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# We're listening, PM tells Yolngu

## Meeting in Yirrkala a first for our communities

By KIRSTIE PARKER

NT

THE Yolngu people of the Northern Territory have presented the Federal Government with a 25-point 'wish list' of what they want to help lift their communities out of poverty and build a better future. And Prime Minister Kevin Rudd says their message has been received loud and clear, following last week's Community Cabinet meeting at Yirrkala in north-east Arnhem Land – the first in a remote Indigenous community.

Mr Rudd and 15 Cabinet Ministers received an enthusiastic traditional welcome after arriving by aircraft. Greeted by dozens of children and clan leaders with their faces painted with white ochre, they attended a flag-raising ceremony before moving on to the meeting on a covered basketball court at Yirrkala School.

Constitutional recognition, education, health, housing, support for economic development, and the establishment of regionally-based advisory forums topped the agenda of politically-savvy community members who ensured the high-level visit was much more than a series of photo opportunities for the Government.

The NT emergency intervention also took a hammering, with calls for an end to bureaucratic waste, five-year lease schemes and across-the-board income quarantining, and a reinstatement of the Racial Discrimination Act.

A group of more than 50 Yolngu and Bininj clan leaders presented Mr Rudd and the ministers with a Statement of Intent outlining the aspirations of about 8000 people in the



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and his Cabinet are led to a traditional welcome on the Yirrkala community oval by community leader Galarrwuy Yunupingu on 23 July. AAP Image

communities of Yirrkala, Gunyangara, Gapuwiyak, Maningrida, Galiwin'ku, Milingimbi, Ramingining and Laynhapuy homelands regions.

"Yolngu and other Aboriginal people of the Northern Territory have been marginalised and demeaned over the past decade by the Howard regime and have been denied real opportunity to have a say about our aspirations and futures," their statement read.

"We recognise that we are now in a new era, and are hopeful of a fundamental change in the way Government does business with Yolngu, Bininj and our fellow countrymen, as Australian Citizens and as Australia's First Peoples."

Former Australian of the Year Galarrwuy

Yunupingu later presented Mr Rudd with a bark petition seeking constitutional changes and protection of Yolngu peoples' way of life, property rights, and economic independence.

"These rights are fundamental to our place within the Australian nation," read the petition, decorated with Aboriginal motifs and orange feathers.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister said that closing Indigenous health, education and life-expectancy gaps remained the Government's highest priority, and 'we will also give attention to details, sensitive consultation with Indigenous communities about the most appropriate form and timing of constitutional recognition'.

"I'm interested in practical action. I'm

interested in things that work that make a difference," he said.

"It's not going to be easy, it's not going to be smooth, it's going to be tough in various parts of Australia but we intend to roll our sleeves up and have a go."

Speaking on behalf of the clan leaders, Wali Wunungmurra told *The Koori Mail* he was satisfied with Mr Rudd's response.

"The Prime Minister said that Cabinet is going to go through each point we raised and he is going to make sure his colleagues follow them up," Mr Wunungmurra said.

"He said they would do it as soon as possible. I am satisfied with that."

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# My FAMILY Janelle Young – Darwin, NT

THIS is me with my three daughters in Bennett Park, Darwin, just before the 2008 Top End NAIDOC March. We march pretty much every year and we take part in other NAIDOC events such as the family fun day where there are lots of activities for the kids. Usually, my husband (and the girls' dad) Darrell Young marches with us, but he had to work on march day this year.

I work at the Northern Land Council, in the finance section, and I've been there for 18 years. It was my second job out of school; I started just before my 18th birthday. I like working at the NLC because I get to work with other Aboriginal people, we are benefitting Aboriginal people and because it is family-oriented. I'm connected to a lot of people there either through my husband or through my family.

Darrell and I are Larrakia people from around Darwin. Darrell's mum was Aboriginal and his dad was white, and it was the opposite for me; Dad is Aboriginal and Mum is white. We're both proud of both sides of our heritage.

My family are the Cubillos and Darrell's family are the McLennans. They're big local families, which means we have lots of aunts and uncles and cousins. I don't think we'd ever leave Darwin because we have too much family here. Family is important to us.

Darrell and I met at high school and we've been together since we were 17. We got married in August 2000.

As a family, we like to go camping and fishing, mainly over at Mandorah which is just across from Darwin. The girls are also into sport and we're really happy about that because even though it is time-consuming for us, it gives them a good foundation for a healthy life.

Wynonna does gymnastics and she's been doing it for three years. She's pretty clever; she has won lots of medals and



Janelle Young with her daughters five-year-old Shenaye, Donella, 8, and Wynonna, 11.

trophies. The younger two do callisthenics; they're clever too.

It's important to us that we pass on to the girls recognition of their Aboriginal culture, the difference that education can make, and a healthy lifestyle through things like sport.

My mum and dad are divorced but both live in Darwin. Darrell's mum and dad both passed away last year which was very sad, but they got to spend lots of time with our girls and that's important. I have two brothers who live in Perth at the moment, and another sister on my mum's side and a brother and a sister on dad's side. They all live in Darwin and we get on well.

I take inspiration from my Nanna on Dad's side, Florence Devine. She is 89 this year and there will be a big celebration for her in Darwin because she has ten kids, about 25 grandkids, 35 great-grandkids and one great-great-grandchild. It'll be a big party but she's worth making a fuss over.

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## OUR CHILDREN



These three young fellas painted up and got right into the spirit during the NAIDOC Family Day at Musgrave Park, Brisbane, this month.

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# How deadly are these dancers!



The pride of Githabul country ... Tiny Temptations dancers, pictured from left, Paul Williams, Caleb Bundock, Jerome Green, Antonio Close, Shane Close and Curtis Williams. Absent were Shalin Fuller and James Bundock.

Photo by Gabrielle Franklin



WHEN it comes to dancing, the Tiny Temptations are in a league of their own.

The deadly dance group is made up of eight young fellas from the Muli Muli community on Githabul country, in far northern NSW.

All aged around 12, the boys – Paul and Curtis Williams, Caleb and James Bundock, Antonio and Shane Close, Jerome Green and Shalin Fuller have been wowing crowds wherever they have performed.

Dancing – be it modern or traditional – has become something of a love for these boys.

It all started four years ago when they took up dancing thanks to Muli Muli woman Telithia Fuller.

Shane Close's mum Julie told *The Koori Mail* the boys were going from strength to strength.

"They're starting to perform all over the place," she said. "They got a huge reception when they took the stage at the big Musgrave Park NAIDOC Day in Brisbane this month."

"Their parents and Muli Muli are right behind them. They also perform traditional dance and we've given them the Githabul name *Woothong*, which means 'breeze blowing through the grass'."

The boys also love their rugby league, but Mrs Close reckons dancing comes before their footy.

A group of eight Muli Muli girls aged 8-15 have also formed their own group.

"The girls love dancing as well," said Mrs Close.

## Petition call to scrap NT intervention



THOUSANDS of Aboriginal people are petitioning to have the Northern Territory intervention abandoned.

Activists say their petition will be tabled in Federal Parliament in mid-September to coincide with the end of the Rudd Government's 12-month review into radical measures to combat child sex abuse.

Organisers of the petition have warned that Labor is at risk of repeating the mistakes of the Howard Government.

The campaigners, from Central Australia, backed calls from Arnhem Land, where Elders earlier last week met with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and urged him to abandon key aspects of the reforms.

In a statement signed by Northern Land Council Chairman Wali Wungamurra and 52 traditional owners, they demanded the scrapping of

'intervention bureaucracy'.

The statement, which claims to represent more than 8000 Indigenous people, described the Income Management (IM) system, which quarantines 50 per cent of payments to prevent them being spent on alcohol or drugs, as 'punitive'.

Instead, they advocate implementation on a case-by-case basis.

### Permit system

Since coming to power in November last year, the Rudd Government has already rolled back some of the reforms and reinstated the permit system and Aboriginal work-for-the-dole. But Mr Rudd has maintained his Government will not tinker further with the reforms until it has considered the findings of a three-person review, headed by WA Aboriginal leader Peter Yu.

Anti-intervention campaigner Barbara Shaw, from a town camp in Alice Springs, urged Mr

Rudd not to ignore the Elders' concerns.

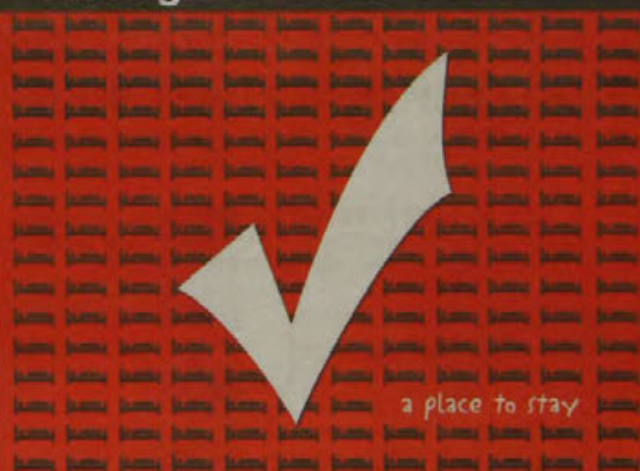
"It's good to see people standing up," she said. "Many more should feel confident to follow the lead of these Elders. We share their frustration and their anger."

"It's unacceptable for the Government to brush our concerns aside and leave everything to the review."

Amala Groom, from the Stop the Intervention Collective based in Sydney, said a protest was being organised in Central Australia from 29 September to 5 October, to coincide with the end of the review. "They can't claim to be bringing in a new era of Indigenous affairs whilst their policies bring on this latest stage of dispossession," she said.

Ms Groom said a petition calling for an end to the intervention, 'which already has thousands of signatures', will be tabled in Federal Parliament in mid-September. – AAP

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# Ruby rocks Brizzy



A SOULFUL Ruby Hunter performs as part of *The Black Arm Band's* show *Murundak*, which opened the 2008 Brisbane Festival on 18 July. The free performance at Brisbane's River Stage drew a crowd of about 4000 people. *The Black Arm Band*, which also features the likes of Archie Roach, Dan Sultan, Joe Gela, Lou Bennett, Bart Willoughby and Emma Donovan, recently returned from a performance at the Royal Albert Hall in London. For more photos of the super-group's stellar line-up performing in Brisbane, see pages 56-57. Photo by DAVID WILLIAMS

# Remains coming home after 60 years in America

**A**N INDIGENOUS delegation has left for the United States to bring home their ancestors' remains.

The remains of 33 Indigenous Australians from the Gunbalanya and Groote Eylandt communities in Arnhem Land are currently held in the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of Natural History, Washington DC.

Sixty years after leaving Australia, they are the first Indigenous Australians' remains to be returned from a major American institution. The remains will travel more than 16,000km on their trip home.

Senior traditional owners Jacob Nayinggul, of Gunbalanya, and Murabuda Wurramarrba, from Groote Eylandt, believe the collection may include the remains of their grandmothers.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the return of the remains would provide closure.

"Most of us can only begin to imagine how the grandchildren and great-grandchildren must be feeling, knowing that after such a long time they will soon be able to lay their ancestors to rest," she said.

In 1948 the American-Australian Scientific Expedition to Arnhem Land

collected the remains of 46 individuals from four communities in Arnhem Land: Gunbalanya (Oenpelli), Groote Eylandt, Yirrkala and Milingimbi.

"The Australian Government welcomes the Smithsonian's decision to return the remains, and will continue to work with the institution in the hope that the rest of the collection will be returned in the future," the Minister said.

## Return to country

The remains will be taken to the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory on 5 August, where they will be held on behalf of the communities until they are ready to return them to country.

On their arrival at the museum, both communities plan to hold welcome-home ceremonies.

The American return follows the hand-back of remains from the United Kingdom to the Ngarrindjeri community in South Australia earlier in the month.

Ms Macklin said the Australian Government was negotiating the repatriation of Indigenous remains with a number of countries and was providing funding for domestic and overseas repatriation programs.

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# Spotlight on Circle Sentencing



**THE CIRCLE** sentencing program will be strengthened in New South

Wales following a study that found it was no more effective in reducing the risk of re-offending than traditional courts.

A NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research study has found that 40 per cent of offenders dealt with by circle sentencing had gone on to re-offend.

But rather than scrap the program, which is an alternative way of dealing with offenders that involves Elders of the community having input into the sentencing process, it will be 'recalibrated'.

Circle sentencing was introduced in Nowra in 2002 and now operates in eight other communities in NSW.

Bureau of Crime Research and Statistics Director Don

Weatherburn said the program - which showed positive results initially - now needed to be strengthened to become more effective.

He said drug and alcohol abuse, which were the root causes of many offences, needed to be addressed to reduce recidivism rates.

## Involvement

"Giving Aboriginal Elders direct involvement in the sentencing of Aboriginal offenders encourages offenders to critically reflect upon their behaviour," he said.

"Personal reflection on its own, however, is not enough to reduce the risk of re-offending. "Offenders also need to be given opportunities to address the factors that get them involved in crime, particularly drug and alcohol use."

NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos said the bureau

findings were not surprising, because circle sentencing targeted those in the high-risk categories of re-offending.

He said the program would not be expanded to more communities until it had been made more formal.

"What we are doing now is recalibrating the program to take into account the experiences that we have had since it was introduced," he said.

Law Society of NSW President Hugh Macken defended the program, saying circle sentencing was a 'valid option' for Aboriginal offenders.

"Early results had indicated that circle sentencing had a positive impact in reducing the rates of re-offending when it was first introduced in NSW and this in itself suggests that the program warrants further improvement and re-evaluation," Mr Macken said.



# Qld housing boost comes under fire



A \$60 million upgrade of Indigenous housing in Queensland has been announced – but it is not without its critics.

The Federal Government has made an initial offer to the Queensland Government of \$60 million to upgrade houses managed by Indigenous community housing organisations.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced the funding on 22 July during a visit to the Cape York

Institute Leadership Academy in Cairns. She said that in exchange for the funds, the State would take on additional responsibility for tenancy management of the properties.

As part of the deal, 'proper tenancy management practices' would be introduced for all Indigenous community housing in Queensland.

State Housing Minister Robert Swarten welcomed the move.

"The Commonwealth is well aware of the enormity of the problem and we are pleased to work with the Commonwealth to

help try to resolve it," he said.

"No-one should be under any illusions here. There are some 2000 households in varying degrees of housing stress, an enormous maintenance bill and other issues such as unpaid local government rates."

## Slammed

But Greg McLean, the Mayor of Hopevale, a community in far north Queensland, slammed the housing initiative.

Mr McLean said the Federal Government's plan to work with the Queensland Government was

a waste of money.

"What they need to do is talk to the councils, talk to the community, talk to the elected members – population is growing each year," Mr McLean told ABC radio.

"It's not a community where you just extend a bedroom."

But Ms Macklin said the deal was part of a national plan to address Indigenous housing in remote areas.

"We are determined to address the desperate housing needs in remote communities in ways that encourage personal responsibility

and help rebuild social norms in Indigenous communities," she said.

The \$60 million proposal comes in the context of Queensland's major reforms to its land tenure arrangements through the recent passage of the State's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Amendment Act 2008.

This Act introduces long-term leases, of Indigenous land, of up to 99 years for residential and public housing, commercial development or community infrastructure.

# Dancers ready for anything

By SAMANTHA DEVINE



STANDING on Thursday Island wharf, looking ready for just about anything, the Airu Panipan dance group began their journey to American Samoa for the 10th Festival of Pacific Arts (FoPA). More than 25 Pacific nations and about 40 groups from Australia are taking part in the festival, which began on 20 July and will close this Friday.

Airu Panipan is spearheading the Australian delegation, and will represent the land, sea, sky and people of the Torres Strait through dance, song and locally-crafted accessories.

They'll perform at a number of different venues during the two weeks.

The intricate and carefully crafted costumes and traditional items used during their dances, including shark headdress, kites, fans and decorative feather costumes left Thursday Island over a month ago, to be in American Samoa ready for the team's arrival.

Designed to showcase authentic culture and language and to ensure the continuation and revival of culture from Pacific nations, FoPA is held every four years.

Airu Panipa members Jeff Aniba Waia, Charles Aniba, Michael Babia, Jeff Aniba, Vincent Babia, Kay Babia,

Airu Panipan members on the Thursday Island wharf about to embark on the first leg of their journey to American Samoa. Photo by JOHN DEVINE



Chelsea Aniba, Cassie Adidi, Illario Sabatino, Alick Tipoti and Paul Dai wore polo shirts designed by Jeff Aniba Waia depicting the Torres Strait head-dress, stars from the left hand of Thoeogay and the leaf of the Woerakarr, or hibiscus plant as a symbol of peace.

The group is grateful for the support of the Torres Shire Council and the Torres Strait Regional Authority.

● Pictured right: Airu Panipan performers in their dance costumes.



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# Goodooga health backdown is common sense – Gordon



NSW Aboriginal Land Councillor Steve Gordon says it is 'common sense' for the Greater Western Area Health Service (GWAHS) to

defer and re-examine its drastic plans for health-care arrangements at Goodooga.

GWAHS had previously told the small north-western NSW community that it would lose its emergency department, including a single emergency bed, a registered nurse, medical consultations via the Royal Flying Doctor Service and ambulance, on 21 July.

However, a vocal community campaign against the plans appears to have worked – at least for three months while a review is undertaken.

Mr Gordon, who represents NSW Aboriginal Land Council's North-Western Region, said the local area health care working party met last fortnight and was informed that the GWAHS would re-examine the planned cuts.

"The changes have been delayed for three months during which time the health services will instigate an independent review of the planned changes to our health care system," Cr Gordon said.

"We will be carefully monitoring the review process."

Cr Gordon also said Aboriginal people must be consulted, given that more than 90 per cent of the population of Goodooga was Aboriginal.

"Given that the previous planned changes were announced without any real consultation, this time we insist local people

500-strong community would get something better, not less."

GWAHS Chief Executive Claire Blizard thanked the Goodooga community for their input into the planning of the health service.

"At a recent public meeting in Goodooga it was agreed that an independent review would be conducted into the future model for the local health service," she said.

"This is in response to a critical shortage of nurses to staff the health service at a sustainable level into the future. The issue of attracting and retaining qualified nurses to regional and remote areas is an Australia-wide problem."

"During the course of the review, GWAHS is pleased to reassure the Goodooga community that there will be no change to the current model of services."

"During this interim period, GWAHS will resource the required nursing staff at the health service both locally and from nearby communities."

Goodooga is 75km from Lightning Ridge, and 120km from Brewarrina.

Services in the town have dwindled in recent years, with residents forced to undertake the 150km round trip to Lightning Ridge just to get fuel supplies.



**'If true equity and fair play prevailed, our 500-strong community would get something better, not less'**

**– NSWALC Councillor Steve Gordon**

are consulted," he said.

"Whatever happens I know they will not stand for any reduction of the most minimal health-care arrangements that are currently in place."

"If true equity and fair play prevailed, our

## Commission to hold first formal sitting



THE first formal sitting of the Queensland Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) will be held on 12 August – and it already has a few matters to consider.

Just two weeks into operations, the FRC had been notified of a number of alleged breaches in all four of the far northern communities trialling the scheme, which links parental responsibilities with welfare payments.

The FRC is an independent entity partnered by the Queensland and Federal governments and Griffith University's Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership.

In consultation with communities, it identifies four areas of responsibility for welfare recipients in the pilot communities – schooling; child safety; alcohol, drug and crime avoidance; and housing – breaches of which may affect welfare payments.

Implementation began on 1 July.

The commission will quarantine welfare to parents who fail to meet the conditions after a period of time.

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said recently that child safety notifications had been issued from Aurukun, Hope Vale and Coen, while Mossman Gorge had received two notices from the Magistrates Court.

"In the first 14 days of its operations the Commission has already received 11 notifications," Ms Bligh said.

Ms Bligh said FRC Commissioner David Glasgow would conduct the first formal sitting.

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# Income trial for centres

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



FOUR communities in the Kimberley and one in the eastern suburbs of Perth will be the first targets of a new

'income management' agreement between the Federal and State Governments.

The move comes in the wake of the WA Coroner's report into five deaths at Oombulgarri in the Kimberley region.

Coroner Alistair Hope found that alcohol-fuelled physical and sexual violence, as well as poor housing, contributed to the deaths in the far north Kimberley community, and that government departments were also to blame because of inadequate protection measures for children.

He recommended that some families in the communities of Oombulgarri, Warmun, Wyndham, Kununurra and the Perth suburb of Cannington should have their welfare payments quarantined to ensure that the money benefits the children of those families.

WA Racing and Gaming Minister Lijlanna Ravlich said

that she would immediately implement another recommendation from Mr Hope that alcohol be banned at Oombulgarri under similar conditions imposed in Fitzroy Crossing.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said that under an agreement with the WA Government, child protection authorities would have the power to recommend to Centrelink that welfare payments for particular families be quarantined.

### 'Key element'

"Income management is an important measure for ensuring welfare payments are spent in the interests of children and is a key element of the Government's strategy to strengthen community safety and improve the protection of children," she said.

"We are working with the WA Government to prevent neglect and abuse and restore social norms in dysfunctional communities."

An agreement between the WA and Australian Governments for the child protection initiative is expected to be signed by the end of August. Under the agreement, the WA Department

for Child Protection will be responsible for identifying and supporting families where children suffer neglect or engage in anti-social behaviour, including truancy.

Ms Macklin said that families referred for income management would be case-managed by the WA Department for Child Protection and referred to the Parent Support Service, an outreach program that helps parents improve their capacity to care and set appropriate limits for their children.

"Financial counselling will also be available to all individuals on income management under this initiative," she said.

Ms Macklin said that the Federal Government had committed \$18.9 million over two years for the child protection initiative, which will be evaluated to inform any future roll out of the measure.

However, the Government has come under fire from community leaders who say that unless Perth and Canberra are prepared to consult directly with Aboriginal communities, the problems of the past would not be solved.

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## Yolngu wish list

Following is the 'wish list' presented by Yolngu people to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd during the Federal Community Cabinet meeting at Yirrkala, in the Top End.

- End immediately the waste on the 'Intervention (NTER) bureaucracy'
- Reinstate the coverage of the Racial Discrimination Act in relation to matters recently excluded under the NTER
- Remove blanket imposition of punitive measures such as Income Management and apply only on a case-by-case basis
- Establish a dedicated Indigenous 'future fund' or quarantine Federal future funds to address all areas of backlog need
- Stop using the Aboriginal Benefits Account to fund the Intervention
- Re-establish a stand-alone Department of Aboriginal Affairs with the Minister responsible in Cabinet
- Re-establish a national Indigenous body comprised of delegates from democratically elected regional structures
- Establish regionally based advisory forums on health, education, training and infrastructure needs, including Indigenous representatives
- Support the capacity of Yolngu people through their own organisations, particularly our Homeland/Outstation Resource Agencies, to be heard and act independently of the new local government super Shires
- Heed the recommendations in the 14 Point Plan of Action for Reform of CDEP;
- Stop taking advice from self-appointed 'experts' (Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal) who know very little about our communities, our culture, what we value or our circumstances
- Invest in building local and long-term economic development capacity;
- Invest in the development of Yolngu-owned and managed businesses, for example tourism, fuel stations, transport and freight
- Ensure people living on their homelands do not suffer from poor nutrition and are not impoverished due to the costs of having to travel to buy food, fuel and other essentials and to access banking services
- Invest in local communities that are working to develop their own solutions to the housing crisis
- Urgently work with the NT Government and Aboriginal community to develop a Homelands Policy to support appropriate ongoing investment in homelands
- Reject any policy approach based on forced mobility
- Invest heavily in local priorities for education and training, making it accessible to both homelands and major communities
- Negotiate agreements and memorandums of understanding with communities and regions to support locally determined economic development strategies and projects
- Address the critical need for locally based dialysis, respite care and youth development sport and recreation services and cyclone shelters
- Invest in negotiating and developing land-use plans and agreements to underpin economic development
- Repeal the five-year lease provisions and enter serious negotiations with land councils
- Make renewed efforts to rejuvenate national confidence in and respect for Yolngu culture and society
- Urgently endorse the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in line with pre-election promises
- Work towards recognition in the body of the Australian Constitution, not just the preamble, of our prior ownership and rights, in the near future.



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd being escorted to an Elders meeting by Banambi Wunungmurra and Ms Yananyul Mununggurr.

Photo courtesy of the Laynhapuy Homelands Association

# Rights placed on the agenda

By KIRSTIE PARKER  
with AAP



**CONSTITUTIONAL** recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is back on the national agenda following a visit last week by the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and most of the Federal Cabinet to Arnhem Land.

A communiqué and bark petition presented to the Government delegation during a Community Cabinet meeting at Yirrkala both call for constitutional recognition and protection of Indigenous people's rights.

But the Government says that closing Indigenous health, education and life-expectancy gaps will remain its top priority for now.

"While our priority now remains on this practical challenge of closing the gap, we will also give attention to details, sensitive consultation with Indigenous communities about the most appropriate form and timing of constitutional recognition," the Prime Minister said.

Galarrwuy Yunupingu, who presented the PM with the bark petition, said the Yolngu people were not seeking to take away from the rights of other Australians.

"We simply seek the protection and recognition that is given to the rights of other Australians," he said, clad in ceremonial dress of garlands and a yellow loin cloth.

"We do not seek to be separate from Australia but to be recognised and secure within Australia."

However, he conceded that the Government would need to take a softly-softly approach to the constitutional change sought by the Yolngu representatives.

"The feel of the nation and country, are to be carefully consulted because it's a sensitive area, very sensitive area," he told ABC Radio after meeting with Mr Rudd.

"It's not chasing anybody, it's not even sovereignty, it's not even this and that. It's just simply gives us a life that we want to live, but to the full, to the full rights."

Another of the Yolngu clan leaders, Wali Wunungmurra, who is also the Chairman of the Northern Land Council, said Yolngu people were looking forward to 'working in partnership' with the new Commonwealth Government and the NT Government.

However, he had strong words on the NT emergency intervention, especially income quarantining and the setting aside of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (RDA) in

different manner?" he said. "That's why we asked for constitutional changes."

Kimberley Aboriginal leader Peter Yu is currently heading a 12-month review of the intervention. The Prime Minister said he was interested to hear what the review panel said on the RDA.

"The RDA is fundamentally important to the Labor Government, it has been in the past, it will be in the future," Mr Rudd said.

"We'll be particularly attentive to what the review board has to say on that and the other criteria which have been advanced to the review board by the Government to evaluate what's working and what's not in terms of this intervention."

"There will be different views within communities and let me tell you across the 400-plus remote communities right across Australia there are different views between those communities."

"We are committed to a process of engagement with them, but what decisions we take ultimately will never ever have uniform support. We've got to make tough decisions for the future."

Mr Rudd referred to his February apology to Australia's Stolen Generations.

"When it's all done and dusted, and when the history books are written, some will make reference to the national apology, but they will judge us very sharply and very harshly on whether we have taken practical actions to make a difference in closing the gap in what I would describe as real reconciliation on the ground," the Prime Minister said.

The Federal Opposition's Indigenous Affairs spokesman, Tony Abbott, supported the idea of constitutional recognition for Indigenous people, but said he would prefer it to be limited to the preamble of the Constitution.

He said responding to Indigenous aspirations without alarming the general population would test the diplomacy of the Government.



PM Kevin Rudd with Wali Wunungmurra at Yirrkala Community Education Centre. Photo courtesy of the Laynhapuy Homelands Association.

prescribed communities.

"The income management is bad, nobody wants it. If they are going to make changes like that, they should have been taken case by case," he said.

"The system they have in place for Aboriginal people is completely different and we are the odd ones out."

And Mr Wunungmurra said the setting aside of the RDA to allow discriminatory measures under the NT intervention 'should never happen'.

"After all, we are supposed to be Australian citizens. Why treat us in a



# Sorry Day Committee cops more flak

By DARREN COYNE



THE National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) has again come under attack from critics who say it is unrepresentative.

The *Koori Mail* reported in its last edition that the NSDC was looking at ways to increase its representation following criticism from the NSW Sorry Day Committee.

The NSW group had accused the national body of not having the support of other Sorry Day Committees around the nation, and now those concerns have also been raised by the South Australian chairman of the Journey of Healing Inc group.

Chairman John Browne, of the Larrakia Nation, told *The Koori Mail* that there were concerns about NSDC's representation of the Stolen Generations.

"It is not about diversifying the representation on the committee. It is about maintaining the representation that

the Stolen Generations already have, which is now under grave threat," Mr Browne said.

"There has been a misplaced culture of exclusion orchestrated by the executive, in responding to the withdrawal of support from a large sector of Stolen Generations voices.



**'There is a process under way of bringing people together from around the country to look at the processes of healing that are needed' – NSDC's Helen Moran**

"Under the present leadership the committee has gone into a tail-spin, with the executive ejecting members of the committee without following proper processes.

"Throwing out the NSW Sorry Day Committee is the last straw. What's next, South Australia? The Victorian Sorry Day

Committee has already left. There are States and Territories with no regular delegates, and some have no regular representation."

NSDC Chairwoman Helen Moran rejected the accusations, telling *The Koori Mail* that the continued criticism of the national body from a small number of

She said the group – which was working closely with Link-UP and the Stolen Generations Alliance, had actually increased its membership, and the ongoing process of reforming the National body's constitution would allow for even more groups in each state to be represented.

She said those groups which had decided to work at a State rather than a national level were always welcome to have input.

Ms Moran said it was sad that people were making public comments about the national organisation, especially while 'we're in the process of taking care of our internal business'.

She said the important work being undertaken by the national body – made up of volunteers – would continue.

"There is a process under way of bringing people together from around the country to look at the processes of healing that are needed," she said.

"There is already a number of planned gatherings and meetings around the country taking place."

# NT poll hopefuls told to speak up



JOHN PATERSON

## Territory votes on 9 August

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ABORIGINAL leaders have called for all parties and candidates standing in the upcoming Northern

Territory election to spell out their plans for Aboriginal communities so they can be held accountable if successful.

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson announced last Monday that NT voters would go to the polls on 9 August, allowing for an election campaign of just 19 days.

The Labor Government swept into power in 2005 when it won 19 out of 25 seats, ending 27 years of Country Liberal rule. The Country Liberal Party currently holds four seats and there are two independents.

The Aboriginal vote is more influential in the NT than any other State or Territory, with Aboriginal people accounting for about 30 per cent of the population.

But little was said about Aboriginal health, education or housing in the first few days of the election campaign, with plans for a \$12 billion liquefied natural gas plant in Darwin harbour, crime and the Northern Territory's economy

dominating the airwaves.

"This is remarkable given the enormous upheaval Aboriginal people in the NT have faced in the past 12 months and the huge disadvantage they've had to endure over decades," Central Land Council (CLC) Director David Ross said on Wednesday.

Mr Ross said that even huge changes under the contentious NT emergency, rolled out a year ago in the wake of child sexual abuse claims, had gone under the radar.

"You'd think with such a revolution in Indigenous affairs it'd rate a mention in the first hours, let alone the first days, of an NT election campaign. But no specifics have been forthcoming," he said.



**'You'd think with such a revolution in Indigenous affairs it'd rate a mention in the first hours, let alone the first days, of an NT election campaign. But no specifics have been forthcoming'. – David Ross**

"In this election campaign, parties should spell out in detail constructive policies and funding they'll implement to give Aboriginal people in remote areas equal access to education, health services and housing infrastructure."

The head of the Territory's peak Aboriginal health group agreed, saying community-controlled medical services were disheartened by NT politicians, with both the current Government and the Country Liberal Party Opposition having acted

'reprehensibly' by under-spending tens of millions of dollars on Aboriginal health and essential services.

"Both sides of politics have failed us badly in the 30 years since self-government and we're still waiting for a true commitment to improve Aboriginal health and quality of life," said Aboriginal Medical Service Alliance of the NT (AMSANT) chief John Paterson.

Mr Paterson said the Government's failure to address the acute district medical officer (DMO) shortage in Central Australia, the removal of essential services and its lack of commitment to improve health infrastructure was hampering the work of health

health," he said. "It's such a short campaign that the ALP and the CLP need to get cracking and give us some answers – no one can presume that they'll get the so-called 'Aboriginal vote' any more."

Mr Ross renewed his earlier call for a Royal Commission to investigate how previous CLP governments and the current Labor Government had spent Federal funding allocated for Aboriginal affairs.

Documents from the Commonwealth Grants Commission allegedly show the NT Government received \$218 million last year for Indigenous services but spent only \$110 million.

utmost importance on tackling the issues facing Indigenous Territorians and further initiatives will be unveiled as the campaign continues," she said.

Ms Scrymgeour, who is also Deputy Chief Minister, said the Government had committed \$286 million over five years towards closing the gap and understood there needed to be generational effort over decades to overcome the historical deficit faced by Indigenous communities in resourcing and outcomes in education, health and other areas.

"Under Closing the Gap we are seeing action on the ground with more police, teachers and child protection workers in remote communities, with a focus on better health, school attendance and substance abuse management," she said.

Ms Scrymgeour also outlined education and housing measures, saying 19 Federal Government-funded teachers started work in NT schools last week, and extra teachers' houses, classrooms and mobile pre-schools were in place.

She said the Government was rolling out a \$600 million joint NT and Commonwealth housing package to build new and upgrade existing Indigenous housing.

CLP Leader and Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Terry Mills did not return *The Koori Mail's* calls last week. However, he recently backed calls for an inquiry into Indigenous spending and on ABC Radio on Saturday identified 'law and order' as one of the Opposition's key election issues.

A swing of 16.2 per cent would be needed to oust the Labor Government.

However, Chief Minister Mr Henderson has said other independent reports showed 50 per cent of the NT Budget was spent on Aboriginal people.

On Friday, Indigenous Policy Minister Marion Scrymgeour told *The Koori Mail* the Government was working closely with the Commonwealth to close the gap of Indigenous disadvantage across a range of areas including child protection, community safety, housing, education, employment and health.

"This Government puts the



# Native Title Council calls for Act change, funding review

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



THE National Native Title Council (NNTC) wants funding for some native title bodies to be reviewed and the Native Title Act changed to make it fairer for groups making claims, particularly in southern Australia. The council welcomed a statement made last week by State and Federal ministers responsible for native title after they met in Perth on 18 July to discuss how governments can help progress current claims and deal with native title matters in the future.

In the statement, released after the meeting, all ministers agreed that a more flexible and less technical approach was needed, and they agreed to establish a joint working group 'to develop innovative policy options for progressing broader and regional native title settlements'.

The ministers also agreed to look at broad regional native title settlements, a move that land councils in particular have advocated for some years, and to take a more pro-active approach to native title issues.

NNTC Chairman Brian Wyatt welcomed the statement but said the council would be very disappointed if there was not significant change to the present system.

"A major problem thus far has been inconsistency between the approaches of various States and the relegating of Indigenous people's interests by some States to where they are the lowest priority stakeholder," Mr Wyatt said.

"The need for change is urgent, so that



BRIAN WYATT

the frustration of high costs and delays that all native title parties are experiencing can be eliminated, and the estimated 30-year wait for processing of existing claims can be significantly reduced.

"The design of any changes to the system must have input from Aboriginal people, whose interests have been treated as secondary by the existing native title system ever since the Mabo judgement."

Mr Wyatt said most urgent was the development of a National Policy Framework for settling native title by agreement; improving native title processes and outcomes; maximising economic outcomes from native title agreements; and acknowledgement of the changed role of Native Title Representative Bodies (NTRBs) and Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs)

and better resourcing of them.

"Prescribed Bodies Corporate are an issue today, without worrying about the level of funding that rep bodies are not receiving," he said.

"So, it's a double whammy. What's happening increasingly is people are calling on representative bodies and native title services to pick up the slack with the PBCs. Now we can't do that. We can't even prepare claims properly with the level of resources we've got."

Mr Wyatt said that Section 223 of the Native Title Amendment Act needed to be changed so that Aboriginal groups wanting to make a claim could more easily prove their traditional connection to country.

"The Act is discriminatory. It's a racist piece of legislation," he said. "It needs to be rectified and changed and we indicated that there ought to be changes to section 223 of the Act to fix that up."

"There's two parts here, and I don't think that the States have quite got it, because what they say is 'oh well, you haven't got native title so we'll sit down and reach an agreement'."

"Most things they're reaching agreement about are what people are already entitled to anyway."

The Kimberley Land Council also issued a statement welcoming the ministers' meeting, saying it looked forward to a more mature relationship with governments than they have had in the past.

Aboriginal stakeholders generally concede that the Government has adopted a more conciliatory approach to native title than the former Howard Government.

## Trial links welfare to school attendance



A \$1.1million program aimed at increasing school attendance by linking it with welfare payments is to be trialled in Cannington, Western Australia. But the program, which is already operating at a number of Northern Territory communities, has come under fire from the Australian Greens.

Families and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and WA Education Minister Mark McGowan said the Cannington program would begin early next year.

About 1050 parents receiving income support in the Cannington area will be required to tell Centrelink where their children are enrolled and to take reasonable measures to ensure their children attend school regularly.

Parents who fail to enrol their children or take reasonable measures to get their children to school may have their income support payments suspended until the situation is resolved.

"Schooling is key to improving children's life chances and directly impacts on their employment opportunities, financial independence and social inclusion," Ms Macklin said.

"This approach is designed to encourage parents to take positive steps towards improving their child's education."

Mr McGowan said making sure every child in Western Australia was behind a desk and in a classroom was of paramount importance for the State Government.

"I welcome any initiative which aims to improve attendance rates at schools and I look forward to seeing the results when the pilot finishes," he said.

Temporarily withholding a parent's income support will be a last resort. This may occur where the parent has failed, despite help from the school and Centrelink, to exercise parental responsibility.

Full back pay will be provided when parents have met their responsibilities within a 13-week period.

Greens senator Rachel Siewert described the program as 'old-fashioned and wrong-headed'.

"We have no reason to believe this punitive scheme will succeed, and there are substantial risks that this will make life tougher for those already disadvantaged," she said.

"While the Minister claims that it isn't only Aboriginal families who are being targeted, there is no hiding the fact that the majority likely to be caught up by this scheme are Nyoongar kids who have been abjectly failed by the WA school system."

"Unless we are also addressing the underlying reasons why these kids hate going to school and providing them with positive opportunities to re-engage with education and have hope for their futures, this scheme will only serve to exacerbate family problems and make life all the more difficult."

"We need to acknowledge our education system is still failing some kids and that this plays a key role in low performance and low rates of attendance."

"There is compelling international evidence where positive schemes that give disadvantaged families incentives to ensure kids get to school and succeed - like the Mexican 'Jovenes con Oportunidades' (youth with opportunities) scheme - produce much more dramatic and sustainable results."



JENNY MACKLIN

# Rep body talks plan under fire

By DARREN COYNE



A SERIES of consultations has begun across Australia for the proposed National Indigenous Representative Body. But already the proposed consultation has come under attack for not being widely publicised, and excluding many areas.

The Federal Government is holding consultations in 17 regional areas. They began on 29 July and run through to 1 September. There will also be a mail-out to Indigenous organisations informing them of the consultations, and inviting submissions.

Groups and individuals can lodge submissions by 19 September, and there will be a national round-table meeting of Indigenous leaders in late October.

The Government said there would also be consultation with peak Indigenous groups, and State and Territory governments.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has already indicated that the Government will not create

another ATSIC, nor will there necessarily be separate elections for the body, although it will have urban, regional and remote representation.

The Minister has also indicated that she does not envisage that the body would have a service delivery role.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Legal Director Michael Mansell has criticised the outlined framework, saying Aborigines must again bow to white authority.

dare we ask for a say in who represents us."

Meanwhile, Aboriginal people in the Pilbara region of Western Australia are not happy with the process.

Pilbara Native Title Service Chairwoman Doris Eaton, a Njamal Elder, said Aboriginal people were again being left out of decision-making about their future.

"The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous

"This is significantly higher than for Western Australia as a whole, where Indigenous people make up 2.3 per cent of the total population."

"We are concerned that the Federal Government is only meeting Aboriginal people through the mining industry. They can't pick and choose who they want to talk to. Everyone needs to be involved and work together as a team."

"The mining boom is happening in the Pilbara and our land is making the rest of Australia rich, but we are not being given a voice."

Yamatji Land and Sea Council, the native title representative body for the Mid-West, Murchison and Gascoyne regions, also raised concerns about the consultation process.

Council Chairman Roy Bellotti, a Malagana Traditional Owner, said the announcements had not been well publicised and only a few days' notice had been given to register to attend the meetings.

For more information on the consultation process go to: [www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/indigenous/repbody.htm](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/indigenous/repbody.htm)

**'The mining boom is happening in the Pilbara and our land is making the rest of Australia rich, but we are not being given a voice' - Doris Eaton**

"I wonder what white Australians would say if (Prime Minister) Kevin Rudd denied them the right to elect their representatives, and instead selected a body of people for them?" Mr Mansell wrote in a letter circulated to media.

"Aborigines must again bow to white authority, in this case the majestic Jenny Macklin, to select from within our ranks an advisory body. She will look to legal aid, native title and Stolen Generations bodies to select old and young and women to advise her on our behalf. How

Affairs (FaHCSIA) has stated that it will be holding consultation meetings in Kalgoorlie, Geraldton, Broome and Perth in late July and early August; however the resource-rich Pilbara region has been left off the schedule," she said.

"The consultation meetings have excluded a significant percentage of the Indigenous population of Western Australia, with Aboriginal people making up 14 per cent of the Pilbara's current population, and is projected to increase 31 per cent by 2016."



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### BIGAMBUL PEOPLE'S NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

THE BIGAMBUL PEOPLE are the descendants of the following Aboriginal apical ancestors:

1. Queen Susan, also known as Granny Susan, also known as Susan of Welltown;
2. 'Sally', mother of Mary Ann Beng;
3. Nellie of Goondwindi;
4. Nellie Yumbina;
5. Jack Noble; and
6. Sally Murray.

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

**Date of Meeting:** 18 August 2008

**Venue of Meeting:** Goondwindi Wiggamba Community Cultural Centre  
18-26 Russell Street, Goondwindi

**Time of Meeting:** 10:00AM - 4:00PM

**Purpose of this meeting** is to authorise a native title determination application for the Bigambul People relating to the recognition of native title rights and interests over Bigambul lands.



The proposed claim area is situated in southern Queensland, north of Goondwindi, as shown in the map below.

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

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



## Department of Communities Funding Opportunities

### Family support service funding for Stafford and Bracken Ridge

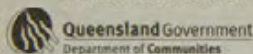
The Department of Communities is providing total funding of \$129,000 in 2008 - 2009 for an eligible non-government organisation to provide a family support service in the Stafford and Bracken Ridge areas of the Greater Brisbane region.

These one off funds will be allocated for a family support service within the Stafford and Bracken Ridge catchment. The new service will assist vulnerable families and children experiencing problems that impact on their personal, social or emotional wellbeing and safety.

The goal is to respond early to the known risks or problems and to maximise wellbeing in both the immediate and longer term.

Information packages are available by calling 3109 0620 or by visiting the website at [www.communities.qld.gov.au/department](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/department)

**Applications must be lodged with the department by 4 pm on Monday 18 August 2008.**



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### Child Placement Services

The Department of Child Safety has triennial grant funding available for an organisation to provide a residential care service for Indigenous young people who are subject to statutory child protection intervention. The service is to be located in the northern suburbs of greater Brisbane.

To obtain information on local priorities and the purpose of the residential care service, intending applicants must contact Ms Leslie Hill, Manager, Community Support Team, Brisbane North and Sunshine Coast zonal office on (07) 5490 1045 to discuss their proposal.

Funding information packages, including a funding information paper and submission form are available at [www.childsafety.qld.gov.au/partnerships/funding/calendar.html](http://www.childsafety.qld.gov.au/partnerships/funding/calendar.html)

**Funding submissions must be lodged by 5pm on Monday, 1 September 2008.**



Queensland Government  
Department of Child Safety

# People have say on parks



A SERIES of open days were held in NSW south coast Aboriginal

communities last week to gather community opinion on the future management of the Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks.

The Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks Boards of Management called for the community's views to assist their preparation of a plan of management for both parks, which were handed back to the Aboriginal community in 2006.

Open days were held in Batemans Bay, Bega, Wallaga Lake and Moruya, and featured displays and information stalls where people were able to raise issues with board members.



Members of the Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks Boards of Management.

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Area Manager Preston Cope said the management plan would be a legal document outlining what could and couldn't be done within the parks over the next

ten years. Mr Cope said the views of Aboriginal people had been sought because the parks were Aboriginal-owned land. Opportunities for input from the wider community would follow later in the year.

