will need strong communication and administration skills. You will enjoy working with and assisting claimant groups and indigenous communities in relation to identifying community aspirations and utilising native title outcomes to see those aspirations realised.

Under section 500 of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, Aboriginality is considered an essential criterion.

A job description may be obtained by contacting Rachel Stanwyck@noongar.org.au. Further information may be obtained from Kevin Fitzgerald on 08 9358 7400.

Communications Officer

The primary function of this position is to develop and implement communications strategies which will enable stakeholder groups to be aware of and understand progress around Native Title issues throughout the south west. You will be also responsible for the production of newsletters, update of the website and will assist with media liaison.

A job description may be obtained by contacting Rachel Stanwyck@noongar.org.au. Further information may be obtained from Malcolm Firth on 08 9358 7400.

Email applications for the above positions may be sent to Rachel.Stanwyck@noongar.org.au. Postal applications should be sent to the Office Manager, SWALSC, PO Box 585 Cannington WA 6987 by close of business on Friday 11 July 2008.

South West Aboriginal Land & Sea Council



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16971	Approx. 66 km ENE from Richmond Centred at approximate Lat.20°37'S Long.143°46'E Local Government Area: Flinders Shire Council	Area: 321 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 500 p, u, z 501 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 502 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 503 l, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 572 e, k, m, n, o, p 573 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 574 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 646 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m	Conarco Minerals Pty Ltd 102 750 890

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Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROOK, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

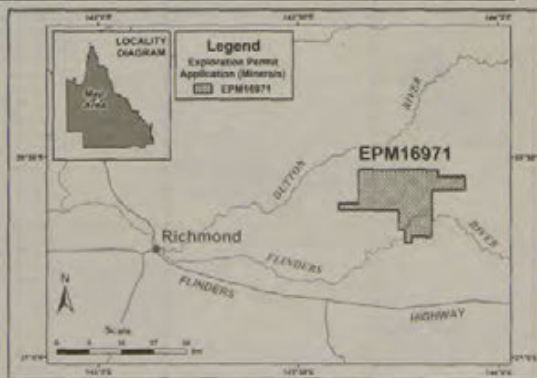
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Notification Day: 23 July 2008



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For people going places

Customer Service Consultant

- Kew and Ballarat Inbound Call Centres
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only

At VicRoads we offer a variety of challenges and opportunities and are looking for enthusiastic, customer focused people to join our team.

Our Customer Service Consultants provide quality customer service in a range of product and service enquiries made through our inbound call centre.

The successful individuals will:

- Demonstrate effective and clear communication skills,
- Be able to relate to customers and deliver high standards of service,
- Be competent in computer skills, and
- Succeed in team work in a fast paced environment.

If you want a career in customer service and are enthusiastic about being part of our team we encourage you to apply. Training and support will be provided.

An Australian work rights and police check will be conducted as pre-requisites for the role.

Salary is the range of \$30,102 to \$36,624 p.a. plus 9% superannuation. Starting salary is normally at the base of the range. Performance bonuses may also be payable.

For more information contact Wendy Harris, Indigenous Employment Coordinator, on (03) 9854 2099 or visit the VicRoads website to obtain a full position description and to complete an online application.

This identified Indigenous position is an initiative of the VicRoads Indigenous Employment Program. An exemption has been granted by VCAT under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (A116/2006). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Applications close on 18 July 2008.

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With billions committed to transforming health into the sustainable system we all know it needs to be, we're changing the way we do many things. This is a big, revolutionary step for us, and a meaningful but necessary one for the people we treat. All we need now is you to help make it happen.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH

Southern Adelaide Health Service Contract up to 5yrs - EXA

Based in southern metropolitan Adelaide, you'll provide leadership on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health related matters and lead the aboriginal employment plan. Your duties will include developing systematic approaches to address Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and ensuring culturally relevant and appropriate service development. Participating as part of the Regional Executive Team to contribute to the broader strategic leadership, vision and direction, you'll additionally develop and collaborate with key partnerships to improve health outcomes.

You'll bring proven management experience in an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander health or human services setting, have had previous success managing change programs, and effectively liaise within complex political community and government contexts. Additionally, you'll bring strong analysis and problem solving skills, hold a strong commitment to social justice principles, and demonstrate the ability to earn the trust and respect of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Job Ref: C5528

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Branch Manager

- Nambucca Heads
- Aboriginal Identified Position

Wesley Mission is a high profile charitable organisation and a parish of the Uniting Church of Australia involved in the delivery of a range of commercial and community services to help support the disadvantaged in our society. These services include aged care, disability support, counselling, education, training and employment services. Wesley Uniting Employment delivers quality employment and associated programs and is a landmark within our local communities.

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic and dynamic person to undertake the role within Wesley Uniting Employment as Job Network Branch Manager, Nambucca Heads.

Do you want to be a part of our dynamic and successful management team? Can you succeed in a competitive market by leading an outstanding team to achieve the better of the best?

Reporting to the Business Manager - Mid North Coast and as part of a cohesive and positive branch management structure, you will have responsibility for the operation of the branch, including achievement of financial and performance targets. You will provide outstanding leadership, mentoring support and guidance to staff, while achieving a high level of customer service standards and maintaining positive relationships with key stakeholders.

Essential criteria and key accountabilities include:

- Understanding of the separations of the Nambucca Valley Aboriginal Community
- Exceptional leadership skills and the ability to promote a strong team culture
- Demonstrated experience in planning strategies to meet operational objectives
- Extensive knowledge of factors impacting on local and national labour markets
- Proven ability to build positive relationships with key stakeholders
- Track record in the achievement of targets and Key Performance Indicators
- Excellent time management and problem solving skills
- Ability to interpret and comply with complex contracts
- Capacity to contribute to site budgeting and monitor financial achievement
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Understanding and the application of OH&S, EEO and Privacy requirements and principles
- Current driver's licence.

Desirable: • Demonstrated experience in the employment services sector, including knowledge of the Job Network.

Please phone our Support Office on 4915 0200 for an information kit or request for one directly to wue.namsupport@wesleymission.org.au

Written applications **MUST** address essential and desirable criteria to be considered. Please direct your application to Sean Burton, Business Manager - Mid North Coast, PO Box 2363, Dangar NSW 2309 or email: wue.namsupport@wesleymission.org.au

Applications close: 5.00pm Monday 7 July 2008.
Wesley Mission is a Christian organisation requiring all staff to affirm the Mission's values. Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.



Job Network
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Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mineral Development Licence

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Lease to which this notice applies:

Mineral Development Licence Number	Location of Mineral Development Licence (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN
MDL 302	Approx. 3km North West of Yaamba Local Government Area: Rockhampton Regional Council	Current Land Tenures: Lot 1 on plan AP11341 - PO 0/219227 Lots 1, 2, 3 and 63 on plan LIV4048 - Freehold Lot 1 on plan LN2414 - Railway (North Coast Line) Lot 1 on plan LN541 - Railway (North Coast Line) Lot 1 on plan PER207704 - PO 0/207704 Lot 1 on plan PER2783 - PO 35/2783 Lot 1 on plan RL5163 - RL 35/5163 Lot 1 on plan RL5174 - RL 35/5174 Lot 1 on plan RL8507 - RL 35/8507 Lots 1 and 3 on plan RP601262 - Freehold Lots 1 and 2 on plan RP602449 - Freehold Lot 1 on plan RP603003 - Freehold Lots 1 and 2 on plan RP605894 - Freehold Lots 1, 2 and 3 on plan RP609060 - Freehold Lot 1 on plan RP614094 - Freehold Lots 1 and 3 on plan RP615021 - Freehold Lot 1 on plan RP859932 - Freehold Lots 1 and 2 on plan SP127197 - Freehold Lot 1 on plan SP148098 - Freehold Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 on plan P40116 - Freehold Lot 2 on plan PL407 - Freehold Lot 2 on plan RP601262 - Railway (North Coast Line) Lot 2 on plan RP602354 - Freehold Lot 2 on plan RP607857 - Freehold Lot 3 on plan LN560 - Freehold Lots 3 and 5 on plan RP600685 - Freehold Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11 on plan RP613613 - Freehold Lot 3 on plan RP859931 - Freehold Lots 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 on plan RP601193 - Freehold Lots 5, 98 and 100 on plan LN590 - Freehold Lot 5 on plan RP859930 - Freehold Lot 5 on plan SP108644 - Railway (North Coast Line) Lot 9 on plan LN2128 - Freehold Lots 11 and 17 on plan LN557 - Freehold Lots 13, 14 and 15 on plan USL31980 - Unallocated State Land Lots 15 and 95 on plan LN580 - Freehold Lot 24 on plan USL33677 - Unallocated State Land Lot 25 on plan Y293 - Freehold Lot 30 on plan LN664 - Freehold Lots 33, 49, 50 and 52 on plan LN354 - Freehold Lots 33 and 34 on plan LN674 - Freehold Lot 35 on plan LN728 - Freehold Lot 38 on plan LN327 - Freehold Lot 41 on plan P405 - Freehold Lot 42 on plan LN593 - Freehold Lot 43 on plan LN246 - Freehold Lot 61 on plan LN792 - Recreation Reserve Lots 62 and 63 on plan LN682 - Freehold Lot 64 on plan LN683 - Freehold Lot 66 on plan LN2676 - Freehold Lot 67 on plan LN1741 - Freehold Lot 68 on plan LN1786 - Freehold Lot 69 on plan LN1786 - Camping and Water Reserve also held as Lot 69 on plan LN1786 - SL 35/52649 Lot 72 on plan LN815 - Freehold Lot 73 on plan LN425 - Freehold Lot 77 on plan LN533 - Freehold Lot 78 on plan LN2023 - Freehold Lot 79 on plan LN1636 - TL 0/210032 Lot 79 on plan LN528 - Freehold Lots 82 and 83 on plan LN530 - Freehold Lot 84 on plan LN1769 - SL 35/51738 Lot 84 on plan LN1962 - Local Government (Water Supply) Reserve Lots 84, 85 and 91 on plan LN528 - Freehold Lot 85 on plan LN1523 - Camping Reserve also held as Lot 85 on plan LN1523 - TL 0/210044 Lot 85 on plan SP104407 - SL 35/51739 Lot 86 on plan LN815 - Water Supply Reserve also partly held as Lot A on plan AP7206 - PO 0/215923 Lots 88 and 89 on plan LN531 - Freehold Lot 92 on plan LN541 - Freehold Lot 93 on plan LN801012 - Water Reserve also held as Lot 93 on plan LN801012 - SL 35/51660 Lot 94 on plan LN533 - Freehold Lot 96 on plan LN2375 - Freehold Lots 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104 and 105 on plan Y296 - Freehold Lot 127 on plan P40115 - Freehold Lot 139 on plan P40114 - Freehold Lot 140 on plan LN1756 - Freehold Lot 150 on plan SP112702 - Railway (North Coast Line) Lot 180 on plan LN2215 - Freehold Lot 197 on plan LN1890 - Freehold Lot 518 on plan LIV40106 - Freehold Lot 531 on plan LIV40114 - Freehold Lots 539 and 541 on plan LIV40125 - Freehold Lot 571 on plan LIV40132 - Freehold Lot 572 on plan LIV40133 - Freehold Lot 821 on plan LIV40231 - Freehold Lot 1736 on plan LIV40537 - Freehold Lot 1738 on plan LIV40538 - Freehold Lot 2018 on plan LIV40694 - Freehold Lot 2248 on plan LIV40805 - Freehold Lot A on plan AP14021 - PO 0/222232 Lot A on plan AP2352 - PO 0/210089 Lot A on plan AP8766 - RL 0/218726 Lot A on plan AP16115 - PO 0/231790 Fitzroy River, Alligator Creek, Blackwater Creek, De Burgh Creek and Pink Lagoon - USL Road Reserves	Southern Pacific Petroleum NL 008 460 366 (45%) Central Pacific Minerals NL 008 460 651 (45%) Beloba Pty Limited 010 054 109 (10%)

Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 11792 ha

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Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mineral Development Licence

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Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years, and also subject to General Conditions Version 1, 1 March 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 1.1(b), 9 November 2005 pursuant to s. 194(1)(g) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 and s. 194AAA of that Act.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that each individual Mineral Development Licence be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, Qld 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of each individual Mineral Development Licence, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mineral Development Licence application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3096 3216 and the Office of the Mining Registrar, Emerald Mining District, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9350.

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 Mineral Development Licence. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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BOURKE ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE

POSITIONS VACANT

The Bourke Aboriginal Health Service recently restructured and expanded their services therefore we have several positions vacant.

Are you looking for challenging, exciting and rewarding careers in Aboriginal Health, working with a supportive, progressive and welcoming team, we may have the job you're looking for.

Three (3) full time ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER positions are now available in our Social and Emotional Wellbeing Program (SEWB) in Bourke.

• Aboriginal Health Worker with a Focus on Alcohol & Other Drugs

• Aboriginal Health Worker with a Focus on Social and Emotional Wellbeing (gender specific - male)

• Aboriginal Health Worker with a Focus on Sexual Health

Qualifications for all three positions: - Certificate, Diploma or Degree in Aboriginal Health or qualifications as a registered or enrolled nurse with experience in relevant field.

Note: All three positions are Aboriginal Identified. (An applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification authorised under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 NSW)

PRACTICE NURSE COORDINATOR

The BAHHS is seeking a qualified person who is enthusiastic, experienced and motivated, to work in our Health Clinic; coordinate and support our team of Doctors and Specialists. The person we are seeking must have formal qualifications either as a **REGISTERED NURSE** or **ENROLLED NURSE**.

"Suitably qualified Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for this position".

EYE HEALTH WORKER / COORDINATOR

We are looking for a person with qualifications as an Aboriginal Health Worker or a Nurse who would be interested in working in Eye Health Care, in partnership with the Prince of Wales Outback Eye Team and the Bourke Hospital Eye Health Care training based in Sydney is an essential component of this position.

"Suitably qualified Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for this position".

Note: 1. Relevant training available for all positions.
2. An attractive Salary Package relates to all positions.
3. Under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 it is an offence for a prohibited person to apply for these positions.