# Govt reveals card design



THE Federal Government has revealed the design of a card that welfare recipients whose

benefits are quarantined will need to use for essentials like food.

The PIN-protected BasicsCard will replace the existing income-management system that uses store cards and accounts.

People on income management have half of their welfare payments quarantined to ensure the money is used to purchase essentials.

Income management has been a controversial measure under the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) aimed at tackling child sexual abuse. It is well advanced in 'prescribed' communities throughout the NT and five West Australian communities - four in the Kimberley region - will start on the program in September.

The new card will not be able to be used to buy alcohol, tobacco, pornography or gambling products, or to withdraw cash.

Federal Families Minister



The new card and associated details.

Jenny Macklin said the card would make it easier for people to put food on the table and reduce red tape for business.

"The Rudd Government is determined to ensure people on income management can easily buy the essential goods and services they need to improve the lives of their children and families," she said in a statement.

Ms Macklin said income management was a key plank of the Government's strategy to strengthen community safety and protection of children.

Work associated with the rollout of the card will begin immediately and the final roll-out will be determined in consultation with participating communities and retailers.

Human Services Minister Senator Joe Ludwig said a key benefit of the BasicsCard was that it can be reloaded from a customer's payment each fortnight without the need to visit Centrelink.

"The BasicsCard will significantly reduce red tape for retailers - using it will involve the same simple process as any other EFTPOS transaction," Senator Ludwig said.

"Stores will have special signs so customers can easily tell where they can use the BasicsCard."

Earlier this month, Minister Macklin announced that the initiative would begin in September in the Kimberley communities of Oombulgurri, Kununurra, Warmun and Wyndham and in the Perth suburb of Cannington.

"We are working with the WA Government to prevent neglect and abuse and restore social norms in dysfunctional communities," she said. - with AAP

# NT review input sought



THE Northern Territory Emergency Response Review Board is calling for public submissions

regarding its review.

As part of its review, the board is seeking to find out what has and hasn't worked, and whether there were any unintended consequences, how each NTER measure had performed, and whether the

safety and well-being of children had improved.

The Review Board also wants to hear if any alternative measures should be considered, and if there are other ways of working that would better address the circumstances facing remote communities and town camps.

Advice on how to structure submissions, terms of reference for the NTER Review Board and list of

NTER measures can be obtained by calling the Review Secretariat on 1800 733 923 or by emailing [NTER.Review@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:NTER.Review@fahcsia.gov.au)

Submissions must be in writing and are open until Friday 15 August 2008. To lodge your views by mail: NTER Review Board Secretariat, GPO Box 7576, Canberra Mail Centre, ACT 2610, or by email [NTER.Review@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:NTER.Review@fahcsia.gov.au)



## Gamilaroi man tells Pope about our issues

IT'S a long way from outback NSW to the heart of the Catholic Church, but that's where Craig Ashby found himself this month.

The Gamilaroi 21-year-old, originally from the north-western NSW town of Walgett, was one of 12 young people from around the world to share lunch with Pope Benedict XVI in Sydney during World Youth Day (WYD) celebrations.

The meal was, in the young community worker's words, 'an awesome experience', and an opportunity he readily grasped to tell the Roman Catholic Pontiff about Indigenous issues.

Seated just two places from the Pope at a table of 14 (the group was joined by Australian Cardinal George Pell), Mr Ashby told the Pope about the problems faced by Indigenous youth. He also spoke about how the Church, through Walgett priest the late Father P J O'Neill and his education at Sydney's St Joseph's College, had helped him.

"The amazing thing was how well informed on Indigenous issues the Holy Father was," Mr Ashby told *The Koori Mail*.

"He was truly interested in what I – and the other young people – had to say, and he had a great grasp of the issues."

"I was able to answer his questions and hopefully expand on his knowledge."

"I spoke to the Holy Father about the need for good, concrete, moral programs to help our kids, and how education is so vital."

"You could see him listening to every word. I have great hopes that good things will come from our talk."

So just what did the Pope and the others have for lunch?

"There was soup, then a chicken dish and some sort of dessert I couldn't pronounce," Mr Ashby said.

"It was a good meal, but the conversation was the important part."

And what about the Pope and the people around him?

"The Holy Father made you feel very much at ease," Mr Ashby said.

"It was strange, but being with him was very much like being with Father P J O'Neill. They both had a way of making you feel comfortable."

Craig Ashby, wearing a kangaroo skin over his suit, with other young people from around the world who dined with Pope Benedict XVI in Sydney on 18 July. AAP Image/Tracey Nearmy



## Lunch with the Pontiff

"But the security was unbelievable."

"I got there early and had to wait. There were people everywhere, and the security was so tight. It's not the sort of life I'd want."

Mr Ashby wore a kangaroo skin over his suit for the meal.

"The officials told us to take something or wear something of importance or relevance to us," he said.

"So I chose to wear the kangaroo skin. I thought a lap-lap

might not be appropriate and, besides, if I had the Holy Father probably wouldn't have finished his soup."

"Anyway, there was plenty of interest in the roo skin – including from the security people. The Holy Father and his officials were all keen to see it."

"I think it helped to lighten the mood a bit for everyone."

Mr Ashby also presented the Pontiff with an Aboriginal-style painting from the community of

Blacktown, in western Sydney.

"A group of people there – Aboriginal, Christian, Muslim ... from many backgrounds – had wanted to give the Holy Father a gift," he said.

"They were not going to be allowed to – security, you see – and then someone suggested I give it for them during the lunch. It was a pleasure to do it for them."

"I also gave the Holy Father a set of traditional painted art cards of the Stations of the Cross,

which he was pleased with."

Mr Ashby played a leading role in World Youth Day activities, which attracted hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from around the world.

He was one of four Indigenous representatives on the WYD International Liturgy Group and, among other activities, was a flag-bearer during the Opening Mass.

"An Aboriginal girl had our flag and I ended up carrying the Vanuatu flag. I don't know what people thought when they saw me with that flag – but it was an honour just to be there," he said.

"When we were on stage we were really close to the Holy Father – the Prime Minister was actually sitting behind us."

Mr Ashby, who is an ambassador of the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation and this week starts as Assistant Development Co-ordinator with the Youth Off The Streets group run by Father Chris Riley, said his faith had been strengthened by all that had happened during WYD.

"There was a great vibe in the city," he said. "You could feel it. People were smiling and talking to each other. That's a great thing."

And Mr Ashby has high hopes that the Catholic Church will develop closer ties with Indigenous people as a result of WYD.

"I'm hoping that there will be some integration of Aboriginal spirituality into the Church," he said.

"I believe it can happen quite easily without causing any problems or compromises. It would be something our people could easily and readily accept."

But, first and foremost, Mr Ashby hopes that his experiences will help other Indigenous youth.

"It was fantastic to have lunch with the Holy Father," he said. "That was the single greatest experience of my life."

"But more than anything, I hope others will see what education and the Church have done for me."

"I was a 14-year-old boy living in Walgett, who couldn't read, and had a lot of crap in my life."

"I made a choice to turn away from that and now I'm 21 and my life is good. If it happened for me, it can happen for others."

"The opportunity is there. People just have to take the right steps."



Australian Government  
Department of Families, Housing,  
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

## Have your say on a national Indigenous representative body

The Australian Government is committed to setting up a national Indigenous representative body to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people a voice in national affairs and policy development.

The aim is to build a partnership based on cooperation, respect and mutual responsibility so that we can work together to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

This is the start of a public consultation process with workshops being held in urban, regional and more remote locations across Australia. You can also make written submissions.

For more information about workshops being held in your area and to register your interest call 1800 202 366 or visit [www.fahcsia.gov.au/indigenousrepbody](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/indigenousrepbody)

We invite written submissions by 19 September 2006. The submission form can be downloaded from the website and faxed to 02 6264 5069, or emailed to [indigenousrepbody@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:indigenousrepbody@fahcsia.gov.au) or posted to:

National Indigenous Representative Body Unit, FaHCSIA,  
PO Box 7576, Canberra Business Centre ACT 2610

You can take action and share your views on this important process.





Pope Benedict receives an Indigenous Welcome at Rose Bay Wharf prior to the Papal Welcome during WYD08 on 17 July.



Aboriginal performers during the Indigenous Welcome prior to the Opening Mass of WYD08 at Barangaroo on 15 July.



An Aboriginal performer brings forth a candle during the Evening Vigil on 19 July.



A didgeridoo player on stage at the Opening Mass.

# Pope wins high praise

Photos by SOLUA MIDDLETON and from WORLD YOUTH DAY  
Story by SOLUA MIDDLETON

**S**YDNEY Aboriginal woman Gloria Martin has described meeting the Pope as 'better than winning the lotto'.

Hundreds of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from throughout Australia joined half a million others on a world pilgrimage to Sydney for World Youth Day 2008 (WYD08) from 15-20 July.

They were hoping to catch a glimpse of Pope Benedict XVI, to be a part of Australia's largest-ever religious gathering.

Many Indigenous Australians warmly welcomed the Roman Catholic Pontiff to Australia for WYD08.

An opening mass featuring an official welcome to country by Gadigal Elder Allan Madden, traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancing, and the big voices of songbirds Casey Donovan, Shellie Morris and Lexine Solomon gave His Holiness his first glimpse of Australia's Indigenous cultures.

Gloria Martin, an Elder from the Catholic Ministry at La Perouse, was part of the welcoming ceremony, and got to meet the man himself.

"Oh, I can't describe it. I am still coming down to earth," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"It's really better than winning lotto ... because it was like something you would never do. I'm 75 and I never thought that I would be able to do anything like that.

"He is such a lovely holy man; to

me he is just our God on Earth. Just brilliant, I still can't describe it."

During Pope Benedict's first public address, he commended the Federal Government for its February apology to the Stolen Generations and acknowledged the 'injustices' Aboriginal people had suffered.

"Thanks to the Australian Government's courageous decision to acknowledge the injustices committed against the Indigenous people in the past, concrete steps are now being taken to achieve reconciliation based on mutual respect," he said.

"Rightly, you are seeking to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians regarding life expectancy, educational

achievement and economic opportunity.

"This example of reconciliation offers hope to people all over the world who long to see their rights affirmed and their contribution to society acknowledged and promoted."

Immediately after the highly anticipated 'boat-o-cade' at Barangaroo, East Darling Harbour, *The Koori Mail* spoke to some of the hundreds of Indigenous people who attended.

Carmel Ryan, from Alice Springs, accompanied a group of about 60 young Aboriginal pilgrims and Elders from Santa Teresa and elsewhere in central Australia who were part of the Ngkarte Mikwe (Mother of Jesus) Parish Church.

She said that for most of the group it was their first time to Sydney, and on an aeroplane.

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The Pope during World Youth Day.





Happy to be there ... Morgan Bryant, Annette Munro and Sue Bryant, from Sydney, at a WYD08 event.



WYD08 was a family affair for this Kimberley, WA, family John and Stella Puertollano, with young Malakhi and Elizika.



Geoffrey Gurumul Yunupingu was one of the Indigenous performers.

An Aboriginal performer during the Indigenous Welcome at Barangaroo on 15 July.



WYD08 Ambassador Jimmy Little performs on stage.

## Indigenous welcome for Pope

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"We have been here for a week, and it has been a happy and joyful time," she said. "We are so excited to have had the opportunity to see Pope Benedict ... and other people from lots of different nations. "It has been a time of caring and sharing with one another."

Young Morgan Bryant, from Bellingen, northern NSW, who now lives in Sydney, attended the WYD08 celebrations with her family. She was ecstatic to see the Pope and be a part of WYD08.

"It's been great meeting people from many different countries," she said.

Jesse Breckenridge, from Maclean, NSW, described the atmosphere as 'deadly'. His friend Mia Randall, also from Maclean, said it had been great to meet people from all different cultures.

Following the 'boat-o-cade', the 'Country and Saltwater Voices Indigenous Concert' was held at The Domain, with WYD08 Ambassador Jimmy Little joining Casey Donovan, Geoffrey Gurumul Yunupingu, the Doonoch Dancers, Baiwa Dancers, William Barton and Gangajang, Lexine Solomon, Matthew Doyle, Clarence Slookee, and Shellie Morris.

The ABC's Rhianna Patrick was MC for the concert, which was directed by journalist, actor and arts worker Rhoda Roberts.



Cardinal George Pell and Pope Benedict watch Indigenous Australians perform at Barangaroo on 17 July.

Ms Roberts directed all Indigenous components of WYD08 festivities except the Stations of the Cross, and said that more than 200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people performed throughout the week.

"I was really pleased with the event. There definitely was a presence that people wouldn't have expected," Ms Roberts said.

"That showed we have ceremonies which are just as important. I think we have set a precedent.

"It not only included a number of professional performers but a number of pilgrims and Catholics from around the country. It meant so much to them to honour protocol, not only as practising Catholics but as youth."

Ms Roberts said it was special to see the melding of Catholicism and Indigenous cultures. One of the highlights was the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Choir, who joined with the Gondwana Voices choir which features prominently in Qantas advertisements.

She said the two choirs sang Latin text translated into Gadigal and Torres Strait Islander languages.

The Pope also dined with Sydney university student and Aboriginal man from Walgett, Craig Ashby, 21, and 11 other young people from around the world. (See separate story Page 11).

Towards the end of his Australian visit, Pope Benedict delivered an apology to victims of sexual abuse by the clergy in Australia.

"Indeed, I am deeply sorry for the pain and suffering the victims have endured, and I assure them that as their Pastor, I too share in their suffering," he said during a special service at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney.

Archbishop of Sydney Cardinal George Pell commended the week's activities and said Pope Benedict had expressed his warm gratitude to the people of Sydney, the Australian Catholic Church, State and Federal governments, WYD08 staff, volunteers and the many others who had contributed to the event. — with AAP



# World Youth Day



Pope Benedict receives a candle from an Indigenous Australian during the Evening Vigil.

Aboriginal performers, from left, Shellie Morris, Lexine Solomon and Casey Donovan perform during WYD08.



This group travelled from Moree, north-western NSW for WYD08.



Mia Randall (Maclean/Yamba), Jesse Breckenridge (Maclean), Merinda Breckenridge (Ballina) and Nevana Sines (Kempsey) were there.



Elders from a group of 60 who travelled from Central Australia to attend WYD08. The group was from the Ngkarte Mikwe Parish Church.



Back, from left, Elleisha Shadforth, Ignatius Cox and Tara Hunter and, in front, Janelle Ketchell and Nathania Shadforth.



# Ngarrindjeri land deal



A REGIONAL Partnership Agreement (RPA) aimed at protecting the natural resources of the Ngarrindjeri people and encouraging economic development on their land has been signed.

The Australian and South Australian governments and the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority signed the agreement at Camp Coorong, near Adelaide, on 16 July.

SA Senator Dana Wortley represented the Australian Government and committed more than \$540,000 over two years through the RPA.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Federal Government was committed to addressing disadvantage in the lands by building a sustainable and prosperous region for the 4500 Ngarrindjeri people who live there.

The initiative aimed to provide economic sustainability and greater independence for the Ngarrindjeri people, she said.

Funding will be provided for a business and economic development manager, a caring for country manager and an administration assistant.

SA Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Jay Weatherill applauded the agreement.

"A key element of the RPA is the establishment of the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority Inc as the peak body to oversee and co-ordinate the implementation of the RPA," he said.

"This approach builds links between communities and provides a single entity to work for the interests of all Ngarrindjeri, rather than having multiple - often small - community organisations competing against each other."

The caring for country manager will



South Australian Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Jay Weatherill and George Trevorrow shake on the agreement, signed at Camp Coorong, as SA Senator Dana Wortley look on.

co-ordinate current environmental projects on the Ngarrindjeri lands and develop further plans to protect the Coorong Wetlands, shores of Lake Alexandria and significant species and cultural sites in the Ngarrindjeri region.

The RPA will help establish an

Indigenous Protected Area in the Ngarrindjeri lands.

The partnership will also examine improving the protection of marine life, with the establishment of a Sea Rangers program.

Two Ngarrindjeri people will complete a

fisheries compliance officer course as part of this program.

A new investment company, Ngarrindjeri Enterprises Pty Ltd, will also be established to identify business opportunities in the lands. This will include developing a regional tourism plan to boost local tourism.



Australian Government

Department of the Environment,  
Water, Heritage and the Arts

## AUSTRALIA'S WORLD HERITAGE NOMINATION FOR NINGALOO COAST, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Australian Government, with the support of the Government of Western Australia, is preparing a nomination for Ningaloo Coast to be inscribed on the World Heritage List. The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (the Department) and the Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) will be providing information to the Australian community and seeking input to the nomination. Regular updates will be posted on the Department's web site: <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/about/world/index.html>

The land and waters of the Ningaloo Coast are a globally unique place. The waters contain one of the best developed fringing reefs in the world, a continuous series of more than 200 kilometres of spectacular wave-swept ramparts off a rugged limestone peninsula. The peninsula is an evolutionary laboratory built from the skeletons of ancient reefs which gradually emerged from under the sea, and houses remarkable subterranean fauna. The site tells unparalleled stories across time, latitude and species, about the movement of continents, changing climates and the evolution of life over 150 million years.

You can obtain more information and provide input by visiting the Department's website or writing to the World Heritage team at:

Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Team  
Heritage Division  
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts  
PO Box 787  
CANBERRA ACT 2600  
Email: [NingalooCoast@environment.gov.au](mailto:NingalooCoast@environment.gov.au)  
Website: <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/about/world/index.html>

The Department and DEC welcome comments on the nomination. Staff will be available in Exmouth on 17 and 18 August, Coral Bay on 19 August and Carnarvon on 20 August to hear your views. More detail will be provided in local newspapers and at the above website.

http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/about/world/index.html

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## Eora Journey

- a path to Aboriginal culture and enterprise

MC: Adam Spencer

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EORA JOURNEY:

The Eora Journey is a key project arising from Sustainable Sydney 2030. It will recognise Aboriginal culture and heritage along a physical walk from the Harbour to Redfern, featuring public art and an Aboriginal Cultural Centre. It is also a journey to economic and social sustainability for the Aboriginal community by creating opportunities for Aboriginal enterprise and tourism.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Dr Dawn Casey PSM FAHA  
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Rhoda Roberts

Creative Director, Sydney New Year's Eve 2008

Shane Phillips

Chief Executive Officer, Tribal Warrior Association

Find out more about Sustainable Sydney 2030 at [www.sydneys2030.com.au](http://www.sydneys2030.com.au)

DATE: Monday 11 August 2008

TIME: 6.30pm to 8.00pm

VENUE: State Theatre  
49 Market Street, Sydney

TRANSPORT: Rail: St James and Town Hall  
Bus: Castlereagh, Elizabeth, George & York Streets.

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# Union job for activist

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



ABORIGINAL man Malcolm Tulloch's ongoing campaign to ensure Australian workers get 'a fair go' has landed him on the executive of Australia's biggest construction union. The former Holroyd City Council Mayor was appointed Assistant Secretary of the CFMEU (Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union) earlier this month.

The 46-year-old father of two began his union activism when he was elected State Organiser for the Communication Workers Union in 1995. He remained there until 2002 when he joined the CFMEU.

Mr Tulloch said his latest appointment is recognition for his efforts in the union.

"I have shown I possess the skills and the abilities to go about my job and achieve results," he said.

"It is a great honour for me to be a representative of workers and their families."

Mr Tulloch said he became involved in the union movement because he wanted a fair go for everyone.

"At the time I was concerned about people being exploited and ripped off by their bosses," he said.

"I got involved to make work conditions fairer for people."

He told *The Koori Mail* that this eventually led him to politics, where he served as Mayor of Holroyd City Council between 2002 and 2004.

The balancing act of being a representative for Indigenous people as well as workers has proved challenging for Mr Tulloch.

"I have found it reasonably difficult because of people's attitudes towards Indigenous people," he said.

"They see you as a 'blackfella'

**'They see you as a 'blackfella' first, and whatever I have achieved, it is perceived that someone has given it to me because of my black background' – Malcolm Tulloch**

first, and whatever I have achieved, it is perceived that someone has given it to me because of my black background.

"I don't think I publicise my Indigenous heritage because of those reasons. But I do what I do and try to achieve what I can for my people."

"In the end it is about action and not about words anyway."

Mr Tulloch praised the CFMEU's

'Jobs Ready Program', which gets Indigenous people into tertiary education and then into jobs.

"It gets Indigenous kids off the street and into education and into the construction industry," he said.

"Sixty to 90 per cent of those people get jobs at the end of the program, and 70 to 80 per cent of those people retain their jobs."

"It's about helping to build community and family."

Mr Tulloch also wanted to acknowledge Darug Elder Aunt Mavis Halverson for inspiring him.

He will remain Secretary of the Local Government Network established to promote and encourage Aboriginal people as councillors, is a member of the Labor Party's Indigenous Policy Committee and sits on the University of Western Sydney's Indigenous Employment Committee.

Mr Tulloch said his grandmother was an Aboriginal woman who grew up on a family farm around central NSW and that he was still trying to find out where he fitted in.

While records about his family have been destroyed, Mr Tulloch has formed links with the Darug people of Sydney and says he will continue searching for his Aboriginal family heritage.



Mal Tulloch with his son Jarrod and Gill Saunders at the Peace Park in Fairfield, NSW.

## Premier's Excellence Awards Recognising Leadership in Aboriginal Communities

**Nominations for the Premier's Excellence Awards Recognising Leadership in Aboriginal Communities are now open.**

Under the scheme annual awards will be awarded to individuals or organisations demonstrating leadership and excellence in delivering services to the community in each of the following categories:

- Strong Communities – Family Support and Assistance
- Education – Learning and Knowledge
- Health – Wellbeing: Body and Mind
- Health – Healthy Environment
- Employment – Getting on with Business
- Building Community Leadership

These awards provide the opportunity for both communities and the NSW Government to recognise the invaluable work that is already underway and the tireless effort being made by Aboriginal people across the State.

Nomination forms are available from the Department of Aboriginal Affairs website ([www.daa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.daa.nsw.gov.au)) or by ringing (02) 9219 0700.



New South Wales Department of  
Aboriginal Affairs



## 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](mailto:info@redress.wa.gov.au) **Web:** [www.redress.wa.gov.au](http://www.redress.wa.gov.au)

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Acknowledging the past





# Government says no to APY Lands remand centre

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A RECOMMENDATION to build a short-term remand facility on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia's far north has been rejected by the State

Government.

The proposal was one of 46

recommendations made by former Supreme Court judge Ted Mullighan in his report on sexual abuse on the lands in SA's far north.

SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill said last Thursday that the Government believed resources could be better utilised by means other than a remand centre.

The Government also supported a change in the governance structure of the lands and would soon release its preferred model, he said.

"Without proper governance structures, people on the APY Lands can have no confidence that their communities will be able to keep them safe and no confidence that they will be protected if they speak out

on abuse," Mr Weatherill said in a statement.

Extra police would be deployed on the lands from next month, and a safe house for abused children and their carers would soon be built at Umuwa, he said.

In May Mr Mullighan handed down a report estimating one in 10 children on the lands had been sexually abused. -AAP

## Women talk leadership

By Perth Correspondent  
KEN BOASE



MORE than 120 delegates have attended an international conference in Perth focussing on leadership roles for women.

Participants came from 15 countries to attend the four-day 'Engendering Leadership' conference at the University of WA last week to contribute research papers and provide a forum for discussion on gender issues in business.

On 23-24 July the delegates were given an Indigenous perspective on business and leadership issues, beginning with a background history from Bardi (north-west Kimberley) woman and former head of the Aboriginal Studies Centre at Curtin University, Pat Dudgeon.

"To talk about Aboriginal women and leadership and to put in context what you'll hear on other issues, we will talk about our achievements, but we also need to talk about the disadvantage we have suffered as women," Ms Dudgeon said.

"It needs to be remembered that historical accounts of Aboriginal defence and resistance to colonisation in Australia have emerged only in recent years, and now there is a proliferation of significant text which includes detailed accounts of that resistance, complimented with local histories.

"In the past, Indigenous history has been written by non-Indigenous people from a non-Indigenous perspective, and that's also important to take into account.

"We need to represent ourselves because colonisation has distorted and misrepresented the cultural histories of Aboriginal people, and especially us as Indigenous women."

Other speakers at a special panel presentation were Professor and Nyoongar Elder Joan Winch, Nyikina (central Kimberley) woman and government policy adviser Denise Griffin, Bardi woman Kathleen Cox, who is active on many Kimberley committees, and Jaru (east Kimberley) woman Cissy Gore-Birch Gault, who is a family program manager in Kununurra.

Professor Winch spoke about her experiences working in the health

Aboriginality and they'd call me a black bitch. All my life I've been criticised because I'm Aboriginal. And then we suffered abuse from our men because they were oppressed as well, and they became the oppressors."

Denise Griffin talked about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in the public sector, emphasising the importance of Indigenous women speaking up for their rights. She shared a story from her youth when she corrected her history teacher who tried to claim that Captain Cook 'discovered' Australia.

"Many Indigenous women have spoken up for their country, their families, their communities and their rights

communities around the Dampier Peninsula," she said.

Ms Cox is active in promoting Indigenous tourism and is a member of the WA Indigenous Tourism Operators Committee (WAITOC) through her own family business, Goombaragin, which is based on eco-tourism.

Cissy Gore-Birch Gault spoke of her experiences as a manager of a family program in the east Kimberley, as well as the challenges she faced as a young single mother.

"Growing up in Wyndham there weren't many opportunities for a young woman, but now there are many professional positions

in the east Kimberley, and my position at St John of God Health Care takes me out to many isolated communities to work with the women," she said.

"Too many times we hear community members talk about the Seagulls, which means government workers who fly in for a talk and then fly away again. So we build

community partnerships on the ground so we get the true story of what's happening in the community."

All of the speakers emphasised the need for strong leadership to ensure that women have a prominent role in building support networks for communities and families.

Organiser Jackie Hutchinson said the conference aimed to break down some of the barriers around leadership and to forge a permanent link between the UWA Business School, which sponsored the gathering, and Indigenous women professionals.



PAT DUDGEON



CISSY GORE-BIRCH GAULT



DENISE GRIFFIN



KATHY COX



**"One advantage for Aboriginal people is that we didn't have a written language so many of us didn't learn to read and write but we all have wonderful memories**

**- Professor Joan Winch**

industry, firstly as a nurse and then through to her senior management positions as co-founder of the Marr Moorditch Health College and the head of the Aboriginal Studies Unit at Curtin University.

"One advantage for Aboriginal people is that we didn't have a written language so many of us didn't learn to read and write, but we all have wonderful memories and that allowed me to sit in class, not do any homework, and still come out at the top of the class," Professor Winch said.

"People hated me for that and they would attack my

generally, and that shows leadership," she said.

"But too often it's in response to correct misunderstanding or ineffective policy."

Kathleen Cox, who was raised on the Beagle Bay Mission in the north-west Kimberley, talked about her family's decision to return to their ancestral Bardi country and develop their own economic future, free of government welfare.

"Where I come from we women are leading the way on all fronts at the grass-roots level, and our women's group at Beagle Bay plays an important role in the



# ACT honour for Indigenous leaders



AUSTRALIA's first Indigenous senator, the late Neville Bonner, activist William Cooper, native title champion Eddie Mabo and rights campaigner Bill Ferguson are just some of the prominent Indigenous leaders who will soon be remembered in the national capital.

In the new suburb of Bonner, named after Neville Bonner, the public places and roads will be named after prominent Indigenous leaders and their supporters. The first blocks go on sale this month.

ACT Planning Minister Andrew Barr said it was an important

opportunity to commemorate the most notable campaigners for the rights of Indigenous people – those who have led the way towards a more just Australia.

Mr Barr said the naming of the roads would be recorded on the ACT Legislation Register and the story behind each name would be published on the ACT Planning and Land Authority's website.

"All public places and roads in the national capital are named after somebody or something that is significant to Australians," he said.

"If it's a person, that person must have passed away for at least a year before, and a member of the family must have approved of the



The late Jimmy Clements, aka 'King Billy' in Canberra in 1927.

naming. It is fitting that these roads are being named in the year of Prime Minister Rudd's apology on behalf of the Government to the Indigenous community."

Eddie Koiki Mabo (1936?-1992) challenged the doctrine of terra

nullius in Australian law, resulting in the historic decision by the High Court in 1992 recognising the existence of native title.

In 1935, life-long activist and secretary of the Australian Aborigines' League William Cooper (1861?-1941) led first Aboriginal deputation to a Commonwealth minister. In 1938, he led the first Aboriginal deputation to a prime minister and was an organiser of the Day of Mourning.

Bill Ferguson (1882-1950) launched the Aborigines' Progressive Association, was a Day of Mourning organiser, petitioned for a national approach to Aboriginal affairs and stood as

an Independent for Parliament.

The ACT Place Names Committee has sought advice from community and historical sources on other suitable candidates for road names.

Another suggestion the subject of subsequent email dialogue was the late Jimmy Clements, a Wiradjuri man who is understood to have protested outside the 1927 opening on what is now known as Old Parliament House.

Aboriginal academic Frances Peters-Little of the Australian National University (ANU) described consideration of Mr Clements, aka King Billy, as 'extremely important'.

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## Are you using or thinking of using child care?



### Important changes to the Child Care Tax Rebate that you need to know

From 1 July 2008 the Australian Government will increase the Child Care Tax Rebate payment to families from **30% to 50%** to help meet their out-of-pocket child care costs.

The Child Care Tax Rebate is a payment for parents or guardians who are working, studying or training.

The Child Care Tax Rebate is **not income tested**.

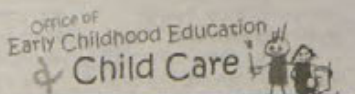
Families can now receive **up to \$7500** a year for each child in approved care.

The Child Care Tax Rebate will be paid quarterly or as an annual lump sum payment.

**To find out more**  
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call the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50.



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# Media under attack



FOUR boys killed in a West Australian car crash were wrongly portrayed as criminals in media reports that said they were in a stolen car, families say. But police are sticking to their version of events that the vehicle was stolen.

Benjamin Nannup, 11, Jeremy Nannup, 10, Mathew Indich, 15 and Quentin Humes, 17, died when the car they were in slammed into a pole 90km south of Perth on 28 June.

Three of the four boys, Benjamin, Jeremy and Mathew, were brothers.

They were commemorated on 17 July in a ceremony at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra, coinciding with their burial at Mandurah in Western Australia.

Family members issued a statement accusing the media and police of misreporting the incident.

The tragedy has been made worse by media reports the car they were in was stolen, said family member Ann Kilduff.

"The public comments can only be described as racist, such as 'these kids got what was coming to them'," she said.

However, West Australian police said the car involved in the crash was stolen.

"Yes it was stolen ... that's what we reported at the time," spokeswoman Ros Weatherall said.

### 'Same story'

Editor of *The West Australian* newspaper Paul Armstrong said all media outlets had reported the same story.

"If the police say the car was stolen, and the family doesn't appear to be disputing that, the fact we reported that along with every other news outlet is relevant to the story," he said.

"The family suggestion that the newspaper or any other media organisation implied that the boys got their just desserts because they stole a car is just plain wrong.

"It's a terrible tragedy and no-one in their right mind would suggest the boys deserved to pay the ultimate price for stealing a car."

Charles Kilduff, one of those attending the Tent Embassy ceremony, said the fact the car was stolen had yet to be proved.

"It's a situation that is flawed to the extent that there is an allegation that all the boys were ... criminals," he said.

He said the facts would come out at an inquest, although the Perth Coroner's Court says it has yet to decide whether an inquest will be held. - AAP

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# Children's centre hopes are high

By Tasmanian Correspondent  
JILLIAN MUNDY



THERE is renewed hope that years of lobbying the Tasmanian Government for funds to help relocate the Aboriginal Children's Centre near Hobart might finally pay off. Aboriginal Children's Centre Director Alison Overeem told *The Koori Mail* she was optimistic that the funds needed weren't far away, following a meeting last week with the State Treasurer Michael Aird.

"There's a glimmer of hope that the Government might take (their share of) responsibility for Aboriginal children in this State," she said.

Ms Overeem said services offered by the children's centre had been limited by overcrowding and deterioration of its premises for the past seven years, forcing some programs to be run from other locations.

For four years the Aboriginal community has protested and lobbied the Government to chip in a significant contribution towards the \$2.1 million needed to relocate and build a new centre.

Ms Overeem said that in the past, the State's response had been



ALISON OVEREEM

to shrug off childcare as a Federal responsibility.

But she said at last week's meeting Mr Aird had at least 'acknowledged our frustration to date'.

"The meeting... was about getting a decision, not about the importance of relocating - we've been there done that. We don't have to justify any more," Ms Overeem said.

"He's made a commitment that he'd collect information as Treasurer for the budget committee, and I believe that we will have some very good news to deliver to the community."

"...I don't think the community will be disappointed with the outcome."

Ms Overeem said Mr Aird took on board 'the fact that we're a holistic children and family and community centre', and acknowledged the centre's commitment over 20 years.

"When I said on the way out 'will I see you at the opening of the new centre?', he just chuckled (but) he didn't say no."

"I'm quietly confident we will be over there celebrating National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day in August 2009."

Working plans are ready to go for the new multi-use centre at Risdon Cove, which was returned to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community through the Aboriginal Lands Act 1995.

The Children's Centre hopes to expand on its current range of programs such as early literacy, intervention and referral programs, play groups, parent support, child health, protective behaviour workshops, volunteer and training programs, dads' groups, long day-care, school holiday and after-school care.

Families also use the current facility for access and contact with children being cared for away from home.

# \$5 million for 20 playgroups in regional centres



THE Australian Government has announced that specialised playgroups will be established

in 20 regional and remote Indigenous communities across Australia.

A \$5 million package aimed at delivering activities to around 2400 children will include \$2 million for four mobile playgroups to support isolated and disadvantaged families.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said playgroups provided important opportunities for parents to establish social and support networks to assist them in parenting.

Providing specialised playgroups in regional, rural and remote areas built on the Government's commitment to improve the lives of Indigenous children, the Minister said.

"The new mobile playgroups are a flexible way for children in regional and remote areas to participate in a range of fun activities, including music and singing, imaginative play, art and craft activities, word games, story reading, and outdoor and free play," she said.

"The playgroups can operate with little or no infrastructure and carry as much equipment as possible in their vehicles which are funded as part of the initiative."

"This includes playgroup equipment such as books, games, activities, toys, dress up clothes, playdough, paints and sports equipment, as well as shade equipment and rugs for children to sit and play on."

Two early childhood workers run each playgroup and encourage parent involvement in playgroup activities, while a family support worker provides links with community services.

The new playgroups will be located at:

- WA: Warburton, Ardyaloon and Northam
  - Qld: Woorabinda, Lockhart River and Aurukun
  - NT: Ngukurr, Numbulwar, Yuendumu and Milingimbi
  - NSW: Orange and Grafton
  - SA: Whyalla
  - Vic: Bairnsdale
  - ACT: Narrabundah
  - Tas: Smithton
- The mobile playgroups will be run out of Halls Creek (WA), Kowanyama (Qld), Newcastle (NSW) and Murray Bridge (SA).

## Team GUMURRII - Community Pride!



Staff of the GUMURRII Student Support Unit at NAIDOC week.

Griffith University's GUMURRII Student Support Unit, along with thousands of others, celebrated NAIDOC week in July 2008.

Friday July 11, was Family Fun Day and reportedly more than 10,000 people attended the event at Musgrave Park in Brisbane. The day was full of excitement with rides, food, contemporary and traditional dancers, arts and craft stalls and information tents. The week was an enormous success for both the organisers and everyone who visited.

The GUMURRII Student Support Unit staff spoke with visitors about the programs offered at Griffith University and the support the Unit provides across all five campuses. Members of the GUMURRII Student Support Unit were thrilled with the success of the week and look forward to hearing from the people they spoke with.

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## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



## A Yarn With...



**Helen (Ulli) Corbett**

**Yamitji-Noongar woman  
Amnesty International  
board member**

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Seafood.

**Favourite non-Indigenous food?**  
Rice.

**Favourite drink?**  
Water.

**Favourite music?**  
Jazz and country.

**Favourite read?**  
I used to read a lot of science fiction.

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
Northern Norway.

**What are you watching on TV?**  
In addition to the science fiction programs I watch with my son, we watch *Law and Order* and *The Practice*.

**What do you like in life?**  
I like people who get on with one another and respect one another and work together as a family.

**What don't you like in life?**  
Discrimination because you're different and violence against defenceless people.

**Which black or Indigenous person would you like most to meet?**  
Cathy Freeman, because she's true to herself and her life goals, true to her culture and extends a hand of reconciliation to other cultures.

**Which three people would you invite around a campfire?**  
My mother Valerie, my father Donald and my brother who passed on – Donald Jnr.

**Who/what inspires you?**  
I'm inspired by Donna Carson, a Queensland woman who survived domestic violence. She attended Amnesty Women's conference in Perth in 1995 to talk about domestic violence.

**What would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?**  
Amnesty International is committed to addressing Indigenous human rights violations. There is much work to be done and really I'd encourage people to get involved with Amnesty International.

## Quote



**'We do not seek to be separate from Australia but to be recognised and secure within Australia'**

– **Top End Leader Galarrwuy Yunupingu speaking at the Federal Cabinet meeting in Yirrkala**

## Unquote

## Dig in now, don't wait

**T**HE job of closing the health and life expectancy gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is big and will take a long time to pull off. That may sound bloody obvious, but it didn't prevent consecutive governments sticking their head in the sand and seriously under-funding Indigenous health and medical services for decades. Indeed, those ostrich tendencies actually helped to make a bad situation catastrophic.

But, at the risk of sounding all Pollyanna, various governments do now seem to be rolling up their sleeves and digging a little deeper into their pockets to make a start of things.

They seem more comfortable with the idea of setting target dates and outcomes, even if it is possible they'll be embarrassed by lack of progress.

It would be terrific if the Federal Government would now apply that same concept to constitutional change, as championed by Yolngu community leaders who met last week with the Prime Minister and the Federal Cabinet.

Enshrining of Indigenous status and rights in the body rather than just the preamble of the Constitution will be a big job and will take a long time to achieve. But you have to start somewhere on this old idea that seems to be declared new every couple of years.

Even former Prime Minister John Howard gave it a go with a referendum in 1999 on whether Australia should become a republic and, with some help from then-Democrat Senator Aden Ridgeway,



whether the wording of the preamble to the Constitution could be made more inclusive.

That attempt proved ill-fated and, given community dissatisfaction with the proposed wording ('...honouring Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, the nation's first people, for their deep kinship with their lands and for their ancient and continuing cultures which enrich the life of our country...'), it was probably not an entirely bad thing.

But at least it was a start. With the Federal Opposition not entirely opposed to having another go, we'd like to see the Federal Government seriously back the possibility by establishing a panel of Indigenous and non-Indigenous experts to bash heads about it.

While the Government mightn't like what such a panel says, especially while it hangs on to some unsavoury elements of the NT emergency intervention – e.g. the setting aside of the Racial Discrimination Act in prescribed communities – protection of people's rights is either important to it or not.

Time, again, for government to put its money and smarts where its mouth is.

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Publilius Syrus (1st century BC), an Assyrian brought as a slave to Italy, but freed and educated by his master because of his wit and talent, once said: "A small debt produces a debtor; a large one, an enemy."

**M**OST Australians have heard of Dun and Bradstreet. If they don't recognise the shortened title version, then they most definitely will recognise the company on viewing its full title: Dun and Bradstreet Debt Collection.

I've had a few letters from them in the past and I'm sure most Australians have, at some time in their adult life, had cause to take a deep breath before opening an envelope with their letterhead on it.

Some debt may well have been an oversight and have been promptly addressed, while others of a more serious nature have been referred to the Credit Reference Association of Australia (CRAA).

Once your debt hits the CRAA office and your name is listed – the chances of you getting a personal loan or credit card from a bank can be severely limited. There are of course many loan sharks who are more than willing to do business with you if you have problems at your local bank. These are the operators who advertise: "If you're out of work and have a bad credit history, then you must see us for a fast personal loan" and are prominently located in most towns throughout the nation.

I haven't personally entered a pawn shop nor done any business with them, but I know many relatives and friends who have parted with their prized video, watch and other portable items of value.

Most say it is to tide them over with grocery money until payday – and some I suspect are looking for a few extra bucks for entertainment or gambling purposes.

Judging by the number of people who go in and out of the pawnshops, it would appear there isn't that level of stigma attached to entering such premises any more. Where once it was a 'shame job' – visited only when the chances of being seen were limited; early in the morning or late in the evening – it now appears as though circumstances have changed and people of all races and professions are not the slightest bit concerned about being seen taking out short-term loans with them when experiencing financial hardship.

The provision of access to an overdraft facility or increase in credit card limits – a normal course of action for people with a good relationship with the local branch manager of their bank – is sadly not an option available to those who seek out pawn shop financial agreements.

While interest repayments on bank loans hover around 8 to 10 per cent, the pawnshop proprietors, who take higher risks with their money on unsecured loans, can afford to have higher rates attached to their repayment terms. For instance, if you took out a loan on \$2000, you'd be charged at eight per cent with an establishment fee of \$350 and an additional fee of 1.8 per cent per month on top.

If you pawned an item (eg, plasma TV) to the value of \$500,

# Debt: A lot we can do to avoid it



you incur an interest rate of 35 per cent (\$675 for the first month and \$911 for the second month).

If the loan isn't repaid at the end of 90 days, the pawnshop proprietors give the owner a further seven days to finalise the account, or the property (plasma TV) is surrendered to them. If you were to come up with the money to buy back your plasma TV after the 90-day period, a sum, including accrued interest, of \$1230 would need to be exchanged.

You might frown and be amazed at the exorbitant fees incurred by these financial entities, but they exist and continue to flourish because many members of our community are doing it tough and seek their services.

The other day I waited patiently in a long line at a service station to pay for the diesel on my SUV when a small commotion at the front of queue caught my attention.

I observed a non-Indigenous lady with three small children searching inside her handbag for extra money to pay for the items collected from the service station store: Disposable nappies, bread, milk and breakfast cereal, and from where I was standing, it looked like she was going to be placed in an embarrassing position of sending one of her children to return an item to the shelf.

I immediately forced my way forward and asked the woman behind the teller what the outstanding amount was, and on hearing \$7.50, I handed over a \$10 note to cover that amount.

The lady quickly gathered up her items and rushed out of the service station with her children –



Stephen Hagan

## HAGAN'S VIEW

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probably more out of embarrassment than fear and didn't say a word.

After I completed my transaction for my purchase, I walked to my car and noticed a stationary vehicle not far from

mine and on closer inspection distinguished the driver as the woman I had assisted moments earlier – she'd obviously been waiting for me to arrive at my car.

As soon as our eyes met, the woman gave me a warm nod and drove off down the road with her children restrained in the back seat of her car.

We didn't say anything and that small nod was evidence to me that she was grateful, if not slightly embarrassed, for my assistance on payment of her shortfall.

I reflect on this particular instance, not to reveal my altruistic side, but more to express my angst at seeing other people – businessmen and women – who saw what was happening inside the service station and chose not to help a woman in financial distress.

I guess this caring part of me is more an expression of life skills gained through my parents and also from living in a fringe camp when I was a kid on the outskirts of Cunnamulla, in south-west Queensland.

Living amongst 350 other displaced Indigenous people on the fringe of a prosperous white community, I observed the caring and sharing nature that was apparent on a daily basis. The sight of neighbours and even people unfamiliar to me coming to our home and asking for bread, milk or tea was not something that aroused concern.

Caring and sharing back then was routinely accepted by all members of the fringe camp out of necessity for sheer survival.

I don't recall seeing any disputes between families as a result of a favour not being returned.

Today, in our globally

competitive times, things are different. Our social and economic positions resemble nothing of the days of my formative years growing up on the outskirts of town.

Today, it would appear that everything is about the immediacy of advancing the individual or the immediate family at all costs.

In the rush to keep up with societal norms – buying a home, getting the kids a good education and acquiring the latest fashion (clothes, cars, furniture, mobile phone etc) – extended family and friends become a secondary concern and their needs and wants are for them to sort out.

The non-caring and sharing attitude of today's generation has precipitated the need for some people to seek out excessive fees on offer at pawn shops when the going gets tough.

Whether the economies of the United States and Japan are running at a \$9 trillion deficit, or if India and China's insatiable thirst for oil and desire for more nutritious foods – as countries with populations in excess of a billion people each and one-third of the world's population – continue to force the price of essential consumables through the roof, the fact still remains that the extent of our financial stress will be dependent on how well we are able to accommodate price changes.

I don't particularly like paying over \$100 to fill up my car, nor do I enjoy paying one-third more for my groceries than I did a couple of years ago – but they are the realities of life.

I don't know how I would've been able to do the things I do for my family today if I hadn't made that definitive life-changing decision six years ago when I gave up drinking and gambling.

The sacrifices in my family haven't been all mine, as my wife Rhonda gave up her expensive smoking habit and my son took on a casual after-school job when he turned 14. Stephen Jnr recently paid for his school trip to Perisher Blue ski fields from his savings and continues to pay for his own entertainment – going to the movies and buying his own PSP games and accessories.

There's a lot we can all do to ward off letters from Dun and Bradstreet Debt Collection agency.

If people are serious about addressing their financial woes, maybe a logical starting point might be to tackle the hardest tasks first. The problematical issues are generally the things we all say we can't do without – our comfort habits: the carton of beer or cask of wine once a week, a packet of cigarettes every day, a night on the town on weekends, a bet on the horses, a gamble on the pokies, scratchies, Lotto and the 'must have' latest clothing range.

And the biggest habit of all to break is the vicious cycle of lending and borrowing from high-risk family members and friends who don't repay on time, if at all.

If you can address the expensive habits that chew up all of your disposable income, then you can take the power away from the people you borrow from, including the pawnbrokers.

And if you stumble on the way to ridding yourself of those bad habits, always remember that famous saying of Publilius Syrus: "A small debt produces a debtor; a large one, an enemy."



# We gotta look out for each other

I'm sick. My bones are sore, my eyes are watery and I need a good lay down. My shoes feel like they have cement in them and my sneezes are strong enough to knock over an office block.

Yet a friend of mine dared to say I've 'just got a cold'!

As if! I think I've got bird flu. Maybe even pneumonia. Whatever it is, it feels life-threatening!

It's pretty obvious that the person who should be looking after me is my lubba.

It's practically in the couple's job description: *You Must Look After Your Partner*

## When They Are Sick.

Partners have a duty, an obligation, to look after you even if you didn't do the washing up that week.

But if you don't have a lubba what do you do? Who do you rely on to look after you when you are sick?

Why of course it's your family and your friends.

Having family around you is great, but it's practically essential when you are a bit down and out. They will bring you a feed (from your favourite shop on the other side of town) and they will force you to go to the doctor.

But there is an obligation for family to look after you when sick. They'd be a pretty rotten mob if they didn't!

Friends, on the other hand, don't have any obligation to look after you like your partner or family does – they have a choice.

You can't guilt them into doing stuff for you 'cos they don't have ties to you. If they decide to help it's by choice.

That's why I look after my friends now and even more closely when I get better.

I'm treating it like a savings plan – I try to be a kind, caring friend so that when I need

them, they will be kind and caring to me.

So for you mob out there who are single and relying on your friends to look after you, take care of them when you are well.

Look after them like they have looked after you.

We gotta look after each other in the good times and bad times.

Even if they reckon you should get over yourself 'cos you've got a cold and not bird flu.

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



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## Native title resolution challenges remain

# A fair go is the key



National Native Title Tribunal staff member Dean Ryder handing out NNTT bags to visitors to the Ashfield Reserve NAIDOC family day.



## NATIVE TITLE AND YOU

with National Native Title Tribunal President GRAEME NEATE

NAIDOC Week's 2008 theme – Advance Australia Fair? – gave us all an opportunity to reflect on how well we are faring in resolving native title issues around Australia.

Some groups have benefited from the native title scheme. There are 77 determinations that native title exists, covering about 854,000 square kilometres or 11 per cent of the land mass of Australia. Some 338 Indigenous land use agreements have been registered. Many other agreements have been negotiated.



The NAIDOC morning tea for West Australian National Native Title Tribunal staff at the Principal Registry in Perth. Indigenous staff at the event included (front, from left) Andrea Williams, Dean Ryder, Sharon McMiles and (back, from left) Natalie Heir, Kezia Jacobs-Smith, Maurice Agale, Emma Neil, Tina Mills and Paul Willaway.

But many challenges remain. There are now 504 native title claimant applications around Australia, and it may take about 30 years to resolve these and further expected applications, unless significant changes are made.

I welcome recent statements by Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland encouraging parties to reach broader agreements that respect everyone's rights and interests, rather than getting bogged down in the technicalities of proving native title.

Such outcomes are possible

when parties are willing to negotiate with each other, and come to the table with open minds.

During NAIDOC Week, Tribunal members and staff attended events around the country where they had the chance to share their knowledge of the native title system with Indigenous people and hear about their hopes and aspirations.

These included events in Sydney, where the Tribunal took part in the Redfern/Alexandria family day, in Canberra, at the NAIDOC on the Peninsula family

event, in Brisbane, at the Musgrave Park family day, in Perth, at the family day at Ashfield Reserve, and in Darwin, at a promotion for Indigenous employment opportunities in the Australian Public Service (APS), including an Indigenous APS Employment Network breakfast.

I was pleased to participate in NAIDOC events in Cairns and Toowoomba.

The Tribunal's state offices also held internal events to raise staff awareness and understanding of NAIDOC Week and Indigenous culture and heritage, including an event for

staff and Victorian native title stakeholders in Melbourne.

Noongar man Dr Richard Walley, whose talents include art, music and acting, was guest speaker at an event for West Australian staff and others at the Tribunal's Principal Registry in Perth.

Dr Walley talked about the important process individuals go through to develop a voice, and how that pathway had been disrupted for many Aboriginal people.

He explained that, as infants, people don't have a voice – we are talked about. Later we are spoken for. As we grow up we are acknowledged and talked to, before we learn to speak for ourselves – and are finally heard.

Many Aboriginal people have never had the opportunity to speak for themselves, and have been spoken for all their lives.

Native title processes give Indigenous Australians a seat at the negotiating table and a right to be heard. The Tribunal encourages parties to express their views and share their stories in the negotiation process.

This process of developing a voice is a key to enable communication to occur and fair outcomes to be negotiated. By giving everyone a fair go in the negotiating forum, we can aspire to 'advance Australia fair'.





# NAIDOC theme was an insult

'ADVANCE Australia Fair?' was this year's NAIDOC theme. What an insult to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

I say this because we are nowhere near being treated 'fair'-ly in our home – not one bit.

If the Indigenous people were treated 'fair'-ly from the beginning, poverty would not be around in every Aboriginal community around Australia today.

The un-'fair' system and legislation of this country still goes on and on.

Third World living conditions still continue today in my home Yarrabah, even despite so-called 'life-changing' reforms throughout the Cape (York).

It is the new millennium for nothing; we've still got last century's problems building up and rising quicker in every Indigenous community.

Up here, we're still dying

younger than even the average Indigenous life span of 55 years.

I just want to say to the people who selected this year's NAIDOC theme that it was not appropriate.

Advance us fairly? What a joke. They never have and they never will.

To our 'sold-out' mob throughout the country, it might sound good to you-fella, but to 'us-mob' from the community who are

regularly subjected to the worst stereotypes and are very passionate about our people would like to suggest that you put a bit more thought into the naming of next year's theme.

We don't want that dumb 'Waltzing Matilda' song having anything to do with our celebration of NAIDOC next year. Stay strong.

BRAD HIGGINS  
Yarrabah, Qld

# Indigenous fishery access

WHAT does Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology mean for the continuing issue of NSW Aboriginal coastal, ocean and fishery rights?

Aboriginal people have a rich fishery heritage seen from Elders' fishery knowledge, colonial accounts and paintings. This includes shellfish hooks, two-ply line, rock sinkers, various spears, traps, nets, canoe night fishing, marine sedations and poisons.

There has been a sea rise of around 100m since the ice age (around 15,000 years ago), which will continue with global warming to obliterate Indigenous coastal fishery sites such as middens.

The sea floor to the shelf was owned and lived on by coastal traditional owners. Even the antiquated views of the NSW Protector of Aborigines in the 1890s gave coastal communities boats and fishing gear to maintain an attachment to the coastal fringe and the fishery.

But what have been the outcomes from the NSW Department of Primary Industries' Indigenous Fishery Strategy rolled out in 2002 and subsequent report, which is still not delivered to the community?

Have there been increases in Indigenous fishery access, Indigenous sustainable commercial fishing, sustainable aquaculture and Aboriginal fishery management or Indigenous fishery tourism opportunities?

Coastal Aboriginal people seek Indigenous fishery enterprise as an answer to many issues in their communities.

Shareholding for existing Indigenous fishers was not considered when commercial fishery shares were allocated in the fishery and did not account for Indigenous fishery access and enterprise.

The Indigenous abalone issue could easily be resolved if the community was engaged and given fishery rights. This extends to all other NSW fisheries (and) and should be reflected in each Fishery Management Strategy, Share Management Plan and Fishery Environmental Impact Study.

Each document acknowledges Indigenous fishery heritage but doesn't address the ongoing fishery access issues in NSW such as Indigenous aquaculture, fishery restocking and urchin outbreak.

'White rock' removal should also be developed to engage coastal communities

and improve the fishery.

In 2007, the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation attempted an application under Section 37 of the relevant legislation to harvest species for a prominent Indigenous Aunty's funeral, but was told the application would take at least six weeks to process.

This is unworkable for Indigenous coastal communities. In effect, Indigenous fishers have the same rights as recreational fishers in NSW, excluding paying a recreational licence fee.

Why has there also been no increase seen in Indigenous fishery management in policy and enforcement in NSW? Indigenous coastal communities managed the fishery for over 50,000 years in NSW and this should be reflected in fishery policy management. Employing Aboriginal fisheries officers would also be a step to engage the community over fishery issues.

Fisheries-related court cases and further punitive policies by the NSW Department of Primary Industries are only isolating NSW Indigenous coastal communities when basic

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## How to promote rugby league

This letter was written to our columnists David Liddiard and Dean Widders. We thought our other readers might also have a view.

I AM a Koori living in WA and I am sick of hearing about how Australian rules is the Indigenous game and the popularisation of bull... about Marngrook being part of Australian rules history.

Don't get me wrong. Even though I am a rugby league (RL) man, I do help out at Australian rules training with the local juniors as well as RL.

However, RL has been the Indigenous (capital 'I') game for so many reasons that Australian rules cannot compare.

Some attention needs to be paid to this distortion of indigenous/Indigenous AFL/NRL in popular culture.

I work in a high school and have spoken to a number of Noongar kids about the upcoming Australian Indigenous v Maori game and they are very interested in the concept.

This got me thinking about how the game is going to be promoted and I had a few ideas of how it could be done.

Without going into too much detail, I envisaged a glossy poster showing Indigenous and Maori teams facing each other in traditional war outfits and charging and as they charge, their outfits etc morph into their respective rugby league get-ups.

Or perhaps a couple of players half-morphed would be great as well.

There is a whisper that a new RL club is going to begin a few miles from me. It has a large Noongar/working-class population and I see this game as a great way to promote RL not only here, but throughout Indigenous Australia.

It would be great also to see (Greg) Inglis as the bloke to replace (Mark) Gasnier as the face of the World Cup.

Rugby league has such a strong and long historical affiliation with Indigenous NSW and Queensland and this should be utilised to promote the game Australia-wide.

KARL JUHNKE  
Rockingham, WA

## Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

this will increase your chances of being published.

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

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

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

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# Racism flourishing in Sydney's west

I'D like to tell *The Koori Mail's* readers about a situation I found myself in yesterday.

I am employed by the Ted Noffs Foundation as the Aboriginal Adolescent/Family Counsellor. I was running a group for eight young Aboriginal boys here within the Mt Drutt office, and we had a break for 20 minutes standing outside the local Dawson Mall.

We were just yarning with each other when a South Pacific Islander youth came up to the group yelling at them 'bloody wogs' and saying they shouldn't be there in Mt Drutt.

Next thing an elderly man screamed out to the Pacific Islander youth to remove himself, and this he did.

I was so proud of our Koori kids. They stood proud and just ignored this abuse, especially as we were all together learning about Biamii, the creator.

When we returned back to the session, we discussed as a group what had happened at the mall. I felt that they were really pleased within themselves because they drew power from Biamii to control and move away their own anger. I think this surprised even them.

They say things are impossible for Koori kids and their own families, but here in Mt Drutt, there's a program that is working. Our Spirituality Healing Group meets every Monday between 1pm and 2pm.

I have been in many situations where I have faced and dealt with racism, discrimination, and abuse from neighbours. I have contacted the NSW Police and the Anti-Discrimination Board and nothing ever gets done.

Currently, my personal life and family are under threat from racists in my neighbourhood. Funny that to them I am not a 'bloody Abo', but a 'bloody

Lebanese poofter'.

I have no protection from the NSW Police or the Anti-Discrimination Board. I have simply been advised to not look at them.

This isn't Cronulla, it's Penrith, in outer western Sydney. There are no beaches here but plenty of racism and threats.

I feel that refugees coming into this country have more rights than Kooris. No-one within these services helps us at all. They should just try and live the life I have had and all of our people around this country.

Some days I find it hard within the workplace, let alone outside.

Peace and love to you all. I love *The Koori Mail*. It's my fortnightly bible.

**JAMIE BELLWOOD**  
Aboriginal Adolescent/Family Counsellor

## Great viewing on SBS

A RAY of sunshine came to me on this very cold wet day, via SBS Television. The program was about Troy Cassar-Daley going on the road with mentor and country music legend Brian Young.

What a great entertaining hour, from the views of our wonderful bush to the little kids dancing away to the music.

Thank you SBS, Troy, Brian and band and to all who made this program possible.

**NAJELLA GREEN**  
Palm Beach, Qld



**TROY CASSAR-DALEY**

## Memories of oppressed past

ON the opening day of the Kookaburra Track (Garrukayapang) on Green Hill Reserve at Kempsey (Gimbisi), walking past the old well reminded me of my childhood days and the struggles we've had in life, always living in fear.

We were so oppressed by the Welfare Board, police and even people from the town downgrading and putting us down and wanting to keep our Aboriginal people down.

All this caused an inferiority complex

and very low esteem, unable to rise up in many of us.

But there's going to be a change in our life for our future generation.

It's time for our people to rise up, in this nation of Australia to be recognised as the traditional owners and Indigenous people of Australia.

The great south land of the Holy spirit.

**BARRY ROBERTS**  
Dunghutti Nation  
Kempsey (Gimbisi)

## YOUR POETRY

### Proud Murri

I'm proud to be a Murri, proud to be a true Australian  
I'm proud of my culture, my heritage, that's what makes me who I am.  
My father, he Kukuyalanji, my mother Baradah woman  
But all we are family, we are all one of many men.

I'm proud to be a Murri,

I'm not ashamed of who I am  
I'm not one of those gammon Murris who think they're only half.  
When I hear people talk like that, I just look at them and laugh.  
Did I tell you I'm living as a proud Murri, I'll die as one too.  
All the way from Bluff, real Murri through and through.

But ashamed I don't know

my culture as well as I would like.  
I guess that's my regret, not knowing my language and ways of living, that's my right.  
But still, I'll stand ten feet tall when someone says 'who here belong to this country?'  
I'll jump up and say 'that's me mate', I'm proud to be a Murri.

**DANIEL DAVIS**  
North Rockhampton, Qld

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## Indigenous access

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fishery rights have been removed from a traditional cultural resource.

It is time for Indigenous fishery reconciliation along with land rights and a serious effort to engage the Aboriginal coastal communities of NSW.

**ADAM BRADY**  
Indigenous Fishery Consultants  
Stanwell Park, NSW

## YOUR POETRY

### Untitled

I am an old wooden house,  
With old wooden floors,  
My windows are ancient  
And so are the doors.

I've seen better days  
But I'm comfortably warm  
And there's a fire in the hearth  
When outside is a storm.

I'll lull you and woo you  
Until you're asleep,  
And you can stay in my arms,  
For as long as it takes.

For your heart that is aching  
To comfortably mend  
So you're not scared of strangers  
And welcome new friends.

I'm the saltwater woman,  
And the ancient of days  
I'm the son of the Father  
I'll teach you his ways.

I'm a friend to all people,  
The lover of souls  
It is I who first made you  
And will remake you whole

I'm proud of your dark skin  
You're a child of his care  
You're my warrior race  
And my sweet maidens fair

You're the reflection of my love  
Not greedy for gain  
And though they don't know it  
My heart's full of pain

For I put out my hand  
In peace in love  
And they missed it and shunned it  
With musket and glove

And they said 'we have our god'  
With teeth and a book  
And you just have nothing  
We're here for a look

If we see anything Of value and gain  
We'll declare this our land  
And to save you the shame

Of having nowhere to go  
We'll save you a bit  
Oh you might have to do

With a swamp or a tip

Consider yourselves naked  
And outcast and poor  
'Cos that's what we saw  
When we knocked at your door

And I looked at them kindly  
With eyes soft and black  
And thought the mother will teach them  
If they come back.

But they rejected her teachers,  
And rejected her law,  
Shunned her food and her language  
Her songs and her lore

They starved in the garden  
They ate dusty old bread,  
While sweet bush tucker waited  
At the table instead

They tried to grow corn cobs  
Breed cattle and sheep  
And mother grew weary  
And just fell asleep

But the young men are rising  
With songs and with lore  
They'll sing you back home  
To your foreign shore

They'll take you and break you  
Till your hearts full of pain  
For the sacrificed love  
And your ill gotten gain

They'll wake up the mother  
With a shout and a roar  
And she'll rise up with weeping  
For all that she saw.

For her jewellery now gone  
And her wounds and her pain  
And she'll shatter your dreaming  
And begin again

Her greenness she'll gather  
A cloak at her feet  
And she'll look for her governors  
The mild and the meek

She'll chase away anger and  
Chase away pain  
And rebuild her fortress  
So you'll not come again!

**SHARON LIVERMORE**  
Kempsey, NSW



## Progress: Yes, but childbirth a concern

WELL, it has taken a long, long time, but we are making progress at a quicker pace these days.

I'm in my early 80s, so I have seen many changes. Along with some members of my family, I was in a position where there were benefits in getting the 'dog tag' exemption certificate.

Then I witnessed the referendum, which was a wonderful forward step.

Then recently the long overdue apology, and PM Rudd taking his Cabinet into remote Yirrkala and then the US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice shaking hands with Aboriginal dancers who greeted her in Perth.

More importantly, when I was at school, very few Aboriginal children completed primary school.

Now, high school and university are common.

We now have Aboriginal doctors, lawyers and accountants, and in many more academic fields there is no limit.

All of which is good, very slow progress, but at least it is happening.

Then there is progress in the medical profession.

But the one that concerns me is the area of childbirth.

Women at Wilcannia, in western NSW, cannot have their babies in that hospital. They have to go to Broken Hill, 200km away.

Now, the maternity ward at Katoomba hospital is closing, so women in that area have to travel to Lithgow or Nepean, a western Sydney hospital.

The point I'm making is that during a 14-year period of my childhood, we lived on a four-acre block of land a mile from the little town of Wanaaring, which is 200km west of Bourke, NSW, and during that period, 12 babies were born there in tents and I have seen most of those babies grow into adulthood.

So, what's the drift with having to travel those long distances to hospital?

HAROLD HUNT  
St Mary's

## Great poem by Coralie Cassady

HAVING been away in Noosa for two weeks, I have just collected my 2 July issue of *The Koori Mail*.

I would like to say how impressed I was with the poem *Speak Up, Speak Out, Speak Loud*, by Coralie Cassady.

Being a victim in the past, it really brought it all back to me. You published my story, which I sent to you a year or more ago. We must keep fighting.



CORALIE CASSADY

I have tried to help, listen and make suggestions to our women regarding leaving.

It's sad that so many stay, and hide their pain behind a haze of grog and drugs.

I say again, you are better than that.

As Coralie Cassady suggests, speak up. I did. I am free and safe.

NAJELLA GREEN  
Palm Beach, Qld

### One and only mother

To my mother, Bunchie  
The one and only  
Love will flow  
From your heart on me

Thinking of you  
When you're lonely  
For you are my one and  
only mother  
That no-one can take from  
me

Even though we are apart  
You will always have a

place in my heart  
For ever and ever until this  
day ends  
For eva and eva - amen.

Knowing that you  
Will always be  
My one and only  
Mum for me.

We love you with all our  
hearts  
Mother and daughters,  
Sons and mother  
Til this day, we'll never part.

THERESA DALTON  
Lismore, NSW

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DANIEL DAVIS  
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The regional strategy covers the local government areas of Wingecarribee, Goulburn Mulwaree, Upper Lachlan, Yass Valley, Palerang and Queanbeyan. It recognises the importance of working cooperatively with the ACT and represents the NSW Government's position on settlement within the cross-border region.

The strategy is available from the Department's website at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au). Hard copies are available from the Department's offices at:

- Head Office, Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
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# Removal policy clearly wrong

I SIMPLY cannot let Stephen Hagan's comments in his 'The Abuse of Innocence' (*Koori Mail*, 16 July 2008) go unchallenged.

It is clear, not just because he admits it, that he has not had children removed from him by 'public servants'.

It also is clear that while he refers to it, he has not appreciated the overall message of Doris Pilkington Garimara's novel *Rabbit Proof Fence*, that there is a fundamental biological, social and cultural need for children to stay with their parents and family and that judgments made by public servants about the welfare of children have been terribly flawed.

The traumatic removal of children shown in the film version is a scene which is still repeated daily for the children of today, for children of all heritages, colours and complexions.

It is always done supposedly 'in the best interests of the child' as it was in *Rabbit Proof Fence*. Yet, we now know how misguided and harmful that removal was. And yet it continues.

Despite our Prime Minister's recent apology, this is not just a past abuse. It is present day and it happens every day. It is shocking and is something which our nation should be very ashamed of.

## Children need their parent(s) and family

This is a biological and social fact of life. Deprived of them, children languish and do not progress and grow physically, socially and intellectually as they should.

This is millenniums-old common sense. It is backed up more recently by the research of countless respected authorities and academics.

Moreover, this was a central thrust of our own 1997 HREOC *Bringing Them Home Report* on the Stolen Generations.

It is also a core rationale for the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, a legally binding international convention which Australia's Parliament ratified nearly two decades ago.

## Removal of a child from her/his parent(s) does incalculable harm to that child

This is known through common sense and the references cited above. The trauma and abuse suffered by children as a result of their removal from their parent(s) through the emotional, physical, sexual and systems abuse which such removals entail lives with those children for the rest of their lives.

## Long-term removal disastrous for children

The long-term trauma for children in 'out of home care' is just as bad if not worse, particularly in terms of the child's later adult life. In 1997 the Australian Association for Infant Mental Health reported to the HREOC Stolen Generations Inquiry that:

*It has been argued that early loss of a primary care-giver or prolonged separation before the age of 11 is conducive to subsequent depression, choice of an inappropriate partner and difficulties in parenting the next generation. Anti-social activity, violence, depression and suicide have also been suggested as likely results of the severe disruption of affectional bonds.* (Submission 699/page 2.)

The so-called orphan children brought to Australia after World War II were too often terribly harmed by their long-term removal. Children incarcerated in 'children's homes' and orphanages all over Australia until the 1980s were horrifically abused and harmed through their experiences.

The effects of long-term removal of Aboriginal and so-called 'half-caste' children from their parent(s) was equally horrific. It led to great numbers of angry and dysfunctional young adults (many now elderly adults) prone to substance abuse, suicide and incapable of

forming lasting, meaningful relationships.

More recently, the number of children placed in foster care and abused by their approved foster carers has been equally shocking. See the *Bringing Them Home Report* (30 per cent of girls in foster care were sexually abused, Page 162), the 2004 Queensland CMC *Report on the Abuse of Children in Foster Care* and the 2008 *South Australian Mullighan South Australian Children in State Care Report*, just to name a few of so many official reports from across Australia.

It is worth quoting Gwenn Murray, the author of the December 2003 *Queensland Audit Report to Parliament of Foster Carers Subject to Protection Notifications*:

*Despite an underlying expectation that once children and young people are removed from their parents they are safe from further harm or risk of harm, children and young people entering the alternative care system are vulnerable to a number of risks. One of these risks relates to the risk of further harm to them by the people entrusted to care for them.* (Gwenn Murray, Dec 2003, page 14.)

This was written in 2003, but a leopard does not change its spots. Foster care is harmful to children.

How many more reports to parliaments across Australia are we going to have to have before governments take note that removal and placement in foster care represents a serious and significant physical and psychological health risk for children both in the short and long terms?

## Parents vital for children

Parent(s) are the single most important stakeholder in children's lives. They are more important to children than any other stakeholder; far, far more important.

In principle, they are much more important to promoting a child's welfare, well-being and best interests than the Department of Child Safety, the Commissioner for Children, the Police, the Create Foundation, Bravehearts, foster carers, social workers, child safety officers, doctors, teachers and so on.

Parents are fundamental to child welfare, growth and development.

For this reason, parents need to be respected, supported and valued by government child protection departments and agencies. This is not happening as parents are routinely faced by supercilious, judgmental and demonising case workers and then marginalised and pilloried by adversarial departments and the court system.

This treatment of children's parents is not in our children's best interests. Our laws need to more strongly reflect the fundamental importance and value of parents to children and to quite specifically require departments to treat children's parents accordingly.

## Welfare – not removal

Government departments need to focus on child welfare – not child removal. It is a derogation of responsibility to simply remove children and most importantly it harms children to do so.

When families are struggling or in crisis, government agencies need to step in to help, to work with parents – not against them – and walk with them for their children's sake.

Simply blaming parents for not doing enough to care for and protect their children, as Stephen Hagan does, is short-sighted and a head-in-the-sand approach.

A big stick and blaming approach is counter-productive and will never succeed. Our society should be ashamed of the high number of children removed from their parents and placed in 'out-of-home care'.

Unfortunately, the number of children removed will continue to escalate and more and more children will become permanently dysfunctional from the abuse of removal until, hopefully, one

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# Cherbourg boxing legend passes on

## First Aborigine to win Commonwealth Games gold medal

JEFF 'Mitta' Dynevor, the first Aboriginal athlete to win a Commonwealth Games gold medal, was farewelled at a funeral on 23 July in the south-east Queensland town of Cherbourg.

His history-making achievement came at the 1962 Commonwealth Games in Perth, where he won gold in the bantamweight division.

Born in the south-western Queensland town of Thargomindah, he moved to Cherbourg as a boy when his parents were forcibly sent to a mission.

Jeffrey Dynevor Jnr said his uncle was highly respected.

"He done his family proud, he done himself proud," he said.

Mr Dynevor, 70, died in the town's hospital earlier this month.

His close friend and fellow 1962 Commonwealth Games boxer Eddie Barney paid tribute to his life-long friend.

"We were very, very good friends. And I am very proud to say that I went across to Perth with Jeff in 1962, the same as Adrian Blair. We were all Cherbourg boxers," said Mr Barney, who is the son of bowling great Eddie Gilbert.

"We were thrilled to be there - three Aboriginal people from the same community. We were proud to be picked for our country. I was a bit apprehensive, but Jeff... he took it in his stride.

"Jeff was a terrific bloke.

"He was shy in his own quiet way. We'd yarn, but around the media he was a bit quiet.

"Jeff did a lot for our people. He was a great role model for all the young people growing up."

Mr Dynevor's niece, Rosemaren Pilot, told the ABC's 7.30 Report that Jeff Dynevor's gold

medal performance meant a great deal to the family.

"You know, our chests swelled out with pride and doing this, showing what he has done, you know? Being an Aboriginal," she said.

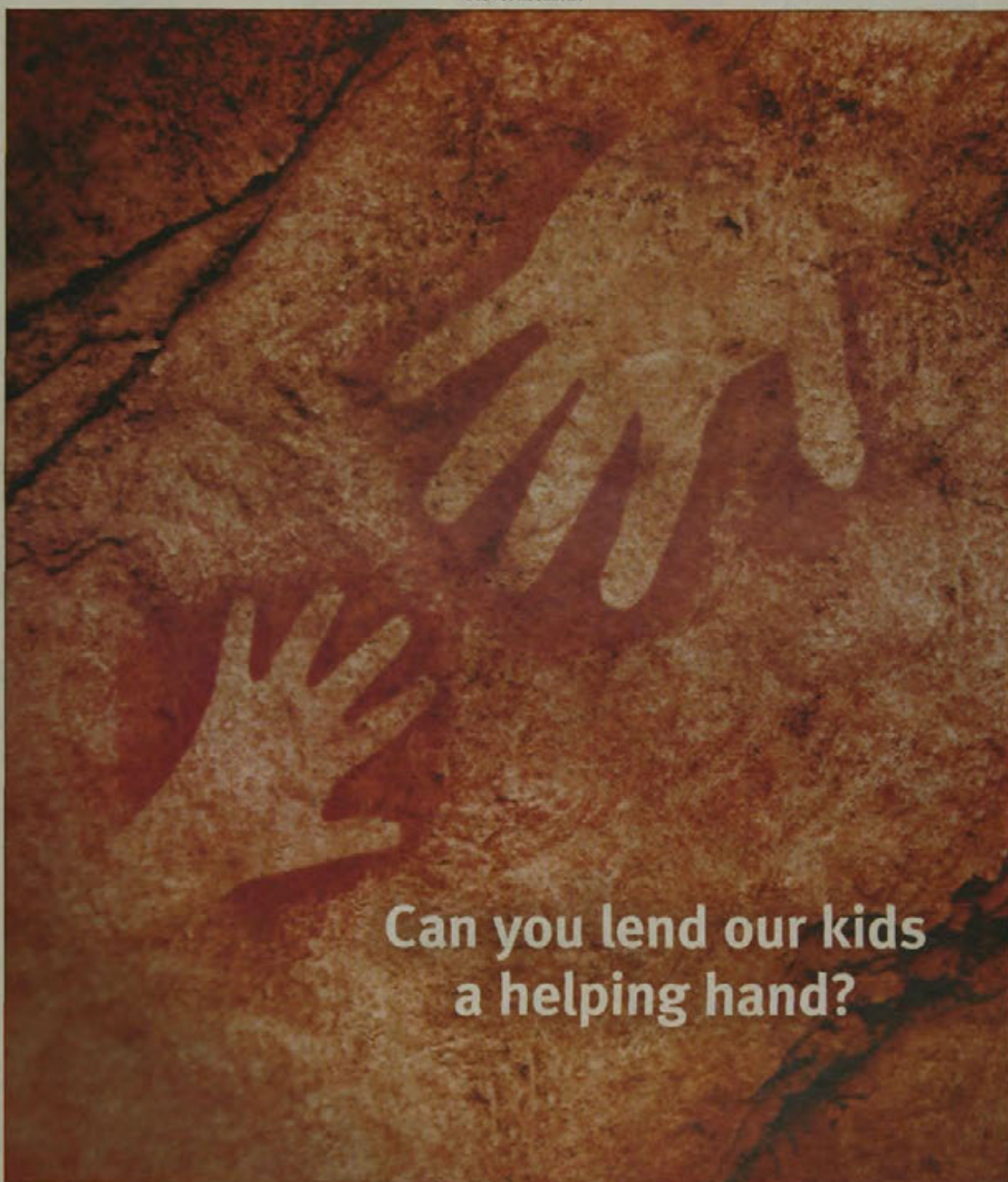
Former boxing champion Arthur 'Bullet' Bradley told The 7.30 Report: "Jeffrey Dynevor used his head. He was a brainy fighter.

"He boxed and he was fast. And could he hit. He had a terrific left rip."



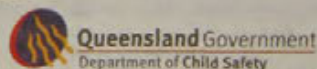
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day there is a paradigm change of direction by government departments from blame and the big stick to the hard slog of real pro-active welfare work.

#### Draconian laws

I don't think Stephen Hagan quite realises that, in fact, public servants still do have unfettered rights to remove children. Our laws have not changed much in that respect during the last 100 years.

The Queensland Child Protection Act of 1999 and similar Acts in all other States have really harsh and draconian provisions which prevent parents from resisting marauding bureaucrats who come knocking on the door to remove their children. Many parents have been capsicum sprayed and jailed for defending their children.

**SIMON GLEN**  
Toowoomba, Qld

● Simon Glen is a non-Indigenous man with an academic background in research into Indigenous education. He is a member of Family Inclusion Network (FIN), a support organisation for parents whose children are in out-of-home care.



# Emerging Victorian leaders win awards



TWO emerging Indigenous leaders have received awards to develop their potential and help them achieve their vision for their communities.

Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Richard Wynne this month presented the Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership Emerging Leader 2008 awards to Lidia Thorpe, from East Gippsland, and Roland Atkinson, from Shepparton.

Mr Wynne said the Victorian Government continued to promote and support Indigenous leadership and advocacy by providing support to the Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership program, in partnership with the philanthropic and corporate sectors.

"This award, as part of the Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership program, provides an important opportunity for members of Indigenous communities to develop their leadership skills and capacity to work effectively on behalf of their communities," the Minister said.

## Significant

"This year's Emerging Leaders, Lidia Thorpe and Roland Atkinson, already play significant roles in their communities and the Fellowship funding will allow them to pursue new projects that focus on Indigenous education, health and culture over the next year."

Lidia Thorpe is the Manager of the Baimsdale Healthy for Life program, is mother to three children and has been

involved in organising a Lake Tyers walk and sports carnival.

Roland Atkinson is an educator at Tafe in Shepparton, plays football and basketball in local competitions, and was formerly an Aboriginal Affairs cultural officer.

"Lidia will continue to look for opportunities to bring people together in her Gippsland community and foster relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, and Roland will focus on creating a strong sense of Aboriginal cultural identity with education programs that target pre-school and primary school children in the Shepparton area," Mr Wynne said.

The Victorian Government has provided \$250,000 in funding since 2006 as part of

the Community Capacity Building Program.

The outgoing Emerging Leader from 2007 and MC of the awards event, Belinda Jakiel said: "The support of the Fellowship program has been empowering and instrumental in developing my confidence and broadening my connections."

"It has been an opportunity that has required me to challenge myself in new ways and provided me with exposure to key people across industries."

The Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership was established in 2003 and provides financial support, networking and professional development opportunities for Fellows over a five year period and support for Emerging Leaders over one year.

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Scientists warn that climate change will cause more severe bushfires, storms, cyclones and floods. This is already pushing up insurance premiums.



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To protect our economy, we must act now. We're developing a Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme to tackle climate change, putting a limit on carbon pollution and encouraging cleaner energy solutions. Because by acting today, we can protect tomorrow. We want to know what you think, so to find out more and to have your say, call 1800 057 590 or visit [www.climatechange.gov.au](http://www.climatechange.gov.au) Think Climate. Think Change. We can't afford not to.



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# Wotton set to benefit



A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN campaign to have a riot charge dropped against Palm Island man Lex Wotton is continuing, with a fundraiser planned in Melbourne next weekend.

Mr Wotton is due to go to trial in the Queensland District Court in October on a charge of riot, causing destruction of a building. The charges stem from community unrest following the 2004 death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee on Palm Island.

Police officer Chris Hurley was last year acquitted of Mr Doomadgee's manslaughter, despite the Coroner's finding that the officer's actions caused the 36-year-old's death. He is still facing a civil claim from Mulrunji's family.

Mr Wotton will address the Lex Wotton Solidarity Fiesta fundraiser on Saturday 9 August. His Sydney-based lawyer Stewart Levitt is reportedly seeking the Prime Minister's support for changes to the Queensland Criminal Code to reduce the penalty for the charge Mr Wotton is facing: from a maximum of life in prison to 12 months, or less if there are mitigating factors. State Attorney-General Kerry Shine has given the request the thumbs down.

Next week's fundraiser by the Indigenous Social Justice Association (Melbourne), will be held at the Maritime Union of Australia Hall in West Melbourne. There'll be finger food and entertainment by Joe Geia, The Conch and The Grenadines. Tickets are \$25 (solidarity price), \$20 (full price) or \$10 (unwaged). Proceeds go to the Lex Wotton Victorian speaking tour and/or assist Mr Wotton with the campaign. For information, call (03) 9388 0062 or 0401 806 331.



LEX WOTTON

## Rocci gets the boot



Rocci Gabey's quest to become one of Australia's future soccer stars has come to an end. Rocci, 17, was selected in the top 15 for the FOX8 reality TV show *Football Superstar*.

The successful contestant will score a spot with the Sydney Football Club youth team, and a one-year scholarship at Macquarie University. But the 17-year-old Torres Strait Islander's hopes of reaching that goal were stopped short, after being booted from the reality show. Rocci will now complete his Year 12 studies at Canterbury Boys High School.





At the awards were, front from left, Donna Bridge, Elainah Coffin, Tim Schoenmaker, Diane Appleby (accepting on behalf of her mother Doris Edgar), Denise Mitchell, Donnelle Slater, Sinan Kerimofski and Education Minister Mark McGowan; back, from left, Paul Bridge, Jordan Ah Chee, Robert Wright, Basil Kickett, Roxanne Moncrieff, and Acting Director-General of Education and Training Robert Player. Photo by JEN DE VOS

# Best in the West



SOME of Western Australia's top Aboriginal students and educators have been recognised in the Aboriginal Education Awards of Achievement announced recently to coincide with NAIDOC celebrations.

Speaking at the awards ceremony in Perth, WA Education and Training Minister Mark McGowan said two Year 12 Aboriginal students in particular had made outstanding contributions to their schools.

He said Elainah Coffin, from Belmont City College, and Jordan Ah Chee, from Kelmscott Senior High School, were exceptional leaders.

"In addition to being in her school's Academic Extension Program, Elainah is the first Aboriginal President of the Student Council at Belmont City College, and her involvement in the community is remarkable," Mr McGowan said.

"As Deputy Head Boy at Kelmscott Senior High School, Jordan is also in his school's Academic Talent Program and is an accomplished team leader on the sports field."

Other award winners included a principal, a deputy principal, an Aboriginal and Islander education officer and a primary school student.

The Minister said the award winners were examples of the successes being achieved in Aboriginal education in Western Australia.

"The WA Government recognises the importance of education and remains committed to achieving more for Aboriginal students in our State," he said.

"With a particular focus on early childhood education, attendance and community partnerships, we are determined to bring about significant improvements in the performance of Aboriginal students.

"These award winners are helping to bring about a culture of excellence in Aboriginal education and they are to be congratulated."

## Aboriginal Education Awards of Achievement winners

### Outstanding Female Aboriginal Student Year 12: Elainah Coffin,

Belmont City College. Elainah is a member of Belmont City College's Academic Extension Program and the Follow the Dream program. She is studying four TEE subjects and hopes to pursue a career in law or teaching.

### Outstanding Male Aboriginal Student Year 12: Jordan Ah Chee,

Kelmscott Senior High School. Jordan is a member of the Department of Education and Training's Academic Talent Program and Follow the Dream program. As Deputy Head Boy of Kelmscott Senior High School, he is active in school life and gets involved in community events such as Anzac Day and NAIDOC Week.

**Outstanding Educator:** Sinan Kerimofski, Busselton Primary School. Mr Kerimofski is Deputy Principal of Busselton Primary School, where he established the Kaaka Baaka Noongar

cultural program for Aboriginal students in Years Four to Seven. The program has fostered increased understanding and awareness of Noongar culture across the school and Warren-Blackwood Education District.

### Outstanding Primary School Student Citizenship: Jamaine Ward,

Kununurra District High School. Jamaine is a Year 7 student at Kununurra District High School, where her excellent attendance and participation in voluntary after school classes sets a positive example for other students.

### Outstanding Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer: Basil Kickett,

Narrogin Primary School. Mr Kickett is a Noongar Elder and member of the Wilman group, and is well-regarded for his ability to guide and support Noongar students at Narrogin Primary School.

### Barry Hayward Award: Donnelle Slater,

Balga Senior High School. Donnelle is a language specialist in Noongar language and co-ordinates the Languages Other Than English (LOTE) program at Balga Senior High School.

**Ben Drayton Award:** Goldfields District Education Office, Kalgoorlie Boulder Indigenous Early Years Development Project. The Kalgoorlie Boulder Indigenous Early Years Development Project started in 2007 to encourage Aboriginal children to take part in early years' education, as well as increasing support and information

services to their parents.

### Milton Thorne Award (metro):

Noongar Student Club, Swan View Primary School. The Noongar Student Club was established in 2007 to give Aboriginal students an opportunity to regularly celebrate their Indigenous heritage, identity and culture.

### Milton Thorne Award (regional):

Karratha Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee, Karratha Primary School. The Karratha Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee was set up to manage strategies to reduce absenteeism and improve participation at Karratha Primary School, by making the school a welcoming environment for Aboriginal children and their families.

### Outstanding Leadership in

**Aboriginal Education:** Donna Bridge, Principal East Kalgoorlie Primary School. Ninety-six per cent of East Kalgoorlie Primary School students are Aboriginal and, as principal, Donna Bridge has created a culture celebrating the school's unique culture through its 'Deadly and Smart' ethos.

### Aboriginal Education and Training Council Award: Doris Edgar, Broome.

Doris Edgar is a Naja Karajarri Elder who has excelled in recording, promoting and teaching Aboriginal languages to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. Mrs Edgar has been teaching Yawuru language and culture to students at Broome primary schools every week for the past 16 years.



## CHERBOURG ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVIEW CHERBOURG

The Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (situated in the South Burnett region of SE Qld) is seeking to engage a business consultant to review economic development opportunities within Cherbourg and assist with the development of a Community Enterprise Development Unit.

This will include feasibility studies on existing enterprises as well as possible new enterprises.

A consultant's brief is available by contacting Ross Higgins at the Council office phone 07 41681866 or email at cherbourgceo@burnett.net.au

A written proposal (including your fee) is required at the Council office by 3.00pm Friday 15 August 2008.

Warren Collins  
Chief Executive Officer  
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council  
Barambah Avenue  
Cherbourg Q 4605



## Aboriginal heritage – Oxley Highway

The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) proposes to upgrade the Oxley Highway at Port Macquarie between Wright's Road and Pacific Highway.

The RTA seeks the registration of Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people who wish to be consulted on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters relating to Oxley Highway Upgrade.

Registrations from Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people wishing to be consulted must be received by phone or in writing by 20 August 2008.

To register your interest, please contact:

Mr Lindsay Nash, Project Manager,  
PO Box 576 Grafton NSW 2460.  
Telephone 131 782 Fax 02 6640 1006 or  
email Lindsay\_Nash@rtansw.gov.au.

The cultural heritage assessment may result in the RTA applying for a section 87 permit and/or a section 90 consent under Part 6 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, and may also be used in the assessment of the impact of the project under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

## GAMILAROI / KAMILAROI / GOMEROI LOCAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS

NTSCORP Ltd (formerly NSW Native Title Services Ltd) is convening local community meetings for Gamilaroi People during August 2008. The local community meetings are to discuss and make decisions about the Gamilaroi Nation Project which has now commenced. Gamilaroi People are encouraged to attend the local meetings.

### The AGENDA for the meeting is:

1. To discuss the Gamilaroi Nation Project and provide updates;
2. To discuss the NTSCORP Project Team working on the Project;
3. The appointment of one representative and one alternative representative (be that confirmation and appointment of current spokesperson as representative or nomination and appointment of a new representative) to the Gomerioi Tribal Nation Secretariat (previously Gamilaroi Negotiation Council) from each of the areas set out below;
4. To identify local natural resource and cultural heritage issues;
5. To identify local capacity and training issues in natural resource management;
6. To discuss the Gomerioi Tribal Nations Secretariat Terms of Reference;
7. To provide an update on the Gamilaroi Research Project;
8. To discuss possible local governance structures;
9. To discuss local natural resource issues; and
10. Any other business arising.

### MEETING VENUES AND DATES

Coonamble/ Gulgargambone	11-12 August 2008	Day 1: 10am - 4:30pm Day 2: 9:30am - 12:30pm	Gulgargambone Golf Club Muriaman Street Gulgargambone
Inverell/ Tingha	14 August 2008	9:30am - 4:00pm	Mrangali Aboriginal Corp 4 Amethyst St, Tingha
Walhallow/ Caroona	15 August 2008	9:30am - 1:30pm	Grainy Sampson Hall Walhallow Village

Lunch is provided.

The Local Meetings for Coonabarabran, Narrabri, Quirindi and Werris Creek, Gunnedah/Breeza, Tamworth, Walgett, Collarenebri (Lightening Ridge), Moree, Terry Hie Hie, Temora, Mungindi, were held in late 2007. Local Meetings for South West Queensland will be held at a later date.

TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE OR TO MAKE ENQUIRIES  
PLEASE CONTACT PHIL DUNCAN, COMMUNITY FACILITATOR,  
NTSCORP SYDNEY OFFICE ON PHONE 02 9310 3188 OR  
TOLLFREE PHONE 1800 111 844

# Sea protection project wins national award



AN Aboriginal project aimed at protecting threatened dugongs and turtles across northern Australia has been recognised with a national environment award.

The Dugong and Marine Turtle Project, led by the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA), was one of three finalists competing for the Indigenous Award category at the presentation evening held in Melbourne on Friday 18 July.

Environment Minister Peter Garrett presented the award to NAILSMA Executive Officer Joe Morrison and recognised the Indigenous people driving the project as the 'front-line' managers of the north Australian coast where dugong and turtle remain abundant.

The program was the first of its kind in Australia and is founded on the traditional knowledge and expertise of Indigenous people.

Mr Morrison said it was an honour to receive an award that acknowledged the stewardship of



Part of a ranger's job is to monitor baby turtles to ensure the survival of this and other species.

Indigenous land and sea managers across northern Australia for nationally and internationally significant eco-systems.

"The project has taken a practical approach to dugong and marine turtle management by creating new Indigenous ranger programs and

supporting existing ones," Mr Morrison said. "It demonstrates that having Indigenous people on country, managing their lands and delivering environmental benefits for all Australians, is an important asset for the national good."

"The project supports communities to combine Indigenous knowledge with modern research and training to undertake management activities such as mapping and monitoring populations and habitats, tracking turtle migrations by satellite, and developing turtle and dugong management plans."

The project brought together Indigenous people with scientists from across northern Australia to help in the management and protection of the threatened marine species.

Project partners across Australia include Charles Darwin University (CDU), Tropical Savannas CRC, Northern Land Council, Kimberley Land Council, Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation and Torres Strait Regional Authority.



Children and others observe a turtle laying eggs on a northern Australian beach.

## More support for Burrup rock art



FRIENDS of Australian Rock Art (FARA) has welcomed news that an influential archaeology gathering has thrown its support behind a campaign to protect ancient rock art on the West Australian Burrup Peninsula.

FARA said that delegates of the 74 countries making up the World Archaeology Congress (WAC) passed a strongly-worded motion early this month condemning the continuing destruction of the Burrup rock carvings.

The Sixth World Archaeological Congress, opened by Irish President Mary McAleese, was held in Dublin, Ireland in the week to 4 July. WAC holds an international convention every four years.

The motion to the WAC executive was reportedly: "To demand of the Australian and West Australian governments that no more rock art and standing stones be damaged, moved or destroyed as a result of industrial and other development within the Dampier Archipelago."

"Again, another august body of the

international community has condemned the Australian Government over its inability to protect the some of the world's earliest petroglyphs," said FARA's co-convenor Robin Chapple.

"How many more (international organisations) will it take to make the governments of Australia take action?"

"As we speak more rock art is to be destroyed/relocated on the Burrup. Is there no end to this wanton destruction?"

The World Monuments Fund and the National Trust of Australia have placed the Dampier Archipelago on their most endangered heritage lists.





The Ba-ra Boolarng dancers, after their first official performance in front of MP Jodi McKay, Minister Kevin Greene, Lynn Dickson from AbSec and HACS Chairperson Jackie Henderson at the opening of HACS' new Newcastle offices.

# Call for foster carers



THE QUEENSLAND Government is urgently looking for 500 Indigenous Queensland families to take abused and neglected Indigenous children into their hearts and homes.

More than 150 Indigenous potential carers have already responded to the Government's campaign asking Queenslanders to become foster and kinship carers. More than 3000 people have contacted the Government since the campaign started on 11 May.

Child Safety Minister Margaret Keech said the response was encouraging, but she urged other Indigenous families to consider their ability to help.

"Child safety officers place our Indigenous children into care to protect them at about six times the rate of their non-Indigenous counterparts," she said.

"It is important when we do this that these children and young people can maintain links with their culture."

Mrs Keech said the recruitment campaign had targeted Indigenous families with advertising tailored to Indigenous Queenslanders, published and broadcast in Indigenous media outlets.

"We need individuals, couples and families. Even if you can spare just the occasional weekend to offer support to full-time carers when they need a break to deal with personal matters or recover from illness, then we want you to give us a call," she said.

"Carers can come from all walks of life, be young or old, and live in the city or the bush."

"However they all have one thing in common - a steadfast commitment to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and young people."

Mrs Keech said the State Government had committed more than \$15 million over five years to recruit, train and increase support for carers.

"The money will go towards streamlining the approval process, reducing red tape and improving support networks and services for carers," she said. "There are currently about 3300 foster and kinship carers in Queensland and the campaign aims to recruit an additional 500 carers."

"The funds to seek more carers are just a small part of the Government's investment in finding safe places to live for neglected Indigenous children."

# Caring for kids



AT any given time in New South Wales, around 12,700 children are not able to live at home for a period of time.

Many of those children will rely on the generosity of foster carers to provide them with a safe, supportive environment.

Earlier this month, the NSW Government stepped up its efforts to support existing foster families and to recruit more.

At State Parliament on 3 July, Community Services Minister Kevin Greene launched a new film called *Have a Heart - Become a Carer*.

Developed by the Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec), the film aims to recruit more Aboriginal foster families to care for children who can't live at home.

Mr Greene said such resources helped to spread the word about the constant need for new carers.

"This video will be available across NSW and will help pave the way for better recruiting and training of Aboriginal carers," he said.

"Experience shows that new carers are recruited by people already

dedicated to performing this important service for our most vulnerable children.

"The real-life stories presented explain the vital role of Aboriginal foster carers, and will boost the quality of foster care."

The film interviews a number of Aboriginal foster carers, young people who were formerly in care and workers in Aboriginal out-of-home care services.

It covers such issues as the challenges and rewards of foster care, what makes a good carer, what it's like for the child, and support and teamwork.

AbSec Executive Office Bill Pritchard said it was important to place Indigenous children whenever possible with Aboriginal families.

"Having links to your own culture can make a great deal of difference for children," he said.

"There are many reasons a child may not be able to live at home and this new resource means more safe and caring homes for Aboriginal children and young people in NSW."

On 7 July, the Minister opened new offices for Hunter Aboriginal Children's Services (HACS), an Indigenous not-for-profit community service in Newcastle.

"This is an important part of our \$5.4 million commitment to provide the best

possible care for Aboriginal Children in out-of-home care in the Hunter," he said during the NAIDOC Week event.

"A \$175,000 one-off establishment grant from the lemma Government has allowed HACS to set up these new premises, and expand their service."

"The multi-million package will see HACS rapidly expand its staff and services. It currently cares for around 30 children. This will double to around 60 children throughout the Hunter, Singleton and Muswellbrook."

Member for Newcastle Jodi McKay said that the opening was a great start to NAIDOC Week.

"Now HACS has its new headquarters, they will go from strength to strength," said Ms McKay. "HACS will be servicing a big area and I know they need as many Aboriginal families as they can get to take up the challenge of being carers."

HACS General Manager Steve Larkins welcomed the new offices and reinforced the need for families to come on board.

"Culture and connection are very important for children separated from family. That is why we need Aboriginal families to be foster carers when kinship care is not possible," he said.

# Artistic transportation



WINTER days in Canberra can be a bit bleak but passengers on some bus routes in the national capital are about to enjoy some unexpected colour.

Two ACTION buses featuring locally designed Indigenous artwork were launched in Canberra earlier this month.

Territory and Municipal Services Minister John Hargreaves officially launched the project, which saw his department work closely with the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre to

develop the vibrant artwork.

The project was coordinated by local Elder Matilda House, along with five senior artists including her son Paul House, who in turn worked with eight local children and young people to help develop the designs.

The project provided the local community with an opportunity to come together, to share local history and develop local Indigenous arts practices.

The artwork was painted onto a number of canvases, then pulled together by Rob Little Digital Images in consultation with Matilda House and screened onto

vinyl wraps that were placed onto the two buses.

Launching the project, Mr Hargreaves said the buses represented 'a very tangible expression of the journey that the non-Indigenous and the Indigenous peoples in Canberra are actually going through at the moment towards true reconciliation and a true embrace of each other'.

Ngambri artist Paul House told the local Canberra Times newspaper that it had been a pleasure to work with the younger generation 'because it's about the transfer of knowledge'.



One of the buses featuring Indigenous artwork.

"Because the Elders are transferring knowledge...it created an opportunity to earn respect and to show respect," Mr House said.

"And we're really honoured to be able to show our culture and demonstrate our connection to our land and our country, and

demonstrate our rights to speak for country and express our cultural expression of country."

The buses were on show during recent NAIDOC Week celebrations, providing a good opportunity to preview brighter days ahead for Canberra.



## TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS GAMES FREE INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

NSW Sport and Recreation is holding a 'train the trainer' day in Traditional Indigenous Games (TIG).

**DETAILS:** DATE: Wednesday 6th August  
TIME: 1.00pm to 3.30pm  
VENUE: Ballina Public School  
COST: Free  
AGES: 16 years and over

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Aboriginal people who want to learn about TIG
- Sports instructors
- Teachers education assistants
- Health workers
- Youth workers
- Community development officers

### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Learning to deliver TIG
- Learning about the origins of TIG
- Teaching the history of TIG

Participants receive a handbook, notes and a certificate. Pre-enrolment is ESSENTIAL.

Phone NSW Sport and Recreation on 66180400 to register.



# Music workshops target kids

By CHRISTINE HOWES



**YARRABAH'S** Barry Cedric wants more Indigenous kids involved in music. That's why he's

organised a series of workshops across the Cape York region in northern Australia, two of which have already been held – at Doomadgee and Mornington Island.

Mr Cedric, a community worker and experienced musician, believes music can change kids' way of living.

It's a belief he still holds dear, despite a quiet response from Indigenous kids to his latest workshop, in Cairns.

Mr Cedric joined forces with musicians the Drahm brothers, Les and Greg, to take his workshops to the suburbs, hooking into an existing program called Culture Beat – Live the Dream.

Culture Beat is auspiced by the Tanks Art Centre and Cairns City Council and started about five years ago in Innisfail.

Les Drahm said the idea of the program was to change the kids way of living.

"Music has got no colour, it's a



North Queensland music makers Greg Drahm, Barry Cedric and Les Drahm.

universal language – every culture in the world has one thing in common and that's music," he said.

"So I'm using all that to try and change the young people. It's too late to change the adults. I want the young people to try to work in together in a team environment, to get on with each other and to stamp out racism amongst Indigenous people and doing it through music."

Mr Cedric said the Culture Beat program had been invaluable, but he

was still disappointed in the lack of Indigenous interest.

"I was hoping more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people would come along. They're gammin'-shy, I don't know why, but the Cook Island community here (in Cairns) is really responsive," he said.

For more information about ongoing (and free) Culture Beat workshops with the Drahm brothers, contact Tony Dennis at the Tank Arts Centre on (07) 4032 2349.

# Seminars look to the future



**CHARLES** Darwin University (CDU) has launched a national seminar series which will debate the future directions of Australian Indigenous policy. The series,

*Indigenous Public Policy: Responses from the Ground*, will combine opinions of past and present policy makers, such as former Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough, with those of Northern Territory residents who deal daily with the effects of Indigenous policy.

A researcher with CDU's School for Social and Policy Research and Tiwi child health expert, Dr Gary Robinson, said it was time for Canberra to stop and listen.

"Territorial opinion is routinely ignored when it comes to Indigenous policies coming out of Canberra," he said.

"This series will provide a forum for Territorial Indigenous policy advocates to breach the wall of indifference."

North Australian Indigenous Land and

Sea Management Alliance Executive Officer and series speaker Joe Morrison insisted that Indigenous people must be equal partners in the reform agenda.

"The public policy mess that has embroiled Indigenous affairs in the last decade has left a lot of Indigenous people, particularly those in the bush, as spectators while successive governments attempt to reform their dire circumstances," he said.

## Marginalise

"At the same time, the rush to develop the north's water and mineral assets could further marginalise Indigenous people if a new public policy engagement model is not created to allow Indigenous people a seat at the negotiating table."

Territorial speakers will include Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory chief John Paterson, CDU education researcher based in central Australia Josie Douglas and CDU gambling researcher Matt

Stevens. Other speakers will include Social Justice Commissioner of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Tom Calma and Director of Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research Jon Altman.

Presenters will make policy recommendations in the areas of Indigenous health, education, native title, and gambling. They also will draw lessons from past policy, including the Northern Territory Emergency Response.

The series is co-hosted by CDU and the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.

Presenters will appear midday (Australian Central Time) most Mondays until 20 October in Darwin, Alice Springs or Canberra. The sessions will be broadcast live to each centre as well as to the University of Notre Dame in Broome.

Information, including times, venues, and abstracts are available at [www.cdu.edu.au/sspr/responsesfromtheground.html](http://www.cdu.edu.au/sspr/responsesfromtheground.html)



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## APPLICATIONS FOR CONTRACTS

The Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (NRCMA) invites suitably qualified and experienced providers to undertake the following natural resource management projects.

**Best Practice Guidelines for Marine Resource Users**  
**Coastline Natural Resource Management Plans**  
**Priorities Action Statement Implementation Pilot Project**  
**Managing Disruptions (Threats) to Natural Systems**  
**Key Corridor Connections**  
**Soils Baseline Data**

Each project is to be completed in the 2008-2009 financial year. Applications will be assessed on merit and must address the selection criteria identified in the project brief. Project briefs and application guides are available from the NRCMA website, [www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au). For further information contact NRCMA Program Manager, Ian Simpson, on mob. 0428 824 378.

Applications close Monday August 25 2008

Applications should be addressed to the General Manager, Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority, PO Box 618, Grafton NSW 2460.



## QUEANBEYAN CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2008

Thinking of nominating as a candidate for your local Council?

If so it is important that you read this notice. As a candidate you have certain obligations and responsibilities under law. Check the website [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au) and [www.qla.nsw.gov.au](http://www.qla.nsw.gov.au) for further details.

### How to nominate for election as Councillor

To nominate for Council, you must lodge a nomination form and \$125 nomination deposit by 12 noon Wednesday, 13 August 2008, with the Returning Officer.

### How to nominate for election as Mayor

To nominate for Mayor, you must lodge a nomination form and \$125 nomination deposit by 12 noon Wednesday, 13 August 2008, with the Returning Officer.

### Where do I get a nomination form?

Nomination forms and other important nomination and electoral information are available from the Returning Officer or from the New South Wales Electoral Commission website: [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au).

**Candidate Information sheets:** Every candidate is required to lodge the candidate information sheet which is included in the nomination form.

**Grouping of candidates and group voting squares:** Two or more candidates may form a group and, in certain circumstances, request a group voting square on the ballot paper. A request to form a group must be lodged with the Returning Officer by 12 noon Wednesday, 13 August 2008. See [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au) for the publication 'Handbook for Parties, Groups, Candidates and Scrutineers at Local Government elections' for more details.

### Where and when to nominate

Your nomination form and deposit must be lodged with the Returning Officer at Suite 1/2, Morisset House, 7 Morisset Street, Queanbeyan, during council business hours from Monday, 4 August 2008 to 12 noon Wednesday, 13 August 2008.

### Returning Officer details

Michael Murphy  
Suite 1/2, Morisset House  
7 Morisset Street  
Queanbeyan NSW 2620  
Phone 0418 238 297

Information: [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au) or 1300 135 736

(TTY) (02) 9247 3568 (text telephone)

For enquiries in languages other than English call our interpreting service 13 14 50

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**T**HE winners of this year's National NAIDOC Awards, presented this month in Canberra, were a talented and diverse mob. Some are just beginning to make their marks on Indigenous Australia – others have made a lifetime of difference to our communities.

While the 2008 national winners were named in the last edition, we thought we'd give readers a little more of the lowdown on their many achievements.

## Lifetime Achievement Award (Joint) – Dr Chicka Dixon

Born in 1928 and raised on the Aboriginal mission at Wallaga Lake in south-east NSW, his achievements include:

- After 21 years of labouring, he became a stevedore and organiser for the Waterside Workers Union.
- Involvement with the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in 1960.
- Being a foundation member of both the NSW Aboriginal Legal Service and the Aboriginal Medical Service.
- Helping to establish the Tent Embassy in Canberra, and travelling to China in 1972, highlighting Indigenous issues.
- In 1973 he was an original member of the Aboriginal Arts Board and was the first Indigenous appointee to the Australia Council.
- In 2006 he was awarded Honorary Doctorates from three different Sydney universities.

## Lifetime Achievement Award (Joint) – Joseph Elu, AO

Born on Thursday Island, in the Torres Strait Islands, and raised in Selsia, a mainland community near the tip of Cape York, his achievements include:

- Twelve years as Chairman of Indigenous Business Australia, preceded by a period as ATSI Commissioner for the Torres Strait region.
- Developing the Selsia community as a popular destination for anglers and tourists, injecting \$10 million a year into the local economy.
- Awarded the Centenary Medal in 2001.
- An Honorary Doctorate from Queensland University of Technology in 2002.
- In 2008 he was made an Officer of the Order of Australia and has now returned to Selsia as the newly-elected Mayor of the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council.

## Lifetime Achievement Award (Joint) – Archie Roach

Born in Mooroolbarna, central Victoria, Archie was taken away from his family as a very young child and placed in an orphanage. His inspiring life story, told through his songs, brought awareness of the Stolen Generations to many Australians.

- His life partner and frequent musical collaborator is Ruby Hunter.
- His achievements include:
- Releasing five solo albums, including *Charcoal Lane*, *Looking for Butterboy* and *Journeys*.
  - Winning two Human Rights Achievement Awards.
  - Winning four ARIA Awards.

## Person of the Year – Associate Professor Colleen Hayward

A senior Noongar woman with family ties throughout the south-west of Western Australia. She manages the Kulunga Research Network at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research in Perth.

- Her achievements include:
- Appointed the only Indigenous member of the WA State Training Board.
  - Winning a battle with cancer.
  - Receiving the the Premier of WA's Multicultural Ambassador Award in 2006 for her commitment to progressing human rights and addressing racism in the community.
  - Undertaking the Postgraduate Certificate in Cross-sector Partnership at Cambridge University in England.
  - Selected to participate in the Prime Minister's Australia 2020 Summit.

## Female Elder of the Year – Carol Pettersen

Carol Pettersen is a Noongar/Ngadu woman from the south-east coast of Western Australia. She has lived and worked in Albany for most of her life, and is well-known throughout the Noongar nation.

- Her achievements include:
- Being a principal adviser to the WA Premier on women's issues, and also was

# Meet our national winners



CHICKA  
DIXON



ARCHIE  
ROACH



JOSEPH  
ELU



COLLEEN  
HAYWARD



ANGELINE  
BLACKBURN



CAROL  
PETTERSEN



LES  
ELVIN



KAREN  
MARTIN



STACEY  
PORTER



KRISTA  
MOIR



AMY  
MCQUIRE



BOB  
MUIR

appointed to many State and Commonwealth committees and boards covering issues such as Indigenous health, welfare, education and training.

- Being elected an Albany Shire councillor.
- Working with traditional owners and mining companies as an adviser on long-term economic development and sustainability.
- Elected chair of the South West Aboriginal Education Committee for more than five years.

## Male Elder of the Year – Bob Muir

Born in 1958, Bob Muir is a descendant of the Woppaburra people of the Dharumbal nation in Queensland.

Since the age of 24, he has devoted his life to three major goals:

- The retention of Woppaburra history
- The reclaiming of Crown land for the Woppaburra people
- The maintenance of local cultural heritage sites.

He has mentored, influenced and educated students and young adults through programs instigated by Education Queensland and Greening Australia.

## Scholar of the Year – Dr Karen Martin

Dr Karen Martin is a Noonuccal woman from North Stradbroke Island, in south-east Queensland, and has Bidjara ancestry from central Queensland.

Her achievements include:

- A doctorate from James Cook University for her work creating a research framework based on Aboriginal world views, knowledge and beliefs.

- The University Medal, which placed her in the top 5 per cent of PhD scholars, as well as making her the only Aboriginal student to have earned this award.
- The Australian Association for Research in Education Dissertation Award.

● She is an Associate Professor of Early Childhood at Southern Cross University, Lismore.

● She is a member of an advisory panel for the Quality Working Group, which will look at quality measures in early childhood services.

● Serving 15 years as a steering committee member for the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children.

## Artist of the Year – Les Elvin

An artist and art teacher who lives in Cessnock, NSW, he is a descendant of the Wonnarua people of the Upper Hunter region in eastern NSW. He is committed to teaching the Wonnarua art style and techniques that are gradually being lost.

His paintings feature the 'food chain of the bush tucker'.

His achievements include:

- Volunteering at St Heliers Correctional Centre at Muswellbrook, teaching Aboriginal men about their culture and art, and organising formal exhibitions of their work. Money raised from the sales is given to their families or saved until they are released.

- Leading men's groups and teaching art to groups of Aboriginal people in his studio, as well as his work with disadvantaged young people in the creation of numerous murals.

- A commission to illustrate *Bush Tucker in Kidney Disease and Diabetes*, in 2005.

## Sportsperson of the Year – Stacey Porter

Stacey Porter first played representative softball for her home town, Tamworth, NSW. In 2002, at the age of 20, she made her senior debut for Australia – becoming the first Indigenous Australian to represent her country in softball.

Her achievements include:

- Representing Australia 180 times.
- Winning a silver medal at the Athens Olympics in 2004.
- Captaining a number of sporting teams.
- Playing for the University of Hawaii on a softball scholarship from 2001-03.
- Playing in the professional softball league in Italy.
- Winning the NSW Female Softballer of the Year award, which she trumped the following year when she was named Australian Female Softballer of the Year.
- A Deadly Award in 2005 for Indigenous Female Sportsperson of the Year.
- Selection for the Beijing Olympic Games next month.

## Apprentice of the Year – Amy McQuire

Amy moved from Rockhampton to Canberra and currently works full-time for the *National Indigenous Times*.

Her achievements include:

- Being the youngest member of the Canberra parliamentary press gallery, and the gallery's only Aboriginal reporter.
- Laying out the front of the newspaper and writing several feature articles.
- Writing a fortnightly column titled *Blackcurrent*.

## Youth of the Year (Joint) – Angeline Blackburn

An 18-year-old from Cann River in Victoria, her achievements include:

- Representing Australia and Oceania in athletics.
- Winning her first national athletics title, the Under-20s 400m, as a 15-year-old. She retained the title in 2008.
- Starting a double degree – Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts – at the Australian National University in Canberra.
- Named as a finalist for ACT NAIDOC Week Student of the Year in 2005.
- Being presented with the Pierre De Coubertin Award in recognition of sporting achievements and demonstration of endeavours consistent with the aims of the Olympic movement.
- Holding an ACT Sports Scholarship and membership of the Indigenous Jumpstart to London Talent Squad.

## Youth of the Year (Joint) – Krista Moir

Krista Moir distinguished herself at high school in Esperance, on the southern coast of WA. She is now a law student at the University of Western Australia in Perth.

Her achievements include:

- Named Outstanding Aboriginal Student for five consecutive years between 2003 and 2007, and received the WA Outstanding Female Aboriginal Student Award in 2007.
- Being a leader in her local *Follow the Dream* program.
- In 2007 she was presented with the Esperance Shire District Positive Role Model Award and was also awarded the Pride of Australia Medal.
- She was also selected for the Premier of Western Australia's ANZAC student tour, travelling to France, Belgium and Turkey and acting as an ambassador for WA.
- A nomination for inclusion in the 2008 Who's Who of WA.





There was plenty of live entertainment for all the family.



Were you there? A small section of the crowd at Musgrave Park, South Brisbane.



World Youth Day pilgrims from East Timor came to see the NAIDOC celebrations.



Torres Strait Islander boys, from left, QJ Matthew, Rendy Mam, Casper Banu, and Darren Banu, all living in Brisbane.

# Joan's family event idea a winner

Photos and story by  
**SOLUA MIDDLETON**



THE sounds of laughter, children, music and chatter could be heard from Brisbane's Musgrave Park as thousands of Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander people celebrated.

It was the 17th NAIDOC Family Fun Day, and for event founder and co-ordinator Joan Collins, it was also a great sense of achievement.

"Before the family fun day there used to be a display in the city, but our people didn't want to go into the city, so I approached the local NAIDOC Committee to let me hold something in Musgrave Park," she said.

"My good friend Jeaney Duncan-Barney told me they would support it and to go for it."

The rest, as they say, is history.

The event's success is underlined by the fact that in 1992 the crowd was less than 1000. This year it topped 20,000.

The event's humble beginnings started with 'black organisations' setting up information stalls and entertainers donating their time and talent.

While the family day has much the same formula, the event has grown with financial support of the Department of Community Services.

Mrs Collins is still heavily involved with the family day, but handed over co-ordination to Natalie Alberts about eight years ago.

"Natalie has worked really hard and it's marvellous," Mrs Collins said.

"The day has just become bigger and bigger thanks to her, and it is something that brings the community together."



Lucy Idai, Natalie Alberts and Marlee Lea.



# NAIDOC 2008 – Brisbane



These dancers receive a warm welcome from the Musgrave Park crowd in Brisbane.



Wanthala Connors and Rachael Sandy.



This lad shows his true colours.



Women from Nunukul Yaggera Dancers, of Stradbroke Island.



Bowman Roma-Johnson holding Kallum Murray-Creed.



Khiana Goltz-Wharton was all smiles.



Patricia Leavy, centre, with some of her family.



Nunukul Yaggera dancers.



Billy Gorham and Darren Williams.



Faith Barber, Aunty Alex Gater and Robbie Kina with Murphy Lee and Taneisha Clemons.



Aunty Mulinjairiye Billion and Brett Leavy.



Cliff Collins and Marcus Pedro.



# Big names play at



Archela Turner and Phillip Parnell, from the Canberra suburb of Chapman, with Peter Hanson, of Nowra.



Cathy Jackway and Meg Rogers on the stall mounted by DEWHA, which supported the day.



Cool dudes Adam Biles and William Paulson.



Troy Cassar-Daly headlined, fresh from Nashville.



Phillip Bell with Ngambri Elder Matilda House, who gave the welcome to country.



AIATSIS colleagues Terrilee Amatto, Craig Greene and Shannan Dodson.



Gumbayngirr man Brenton Lughan displayed his artwork.



Former schoolmates Leah Williamson, Felicia Pereoglou, The Koori Mall's Solua Middleton and Adelle Morse.



MC Sean Choolburra



Deline Briscoe performed with her band.



LEFT: Qantas supported the open day and sent along some of their Indigenous staff including, from left, Jetstar cabin crew Campbell McCorquodale and Simone Roberts, and Qantas crew Travis Peris, Karl Terszak, and Karen Campbell.



Shane Hoffman cycled his way to the Peninsula.



One-year-old Kevin Wang



# Peninsula concert



Vaughan Jones, Luke Austen, Adam James, Scott Hills, Thor Phillips and Troy Cassar-Daley backstage.

## Crowd chills to hot music



From left, Grace Vidler with granddaughter Sunita Rutten and great grandson Harrison Plewes, aged four.



AIATSIS Principal Steve Larkin with his Institute colleagues Chris Ryan, Deputy Principal Bronwyn Nimmo and Danika Nayna.



HOT musical performances helped thaw out hundreds of Canberrans who turned out for the annual

NAIDOC on the Peninsula concert and family day on Saturday, 12 July.

Hosted by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) in partnership with the National Museum of Australia (NMA), the Acton Peninsula event has been a fixture on the ACT NAIDOC calendar since 2005.

This year's concert was headlined by country music star Troy Cassar-Daley, along with Deline Briscoe, Adam James, the Brolga Boys and more.

MC and comedian Sean Choolburra had the crowd in stitches with cheeky routines. Off-stage, there were food stalls including a sausage sizzle that raised funds for the Gulan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation, information, and art and merchandise stalls as well as kids activities and a didgeridoo workshop at the NMA.

The Peninsula event was also supported by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA), ACT Health, ACTEWAGL, and Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV).

AIATSIS undertakes community-based research and houses the world's largest collections of printed and other resource materials for Indigenous Studies. It also has its own publishing house, selling many of its own books and the Indigenous Australia language map from its stall at the event.



NSWALC's John Janke with sons Will and Jack at the land council's stall.



Adam James performing.



Tellemardi Jabununga and Jacqueline Bogusz.





From left, Phillip Bundock, Tim Green, Jordan Green and Euston Williams.



Slurping snow cones were Kasey Burton, from Brunswick Heads, Jtaya Davis, from Gunnedah, Rachael Warhurst, from Lightning Ridge, and Lleytin McGrady, from Moree.



Awaiting the arrival of NRL stars Preston Campbell and Shannon Walker were Jessica Walker, Keira Walker, Monique Walker, Jakayda Walker, Tashaya Walker, Martika Walker and Cherece Close.



Charlene Williams, left, with Aiden, Glen and Katrina Rhodes at the celebration.

## Fine time at celebration

By GABBY FRANKLIN



SUNNY winter weather heightened the mood of an already cheerful crowd attending NAIDOC

Week celebrations in Lismore, northern New South Wales, on 17 July.

Hundreds of people turned out at the city's Heritage Park where they saw dance performances, visited stalls, listened to live music and met NRL stars Preston Campbell and Shannon Walker, from the Gold Coast Titans.

Amongst the organisations with stalls was Ballina District Community Services, which offers the Helping Hands Homeless Program for Indigenous people.

Program worker Sharmaine Keogh said Helping Hands was aimed at meeting clients' accommodation needs by setting goals and providing support for Indigenous people.

"It enables us to get our clients housing," she said.



Helping out at the Ballina District Community Services stall were, from left, Glen Rhodes, May King and Sharmaine Keogh.

Other activities on offer included baby animal feeding and grooming at Old Macdonald's Farm, and a jumping castle, while a clown entertained children.

The sausage sizzle also proved popular.

Many of those attending said they were looking forward to NAIDOC celebrations next year in Lismore.



Leanne and Kylie Caldwell came along to do some face painting.



Comedian Sean Choolburra hung out in Lismore with Piari Anderson, left, and Kagara Choolburra.



Checking out the stalls and performances were Brandon Harrington, Meikelya Roberts-Laurie and Shonel Roberts.





Lois Olney sings the blues.



Lady of the Ball Mary Cowley



Jessie Lloyd and Della Rae Morrison at the Perth Blues Club



Terry Whitby at the Perth NAIDOC Ball



Ball organiser Glenda Kickett and Samuel Pilot-Kickett

# Belles and Blues

By ELIZABETH MURRAY in Perth



A WIDE variety of events was on offer from the Perth 2008 NAIDOC Committee this year, many of them incorporating music and sports.

Indigenous R & B artists blazed through an evening hosted by the Perth Blues Club on 8 July to showcase the talents of the local musicians for NAIDOC week.

The opening act was well known Western Australian jazz vocalist Lois Olney whose sultry, enveloping tones brought new definition to old jazz standards such as Gershwin classic 'Summertime'.

Backstage Ms Olney said the NAIDOC gig had been great fun, 'I think we should all get involved and celebrate national Aboriginal week'.

She said she wished for more large-scale festivals to be held in Perth to increase the number of gigs available, and that the isolation in Perth could be difficult for musicians because it kept the music scene quite 'small and quiet'.

She added that she felt Aboriginal performers were slowly starting to be appreciated more throughout mainstream music and that it would be ideal for a Perth club to showcase Aboriginal music on a regular basis in a format similar to the Basement in Sydney.

Guitarist and vocalist Clint Bracknell also got the room moving, with the 27-year-old performer displaying his already extensive experience, having gigged from the age of 14.

Bracknell cites some of his musical influences as Kev Carmody and Tom Waits, evident in his more conservative melodic delivery of Waits' 'Downtown Train,' which lost none of the bluesy feel of the rock ballad.

Djiva, the rock-blues brainchild of vocalists Della Rae Morrison and Jessie Lloyd, delivered fully charged up-tempo rhythms and atmospheric ballads from their latest CD, *Yowarlina*, with the lovely 'Butterfly,' a definite highlight of the evening.

The award-winning group fuses traditional culture and language with contemporary music to create powerful lyrics and rhythms that filled the dance floor for the entire third set and explains the rapidly growing popularity

of the dynamic female singer-songwriter team.

Lilting contemporary jazz songstress, Candice Lorrae, rounded off the night with a combination of her latest originals from 'Think of Reality.'

The lyrical influence of greats like Tracey Chapman, Toni Braxton and Eryka Badu shone through a slick performance that embodied the characteristics of the 80s LA soul and funk sounds, while bridging into a more contemporary world sound that was quite unique.

## NAIDOC Ball

The 2008 Perth NAIDOC Ball at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on 11 July drew NAIDOC week to a close and commemorated the significant contribution to Indigenous culture and representation made by footballers, coinciding with the 150 years celebration of the AFL.

The national apology was acknowledged and Syd Jackson gave the audience a poignant insight into his first-hand experience of the Stolen Generations in WA, and told of his journey to becoming a football hero.

Former AFL/VFL player Nicky Winmar also spoke of the important role of Aboriginal people in football.

Entertainment at the Ball included an opening performance in the foyer by Naomi Pigram, Aaron Panania and Marcell Wynn, an acoustic solo by Candice Lorrae, didgeridoo by Richard Walley, dance by Common Ground, music by The Yabu Band, and DJ Jim Morrison spun the vinyl for those on the dance floor.

Belle and Beau of the Ball were Nadine Frewin and Barry Taylor Jnr, Lady and Gentleman of the Ball were Mary Cowley and Brendon DeGois, and Best Indigenous designs were awarded to 2008 Elder of the Year - Albert McNamara, and Tania Donovan who wore a dress by Barbara Matters.

## Basketball

The NAIDOC 2008 Basketball Championships in Perth ON 13 July saw the men's grand final taken by the Bulls with 51 points, defeating Meekatharra with 40 points.

The women's grand final was won by the Blue Jays with a score of 52 points. They defeated the Mustangs with 37 points.



Belle and Beau of the Ball, Nadine Frewin and Barry Taylor Jnr.



Candice Lorrae at the Blues Club.



Gail Beck and Nicky Winmar at the ball.



Clint Bracknell belts out a tune.



A game between Kwinana Flames and the Mustangs, who later lost to the Blue Jays in the grand final



# NAIDOC 2008 – Tweed Heads



Strong and proud ... Tatiana Combo.



Aunt Jennifer Togo and Christine Dodds at the Elders' Day Luncheon.



Aunt Reena Phillips and Aunt Aileen Scott at the Elders' Day Luncheon.



Kyan Moustakas, 3, and Bianca Hayes, 10.

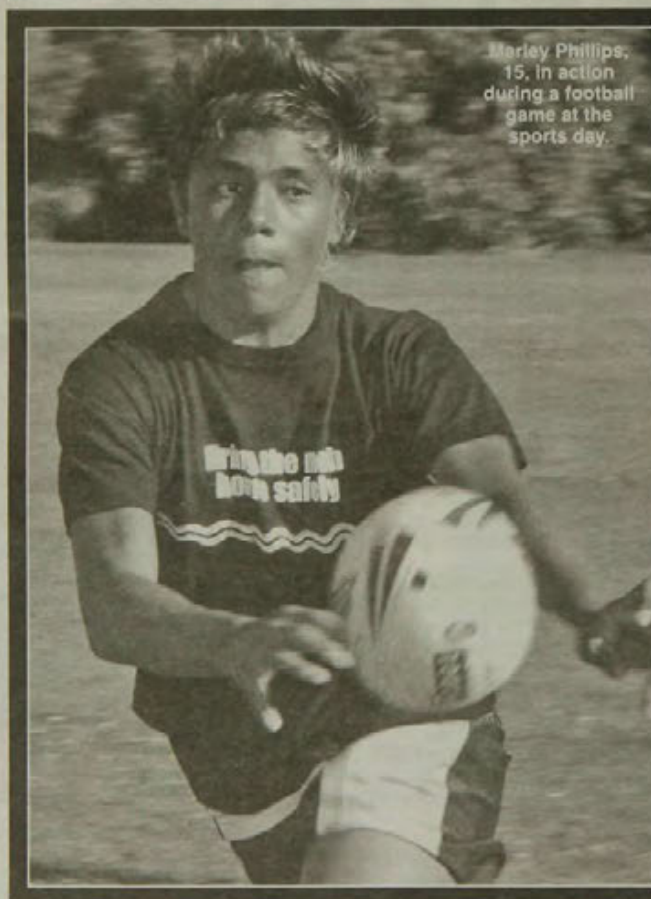


Elders Aunt Mary Browning and Aunt Reena Phillips.

Kids at the Tweed NAIDOC celebrations.



Marley Phillips, 15, in action during a football game at the sports day.



'Prince' Casey Cooper and 'Princess' Janaril Lazer after the children's show judging.



Hezekiah Cora, 4, Ezekiel Cora, 5, Khadesia Cora, 6, and Tayvonne-Preclous Cora, 2.



LEFT: Ruth Conlon and Barbara Hamilton at the Elders' Day Luncheon.

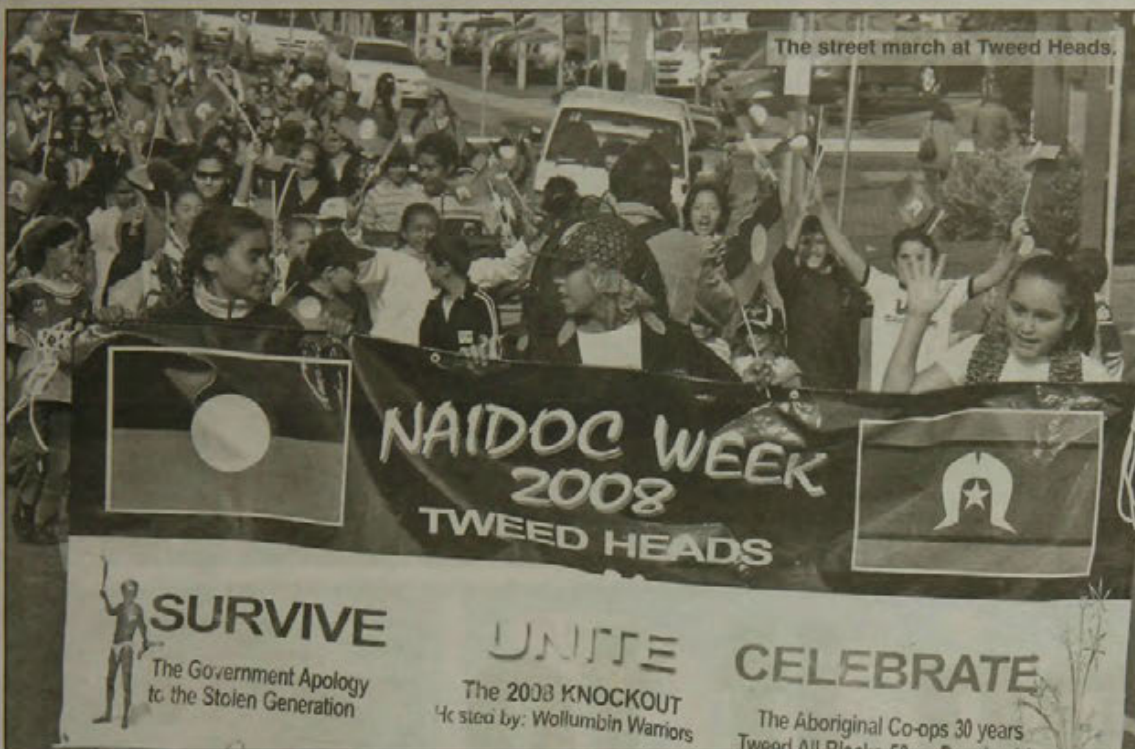


Tweed Mr and Miss NAIDOC finalists, from left, runner-up Lincon Costelloe, winner Josh Appo, winner Jacinta Dodds and runner-up Janita Costa.



The Tweed Dance Troupe, who performed a corroboree.





The street march at Tweed Heads.



Jacinta Morrissy and Creeanne Scott, the winner and runner-up of the Tweed Miss Junior NAIDOC 2008 quest.



Brodie Caine and Janoid Scott, the runner-up and winner of the Tweed Mr Junior NAIDOC.



Percy Smallwood, 4, had lots to think about.



Snakes alive ... Jen and daughter Charlie, 2, during the cultural day.



Jeanie and Dorothy Jacky enjoyed the NAIDOC celebrations.

## Sports day a winner

Story by SOLUA MIDDLETON  
Photos by GINA COMBO



THE Indigenous community of Tweed Heads, in northern New South Wales, 'painted their town red, black

and yellow' during an eventful NAIDOC Week. Tweed NAIDOC Program Co-ordinator Dale Williams declared NAIDOC Week in the area a success.

"We were very pleased with the turnout," Mrs Williams told *The Koori Mail*. "We held a flag-raising ceremony, church service, Elders' day, Indigenous art exhibition, baby show, ball, and a sports day. Around 500 people turned up for the sports day."

Children at the sports day were split into houses and competed against

each other in athletics and other challenges, but the main highlight was a tug-o-war when the adults couldn't stop themselves from joining in.

Mrs Williams said many local Indigenous businesses showcased their services at the sports day.

"It was good to see different

Aboriginal services turn up," she said. "We even had some Queensland businesses join us."

It was the Tweed's third NAIDOC program, and Mrs Williams believes the event is getting bigger and better.

"It has been a rewarding week," she said. "We don't want to lose focus with each other, we love and enjoy our people."

"It has been good for us this year – for us to survive, unite and celebrate. It's been a long time coming to reach those goals and we have to continue to go further."



Deldre Curry during the street march.



Brendon Rotumah and his niece Jadee Weir, aged 2.



Clarissa Dods and Karen Durox, both aged 13





At the Red Cross stall were from left Lisa Kerr, Michelle Colson, Karen Dunn and Bonnie Hoey.



Marchers on the street in Townsville for the annual NAIDOC celebrations.

# Taking it to the streets

Story and photos by Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON



A COLOURFUL street march by more than 300 people was a highlight of this year's NAIDOC celebrations in the north Queensland city of Townsville.

Hundreds of people lined city streets to watch as marchers carried Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.

The 11 July march to Central Park was followed by a family fun day featuring entertainment and food and educational stalls on the banks of idyllic Ross Creek.

Local NAIDOC Chairwoman Angie Akee gave a speech on the 2008 NAIDOC theme of 'Advance Australia Fair?'

Former champion Townsville rugby league player Steve Crowley was there and was delighted with the massive turnout in the march and at the fun day.

"I think a lot of it has to do with the recent apology by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd," he said.

Community leader Max Lenoy said the march was a success because it was a great display of unity between the Townsville Indigenous and non-Indigenous community.

"It was great to see that the marchers were greeted with cheers along the city streets by business and government people who came out to show their support," he said.

"The march and in particular the dancers showed Townsville that we are an active and vibrant community, proud of our strength and history."

With Mr Lenoy on the march was Jay-Jay, his four-year-old miniature male poodle who attends every march with his family.

Mr Lenoy said the fun day had an apt focus on 'our future, our children'.

"The ongoing success of Kiddie Idol and the way various members of the



From left are Leah Abrahams, Ana Patterson and Allen Punch at a stall.



At the Queensland Police stand were, from left, PLO Patrick Whap, Kath Sabatino, Alfred Henaway and Thomas Pedro.

community shared their talents demonstrated the different skills that exist in Townsville," he said.

The Koori Mail spoke to many people at the fun day, including Elder Cilla Pryor who had a stall. ABC Radio journalist of 21 years Francis 'Tommy' Tapim caught up with many old friends and family.

Police liaison officers Patrick Whap, Kath Sabatino, Alfred Henaway and Thomas Pedro worked on an information stand.

At the JCU stall was Florence Onus, her daughters Jacinta Onus and Jessie Onus with Carol Mooka from the Torres Strait.



James Cook University Associate Professor Gracelyn Smallwood with grandson Mathius Fisher, 2.



Darryl Ross with his daughter Z Anastasia.



Torres Strait Islander Paul Ahwang.





Children and staff from the Aboriginal Children's Centre ready to leave the Risdon Cove flag-raising event. During NAIDOC Week they also celebrated with a visit to Putalina, a party and a luncheon with the Elders.



Jarmayne 'Elvis' Hynes and Tarnya Lovett were also at the Risdon Cove flag-raising.



Tyenna Hogan admires traditional shell necklaces made by Corrie Fullard at the Karadi Aboriginal Women's NAIDOC Art Exhibition.



Lucas Maynard, Wayne Hogan and Rob Smith at the annual NAIDOC Golf Championship.