To apply for any of the above positions, please obtain the relevant "Employment Application Package" and ensure that you follow the guidelines outlined and address all criteria as requested, incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Inquiries to: Jane Williams or Rose Gordon. Phone: (02) 68 723 088

Bourke Aboriginal Health Service
PO Box 362, Bourke NSW 2840
Email: jane.williams@bahs.com.au

Applications close: 4pm on Friday 11TH July 2008

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16948	Approx. 7 km WNW from Mount Garnet Centred at approximate Lat. 17°39'S Long. 145°03'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Area: 82 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1 lat x 1 long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1381 f, g, i, m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 1382 y 1453 a, b, c, d, e, h, j, k 1454 a, f	Xtreme Resources Limited 120 236 142

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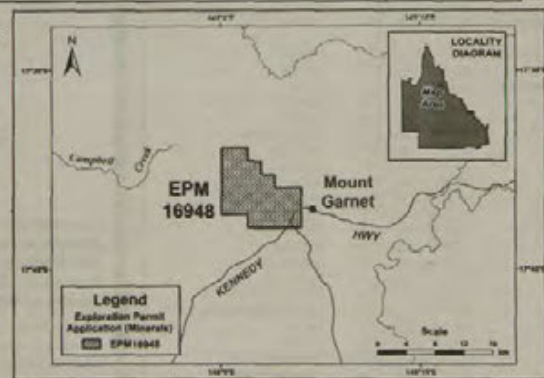
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Notification Day: 23 July 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



Chief Executive Officer

- Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Reporting to Board
- Great Hunter lifestyle opportunity
- Attractive remuneration package

Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council (ALALC) is uniquely situated in the heart of Newcastle and stretches out across Mount Sugarloaf and towards Cessnock. The Land Council's prime location presents unique opportunities in relation to land and mining development. Its presence within Newcastle provides access to all the business and larger companies allowing fantastic networking opportunities.

Recent amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA) has created a need for an experienced and motivated individual to undertake the newly created position as Chief Executive Officer. The CEO is expected to have strong business acumen and the ability to run ALALC as a prosperous business and take it in new directions.

The CEO will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the ALALC's affairs.

To achieve this you will need strengths in all of the following areas:

- Good interpersonal skills including effective leadership, influencing and networking
- Capacity to engage the community and at the same time remain impartial
- Ability to generate income using innovative ideas to run ALALC as a successful & profitable business while maintaining solid corporate governance
- Work effectively with the Board to achieve successful outcomes for the Land Council
- Understanding of accounting practices and principles
- A strong knowledge and appreciation of local Aboriginal issues
- Excellent skills and experience in negotiating with various stakeholders
- Capable of taking a strategic view of the business as a whole as well as looking at strategic issues facing the business
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the ALRA as well as the capacity to interpret and implement legislation.

This position is an Indigenous Australian identified position. ALALC considers that being an Indigenous Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

This is a unique opportunity for a committed & progressive leader who is passionate about steering this business in the right direction. You will need to have a hands-on management approach, energy and a demonstrable commitment to the growth of Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Initial enquiries can be made in confidence to Jacqueline Mackley 02 4929 1666. A more detailed position description is available on our website www.peoplefusion.com.au. Applications including cover letter, selection criteria and resume should be forwarded to jacqui@peoplefusion.com.au by close of business Friday 11th July 2008. Previous applicants can apply.

ASHFORD LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Ashford Local Aboriginal Land Council is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

Applicants must address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

For a recruitment package contact Best Employment, by email inverell@best.com.au or phone (02) 6222 2498 (Angela).

Applications marked "Confidential" can be posted to:

Best Employment
PO Box 175 Inverell, 2360

Applications close Friday 25th July 2008

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1713	Eagles Pty Ltd	48.92km ²	63km SW of Derby	Lat 17°32' Long 120°05'	Broome
04/1719	Blackfin Pty Ltd	288.51km ²	82km SE of Derby	Lat 17°52' Long 124°07'	Derby West Kimberley
04/1734	Nova's Uranium Ltd	386.23km ²	128km S of Derby	Lat 18°28' Long 123°52'	Derby West Kimberley
04/1736	Jamie Dean Oulfield	52.29km ²	90km NW of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°26' Long 125°14'	Derby West Kimberley
04/1737	Bolinda Anne Forrester Gary John Humphrey James Dean Oulfield Bolinda Anne Forrester Gary John Humphrey	104.56km ²	79km N of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°29' Long 125°26'	Derby West Kimberley
04/1738	Southern Diamonds Ltd	228.54km ²	69km NW of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°31' Long 125°21'	Derby West Kimberley
04/1740	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	13.03km ²	83km W of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°00' Long 124°42'	Derby West Kimberley
04/1741	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	13.03km ²	83km W of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°00' Long 124°42'	Derby West Kimberley
04/1746	Oulien Exploration Pty Ltd	478.81km ²	37km E of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°14' Long 125°56'	Derby West Kimberley/Kais Crok
04/1747	Oulien Exploration Pty Ltd	358.02km ²	20km SE of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°17' Long 125°44'	Derby West Kimberley
04/1748	Lennard Shelf Pty Ltd	377.04km ²	34km S of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°29' Long 125°36'	Derby West Kimberley
08/1801	Miles Resources Ltd	589.55km ²	87km S of Onslow	Lat 22°23' Long 114°50'	Ashburton
08/1824	Bushwin Pty Ltd	9.55km ²	39km W of Pannawonica	Lat 21°32' Long 115°51'	Ashburton/Rosebourne
08/1825	Bushwin Pty Ltd	15.92km ²	29km NW of Pannawonica	Lat 21°27' Long 116°07'	Ashburton/Rosebourne
08/1855	South Boulder Mines Ltd	448.95km ²	57km NE of Coral Bay	Lat 22°50' Long 114°13'	Carnarvon/Exmouth
08/1856	South Boulder Mines Ltd	343.84km ²	33km E of Coral Bay	Lat 23°10' Long 114°06'	Carnarvon
09/1448	Mimbin Mineral Resources Pty Ltd	50.2km ²	176km W of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°37' Long 118°01'	Ashburton/Upper Gascoyne
09/1518	Dalhousie Resources Ltd	578.16km ²	82km N of Kalbarri	Lat 26°58' Long 114°14'	Northampton/Shark Bay
20/677	Complex Exploration Pty Ltd	615.03km ²	183km NW of Cue	Lat 26°08' Long 116°42'	Murchison
20/679	Montezuma Mining Co. Ltd	6.08km ²	33km E of Cue	Lat 27°22' Long 118°12'	Cue
20/680	Wardania Pty Ltd	85.22km ²	19km NE of Cue	Lat 27°21' Long 118°01'	Cue
20/682	Coccolle Pty Ltd	9.15km ²	50km N of Cue	Lat 27°00' Long 117°43'	Cue
25/370	Henshew Resources Ltd	2.94km ²	64km NE of Kambalda	Lat 30°51' Long 122°12'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/371	Henshew Resources Ltd	8.82km ²	65km NE of Kambalda	Lat 30°53' Long 122°14'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/330	Hampton Nickel Ltd	32.48km ²	32km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°38' Long 121°46'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1815	Heron Resources Ltd	8.85km ²	60km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°38' Long 122°05'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1838	Zeebald Enterprises Pty Ltd	85.31km ²	70km NE of Kambalda	Lat 30°55' Long 122°19'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/1822	Dugdale Pty Ltd	2.97km ²	115km E of Menzies	Lat 29°43' Long 122°13'	Menzies
36/057	Lenny Hodge Pty Ltd	57.42km ²	37km S of Leinster	Lat 28°15' Long 120°38'	Leonora
36/062	Bondwin Chemically Desion	15.2km ²	41km N of Leinster	Lat 27°34' Long 120°34'	Leonora
36/074	Zeebald Enterprises Pty Ltd	24.19km ²	29km S of Leinster	Lat 28°11' Long 120°41'	Leonora
36/076	Mattew Cavallaro	30.38km ²	55km W of Leinster	Lat 27°50' Long 120°09'	Leonora/Sandstone
37/761	Scotts Nickel Pty Ltd	9.04km ²	58km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°28' Long 120°59'	Leonora
37/777	Encounter Resources Ltd	87.18km ²	37km W of Leonora	Lat 28°47' Long 120°58'	Leonora
37/758	Western Earth Pty Ltd	210.06km ²	40km W of Leonora	Lat 28°59' Long 120°56'	Leonora/Menzies
37/761	Heather Teresa Pascoe	117.42km ²	41km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°33' Long 121°31'	Laverton/Leonora
37/766					
37/773	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	9.06km ²	43km SE of Leinster	Lat 28°15' Long 120°56'	Leonora
37/774	TE Johnston & Associates Pty Ltd Corporate & Resource Consultants Pty Ltd Bruce Robert Legendre	210.73km ²	58km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°38' Long 120°48'	Leonora/Menzies
38/1972	Regaport Exploration Pty Ltd	312.47km ²	190km NE of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 26°39' Long 124°08'	Laverton/Wiluna
38/2038	Glyphon Minerals Ltd	211.11km ²	30km N of Laverton	Lat 28°22' Long 122°18'	Laverton
38/2101	Heron Resources Ltd	11.99km ²	43km S of Laverton	Lat 28°59' Long 122°34'	Laverton
38/2132	Iron Resources Pty Ltd (ACN 128 063 098)	447.03km ²	198km NE of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 26°42' Long 124°17'	Laverton/Wiluna
38/2139	JML Resources Pty Ltd	158.58km ²	94km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°27' Long 122°08'	Laverton
38/2141	Heron Resources Ltd	33.15km ²	27km NE of Laverton	Lat 28°24' Long 122°31'	Laverton
38/2150	KFC Exploration Pty Ltd	135.21km ²	114km SE of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°45' Long 123°40'	Laverton
38/1271	Saracoon Gold Mines Pty Ltd	11.96km ²	66km S of Laverton	Lat 29°13' Long 122°20'	Leonora
38/1303	Heron Resources Ltd	182.61km ²	65km SE of Leonora	Lat 29°08' Long 121°56'	Leonora
38/1356	Cumaco Pty Ltd	137.5km ²	109km SE of Laverton	Lat 29°05' Long 122°23'	Laverton/Menzies
47/1116	Yanyarra Pty Ltd	6.36km ²	49km N of Pannawonica	Lat 21°13' Long 116°29'	Rosebourne
47/1117	Yanyarra Pty Ltd	9.57km ²	49km N of Pannawonica	Lat 21°13' Long 116°25'	Rosebourne
47/1180	De Grey Mining Ltd	35.07km ²	69km S of Rosebourne	Lat 21°21' Long 117°58'	Rosebourne
47/1181	Yanyarra Pty Ltd	251.95km ²	41km N of Pannawonica	Lat 21°16' Long 116°25'	Ashburton/Rosebourne
52/2164	Talman Mining Ltd	37.08km ²	160km NW of Meekatharra	Lat 25°33' Long 117°32'	Meekatharra
52/2171	Independence Group NL	12.56km ²	41km S of Newman	Lat 29°43' Long 119°41'	Meekatharra
52/2172	Grain Resources NL	69.07km ²	45km S of Newman	Lat 29°45' Long 119°47'	Meekatharra
52/2176	Minor Resources NL	219.38km ²	71km S of Newman	Lat 29°59' Long 119°38'	Meekatharra
52/2177	Pandol Pty Ltd	219.49km ²	88km SE of Newman	Lat 24°01' Long 120°12'	Meekatharra
52/2183	Cowley Iron Pty Ltd	96.06km ²	129km N of Wiluna	Lat 25°28' Long 120°04'	Meekatharra/Wiluna
52/2184	Sarny Resources Pty Ltd	3.14km ²	17km SE of Newman	Lat 23°26' Long 119°52'	East Pilbara/Meekatharra
53/1269	Sarny Resources Pty Ltd	21.4km ²	63km SE of Wiluna	Lat 27°07' Long 120°30'	Wiluna
57/059	Miles Resources Pty Ltd	213.06km ²	60km N of Sandstone	Lat 27°22' Long 119°06'	Sandstone
58/061	Washington Resources Ltd	212.26km ²	54km W of Sandstone	Lat 27°50' Long 118°46'	Sandstone
58/067	JML Resources Pty Ltd	78.8km ²	28km N of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°48' Long 117°50'	Cue/Mount Magnet
59/1380	Bruce Robert Legendre Corporate & Resource Consultants Pty Ltd TE Johnston & Associates Pty Ltd	44.95km ²	43km NW of Paynes Find	Lat 29°01' Long 117°20'	Yalgoo
59/1400	Fenowest Ltd	36.27km ²	30km N of Yalgoo	Lat 28°05' Long 116°46'	Yalgoo
63/1218	Lytle Pty Ltd	150.2km ²	23km N of Esperance	Lat 33°29' Long 121°16'	Esperance
63/1224	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	139.23km ²	86km W of Norseman	Lat 32°18' Long 120°53'	Dundas
70/2670	Calum Baxter	179.15km ²	68km SE of Hyden	Lat 32°44' Long 119°39'	Kondinin/Kulin Lake Grace
70/3056	Paul Winston Adams	128.90km ²	14km E of Bunbury	Lat 33°23' Long 115°47'	Capel/Dardanup/Harvey
74/394	Lake River Gold Pty Ltd	199.86km ²	39km W of Mungahup	Lat 33°47' Long 120°27'	Pearce/Sheraton

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 2 July 2008

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 5 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 2 October 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 2 November 2008), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 2-3 Adelaide Terrace, Perth or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6048, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act including details of plans showing the boundaries of the application, contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3628.



Victorian Aboriginal Community
Services Association Ltd

YOUTH WORKERS

2 POSITIONS

The Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Ltd (VACSAL) is a community controlled organisation that supports a range of services and provides advice to Government on policy issues impacting on Aboriginal people. VACSAL has a particular interest in youth issues given the escalating population of Koorie youth and the complex issues associated with their overrepresentation in the justice system. The Bent Williams Aboriginal Youth Services (BWAYS) is a service of and managed by the Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Limited (VACSAL).

The Koorie Early School Leavers program is a new initiative through the Aboriginal Justice Agreement phase 2. We are seeking two Youth Workers to join our youth services team at BWAYS. The primary focus of the positions is to provide intensive and innovative culturally based case management services to Aboriginal youth and their families who are disengaged from education and employment and who are, or are at risk of contact with the criminal justice system. Salary range Social Worker Class 3 yr to be determined, up to \$49,995 depending on experience with salary packaging available.

Applications close: 17th July with interviews conducted on the 23rd July.

For position description please contact: Bradley Stephens or Linda Bamblett 03 9484 5310
Bradley.Stephens@vacsal.org.au



NSW Department of
Community Services

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 1/2

Northern Region, Kempsey

Permanent Part-Time

Vacancy No: DOCS-08-13683

Total remuneration package valued up to \$55,568 per annum (Salary: \$46,320 pa - \$50,356 pa) Full-time salary quoted includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate: \$25.36 ph - \$27.57 ph

Job Description: To support the provision of front line services to the community from Community Service Centres. To provide a range of client and administrative services that contributes to the effective delivery of quality services in a Community Service Centre.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated capacity to provide a high level of client contact services and well developed interpersonal skills to work within a team.
- Capacity to develop an understanding of the functions of a CSC and DoCS services as well as an awareness of the functions of other related human service organisations.
- General computer office skills, combined with a good working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications.
- Capacity to work well within an environment of fluctuating workloads and changing priorities.
- Capacity to develop a good working knowledge of DoCS financial, administration and other systems (eg KIDS, SAP Financials, SAP HR).
- Knowledge of office procedures and a capacity to understand and apply policies in undertaking administrative processes.
- Capacity to set up a range of office equipment (photocopiers, faxes, overhead projectors and printers) and to ensure operational efficiency of equipment for CSC staff.

Job Notes: This is a permanent part-time position (17.5 hours per week). Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant criminal records checks, apprehended violence order checks, completed disciplinary proceedings checks, together with structured referee reports and prior employment checks, will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Inquiries: Maree Ward (02) 6562 1385

Information Packages: www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers or NSW Businesslink (02) 6628 4100.

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Regional Service Centre, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480.

Closing Date: Friday 11 July 2008

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INSTITUTE FOR ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT INC.

DIRECTOR

The Institute for Aboriginal Development, based at Alice Springs, is a leading provider of appropriate Aboriginal education and training programs, since 1969. The Institute's major programs include Aboriginal Languages and Culture; Aboriginal Cultural Awareness and Cross-Cultural Education; a variety of vocational and tertiary level courses; and IAD Press and Publications.

The Institute is seeking an experienced, competent, diligent and dynamic Director to effectively direct, manage and develop the Institute, under the overall direction of the Institute's Board. The successful applicant will have demonstrated high level leadership abilities, strong communication and negotiation skills, strong strategic planning skills, proven high level managerial experience, and tertiary educational qualifications.

This position is subject to a performance contract, with a total annual remuneration package in the vicinity of \$110,000, including base salary, employer's superannuation contribution, a fully maintained work motor vehicle, biennial return airfare, home telephone subsidy, and reasonable relocation and removal expenses. Salary sacrificing will be available.

The successful applicant will have a current motor vehicle driver's licence. Appointment to this position is subject to a satisfactory Police check.

Applications close on 25 July 2008

The Position Description and Selection Criteria will be available at the IAD website: www.iad.edu.au or from the Human Resources Officer on (08) 8951 1302.

Applications must address the selection criteria, include 3 referees and be forwarded in confidence to:

The Chairperson,

Institute for Aboriginal Development,

PO Box 2531, ALICE SPRINGS NT 8871

FAX: (08) 8951 1884 - E-MAIL: neville@iad.edu.au

Enquiries may be directed to the Human Resources Officer on (08) 8951 1302

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Grace Cottage Inc.
Aboriginal Family Health Strategy

Aboriginal Family Health Worker

DUBBO

28 hours per week

Applications are invited for the above position which is situated at Grace Cottage Dubbo. The successful applicant will need to undertake the Working With Children and Criminal Record Check as per NSW Health funding requirement.

Salary is paid in accordance with the NSW SACS Award Category 3.

All applicants must obtain a package to address the position's essential criteria by telephoning Nichole or Jamie on 02 68847100 or Joane on 02 68848777.

Applications close: Monday 21st July 2008 at 3.00pm



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE BOARDING HOUSE REFORM CASE WORKER

Clerk Grade 7/8
Hunter Region, Newcastle
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: DADHC-08-13597

Total remuneration package valued up to \$84,855 per annum (Salary: \$69,466 pa - \$76,896 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Provide individual case management and local service delivery coordination to improve outcomes for residents of Licensed Residential Centres.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated skills and experience in case management and service delivery coordination, and in working with a diverse range of clients with intellectual, physical, psychiatric and neurological disabilities and complex health care issues.
- Knowledge of the relevant legislation, policies, procedures and standards impacting on the delivery of services to persons with a disability, including the Disability Services Act 1993 and the Youth and Community Services Act 1973.
- Excellent oral, written and interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to build relationships and consult with a range of external stakeholders.
- Analytical and problem solving skills.
- Planning and organisational skills, and the ability to meet competing priorities and tight deadlines.
- Demonstrated ability to work both independently and within a multidisciplinary team.
- Current Driver's Licence.

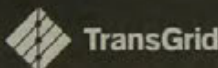
Job Notes: This is a re-advertised position. Previous applicants will need to re-apply. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: Eric Harper on (02) 4908 5292

Information Package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers/ or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 4960 4635

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309

Closing Date: Friday 11 July 2008



2009 APPRENTICESHIPS

Electrical, Telecommunications, Transmission Lines

TransGrid, Australia's largest electricity transmission company is seeking applications for next year's Apprentice intake. The TransGrid Apprenticeship leads to a Nationally Recognised qualification.

2009 apprenticeships will be as follows:

Electrical	Horsley Park, Orange, Newcastle, Tamworth, Yass and Wagga Wagga
Telecommunications	Wagga Wagga only
Transmission Lines	Horsley Park, Newcastle, Tamworth and Wagga Wagga

Applicants will be required to undertake a "Selection Test" at one of the above listed locations.

Successful applicants will be:

- Employed under an Apprentice Training Contract;
- Required to undertake and complete the relevant trades course conducted by a Registered Training Organisation within the period of the Apprenticeship (normally four years); and
- Required to undertake training and/or work experience at locations remote from their residential location during the period of Apprenticeship.

To be considered, applicants must:

- Be currently completing or recently completed Year 10 or 12 level (or equivalent);
- Have a genuine interest in the nominated trade; and
- Have a current driver's licence or to attain as soon as possible after appointment.

Please note. Applicants may be required to undertake a working at heights and/or hand tools assessment.

The Apprentice first year rate is \$606 per week plus employer contribution to superannuation. (Note: in the final year, the rate is \$875 per week plus superannuation). On completion of the apprenticeship, various career opportunities may become available with attractive remuneration benefits.

To register for the Apprentice Selection Test, go to <http://transgridcareers.nqa.net.au>

Closing date for test registrations - Friday 25th July 2008

Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply as part of TransGrid's Aboriginal Employment and Development Strategy.

Female applicants are encouraged to apply for these non-traditional roles.

TransGrid is committed to Occupational Health and Safety, the Environment, Equal Employment Opportunity, Cultural Diversity and Ethical Practices.

www.transgrid.com.au



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO.	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
27/953	Skyline Hill Pty Ltd Imago Resources NL Sir Samuel Miles NL	284360	45.44ha	70km NEly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°14' Long 121°54'	Kalbarrie/Boulder City
52/1814	Warwick Resources Ltd	251221 291222	200.24ha 200.23ha	28km S'y of Newman	Lat 23°36' Long 119°45' Lat 23°36' Long 119°47'	Mookimarra

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 2 July 2008

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 2 October 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 2 November 2008), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6004, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
37/157 Search for groundwater	Heron Resources Ltd	56052.67ha	100km Ely of Leinster	Lat 27°38' Long 121°43'	Liverston/Lacona
47/131 Search for groundwater	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Misa Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd North Mining Ltd Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd Nova Energy Ltd	1775.4ha	4km SEly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°39' Long 116°21'	Ashburton
53/150 Search for groundwater	Nova Energy Ltd	12310.28ha	10km SWly of Wiluna	Lat 26°38' Long 120°08'	Wiluna

Nature of act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 2 July 2008

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 2 October 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 2 November 2008), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6004, 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.



PROPOSAL TO GRANT EXPLORATION PERMIT

SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Exploration Permit application/s applied for under section 31 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967:

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
26/07-8 EP	BACKPREF OIL LIMITED AND CHINO RESOURCES PTY LTD	5749km ²	The Application is situated between Lake Doran and the Southwest Tablelands. The north eastern corner (Lat 19° 49' 54.92" S, Long 127° 15' 04.53" E - GDA94) of the application is situated approx 45km north west of Lake Gregory. From this point the application extends approx 74km in a southerly direction to the south eastern corner (Lat 20° 29' 54.92" S, Long 127° 40' 04.62" E - GDA94) and then from this point approx 105km in a westerly direction to the south western corner of the application (Lat 20° 29' 54.96" S, Long 126° 05' 04.58" E - GDA94). From this point the application extends approx 37km in a northerly direction to Lat 20° 09' 54.96" S, Long 126° 05' 04.52" E - GDA94. The Application total area is approx 6749km ² or 84 blocks (5' x 5') in the Canning Basin.	Shire of Hills Creek (100%)
29/07-8 EP	NEW STANDARD ENERGY LTD	11042km ²	The Application is located between Christmas Creek and Gregory Salt Lake. The south western corner (Lat 20° 29' 54.91" S, Long 126° 00' 04.59" E - GDA94) of the application is situated approx 29km south of Balgo Mission. From this point the application extends approx 172km in a north westerly direction to the south western corner (Lat 19° 24' 54.95" S, Long 126° 20' 04.52" E - GDA94) and then from this point approx 36km in a northerly direction to the north western corner of the application (Lat 19° 04' 54.94" S, Long 126° 20' 04.50" E - GDA94). From this point the application extends approx 165km in an easterly direction to Lat 19° 24' 54.91" S, Long 127° 55' 04.51" E - GDA94. The Application total area is approx 11042km ² or 137 blocks (5' x 5') in the Canning Basin.	Shire of Hills Creek (80%) Shire of Derby- West Kimberley (20%)
30/07-8 EP	APC ENERGY LIMITED	7030km ²	The Application is located between the Great Sandy Desert and the Southwest Tablelands. The south western corner (Lat 21° 18' 54.97" S, Long 126° 00' 04.52" E - GDA94) of the application is situated approx 54km in a northerly direction from Lake Roper. From this point the application extends approx 73km in a northerly direction to the north western corner (Lat 20° 39' 54.96" S, Long 126° 10' 04.56" E - GDA94) and then from this point approx 88km in an easterly direction to the north eastern corner of the application (Lat 20° 44' 54.96" S, Long 126° 50' 04.58" E - GDA94). From this point the application extends approx 111km in a southerly direction to Lat 21° 44' 54.99" S, Long 127° 50' 04.58" E - GDA94. The Application total area is approx 7030km ² or 88 blocks (5' x 5') in the Canning Basin.	Shire of Hills Creek (88%) Shire of South Hedland (12%)

Nature Of The Act: Grant of exploration permits, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further 5 years.

Notification Day: 2nd July 2008

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 1st October 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for either native title determination or prescribed body corporate to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 5th November 2008), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 in relation to the area of the exploration permit.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum and Royalties Division, Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 688 667 (ask for extension 23813).



SNAICC Administration and Planning Manager

(0.8) position responsible for managing SNAICC's administration, finance, planning and governance functions. Equivalent full time salary range \$65,600 to \$72,300. Initial 12-month maternity leave vacancy but expected ongoing vacancy.

Child Rearing Stories Project Officer

Full time position responsible for the development and implementation of a national project to collect, share and publish a series of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child rearing stories. Salary range \$60,200 to \$66,400. 3 year contract position.

For selection documents and more information about SNAICC see www.snaicc.asn.au/aboutus or contact Angelique Davis ph: 03 9489 8099, email: admin@snaicc.asn.au For more information about the positions contact the SNAICC Executive Officer, Julian Pocock, on 03 9489 8099.

Applications Close: Monday July 21 at 5:00pm.

SNAICC is an equal opportunity employer and encourages Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous people to apply.

COFFS HARBOUR ABORIGINAL FAMILY COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE

Aboriginal Social Support Worker Home and Community Care Program

Essential: Aboriginality; Demonstrated effective and confident communication skills; Demonstrated computer skills; Clear and effective oral and written skills; Ability to liaise and relate with Aboriginal Elders, the disabled and all carers; Ability to liaise with community members, team members and mainstream organisations; Current NSW Drivers License; Demonstrated ability to write and maintain statistics and reports; Ability to design, promote and implement programs; First Aid Certificate or willingness to obtain one; Knowledge and understanding of the HACC Service Plan and it's programs.

Desirable: Previous involvement in community controlled organizations; Qualifications in Aged Care related field; Demonstrated interest in Aboriginal Aged, Frail and people with a disability; Food Handling and Storage Certificate.

Salary and conditions are in accordance with the Social and Community Services Award Grade 4 Year 1.

Successful applicants will be subjected to Working with Children Check Legislation, and will be subject to a Federal Criminal Check.

Applications are to be received by 4pm 11 July 2008. Please forward your resume and application letter, marked 'CONFIDENTIAL', to the Chairperson Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Family Community Care Centre P.O. Box 521 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450.

For further information contact
Ms Natasha Laurie on 02 66483680

Dental Assistant Community and Dental Branch

Community Health Organisation
Based at West End

The Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd (AICHS) provides a holistic approach to address the health and well being needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Brisbane and surrounding areas. We are seeking to appoint a dental assistant for the Community and Dental Branch.

This position is classified in accordance with the HSUA AHW Award. AICHS Brisbane is a non profit organisation which offers access to Salary Sacrifice Fringe Benefits Tax Entitlements of \$306.00 per week.

Please contact AICHS if you have specific queries about the vacancy (07) 3393 0055 or for a Position Description, please email murphy@aichs.org.au or contact Hayley Renouf on (07) 3393 0055.