## Tassie turns it on!

NAIDOC Week 2008 celebrations in Tasmania were typically hectic, with strong turnouts for a range of events throughout the State. Many of the events had a strong focus on children, but there were also arts and sporting activities. Here are some more of the events in photos by our Hobart-based Tasmanian Correspondent, JILLIAN MUNDY.



Brenton Brown raising the Aboriginal flag at Burnie. Photo by Ashlee Murray



Troy Stonehouse, Wayne Everett and Chris Gordon with young ones Jabe Marriott and Toby Lethbridge-Thoen at Risdon Cove.



The family of late Aboriginal Elder Alma Lily Stackhouse all travelled to Hobart for the presentation of an inaugural scholarship named in her honour. The Scholarship honours her commitment to the value of higher education for young Aboriginal people and helps with the attainment of the Tertiary Entry Requirement to enter University or other tertiary-level study.



Back from left, Jessie Smith, Keomy Mansell and Sarah Smith and, front from left, Emmara Gower, Kameah Smith and Natasha Rudling 'strutting their stuff' at the Children's NAIDOC Fashion Parade and Performance at the Launceston Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre. Photo by Graeme Gardner





Royal Flying Doctor Service and Apunipima Cape York Health Council staff, back, Natasha Freeman, Sharon Wardle and Johnathan Link and, front, Kristy Hill, Liz Kyle, Bernie Singleton, Lorraine Iboal and Matt Philp.



Helping out in the Tucker Tent were, from left, Lorna McEwan, Marie Head, Lawel Head, Ashleigh Oberleuter, Cairns NAIDOC Co-ordinator Lisa Lui, Zita Lui and Maryann Lui.

## Cairns program one of the biggest yet

By Cairns Correspondent  
CHRISTINE HOWES



WITH the flag flying high in Cairns City Place on the Monday, and families on school holidays being offered daily activities to share together, NAIDOC in far north Queensland was one of the biggest yet.

Cairns NAIDOC Co-ordinator Lisa Lui said everything had gone well. More than 60 stalls and a large tent next to the Fogarty Park stage area were packed at 'NAIDOC in the Park' on the Friday.

"There were so many kids around with their parents, it's wonderful," she said.

"There were more than 500 people over at Wuchopperen (Health Services



Cairns mother and daughter, Amelia Remedio and Tricia Elarde

Community and Recreation Day) on the Wednesday, so it was a full day for them. Tjapukai was a huge day and there would have been a few hundred in the march."

Ms Lui said it was the first time the internationally-renowned Tjapukai

Aboriginal Cultural Park had been directly involved in NAIDOC activities with their offer of an 'open day'.

"They actually rang the committee and expressed their interest in joining and we were so happy to have them on board," she said.

"It was a great day out there, a lot of people I spoke to have never been to Tjapukai before, had always wanted to go but never gotten around to it, so that was just wonderful."

Ms Lui said funding for the event was still a question.

"But we're lucky up here, we have a good relationship with the Indigenous Co-ordination Centre and they always fight for us to get the money so we can do this and I think we've justified that by the turnout," she said.



Natalie Creed, Amariah Thomas and Felicity Fourmile from the Gimuy Wallabura Yidinji Dancers (Cairns).

## Awards a Central theme



A LOCAL high school, a women's group and an international

artist were among the 13 winners announced at this year's Central Coast NAIDOC Week Community Awards Ball.

The awards acknowledged the work and talent of the area's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the areas of work, art, culture and sport, and concluded a week of celebrations for NAIDOC Week.

More than 250 people attended the function on 11 July, including former St George Dragons rugby league player Ricky Walford and host of SBS TV's *Living Black* program, Karla Grant.

Wyong Shire Mayor Warren Welham said this year's recipients had achieved outstanding results in a number of areas.

"One of the highlights of this year's awards was Gorokan High School receiving two awards for leading the way in Aboriginal education," he said.

"The school has 125 Aboriginal students and an Aboriginal Education Policy

firmly embedded into the curriculum which is recognised by the Department of Education and Training as best practice.

"The school also has a successful junior and senior didge group, Aboriginal art group and a dance troupe.

"The didge group has performed before NSW Premier Morris Iemma, Federal Minister Peter Garrett and singer Christine Anu, as well as at numerous local events and ceremonies."

This year's Outstanding Service/Organisation award went to The Mirring Corporation for its 'untiring community support'. Mirring not only helps the Indigenous community but also provides support to non-Aboriginal women with Aboriginal children.

Gosford City Mayor Jim MacFadyen said it was good to see a life-time member of Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council also get recognised for his work in the community.

"Kevin Duncan is a national and international Aboriginal artist and has a strong commitment to his local area," he said.

"He has taught Aboriginal education to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people for more than 25 years. He was also instrumental in surveying the Central Coast and registering Aboriginal sites for the past 30 years.

"Despite the awards presentation being moved from the community gathering to a formal function, it showed how much these awards mean to the local Aboriginal community and can only grow from here."

Other winners on the night were:

- Community Service/Humanities – Keith Hall, Cindy O'Brien and Gorokan High School.
- Achievement in Work – Jim Kyle and Megan Cain-Bugeia.
- Achievement in Art/Culture – Kevin Duncan, Lila Kirby and Gorokan High School Didge Group.
- Achievement in Sport – Matt Sonter, Donna Sutton and Stacey Markham.
- Outstanding Service/Organisation – The Mirring Aboriginal Corporation.
- Non Indigenous Service Award – Terry Thirlwell.



The Gorokan Didge Group (in front) with, back from left, Matt Sonter (Male Sport winner) and Gorokan High School Aboriginal Education Unit staff Gail Lake and Lesley Armstrong, Leah Ingram and Michael Ingram.



# IBA spotlight on economic development

**THIS** year's NAIDOC Week theme of 'Advance Australia Fair?' questioned the promise of equality espoused in the Australian national anthem.

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) believes economic development is the key to realising that promise for Indigenous Australians, exploring the issue at a breakfast function in Canberra during the celebratory week.

Themed 'Advancing Indigenous Australians Fairly', the National Press Club event was attended by representatives from the private sector, Indigenous groups, government departments and agencies and IBA employees and board representatives.

The theme reflected IBA's continuing work in the area of Indigenous economic development with the recent formation of an Indigenous business association in Western Australia.

Speakers at the event, MCed by actor Leah Purcell, included Chair of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs MP Richard Marles, former IBA Chair and current Mayor of Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council in the Torres Strait Joseph Elu, Acting IBA Chair Bob Blair and IBA Board member Leah Armstrong.

Mr Elu, who went on to receive a National NAIDOC Lifetime Achievement Award later in the week, spoke on how economic participation is critical to Indigenous health and well-being.

"I have long argued the disconnect between regaining our rights and connection to land, and our ability to develop our lands for



At the IBA breakfast were, standing from left, Head of FAHCSIA Dr Jeff Harmer, IBA board member Leah Armstrong, IBA Director Judy Hardy, former IBA chairman Joseph Elu and, seated from left, IBA General Manager Ron Morony, MP Richard Marles and acting IBA Chairman Bob Blair.

the benefit of our children and our grandchildren," he said.

"We need to move on from being land rich but dirt poor."

Mr Blair reflected on the importance of Indigenous Australians participating equally in the

essential. We believe IBA has a lot to offer to help build a sustainable economic future for Indigenous people."

IBA Board member Leah Armstrong officially launched IBA's Corporate Plan 2008-13 outlining the direction for IBA over the next five years. "We see IBA, with its commercial focus, as uniquely placed to assist Indigenous Australians to participate in the mainstream economy," she said.

IBA General Manager Ron Morony said it was fitting during the NAIDOC Week celebrations that a focus was given to what has been achieved in Indigenous economic development.

**'We need to move on from being land rich but dirt poor'**

— Former IBA Chair Joseph Elu

commercial life of the country to close the life-expectancy gap.

"Social issues will not be solved by social programs alone," he said.

"Developing economic and commercial opportunities and jobs is

## Focus falls on the future for Bankstown school students

**NSW** The focus was on the future in Bankstown, western Sydney, during NAIDOC

Week, with the Bankstown Youth Development Service (BYDS) kicking off celebrations with an Indigenous Youth Forum.

Held at the Bankstown Town Hall, the forum brought together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youths from 18 local schools, who took part in a range of workshops.

Event organiser and BYDS Indigenous Youth Officer Neil Trindall introduced the workshop

facilitators. Bankstown Elder and local NAIDOC Committee Chairman Uncle Harry Allie then gave a speech and a traditional acknowledgement to country.

The students were separated into four groups and took part in workshops facilitated by Indigenous artists.

### Painting

Auntie Noeline Holton and Jamie Eastwood prepared a table for boomerang painting. Students were taught about traditional Aboriginal symbols and their meanings and then painted them on boomerangs.

Brida Blair directed the jewellery workshops, where students were given beads and shown how to make their own necklaces.

Rapper Munkimuk facilitated break-dancing workshops, where he showed the students his break-dancing moves and freestyle rap.

After a barbecue lunch, students returned to the Bankstown Town Hall for a final session.

The day concluded with a session where students brainstormed a 'wish list' of ideas for future activities.



At the celebrations in New York were, from left, Karen Oughtred, John Olsen, Anita Heiss, David Bosun and Roberto Borrero.

## NAIDOC in New York

**N**EW York City tasted Indigenous culture recently as the Australian Mission to the United Nations hosted the inaugural NAIDOC Week celebration at the UN and the Australian Consulate.

Co-ordinated by Michelle Z Wood, the Director of Media and Public Affairs Australian Mission to the UN, the week was launched at UN Headquarters on 7 July with the exhibition 'Gelam Nuguzu Kazi - Dugong my Son' by Torres Strait Islander artist David Bosun.

About 200 people met the artist whose work will adorn the UN headquarters until August.

A panel on the 'Diversity and Reality of Aboriginal Australia' was also held at the Australian Consulate, opened by Australian Consul-General in New York John Olsen and chaired by Roberto Borrero, the President and Chairman of the US Regional Co-ordinating Office of the United Confederation of Taino People.

The panel talked across art forms and included David Bosun, author Anita Heiss and Karen Oughtred, a non-Indigenous advocate for Australian Aboriginal Theatre at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

In acknowledging the traditional owners of country, the Haudenosaunee (who are often referred to as the Six Nations), Dr Heiss said it had been a difficult decision to

make when asked to speak at the New York event.

"Canberra or New York? You can see my dilemma!" she joked with the crowd.

The week culminated with a screening of Rolf de Heer's film *Ten Canoes* and two shorter films *One River, All Rivers*, directed by Tom E Lewis, and *Yolgnu Guya Djamamir*, directed by Frank Djirimbilpilwuy. Both films were produced by Penny Smallacombe.

Ms Smallacombe's mum Sonia works at the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues at the UN and attended all the NAIDOC Week events.

Of the week, she said: "From the perspective of one who works in the UN, the themes and issues of NAIDOC are universal because all Indigenous peoples in the world have similar experiences and are also part of bright, rich cultures."

She said the thing she enjoyed most about NAIDOC in New York was having Indigenous Australians there to celebrate with her.

Australian Ambassador to the UN Robert Hill said it was the first time that NAIDOC Week had been celebrated in New York and the response had been 'extraordinary'.

"We have had full houses at all of our events, helping to spread the word about our multi-faceted and diverse Indigenous culture to a new and international audience," the Ambassador said.



Ambassador Robert Hill and artist David Bosun at the opening of his exhibition which launched NAIDOC Week in New York.





Line dancers at Lane Cove.

## Lane Cove celebration right down to the line



RESIDENTS of the Sydney suburb of Lane Cove got a taste of country during NAIDOC Week.

Members of the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service Line Dancing Group, which won a gold medal at this year's Tamworth Country Music Festival, performed during a free public event in Lane Cove Plaza on 5 July and taught the audience a few steps, too.

The event marked the 12th NAIDOC Week celebrated by the Lane Cove

Residents for Reconciliation and Lane Cove Council.

Convenor of the residents' group Kerrie McKenzie said this year's celebrations were particularly special given the Federal Government's apology to the Stolen Generations in February.

"The apology was a crucial step in the reconciliation process," Ms McKenzie said. "It's important that Australians experience reconciliation on a personal level."

The line dancers made sure of that.

# Busy time at Curtin



Staff member Darren Garvey raised the Torres Strait Islander flag during an event at Curtin University's Centre for Aboriginal Studies.



NAIDOC Week proved a busy time for Perth's Curtin University

of Technology, with four events held on campus to celebrate the national event.

A flag-raising ceremony was held on 7 July at Curtin's main flag poles, with PhD student Mary Terszak raising the Aboriginal flag and Centre for Aboriginal Studies (CAS) staff member Darren Garvey raising the Torres Strait Islander flag.

Eric Haywood welcomed guests to Noongar country and CAS Patron Adjunct Professor Joan Winch spoke on the 2008 NAIDOC Week theme 'Advance Australia Fair?' before a morning tea with entertainment by AbMusic students.

The Bringing Them Home Committee and CAS hosted a well-attended talk on 7 July by Quentin Beresford, the author of *Rob Riley: An Aboriginal Leader's Quest for Justice*. The author spoke on Rob Riley's



Curtin University of Technology PhD student Mary Terszak raises the Aboriginal flag.

legacy in the context of the Prime Minister's apology to the Stolen Generations, which led to a number of passionate responses by the audience.

On 9 July, a joint NAIDOC Week celebration was held by CAS and Centrelink at the Centre for Aboriginal

Studies. About 100 guests were entertained by guest speaker Jim Morrison, a didgeridoo player and guitarist.

Centrelink Indigenous Ambassador Kyle Vander-Kuyp spoke about his work as an Ambassador and helped present Centrelink awards.

Guests were given an opportunity to network over a barbecue lunch which included kangaroo sausages. Among those attending the event were WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts, Kimberley State MP Carol Martin, former Federal minister and Reconciliation Australia Director Fred Chaney and former Chief Justice David Malcolm, as well as Centrelink and Curtin staff.

The award-winning series *Noongar Dandjoo*, a series of four 30-minute programs investigating community issues and showcasing inspirational stories of people that was made for broadcast on Access 31, was shown at Curtin on 11 July.

The series was a collaborative effort produced by 29 Curtin students and graduates, their lecturers, staff from the University's Centre for Aboriginal Studies and Noongar people. *Noongar Dandjoo* Producer Jade Macmillan and Director Cherie Seah provided a brief introduction and background on the series at the start of the screening.

# Plenty of pride at Kadina High School

Story and pictures by SOLUA MIDDLETON



ABORIGINAL Year 8 student Issacc Glew was especially proud when he celebrated NAIDOC Week with his fellow Indigenous students at his school in northern New South Wales.

The Kadina High School Student was one of many Indigenous students who celebrated their Indigenous identity with an awards ceremony and assembly, and dance and boomerang workshops.

Issacc said he thought NAIDOC Week was especially important because he got to reflect on his Aboriginal ancestors. "I am

proud, my dad taught me 'black is where it's at'," he said. "It feels good for Aboriginal culture to be respected in the school."

As he showed fellow students how to make their own boomerangs, the school's Aboriginal Education Assistant, Dennis Taylor, told *The Koori Mail* that the school celebrating NAIDOC meant a lot to the students.

"It is so important to embrace our culture in schools," he said. "A lack of knowledge of culture is one of the key contributors to issues kids have at school."

● Pictured right: Chris Phillips, from the Widjibul Dancers, showed Kadina High School Year 7-12 girls some local traditional dancing.





# Family fun day a feature in Newman



A NAIDOC family fun day in the West Australian Pilbara town of Newman was a great reason for local residents to get together with friends and family from the nearby communities of Pampajinya, Jigalong, Punmu and Kunawarritji.

A display of Western Desert hand-made beanies was a colourful addition to a range of stalls. Bush-tucker tasting included kangaroo tails, bush turkey caught by Clive Samson and damper made by the local women. And children's entertainer Andy Brown was a hit with all ages. The 12 July event was run through the Newman

Women's Shelter and Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation, and was co-ordinated by Jodie Patching and Camille Kirby, who thanked volunteers and sponsors for their support – Monadelphous, FMG, MacMahons, NRW, MAMs, ANZ, Skilled, BHP, Roo's Plumbing, Toli Ipec, and East Pilbara Shire.



Local woman Dawn Oates with members of her family at the event.



A display of beanies made by Newman residents.

# WA institute gets involved



THE National Drug Research Institute (NDRI) at Curtin University of Technology in Perth hosted its inaugural NAIDOC Week event this year.

The 7 July event combined a celebration of Australian Indigenous culture with a presentation on the work of NDRI's Indigenous Australian Research Team.

The lunch-time gathering featured traditional Noongar dancing by the Wilkes Dancers, accompanied by Noongar Elder and NDRI Associate Professor Ted Wilkes playing the didgeridoo. He also led a doak (stick) throwing demonstration.

The event concluded with a presentation describing NDRI's research into Indigenous drug and alcohol issues over the past 15 years, and outlining ongoing projects.

Prof Wilkes said the NDRI event was planned to become an annual fixture.

"NDRI is in a great position to be able to bring people in to celebrate our culture while being able to educate them about some of the most important issues affecting our people and how they can help," he said.

"Drugs and alcohol affect the whole Australian community and we need a good understanding of the issues.

"We need research, like that done by NDRI over the past 15 years, to make sure our efforts in dealing with alcohol and drugs



Noongar dancers perform at the institute. Photos courtesy NDRI

are aimed in the right direction."

Indigenous Australian Research Team Leader Professor Dennis Gray said NDRI actively promoted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ownership of research and encouraged new and emerging researchers.

"It is important when we do research to always keep in mind that Aboriginal culture is living and breathing and all Australians should celebrate and take pride in the fact that we have the oldest living culture in the world," he said.



Ted Wilkes speaking at the event.



Eileen Taylor, from Derbal Yerrigan Health Service, and NDRI Indigenous Australian Research Team Leader Professor Dennis Gray who presented a seminar with Ted Wilkes.



Lily Wilson, 4, and Tahlia Rae, 2, were at the event.



# Youths show passion

Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



TWELVE Aboriginal youths have had a taste of a career in performing arts while wowing their family and friends with a musical performance.

The performers' creativity, talent and commitment were evident in an entertaining evening of poetry, dance, music and drama.

The one-off performance was the culmination of a two-month program designed to show Aboriginal youth the reality of what's often considered a dream career.

While people are often hasty to remind the willing not to give up their day job, this project, named *Pathway to Your Passion*, aimed to inspire, challenge and engage, by showing the young people it is possible to make a career of performing arts.

"A general theme was to stay in education and look at performing arts as an option to develop further," said Project Co-ordinator and Assistant Director Jodi Haines.

"What you put in, you get out. Discover your passion, explore it and bring it to life!

"If you work hard and you've got the talent and you've got the opportunities, it is possible."

And work hard they did. The week leading up to the performance, the group of 15 to 19-year-olds rehearsed for eight hours a day, giving them a taste of the dedication required.

"They didn't complain, they acted like professionals," said a proud but exhausted Ms Haines, reflecting on the schedule.

"We wanted to create a professional environment, not a youth program or school holiday program. It was the real deal."

The project involved weekend classes in dance, drama and music, as well as throwing the group the challenge of creating and performing their own piece with the theme of 'my story'.



The young performers steal a moment during the interval to pose for *The Koori Mail*.



Kobi Sainty, Jodi Philp and Harley Everett reflect on their performances.

"It blossomed into something beautiful. They wrote and directed all their own pieces," Ms Haines said.

She said feedback from the audience and performers had been positive. "I really and truly believe magic

happened that night," she said.

"People were blown away by it. They excelled beyond all expectations."

Ms Haines said that the other 'assistant directors' also played a fantastic mentoring role. They were Carmen Falk, Jude Reid and Dwayne Everettsmith, a young Aborigine whose musical talent became recognised nationally after he appeared last year on *Australian Idol*.

"His involvement was excellent as a role model, he's living the dream, he's done his education, he's left his (day) job, and now he's following his passion," she said.

"He flew off to Brisbane and Perth to perform during the project. So they had a real insight into what it's like to perform."

Footage of the program has been captured for a documentary.

The project was supported by the local Aboriginal community, Workskills and the Tasmanian Government.

## Expression of Interest

### Housing Communities Program (HCP) Grants

Housing NSW is inviting eligible organisations to submit applications for Housing Communities Program (HCP) funding over 2.5 years, commencing 1 January 2009 to 30 June 2011.

HCP is a Housing NSW initiative that aims to enhance social cohesion and community wellbeing in key locations across NSW that are affected by significant social, economic environmental and/or housing change. Funds are offered primarily to employ staff to assist social housing communities in the project locations to address priority needs.

A public information session will be held for interested applicants on Thursday 31 July 2008 from 10.00 am-12.30 pm at Ashfield.

Applications must be received by 5.00 pm on Friday 15 August 2008.

An Expression of Interest package can be downloaded from the Housing NSW website at [www.housing.nsw.gov.au](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au)

Submit applications to:

Housing Communities Program Grants EO1  
Community & Tenant Participation Unit  
Housing NSW  
Locked Bag 4001, ASHFIELD BC 1800



## HAWKESBURY NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

### Hawkesbury Nepean Aboriginal Community Meeting - 17th August 2008

The Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority invites all Aboriginal community members to discuss a range of natural resource issues in the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority's area.

The Aboriginal community meeting will run between 10am to 12noon at Wollondilly Shire Council, 62-64 Menangle Street, Picton.

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to Paul Houston on (02) 4587 0061 or 0448 253294.

## ATTENTION ALL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER BUSINESS OWNERS

Are you looking for an opportunity to network with other Indigenous business owners and at the same time gain valuable information that will help your business?

Come to the Office of Fair Trading Indigenous Business Lunch. No Cost; opportunity for networking, guest speakers

### SYDNEY

When: 7th August 2008  
Where: Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown  
Time: 11.00am - 3.00pm (lunch at 12.30)  
YOU MUST RSVP by Friday 1st August 2008  
Contact: Lisa Murphy on 85670000

### DUBBO

When: 27th August 2008  
Where: Cascades Motor Inn, 147 Cobra Street, Dubbo  
Time: 10.30am - 3.00pm  
YOU MUST RSVP by Wednesday 20th August 2008  
Contact: Scott or Sonya on 5804 5000

## All ready for Garma 2008



ONE of Australia's highest profile Indigenous, cultural exchange and tourism events - the Yolngu people's Garma Festival - gets under way in north-east Arnhem Land next week.

Garma, to run from 8-11 August inclusive, attracts thousands of people and enjoys national and international media coverage.

Each year, the event's key forum attracts hundreds of participants including Yolngu people, policy makers and educators.

This year, the key forum will focus on Indigenous knowledge and the potential benefits and opportunities emanating from it in regard to economic development, land use, community well-being and promoting traditional Indigenous culture.

Traditional bunggul (dance), with manikay (song) ceremonies will be performed each day. There'll be nightly concerts, as well as evening screenings including documentaries, short films and stills photography by multimedia students.

The Gapan Gallery in a grove of stringy bark trees adjacent to the festival ground will feature the works of many leading Yolngu artists, including Gulumbu Yunupingu at the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre (nearby Yirrkala's arts centre).

There will also be an 'expo', providing opportunities for organisations to set up booths addressing the theme and/or local issues.

The Garma Festival is held about 12km from Gove/Nhulunbuy, and about 650km south-east of Darwin by air.



# National Calendar of Events

● To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, write no more than two sentences with contact details to email [calendar@koorimail.com](mailto:calendar@koorimail.com) or fax it to (02) 6622 2600.

**Ongoing:** Living Black on SBS Television. Held every Wednesday at 6pm on SBS. Details: (02) 9430 2828 or 1800 500 727 or email [news@sbs.com.au](mailto:news@sbs.com.au)

**Ongoing:** Australian Indigenous Global Sports Academy (AIGSA) and Prokick Australia are looking for Koori male youths ages 15-17 to play a series of American gridiron games against high schools in the USA. Details: Richard Young on (0422) 866 201 or email [rid@bold.net.au](mailto:rid@bold.net.au)

**Ongoing:** Tranby Aboriginal College 50th anniversary 2008. Tranby is seeking former staff and students and other community members who are interested in coming together to catch up and to share their experience over the last 50 years with each other. Held at Tranby Aboriginal College, 13 Mansfield St, Glebe. Details: Annaliese Monaro on (02) 9660 3444 or 1800 601 988 email [a.monaro@tranby.edu.au](mailto:a.monaro@tranby.edu.au) visit [www.tranby.edu.au](http://www.tranby.edu.au)

**Ongoing:** The Indigenous Australians Exhibition. The exhibition showcases the diversity and richness of Indigenous cultures as well as the problems faced by many Indigenous communities in Australia today. Held at the Australian Museum, 6 College St, Sydney. Details: Cheryl Connors on (02) 9320 6000 or (0417) 232 204 or visit [www.amonline.net.au/visiting/exhibitions](http://www.amonline.net.au/visiting/exhibitions)

**Ongoing:** The Aboriginal Heritage Projects is providing grants of up to \$75,000 to conserve Aboriginal heritage and encourage greater understanding of Aboriginal culture. The program assists in the conservation of culturally significant Aboriginal sites, documents community events and contributes to Aboriginal tourism. Details: Richard Sharpter on (02) 9873 8577 or email [richard.sharpter@heritage.nsw.gov.au](mailto:richard.sharpter@heritage.nsw.gov.au)

**Ongoing:** Day Club provides social and recreational activities for veterans, their spouses, war widows/widowers and any other members of the community. Details: Margaret Morgan on (02) 9213 7225 or Erica Greig on (02) 9213 7482 or visit [www.dva.gov.au/health/day\\_clubs](http://www.dva.gov.au/health/day_clubs)

**Ongoing:** Certificate IV in Training and Assessment for Aboriginal people who want to become TAFE teachers or workplace trainers. Held in Ballina. Details: Deb Evans on (02) 6681 8911 or email [debbie.evans@tatenw.edu.au](mailto:debbie.evans@tatenw.edu.au) or 131601 or (02) 6586 2249 or email [nci.courseinfo@tatenw.edu.au](mailto:nci.courseinfo@tatenw.edu.au)

**Until 31 July:** The National Excellence in Teaching Awards calls on parents, school councils, committees of management, student councils and local community organisations to identify teachers who are an inspiration to their students, to their peers and to their community. Details: (03) 9276

7768 or 1800 624 487 or email [neita@asg.com.au](mailto:neita@asg.com.au) or visit [www.neita.com.au](http://www.neita.com.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. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit [www.records.nsw.gov.au](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au)

**Until 1 August:** Housing NSW Youth Scholarship 09 Program request for applications. This program aims to assist eligible young people living in social housing to complete their Higher School Certificate (HSC) or TAFE equivalent by providing a one off payment of \$2000 to be spent on educational related items. Details: Call your local NSW office or call 1300 468 746 or visit [www.housing.nsw.gov.au](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au)

**Until 2 August:** Rosella Namok 'From Sand Beach Side' Art Exhibition. Held at Hogarth Galleries, Paddington, from 10am-5pm. Details call (02) 9360 6839 or email [info@hogarthgalleries.com](mailto:info@hogarthgalleries.com) or visit [www.aboriginalartcentres.com](http://www.aboriginalartcentres.com)

**Until 2 August:** 10th Festival of Pacific Arts. Indigenous artists and groups invited to be a part of the festival. The event attracts artists and delegates from 27 Pacific nations and features performances, presentations, forums and advocacy events during its 10-day program. Details: Raelene Baker on (07) 3224 4896 or visit [www.arts.qld.gov.au](http://www.arts.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.festival-pacific-arts.org](http://www.festival-pacific-arts.org)

**Until 3 August:** Brisbane Festival. This is one of Australia's leading international arts festivals. The festival places great emphasis on creating new work, accessibility and facilitating exchanges between local, national and international artists and companies. Held at River Stage, City Botanic Gardens. Free entry, all welcome. Details: Joanna Nilson on (07) 3833 5449 or (0422) 104 178, or Gabe Cramb on (0419) 798 995 or visit [www.brisbanefestival.com.au](http://www.brisbanefestival.com.au)

**Until 3 August:** National Parks and Wildlife Service Aboriginal Art Awards 08. Prizes include \$3000 open 1st prize; \$1000 open 2nd prize, people's choice awards, and collaborative award, and \$500 youth award. Welcome to country by Aunty Maureen Logan with performances from the Buygal Bunji Dancers. All welcome. Held at Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah from 10am-5pm. Details: (02) 6670 2790 or email [tweedart@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tweedart@tweed.nsw.gov.au)

**Until 8 August:** NSW and ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards are calling for nominations in the following six categories. Details: on award categories, call Teesha Cupples on 1300 735 445 or [www.awardsaustralia.com](http://www.awardsaustralia.com)

**Until 8 August:** Registrations for National Basketball Championship registrations are open. A grade men and women, under 18s, under 16s and under 14s boys and girls. Details: Nikita Ridgeway on (0415) 095 661 or

email [koorigirl@mail.com](mailto:koorigirl@mail.com) or visit [www.darwin.basketball.net.au](http://www.darwin.basketball.net.au)

**Until 10 August:** Identity - 'The State of Being'. Innovative exhibition showcasing the leading Indigenous artists of the NSW North Coast 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. Details: Rose Marin on (02) 6643 0200 or (02) 6642 3177 or visit [www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au](http://www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au)

**Until 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. Details: Clarence on (02) 9231 8128 or (0409) 902 256 or call Sheryl on (02) 9231 8164 or visit [www.rbgsgd.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rbgsgd.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. Details: (02) 9360 6839 or email [info@hogarthgalleries.com](mailto:info@hogarthgalleries.com) or visit [www.aboriginalartcentres.com](http://www.aboriginalartcentres.com)

**Until 22 August:** Veteran and Community Grants, which aims to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of members of the veteran community by providing financial assistance for activities, services and projects that sustain and or enhance well being. Details: Katrina Zmuda on (02) 9213 7128 or 1300 550 465 or visit [www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au)

**Until 22 August:** 'Looking In Looking Out' Art Exhibition by Lotus Glen Correctional Centre visual art students. Held at Banggu Minjaany Art Gallery, Tropical North Qld TAFE, Cairns. Details: Semah Hodges on (07) 4042 2632 or 1300 656 959 or visit [www.tnqit.tafe.qld.gov.au](http://www.tnqit.tafe.qld.gov.au)

**Until 24 August:** 'Stomping Grounds' Art Exhibition featuring the inspiring works of Raymond Walters Japanangka. Held at Katrina Manton Gallery, 325 Montague St, Albert Park. Details: (03) 9415 6539 or (0422) 363 676 or email [admin@reddust.org.au](mailto:admin@reddust.org.au) or visit [www.reddust.org.au](http://www.reddust.org.au)

**Until 30 August:** Gandel Family Foyer Gallery and Darren-Pattie Bux Gallery Art Exhibitions. Each featured Artist brings their own preferred and unique style, fusing together traditional stories with contemporary techniques. Held at the Koorie Heritage Trust, Melbourne. All welcome. Details: (03) 8622 2600 or email [reception@koorieheritagetrust.com](mailto:reception@koorieheritagetrust.com) or visit [www.koorieheritagetrust.com](http://www.koorieheritagetrust.com)

**Until 30 August:** Aunty Joyce Johnson and Community Access

Gallery Art Exhibitions. The works in these exhibitions depict connectedness to Country and belonging to family. A variety of mediums are used from acrylic on canvas, pastel on paper, prints, pelts and feathers. Held at the Koorie Heritage Trust, Melbourne. All welcome. Details: (03) 8622 2600 or email [reception@koorieheritagetrust.com](mailto:reception@koorieheritagetrust.com) or visit [www.koorieheritagetrust.com](http://www.koorieheritagetrust.com)

**Until 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.' Eddie 'Kookaburra' Kneebone tells the story of colonial settlement and its impact on the Indigenous clans of the Victorian north-east and upper Murray region of

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## Expressions of Interest

Closing time is 2:00pm on Tuesday, 19th August 2008

Mount Isa Mines Ltd ("Xstrata") is planning a routine 28 day (nominal) smelter shutdown in Mount Isa during June/July 2009.

Contracting companies are invited to register their interest in providing some or all of the following works required to be performed during the smelter shutdown:

- Mobile equipment hire, specifically mobile cranes 4t to 200t;
- Industrial cleaning - HP water blasting, sand blasting and vacuum loading;
- Industrial scaffold installation and removal;
- Refractory de-bricking and re-bricking;
- Engineering works - Mechanical and Electrical;
- Instrumentation works;
- Fabrication and structural works;
- General maintenance works; and
- Waste management and disposal.

Works will be carried out on a 24 hour per day basis for the duration of the shutdown. Please register your company's interest by writing to:

The Contracts Manager - Xstrata Copper North Queensland, Mount Isa Mines Ltd, Private Mail Bag 6, Mount Isa QLD 4825.

You are strongly encouraged to include the following details when registering your interest in the works:

- A detailed company capability statement;
- Your companies documented Health and Safety Management System;
- Your companies work injury history for the last three years;
- A detailed employee profile - number of employees by discipline;
- A detailed list of equipment, specifically mobile equipment; and
- Your company's ability to perform the works during June/July 2009.

Xstrata encourages Indigenous business groups to register their interest in performing some or all of the works.

## Northern Territory Emergency Response Review Board

The Northern Territory Emergency Response Review Board has been established to conduct an independent and transparent review of the NTER.

**The Review Board is now calling for public submissions.**

Questions the Review Board are seeking to answer include:

1. What is working?
2. What isn't working?
3. Have there been any unintended consequences?
4. How is each NTER measure performing and how should each be taken forward?
5. What progress has there been in improving the safety and well-being of Indigenous children?
6. Will the suite of measures deliver the intended results?
7. Will NTER lay the basis for a sustainable and better future for residents of remote communities and town camps in the NT?
8. What alternative measures should be considered?
9. Are there other ways of working that would better address the circumstances facing remote communities and town camps?

Advice on how to structure submissions, Terms of Reference for the Northern Territory Emergency Response Review Board and list of NTER Measures can be obtained by calling:

Review Secretariat on 1800 733 923 or by email to [NTER.Review@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:NTER.Review@fahcsia.gov.au)

Submissions must be in writing and will open on Friday 4 July 2008 and close on Friday 15 August.

You can lodge your views by:

MAIL: NTER Review Board Secretariat, GPO Box 7576, Canberra Mail Centre, ACT 2610

EMAIL: [NTER.Review@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:NTER.Review@fahcsia.gov.au)

For more information email: [NTER.Review@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:NTER.Review@fahcsia.gov.au)

[www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au)



## Campaign targets Indigenous Australians



THEY say 'use it or lose it' and that's the key message behind a new West Australian advertising campaign.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians are a key target of the new 'Find Thirty every day' physical activity campaign launched recently State Health Minister Jim McGinty.

Building on the previous 'Find thirty. It's not a big exercise' campaign, the new campaign aims to increase the number of West Australian adults who are sufficiently active for good health and focuses on raising awareness of the enormous range of physical, mental and social health benefits of physical activity.

In addition to the mainstream campaign advertising, television, radio and print advertisements have been produced to specifically target Indigenous Australians via Indigenous media.

Heart Foundation Cardiovascular Health Director

Trevor Shilton said adults needed at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity every day for good health.

"We know that people who do not take part in regular moderate-intensity physical activity are nearly twice as likely to die from a heart attack as those who do, are more likely to be overweight or obese and are at greater risk of diabetes and some cancers," Mr Shilton said.

"This new campaign, comprising television, radio and print advertisements, aims to increase awareness of the many benefits of physical activity and show adults just how good it is for social, mental and physical health."

"Taking part in physical activity improves mental well-being by reducing feelings of stress and anxiety and can provide important social benefits by increasing social support and building social



A scene from the Find Thirty every day television shoot. Photo courtesy of the Heart Foundation.

networks."

Research has shown that 75 per cent of Aboriginal people aged 15 years and over living in non-remote areas reported being sedentary or exercising at low levels (Australian

Bureau of Statistics, 2008).

Aboriginal people aged 35 years and over and sedentary or exercising at low levels were more likely to have three or more long-term health conditions. They also

reported higher rates of CVD and asthma (ABS, 2008).

For more details, visit [www.findthirtyeveryday.com.au](http://www.findthirtyeveryday.com.au) or call Heart Foundation on (08) 9388 3343.

# Marathon journey

## Blind man to cycle tandem from Armidale to Coffs



ABORIGINAL man Steve Widders isn't going to let his failing eyesight get in the way riding from Armidale to Coffs Harbour, in northern New South Wales. Mr Widders decided with two friends that they would take on the

challenge to help an international effort to restore sight and reduce blindness in developing nations, including Australia.

From 6-7 September, he'll ride tandem with John Woodward, while fellow cyclist Greg Clarke will keep a check on both men.

The group, which represents the Armidale Duval Lions Club, has called their riding challenge 'Mountain to Sea'.

Mr Widders, who is almost totally blind, took up riding tandem about three years ago with his friends David Lush and John Woodward for exercise and recreation.

"On a tandem you have a captain and a stoker," Mr Widders said.

"I ride behind and am the stoker. With the extra weight of two on board, it sometimes makes it difficult to get uphill but

downhill we have the advantage.

"At the beginning we had to master stopping, getting off at the same time and cornering, but we're on top of that now."

The New England Credit Union has thrown its support behind the men with sponsorship, and its Chief Executive Officer, Kevin Dupé, has urged local people and businesses to do the same.

"It can cost less than \$7 in some cases to prevent blindness and I take my hat off to the Duval Lions Club, Steve

and the team for undertaking this great ride for a great cause. We are very happy to offer our support," he said.

• The trio will also be supported by Lions clubs along the route from Armidale to Coffs Harbour, and are seeking further sponsorship. Those wanting to assist should call John Woodward on (02) 6772 0053 or Bruce Whan (Duval Lions President) on (02) 6775 2235 or leave a donation at the Armidale NECU branch at the corner of Rusden and Dangar streets.



**Rural Allied Health Undergraduate Scholarship Scheme 2009 Funding**

The Rural Allied Health Undergraduate Scholarship (RAHUS) Scheme is an Australian Government initiative to support rural origin individuals to undertake allied health and oral health degrees so they may pursue a clinical career in rural and remote Australia.

The RAHUS Scheme is open to individuals with a rural background studying an allied health degree [audiology, chiropractic, dietetics, exercise physiology, indigenous health (tertiary degree only), occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathy, medical radiation science (medical imaging, radiation therapy & nuclear medicine technology) physiotherapy, podiatry, psychology (postgraduate), social work and speech pathology] or oral health degree [dentistry and oral health].

The scholarship provides \$10,000 a year to assist students with accommodation, living and travel expenses during their studies. Eligible students will have lived in a rural or remote region of Australia for at least five consecutive or eight cumulative years and must be Australian citizens or permanent Australian residents. Applicants must be entering or currently enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited or approved undergraduate or graduate entry level Australian allied health or oral health degree.

Applications open on Monday 28 July 2008 and close on Monday, 29 September 2008. For further information please contact the RAHUS Administrator, Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH), on 1800 338 061 or by email on [rahus@sarrah.org.au](mailto:rahus@sarrah.org.au), or view the SARRAH website at [www.sarrah.org.au](http://www.sarrah.org.au).

The Rural Allied Health Undergraduate Scholarship Scheme is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.



Tandem team Steve Widders and John Woodward with fellow cyclist Greg Clarke and New England Credit Union CEO Kevin Dupé.



## 'On ya bikes, fellas – It'll do you good'



A NEW bike fleet in suburban Miller is providing Aboriginal men

with a healthy way to travel around Sydney's south-west. The fleet consists of six bicycles and was recently launched at The Hub, a health referral agency for Sydney South West Area Health Service (SSWAHS).

Over the coming months, the bikes will be decorated with Indigenous artwork.

"The bike fleet will help us get to interviews and appointments or go for a ride to clear the head," said Khy Taylor, a member of the Miller

Aboriginal men's group.

"We can also have some adventure by riding along the local bike tracks."

Dr Chris Rissel, Director of Health Promotion at SSWAHS, said the project was an example of how much could be achieved through local partnerships.

"Getting the bike fleet off the ground involved a number of sectors coming together and working with the men's group," he said.

"The result is a good outcome for everyone and the partnership will continue to provide us with opportunities like the Miller cycling adventure in August, and cycling coach training in November.

"With the cost of petrol continuing to rise, cycling makes sense as well as being good fun."

"It costs nothing to get around on a bike and cycling helps improve fitness and is good for the environment."

The Miller Aboriginal men's group also recently undertook a bike fleet maintenance course at TAFE NSW – Miller College.

Each participant assembled a bike using a bike toolkit and received a formal statement of attendance.

"I enjoyed the bike fleet maintenance course. I thought I knew heaps about bikes, but I learnt so much more," Khy Taylor said.

"I look forward to teaching some of these skills to the young locals who come to the men's group."

The Miller bike fleet is an initiative of the Miller Aboriginal Men's group in partnership with SSWAHS, The HUB Miller, Mission Australia and other local organisations in the Miller area.

The project is part of the NSW Health funded Cycling Connecting Communities project. For more information visit [www.cyclingconnectingcommunities.net](http://www.cyclingconnectingcommunities.net).

● To participate in the Miller bike fleet project contact Aboriginal Health Worker Les Fuller on (02) 9616 4048 or Jeni Bindon on (02) 9515 9055.



The Miller Aboriginal Men's Group ready to make the most of the new bike fleet.

## Aborigines waiting up to three months to see doctor



ABORIGINAL people in remote communities are waiting up to three months for local access to a doctor, official figures show.

Only one in five people living in remote communities of more than 50 people had access to doctors on a daily basis, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) figures from 2006, released last Wednesday.

A further 41 per cent had local access to a doctor on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

But about three per cent were able to access a doctor in their own community less than once every three months, the ABS found.

About 93,000 of Australia's estimated 517,000 Aboriginal people live in a discrete Indigenous community, most of which are considered remote.

In 2006, just one in 10 of those people were in a community which had a hospital.

Three-quarters had a community health centre in their township, but not all of those had full-time trained staff able to provide treatment.

The ABS also found that while the majority of people in remote Indigenous communities had primary schools nearby, secondary school education was less accessible.

Only 29 per cent of people in remote Indigenous communities had a secondary school that went up to Year 10, and just 24 per cent had a school that went up to Year 12.

Just 57 per cent of people in remote communities with a population of 50 or more had access to a childcare centre and 36 per cent had access to a library.

But there was some good news.

The ABS found the availability and quality of some essential services improved in the five years to 2001.

"In particular, there were improvements in water and electricity supply and sewage disposal," the ABS said. – AAP

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# Aboriginal teachers and students shine



Holding frames, from left, Raymond Toomey, Christine Lever, Ryan Griffen (on behalf of his father, Darryl Griffen) and John Carney from TAFE NSW Sydney Institute.



Carmel Gerrie, left, with her Gili Staff Award and Mavis Pacey with her Gili Teacher Award.



Chief Executive Officer of the Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council Jack Johnson, right, presents Raymond Toomey with his Gili Encouragement Award.



THE achievements of Aboriginal TAFE NSW students and teachers, parents, Aboriginal communities, organisations and the NSW Department of Education and Training were recognised at the annual TAFE NSW Gili Awards on Thursday, 10 July.

The NSW Department of Education and Training acting Director-General, Peter Riordan, said the awards were introduced in 1991 to improve educational outcomes for TAFE NSW Aboriginal students and promote the benefits of vocational education and training for Aboriginal people and communities.

"The awards are a great opportunity to acknowledge the contributions made by Aboriginal TAFE students and staff, across the state, to their communities through vocational education and training," Mr Riordan said.

"Gili is an Aboriginal word which means 'to shine', and this year's awards recipients are no less luminous than 'stars' of previous years.

"I congratulate all the winners on outstanding achievements - they are marvellous ambassadors for the Aboriginal community and for vocational education and training and what it can achieve.

"It is so important to recognise and celebrate excellence and to ensure that Aboriginal students and staff who achieve significant results are congratulated and acknowledged by their peers and the community."

Mr Riordan said TAFE NSW was doing a great job in improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students.

"TAFE NSW is a leader when it comes to developing and delivering relevant, appropriate and innovative programs by working in close partnership with business and industry groups, schools and local communities," he said.

"Successful education and training outcomes increase employment opportunities which result in improved self-esteem, living standards and overall wellbeing.

"It also enables Aboriginal people the opportunity to determine their own futures and that of their communities."

The Awards ceremony coincided with NAIDOC Week, which is this year celebrating its 51st anniversary. The theme for NAIDOC Week this year was 'Advance Australia Fair?'