Closing Date and Submission Details:
The closing date for applications is 4.30 pm 2nd July 2008. Please submit your Resume and a brief application addressing the selection criteria to:

Confidential
Kym Hearn HR & OD Advisor
Po Box 8112
Woolloongabba Qld 4102

AICHS is an equal employment opportunity employer and applies merit based selection techniques to ensure that the best person for the position is selected. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply for vacant positions.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16754	Approx. 8 km NNE from Bamaga Centred at approximate Lat.10°50'S Long.142°26'E Local Government Areas: Torres Shire Council and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Area: 171 km ² Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 51 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2358 z 2359 z 2422 z 2430 e, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w, x 2431 a, b, f 2501 e, j, k, o, p, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2502 a, b, f, g, h, i, q, v 2573 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 2574 a	Gulf Alumina Pty Ltd 108 086 371
EPM16867	Approx. 51 km E from Weipa Centred at approximate Lat.12°44'S Long.142°21'E Local Government Areas: Cook Shire Council and Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	Area: 334 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 556 v, w, x, y, z 628 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 629 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 630 l, q, v 700 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 701 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 702 a, f	Gulf Alumina Pty Ltd 108 086 371
EPM16899	Approx. 91 km N from Weipa Centred at approximate Lat.11°49'S Long.142°04'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 47 km ² Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 14 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3289 n, o, r, s, t, x, y, z 3290 v 3361 h, c, d, g, h	Cape Alumina Pty Ltd 107 817 694

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedures: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that

Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 23 July 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

NSW HEALTH GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

ALLIED HEALTH

Wellington

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

PFT, Salary: \$38,873-\$73,003 pa, Recruitment No: GW58203, Enquiries & Application Kit: Joan Murphy (02) 6840 7210 or joan.murphy@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au Close: 16/07/08.

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is considered a genuine occupational qualifications as per Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

MENTAL HEALTH, DRUG & ALCOHOL SERVICES

Dubbo

Mental Health Worker - Rehabilitation Options for Brief Outreach & Step-down (ROBO) x2

TFI, for 12 months from commencement, Salary: As per relevant qualifications & experience, Recruitment No: GW56169, Enquiries & Application Kit: Raphael Chapman (02) 6841 2963 or raphael.chapman@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au Close: 16/07/08.

Application Kits are also available on our website
www.gwahs.nsw.gov.au

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity, Ethical Practices, the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible to Salary Package.



Kooragui Aboriginal Corporation
Community and Medical Services

Part Time

Aboriginal Health Worker - KMAP BEGA

(Kooragui Maternity Access Program) in association with GSAHS. Position is for 3 day s per week and is classified under the Health Services Union of Australia (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Services) Award 2002. Based at Katungul AMS Beba clinic.

Essential criteria: Knowledge and understanding of health problems as they relate to Aboriginal communities, experience with Aboriginal community based programs, experience working in a multidisciplinary team, awareness and understanding of current Aboriginal women's health issues. Specifically relating to maternal and infant health, current NSW drivers licence, be prepared to attend and complete Infant and Maternal Health Certificate.

Desirable: Demonstrated computer skills, nursing background knowledge, training/qualifications, immunisation, childcare, family planning and/or women's health experience. 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.

Part Time or Fulltime

Aboriginal Health Worker Mental Health NAROOMA

Position is classified under the Health Services Union of Australia (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Services) Award 2002. Based at Narooma Clinic

Essential Criteria: Knowledge and understanding of Health problems as they relate to Aboriginal communities, be prepared to undertake training in Social and Emotional Wellbeing, experience working in a multidisciplinary team, current NSW drivers licence.

Desirable: Demonstrated computer skills, experience in a health related field.

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 including 2 recent referees who are familiar with your skills and experience to: Damien Matcham CEO Katungul ACC&MS, P.O. Box 296 Narooma NSW 2546 via fax to 02 4476 1478.

EOI close at 5pm 18th July, 2008.

A Criminal Record check and working with Children Check will be conducted prior to any ongoing employment.



Employment Coordinator Maitland

The Aboriginal Employment Strategy Ltd. (AES) is currently seeking a highly motivated, team orientated, self directed individual with experience in employment and case management. You will be responsible for coordinating employment related outcomes for Aboriginal people, by visiting corporate Australia businesses. Through this position you will promote the vision of the AES to develop and implement new business solutions to improve the efficiencies within the office. To be successful you will have a proven experience in the employment sector and have a passion and commitment to increase employment opportunities for Aboriginal People. It is essential that you are enthusiastic and results orientated, have the ability to deal with and have an understanding of employment related processes experience with service contracts. To be successful it is important that you have the drive and determination to make a difference in an innovative approach to supporting the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander unemployed Community. Must be Aboriginal and have a drivers licence to apply.

Salary range for this position is negotiable.

For inquiries about this position please contact Toni Johnston on (02) 4939 4500

Closing date is Wednesday 9th July 2008.



The Magistrates' Court of Victoria is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic person. The Aboriginal Liaison Service forms part of the Court Integrated Services Program (CISP). CISP provides a multi-disciplinary team approach to the service and treatment of defendants.

ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER

Ongoing - Full Time

VPS Grade 3 (\$48,714 - \$59,148)

The Aboriginal Liaison Officer Service addresses the issue of over-representation of Indigenous people in the Victorian justice system by working with Indigenous clients when they enter the court system. In addition, the service helps Aboriginal people to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention.

This is an Identified Indigenous position, which will involve the development and delivery of programs and services which impact on Indigenous people.

To apply or for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact Jo Beckett on 9628 7981.

Closing date for applications is 11 July 2008.



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 9/10, Planning & Purchasing

Hunter Region, Newcastle

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-08-13676

Total remuneration package valued up to \$96,295 per annum (Salary: \$79,168 pa - \$87,263 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Undertake a range of strategic planning activities and projects related to the planning and delivery of effective services and options for older people, people with a disability and their carers.

Selection Criteria:

- Well-developed skills and experience in strategic planning, project management and implementation, and meeting deadlines.
- A solid working knowledge and understanding of contemporary human service issues for departmental clients and stakeholders.
- Demonstrated high-level written communication skills in the areas of project and business planning.
- Conceptual, analytical and data analysis skills and demonstrated problem-solving capacity.
- Ability to lead a team and support staff through coaching and experience in allocating resources and staffing; with capacity to be flexible, adaptable and contribute in change environments.
- High level interpersonal & presentation skills including the ability to communicate effectively and build consultative relationships with a range of external stakeholders.
- Competence in use of keyboard and standard PC software programs.
- Tertiary qualifications in Public Policy or Social Sciences and/or equivalent experience.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms. People from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Inquiries: Kellie Bland (02) 4908 5221

Information Package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 4960 4635

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309

Closing Date: Friday 11 July 2008

QAT 7088A



Casual Care Worker

Daramulan Aboriginal Home Care
Central Coast, Gosford and Wyong

The Home Care Service of NSW provides household support to frail aged people, people with disabilities and families in crisis, to enable them to live independently in their own homes.

We are seeking to employ Care Workers on a Casual basis. Location, hours and days of casual employment varies, and may include weekends. Positions located in Gosford and Wyong. Aboriginal applicants, particularly males are encouraged to apply.

Requirements:

- Sensitive to the needs of customers from different backgrounds.
- Ability to undertake housekeeping and personal care tasks.
- Effective communication skills.
- Organisation skills.
- Ability to work without direct supervision.
- OH&S: Understanding of OH&S responsibilities.
- Ability to work hours as required.
- Current Drivers' Licence, own registered vehicle with third party motor vehicle insurance and telephone contact is required.

The rate of pay commences at \$21.04 ph (casual) plus loadings for out of hours work, non contributory superannuation and car allowance.

Inquiries: Linda Pountney on (02) 4320 4115

Information Package: Kristy Bissaker on (02) 4320 4115

Applications to: Linda Pountney, Dept of Ageing, Disability & Home Care, Daramulan Aboriginal Home Care, Locked Bag 37, Gosford NSW 2250.

Successful applicant will be subject to criminal records check and a pre-employment functional assessment. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from a non-English speaking background are encouraged to apply.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

QAT 7088A

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW PROJECT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 7/8

Operational Programs
Client Service Strategy Branch
Head Office, Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-13630

Total remuneration package valued up to \$84,855 per annum (salary \$69,468 pa - \$76,896 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

This role exists to assist with the development and management of support systems for implementing operational policy for client services provided by Client Service teams.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Excellent current working knowledge of applicant and tenancy management policy and processes.
- Understanding of Government directions in the delivery of human services.
- Demonstrated ability to meet deadlines and balance competing priorities.
- Sound project management skills and ability to work collaboratively within a small team and across other teams.
- High level oral communication, negotiation and interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrated high level written communication skills and ability to prepare reports and Ministerial responses.
- High level of problem solving skills.
- Ability to anticipate the impact of policy changes on support systems.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Catherine Stuart (02) 8753 8784

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 11 July 2008

QAT 7088A

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16968	Approx. 32 km SSW from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°21'S Long.146°10'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 714 c, k 715 a	Wayne John Macpherson
EPM16979	Approx. 27 km W from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°03'S Long.146°01'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 322 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont and Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Clermont 23 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, s, t, x, y 24 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, p, u, z 25 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 26 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 95 c, d 97 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, u, o 98 a Townsville 3407 s, t, u, x, y, z 3408 q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 3409 v, w, x	Citigold Corporation Limited 060 397 477

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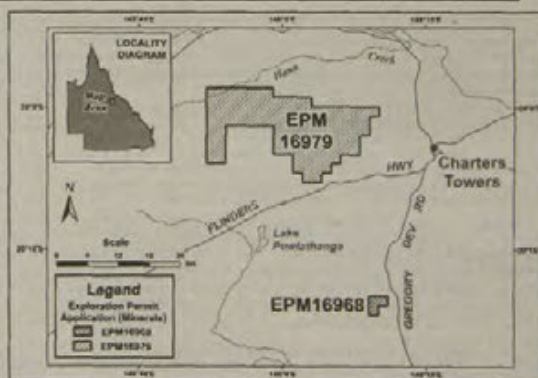
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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Notification Day: 23 July 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

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, CA- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/1782	Mount Finnelly Pty Ltd	76.88ha	66km Ely of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°48' Long 120°12'	Coolgardie
15/1783	Mount Finnelly Pty Ltd	76.87ha	66km Ely of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°51' Long 120°12'	Coolgardie
15/1784	Mount Finnelly Pty Ltd	590.59ha	65km Ely of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°52' Long 120°11'	Coolgardie
15/1786	Mount Finnelly Pty Ltd	22.66ha	63km Ely of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°46' Long 120°10'	Coolgardie
24/683	Heron Resources Ltd	53.44ha	58km Sly of Menzies	Lat 30°12' Long 120°59'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/859	Norisk Nickel Cause Pty Ltd	192.49ha	45km NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°29' Long 121°11'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/509	Christopher Peter Potts	50.02ha	11km SEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°48' Long 121°33'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/766	Great Southern Mines NL	30.4ha	27km SEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°52' Long 121°42'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
37/1045	Plutonic Operations Ltd	90.3ha	62km Ely of Leinster	Lat 27°56' Long 121°19'	Leonora
47/1419	Yilgam Mining (WA) Pty Ltd	3253.22ha	99km Ely of Wittenoom	Lat 22°34' Long 119°13'	East Pilbara

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: 2 July 2008

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **2 October 2008**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **2 November 2008**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

NEW SOUTH WALES MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

(Lower Darling River, Wentworth weir pool)

BAROSSA VALLEY WINE COMPANY PTY LTD for one PUMPING PLANT AND PIPELINE, at Part Crown Road north of Lot 34 DP756926 Parish AVOCA, County WENTWORTH. (Ref. 60CA582025)

Any inquiries regarding 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, Buronga NSW 2739, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Peter Winton, Licensing Officer

An application for a WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

DANIEL THOMAS and ROSANNA ALLEN for IRRIGATION on Lot 3 DP605744 Parish UROLY, County BOYD. (Application no. 1859)

Applications for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

PETER THOMAS and DIEDRE ALTHEA ALLEN for a bore on Lot 131 DP650335, Parish UROLY, County BOYD for IRRIGATION on Lot 131 DP650335 Parish UROLY, County BOYD. (Ref. 40WA405234)

JOSEPH MATTHEW LANDO and SYLVIA LANDO for 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 20 DP756398 Parish BUNDURE NORTH, County URANA, for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 20 DP756398 Parish BUNDURE NORTH, County URANA (Ref. 40WA405241)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 6953 0700. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of the date of this publication.

S. F. Webb, Licensing Manager

Applications for Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:

LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

Julian Peter & Timothy Hugh ROURKE for 1 x Bore on Lot 1 DP377267, Parish Mairrimmy, County Urana for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1860).

ACKERS PASTORAL COMPANY PTY LTD for 1 x Bore on Lot 126 DP756353, Parish Yalgadoori, County Townsend for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1861)

Anthony Ian & Leanne SHANNON for 1 x Bore on Lot 133 DP1001269, Parish Corry, County Wakool for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1863).

David Martin & Rita May SHANNON for 1 x Bore on Lot 11 or 12 DP1070971, Parish Corry, County Wakool for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1864)

EASTGATE NOMINEES PTY LTD for 1 x Bore on Lot 2 DP227644, Parishes Willeroo & Quiamong, County Townsend and 1 x Bore on Lot 58 DP756322, Parish Quiamong, County Townsend for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1868).

BRYDEEMUR PTY LTD for 1 x Bore on Lot 92 or 104 or 113 or 114 DP752277, Parish Bull Plain, County Denison for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1867).

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

Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land into Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Government party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to the Exploration Permit(s) shown below, under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit(s) to which this notice applies:

The Exploration Permit(s) currently excludes land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Current Holders have applied under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s).

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Holders
EPC769	Location of Excluded Land Approx. 20 km NNW from Dingo Centred at approximate Lat.23°29'S Long.149°16'E Local Government Area: Central Highlands Regional Council	Area of Exploration Permit including Excluded Land Area: 685 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 218 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2869 d, e, k 2870 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2871 f, i, q, r, v, w, x 2942 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u, y, z 2943 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3014 d, e, k, p, u 3015 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 3016 a, f, i, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3088 c, d, e, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3089 a, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3090 l, m, q, r, s, v, w, x 3160 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k 3161 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3162 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 3233 c, d, e 3234 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, m, n, o	Capricorn Coal Pty Ltd 117 316 793 (85%) Citic Capricorn Pty Ltd 117 281 615 (15%)

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude. The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map. Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: It is proposed to grant the application to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s) under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) pursuant to and subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August 2003. On the granting of the application the Excluded Land is included in the existing Exploration Permit(s). This authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified on the Excluded Land for the current terms of the Exploration Permit(s).

Name and address of person doing acts: The application to add Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s) under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) will be granted by the Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, Coorparua, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed future Acts including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed future Acts. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

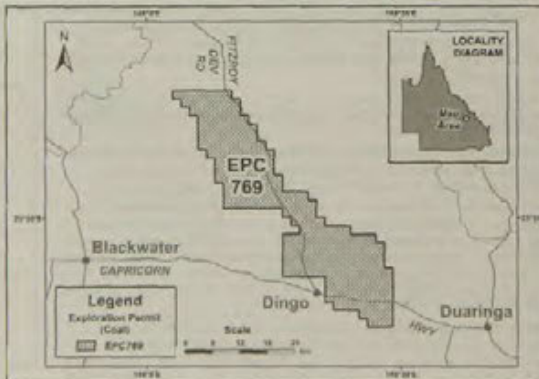
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The Government party considers the future Act(s) is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. The application to add the Excluded Land to each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the future Acts attract the Expedited Procedure.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 23 July 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Proposed Acquisition Notice Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (Reference: 96.0426.E)

The Eurobodalla Shire Council proposes to acquire by compulsory process lands described as follows:

Part Lot 338 DP 752151 (being Lot 2 DP 1121761 in Plan of Land to be acquired for the purposes of the Roads Act 1993) Moruya Parish Moruya



The lands are to be acquired for the purpose of a public road as provided by the Local Government Act 1993 and the Roads Act 1993 and acquisition will take place by notification in the NSW Government Gazette which will be published after a period of 90 days from 12 June 2008 being the date of this Notice.

Any person claiming an interest in the land to be acquired in terms of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 may obtain a compensation form and further information by contacting Joanne Marbrow/Rob Addison at Eurobodalla Shire Council, PO Box 99, Moruya NSW 2537, telephone 02/4474 1330 or 02/4474 1321.



MINING LEASE APPLICATION Mining Lease Application No. 319 Act 1992

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease:

An area of 3.18 hectares situated approximately 5 kilometres east south east of Ulan, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act:

Moolarben Coal Mines Pty Limited (ACN 108 601 672) is the applicant of Mining Lease Application 319 Act 1992, for a mining lease which would authorise mining for coal and be granted for a term of twenty-one years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done:

Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained:

Further information may be obtained from Melanie Brown: Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, phone 02 4931 6424 or fax 02 4931 6676.

Notification Day:

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) the notification day is 17 July 2008.

Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Sections 24MD(1), (7) and 29 Notice of Intention to Do a Future Act

Description of the Future Act

Pursuant to Section 135 of the Crown Lands Act 1989 (NSW) and Section 7 and 11 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (NSW), the Minister for Lands for the State of New South Wales intends to acquire by compulsory process for the public purpose of **urban development**, the land and all interests therein (including any native title rights and interests) in the property at **North Tuncurry** indicated by bold line and black hatching on the diagram and described in the Schedule hereto as Lot 331 Deposited Plan 1104340 (hereinafter described as "the land"). It is intended that the land will then be **developed by government agencies as a major urban precinct to accommodate commercial and residential needs in the area.**



Time At Which the Act is Intended to Be Done

The compulsory acquisition of the land will occur if and when the Minister is allowed to validly do so under the Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993 and when the Minister is able to do so in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (NSW). This will take effect from the date of publication in the NSW Government Gazette of an Acquisition Notice pursuant to Section 19 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act, 1991, thereupon extinguishing all interests in the land and converting them to a claim for compensation.

Notification Period

Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) allows three (3) months after the Notification Day for persons to take certain steps to become "native title parties" in relation to this Notice. The Notification Day commencing this claim period is the 9 July 2008.

Proposed Acquisition Notice and Claim for Compensation form

Any person claiming an interest in the land should notify the Minister for Lands to ensure that they obtain a Proposed Acquisition Notice and Claim for Compensation form from the Acquiring Authority when the Proposed Acquisition Notice issues.

Inquiries about becoming a "Native Title Party"

Only persons who are "native title parties" within the meaning of the Native Title Act 1993 will have the negotiation and other rights accorded under Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of that Act. The time and procedure for becoming a native title party are set out in that Act. Inquiries in this regard should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal Sydney Registry. Telephone 1800 640 501.

Name and address of the Authority authorised to acquire the land

Minister administering the Crown Lands Act 1989, c/- General Manager, Crown Lands Division, Department of Lands 437 Hunter Street, Newcastle NSW 2300

For further information about this Notice

Mr Craig Barnes, Regional Manager, Crown Lands Division, Department of Lands 98 Victoria Street, Taree NSW 2430 (02) 6591 3500 Fax (02) 6552 2816.

SCHEDULE

All of the Crown land fronting Tuncurry Road, north of Tuncurry in the State of New South Wales, Parish of Tuncurry, County of Gloucester, Land District of Taree, Great Lakes Local Government Area being lot 331 Deposited Plan 1104340 consisting of about 500 ha, and as indicated by bold line and black hatching in the diagram herewith

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16905	Approx. 33 km ESE from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°43'S Long.148°06'E Local Government Areas: Whitsunday Regional Council and Mackay Regional Council	Area: 369 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 115 (each 11aLx 11ong.) Block Number Sub-blocks 482 v 553 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, j, m, n, p, q, r, s, u, v, w, x, z 554 a, f, i, q, v 625 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 626 a, f, i, q, v 697 a, b, c, e, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, q, r, s, v 698 a, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 699 v, w 769 b, c, d, e, k, p 770 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 771 a, b, f, g, i, m	Macmin Silver Ltd 056 776 160

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Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 2814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

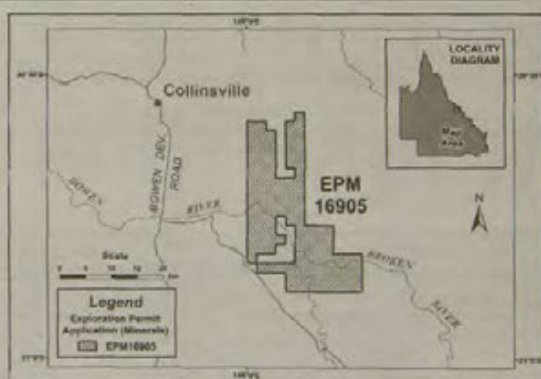
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Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 23 July 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

**Proposed Acquisition Notice
Land Acquisition
(Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991**
(Reference: 01.5517.B)

The Eurobodalla Shire Council proposes to acquire by compulsory process lands described as follows:

Part Crown Reserve R20853 (being Lot 1 DP 1114783 in Plan of Acquisition) Guerilla Bay Parish Bateman.



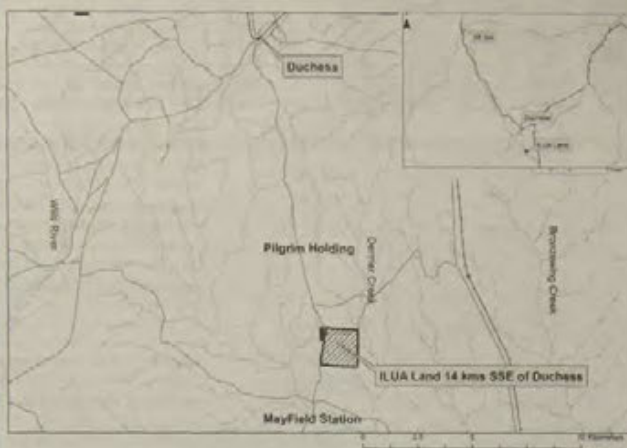
The lands are to be acquired for the purpose of a public road as provided by the Local Government Act 1993 and the Roads Act 1993 and acquisition will take place by notification in the NSW Government Gazette which will be published after a period of 90 days from 12 June 2008 being the date of this Notice.

Any person claiming an interest in the land to be acquired in terms of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 may obtain a compensation form and further information by contacting Joanne Marrow/Rob Addison at Eurobodalla Shire Council, PO Box 99, Moruya NSW 2537, telephone 024474 1330 or 024474 1321.

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT
UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)**

Barrick (Osborne) Pty Limited ABN 84 061 300 025 (Barrick) proposes to enter into a Registered Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (CTH) in relation to land near its Osborne Mine in North West Queensland for the purpose of establishing an airstrip for emergency medical evacuations (the **Proposed ILUA**).

The Proposed ILUA will apply to Lot 109 USL703 and Lot 12 on CW20 (the **ILUA Land**). The ILUA Land is located within the Cloncurry Local Government Area, 14 km south south east of Duchess and 88 km south east of Mt Isa. A map showing the location of the ILUA Land is above.



The Proposed ILUA will deal with the grant of a lease of the ILUA Land to Barrick by the State of Queensland and a potential conversion of the ILUA Land to freehold. The grant of a lease will not extinguish native title but a conversion to freehold will require the surrender of native title rights and interests to the State of Queensland.

Barrick invites all persons who hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Land to contact Barrick to ensure that they are included in the Proposed ILUA.

Contact may be in writing (by post, fax or email) or by telephone and must be made before 30 July 2008.

Contact details:

Rod Coe
Environmental Manager
Osborne Mine
PO Box 5170
Townsville QLD 4810
Phone: (07) 4781 8636
Mobile: 0448 798 264
Fax: (07) 4781 8601
Email: rcoe@barrick.com

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

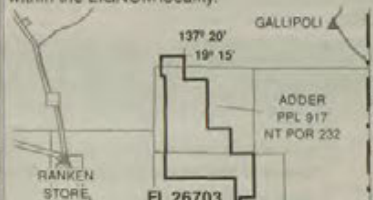
Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Exploration Licence 26702 sought by AUSTRALIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 125 939 291 over an area of 198 Blocks (640 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the RANKEN locality.



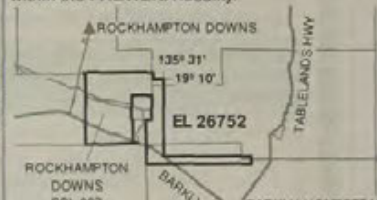
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Exploration Licence 26703 sought by AUSTRALIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 125 939 291 over an area of 296 Blocks (959 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the LIGNUM locality.



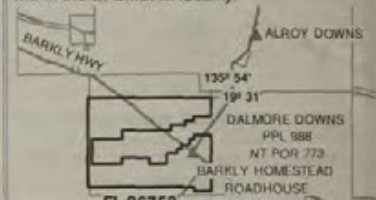
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Exploration Licence 26752 sought by CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN URANIUM LIMITED, ACN 125 368 925 over an area of 417 Blocks (1235 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the FREWENA locality.



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Exploration Licence 26753 sought by CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN URANIUM LIMITED, ACN 125 368 925 over an area of 392 Blocks (1268 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the DALMORE locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6058

Exploration Licence 26754 sought by CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN URANIUM LIMITED, ACN 125 368 925 over an area of 480 Blocks (1465 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the FAVENCE locality.



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Exploration Licence 26755 sought by CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN URANIUM LIMITED, ACN 125 368 925 over an area of 373 Blocks (1205 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the FAVENCE locality.



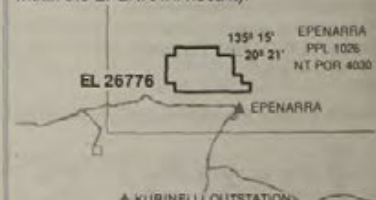
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Exploration Licence 26789 sought by NORTHERN PHOSPHATE LTD, ACN 130 879 159 over an area of 57 Blocks (186 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BRUNCHILLY locality.



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Exploration Licence 26776 sought by NORTHERN PHOSPHATE LTD, ACN 119 966 353 over an area of 39 Blocks (126 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the EPENARRA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5957

Exploration Licence 26756 sought by PROSPERITY RESOURCES (TENNANT CREEK) PTY LTD, ACN 122 235 643 over an area of 10 Blocks (14 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.



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Exploration Licence 26757 sought by PROSPERITY RESOURCES (TENNANT CREEK) PTY LTD, ACN 122 235 643 over an area of 1 Blocks (1 Sq Km) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.



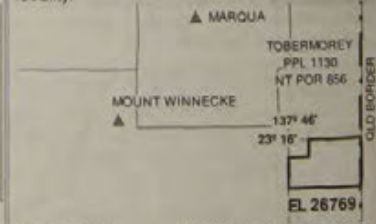
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Exploration Licence 26738 sought by RED METAL LIMITED, ACN 103 367 684 over an area of 138 Blocks (378 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ROPER locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5968

Exploration Licence 26769 sought by SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD, ACN 097 904 302 over an area of 189 Blocks (595 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ADAM locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6451

Applications to which this notice applies:

Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term sought for commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoin Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 02 July 2008

Second chance

DEANO'S LEAGUE



With DEAN WIDDERS

widders@koorimail.com

YOUNG Chris Sandow has grabbed the headlines over the past few weeks following his winning NRL debut and field goal for the Rabbitohs against the Warriors and his solid performance in the subsequent win against the Titans.

Yet, like so many other talented young players – Indigenous and non-Indigenous – Sandow could have been a statistic among those with the ability to make it but not the necessary commitment to make it at the top level.

In case this sounds like I'm being negative, I believe Chris' story is inspirational and he deserves the early success that has come his way.

But it is also a cautionary tale for those who think they will make it in life on talent alone.

As a youngster in Cherbourg and in all his junior representative teams, Sandow was marked down as a 'special' player.

Comparisons with Alf Langer were not uncommon and when I first saw him play alongside Israel Folau for Queensland in a State of Origin curtain-raiser, I could understand what the critics saw in him.

He was – and is – a player with a natural instinct for the game.

I could not believe the Rabbitohs' luck when they said the Titans had released him and he was joining our Toyota Cup squad.

But then I knew the Titans would not let a player of his class leave unless they had good reason.

Wake-up call

Chris admitted enough after the Warriors' game when he virtually thanked the Titans for the wake-up call that resurrected a career that was almost finished before it began.

In his time there, he had dodged and talked his way out of countless Gold Coast training runs.

For a while the Titans relented and gave their young star his Saturday while they ran 40s, pumped weights and sweated rivers.

"And afterwards we all watched the Queensland Cup game on telly," one staffer said.

"And there was Chrissy ... sitting on the hill with his mates."

Roughly a year after having his Titans contract torn to shreds, the kid is now dubbed a saviour of Souths.

Before the game, Titans coach John Cartwright was philosophical.

"If he plays a blinder, everyone will say we were wrong," he said.

"But Chris always had to go. He just wasn't happy here. But why that was ...

mate, you'd have to ask him."

Former Titans Football Manager Scott Sattler believes the decision to sack Sandow was the best thing for the kid.

"Unfortunately we had to make an

as a person as well as a footballer.

I knew after watching him score a remarkable try against the Dragons in a recent Toyota Cup game that the kid was ready for the next step up.