## Canoe model feature at city museum



A TRADITIONAL bark canoe, or nowey, handcrafted by Year 8 school students, has become a main feature of the historic The Rocks Discovery Museum in Sydney.

A scale model of the traditional stringy bark canoes used in Sydney Harbour by the Cadigal people, the nowey was built by students from Sydney's Alexandria Park Community School.

The project resulted from a partnership between Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority and Sydney's Aboriginal community.

"Nowey were originally used by the Cardial people in the waters of Sydney Harbour for fishing, travel, trade and communication of messages and news," said Foreshore Authority chief Robert Lang.

"The Rocks Discovery Museum is about interpreting this area's original heritage and ensuring that the Aboriginal culture is a living entity. This beautifully crafted nowey will take

pride of place in the Museum as a symbolic piece, bringing the past together with the present.

"The curriculum-linked project is designed to revive ancient Aboriginal skills and engender pride, knowledge and understanding in the mostly Indigenous Year 8 students, along with creating new cross-cultural opportunities."

The Alexandria Park Community School Canoe Project was initiated as part of the recently signed 'Principles of Co-operation Agreement' between the Foreshore Authority and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, which paves the way towards a better understanding of Aboriginal culture.

The Foreshore Authority, The Tribal Warrior Association and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council provided assistance in securing resources, materials and traditional arborists and canoe builders. State Forests of NSW and National Parks and Wildlife Service also provided support.



Alexandria Park school students with a model of the nowey traditional canoe they made which is on show at The Rocks Discovery Museum in Sydney.



## Indigenous institute to boost skills



THE Rudd Government will support the development of a new education and training facility for Indigenous youth at Punt Road Oval in Melbourne.

Education Minister Julia Gillard last week announced the Government's contribution of \$6.75 million toward the establishment of the Australian Institute for Indigenous Learning and Skills Development.

The institute will form part of the redeveloped Punt Road Oval, the original home of the Richmond Football Club, which will be completed in 2010.

Both classroom and other facilities – lecture theatres, tutorial rooms, conference and sporting facilities – available at the redeveloped oval will be used for training.

Ms Gillard said the new institute would play an important role in delivering on the Government's commitment to halving the education and employment gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

An unacceptably high percentage of young people falling behind in literacy and numeracy are from Indigenous, remote or low socio-economic backgrounds.

Ms Gillard said the new facility would help young Indigenous people develop self confidence and leadership skills through leadership camps and pre-employment skills development training.

Young Indigenous people will be offered vocational education and training options to develop skills that provide the best opportunity to improve their employment prospects. The Australian Government and Richmond Football Club will conclude the full agreement in the coming weeks prior to the commencement of construction later in 2008, Ms Gillard said.

She said the Government would work closely with the Club to ensure the new institute is co-ordinated with existing programs, is providing integrated services and support for Indigenous youth, and is working closely with Indigenous community and education organisations and the private sector.



Representatives of TAFE NSW Western Institute and Cowra High School, winners of the Gili TAFE/Schools Partnership Award.

## Winners of the 2008 Gili Awards

- Encouragement Award: Raymond Toomey, Sydney Institute, Wentworthville
- Encouragement Award: James Pitts, Riverina Institute, Wagga Wagga
- Encouragement Award: Jennifer Osmond, Hunter Institute, Rutherford
- Achievement Award: Christine Lever, Sydney Institute, Marrickville
- Achievement Award: John Carney, Sydney Institute, Dulwich Hill
- Achievement Award: P Jay Bell, Illawarra Institute, Yass
- Award for Academic Excellence: Nicole Chaffey, Hunter Institute, Cardiff
- Apprentice of the Year Award: Rachele Potts, New England Institute, Tamworth
- Trainee of the Year Award: Simone Greche, North Coast, Woodford Island
- Staff Award: Carmel Gerrie, Western Sydney Institute, Umina
- Teacher Award: Mavis Pacey, Western Sydney Institute, Hebersham
- Bruce Kendall Award for Recognition of Service to Aboriginal Education: Darryl Griffen, Sydney Institute, Chippendale
- TAFE Delivered VET Award (Schools): New England Institute, Tamworth
- Industry Partnership Award: New England Institute and Namoi Catchment Authority, New England Institute, Tamworth
- Community Partnership Award: North Coast Institute, Wollongbar
- TAFE and School Partnership Award: Western Institute, Cowra
- Institute Award: Western Institute, Orange.



Jason Carney from TAFE NSW Sydney Institute receives his Gili Achievement Award from Deputy Director-General of TAFE and Community Education Marie Persson.



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## Resource designed to make websites real



A NEW e-learning resource has been launched aimed at helping regional and remote Indigenous communities to build culturally appropriate

websites. The creators of the 'Making IT Real' CD ROM say it allows users with basic technical skills to create web interfaces suited to their community – by using local languages, place names, landmarks and people.

Developed in conjunction with the Lockhart River community in far north Queensland, the free resource aims to address the lack of relevant, quality education and training resources available to Indigenous learners.

Project Manager Michael Brown, from Tropical North Qld Institute of TAFE (TNQIT), said many e-learning resources available were of shopping malls, cafes and other virtual simulations that weren't relevant to regional and remote areas like Cape York in north Queensland or the Wheatbelt area in Western Australia.

"Making IT Real takes existing learning resources and encourages schools and community organisations to make them into 'real' resources that can be saved and shared, rather than disconnected external resources that are not applicable to most communities," he said.

"By incorporating elements of a particular community within an e-learning resource, learners from



Students from the Lockhart State School have used the Making IT Real resource to improve their literacy and numeracy skills. Back row, from left, Nakyah Bally, Bonnie Claudie, Josiah Omeeny (Teacher Aide) and Kyisha Clarmont. Middle, Beatrice Hobson and Benedict Macumboy. Front, Tristan Eiu and Lawrence Hudson-Bond.

that community are more likely to engage and interact with the content because it has relevance to them."

The Making IT Real project was also supported by other communities from Cape York and the Torres Strait, and was tested by the Yarrabah community in Queensland.

It was funded by the national training system's e-learning strategy, the Australian Flexible Learning Framework under its 2007 Indigenous Engagement Project.

The creators say the stand-alone e-learning resource can also help individuals complete trade apprenticeships or vocational education and training qualifications. Indigenous knowledge centres, community and other training organisations can use it for self-paced learning, and for teachers and trainers to incorporate into an existing education and training program.

To order a copy of the Making IT Real CD-ROM email: [indigenous@flexiblelearning.net.au](mailto:indigenous@flexiblelearning.net.au)

## Service to help families



A NEW service has been launched to support families with young children in the Katherine region

of the Northern Territory.

The Early Years Network – A Katherine Region Communities For Children Initiative aims to encourage strong links between families and early childhood services in the Katherine region which covers an area north to Bulman, east to Borroloola, south to Lajamanu and west to Amanbidji.

A partnership project between the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and Charles Darwin University, in association with The Smith Family and Good Beginnings Australia, the network was launched recently at a family fun evening at the Katherine Training Centre.

More than 200 people attended the launch, with many local businesses providing practical assistance.

Associate Professor for Indigenous Early Childhood Research at Batchelor Institute Dr Lyn Fasoli said the Early Years Network would provide families in the region with young children additional support and assistance through a wide range of services.

"These include locating early childhood services, information on services and projects currently operating within local communities, linking families with support services and informing people in the Katherine region about upcoming community events," she said.

"The Early Years Network will provide this support via regular newsletters, a free-call support phone number, sourcing information for families as well as access to a website that is currently under construction."

The Communities for Children Initiative is supported by the Australian Government under the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy.

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### WOOLYUNGAH INDIGENOUS CENTRE ALTERNATIVE ADMISSIONS PROGRAM 2009

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admissions Program will be held on Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd October 2008.

Application forms can be obtained by contacting Sharon Twyford on (02) 4221 3776, or alternately by downloading a form from the website [www.uow.edu.au/wic](http://www.uow.edu.au/wic)

Applications open Tuesday 1 July 2008 – Close Friday 29 August 2008

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## Residents get bird's-eye view of new high school



FITZROY Crossing residents have been given the first glimpse of what the new \$34 million Fitzroy Crossing District High School will look like.

On 17 July, State Education and Training Minister Mark McGowan released an aerial photo of the construction site and an artist's impression of the new school, which is on track to open its doors to students next year.

Mr McGowan said architects Bateman Grundman had commissioned a model of the new facilities so the principal could promote the school in the town and to surrounding communities.

"Meetings with the school community are taking place to determine the new school's name, crest and motto," he said.

"These meetings also include how staff and students will be relocated to the new school with the least disruption to the students' education."

"The project is due for completion at the end of February 2009, with the school relocating shortly afterwards." Central Kimberley-Pilbara MP Tom Stephens said the current school was more than 50 years old.



An aerial photo of the \$34 million Fitzroy Crossing District High School construction site.

"The new school is being built on higher ground in Fallon Road which will prevent flooding during the wet season," Mr Stephens said.

"It will feature state-of-the-art facilities with a library, covered assembly area with a canteen, and a music and drama room. There are plans for specialist classrooms for science, computer, composite materials and food and textiles."

"The school will also include early childhood and general learning classrooms."

Kimberley MP Carol Martin said the WA Government was spending more than \$1.4 billion on school infrastructure projects across WA.

"We are spending \$1.11 billion on new schools and upgrades to existing schools and a further \$300 million on school maintenance," she said.



# Olympic award

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



MORRISON Mosby says he was proud and honoured to be awarded the 2008 Pierre de Coubertin Award by the Queensland Olympic Committee.

The Tagai State College Thursday Island Secondary Campus student was one of more than 200 Queensland high school sporting achievers recognised in Brisbane recently.

Morrison believed he was the first Indigenous person to receive the award recognising participation and commendable sporting behaviour consistent with the Olympic movement.

While the born and bred Torres Strait Islander is a rugby league and volleyball enthusiast, he also likes getting involved in school and youth councils on Thursday Island.

"I am a bit of an all-rounder," he said. "I have had a lot of sporting achievements over the years, and I am committed to being a good role model and motivating people."

Morrison has represented the Torres Strait in volleyball and rugby league but he also has aspirations of representing Australia in rugby union at the Olympics.

"I would like a career in rugby league, I want to be the next Sam Thaiday," he said.

"But I also have an interest in rugby union and would like to make an appearance in the Olympics."

Morrison especially wanted to thank his teacher Patrick Mullet for nominating him for the award and his mum for her support over the years.

Tagai State College Secondary Campus Acting Principal Mr Craig Whittred said the school was proud of Morrison as he was the first Torres Strait Islander student to win this prestigious award.

"At Tagai State College our students are achieving excellent outcomes in a range of areas including academia, sport, and culture," Mr Whittred said.

"Competition at our school for this nomination was fierce and reflects the outstanding calibre of our students."



Morrison Mosby with his award.

## Mentor program set to expand



A SUCCESSFUL education mentoring program helping Indigenous people refine their study

pathways will be expanded across the Northern Territory.

Charles Darwin University's (CDU) Planning Futures Directions Program, introduced in 2005, has provided holistic individual and community-based training assessments to more than 3000 Indigenous people across 64 communities.

The program is based upon an introductory vocational training unit that takes into account the many cultural and resource challenges of learning in regional and remote communities.

It aims to go beyond traditional audits by responding to the cultural, social and logistical challenges of training and education.

Senior VET Advisor for remote projects, Bronte Cooper said the program gave people the opportunity to develop clear and positive study pathways.

### Pathways

"Many of the communities I work with have responded very well to this audit program because it helps people consider ways to deal with hump, lack of transport and cultural complexities," Mr Cooper said.

"That often puts people off making those first steps to participating in training."

The program was developed after extensive consultation with individuals and their community leaders, and produces easy-to-follow training plans for all involved, including participants, leaders and lecturers.

Many communities have already used the data to co-ordinate programs with the university.

Each student's literacy and numeracy level is benchmarked against the Federal Government's National Reporting System, and used to personalise training programs.

Mr Cooper said the second phase of the program would include easier to use documentation.

"It's about developing a clear and easy-to-follow action plan that helps people through perceived barriers by giving them very clear pathways towards their career and training goals," he said.

CDU is the major supplier of training across the Northern Territory for more than 14,000 people in vocational studies. Around half of those taking part in CDU training are Indigenous.

# Teaching parents to teach kids

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



INDIGENOUS parents have been urged to take an active role in the education of their young children.

The Australian Parents Council (APC) highlighted the crucial role of parents at a workshop, "Successful Learning in the Early Years of Schooling - Indigenous Parent Factor", held recently in Lismore, northern NSW.

The parents were joined by workers from the State and Federal government departments, who later facilitated training during the three-day workshop.

Project co-ordinator Rosmarie Koppe told *The Koori Mail* that learning in the home, reading and writing were fundamentals in a very young child's development that would benefit them into their school years.

"The workshop highlights how young children learn in the home, and that home languages and home learning is vital in pre-literacy," she said.

"It is so important as the foundation for what is going to happen in the school, and for what teachers are going to do."

"Parents are co-educators and they must value their own roles."

Ms Koppe said education training for parents was often overlooked, and the workshops gave families an understanding of what they need to do at home.



Parents taking part in the education workshop at Lismore recently.





Archie Roach on stage.



Emma Donovan performs.



Dave Arden and guitar.



Peter Totumah was a favourite.



Dan Sultan put his heart into it.



Melbourne-based Kutcha Edwards.



Lou Bennett sings.



Joe Geia in action.

# Stars come out to play

Story and photos  
by DAVID WILLIAMS



A LINE-UP of some of the most respected names in Australian music performed a virtual songbook of contemporary Aboriginal life when

*The Black Arm Band* opened the 2008 Brisbane Festival on 18 July.

The free performance of Murundak at Brisbane's River Stage made the show accessible to everyone, drawing a crowd of about 4000 people.

Fresh from their overseas performance at the Royal Albert Hall in London, the A-list Indigenous musicians hit the stage for a show that saw the appetites of concert-goers well catered for – from the high energy of 2007 Deadly Award winner Dan Sultan to the familiar rendition of *Took the Children Away* by singer/songwriter Archie Roach.

Other performances during the night included Ruby Hunter, Joe Geia, Bart Willoughby and Emma Donovan.

Opening the show was a contemporary welcome to country with students from the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts (ACPA) alongside Brisbane Elder Aunty Carol Currie.

The excitement grew as members of *The Black Arm Band* performed individually, celebrating their own signature musical essence as creative pioneers.

Towards the end of the evening, Jimmy Little took to the stage and audience members showed their appreciation with cheering. His rendition of Kev Carmody's *From Little Things Big Things Grow* was a



Bart Willoughby was one of *The Black Arm Band*.

crowd favourite, with many joining in when the chorus came round.

By the time a painted-up Gapanbulu Yunupingu sang the familiar first few lines to *Treaty* towards the end, accompanied by Mark Atkins on the didge, it was time to shake a leg on the dance floor.

Finishing the concert off was a unique rendition of *Somewhere over The Rainbow*, an arrangement by Thomas Newman from the *Meet Joe Black* soundtrack, sung by Jimmy Little and accompanied on ukulele by Stephen Pigram.

It was a great way to end such an amazing collection of performances by so many Indigenous artists.



# Arts – Brisbane Festival



Peter Rotumah, Kutch Edwards, Lou Bennett and Jimmy Little together on stage.



Shane Howard works the strings.



Shelly Morris on stage in Brisbane.



A painted-up Gapanbulu Yunupingu singing the first few lines to *Treaty*.

Mark Atkins on the didgeridoo.



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# Cosmic art in new gallery

**Memory weaves magic for artist**



**NORTHERN Territory artist Karen J Mills' entry in this year's 25th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait**

**Islander Art Award was influenced by Indigenous weaving, memories of hand-knitted woollen garments and Western abstract art.**

Born in Katherine in 1960, Mills was adopted as a baby by a non-Aboriginal school teacher and raised in South Australia before returning to the Territory as a young adult to seek out her Aboriginal birth mother and Indigenous cultural heritage.

"Although I've always had a strong interest in art it wasn't until later in life, after I had raised my own family, that I began developing my career as a visual artist," she said.

"The loop stitch technique commonly used by Aboriginal women to make bags from bush string is a central motif in my piece, and is used as a metaphor for identity and connection/disconnection, reflecting my background as an Indigenous woman who has experienced and learned from both black and white worlds."

## Diversity

Museum and Art Gallery (MAGNT) Acting Director Apolline Kohen said the great diversity of Indigenous expression was reflected in the artworks submitted this year, which range from 2D works on paper, bark and canvas to 3D works made from fibre, ironwood and fibreglass.

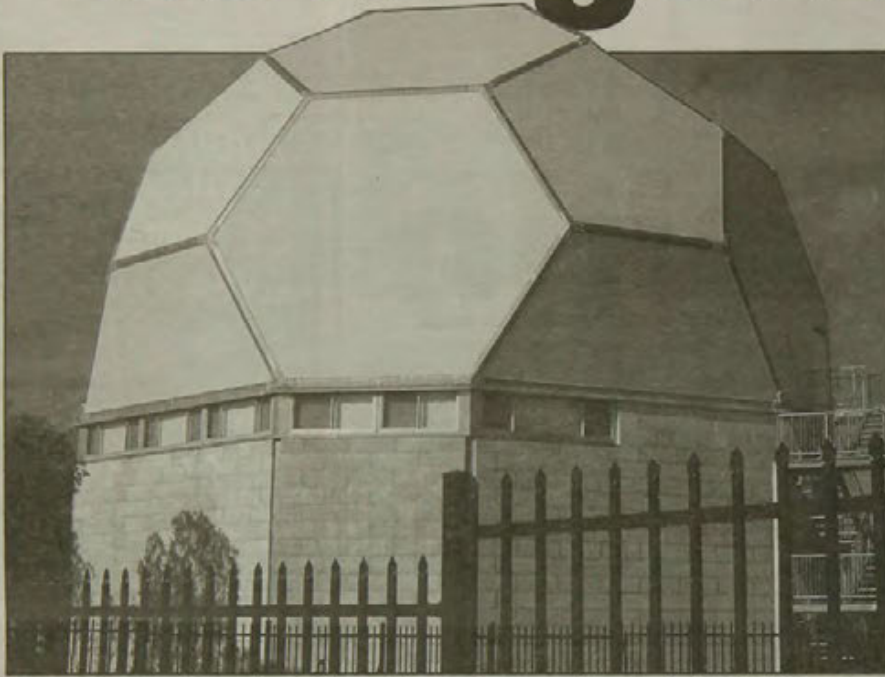
"The quality of the artworks we have received for this year's silver jubilee is outstanding, and there is no doubt the judges will have a difficult time selecting the winners," Ms Kohen said.

The overall \$40,000 Telstra Award and further four media categories will again be non-acquisitive in 2008, which means the winning artists can retain or sell their works.

"We're expecting many of the works to be in great demand following the announcement of this year's winners," Ms Kohen said.

"Last year, over two-thirds of finalists sold their works for a combined total of more than \$850,000."

Winners in the Telstra Art Award will be announced on Friday 15 August at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, and works will be on display until Sunday 26 October.



The newly opened Cosmology Gallery at the Gravity Research Centre North of Perth, housing artworks by Nyoongar Toogar Morrison.

Story by **KEN BOASE**  
Photos by **ALITA BOASE**



**NYOONGAR** spiritual belief features prominently in a education centre and art gallery at the newly opened Cosmology Gallery, 80km north of Perth.

The new gallery is a public outreach of the Australian International Gravitational Observatory.

Both are funded by a mix of public and private grants through the Gravity Centre Foundation, which wanted a public art gallery expressing different cultural and spiritual beliefs about the beginnings of the universe.

The Cosmology Gallery was officially opened on 16 July, with a Nyoongar welcome to country by local Elder Kevin Cameron and a multi-faith blessing by Christian and Buddhist religious leaders.

Foundation Chairman John De Laeder said the new gallery was an attempt to bring science, religion, culture and art together under one roof as a statement of unity for the search for the answers of the mystery of the universe.

"We as scientists don't believe that science has got all of the answers to life and to all the understandings, and some of the big questions of how did the universe start, which is really what this building is all about, and where the universe is going to end," he said.

## Universe

Nyoongar artist Toogar Morrison, whose work is exhibited in the gallery, said his art interpreted Nyoongar religious belief about the time of Creation, but it also interpreted the place that Nyoongar and other Aboriginal groups have in the universe in the context of the current time.

"I'd like to put it into the same context of all other human beliefs in this world," he said.

"Same as the people in there who stood up and blessed the place, you know, Buddhists and all sorts of Catholics, but the Aboriginal people can do it in the same way.

"They've got their religion and they've had it all the time, but no one seems to really believe that Aboriginal people in Australia have got a religious belief. My art is letting people get their conscious mind and their spirit around Aboriginal Dreaming and letting people know that we have a spiritual belief based entirely on our land.

"It's only the human who can capture other spiritual entities like healing power."

Mr Cameron said the local community had a good relationship with the Gravity Centre Foundation, which was working on environmental issues.

The operational side of the Gravity Centre is the search for gravity waves as predicted by early 20th Century scientist Albert Einstein, and scientists working at the observatory say the successful detection of gravity waves would lead to other technical discoveries.



Nyoongar Elder Kevin Cameron performed a traditional Nyoongar dance during his welcome to country ceremony.



One of Toogar Morrison's artworks in the Cosmology Gallery.



TOOGAR MORRISON



# Funding to aid remote projects



NINE out of 15 Queensland projects funded under round one of the State's Regional Arts Fund will benefit remote and isolated communities, including Pormpuraaw, Thursday Island, Aurukun and Blackall.

The funded projects will receive a total of \$700,000. Five of them focus on the development of Indigenous arts in isolated areas.

One such project brings accomplished artists from the central Australian desert sharing their sculptural weaving in a cultural and skills exchange with women from Aurukun.

Another includes Aboriginal, Torres Strait and South Sea Islander peoples of north Queensland developing music, dance and

visual arts activities for Townsville's Cultural Fest 08.

The fund will also support a large-scale sculptural work that represents the cyclone totem of the Alingith people of Weipa, intended as the future hub of Indigenous cultural development and tourism for the region.

Several projects focus on regional youth engagement, including a 3D animation and video project that identifies key youth issues of the Hervey Bay region. Another project will provide professional mentoring of 20 youths in writing a theatrical script about the pressures of realising sexual identity in regional Australia, which will later tour as a production throughout central and southern Queensland.

Queensland Arts Council President Gary Evans said the funding for projects in regional and remote Queensland would provide an

opportunity for those communities to 'create something of their own that they might not otherwise have the chance to create'.

"The Regional Arts Fund allows these communities to retain control of their creativity," he said. "They are not projects designed for them, but by them, specifically for their people."

## Unique

The Regional Arts Fund is a unique form of funding for Queensland as it finances a diverse blend of community cultural projects across regional Queensland.

The fund is designed to operate as a long-term investment in these regions to support sustainable, community-related cultural development.

Queensland Arts Council promotes and

manages the fund on behalf of the Australian Government, providing support for communities through its extensive regional network.

Funded projects include:

- Weave and Mend: An Aurukun Weaving Project (\$30,000)
- Indigenous and South Sea Islander CCD activities in Cultural Fest 2008 (\$19,135)
- Pormpuraaw Mosaic Mural, Pormpuraaw Arts and Cultural Centre (\$26,655)
- In Repose1, Gab Titui Cultural Centre (\$21,050)
- Tambo DVD Production, Tambo Shire Council (\$10,604)
- Cyclone Totem Project, Malaruch Aboriginal Corporation Ltd (\$24,650).

# Adelaide will host 'Our Mob'



FOR the third year running, the artistic talents of remote and regional South Australian Aboriginal artists

will be celebrated in the 'Our Mob' exhibition at the Adelaide Festival Centre.

The exhibition will be officially opened next Tuesday 5 August, but will be on display in the Festival Centre Artspace and foyers from this Saturday 2 August until 7 September.

Exhibited during the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival, the exhibition features work in a variety of media by more than 90 SA Aboriginal community artists from the State's coastal areas, mid and far north, the Flinders Ranges and the Riverland.

For the first time in 2008, the exhibition also includes works from artists in Oak Valley and Yalata. All of the works are available for purchase.

The exhibition builds on the strong links and relationships being forged between many arts organisations around the State and the Adelaide Festival Centre.

On 6 and 7 August, visiting

Oak Valley and regional artists will demonstrate their work in the Artspace as part of an artists-in-residence and schools program.

For the first time, 'Our Mob 08' is being held alongside 'Our Young Mob' – an exhibition exclusively for the State's young Indigenous artists – in the Festival Theatre foyer.

Adelaide Festival Centre CEO and Artistic Director Douglas Gautier said the centre

learn the stories of Aboriginal histories that reflect on the past, their lands, their environments and cultures," he said.

After 7 September, a selection of works from 'Our Mob 08' will be toured by Country Arts SA to regional venues around the State.

Overlapping with the 'Our Mob' exhibition will be 'Our Metro Mob', an exhibition at the National Aboriginal Cultural Institute – Tandanya in Grenfell Street, Adelaide.

This exhibition, showcasing work by a selection of Adelaide-based contemporary Australian Indigenous artists, will be opened tomorrow, 31 July and will run until 28 September.

In 2008, 'Our Metro Mob' will demonstrate examples of current developments in SA metropolitan Indigenous art practices by a range of artists.

The Adelaide Festival Centre is on Festival Drive, off King William Road. The 'Our Mob 08' exhibition can be viewed from Wednesday to Saturday (noon to 5pm), and Sunday (10am to 4pm). Entry is free.

'Our Mob 08' is supported by the Maralinga Tjarutja Trust and Arts SA.

had been delighted with the response to 'Our Mob' since its inception and was proud to again present the exhibition.

"We recognise the diversity of experiences of Aboriginal people throughout South Australia and through art, and we welcome this opportunity to



Mount McKinley in the Flinders near Nepabunna by Kenneth Ross McKenzie (acrylic on canvas, 50 x 60cm) is one of the 'Our Mob' artworks.



Sharon Lane is going for a Golden Saddle at Galston.

## Shaz saddles up



SHARON Lane's star continues to rise with the Aboriginal country singer being named one of three

finalists in the NSW 2008 Golden Saddle Awards.

The Golden Saddle Awards are part of the Galston Country Music Festival which will be held at Galston, near Dural, in NSW, on 13-14 September, and fans can vote online until 13 September.

Dubbo-based Sharon Lane, or Shaz as she is also known, won Most Promising New Talent in Music at the 2007 Deadly Awards and has continued to make a name for herself, releasing her debut album *Second Chance* earlier this year.

She scored a nomination in the TIARA Awards at Tamworth, for Vocal Collaboration with Randall Waller. In April, Lane's first radio single *Hello* went to number 47 on

the charts. In June she went to Woodford in Queensland to perform at The Dreaming Festival and earlier this month her second single *I Don't Want to Fall to Pieces* was at number 36.

"What a great year so far and it just got even better," said Lane on her nomination. "To be a finalist nomination in the Golden Saddle Awards is absolutely amazing and I am so honoured."

Festival Director Donna Boyd said entries in the awards were very strong and reflected the level of talent and ability in independent country music in NSW.

To vote for Sharon Lane in the Golden Saddle People's Choice Awards any time before 13 September, go to [http://gcmf.adelphisoftware.com.au/general\\_access/ga\\_golden\\_saddle\\_finalists](http://gcmf.adelphisoftware.com.au/general_access/ga_golden_saddle_finalists) or follow the link on her website at [www.shazlane.com](http://www.shazlane.com).



# Quilts a feature of Elders' work

By Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL Elders in Launceston, Tasmania, have exhibited a unique set of ornamental quilts, which depict their childhood memories and relationship with their birthplace, Cape Barren Island.

The set of seven intricate quilts were exhibited first at the Elders Council in Launceston and then moved to the Inveresk Museum for NAIDOC Week.

Titled 'Through Our Eyes', the exhibition also features portraits of Aboriginal Elders, shell necklaces, woven baskets and water carriers.

The exhibition forms part of a broader initiative which provided Aboriginal youth with film-making training to document the project. This included a trip to Cape Barren Island, considered a highlight by those involved.

Gloria Templar, Nola Hooper and Dorothy Murray worked with quilter and textile artist Suzanne MacDonald to create vivid mental expressions of memories and communal and cultural connections to Cape Barren Island. The quilts form something of a time capsule intended to last for generations.

## Exhibition

The trio are now looking into methods to preserve them and hope to tour the exhibition.

The quilts contain a variety of processed and natural materials, each illustrating a different memory: island music, shell gathering for traditional necklace making, traditional island tucker, the island's servicemen who evidently made up the biggest intake per head of population in World Wars I and II, Nola's Auntie Madge's cottage, mutton birding and the fires of Santa Claus.

The fires of Santa Claus is a tradition thought to exist in only one other location in the world. Although no one at the launch was quite certain where, it was agreed that it was most likely introduced by sealers soon after the time of invasion.

The tradition continues.

"Christmas Eve was a merry and joyous time for us kids. This was the time the fires were lit to let children know that Santa Claus was arriving and that he was about to make his delivery," Dorothy Murray said. She explained that a week before Christmas the children gather sticks to make the fires around the island, the first fire being lit on the highest hill, followed by the other fires to let the children know they'd better rush off to bed before the Big Fella arrived.



Gloria Templar, quilter Suzanne MacDonald, Nola Hooper and Dorothy Murray at the community launch in Launceston.



Girlie Purdon, Leonie Dickson and Furley Gardner reminisced about Cape Barren during the community launch at the Elders Council.



Raine Holton, Bianca Templar, Gabrielle Murray and Teanji Brown gained practical experience in film-making while documenting the quilt project.



One of the works in Wayne Quilliam's *Lowanna (Beautiful Woman)* exhibition in Berlin, Germany.

## Quilliam's Beautiful Women in Germany

**J**ETSETTING Aboriginal photographer Wayne Quilliam has unveiled his latest exhibition, this time in Germany.

More than 150 people attended the official opening of Quilliam's *Lowanna (Beautiful Woman)* exhibition at the Art Centre Berlin by the Australian Ambassador to Germany Ian Kemish.

Mr Kemish told guests that he had opened a show of Quilliam's in Berlin 12 months earlier and those photographs were still on show and were still attracting large crowds.

He described the Tasmanian-born photographer, now living in Melbourne, as a leader of the new movement in Australian arts and said he believed the quality of his work would influence European collectors towards more contemporary Indigenous art.

### 'Backyard'

Quilliam considers the world as 'his backyard'.

"Over the past 12 months I have worked in Mexico, Bolivia, the United States, Italy, France, Japan, Hong Kong, Austria, Germany, Thailand and throughout Australia," he said.

"Each individual experience is infused into this art, they are one-off moments that will never be repeated."

Quilliam paid tribute to young Aboriginal woman Bronwyn McDonald and Michelle Italia, of Italian heritage, who were depicted in the *Lowanna* exhibition.

"These two, along with women from different origins, have allowed me to develop a connection between the beauty of the female form and the designs Mother Earth has created," he said.

Several German magazines and national newspapers printed stories on the work. The exhibition will continue until 31 August before travelling to France and Switzerland.



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### Trainees learning land-management skills

# Rangers in the making

By GABBY FRANKLIN



**ENVIRONMENTALLY** friendly landscaping is but one of the many skills a group of trainee rangers have been learning in Alice Springs. Ingkerreke

Outstation Resource Services provide natural resource training to Aboriginal trainees through their Transitional Employment Program (TEP), working with the Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service.

The trainees are gaining proficiency in a range of land and conservation management techniques at Simpson's Gap, Owen Springs and the Alice Springs Telegraph Station.

Senior Ranger Ross Nowland said up to six trainees had worked on a range of projects, including rare fauna searches, vegetation assessment for mapping purposes and weed control.

The trainees are also involved in the construction and upgrades of facilities, including improving amenities for Larapinta Trail walkers at Simpson's Gap and relocating

information shelters from Jay Creek to Ellery Creek.

The group has been working under the guidance of Natural Resource Management soil conservation expert Col Stanton whilst undertaking erosion control.

"The trainees bring a wide range of skills and experience in construction and land management," Mr Nowland said.

"Working with Parks and Wildlife Service rangers also provides opportunities for the trainees to

gain skills across communication and safety and equipment, with the use of quad bike operation and safety training."

The program also helps to foster strong working relationships between Aboriginal people and the Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service.

As part of their employment, the trainees are studying for their Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management at the NT-based Batchelor Institute.

"It's great to be able to combine traditional knowledge received from Aboriginal trainees whilst undertaking conservation projects," Mr Nowland said.

**'The trainees bring a wide range of skills and experience in construction and land management'**



**ABOVE:** Ingkerreke Outstation Resource Services trainee rangers on the job near Alice Springs.



**LEFT:** The trainees at work on a spinifex roof. They have learnt a range of skills through the Transitional Employment Program

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Strait Islander) – Brighton Community Health Centre,

Northside Health Service District. Remuneration value up to

\$51 474 p.a., comprising salary between \$38 800 – \$40 755 p.a.,

employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and

annual leave loading (17.5%) (0005) (Temporary position up to

six months. Applications will remain current for six months)

JAR: H08PC30746. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide an advanced level

of generalist health care to the indigenous community with the

Northside Health Service District to improve their health and

wellbeing. Promote self help health care within the Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Community. Contribute as a team member to

the development and delivery of culturally appropriate health

promotion and health education programs. 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:** Jill Whitlock (07) 3631 7393.

**Application Kit:** (07) 3139 4972 (voice mail) or

[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

**Closing Date:** Monday, 11 August 2008.

#### Health Worker Advanced (Indigenous Alcohol

and Drug) – Indigenous and Homeless Outreach

Community Team, Alcohol and Drug Service, "Biala" City

Community Health Centre, Brisbane, Northside Primary

and Community Health Services, Northside Health Service

District. Remuneration value up to \$45 444 p.a., comprising salary

between \$16 654.40 – \$18 319.90 p.a., employer contribution to

superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%)

(004) (Temporary position for six months. Applications will

remain current for three months) JAR: H08PC07423.

**Duties/Abilities:** To provide advice, support and

education/training to primary health care workers in the

provision of assessment, counselling and information to

homeless people and their families, who are experiencing

problems related to alcohol and other drug use, with a focus

on Indigenous homeless persons. 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:** James Needham-Walker (07) 3837 5633.

**Application Kit:** (07) 3139 4972 (voice mail) or

[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

**Closing Date:** Monday, 11 August 2008.

### Corporate Support

#### Advanced Health Worker (Diabetes) – Indigenous

Chronic Disease Team, Indigenous Health Service Cherside

Community Health Centre, Cherside, Northside 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%) (004) (Applications will remain

current for 12 months) JAR: H08PC0767. **Duties/Abilities:**

Provide a high level of health care to the Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander community within the Primary and Community

Health Service, Indigenous Health Service area with a particular

emphasis on diabetes. Promote self help health care within the

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community by providing

early detection of diabetes and ensuring consistent follow up in

assisting clients towards self management. Contribute as a team

member to the development and delivery of culturally appropriate

diabetes health promotion and diabetes health education program.

Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, it is a

genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be an

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

**Enquiries:** Linda Medlin (07) 3139 4308.

**Application Kit:** (07) 3139 4972 (voice mail) or

[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

**Closing Date:** Monday, 11 August 2008.

You can apply online at

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A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A

non-binding policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor

vehicles.



### DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE BRANCH SUPPORT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 3/4

Public Accountability Branch

Central Office, Clarence Street, Sydney

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-08-14318

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,570 per annum (Salary: \$51,784 pa + \$56,701 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** As a member of the Public Accountability Branch, provide a range of administration and customer services to the Office of the Director-General. Provide project and research assistance for specific programs, projects or initiatives.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Well-developed general administration skills and experience in interpreting and applying human resources, purchasing and financial legislation, regulations and guidelines.
- Strong interpersonal and customer service skills, negotiation, liaison and effective communication (both verbal and written) skills.
- Planning, organising, priority setting, time management and decision making skills.
- The ability to handle competing priorities and a high volume of work.
- Ability to prepare correspondence, agendas and background papers and follow up outcomes.
- High level computer and keyboard skills including knowledge of and experience with relevant word processing, spreadsheet and database software.
- Knowledge of records management principles and the ability to efficiently track the flow of correspondence and submissions.
- Ability to work in a team environment and with minimum supervision.

**Job Notes:** Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

**Inquiries:** Max Saxby, telephone: (02) 8270 2111 or email: [max.saxby@dahhc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:max.saxby@dahhc.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Package:** [www.dahhc.nsw.gov.au/dahhc/careers](http://www.dahhc.nsw.gov.au/dahhc/careers) or 1800 185 466.

**Apply on-line:** As per link given in the Information Package.

**Closing Date:** Friday 8 August 2008.

## Psychologist / Behaviour Therapist

Department of Justice

Professional 2 (\$61 706 - \$74 810)

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Three vacancies are available, two in Alice Springs and one in Darwin.

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Closing date: 8 August 2008

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#### To Apply:

Applications open at 9am on Friday, 1 August 2008. Jump on to the Ergon Energy website, download a position profile and apply online. Applications close at 5pm on Monday, 18 August 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

## MANAGER ACCESS

Clerk Grade 9/10  
Community Access  
Southern Region  
Nowra

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-08-14326

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$95,295 per annum (Salary: \$79,188 pa - \$87,263 pa) Includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Lead and manage Community Support Teams in a designated locality and implement improvements in case management and / or therapy.

### Selection Criteria:

- Extensive understanding of the application of relevant legislation, policies and standards on the delivery of services to people with a disability and their families and carers.
- Experience managing teams operating in a human services environment. Demonstrated capacity to build a cohesive and flexible team operating within a multidisciplinary approach to meet a variety of service delivery challenges.
- Highly developed conceptual, analytical and problem solving skills in relation to complex case management and/or specialist disability support services.
- Demonstrated experience in managing the delivery of culturally appropriate disability community support services to Aboriginal and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.
- Highly effective oral and written communication, interpersonal, negotiation and advocacy skills.
- Experience in developing collaborative partnerships with a broad range of human services agencies to support the delivery of effective and integrated disability services and implement quality improvement initiatives.
- Job specific and qualification requirements as outlined in the Information Package.
- Current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** This position manages the Case Management Teams in Nowra and Ulladulla. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms. Previous applicants for these positions will need to re-apply.

**Inquiries:** Pamela Riddford (02) 4429 4900

**Information Package:** [www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers](http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers) or (02) 8300 5820

**Apply on-line:** As per link given in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1029, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

**Closing Date:** Friday 8 August 2008

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethno religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply. No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices

### AOD COUNSELLOR

DPO I-II, Kariang, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08/142. Total remuneration package valued to: \$78,951 p.a. (\$46,320-\$71,546) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

This position is responsible for providing a range of alcohol and other drug clinical services including assessment, counselling, supervision, group work and other programs in a centre based setting. **Selection Criteria:** Degree in Psychology or Social Work (or equivalent). Experience in working with substance abusing clients and an understanding of factors contributing to substance abuse and offending behaviour. Demonstrated experience in developing interventions, offence focused counselling, education and counselling for young people with drug use issues and their significant others. Demonstrated experience in assessment, case planning and group work. Effective interpersonal skills including mediation and negotiation skills, and working as part of a team. Effective written and oral communication skills and experience in the use of computers. Current minimum Class C NSW driver's licence. Knowledge and respect for Aboriginal culture.

**Notes:** Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package. It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

**Inquiries:** Fiona Ruschinsky (02) 4340 3800. Information Packages: Amanda Bajada (02) 4340 4801.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240.

**Closing Date:** Friday 08 August 2008.

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## Department of Planning and Community Development

## Two fantastic opportunities within Aboriginal Affairs Victoria

• \$60,307 - \$68,424 plus super

Aboriginal Affairs Victoria is seeking dynamic, motivated individuals to fill two exciting and challenging positions in the field of Aboriginal cultural heritage management.

Do you have sound knowledge of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues? Can you evaluate Aboriginal cultural heritage assessments and recommendations? Do you have excellent team skills? If so, read on...

### Heritage Project Officer - Metropolitan Region

- Located in Melbourne
- Full time / Ongoing

Reference number: DPCD/PACA/VC1553

### Heritage Project Officer - Loddon-Mallee Region

- Located in Bendigo
- Full time / Ongoing

Reference number: DPCD/PACA/VC1550

As Heritage Project Officer you will be responsible for implementing a variety of cultural heritage management programs in partnership with stakeholders in the region.

This role presents an excellent opportunity to work with the local Registered Aboriginal Parties to strengthen their capacity to manage their cultural heritage.

**Closing date for applications is Monday 11 August 2008.**

To apply and access position descriptions and selection criteria visit

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

and refer to relevant reference number.



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## The University of Sydney

### Associate Professor in Aboriginal Health

#### Faculty of Medicine

#### Northern Rivers University Department of Rural Health

#### School of Public Health

Reference No. S08/077

The NRUDRH is a Department of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Sydney and is managed in collaboration with Southern Cross University. The NRUDRH Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health education and research programme is based in Lismore, New South Wales and covers the entire North Coast Area Health Service region from the Queensland border to Port Macquarie and inland. The Department provides educational programs for medical, nursing, postgraduate public health and allied health undergraduate students as well as postgraduate supervision and continuing professional education for local clinicians. It has a well-established research stream and has been successful in gaining a number of NHMRC and ARC grant applications. The Department is a member of the Australian Rural Health Research Collaboration, the Coalition for Research in Aboriginal Health and is associated with the Cooperative Research Centre in Aboriginal Health.

The Northern Rivers University Department of Rural Health (NRUDRH) is seeking to appoint an Associate Professor in Aboriginal Health (academic Level D). The successful applicant will provide strong leadership and be an active participant in the NRUDRH Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health education and research programmes.

#### Tenure:

The position is full-time fixed-term for the first 12 months, subject to the completion of a satisfactory probation period for new appointees. The position may be available for a longer period subject to funding. Membership of a University approved superannuation scheme is a condition of employment for new appointees.

#### Remuneration Package:

An attractive remuneration package will be offered to the successful candidate which includes a base salary Level D p.a., leave loading and up to 17% employer's contribution to superannuation. Salary packaging and superannuation options also apply.

#### Application method:

For a full information pack and to apply please contact: Nicola Robertson at [srsacademic@usyd.edu.au](mailto:srsacademic@usyd.edu.au) or telephone (02) 9351 3324.

It is highly recommended that all candidates read the full information pack before applying.

**Closing Date:** 5 September 2008



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## CAREERS @ KBT

- 4 Positions available
- 2 contract positions available within the fastest growing Indigenous Learning Centre in the state.
- Sessional positions teaching Indigenous students in custodial/corrections settings.

### MALE & FEMALE KOORI LIAISON OFFICERS

Equal Opportunity Act Exemption No: A139/2007

The Gunung-William-Balluk Learning Centre was awarded the 2007 Wurreeker Indigenous Training Provider of the Year. The Centre aims to empower students by merging the cultural heritage and values of the Indigenous People with contemporary culture and cutting edge learning technology to provide improved outcomes and pathways into advanced learning and employment.

Two opportunities exist with the Indigenous Education Centre for a Male and a Female Koori Liaison Officer. The IEC is looking for talented, confident and experienced people who are dedicated to providing support to students to assist them in achieving their qualifications. The role is varied and exciting, and covers a range of duties including, providing student support services, assisting with enrolments and contributing to the planning and implementation of cultural projects. Business or Events Management qualifications would be desirable.

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Teachers - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts  
Teachers - Indigenous Education

The delivery of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts program & Indigenous Education is designed to enhance students cultural sense and expression of Aboriginal identity as well as serving as a appropriate re-entry course into study and further study opportunities in more vocational areas.

Kangan Batman TAFE is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced applicants who will be expected to deliver education and training in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts & Indigenous Education to students in custodial settings.

### About Kangan Batman TAFE

Kangan Batman TAFE, Training Provider of the Year 2007, is one of Victoria's largest technical and further education institutes, catering for more than 27,000 students per year and a workforce of approximately 1,200 employees.

Kangan Batman TAFE is a flexible, innovative and friendly place of learning with a multicultural atmosphere. The organisation has campuses located throughout Melbourne, including Broadmeadows, Moreland, Craigieburn, Coburg, Essendon, Richmond, and the State of the Art, Automotive Centre of Excellence at Docklands.

### How To Apply

If you are interested in these positions please visit [www.kangan.edu.au/jobs](http://www.kangan.edu.au/jobs) for a position description and to apply online.

Applications close: Friday 15th August 2008

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Kangan Batman TAFE



## NORTHERN RIVERS WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICE

### Specialist Worker (Indigenous)

The Service operates out of the Lismore office and identified courts within the Northern Rivers region.