Speaking recently, Sandow credited his exciting revival on change.

Getting away from old temptations, he said. Old habits.

The birth of son Stephen, now seven months, completed his transformation.

"Because when there's a chance to slack off at training, I think of him," he said.

"Or if I'm coming last in a sprint, I think of him."

"Stephen just pops into my head and I get this burst."

It's a burst now lifting this halfback and the team he leads around the paddock.

Beau Champion gave him a huge wrap.

"We have had problems getting over the line," Champion said.

"But I don't think we will any more with Sandow in the team."

"He is just a real exciting prospect and we have been working on some new plays."

"We are a lot more confident with Chris there. He is directing the boys around and he has an awesome kicking game. We have really needed a dominant halfback and I think we have that now."

The thing is – Chris could be quite easily running around in Queensland Cup or in a local park

side.

Very few players have a chance to play at the NRL level.

Even fewer have a second chance.

Thankfully, Chris has grabbed his second opportunity and run with it.

There is a message in there for us all.



Chris Sandow kicks in general play against his old team, the Gold Coast Titans. – AAP Image

example of him," he said.

"And while the decision could come back to haunt the club, it saved his career."

Chris has really developed and matured since he came to Souths.

I have watched him develop and grow

Jawai set to play NBA with Raptors



INDIGENOUS Australian basketball sensation Nathan Jawai is set to play for Toronto in the US NBA basketball competition next season despite being

selected by Indiana in the draft. Jawai, 21, became the first Indigenous Australian athlete ever drafted when he was selected by former American great Larry Bird's Pacers with the 41st pick in the draft, held in New York last Friday (Australian time).

But the 208cm Jawai is now at the centre of a trade deal that seems set to have him lining up with the Canadian franchise, joining countryman and Milwaukee centre Andrew Bogut in the world's strongest competition.

Under NBA league rules, any deals can't be announced until after 9 July, although the Toronto Raptors confirmed on their official website that Indiana had selected Jawai on their behalf.

"The Raptors agreed to a trade in principle on the eve of the draft, acquiring six-time all-star Jermaine O'Neal and Indiana's 41st pick in exchange for point guard T.J. Ford, centre Rasho Nesterovic, Maceo Baston, and Toronto's 17th pick," the story said.

"So when the Pacers selected Australian centre Nathan Jawai at No 41, they did so on behalf of the Raptors."

Raptors president and general manager Bryan Colangelo said he couldn't comment.

The website described Jawai as a 'bruising big man with a raw, unpolished game. His strengths are his soft touch, strength and explosiveness'.

Cairns head coach Alan Black said he had spoken to Jawai's agent, Mark Fleischer, about the likely trade.

"Jim Kelly, who is the head scout for Toronto, was in Cairns last year to see Nathan play and we know that the Raptors are very impressed with Nathan," Black said.

"After talking with Nathan's agent, he has been told by Toronto that they want Nathan to play with the club in the NBA next season, which is fantastic news for Nathan."

"The full trade will take about a week to finalise, but it now looks highly probable that Nathan has achieved his dream and will be playing with the Toronto Raptors in the NBA."

Jawai, who won the NBL rookie of the year and was named the most valuable player in the league's All Star game, became the 10th Australian ever drafted to the NBA.

– AAP



● **LEFT:** Australian Nathan Jawai drives past Canadian Levon Kendall during their Under 21 Basketball World Championship third place match on 14 August 2005 at the stadium Islas Malvinas in Mar del Plata, Argentina. Jawai has been picked up by Indiana in the US NBA draft, which will almost certainly mean he will play with the Toronto Raptors in the NBA.

– AAP IMAGE

The final run home



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AFTER the excitement surrounding tonight's State of Origin decider settles – when the winner emerges – the rugby league world will return to normal service and focus on the run to the finals series.

There are many mysteries to be solved and dramas to be acted out before the final eight is decided and I will attempt to analyse your team's chances in the next two articles as our hopes rise and fall in the weekly soap opera that is the NRL.

Firstly let's start with the **Broncos**, who, true to their name, have once again bucked the opinions of many of the experts by emerging as genuine contenders for the title.

Let me start by stating that the form of Sam Thaiday at club level has been nothing short of outstanding.

Genuine leader

Injury plagued him last season after a dream run in 2006, but he has emerged as a genuine leader of the pack this year with an increased work-rate and a ferocious approach to the game which allows him to dominate.

While State of Origin and the continued doubt around Darren Lockyer has had an impact on recent results, the loss of Justin Hodges through suspension cannot be under-estimated.

Despite the form of Greg Inglis in the last State of Origin, I still believe the experience of Hodges makes him the best centre in the game.

To think that we might have seen Hodges and Inglis perform outside Thurston and Prince in the last Origin is something to dream of!

There is no doubt that Peter Wallace and PJ Marsh have been quality buys for the club, but Reece Robinson is

undoubtedly one of the bargain buys of the year given he just turned up for a trial on recommendation from Anthony Mundine.

The debut of Josh Hoffman is also a promising sign for the future.

The Broncos will definitely feature in the finals series come September.

My perennial nightmare selection – the **Dragons** – are currently one of the form teams of the competition although they have benefited from playing sides depleted by State of Origin selection.

One of the leading lights for the team has been Jamie Soward, who has benefited from consistent selection in his best position at halfback.

Soward has reinvented the art of 'chip and chase' and is one of the true speed merchants in the game.

His luck is a reward for hard work and perseverance.

Wendell Sailor has made an impact off-the-field and his first run in his NRL return against the Broncos shows he can make an impact.

At the same time Michael Lett must be frustrated at the depth of talent on the wing at the Dragons as he has excelled in his few opportunities in the top grade.

I expect the highly-rated Matt Mundine to make an appearance in the top grade before the end of the season.

Nevertheless, I still see the Dragons as a brittle outfit under pressure and expect them to finish outside the eight.

I expect the **Panthers** to finish in the same region as the Dragons, despite a period of good form.

Brad Tighe has proved his worth since arriving from the Knights and he is a stylish player who I enjoy watching play.

I am still to be convinced that Maurice Blair's best position is five-eighth, but he is another player on the rise and his best is to come.

Rhys Wesser belies his years in the game and his pace remains one of the Panthers' most potent attacking weapons.

All players at Penrith have benefited from the leadership and professionalism of Petero Cironiceva, who is a role model for all.

The **Roosters** have surprised me with their consistency and have responded to the fresh approach and enthusiasm of Brad Fittler's coaching.

Willie Mason is almost an angel – by his own standards – and leads possibly the strongest pack in the competition.

Amos Roberts has thrived under the new regime and is back to playing the style of football that saw him lead the NRL try-scorers list in seasons past.

The Roosters are the genuine deal and should be in the final four contesting for a position in the main event.

The **West Tigers** play one of the most entertaining brands of attacking football in the game, but they do not inspire one with confidence when it comes to the potency

of their forward pack.

Even in the modern game, the forwards must still win the key battles around the ruck.

All eyes continue to be focused on Benji Marshall and I believe it is the weight of expectation on his shoulders rather than the operations that are holding him back.

Confidence is the last stage of rehabilitation and Benji is still to get through this phase.

Unfortunately, the defensive weaknesses of this side will condemn them to a position outside the eight.

Meanwhile, the **Titans** appear to be having a period of the jitters after a stellar start to the season.

The State of Origin series seems to have had an unsettling impact on the side with Scott Prince's selection roller-coaster affecting the focus of the team.

Prince is still the key to success, although I question whether the side should persevere with Mat Rogers at five-eighth.

Swap positions

I believe a straight swap with Preston Campbell at fullback would be an immediate success.

Preston needs to get more of the ball in his hands and Rogers just needs to run without trying to set up play for others.

The running game is his strength.

With the rumoured loss of Luke Bailey, the Titans may well slip out of the top four but should still make the final eight in their second year in the NRL.

The **Knights** have surprised many with their competitiveness and are still a chance to make the eight.

Their pack is based on explosive power and they do have the attacking weapons of Buderus, Gidley and Mullen, but they seem to be losing too many close games to be a real threat.

They may go close to the final, but I expect them to fall just short.

Then, of course, there is the most frustrating team of all – my old mob – the **Parramatta Eels**.

On paper they should be premiership contenders.

On the field they lack the steely resolve of a true quality outfit.

On any given day they can outplay anybody with the likes of Inu, Mateo and Hayne displaying their freakish attacking ability.

But take the game to them and they seem to fold.

The Eels should make the finals, could make the grand final and, on their day, win the premiership.

But they won't carry the weight of my money on their backs.

This takes me to my tip for tonight's State of Origin decider.

Rugby league will be the winner! Bring it on!



London beckons, but first there's Orange

By GRAHAM HUNT



LISMORE boy Richie Wightman-Gala (pictured) has an ambition to represent Australia in hockey at the 2012 London Olympics.

For now, that's a far-off dream. In the meantime, he faces many hurdles, starting with the NSW under 13 hockey championships at Orange on Saturday.

Richie will turn out with the Far North Coast (FNC) side.

Richie, who will turn 13 in November, was chosen in the FNC team after strong performances for his Northern Star club in the local competition.

Richie attends Lismore High School. His dad, Richard, is a Butchulla man from Queensland's Hervey Bay/Fraser Island region, while his mum Priscilla is from Mungindi, on the NSW-Qld border. She is from the Yularaay/Goomeroi mobs.

Richie feels right at home playing hockey. He took up the sport last year as an 11-year-old after playing rugby league and soccer. He was looking for another sport and was drawn towards hockey because a couple of his mates played it.

He plays three games of hockey each weekend in the under 13s, under 15s and men's C grade divisions, and referees a fourth game.

On the social side, he also plays tennis and golf.

As a warm-up to the State titles, the FNC team recently competed in the Northern Lights carnival at Armidale. It brought together representative teams from the State's north and north-west.

Richie and his family are appreciative of the support they have received in their community.

Reaching the business end

Magic's Moments



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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FANS ask me how much a bye can affect your season, particularly as the Sydney Swans are currently enjoying the momentum of a good patch of form in the AFL.

The easy answer would be that it gives us a chance to refresh the batteries, address those niggling injuries and enjoy the luxury of a short break. While all of this is true to an extent, I know that internally we are treating the break very much as an early preparation for the finals.

If you are fortunate enough, you can enjoy a break in the finals series and wait for a quality opponent to meet you in a showdown for a position in the grand final.

Given our recent history against Collingwood, there is no doubt that our clash on Saturday against the Magpies looms as a litmus test for our finals prospects.

Last season, the Magpies defeated us in three matches, including the premiership round at ANZ Stadium and the elimination final.

Luke Ablett spoke for us all when he was interviewed about the clash.

"They've definitely had the wood over us over the last couple of years," Ablett said of the Magpies.

"I saw a bit of the game they played against the Bulldogs and they're still capable of playing some really good footy and after the last few years, we have an enormous amount of respect for them."

Ablett has rightly pinpointed Collingwood's pressure as probably its biggest strength.

"They've set a new standard of tackling in the AFL," he said. "I think against Geelong, they smacked them by 80 points and then West Coast by 100. So they can play some really good footy and they can score heavily."

"I guess we just haven't turned up to play against them last couple of times and they've beaten us convincingly. So it's a big challenge for us. It's a massive test."

To put this in context we struggled against the Bulldogs (round seven) and Geelong (round five) and Collingwood looms as our biggest test after six straight wins over bottom-eight sides.

"If we get our fundamentals right, the contested footy which is the basis of our game and limiting their uncontested footy with our accountability, we'll give ourselves a chance to win... and if we don't, we probably won't win," Ablett said.

"It's as simple as that."

As everybody is aware, we will have to face the challenge without Adam Goodes after he accepted the one-match suspension offered by the AFL Match Review Panel.

This will just ensure we are all extra prepared for an extra effort without one of our key strike weapons.

The Match Review Panel assessed Goodes' incident as incurring a penalty of 164.06 points and a one-match

would have been the tough part of the draw," he said.

"But no-one knows going into a season what teams are going to do well. When we looked at the first half of the draw, we thought if we could do reasonably well against those three teams, that would be a good start."

"Our first half of the season has been tough and what it tells you is that the AFL season is 22 rounds of tough footy."

"Every game is a difficult game to win regardless of where teams are on the ladder."

On the key issue of breaking our good run of form, Roos doesn't believe the break is coming at a bad time.

"I don't think the break is a momentum killer," he said. "I think it is certainly better to go into a break in winning form rather than losing form, but from our point of view, we need a week off."

One player who is not really keen on the break is Barry Hall, who has just returned from suspension and injury.

There is no doubt the return of an in-form Hall has given us a lift as we prepare for the tough challenges ahead.

Barry returned in round 12 against St Kilda for a return of two goals before collecting five majors against Melbourne in a performance that bodes well for the back end of the season.

Again, Luke Ablett was spot-on when he said that one of the key factors in Hall's successful return was his ability to train while away from the game.

"The benefit of having an arm injury is that he's continued to train. And Barry was in really good form before his suspension," said Ablett.

"I think his body is feeling the best it probably has in 18 months. He had ten shots at goal against Melbourne. That's a good sign."

"We have a pretty tough run home, with some good teams and some good defences, so hopefully we can continue to give him the opportunity to keep kicking goals."

"What's more, little has changed with Hall's ability to lighten the mood in the camp as the side moves towards the business end of the season."

"Around the place he's been his normal self. He's vibrant, cracking jokes and carrying on."

Like all good players, he knows when to be serious and when to have a laugh and muck around.

He's one of the blokes who makes going to training fun, and that's still a key ingredient to success at any level of football.

We still need to enjoy it and have fun.

Until next time... Keep Dreaming!



ADAM GOODES

sanction.

I just hope we don't miss him in the .06 part of the game!

Our coach Paul Roos was looking forward to last weekend's break.

"If you looked at the draw at the beginning of the season and saw Port at AAMI Stadium, Brisbane at the Gabba, West Coast at Subiaco, that

Benn Harradine our first athletic field Olympian



AUSTRALIA'S first Indigenous field event athlete - Victorian discus thrower Benn Harradine - will become the first Indigenous field athlete to

represent his country at an Olympic Games.

Harradine last Thursday was confirmed as a member of the Australian track and field team for the Beijing Olympic Games opening on 8 August.

He becomes the sixth Indigenous track and field Olympian, joining Cathy Freeman, Patrick Johnson, Nova Peris-Kneebone, Joshua Ross and Kyle Vander-Kuyp.

Promising long jumper Robbie Crowthier missed selection for Beijing, as did sprinters Patrick Johnson, Joshua Ross and Otis Gowa.

Simone leads Territory hockey team



SIMONE LIDDY



CHARLES Darwin University's Simone Liddy is pitting her hockey skills against Australia's best emerging young talent.

Liddy, a fourth-year Bachelor of Pharmacy student, was named captain of the Northern Territory women's hockey team as a part of the national women's under-21 championship which opened in Hobart yesterday.

The Territory hockey star and past Northern Territory Institute of Sport scholarship holder has represented the Territory at a national level without fail since primary school.

"It's going to be a tough task, but at the same time a challenge that the team is really looking forward to," Liddy said on the eve of her departure for Tasmania.

"We've got a great young team this year and, because we've been competing together for many years, we combine well as a team. We also have a terrific coach in Dan Hayes and terrific support staff."

"We will be competing against some of the future Australian Hockeyroos and the best in the country in this age group, so it's certainly going to be an exciting challenge for the Territory team."

Liddy was the first Indigenous Territorian to be awarded a pharmacy cadetship with the Department of Health and Community Services under the National Indigenous Cadetship Program.

She also was named the 2007 NAIDOC Youth of the Year and NT's Young Australian of the Year for 2008, for her long-time academic achievement, athletic prowess and mentoring of Indigenous students.

Taste of motorsport



A MOTOR-SPORT program being developed in Victoria could lead to Indigenous apprentices and trainees being given a chance to become involved in a national motor racing series in what could be an Australian first.

Shepparton-based team ST Motorsports has been working with the Goulburn Ovens TAFE Institute at Shepparton and its Koorie Education Program to involve a team of trainees in the Victorian HQ Holden Racing Championship, which could eventually lead to a role in the HQ Racing Australia National Challenge Series.

ST Motorsports and the Victorian HQ Racing Association will host two supervisors and an Indigenous apprentice from the Goulburn Ovens TAFE automotive and metal trades department as a taster to showcase the category and develop the partnership.

Round three of the national series, sponsored by Muscle Car Gearboxes, was held at Phillip Island on 14-15 June as part of the Shannons Nationals Motor Racing Championships Series.

The Phillip Island event also doubled as a round of the Victorian State HQ series, with a grid of more than 50 cars.

The proposed program will involve apprentices from the college helping rebuild a promotional car owned by the



Tamara Atkinson with HQ Holden racing driver Stephen Whyte, whose car Tamara helped work on at Phillip Island.

VHORA, which will then be utilised at rounds of the State series to promote the category, GO TAFE and the Koorie Education Program.

The promotion will include provision for the GO TAFE combined apprentices tent to be prominently placed at events and for a team of apprentices to attend rounds of the series as a repair team.

Ted Ackland, of ST Motorsport, said if successful, it was hoped the program could be expanded to take in the national HQ series.

"There's not many young Indigenous people involved in motor racing in Australia, so the chance for some to be involved in firstly a State series and possibly a national series presents a wonderful training

opportunity," Ackland said.

"It will also provide valuable training in teamwork and problem solving and provide an exciting practical side to the theory being learned in the classroom."

HQ Holden racing is officially recognised as the entry-level national category of Australian motorsport and is enjoying growth despite the category

being 20 years old this year.

The category is enjoying an all-time-high exposure through the Shannons Series and other marketing initiatives, making it ideal as a potential training ground for newcomers to the sport, on and off the racetrack – and as such, a perfect vehicle for programs such as the Goulburn Ovens TAFE Koorie Education Program.

Little to show for long drive

By ALF WILSON



SIX boxers from the north Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island travelled to Cairns where their trainer Ray Dennis was frustrated

that four of his charges did not have opponents.

Dennis said that four-times Australian amateur champion Luke Lenoy and two-times Aussie titleholder Selwyn Seaton found they could not be matched.

"They travelled a long way and have both been judged amongst the best junior boxers in Queensland and nobody could be found to be an opponent," Dennis said.

Lenoy and Seaton are close friends and reluctantly fought each other in what was billed as a 'Palm Island Showdown'.

At recent tournaments *The Koori Mail* has attended, Lenoy and Seaton had barracked loudly when the other was fighting.

"Both boxers performed well and it was a very good fight. The judges gave it in a split decision in favour of Luke. They have beaten every highly rated boxer in their own age groups in Australia and have run out of opponents and no-one seems to

want to fight them," Dennis said.

Another rising star, Reggie Palm Island, again showed he is a future champion with another powerhouse performance.

"Reggie defeated the more experienced Harlem Eales, from Mareeba, and the referee was forced to stop the bout mid-way through the first round," Dennis said.

Patrick Clarke, from Palm, also did well before losing his 54kg bout to Townsville Hawks boxer Dean Thomas.

Dennis said that young boxers Nathan James and Alfred Lacey made the long bus journey to Cairns and were disappointed that they did not get bouts. "It costs a lot of money for our boxers to travel to tournaments and it is bad that they can't get bouts," he said.

Dennis said his lads were the only Aboriginal boxers competing at the tournament and he would need assurances that bouts had been arranged before travelling to future tournaments.

"I think we may be the only all-Aboriginal amateur boxing team in Queensland," he said.

A strong Palm Island contingent will compete at the Queensland Golden Gloves Titles at Yungaburra early this month.



Palm Island boxers, from left, are: Nathan James, 11, Patrick Clarke, 13, Reggie Palm Island, 15, trainer Ray Dennis, Luke Lenoy, Alfred Lacey, 12, and team driver Ashley Lenoy.

Teams set to line up for Twenty/20

By ALF WILSON



THE Rainforest Cup carnival, which has the theme 'The far northern spirit of Indigenous cricket', will be held at Tully on 1-2 November.

Sponsored by the Jumbun Aboriginal Community with support from the Tully District Cricket Association, it will be an alcohol- and drug-free carnival where family and friends meet to watch cricket under the Twenty/20 format.

Teams from six communities around Tully, nearby Innisfail and from the Atherton Tablelands will compete with Indigenous players from further afield. Carnival co-ordinator Stan Lenoy has called on teams wanting to nominate to act quickly to get a registration form.

"Mums interested in a game of cricket should nominate now," Mr Lenoy said.

The event was not held in 2007 because of the Land and Sea Conference at Cardwell, which was attended by the organisers.

The idea of such a carnival started on a late Sunday afternoon in 2003 after a lower-grade

cricket match in Innisfail. "One of my relations from Mt Garnet who happened to be watching the game commented that he would love a game of cricket," Mr Lenoy said.

"He mentioned that Mt Garnet, being a small mining community, didn't support an established cricket competition and that the centre was some distance from a major community, which made travelling difficult.

"In reply, I said 'why don't we have our own game' and from that conversation the Rainforest Cup was born.

"Initially, we only thought of a single match between Mt Garnet and Innisfail. When the question was raised as to where we would play the match, the Jumbun Aboriginal community south of Tully was mooted as a possible venue. After some work, the Jumbun community venue was secured, however, by this time the Aboriginal communities of Tully, Jumbun, Camu (Cardwell and Kennedy) and a second Innisfail team had shown some interest in playing as well.

"The concept of a carnival had then evolved to accommodate the six teams over the course of the Australia Day Weekend of 2004."



The winning Innisfail side of 2006 at the last carnival.

McLeod out for a month

By PETER ARGENT



DUAL Norm Smith Medallist and the Adelaide Crows' longest-serving player, the mercurial Andrew

McLeod, is expected to miss a minimum of two games after having his right knee cleaned out.

McLeod, who is just four matches short of his 300-game milestone, had an operation on Monday 23 June.

He is resting this week and will start some bike work next week and if all goes to plan, he then should be ready in about a fortnight.

"At this stage we expect Andrew to be out for a month. He will certainly miss the Geelong game on Friday (4 July) and probably also the Collingwood match (round 15, 12 July), but that will depend on when he can get back to full training," Crows head doctor Andrew Potter said.

Back in 2006, McLeod had a bursa (a sac of fluid) on his foot which bothered him for several weeks during the middle of the season. Just four weeks after the problem was announced, it was suggested by the hierarchy at the Crows that McLeod would continue to play despite the injury.

He was sent in to have the problems operated on.

This affected the champion half back for the remainder of the season and ultimately had an influence of the Crows' premiership hopes.

This year, with the Crows



ANDREW McLEOD

having a bye in the first week of the split round (round 14), the medical staff have been more prudent.

McLeod, who turns 32 in early August, played all of the first 13 rounds this year. He is still expected to reach 300 games during this year's minor rounds, making him the second Aboriginal footballer to reach the milestone, behind Gavin Wanganeen.

Originally from Darwin, McLeod started his SANFL career at Port Adelaide Magpies, where he was a member in the club's 1994 premiership team.

He was tied to Fremantle when it was forming its inaugural AFL squad, but was traded to Adelaide in exchange for Chris Groom and made his AFL debut back in 1995.

Boost for Pilbara kids



THE West Australian Government, the mining industry and elite sporting clubs are helping the State's

north-west students gain life skills by literally kicking goals.

Premier Alan Carpenter last month launched the Kicking Goals program for 2008-09, sponsored by BHP Billiton Iron Ore and supported by the West Coast Eagles and Swan Districts football clubs.

Mr Carpenter said the program was the biggest regionally-based Australian Football League (AFL) mentoring program and was the first of its kind in Australia.

"The program aims to enhance students' life skills, school attendance, academic achievement, health and

well-being, and reduce substance abuse," he said.

"Students receive mentoring to stay engaged in school and meet their goals, combined with football activities such as coaching sessions and carnivals.

"A big highlight for students is the chance to play in a 'curtain raiser' match at West Coast Eagles home games at Subiaco Oval and stay for the main game."

The Premier said the State Government was providing about \$300,000 of in-kind support to the program which went towards getting physical education teachers and Department of Sport and Recreation district officers out on the oval and mentoring talented children.

Kicking Goals has been piloted over three years at

Hedland Senior High School and Newman Senior High School and is now being expanded to an outreach program for several Pilbara Indigenous communities.

"There are now about 120 students in the program and it's making a real difference by boosting the participation of students in community life," Mr Carpenter said.

"Last year, students contributed more than 200 hours of community service through junior sports coaching, primary school reading programs, umpiring of town sports and helping non-profit organisations."

Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts said the Kicking Goals Program was providing positive experiences for young Indigenous West Australians.

Goodes' run is finished



WITH Adam Goodes deciding to accept the one-match suspension offered by the AFL Match

Review Panel after being reported for rough conduct in the Swans' round 13 match against Melbourne, his amazing run of 204 consecutive games which started in 1999 has come to an end.

Called a protected species by Lions coach Leigh Matthews earlier this year, this was the third time Goodes had been charged in the current season. He escaped match penalties the previous two times.

Last year, Goodes was also ineligible for the Brownlow Medal after being reported for striking in

the round-five clash, also against the Demons, but due to the structure of the points system he didn't miss a game.

He played his 200th consecutive AFL game in the Indigenous round (round nine), becoming only the fourth player in the 101-year history of AFL/VFL football to do so. Goodes now sits in third place, behind Melbourne pair, 1991 Brownlow medallist Jim Stynes and Adem Yze.

Goodes won the Brownlow Medal, the code's highest individual honour, in 2003 and 2006, along with being the 1999 winner of the AFL Rising Star award. He was also a key member of the Swans' 2005 premiership team.

- Peter Argent

KickStart for 50 boys



FIFTY boys aged 14 and 15 years will be selected by development officers from every State and Territory to attend a five-day 2008 Qantas AFL KickStart camp in Melbourne from 15 July.

AFL Youth and High Performance Co-Ordinator Jason McCartney said the camp was designed to offer Indigenous youth a unique football and educational experience.

"The Qantas KickStart camp provides leadership, education and life skills that will last a life time. The six days will provide fantastic opportunities such as meeting Michael Long, Cathy Freeman and current Indigenous AFL players," McCartney said.

"For many this will be the first opportunity to visit Melbourne and see the AFL culture first hand."

The boys will visit Arden Street to watch the North Melbourne Football Club train, undergo AIS-AFL high-performance testing and play in a curtain-raiser game before the Richmond-Essendon match at the MCG on Saturday 19 July.

Qantas Group General Manager Marketing Jenny Gulliver said the camp



Four players selected to attend the camp pictured with Jason McCartney, from left, Ben Neade (Alice Springs Clontarf Academy), Dylan Johny (Alice Springs Clontarf Academy), Jason McCartney, Cyril Wilson (Maningrida, East Arnhem Land) and Nongunu Nanambi (Gove, East Arnhem Land).

provided an important opportunity for young Australians in regional areas to connect with their sporting heroes.

"Qantas is committed to recognising and nurturing the sporting talents of young Australians," she said.

"We hope the camp will encourage our budding sports stars to connect with their dreams and strive towards reaching their goals."

The Qantas AFL KickStart program uses Australian football as a vehicle to

promote healthy lifestyles in Indigenous communities. The program works with State governments to tailor messages for different regions and communities.

The final squad will be announced early this month.

Champions to be honoured

Dinner to pay tribute to sporting heroes of Bundjalung nation



THE Northern United Rugby League Football Club has secured

\$3000 in Federal funding for its Indigenous Sports Stars Gala Dinner.

The dinner will be held at the Lismore and District Workers Club on 12 July.

Local Federal MP Janelle Saffin is urging the community to support the dinner.

The NSW Government, through Sport and Recreation Minister Graham West, also kicked in \$2500 towards the evening.

Other major sponsors include the Workers Club, State Member for Clarence Steve Cansdell and his fellow North Coast Nationals MPs, and the Summerland Credit Union.

Ms Saffin congratulated Northern United on staging a



Northern United Secretary Grantley Creighton, left, and Chairman Laurie Mercy with one of the trophies to be awarded on 12 July.

regional event to recognise outstanding representative achievement by Indigenous adults and youth in a range of sports.

"The Indigenous Co-ordination Centre in Coffs Harbour provided the funding because the prowess

of Aboriginal athletes in the Bundjalung nation – past and present – is legendary and these sportspeople are strong, inspirational role models for Indigenous youth to emulate," she said.

Northern United Secretary

Grantley Creighton said the club had received 33 nominations in nine sports – athletics, boxing, cricket, hockey, netball, rugby league, touch football, surfing and swimming.