This is a community position with the requirement to also assist women in ADOV matters at court. This is a permanent position at 18 hours per week at SACS Grade 3. Ph: 6621 1000 for a jobkit. Closing date: 4pm 14th August 2008.

To be female and an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person is an occupational requirement under Section 14d and 31 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977 NSW

## JUSTICE HEALTH STATEWIDE SERVICE NSW HEALTH

### Aboriginal Renal/Health Promotion Coordinator Cessnock

Temporary Full Time, 2 years - JH No: 08/178

Salary: Health Manager Level 2: \$70,142 to \$83,194 pa

This position will be responsible for coordinating the planning, implementation and evaluation of health screening and health promotion activities relating to the NSW Health 'Close the Gap' in chronic conditions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in custody with major emphasis on renal screening and smoking cessation/reduction.

Justice Health considers that being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander male is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under Section 14 and Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Enquiries: Denise Mackay on (02) 9700 3016

Closing Date: 5 August 2008

Applicants require an information package for selection criteria and application form from: Employee Services, (02) 9700 3039. Applications to: Justice Health, PO Box 150, Maitland NSW 2036.

NSW Health Service - Justice Health Division is committed to OH&S, EEO, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Probationary persons as decided under the Civil Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

## NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at [www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment)

Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3272.

### Aboriginal Health Education Officer (Male)

Gunnedah Community Health, Gunnedah

Temp Part Time, 16 h/w

Position No: 60044

Hunter New England Area Health Service considers that being male and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander are genuine occupational qualifications for this position as described under Sections 31 and 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

Enquiries: Carole Young, (02) 6741 8000.

Closing Date: 22 August 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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### INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ROLE IN THE NSW NGO SECTOR

NCOSS is the peak body for non-government human services in NSW. We work with our members, on behalf of disadvantaged people and communities, to achieve social justice.

NCOSS also works to comprehensively support the sector to effectively operationalise its social justice objectives and values. We aim to proactively enable and resource the development of a high quality and effective community sector through industry services, advocacy, research and policy development.

### ICT Senior Project Officer

Fixed Term Contract - 12 months

35 hours per week

\$68,304 p.a. (plus super)

(3 month probationary period applies)

We have recently completed a state-wide ICT Strategy for the sector and are seeking a highly motivated person to progress and manage a number of interrelated projects and initiatives. Previous successful experience in project management is essential and a background in ICT project implementation is desirable.

The successful applicant will have excellent cross-sector relationship management skills and a demonstrated capacity to attract funding and resources.

Applicants must obtain an information package containing the job description/selection criteria and copy of the ICT Strategy recommendations by contacting Craig Howe on (02) 9211 2599 ext 101 or via email at [craig@ncoss.org.au](mailto:craig@ncoss.org.au). Please note that applications that do not address the criteria will not be considered.

For further inquiries please contact

Catherine Mahony

Deputy Director, Sector Development/Corporate Services on (02) 9211 2599 ext 110

Applications close 8 August 2008

Please visit the NCOSS website at [www.ncoss.org.au](http://www.ncoss.org.au)

## Manager, Rural Women's Network

•\$83,350 - \$114,216 plus 9% super

•Fulltime / Ongoing

The Office of Women's Policy (OWP) delivers policy advice and programs for the Minister of Women's Affairs. The aim of OWP is that women are afforded the opportunity to enjoy the rights, freedom and protection to which all Victorians are entitled.

Do you have excellent policy development skills? Can you build and maintain relationships with yourself & so, read on.

The primary responsibility of the Manager, Rural Women's Network (RWN) will be to lead the Rural Women's Network and OWP engagement with women's organisations.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

refer to position number DPCD/PACA/VC531

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 13 August 2008



## Save the Children

### Early Childhood Worker

Mobile Playscheme Townsville

Save the Children is seeking an innovative and creative worker, for their Mobile Playscheme. The program provides a playgroup and family support service to pre-school children and their carers. This playgroup model is provided to families whose current circumstances means there may be limited opportunities to provide children with the types of experiences vital to development in the early childhood years. The successful applicant will have a commitment to providing children with stimulating and fun experiences and an interest in working outdoors. Knowledge and understanding of child development and child protection is highly valued. A commitment to undertaking training and a driver's license would be essential. This position has been classified at SACS level 4.1. Save the Children are an equal opportunity employer and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.

Salary packaging is available.

Send Applications with CV by 11 August to:

Lisa Hillan  
Programs Manager  
Save the Children  
PO Box 3060  
South Brisbane 4101

or email [admin@scsfq.org.au](mailto:admin@scsfq.org.au)

For an information pack: Phone 07 3844 2699 business hours



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Clerk Grade 5/6 (Targeted Position)

Building Stronger Communities Team  
Western Area, Dubbo

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-14345

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 per annum (Salary: \$61,128 pa - \$67,448 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

This position will work with communities, government & non-government agencies, & others to develop & implement Regeneration Plans that aim to achieve sustainable improvements within social housing neighbourhoods across NSW.

Selection Criteria:

- Excellent verbal communication skills, including negotiation and conflict resolution, assessment and problem solving skills, and good written communication skills, including reports and submissions.
- Proven leadership skills, ability to influence others and to use initiative and work independently.
- Demonstrated ability to participate and contribute to local planning initiatives and to find innovative solutions to client problems.
- Strong commitment to and experience in delivering services to social housing clients and communities.
- Extensive relevant demonstrated experience in community development and/or Degree, Diploma or Associate Diploma in Social Work, Social Science, Welfare or related discipline.
- Demonstrated understanding/experience in community regeneration principles.
- Demonstrated experience in working with personal computer (PC) applications.
- Current unencumbered NSW Class C Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** This is a re-advertised position. Previous applications will be carried forward. This is a Temporary Full-Time position for a period of up to two (2) years in terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. This is a targeted position and people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. Further information about the position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

**Information Packages:** [www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers) or (02) 6392 8250

**Inquiries:** Laurinne Campbell (02) 6885 7173 or Laurinne.Campbell@housing.nsw.gov.au

**Apply on-line:** As per link given in the Information Package or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800

**Closing Date:** Friday 8 August 2008

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# AIM HEALTH

## FACULTY OF HEALTH

University Department of Rural Health/  
Rural Clinical School

### INDIGENOUS HEALTH EDUCATION OFFICER

Vacancy No. 1015

You will have primary responsibility for the development, delivery and management of educational packages and programs dealing with cross-cultural awareness and cultural safety offered by the UDRH & the RCS.

Liaising with local Aboriginal communities and health services, you will promote programs and research conducted by the UDRH & the RCS. You will also develop working relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and education and health service delivery bodies within Northern NSW.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the NSW Anti-discrimination Act 1977.

This is a full-time fixed term position for 3 years.

HEW Level 6 \$54,582 to \$60,227

Applications close: Friday 8 August 2008

To apply, please refer to additional information about the position, selection criteria and application process at [www.newcastle.edu.au/service/employment](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/employment)

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## Visitor Services Host

APS Level 2 (Rostered)

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This position requires regular rostered work on weekend and public holidays. Staff meetings, training sessions and functions may require attendance outside of normal operating hours. Shift penalties apply to weekends and public holidays. Applicants from interstate may be eligible for assistance with relocation costs.

To Apply:

To obtain a copy of the selection criteria, please visit our website [www.nma.gov.au/recruit](http://www.nma.gov.au/recruit), email [recruitment@nma.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@nma.gov.au), or phone (02) 6208 5037.

Written applications must address the selection criteria and include a current resume. You need to be either an Australian citizen or have permanent residency. The Museum is an equal employment opportunity workplace.

Applications close 5 pm Monday 11 August 2008.

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For further information and Duty Statement contact

**Brendan Richards**

Tel: 02 62628677

Email: [brendan@aicanc.org.au](mailto:brendan@aicanc.org.au)

Forward applications to:

CEO AICA, PO Box 4235,

AINSLIE ACT 2602

Fax: 02 3044566

Applications close COB 29 August 2008

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS DIVISION

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This position coordinates the planning, implementation and evaluation of Aboriginal environmental education projects which engage and involve Aboriginal communities and promote understanding of Aboriginal people's unique relationship with the land. **Selection Criteria:** The position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the position. Experience in promoting opportunities for the involvement of Aboriginal communities including community elders, different family groupings, organisations and individuals in the design, implementation and evaluation of projects. Strong written and verbal communication skills and well developed interpersonal, liaison, negotiation, presentation, group facilitation and customer service skills. Strong organisational skills with an ability to meet tight deadlines and operate within budget. Proven experience in the facilitation and coordination of all facets of environmental or similar programs and initiatives, including planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating programs. Experience in the research, writing and production of resource materials for programs. Experience in preparing correspondence, submissions and reports.

**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:** Geoff Young (02) 8837 6009 or 0413 481 639 Email: [geoff.young@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:geoff.young@environment.nsw.gov.au)

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### Team Leader (Specified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

**Child Safety**

Salary: \$81 140 - \$87 005 p.a.

Location: Mt Isa

REF: QLD/CHS7220/08

**Key Duties:** To provide leadership and supervision of a team of professional and operational staff to ensure the delivery of high quality child protection services to clients and communities serviced by the Child Safety Service Centre.

**Skills and Abilities:** Demonstrated leadership and supervision skills in the delivery of high quality child protection services.

**Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7693

**Closing Date:** Monday, 11 August 2008

### Principal Project Officer, Indigenous Service Development

HACC and NGO Contracting

Disability Services Queensland

Salary: \$81 140 - \$87 005 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/DSQ7315/08

**Key Duties:** Lead program development activities to maintain and enhance HACC service delivery to Indigenous communities throughout Queensland. Provide expert advice, support and research on the development and implementation of program issues. Undertake all aspects of project management in accordance with best practice approaches. Work with other staff in a manner consistent with core values of the Department.

**Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7609

**Closing Date:** Monday, 11 August 2008

### Planning Officer

Policy and Programs Division

Child Safety

Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/CHS7361/08

**Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7693

**Closing Date:** Monday, 11 August 2008

### Community Support Officer

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

Communities

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Windsor

REF: QLD/COM7361/08

**Key Duties:** Grants management; implementation of consistent practice; managing the funding relationship with non-government agencies; coordination, engagement and delivery of Community Recovery services; assisting communities to be active in their communities and to engage with Government policy making.

**Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7675

**Closing Date:** Monday, 11 August 2008

### Senior Project Officer (Identified)

Land and Vegetation Division, Program Initiatives

(Temporary until 19 December 2008. Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

**Natural Resources and Water**

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/NRW7271/08

**Key Duties:** Assist with the review of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003.

**Skills and Abilities:** This position provides an opportunity for practical experience in the collection of information reviewing the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003. This role will provide a great opportunity and will offer experience while working in a motivated team environment.

**Enquiries:** April Lindel (07) 3225 2715

**Closing Date:** Monday, 11 August 2008

### Psychologist (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

**Communities**

Salary: \$61 946 - \$67 647 p.a.

Location: Wacol

REF: QLD/COM7187/08

**Key Duties:** Suicide/self-harm risk; Behavioural and Psychometric; Criminogenic risk and support needs assessments; Consultation with operational staff regarding behavioural management; Liaison with visiting psychiatrists regarding clinical psychology and pharmacology; Group-based cognitive-behavioural intervention; Individual psychological intervention.

**Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7675

**Closing Date:** Monday, 11 August 2008

### Child Safety Support Officer

Child Safety Services Division

Child Safety

Salary: \$46 121 - \$53 432 p.a.

Location: Woodridge

REF: QLD/CHS7367/08

**Key Duties:** Deliver culturally appropriate, practical prevention and early intervention support services to families. Utilising strategies including the interpretation of cultural issues, consultation, support, advice, strengthen the family unit and assist in the diversion of families from the statutory child protection system.

**Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7693

**Closing Date:** Monday, 1 September 2008

### Caseworker (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People) (Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

**Communities**

Salary: \$46 071 - \$67 647 p.a.

Location: Wacol

REF: QLD/COM7175/08

**Key Duties:** The delivery of culturally appropriate casework and counselling services, the facilitation of the Young Person's positive progression through the stages of custody and the assistance in the avoidance of further offending.

**Skills and Abilities:** Excellent skills in organisational supervision and communication within team environment.

**Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7675

**Closing Date:** Monday, 11 August 2008

### Caseworker (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

**Communities**

Salary: \$46 071 - \$58 967 p.a.

Location: Wacol

REF: QLD/COM7197/08

**Key Duties:** Delivery of culturally appropriate casework and counselling services, the facilitation of the Young Person's positive progression through the stages of custody and the assistance in the avoidance of further offending.

**Skills and Abilities:** Excellent skills in organisational supervision and communication within team environment.

**Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7675

**Closing Date:** Monday, 11 August 2008

### Caseworker (Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

**Communities**

Salary: \$46 071 - \$67 647 p.a.

Location: Caboolture

REF: QLD/COM7244/08

**Key Duties:** Provide quality professional casework services to young people subject to a youth justice intervention.

**Skills and Abilities:** Possession of a tertiary qualification relevant to the role. Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Ability to deliver professional casework services.

**Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7675

**Closing Date:** Monday, 11 August 2008

### Police Liaison Officer

Central Region

Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$39 804 - \$42 622 p.a. (\$23 204 - \$35 077 p.a. if under 21 years of age)

Location: Woorahinda

REF: P0330/08

**Enquiries:** Meg McArthur (07) 4935 0155

**Closing Date:** Monday, 11 August 2008

### Youth Worker (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Permanent and casual positions available. Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

**Communities**

Salary: \$39 632 - \$48 294 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/COM7333/08

**Key Duties:** To be a positive role model and play a key role in improving the lives of young people in detention.

**Skills and Abilities:** Open, positive communicator. Respectful. Team player. Can cope with the physically challenging work environment.

**Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7757

**Closing Date:** Friday, 15 August 2008

### Child Safety Support Officer

Child Safety Services Division

Child Safety

Salary: \$35 956 - \$43 160 p.a.

Location: Woodridge

REF: QLD/CHS7357/08

**Key Duties:** Deliver culturally appropriate, practical prevention and early intervention support services to families. Utilising strategies including the interpretation of cultural issues, consultation, support, advice, strengthen the family unit and assist in the diversion of families from the statutory child protection system.

**Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7693

**Closing Date:** Monday, 25 August 2008

### Senior Program Officer (Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(One part-time (29hrs/fortnight) temporary position for 12 months with possible extension. Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

**Communities**

Salary: \$39 006 - \$31 034 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/COM7350/08

**Key Duties:** Development and implementation of operational policy and programs for young people. Undertake research and provide expert advice on youth programs and services. Manage projects to develop and support effective program responses in young people's needs through liaison, negotiation and collaboration with key stakeholders.

**Skills and Abilities:** Written and verbal communications skills, project management and consultation.

**Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7675

**Closing Date:** Monday, 11 August 2008

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# Koori Mail

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We are now seeking applications for the following position:

### Program Manager

(part time: 5 days per fortnight) based on a full time salary of \$69,584 to \$84,190pa

The Program Manager will be employed by Corrections Victoria and work closely with our interim program providers and Aboriginal communities / agencies to position them to assume responsibility for the program within 2 years of commencement.

Reporting to the Manager, Transitional Services Unit and working closely with Corrections Victoria's Indigenous Policy and Services Unit, duties of the occupant will include:

- Assisting the existing program provider in their recruitment campaign to engage Koori case workers, and providing ongoing support to these workers;
- Assisting the program provider to foster a service approach that is culturally relevant and responsive;
- Participating in the identification of Koori agencies that may be interested and in a position to assume responsibility for the program in the future;
- Working with such agencies and the program provider to develop structures and processes for mutual capability building; and
- Monitoring and reviewing Konnect to ensure that its development and operation retains integrity and facilitates ultimate 'hand over' to Koori providers.

For a position description and further information please contact the Manager, Transitional Services Unit, Anna Doganieri on 8684 6524 / 0408 127369 or via email [anna.doganieri@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:anna.doganieri@justice.vic.gov.au)

Please note that Anna works Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. In her absence inquiries may be directed to Sherene Drever, 8684 6527 / 0409 254 824.

This position is an Identified Position and Indigenous people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications for these positions must be received by close of business Friday 8 August 2008.

## GUREHLGAM CORPORATION LTD

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### OFFICE COORDINATOR COFFS HARBOUR

#### ABORIGINAL FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE

An experienced office coordinator is required by the Aboriginal Family Wellbeing Service.

The position requires a person who can:-

Serve the needs of our clients, work independently, lead a small team, plan and follow through, provide reports, create opportunities to better the Service and liaise with community members.

Remuneration is in accordance with the Clerical and Administrative Employees Consolidated (State) award, grade 4. Selection will be based on the needs of the duty statement. For further information, contact Kenn Payne, 0409 428626 or email [kennp@gurehlgam.com.au](mailto:kennp@gurehlgam.com.au)

### ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

#### COFFS HARBOUR

#### ABORIGINAL FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE

An office assistant is required to support the goals of the Aboriginal Family Wellbeing Service.

The position requires a person who can:-

Serve the needs of our clients, work within a small team, support the office coordinator and other staff, help establish community connections and help create opportunities to better the Service.

The person should be eligible for CDEP. This is full time position at the CDEP rate and offers training opportunities for career development.

Selection will be based on the needs of the duty statement. For further information, contact Kenn Payne, 0409 428626 or email [kennp@gurehlgam.com.au](mailto:kennp@gurehlgam.com.au)

#### PART TIME

### POSITION VACANCY

#### EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM Coffs Harbour and Bellingen

A position has been created within the Brighter Futures program that requires an assistant to the early intervention caseworker (Indigenous). The position is expected to run to June 30, 2009. The position is for 14 hours per week and would suit a current student or recent graduate seeking industry experience but all candidates are invited to apply.

Selection will be based on the needs of the duty statement. For further information, contact Kenn Payne, 0409 428626 or email [kennp@gurehlgam.com.au](mailto:kennp@gurehlgam.com.au)

### CASUAL TRAINER / FACILITATOR INDIGENOUS PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

#### Clarence Valley

Gurehlgam Corp Ltd has been engaged to deliver culturally appropriate training to Indigenous participants at the Balund-a Correctional Facility.

The program aims to affirm participants own cultural tradition, history and experiences within family, friends and community. The position is for an eight week program, commencing mid August with an expectation of continuation after the trial period. Applicants should be available one day per week for this time.

The position comes with attractive remuneration and allowances as well as the opportunity for professional development. The facilitator must be articulate, culturally aware, sensitive to learner's personal circumstances, a good communicator and have a broad artistic background.

Interested persons should contact Kenn Payne, 0409 428626 or email [kennp@gurehlgam.com.au](mailto:kennp@gurehlgam.com.au) for further information.

### Gurehlgam Training & Business Services INDIGENOUS TRAINERS AND FACILITATORS

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- Artistic expression - music, dance, story, art.

If you have a skill, talent or knowledge you would like to see passed on, contact Gurehlgam to explore the possibilities. We will support our trainers with professional development where possible. This is a chance to extend your career options.

Contact Kenn Payne on 0409 428626 or 66428677 - Our email is [kennp@gurehlgam.com.au](mailto:kennp@gurehlgam.com.au)





**CTTT**  
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## CONSUMER, TRADER AND TENANCY TRIBUNAL SENIOR MEMBER AND MEMBER

The Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal (CTTT) is seeking applications from persons suitable for appointment as a Senior Member or Member of the Tribunal. All appointments will be on a full-time or part-time (sessional) basis. Members are statutory office holders and are appointed by the Governor for up to five years. The CTTT is a specialised dispute resolution forum for consumer, trader and tenancy disputes in NSW. The Tribunal deals with disputes in relation to residential tenancies, consumer claims, home building, consumer credit, motor vehicles, residential parks, retirement villages and strata and community schemes.

### Senior Member

Vacancies exist for full-time or part-time Senior Members in the Sydney metropolitan area. Total remuneration package for full time appointees is valued up to \$200,528 p.a. including salary (\$181,720), plus employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Part time appointees receive a daily fee of \$755.00 plus superannuation. In addition to the requirements stated below for a Member, a Senior Member must be able to hear the more legally complex and lengthy matters as well as cases which are of a high monetary value, have a high degree of public importance and/or raise significant issues. Senior Members must be able to provide guidance, mentoring and leadership to other Members and deliver professional development activities in the jurisdictions of the Tribunal. Legal qualifications are highly desirable.

### Member - Full-time

Vacancies exist for full-time Members in the Sydney metropolitan area. Total remuneration package valued up to \$172,619 p.a. including salary (\$156,610) for full-time Members, plus employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Members are required to conduct hearings, to conciliate and mediate in matters, to make enforceable orders and provide written reasons for decision. Members must conduct proceedings efficiently and fairly in a high volume work environment and be able to quickly identify facts, legal issues and evidentiary requirements and make prompt determinations. Alternative dispute resolution skills are essential.

### Member - Part-time

Vacancies exist for part-time Members in the Sydney metropolitan area, Newcastle, Katoomba, Bathurst, Orange, Riverina, Far South Coast, Dubbo/Central West, Broken Hill, Tamworth and New England. Part-time appointees receive a daily fee of \$650.00 plus superannuation. Requirements are the same as stated above for Members.

**Inquiries:** Ms Kay Ransome, Chairperson (02) 9641 6456

**Information Packages:** Tina Murolo (02) 9641 6466

**Applications:** By post marked "Confidential" to Tina Murolo, CTTT,

GPO Box 4005, Sydney NSW 2001

**Closing date:** 8 August 2008



## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

**Aboriginal Identified Position** - Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the anti-discrimination act 1977.

The Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council (DLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new, innovative and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the DLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation, planning, reporting and effective communication skills. An established knowledge and practice of Aboriginal cultures, vision and challenges affecting Aboriginal peoples and communities is vital. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. Capacity to undertake cross-cultural consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Bronwyn Chambers, by email: [dlalc@dlalc.org.au](mailto:dlalc@dlalc.org.au) or on (02) 4351 2930.

Applications can be forwarded to [dlalc@dlalc.org.au](mailto:dlalc@dlalc.org.au) or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Deputy Chairperson  
Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 401  
WYONG NSW 2259

**Applications close:**  
**Friday, 8 August 2008**



## East Gippsland Aboriginal Arts Corporation

The East Gippsland Aboriginal Arts Corporation located in Bairnsdale, Victoria is a not-for-profit community owned and controlled Aboriginal arts organisation. Incorporated since 1997, the corporation is a key player in the Victorian Aboriginal arts industry and is a proud example of Koori enterprise. EGAAC has three main functions: to showcase and profile local Aboriginal art, craft and performance created in East Gippsland, to run programs for the benefit of its member artists and provide opportunities for cultural maintenance, sharing and expression.

### Executive Officer

**Location:** Bairnsdale

**Four days a week**

The East Gippsland Aboriginal Arts Corporation (EGAAC) is seeking a highly skilled and committed person to fulfil the role of Executive Officer. The role involves overall managerial responsibility for the organisation to include overseeing and supporting all staff, activities and programs and the day to day business of EGAAC. The successful incumbent will have strong leadership skills, managerial experience, the ability to think strategically, excellent communication skills, an ability to work within an Aboriginal community organisation and a sound knowledge of the Victorian Aboriginal arts industry.

Position descriptions are available by contacting Robyn Evans on (03) 51 531 002 or at [revans.egaac@ozemail.com.au](mailto:revans.egaac@ozemail.com.au)

**Applications close:** 4/8/08 at 5pm.

### Office Co-ordinator

**Location:** Bairnsdale

**Full Time**

EGAAC is seeking a highly motivated and skilled person to manage all aspects of office administration at EGAAC. Experience in office administration, reception, bookkeeping and sales/customer service are required and the ability to use Quick Books and payroll experience is mandatory. The successful applicant will work closely with the Executive Officer and other staff in a team environment. The role is diverse and includes co-ordinating the EGAAC office, welcoming visitors to the gallery and providing accurate cultural and artistic information as well as assisting with exhibition preparation.

### Program Co-ordinator

**Location:** Based in Bairnsdale

**Two days a week**

EGAAC is also seeking a highly motivated person with a high level of community development, co-ordination, organization and communication skills and an appreciation for Victorian Aboriginal arts to fulfil the integral role of Program Co-ordinator. Together with the EGAAC team, the role involves co-ordination, development and analysis of arts programs and activities through out the region. The successful applicant will have a sound understanding of and a demonstrated ability to work with the local Aboriginal community with the ability to teach a range of art mediums.

Position descriptions are available by contacting Robyn Evans on (03) 51 531 002 or at [revans.egaac@ozemail.com.au](mailto:revans.egaac@ozemail.com.au)

**Applications close:** 11/8/08 at 5pm.

Applications should be addressed to:

Robyn Evans  
PO Box 847  
Bairnsdale, 3675

Applications must include responses to the Key Selection Criteria and the contact details for three referees.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait people are strongly encouraged to apply.**

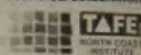
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Position No: 53183

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Enquiries: Iain Carruthers, Manager Organisation Capability and

Learning, (02) 6124 9809,

[iain.carruthers@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:iain.carruthers@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

### Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer/

### Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Queanbeyan Community Health Centre

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Perm Full Time, 76 h/ptn

Position No: 51774

Salary: \$38,878-\$73,003 pa pro rata

Enquiries: Lee Simpson, Program Developer Coordinator

Aboriginal Health, (02) 6938 6174,

[lee.simpson@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lee.simpson@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

• Please note these are designated positions for persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, NSW.

For further information please visit:

[www.gsahs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gsahs.nsw.gov.au)

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NSW Department of Commerce

For information on Commerce please see [www.commerce.nsw.gov.au](http://www.commerce.nsw.gov.au). For Information Packages please call (02) 9372 7194. Please quote Reference Number.

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.

## Customer Service Officer (Aboriginal)

Clerk Grade 3/4

Parramatta Fair Trading Centre  
Customer & Property Services Division  
Office of Fair Trading

**Reference No:** 2008/207

**Salary Package:** \$62,570pa. Package includes salary (\$51,784 - \$56,701pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Location:** Parramatta

**Job Status:** Permanent Full-Time

### Responsibilities:

The Division provides services to consumer and traders on all aspects of fair trading including targeted activities to inform and regulate the marketplace. The Customer Services Officer is a member of a team which delivers effective, high quality customer services, including to Aboriginal communities.

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality is a key criteria for this position and it is essential that applicants address this in their application.
- Experience working effectively with Aboriginal communities.
- Demonstrated ability to provide quality customer service in a challenging environment.
- Proven problem solving, negotiation and dispute resolution skills.
- Demonstrated capacity to develop specialist skills in a range of Fair Trading legislation and services and demonstrated capacity to understand and apply legislation.
- Demonstrated capacity to work effectively in a team environment.
- Proven sound communication, interpersonal and organisational skills.
- A current drivers licence and willingness to drive.

### Enquiries:

Jill Jessop (02) 4925 7012 and Barbara Beach (02) 9895 0476

### Information Session:

An information session for applicants will be held at the Parramatta Fair Trading Centre, Ground Floor, 1 Fitzwilliam Street, Parramatta on Wednesday August 13, 2008 at 5:00pm.

**Closing Date:** 22 August 2008

### Information Packages:

Access Information Packages at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or for email packages contact [infopack@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au](mailto:infopack@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au) with position number 2008/207 in the Subject heading - this is an auto response. Or if by post, contact Paul Wyatt on (02) 9372 7194.

### Applications To:

You can apply on-line at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or if by post mark "Confidential" to: Paul Wyatt, HR Shared Services, Level 6, McKell Building, 2-24 Rawson Place, SYDNEY NSW 2000.



**TAFE NSW - HUNTER INSTITUTE CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING VACANCY.**

Applicants must obtain an application package either, by logging onto [www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au) 'Employment at Hunter Institute' section or phone the Recruitment Officer on (02) 4923 7370 quoting the Job Reference Number.

➔ **APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5:00 PM, FRIDAY 22 AUGUST 2008**

- **H108/180E ABORIGINAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PARTNER**  
Maitland TAFE Campus

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act.

**NB:** The Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 makes it an offence for a prohibited person (a person convicted of a serious sex offence, the murder of a child or a child-related personal violence offence, as well as a Registrable person under the Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000) to apply for or otherwise attempt to obtain, undertake or remain in, child-related employment.

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[www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au)**2009 Graduate Health Management Program**

For people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage

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**Salary**

Graduates with no management experience:	First year	\$45,333 pa
	Second year	\$47,869 pa
Three or more years' management experience:	First year	\$50,650 pa
	Second year	\$51,907 pa

Successful applicants will be offered support from the College, the workplace and the university. For further information visit our website [www.achse.org.au/nsw](http://www.achse.org.au/nsw) where you will also find the application form. Alternatively you can email [apanella@achse.org.au](mailto:apanella@achse.org.au) or phone (02) 9878 1222 or fax (02) 9889 3099.

Area Health Service staff are encouraged to apply to undertake the program with potential placements in their current health service.

The application form must be completed and sent to:

**Dr Sarah Mott, State Director**  
Australian College of Health Service Executives (NSW Branch)  
PO Box 341, North Ryde NSW 1670

**Closing date: COB 20 August 2008.**

**Exciting Project and Policy Opportunities**

The NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care has embarked on a new direction for disability services, through the government's *Stronger Together* initiative. This initiative provides increased supports which will strengthen families, promote community inclusion, and improve the delivery of services to enhance the lives of people with a disability, their families and carers.

We are seeking to fill a range of permanent and temporary roles within our Community Access Branch in Sydney CBD. Multiple positions are available in each grade.

**Manager Policy & Programs - Clerk Grade 11/12**

Job Reference: DADHC-08-14317

Total remuneration package valued up to \$116,888 per annum (Salary: \$91,589 pa - \$105,923 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

As an experienced leader, the Manager Policy and Programs will review, develop and implement major reforms to the delivery of services in order to provide a greater range of choices, better access and better outcomes for people with a disability and their families and carers.

**Senior Project Officer - Clerk Grade 9/10**

Job Reference: DADHC-08-14304

Total remuneration package valued up to \$96,295 per annum (Salary: \$79,189 pa - \$87,263 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Senior Project Officer will develop and implement new policies and programs and provide specialist advice for government that reflects the contemporary needs of people with a disability and their families and carers. Responsibilities can include managing program teams, developing new support models, shaping policy and building relationships with internal and external stakeholders.

**Project Officer - Clerk Grade 7/8**

Job Reference: DADHC-08-14314

Total remuneration package is up to \$84,855 per annum (Salary \$69,468 to \$76,896) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Project Officer will undertake policy analysis and project work on the Branch's various initiatives which provide support to people with a disability and their families and carers.

**People from Aboriginal background are encouraged to apply for these positions.**

To apply and obtain full details, please visit DADHC's website [dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers](http://dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers) or phone 1800 185 466.

**Applications close Friday 8 August 2008**

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Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is seeking an energetic and motivated person to join its home lending team in Perth.

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The successful applicant will be part of a small lending team that provides a range of flexible and affordable home loan products to Indigenous Australians to assist them buy their own home.

The salary guide for the position is \$48,600 - \$52,800, performance bonuses are available and Commonwealth Superannuation applies.

This is a full time position, however, flexible or reduced working hours may be considered depending on the applicants' ability and circumstances.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people are encouraged to apply.

For further information including job description and selection documentation visit [www.iba.gov.au](http://www.iba.gov.au)

**Applications close on 08 August 2008**

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**Service Officer**

(PN Ref: S1286)

**CSO Broadband (APS 1-3)**

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Join our Alice Springs Medicare Office and be responsible for delivering great face-to-face customer service that contributes to increasing Medicare Australia's reputation and building community confidence in the work we undertake. While this service involves the provision of information and processing activities related to various Australian Government programs and services administered by Medicare Australia, the main focus of work will be with the Medicare Program and the Family Assistance program.

This is an identified ongoing part-time employment opportunity for 20 hours per week.

If the job is 'identified' then part or all of the duties impact on Indigenous Australian people and involve interaction with Indigenous Australian communities or their representatives.

Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

**Contact:** Michelle Quan (08) 8952 6188

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Information about this job and other excellent job opportunities can be found on our website at:

[www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/careers](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/careers)

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Candidates should forward their applications to the contact officer (quoting the PN Ref) by email or by post (see website).

Applicants must be Australian citizens.

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# Electrical Engineering Cadetships

Integral Energy is one of Australia's largest energy corporations. We provide electricity to some of the fastest growing regions in Sydney's Greater West, Blue Mountains, Southern Highlands and South Coast. Right now we have excellent opportunities for Electrical Engineering Cadets.

As a Cadet, you become an employee of Integral Energy whilst you complete your full time studies. This is complemented by full time work at Integral Energy during your semester breaks. You will be involved in projects such as designing new power lines and substations, analysing equipment failures, and improving maintenance practices.

If you are a full time Electrical Engineering student who will complete your 2nd or 3rd year of study in 2008, have a credit average and a genuine interest in power engineering we are interested in hearing from you!

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**Challenging opportunity for a Senior Management Professional**  
Senior Officer Grade 2  
Greater Western Sydney Division  
Salary Package up to \$153,414

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You will be a leader with highly developed business management skills and a proven track record of working collaboratively with a range of government and non-government stakeholders to develop and implement cross-agency projects. You will be innovative, focused on core business delivery and be able to take a client service and a longer term asset perspective. You will balance strong and consistent business delivery with individual client need.

You will be responsible for making operational decisions for your own area within business plans and agreed resource levels.

You will have excellent oral and written communication skills with a demonstrated ability to engage stakeholders.

For further information on how to apply for this position visit: [www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers) and click on Apply Online.

Inquiries: Ken Bone, General Manager - Greater Western Sydney Division on (02) 9891 8408 or 0423 780 550.

Closing Date: 8 August 2008



Drive your career further...

Join the RTA's Aboriginal Program  
**Aboriginal Programs Advisor**

Position No. 50068827

The Aboriginal Programs Advisor is responsible for assisting in the development, implementation and delivery of road safety, licensing and employment strategies and programs to reflect the needs of Aboriginal communities for the Region.

This permanent full time position is located at Grafton with an attractive salary range of \$71,225 - \$76,431pa.

Applicants must obtain an information package from Kylie Stewart (02) 8849 2410 or download from [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au). Applicants can apply online or mail to Recruitment Services, PO Box 973, Parramatta CBD NSW 2124. Further information is available at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers)

Applications close 8 August 2008.



Department of the Attorney General  
Government of Western Australia

**Regional Coordinator, Aboriginal Justice Agreement (Pilbara)**

Aboriginal Services

Position No: 006637

Level/Salary: L6 PSQA \$70,564 - \$78,138 pa

We are seeking a committed individual who wants to make a difference through co-ordination of local and regional justice agreements throughout the Pilbara region of Western Australia. You will be responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of justice agreements and working with other Government departments and agencies to ensure community aspirations and priorities regarding justice-related issues are addressed. You will also be responsible for engagement between Aboriginal communities, government and other key stakeholders.

**Job Application Package:** To access information about this position, visit [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key the Position No or Keyword into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

**For Further Job Related Information:** Please contact Gordon Cole on (08) 9264 6128.

**Closing Date:** Mon, 4 Aug 2008 at 4.30pm.

**NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA**

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

**Aboriginal Health Education Officer (Graduate)**  
Aboriginal Health, Wollongong

Perm Full Time Position No: 93333

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enq: Peter Armour, (02) 4422 8111, [peter.armour@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:peter.armour@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au)  
Closing Date: 12 August 2008

PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL

**Registered Nurse**

Aboriginal Health

Perm Full Time Position No: POW08/992

Accommodation is available at a subsidised rate for nurses employed by Prince of Wales Hospital.  
Enq: Kristin Mbothu, (02) 9382 8066, [kristin.mbothu@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kristin.mbothu@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au)  
Closing Date: 8 August 2008

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit [www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au) or contact the enquiries person.

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We can offer Registered Nurses from overseas Temporary Business Sponsorships of up to four years under arrangements with the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, and NSW Health. We are committed to EEO, OHAS, ethical practice, and the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Salary and conditions (including generous employer superannuation and salary packaging) are paid in accordance with the relevant award/agreement. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record check. Prohibited Persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment. Eligibility Lists will be kept for up to 12 months. Employment with NSW Health is subject to you having current immunity status that complies with the Assessment, Screening & Vaccination against specified infectious diseases - Policy Directive. Appointment and ongoing employment will be subject to continued compliance with the policy directive.



Commissioner for Children and Young People

**Aboriginal Advisor 50D Position**

Position No: IRC8843

Level: 8 Salary: \$93,131 - \$101,155

"Intending applicants are advised that CCYP will be conducting an executive search for this vacancy."

CCYP is an independent statutory office that advocates on behalf of children and young people throughout WA.

This executive level role offers the opportunity to support the Commissioner in setting the strategic direction and development of policies and initiatives from an Aboriginal perspective, and promote confidence in the role of the Commissioner within the Aboriginal community.

To be successful in this role, candidates will need to demonstrate leadership capabilities with extensive experience in effectively consulting and negotiating with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families and communities.

**For further job related information:** Please contact Philippa Gardener on 6213 2202 or via email: [philippa.gardener@ccyp.wa.gov.au](mailto:philippa.gardener@ccyp.wa.gov.au) (Not to be contacted for Application Kits).

**Job Application Package:** To access information about this position, visit [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key the Position Number into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9258 0170 for an Application Kit.

**Closing Date:** Monday, 11 August 2008.



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**Ambulance Service of New South Wales**





## Employment Opportunities:

- **Administration Assistant**  
Part time position  
Flemington location  
Applications close 6th August 2008
- **Drug & Alcohol Case Worker / Counsellor**  
Part time position  
Footscray location  
Applications close 1st August 2008
- **Coordinator Aboriginal Partnerships**  
Full time position  
Flemington location  
Applications close 4th August 2008
- **Coordinator Foster Care**  
Full time position  
Geelong location  
Applications close 8th August 2008
- **Manager, St Augustine's Education & Training**  
Full time position  
Geelong location  
Applications close 8th August 2008
- **Reconnect Senior Case Manager for Homeless Youth**  
Full time position  
Geelong location  
Applications close 1st August 2008
- **Residential Supervisor**  
Full time position  
Altona Meadows location  
Applications close 5th August 2008

Detailed information on these positions is available under employment on the MacKillop website: [www.mackillop.org.au](http://www.mackillop.org.au)

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Successful applicants must have a current drivers licence and completed a satisfactory Police and a Working with Children Check.

 Australian Government  
Aboriginal Hostels Limited

## Project Officer

Canberra  
Central Office  
APS Level 5  
\$47,360 - \$54,361 pa, plus superannuation

### Duties

- undertake major and/or complex projects
- assist in developing and implementing operational policy and procedure
- assist in developing and implementing research and evaluation programmes
- prepare reports, submissions or other written analysis

### Want to know more?

Contact Gail Knight on 02 6212 2082

### Application Documents

From our website or telephone Gail Knight on 02 6212 2082

### How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited PO Box 30, Woden ACT 2606.

### Closing date

By 5pm 15 August 2008

### Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people

Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

### Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant is required to be an Australian citizen and to satisfactorily complete a medical assessment and police records check.

A probationary period applies.

These are identified positions.

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[www.ahl.gov.au](http://www.ahl.gov.au)



## Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place

Do you want to make a real difference to the lives of Aboriginal men in the Justice System?

The Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place is a live-in program for up to 20 Aboriginal men on community based orders. This culturally based program assists participants to successfully complete their orders, while learning skills that will reduce the likelihood of them offending again in the future. Wulgunggo Ngalu is committed to reducing the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system, and to providing services that are culturally appropriate and responsive to the needs of Aboriginal offenders. Wulgunggo Ngalu is located 13 kilometres from Yarram, a 45 minute drive from Sale in East Gippsland, Victoria.

We are now seeking applications for the following position:

### Program Manager

\$69,584 to \$84,190pa

The Program Manager will undertake specialist functions to help support the smooth operation of the Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place, including:

- Reporting to the Manager, Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place;
- Acting as officer-in-charge in the absence of the Manager;
- Providing supervision and support to Wulgunggo Ngalu's Koori Support Workers;
- Being responsible for the day-to-day management of life skills programs, recreation programs, ground maintenance programs and educational programs for participants at Wulgunggo Ngalu.

Additionally, the Program Manager will ensure that security and OH&S procedures are in place and effectively adhered to with the aim of properly (i) supervising and supporting staff; and (ii) supporting offenders to successfully complete their orders.

For a position description and further information please contact the Manager, Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place, Shaun Braybrook on 5188 0000 / 0438 360 619 or via email [shaun.braybrook@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:shaun.braybrook@justice.vic.gov.au)

Initially all staff will be employed by the Department of Justice under the Victorian Public Service (VPS) Agreement. In due course an independent Board of Management will likely be appointed and it is envisaged that staff will transfer and be employed by the Board of Management.

All positions are Identified Positions in accordance with policy direction of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement. Indigenous people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications for these positions must be received by close of business  
Friday 8 August 2008.



## Indigenous employment opportunity

### Apprenticeships 2009

Country Energy has exciting apprenticeships on offer for Cable Joiners, Electrical Technicians, Electrical Technicians (Zone Substation) and Lineworkers.

### Where are these positions available?

#### Cable Joiner

- Ballina
- Grafton
- Tamworth\*

#### Electrical Technician

- Albury
- Goulburn
- Moruya

#### Electrical Technician (Zone Substation)

- Bathurst
- Dubbo
- Port Macquarie
- Coffs Harbour
- Grafton
- Wagga Wagga

#### Lineworkers

- Barham
- Bathurst
- Berrigan
- Broken Hill
- Bulahdelah\*
- Canowindra
- Coffs Harbour\*
- Cooma
- Deniliquin\*
- Dubbo
- Dunedoo
- Ewingsdale
- Goondiwindi
- Goulburn
- Holbrook
- Inverell
- Kempsey
- Leeton
- Maclean\*
- Moree\*
- Moulamein
- Nambucca Heads
- Narrabri
- Narramine\*
- Orange\*
- Port Macquarie
- Queanbeyan
- Quirindi
- Temora
- Tenterfield
- Tumut
- Tweed Heads
- Wagga Wagga\*
- Walcha
- Warialda/Bingara
- West Wyalong
- Young

\* Indigenous Identified positions

### How do you find out more or apply?

For more information or to apply online visit [www.countryenergy.com.au/apprentices](http://www.countryenergy.com.au/apprentices) or visit your local Country Energy customer service centre. If you do not have access to the internet call 1800 353 007

### When can you apply?

Applications are now being taken and close  
5pm Friday 22 August 2008

Country Energy is an EEO employer and encourages members of the Indigenous community and females to apply for any of the positions listed above.

\*These positions are targeted to employment of the Indigenous community and is authorised by Country Energy's EEO Management Plan in accordance with Part 3A of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

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## Public Notice

### TRANSFER OF LAND

Under the Aboriginal Land Act 1991, the Minister for Natural Resources and Water must as soon as practicable appoint those persons he considers should be the trustees of areas of transferable land. The grantees will hold the land in unalienable freehold title as trustees for the benefit of Aboriginal people. Before doing this, the Minister must, under section 28 of the Act, consult with and consider the views of Aboriginal people who are particularly concerned with the land to be granted.