Baryulgil, an isolated village north-west of Grafton, produced a

triple Australian boxing champion in middleweight to heavyweight divisions, Tony Mundine, whose son, Anthony 'Choc' Mundine, was a National Rugby League star before becoming a world super middleweight champion in the ring.

Francis Roberts, who grew up on Cubawee Aboriginal Reserve, near Lismore, and who now lives at Armidale, was the first Aboriginal boxer to win selection in an Australian Olympic Games team – for Tokyo, Japan, in 1964.

And the list of legends goes on: The late Sam Anderson, of Coraki, a gifted all-rounder who once caught out Australian Test cricket captain Don Bradman playing in a country team against New South Wales in Lismore, and Yamba's Rocky

Laurie's exploits on the rugby league fields and running tracks are still revered.

● Tickets for the dinner, which coincides with NAIDOC Week, can be purchased from the Lismore Workers Club until Thursday 10 July.

Big Artie joins list of sports legends



ABORIGINAL rugby league legend Arthur Beetson has been inducted as a life member of the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust.

Beetson was one of nine of Australia's greatest ever rugby league players to be inducted in the latest round.

The others were Ron Coote, Bob Fulton, Noel Kelly, Graeme Langlands, Bob McCarthy, Norm Provan, John Raper and Arthur Summons.

They joined Reg Gasnier and Keith Holman as former Australian rugby league players to have been bestowed the Trust's highest honour.

Others to be awarded SCG life membership are Sir Roden Cutler, Pat Hills, Olympians Betty Cuthbert, Marjorie Jackson Nelson and Marlene Matthews, cricketers Richie Benaud, Sir Donald Bradman, Bill Brown, Alan Davidson, Neil Harvey, Keith Miller, Arthur Morris, Norman O'Neill, Bob Simpson and Doug Walters plus former Australian rugby union players Trevor Allan, Sir Nicholas Shehadie and Colin Windon.

Beetson, Coote, Fulton, Langlands, McCarthy and Raper have previously been acknowledged in the Walk of Honour, which links the SCG with the Sydney Football Stadium. -AAP

Arthur Beetson will head up selection panel

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known every honour available in the game.

As a player he captained teams to premierships and State of Origin and Test victories.

He was one of the keys to the success of the State of Origin and embodied the 'mate versus mate' concept when he clashed with his fellow Eels player Michael Cronin.

As a selector for Queensland and Australia, he showed the judgment that made him the most respected recruitment manager in the game.

More importantly, he was the trail-blazer for the explosion of Indigenous talent in the modern game.

Beetson will be part of the selection panel for the coach with nominations to be called for after the next ARL Indigenous Council meeting.

An advertisement will appear in the next edition of *The Koori Mail*.

As a member of the ARL Team of the Century, he is an automatic selection in the Indigenous Team of the Century to be announced and presented to the crowd at the Reconciliation Cup game to be played between the Cowboys and the Bulldogs at Suncorp Stadium on 9 August.

It is an event deserving of a big crowd to applaud our heroes.

The full list of nominees will be announced in the next edition of *The Koori Mail*.

Beetson will be interested to hear that Wendell Sailor has announced his availability for selection in the World Cup game. Sailor may be a controversial figure to some, but he is the ultimate competitor whose vast experience would be of benefit to young players given the chance to play in such a significant game.

One such player will be the lucky person to be chosen as player of the ARL-endorsed Aboriginal Knockout to be played at Kingscliff, in the far north-east corner of NSW.

The Koori Mail has announced it will be a major sponsor of the Kingscliff event.

He's so good ... they're all after him

By GRAHAM HUNT

YOUNG Toowoomba rugby league and athletics sensation Joel Hagan has had an amazing introduction to another sport - he has made the Queensland under 12 Australian rules team after having played just three games.

It is hard to predict what's around the corner for Joel - he is such a talented young sportsman that it seems he's destined for greatness in just about any sport he chooses.

Back in January this year we reported that Joel wanted to make a name for himself in rugby league, but that recent performances in athletics may cause a rethink in his priorities.

Since then, Joel has tried his hand at Australian football - and now he's off to Melbourne this month to play for Queensland at the Australian under 12 titles.

To make the State team after having played a game foreign to him is incredible. He was in the Queensland side after just three games.

Coach Grant Pyke said Joel, one of just two indigenous boys in the team, had a natural ability and instinct.

"He's strong, he's quite fast and he's evasive," Pyke told *The Courier Mail*.

Quite fast? Believe it! Last year, Joel was the fastest boy of his age in Queensland - and that was just two months after coming second at his school carnival. His rise in Australian football has been as meteoric as his rise in athletics.

But for now rugby league remains his first love. He told *The Toowoomba Chronicle* newspaper that while he had more passion for rugby league, he was looking forward to representing Queensland in Australian football.

"This is my first season of Aussie rules. At the moment I prefer playing rugby league but I'm enjoying learning a new game," he told the *Chronicle*.

"I was really surprised when I was told I made the Queensland team. I tried out for the Darling Downs team as a bit of fun and didn't really expect to make that team. I never even thought about making it to the next level."

"My dream is to play in the National Rugby League, but depending on how I go with Aussie rules, maybe I'll aim for the AFL."

"This is the first Queensland footy team I have made, so I'm really excited."

But last week Joel was back in his rugby league gear as he contested the Queensland Primary School championships at Chinchilla, in the State's south.

That carnival will end today with the naming of the Queensland side to contest the Australian Primary School championships in Darwin.

Joel's dad Laurence Hagan told *The Koori Mail* they weren't 'counting the chickens before they hatched', but were hopeful that Joel would make the Queensland team.

"There's some very good boys running around here at Chinchilla," Laurence Hagan said.

And while Joel still leaned towards rugby league as his preferred sport, Laurence Hagan said they would keep their options open.

These options include rugby union - a game that Joel has never played. Laurence Hagan has fielded a number of approaches on Joel's behalf from Brisbane private schools, where the emphasis is on rugby union.

Laurence is supporting Joel all the way and has deferred full-time university studies so that he is available to drive Joel to wherever sport takes him.

We hope he can afford the petrol because Joel's journey could be a long one.

"Tell me about it," Laurence Hagan said in reference to transport costs - in particular the price of petrol.

"It's pretty tough, but in the end I'm confident things will pay off."



JOEL HAGAN Picture: Toowoomba Chronicle

Desert dash



A GROUP of young Aboriginal dirt bike riders from South Australia's remote north

who have been raising their own self-esteem were put to the test during the 33rd Finke Desert Race.

APY Racing, a team of 25 Aboriginal males aged between 17 and 30 from the Anangu Pintjantjara Yankunytjatjara Lands, hit the dirt track to race from Alice Springs to the community of Finke (Aputula), in the Northern Territory.

Manager of the South Australian Department for Families and Communities' Substance Misuse and Youth Programs, Peter Kay, geared up the team of young riders for this year's race through its dirt bike program – an initiative of its Substance Misuse and Youth Program.

"The dirt bike component

of the race had 500 competitors this year and is always enjoyed by racers and spectators alike," Mr Kay said.

"It is well known that participation in team sports promotes leadership, self-esteem and healthy lifestyles and actively diverts young people from substance misuse.

"The race was an excellent opportunity for young people to involve themselves in something fun with a healthy focus.

"We loaned bikes to participants, put riders through a training course, assisted with entry fees and required participants to adhere to a strict code of conduct, which involved keeping fit and learning how to repair and maintain bikes.

"Each year, the department sponsors young riders in the race, which is a major sporting event for

the Northern Territory."

Riders from Amata, Fregon, Mimili, Ernabella, Indulkana and Watarru communities navigated the multi-terrain course, which crosses the Finke River.

This year the event ran from 7-9 June.

Bikes king Ben Grabham made it two in a row, finishing ahead of Centralian Ryan Branford to take out the bikes section.

As was the case in 2007, only seconds split the two riders as they approached the final fuel stop. And, as was also the case in 2007, fortune eluded Branford as he lost vital time unable to restart his bike.

Celebrations were subdued following the death of Queensland bike rider David Schmidt on 8 June. Police said it appeared Schmidt, 37, crashed into a tree about 130km south of the starting line.



● TOP: Ethan Dagg

● RIGHT: Phillip Marshall

● LEFT: Shannon Smith

● BELOW: Noel Hampton



'It will be a Knockout'

Tweed rugby league carnival organisers say it will be the best yet

NSW ORGANISER Selwyn Apanui is astounded by the number of telephone calls he is fielding on the 38th annual New South Wales Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival.

The knockout this year will be held on the Tweed coast and will be hosted by the Wollumbin Warriors - winners of the 2007 knockout in Lismore.

Apanui told *The Koori Mail* he was

receiving about 20 calls a day from people inquiring about the carnival.

He reckons he has had inquiries from about 40 teams wanting to play in the open men's division.

Apanui believes the magnet that is drawing so much interest is the collection of trophies that are handed out at the end of the carnival.

"Some of these trophies are as old as the carnival and they mean a lot," he said.

The knockout will be held from 3-6 October at Kingscliff, in the far north-eastern corner of NSW.

ARL endorsement

It has the endorsement of the Australian Rugby League and will be covered by NITV. *The Koori Mail* is a principal sponsor. Apanui, who is the Wollumbin Warriors President, and carnival co-ordinator Sol Belleir recently appeared on NITV's Barefoot Rugby League program to promote the knockout.

Organisers say the carnival will bring together more than 100 teams from throughout NSW.

The best player over the four days of the carnival will join the Australian Indigenous side for their clash with the New Zealand Maoris on the opening night

of the 2008 Rugby League World Cup.

Along with the knockout's headline men's competition, there will be age group divisions from under sevens through to under 17s and also a women's competition.

Apanui said the under 15 competition was the official trial for the New South Wales Indigenous under 16 team, which played each year in the curtain-raiser to the Anzac Day Test against New Zealand.

The Wollumbin Warriors won last year's Lismore knockout in a thrilling come-from-behind clash with the La Perouse Panthers.

In the tradition of the carnival, the win meant the Warriors had the right to host this year's knockout and they chose Kingscliff as the venue.

Sol Belleir said: "Every year we have NRL scouts from all the clubs on hand to see just how good some of these young players are and this year will be no different. The great thing about the knockout is that it gives the kids from the country a chance to make a name for themselves and match up against the teams from the city."

Apanui said: "We will also be following traditional knockout rules and with the ARL endorsement, we will be able to ensure professionalism in the refereeing, administration and insurances."

Indigenous softball team to contest international challenge



QUEENSLANDERS and Territorians dominate the inaugural Australian Indigenous softball team to contest the International Challenge Series this month at the Blacktown Olympic Park, in Sydney's west.

There are five Queenslanders in the team. The Northern Territory has four representatives, while the Australian Capital Territory has two.

Western Australia has two and South Australia has one.

There are no players from NSW, Victoria or Tasmania.

The process of identifying and selecting players was made possible through the Australian Sports Commission's National Talent Identification Program.

The team is: Patricia Dougan (Qld), Nicolette Dunn (NT), Tylisha Dunn (Qld), Jacara Egan (SA), Jessica Forest (NT), Brittany Krakauer (WA), Helen Laughton (NT), Ginni Lawton (Qld), Tara Liddy (NT), Talicia Minnecon (Qld), Krystle Rivers (WA), Katrina Robson (ACT), Heather Stevens (Qld) and Jacinta Williams (ACT).

Another player is to be added to the team. The head coach is Dion Johannessen (Qld), coach Ronald Holt (Qld), assistant coach Tracey Holt (Qld), team manager Jo Robson (ACT) and statistician Joy Leach (Qld).

The indigenous team will come up against an Australian Youth team and US college teams.

Blacktown Olympic Park was the venue for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games softball and remains the finest softball facility in Australia. It includes four full-size playing fields, associated building and training infrastructure, and extensive training equipment.

Darwin dominates



TEAMS from Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine, Nhulunbuy (Gove) and Palmerston contested the TIO Northern Territory netball championships in Darwin from 20-22 June. The titles were held at the Parap netball courts and Darwin Basketball Stadium. Age groups ranged from 13 and under to the opens.

In the open division, Darwin beat Alice Springs 58-28 in the final, while in the play-off for third and fourth, Katherine beat Gove 34-20.

Darwin teams made a clean sweep of the tournament and Alice Springs finished runners-up in every division.

In the 17 and under division final, Darwin beat Alice Springs 31-18, while in the 15 and under division, Darwin won 31-18 and in the 13 and under division, Darwin won 29-15.

Calling Koori netballers



INDIGENOUS netballers from throughout NSW are expected at the tenth annual Newcastle Koori Netball Tournament on 24-25 October.

Organisers are calling on Indigenous netballers to put their talent to the test to become the best in the State.

The tournament is expected to attract more than 200 players from as far as Dubbo, Armidale, the Macleay Valley and Sydney.

For details, phone NSW Sport and Recreation on (02) 4926 1633.



The Wollumbin Warriors with their collection of trophies after beating the La Perouse Panthers in last year's grand final at Oakes Oval, Lismore.



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Desert racer

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Best of the best

Beetson to head panel to choose national Indigenous team



By a Staff Writer



RUGBY league immortal and Team of the Century member Arthur Beetson has shown his unwavering commitment to

Indigenous rugby league by accepting the key position as Chairman of Selectors for the team that will play the 'Welcome to Country' game against the New Zealand Maoris in the World Cup opening extravaganza.

In a coup for the status of the game, it is believed that Channel Nine is planning to televise the game live such is the interest in this game between two proud Indigenous races.

Beetson's appointment is significant on a number of levels.

Earlier this year he was at the centre of controversy over his decision not to attend the game's Centenary Ball when he was announced as a member of the Team of the Century.

As always, Beetson was true to his beliefs when he expressed his dismay at the direction of the current game.

He has put any personal

misgivings aside to return to a game that he has championed for a long time.

It was — and is — Beetson's belief that this game should be an annual feature of the rugby league calendar and should be played on Australia Day as a sign of respect to Indigenous peoples.

He proposed the concept to game officials on numerous occasions to be repeatedly denied.

Beetson coached the last truly representative Australian side in the 1990s that played Papua New Guinea's Test team and it contained players like Dean Widders, Carl Webb, John Doyle and John Simon.

They beat the Kumuls at Campbelltown and then Cairns in an unofficial two 'Test' series.

Beetson was also the public face of the fight to have an Indigenous side participate in the World Cup itself.

Being denied, his decision to accept the position for the Welcome to Country side shows how important the cause is to him.

There is no better man for the job. An immortal of the game, he has

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