The Minister has consulted with Aboriginal people who are particularly concerned with the following land:

Lot 43 on SP93319

being near the Town of Bellara on Brille Island

As a result of this consultation, it is proposed to appoint the following Aboriginal people as trustees:

Lynette Mace  
Alexander Keith Davidson  
Mary Lynette Matsen  
Kristina Fisher  
Frederick Henry Palin  
Leisha Alma Eda Krause  
Elizabeth Lois Bond  
Stewart James Hopkins  
Gordon Allan Davidson

Marjorie Grant  
Daniel Cobbo  
Troy Fisher  
Marjorie Nina Fisher  
Daphne May Dux  
Drew Gulash  
Kim Tilley  
Janet Maher  
Doreen Iris Fisher

Melinda Jane Serico  
Lynette Johannessen  
Irene Joyce Landers  
Mincha Mari Fisher  
Noel George Wellauer  
Paul Steven Martin  
David Leslie Landers  
Lucette Litchfield  
Alexander Jewellyn Bond

Aboriginal people particularly concerned with the land are invited to express any objection they may have with the appointment of the above people as trustees. An objection must clearly state the name and address of the person objecting and the grounds for the objection. Objections must be received by 5.00pm Monday 25 August 2008 and should be forwarded to the following address:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Acts Branch  
Department of Natural Resources and Water  
Locked Bag 40  
COOPRAROO DC QLD 4151

Enquiries to: Wayne Lake or Deborah Quarta on Freecall 1800 645 874

Manager  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Acts Branch



**Queensland Government**  
Natural Resources and Water

NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER

## 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
04/1745	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	507.2km <sup>2</sup>	58km SEly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°37' Long 125°53'	Derby-West Kimberley/Halls Creek
04/1752	Niewera Uranium Ltd	846.8km <sup>2</sup>	142km SWly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 19°17' Long 124°52'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1753	Rey Kimberley Pty Ltd	423.2km <sup>2</sup>	112km SEly of Derby	Lat 17°57' Long 124°26'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1755	Miguel Leo Castillon John Ben Saleh	3.26km <sup>2</sup>	30km Sly of Derby	Lat 17°31' Long 123°34'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1756	Miguel Leo Castillon John Ben Saleh	3.26km <sup>2</sup>	61km Wly of Derby	Lat 17°16' Long 123°03'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1762	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	29.25km <sup>2</sup>	59km SEly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°35' Long 125°56'	Derby-West Kimberley/Halls Creek
04/1763	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	91.03km <sup>2</sup>	35km Sly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°29' Long 125°41'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1764	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	13.01km <sup>2</sup>	52km SEly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°28' Long 125°59'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1765	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	39.13km <sup>2</sup>	114km NWly of Crossing	Lat 17°42' Long 124°38'	Derby-West Kimberley
03/1882	Nigel Heald	12.55km <sup>2</sup>	68km SEly of Paraburdoo	Lat 31°12' Long 121°27'	Ashburton
15/1066	Sulphide Resource Pty Ltd	2.83km <sup>2</sup>	20km Wly of Kambalda	Lat 31°12' Long 121°27'	Coolgardie
15/1082	Zeeidan Enterprises Pty Ltd	8.79km <sup>2</sup>	28km SWly of Kambalda	Lat 31°17' Long 121°25'	Coolgardie
27/094	Zeeidan Enterprises Pty Ltd	17.76km <sup>2</sup>	50km Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°17' Long 121°29'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/1804	Heron Resources Ltd	188.56km <sup>2</sup>	92km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 30°44' Long 122°28'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
36/024	Phonon Operations Ltd	87.7km <sup>2</sup>	45km SEly of Leinster	Lat 28°08' Long 121°06'	Leonora
36/028	Sunraysia Metals Ltd	106.02km <sup>2</sup>	29km Ely of Leinster	Lat 27°58' Long 120°59'	Leonora
36/660	Bulwer Anomaly Mining Ltd	130.09km <sup>2</sup>	24km Sly of Leinster	Lat 28°07' Long 120°46'	Leonora
37/078	St Barbara Ltd	30km <sup>2</sup>	12km SWly of Leonora	Lat 28°58' Long 121°14'	Leonora
38/2053	Oroya Mining Ltd	149.29km <sup>2</sup>	66km Nly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°13' Long 123°06'	Laverton
39/2151	JML Resources Pty Ltd	173.12km <sup>2</sup>	112km Wly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°28' Long 121°55'	Laverton/Leonora
40/240	Rubicon Resources Ltd	65.8km <sup>2</sup>	48km Sly of Leonora	Lat 29°17' Long 121°24'	Merced
45/751	Gralla Resources NL	9.69km <sup>2</sup>	35km NEly of Halls Creek	Lat 21°38' Long 120°19'	East Pilbara
46/765	Zen Resources Pty Ltd	387.84km <sup>2</sup>	30km Ely of Newman	Lat 23°06' Long 120°44'	East Pilbara
46/767	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	3.16km <sup>2</sup>	42km NWly of Newman	Lat 22°37' Long 120°14'	East Pilbara
46/768	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	12.69km <sup>2</sup>	40km NWly of Newman	Lat 22°33' Long 120°19'	East Pilbara
46/769	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	633.16km <sup>2</sup>	37km NWly of Newman	Lat 22°37' Long 120°18'	East Pilbara
46/770	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	6.32km <sup>2</sup>	40km Wly of Newman	Lat 22°45' Long 120°12'	East Pilbara
46/773	Seafaring Exploration Pty Ltd	2265.17km <sup>2</sup>	42km Sly of Nullagine	Lat 22°15' Long 119°59'	East Pilbara
47/1869	Zen Resources Pty Ltd	31.58km <sup>2</sup>	53km Wly of Tom Price	Lat 22°40' Long 117°17'	Ashburton
47/1885	Muga Minerals Pty Ltd	9.40km <sup>2</sup>	33km NEly of Tom Price	Lat 22°31' Long 118°03'	Ashburton
47/1922	Hamerley Iron Pty Ltd	3.15km <sup>2</sup>	30km NWly of Newman	Lat 23°08' Long 119°33'	East Pilbara
47/1941	Brookman Iron Pty Ltd	6.29km <sup>2</sup>	12km Sly of Paraburdoo	Lat 30°18' Long 117°40'	Ashburton
51/1240	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	214.2km <sup>2</sup>	57km SEly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°50' Long 119°00'	Meekatharra
52/2179	Brookman Pty Ltd	91.23km <sup>2</sup>	31km Wly of Newman	Lat 22°26' Long 119°26'	East Pilbara/Meekatharra
53/1457	Iron Mountain Mining Ltd	15.07km <sup>2</sup>	9km Wly of Yalgoo	Lat 29°22' Long 116°36'	Yalgoo
58/1478	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	162.64km <sup>2</sup>	49km Sly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°30' Long 117°45'	Mount Magnet
59/1497	Karara Mining Limited	5.96km <sup>2</sup>	71km Ely of Morawa	Lat 29°06' Long 116°44'	Perenjori
59/1498	Karara Mining Limited	17.93km <sup>2</sup>	77km Ely of Morawa	Lat 29°06' Long 116°47'	Perenjori
59/1499	Karara Mining Limited	14.96km <sup>2</sup>	64km Ely of Morawa	Lat 29°08' Long 116°40'	Perenjori
63/1206	JML Resources Pty Ltd	37.78km <sup>2</sup>	118km Wly of Norseman	Lat 32°13' Long 120°31'	Dundas
63/1221	Barber Exploration Pty Ltd	116.8km <sup>2</sup>	117km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°55' Long 120°15'	Coolgardie/Dundas
63/1225	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	17.44km <sup>2</sup>	30km NEly of Norseman	Lat 32°04' Long 122°07'	Dundas
65/2489	Royce William Allen	407.72km <sup>2</sup>	250km NEly of Ravenhill	Lat 29°07' Long 126°36'	Laverton/Merced
66/2499	Royce William Allen	418.09km <sup>2</sup>	280km NEly of Ravenhill	Lat 28°47' Long 126°31'	Laverton
70/1425	Mineral Sand Mining and Development Pty Ltd	35.35km <sup>2</sup>	41km SEly of Constanville	Lat 30°49' Long 119°14'	Dandenong
70/2645	Image Resources NL	62.35km <sup>2</sup>	34km NWly of Gingin	Lat 31°10' Long 115°31'	Gingin
74/413	Zen Resources Pty Ltd	96.99km <sup>2</sup>	25km SEly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°44' Long 120°14'	Ravensthorpe
77/1489	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	29.7km <sup>2</sup>	94km NWly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°03' Long 119°04'	Yalgoo
77/1500	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	5.94km <sup>2</sup>	94km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°02' Long 119°09'	Yalgoo
77/1502	Whitcomb Holdings Pty Ltd	47.2km <sup>2</sup>	65km NWly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°28' Long 118°47'	Yalgoo
80/3028	Palustris Pty Ltd	81.48km <sup>2</sup>	61km NEly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°43' Long 127°54'	Halls Creek
80/4033	Valley Point Pty Ltd	12.59km <sup>2</sup>	18km SEly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°19' Long 127°46'	Halls Creek
80/4064	Peter Romeo Gianni	72.07km <sup>2</sup>	115km NWly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°29' Long 126°51'	Derby-West Kimberley/Halls Creek
80/4075	William Robert Richmond	74.76km <sup>2</sup>	78km SEly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°31' Long 126°14'	Halls Creek
80/4077-8	Australian Diamond Group Pty Ltd	1027.75km <sup>2</sup>	204km Wly of Wyndham	Lat 16°02' Long 126°18'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4082	Somilar Resources Ltd	81.53km <sup>2</sup>	83km NWly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°45' Long 127°03'	Halls Creek
80/4086	Somilar Resources Ltd	228.15km <sup>2</sup>	56km NWly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°48' Long 127°23'	Halls Creek
80/4088	Somilar Resources Ltd	58.70km <sup>2</sup>	65km NWly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°51' Long 127°20'	Halls Creek
80/4089-90	Prodimas Investments Pty Ltd	611.28km <sup>2</sup>	89km Sly of Wyndham	Lat 16°13' Long 128°05'	Wyndham & East Kimberley

**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 date:** 30 July 2008

**Native title parties:** Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification date to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 30 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) 9228 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted under, within the period of 4 months after the notification date (i.e. 30 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 6849, telephone (08) 9228 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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## Relationships Australia

### Director

#### — Indigenous Programs and Services

Relationships Australia (RA) is currently seeking a Director to provide operational and cultural support in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and services.

This position will be responsible for supporting employees working in Indigenous programs and services, will provide direction to the coordinators that report to this role, and provide advice to the Senior Management team in their areas of expertise. This role will also be responsible for promoting our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services and programs to the community.

The successful applicant will possess appropriate tertiary qualifications, previous demonstrated experience and expertise working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and demonstrated strategic management skills.

To apply or to find out more information regarding this position please visit our website at [www.relationships.com.au/vacancy\\_list](http://www.relationships.com.au/vacancy_list)

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Department of Education and  
Early Childhood Development

## Aboriginal Early Years Project Officer

Full time, fixed term (12 month) vacancy  
Office for Children and Early Childhood Development

This position offers an excellent opportunity to use your skills and experience to contribute to improving outcomes for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families in the Southern Metropolitan Region. The Aboriginal Early Years Project Officer will lead the development of a regional plan to implement a range of initiatives funded under the Victorian Indigenous Affairs Framework to increase the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in kindergarten and childcare services and better engage Aboriginal children and their families in a range of early years activities while building capacity in the service system to meet the needs of Aboriginal children.

Further information about the position is available from Dianne Mossenton-Brown ph: (03) 9213 2139. Interested applicants should apply for this position via [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au). In the Reference field on the Jobs Board page, enter the position reference OCECD204. Applications close 04 August 2008.

## Careers @ Justice

### DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

#### Manager, Official Prison Visitor Scheme

Office of Correctional Services Review (OCSR)

VPS6 Salary Range \$85,350 - \$114,216

Position No: DJ6578

The Department of Justice (OCSR) is looking for a talented and energetic professional for a challenging role managing a network of volunteers. You will establish and maintain effective relationships with volunteers and senior Corrections Victoria management, provide authoritative advice at a Ministerial level on complex and sensitive issues, develop and maintain reporting systems, analyse and recommend solutions to emerging issues and trends and represent the business unit with a range of internal and external stakeholders.

You will have demonstrated experience in managing a community-based program; preferably one that performs a Ministerial advisory function, highly developed planning, organisation and interpersonal skills and the ability to work effectively within a team environment. In addition, you require a proven ability to prepare comprehensive reports, complex correspondence and briefings on a wide range of significant and sensitive issues to executive standards, preferably in a correctional environment.

This is a rewarding and exciting opportunity for the right person.

Successful applicants will be subject to a police records check.

For further information please contact Russell Ford on 8684 8109.

To obtain a position description and to send your on-line application, addressing the key selection criteria as detailed in the position description, please visit

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

Closing date for applications is 6 August 2008

[www.justice.vic.gov.au](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au)

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## Administration Assistant (50d)

Aboriginal Services

Position No: 006662

Level/Salary: 2 PS/GA \$42,017 - \$46,686 pa

We are seeking an enthusiastic individual who can provide a high level administrative, clerical, reception and general support to the Aboriginal Justice Agreement. Good customer service skills are critical with an ability to liaise with a diverse group of internal and external clients. We are also looking for an individual with a keen interest in undertaking small projects, who can participate constructively and positively within a team environment.

Aboriginality is an occupational requirement for this position under Section 50D of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984.

**Job Application Package:** To access information about this position, visit [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key the Position No. or Keyword into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

**For Further Job Related Information:** Please contact Glen Claron on (08) 9264 6181.

**Closing Date:** Mon, 11 Aug 2008 at 4.30pm.

## Aboriginal Community Elders Services (ACES)

### MANAGER

## ACES NURSING HOME & HOSTEL

ACES are seeking to employ a Manager (Division 1 Registered Nurse), who will ensure the ongoing high standards of culturally appropriate care and support services to Indigenous Elders. ACES has a 15 bed high care nursing home and a 10 bed low care hostel facility.

ACES is located in the midst of the hustle and bustle of East Brunswick, the Caring Place nestles in the serenity of lush, well maintained, bush-like gardens and the Merri Creek. The setting provides residents with a friendly, relaxed culturally relevant home-like environment which is important to their health and well-being.

**Salary:** \$67,600 per annum, plus on call allowance (including Salary Packaging up to \$16,049 p.a.)

**Location:** Brunswick East, Melbourne, Victoria

**Hours:** Mon - Fri 8am to 5pm plus on call

**Applications close:** 15 August 2008

This position reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

### Essential:

- Qualifications Registered Nurse Division 1
- Demonstrated experience in Aged Care Nursing, including Dementia related illnesses.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Indigenous people and their families.

### Skills required:

- Ability to supervise staff engaged in the care of Elders with complex care needs in a culturally appropriate manner.
- Excellent communication and conflict resolution skills
- Demonstrated supervision and management skills
- Ability to liaise with Doctors/Specialists, and other allied health providers
- Knowledge of residential accreditation standards and relevant legislation

For position description contact: Deborah Deacon on (03) 9383 4244 or email [deborahd@acesinc.org.au](mailto:deborahd@acesinc.org.au)

For further information regarding the position contact Ray Ahmat, CEO



NSW GOVERNMENT

Department of Planning

## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING INDIGENOUS CADET GIS ANALYST

Cadetship, Various Locations See Job Description, Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No PLAN2008/079. Salary: A study allowance of \$600 (before tax) per fortnight for 40 weeks per year for full time study plus Annual Salary between \$27,055 and \$39,400 per annum for 12 weeks per year while on work placement. A book allowance of up to \$500 (before tax) per semester.

One cadetship in GIS. Locations include Dubbo, Grafton, Wollongong, Newcastle, Sydney CBD, Parramatta, Jindabyne, Gosford and Tamworth. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Currently undertaking a degree or vocational diploma or advanced diploma in a relevant discipline such as Geographic Information Systems, Remote Sensing, Surveying, Computer Science, Urban Planning or Geography. Desire to work in the following areas: data capture, spatial analysis, and cartographic activities. Good oral and written communication skills documenting technical work. Computer literacy skills including exposure to MS Excel and MS Access. Ability to work in a team environment.

**Notes:** This temporary position for up to 3 years is targeted for employment of an aboriginal person and has been granted an exemption under Section 126 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. A permanent position will be offered on successful completion of the required course of study. PLEASE NOTE: You must complete the application form supplied in the attachment 'Information for Cadets'

**Inquiries:** Megan Dunstan (02) 9228 6164. Information Packages: [dop.infolpack@dmr.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dop.infolpack@dmr.nsw.gov.au) with 079 in subject.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Recruitment Services, ServiceFirst, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124.

**Closing Date:** Friday 01 August 2008.

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# Notice of Proposed Grant of Mining Leases

## Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mining Lease shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Leases to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant
ML20435 Adam No1 Extended	Approx. 2 Km South from Irvinebank Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 14 on AP12342 - Permit to Occupy 0/222165 (mining and access)  Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 18.5868 Ha	Noel Alexander ADAM

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for a term not exceeding twenty-one (21) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding twenty-one (21) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, (DME), Court House Building, 167 Walsh Street, Mareeba, Qld 4880, Telephone: 07 4048 4785.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au).

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day:** 20 August 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 Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16760	Approx. 35 km SE from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°48'S Long.148°03'E Local Government Area: Whitsunday Regional Council	<b>Area:</b> 32 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Clermont <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 10 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks:</b> 697 d, j, k, p, t, u, w, x, y, z	Clayton Brett Walton

\* 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). 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](mailto: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:** 20 August 2008



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## Notice of Proposed Approval to Conduct Drilling and Other Activities on Land Not Included in the Surface Area of a Mining Lease

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Holder named below gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* of the proposed approval to conduct drilling and other activities on land not included in the surface area covered by the Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

ML1790 was granted on 13 July 1978. The current holder has now applied under Section 237 of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* for approval to conduct drilling and other activities on land not included in the surface area of the Mining Lease described below.

Mining Lease to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagrams)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN
ML1790 Wards Well	Approx. 27 km North from Goonyella Local Authority Area: Isaac Regional Council	Current Land Tenures Lot 9 on GV807254 - Pastoral Holding 30/3686	BHP Mitsui Coal Pty. Ltd. 009 713 875
		Area of land in Mining Lease to conduct drilling and other activities: 3149.4ha (abt)	

**Nature of the Acts:** Approval to conduct drilling and other activities on land not included in the surface area of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* authorises the holder to carry out drilling and other associated activities on the relevant area subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* for the term of the Mining Lease.

**Name and address of person doing Acts:** It is proposed that the application to conduct drilling and other associated activities within ML1790 be approved under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, QLD 4002.

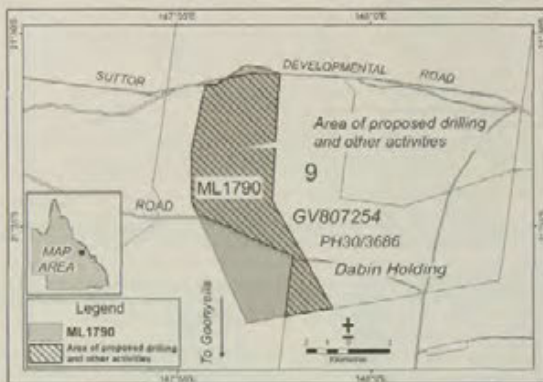
**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed approval to conduct drilling and other activities within a Mining Lease, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; DME, Office of the Mining Registrar, Emerald, Department of Mines and Energy, Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, PO Box 19, Emerald QLD 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

**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 drilling and other activities within a mining lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au).

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 20 August 2008



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Natural Resources and Water

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

NGUNNAWAL

## LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

at Local Aboriginal Land Council (NALC) requires a suitably experienced and qualified person to fill the statutory role of Chief Executive Officer. Situated in Queenbeyan, Council also has interests in surrounding Shires.

Following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1983) Council has completed statutory planning requirements and is now moving to implement a business plan, particularly in relation to maximizing use of its substantial asset base. We are now seeking an experienced leader with proven business acumen, knowledge of issues facing our membership, strategic planning and negotiation skills and sound financial management. The successful applicant will be able to engage in all aspects of Council operations and with our membership and key stakeholders.

Salary is negotiable but will be performance based.

A sound knowledge of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1983) or demonstrable capacity to obtain this is essential.

Aboriginality is considered a genuine qualification for this position and Aboriginal people are particularly encouraged to apply.

Applicants must address the position requirements and should obtain an information package by email from: [muru1@bigpond.com](mailto:muru1@bigpond.com)

Applications close 6 August 2008



The Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) Ltd has recently established its training division and during the first half of this year delivered several courses based on the Certificate II Business in the Sydney region. The operation is now expanding across NSW and we are looking for suitably qualified trainers that can deliver the following courses either in a class room environment or in the workplace.

Certificate II in Business	Certificate III in Business
Certificate III in Business (Sales)	Certificate II in Financial Services
Certificate II Retail	Certificate III in Financial Services
Certificate III Retail	Certificate II in Customer Contact
Certificate III in Business (Frontline Management)	

Opportunities exist for both contract and casual trainers able to work in the following areas: Sydney, Dubbo, Tamworth, Moree, Kempsey and Maitland. Some travel may be required to service towns outside these main centres. Opportunities may also exist to service other towns in the regions indicated.

We are also expecting to be offering courses in Townsville and Alice Springs and would be interested in receiving expressions of interest from trainers in these areas.

If you are looking for an opportunity that can make a significant difference to the lives of people and you are committed to delivering above average training. Then please send through an application outlining your experience:

- in the delivery of training indicating your chosen courses and region of interest
- any recent industry experience in the field,
- a current CV including at least three relevant and recent referees.

For more information please contact:

Paul Knight on 02 8571 0999

Applications should be addressed to

Training Manager

AES Corporate

PO Box 184, Glebe NSW 2037

Applications close August 16, 2008

## Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

### 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 Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

Mining Lease to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagrams)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN
ML70373 Venture Lease	Approx. 1 Km West from Mount Britton Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council	Current Land Tenures: Lot 1000 on NPW566 - Homevale Resources Reserve (mining and access) Lot 181 on USL44425 - Unallocated State Land (mining only) Lot 182 on USL44425 - Unallocated State Land (mining only) Lot 183 on USL44425 - Unallocated State Land (mining only) Lot 184 on USL44425 - Unallocated State Land (mining only)	Phillip John McDONALD (66.6666%) Irene Anne McDONALD (33.3334%)
		Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 6.622ha.	

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, for a term not exceeding twenty-one (21) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding twenty-one (21) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

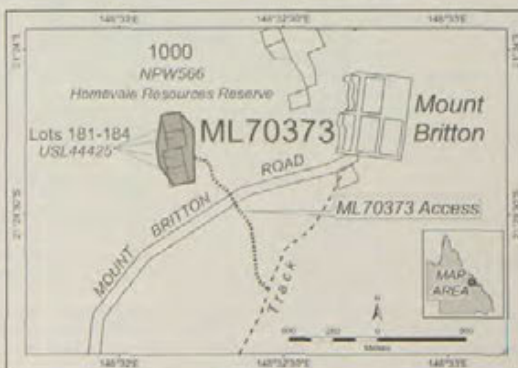
**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease applications, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, (DME), Office of the Mining Registrar, Emerald, Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, PO Box 245, Emerald QLD 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 20 August 2008



Queensland Government  
Natural Resources and Water



## Para Legal Career Opportunities

Sydney Metropolitan Area (Various)

Have you recently studied or worked in either business, law, finance, management or commerce and are you interested in working in the Trustee industry?

Public Trustee NSW is a successful self-funded business, and is focused on building and sustaining achievement in a stimulating and rewarding environment. This family friendly organisation offers inhouse training programs, work experience in estate and trust administration and great working hours and conditions.

We are currently seeking applications from Australian citizens or permanent residents for Trust Clerk General. Scale positions (salary range \$27,055-\$43,903 per annum). These positions are temporary for an initial period of one year but could lead to permanency at the end of the year subject to successful completion of Certificate III Financial Services, satisfactory work performance, attendance and availability of ongoing work.

For an information package go to [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or contact Mary Wilkins on (02) 9240 0725 ([Mary.Wilkins@pt.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Mary.Wilkins@pt.nsw.gov.au)). Applicants must obtain an information package, complete the application form and address all selection criteria in their application.

You can apply for this position online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or mail to The Personnel Officer, Public Trustee NSW, GPO Box 7, Sydney, NSW, 2001.

Closing Date: 8 August 2008



## KALWUN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency AICCA ALTERNATIVE CARE WORKER

Kalwun Community Development Corporation is currently seeking suitable applicants for the position of Alternative care worker for the AICCA service.  
Kalwun AICCA works in conjunction with the Department of Communities to ensure appropriate policies and procedures practices Kalwun provides cultural appropriate services to Indigenous children, young people and their families.  
Kalwun AICCA is the recognised Indigenous Agency in relation to child protection matters and also provides an alternative care service for Indigenous clients of the Gold Coast Area Office.

## CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

Kalwun AICCA is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Child Care Agency located at Burleigh Heads on the beautiful Gold Coast.  
We are seeking to employ a full-time suitable applicant to perform the duties of this position.  
The primary function of this position is to provide support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families who come in contact with the Queensland Department of Child Safety. Enquiries and Selection Criteria contact Vanessa Summers on 5520 8600.

Applications close: 31st July 2008

These are identified positions and Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.



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The College is a leading provider of a large, diverse range of training, recruitment and community support services in the Central West and beyond. We are a challenging, innovative, face-paced workplace with a commitment to a learning culture. We are currently seeking a committed and enthusiastic person to become part of our growing team. We offer staff a friendly, professional work environment with opportunities for training and further development.

## Coordinator

Aboriginal Services, Orange  
Fulltime

This is a great opportunity for a committed and enthusiastic person to provide strong leadership of our newly formed Aboriginal Services Team.

This position would suit a person who:

- Can coordinate a range of quality training, employment and mentoring services which meets the needs of clients
- Has experience managing budgets and financial management skills
- Can promote and build relationships with key organizations and individuals
- Can provide specialist support and advice to the College

A total remuneration range of \$63,461-\$70,499 inclusive of superannuation and if you choose to take full advantage of salary packaging. Access to a fully-serviced College vehicle for private use is available.

The College offers a great working environment, above average leave entitlements, performance based salary increments and access to full salary packaging.

Like to know more? Download an information package from [www.cwcc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cwcc.nsw.edu.au) or contact HR department on 63345112 or email [hr@cwcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hr@cwcc.nsw.edu.au) quote position number 34-08

Your interest will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Applications close: 9am Monday 11th August 2008.

## Co-ordinator

(32 hrs/wk permanent)

## Case Worker

(casual relief as required)

STEPPING OUT HOUSING PROGRAM is a supported accommodation service for homeless women survivors of child sexual assault.

Indigenous applicants, bilingual/bicultural applicants, applicants with disabilities and applicants with a broad range of experience relevant to our service are encouraged to apply. We consider that on the job experience, life experience and educational qualifications may all be relevant. Being a woman is a genuine occupational qualification within section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act. Positions are subject to the Working with Children Check.

Applicants are required to address the selection criteria available in the information package.

Applications close: 5pm Friday 8th August 2008.

Please phone: (02) 9550 9398 for info pack before applying.



The University of Sydney

## Cadetship in Archives

Archives and Records Management Services • Reference No. 135615

## Cadetship in Archives

Archives and Records Management Services  
Reference No. 135615

Would you like to work at the University of Sydney Archives assisting with the exciting and important development of a Guide to Indigenous records? You will improve the information available to Indigenous communities and other researchers by indexing Indigenous languages, place names and communities throughout Australia.

The Cadetship provides an excellent opportunity to enter a career in archives and/or research, and learn

invaluable skills in managing Indigenous records, archival techniques and database use.

This role is open exclusively to 1st, 2nd and 3rd year undergraduate students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who are available to work seven hours per week in addition to studies.

To apply, please visit <http://positions.usyd.edu.au> and search by reference number 135615. For more information about the role or to receive assistance with your application, please contact Vladimir Williams on (02) 9351 7489 or email [vwilliams@usyd.edu.au](mailto:vwilliams@usyd.edu.au). General enquiries can be directed to Nichol Hildebrand on (02) 9036 7293.

Closing date: 17 August 2008.

## Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16641	Approx. 12 km W from Eulo Centred at Lat.28°09'S Long.144°55'E Local Government Area Paroo Shire Council	Area: 100 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Bourke Number of Sub-blocks: 11 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 81 p, l, w, z 82 l, m, n, q, s, t, u 83 q, r, w, x, y, z 84 v, w, x, y, z 85 v, w 157 a, b, c, d, e 158 a, b, f, g	Dragoljub Panich (50%) Brian Roy Senior (50%)
EPM16642	Approx. 57 km SW from Eulo Centred at Lat.28°24'S Long.144°31'E Local Government Area Bulloo and Paroo Shire Councils	Area: 160 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Bourke Number of Sub-blocks: 53 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 223 v, w, x, y 295 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 366 r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 367 a, b, c, f, g, i, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Dragoljub Panich (50%) Brian Roy Senior (50%)
EPM16643	Approx. 72 km SW from Eulo Centred at Lat.28°30'S Long.144°24'E Local Government Area Bulloo Shire Councils	Area: 146 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Bourke Number of Sub-blocks: 49 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 220 k, p, u, z 292 r 293 a, f, g, i, l, m, n, o, p, u, z 365 c, k, p, u, z 366 f, l, q, v 437 c, k, p, u, z 438 a, f, l, q, v 509 c, k, p, u, z 510 a, f, l, q, v 581 c, k 582 a, f, g	Dragoljub Panich (50%) Brian Roy Senior (50%)

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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) e.g. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code e.g. 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 1.1a, 22 August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

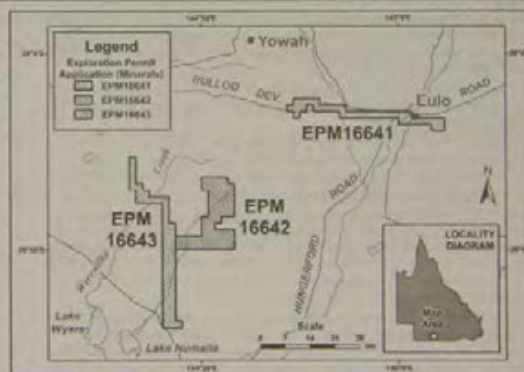
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Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 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: 20 August 2008



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

## HOUSING NSW POLICY OFFICER

(Youth Scholarship Program)  
Clerk Grade 7/8  
Community Regeneration Unit  
Service Program  
Head Office, Ashfield  
Temporary Full-Time  
Position No: DOH-08-14296

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 contribute effectively as a member of a skilled team to achieve sustainable improvement within social housing communities and to help address social exclusion in NSW.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Good written and oral communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to undertake research, source appropriate data and critically analyse data to assist in the development of strategic policy or programs.
- Demonstrated understanding of current issues in community regeneration.
- Knowledge and understanding of the role of other human service agencies.
- Capacity to manage projects in a multi-skilled team environment.
- Ability to work collaboratively with a range of internal and external stakeholders.
- Computer literate including word processing and spreadsheet applications.

**Job Notes:** This is a temporary full-time position for a period of two years (31 December 2010). Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. Position is currently in Ashfield but to be located in Sussex Street from August 2008.

Inquiries: Vivian Hanich (02) 8753 8462

Information Packages: [www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers)

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 8 August 2008

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Queensland Government  
Natural Resources and Water



## MusicNSW Whichway Project Manager

Australia - New South Wales - Sydney

MusicNSW is a not-for-profit association representing contemporary music in NSW. One of the key projects of MusicNSW is Whichway, a career development program for Indigenous musicians and industry. We are currently seeking a full time Project Manager to lead Whichway through its next stage of growth and development.

### Your duties will involve:

- Program Development and Planning
- Financial Planning and Budgeting for the Whichway Project
- Program Implementation
- Industry Development
- Artist Support

### Required Work Hours:

5 days per week 9.30 am - 5.30pm

### To be successful in this role you must have:

- Knowledge of the Contemporary Indigenous Music Industry and the wider Australian Contemporary Music Industry, including demonstrated experience with working one on one with artists.
- General Knowledge of all music genres.
- Working knowledge of funding bodies both state and federal and demonstrated experience with funding applications.
- Knowledge of and experience working with Indigenous Communities, Protocols and Issues.
- Demonstrated experience managing projects and project budgets.
- Understanding of planning processes and KPI reporting.

### To apply for this position:

Email your CV with Cover Letter to [jane@musicnsw.com](mailto:jane@musicnsw.com)

For more information please contact: Jane Powles - Director Corporate, telephone: 02 96999706 or via email at [jane@musicnsw.com](mailto:jane@musicnsw.com)

Applications Close: August 18, 2008

[www.musicnsw.com](http://www.musicnsw.com)

## Grace Cottage Inc. Family Support Service

### COORDINATOR

20 hours per week

Applications are called for the above position which is situated at Grace Cottage Dubbo.

The successful applicant will need to be willing to undertake the Working With Children and Criminal Record Check as a funding requirement of the NSW Department of Community Services.

Salary: NSW SACS Award Category 5.

All applicants must obtain a package to address the position criteria by telephoning Nichole 68847100

Applications close:

Monday 11th August 2008 at 3.00pm



St Vincent de Paul Society  
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### Good Works Team

Leading charity, Sydney's Inner West.

Three professional positions are now available:

### Personal Assistant to Executive Officer

Full time position

### Aboriginal Partnership & Development Coordinator

Two part time positions

Inquiries / Job Descriptions

Web: [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

(NSW Employment)

Phone: Honey Davies (02) 9568 0216

Applications close: Thursday 14 August 2008



### Waltja Tjutangu Palyapayi

Waltja is a community based Aboriginal Association working across the Central Desert Region. We support the development and management of innovative and appropriate services in remote communities. Waltja is governed by a Management Committee of senior Aboriginal women, and is a finalist in the 2008 Reconciliation Australia - Indigenous Governance Awards. Waltja is a Registered Training Organisation.

Waltja has secured funding for projects in 2008 & 2009. The Management Committee is seeking expressions of interest from people interested in working in any of these areas:

- **Early Childhood** - Support, training, mentoring and playgroups.
  - **Youth Work** - Case management, activities and family support.
  - **Age and Disability** - Guided referral, brokerage and remote support.
  - **Remote Field Work** - Project support for program delivery, training and research.
  - **Training** - Cert 4 qualified to deliver business and community services training.
  - **Desk Top Publishing** - Resource and Family News production.
  - **Casual remote driving** - experience on dirt roads.
  - **Trainee positions in all project areas.**
- The Expression of Interest should include:
- Why you want to work at Waltja
  - Preference for full-time, part-time or casual work
  - Current CV or Work History
  - 3 References

Aboriginal People are strongly encouraged to submit Expression of Interest.

E-mail to [manager@waltja.org.au](mailto:manager@waltja.org.au) or post to PO Box 8274, Alice Springs NT 0871 or deliver to 3 Ghan Rd Alice Springs.

For more information about Waltja and specific projects you can look at the website [www.waltja.org.au](http://www.waltja.org.au) Contact Melissa or Natalie on 89534488.



NSW GOVERNMENT

Department of Planning

### DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

### INDIGENOUS CADET PLANNING

Cadethip, Various Locations See Job Description, Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No PLAN2008/078. Salary: A study allowance of \$600 (before tax) per fortnight for 40 weeks per year for full time study plus Annual Salary between \$27,055 and \$39,400 per annum for 12 weeks per year while on work placement. A book allowance of up to \$500 (before tax) per semester.

One cadethip in Planning. Locations include Dubbo, Grafton, Wollongong, Newcastle, Sydney CBD, Parramatta, Jindabyne, Gostford and Tamworth. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Currently undertaking a degree or vocational diploma or advanced diploma in a relevant discipline such as Town Planning, Geography, Environmental Science. Desire to work in statutory and/or strategic planning. Good oral and written communication skills documenting technical work. Computer literacy skills. Ability to work in a team environment.

Notes: This temporary position for up to 3 years is targeted for employment of an aboriginal person and has been granted an exemption under Section 126 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. A permanent position will be offered on successful completion of the required course of study.

PLEASE NOTE: You must complete the application form supplied in the attachment "Information for Cadets"

Inquiries: Megan Dunstan (02) 9228 6164, Information Packages: [dop.infolpack@dnr.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dop.infolpack@dnr.nsw.gov.au) with 078 in subject.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Services, ServiceFirst, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 01 August 2008.

## Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1210	Approx. 51 km NNW from Alpha Centred at approximate Lat.23°12'S Long.146°33'E Local Government Area: Barcardine Regional Council	Area: 169 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 117 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2623 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2624 a, f, l, q, v 2695 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2696 a, f, l, q, v 2767 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x 2768 a, f, l 2839 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2840 a, f, l, q, v 2911 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u 2912 a, f, l, q	Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd 008 676 417
EPM16874 This Permit consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 79 km NNW from Alpha Centred at approximate Lat.22°57'S Long.146°27'E Local Government Area: Barcardine Regional Council  Part 2: Approx. 72 km NW from Alpha Centred at approximate Lat.23°05'S Long.146°19'E Local Government Area: Barcardine Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 211 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 67 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2477 w, x, y, z 2478 v, w, x, y 2549 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2550 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2551 f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 2621 h, g  Area of Part 2: 79 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2620 n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2621 l, q, v 2692 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k 2693 a, f, l	Waratah Coal Pty Ltd 114 165 669

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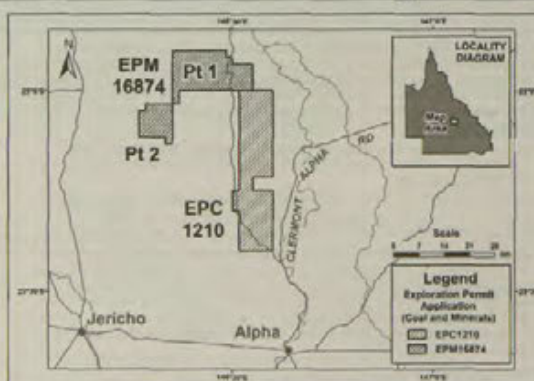
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**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 20 August 2008



Queensland Government  
Natural Resources and Water



## DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

Applications for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the *Water Management Act 2000*, have been received from:

### LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE (Lake Cargelligo)

ANNA MARIA NILSSON for 1 x 50MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP, on Lot 200 DP257502 Parish GURANGULLY, County DOWLING to supply domestic water supply to Lot 1 and 2 DP839015 Parish GURANGULLY, County DOWLING. (Ref. 70WA604537)

### LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

Jennifer Margaret SHEAFFE for 1 x 350 MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP on the Lachlan River on Lot 2 DP738489 Parish REDBANK, County NICHOLSON for Irrigation purposes. (Ref. 70WA604538)

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:

### LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

ALLAN FREDERICK HUTCHISON for 1 x Bore at/adjacent to Lot 4 DP134738 Parish MAROWIE, County FRANKLIN for IRRIGATION of Lots 1, 2 and Part of Lot 3 DP134738 Parish MAROWIE, County FRANKLIN. (Ref. 70CA601320)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 6850 2800. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Viv Russell, Licensing Manager

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:

### LOWER DARLING REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

SUMMER GROVE PTY LTD for 1 x 250MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP at Lot 12 DP1036631 Parish CONNARGEE, County WENTWORTH to deliver water at a rate not to exceed 57 litres per second to the irrigation development on "Connargee". (Ref. 60CA580197)

An application for a JOINT WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the *Water Management Act 2000*, has been received from:

### NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE (Dry Lake)

JOHN ARTHUR WOODHEAD, NICOLE SIMONE WOODHEAD and LUKE ADRIAN FOLLETT for 1 x 200MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP at Lot 64 DP756112 Parish TAILA, County TAILA, to deliver water at a rate not to exceed 100 litres per second; and 2 x PIPELINE across a Road Reserve fronting Lot 64 DP756112, Lot 24 DP756112, Lot 2 DP10511382, Lot 3 DP10511358, Lot 4 DP1064859, Lot 3 DP1104550 all Parish TAILA, County TAILA for water delivery to existing authorised irrigation developments. (Application No. 1884)

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 Burunga NSW 2739, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Peter Winton, Licensing Officer

Applications for WATER SUPPLY WORKS Approval under Section 92 of the *Water Management Act 2000*, have been received from:

### LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

DENILQUIN COUNCIL for 1 x Bore on Lot 366 DP756325, Parish South Denilquin, County Townsend for industrial (caravan park) purposes. (Application No. 1914).

Warwick James & Timothy Barrie STRONG for 1 x Bore on Lot 63 DP756250, Parish Birganbigil, County Townsend for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1915).

Warwick James, Timothy Barrie, Darryl Anne & Rebecca Anne STRONG for 1 x Bore on Lot 37 DP1079063, Parish Birganbigil, County Townsend for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1916).

Mark Basil JANKELSON for 1 x Bore on Lot 2 DP838276, Parish Lalality, County Denison for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1917).

An application to amend an existing Water Supply Works & Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the *Water Management Act 2000*, has been received from:

### LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

Geoffrey Don & Margaret Joan MORRIS for 1 x replacement bore on Lot 118 DP756353, Parish Yalgadon, County Townsend for irrigation and stock purposes. (Application No. 50CA504667).

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, Denilquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer

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

DAVID MICHAEL and PAUL ANTHONY BELLATO have submitted an for a bore on Lot 39 DP750874 Parish BOONA, County BOYD for IRRIGATION on Lot 39 DP750874 Parish BOONA, County BOYD. Ref: 40WA405265

RODNEY WILLIAM & ROWAN MICHAEL FOSTER for a BORE on Lot 76 DP756400 or Lot 78 DP756400, Parish Cadell, County Urana for irrigation on Lot 78 DP756400, Lot 79 DP756400 and Lot 76 DP756400 Parish Cadell, County Urana. Ref: 40WA405261

RODNEY WILLIAM & ROWAN MICHAEL FOSTER for a bore on Lot 46 DP756400 Parish CADELL, County URANA for IRRIGATION on Lot 46 DP756400 Parish CADELL, County URANA. Ref: 40WA405262

ANTHONY JOHN & JOYCE TOSCAN for a bore on Lot 151 DP750903 Parish of TUBBO, County BOYD for IRRIGATION on Lot 151 DP750903 Parish TUBBO, County BOYD. Ref: 4WA405264

MATTHEW ANTHONY TOSCAN for a bore on Lot 36 DP750874 Parish BOONA, County BOYD for IRRIGATION on Lot 36 DP750874 Parish BOONA, County BOYD. Ref: 40WA405265

JOHN NORMAN POUND and GAIL MAREE POUND for 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 136 DP756458 Parish YANKO, County URANA for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 136 DP756458 Parish YANKO, County URANA. Ref: 40WA405266

### MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCIL for a pump on Bundigerry Creek on Crown Land adjoining Lot 27 DP750821 Parish BERREMBED, County BOURKE for water supply for Industrial (roadworks and dust suppression) Purposes. (Ref. 40WA405268).

WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCIL for a pump on Murrumbidgee River on Lot 7001 DP1024095 (Crown Reserve 10075) Parish KOCKIBITOO, County BOURKE for water supply for Industrial (roadworks and dust suppression) Purposes. (Ref. 40WA405269)

WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCIL for a pump on Murrumbidgee River on Lot 105 DP757218 Parish BORAMBULA, County WYNWARD for water supply for Industrial (roadworks and dust suppression) Purposes. (Ref. 40WA405270)

WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCIL for a pump on Murrumbidgee River on Lot 1 DP436157 (Crown Reserve 76209) Parish YARRAGUNDY, County MITCHELL for water supply for Industrial (roadworks and dust suppression) Purposes. (Ref. 40WA405271)

WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCIL for a pump on Murrumbidgee River on Lot 95 DP750841 in the Parish GANMAIN, County BOURKE for water supply for Industrial (roadworks and dust suppression) Purposes. (Ref. 40WA405272)

WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCIL for a pump on Murrumbidgee River on Lot 78 DP757224 (Crown Reserve 54574) Parish CUNNINGDROO, County WYNWARD for water supply for Industrial (roadworks and dust suppression) Purposes. (Ref. 40WA405273)

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, Lueken NSW 2705, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

S. F. Webb, Licensing Manager



## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
35/943	Rago Resources Limited	957.26ha	70km NW/ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°33' Long 122°02'	Laverton
38/1091	Quekion Resources Pty Ltd	607.40ha	72km NW/ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°34' Long 122°20'	Laverton
57/600	Gary Herbert Kelginn	150.11ha	22km SE ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°04' Long 119°30'	Sandstone

**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:** 30 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 **30 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. **30 November 2008**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the areas of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



## NOTICE 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	AMALGO NO.	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
25/273	Rubicon Resources Ltd	27784	46.26ha	48km E ly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°37' Long 121°52'	Kalbarrie-Boulder City
		27729	48.39ha			
31/541	Jackson Minerals Ltd	27840	120.13ha	113km E ly of Menzies	Lat 29°48' Long 122°11'	Menzies
38/1511	South Boulder Mines Ltd	28384	15.7ha	107km NW/ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°29' Long 121°57'	Laverton/Laurens
36/1504	South Boulder Mines Ltd	29386	9.7ha	106km NW/ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°30' Long 121°58'	Laverton
38/1064	South Boulder Mines Ltd	29386	47.8ha	107km NW/ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°30' Long 121°57'	Laverton
59/1071	Chalco Gold Mines Ltd	28651	3292.74ha	42km NW/ly of Nonarman	Lat 31°52' Long 121°31'	Coogarde/Dundas

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day:** 30 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 **30 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. **30 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 licences 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 6849, 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 INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES SA MINING ACT 1971 SECTION 63M

**TAKE NOTICE:** that PlatSearch NL (ACN 003 595 990) of 1st Floor, 80 Chandos Street, St Leonards NSW 2065 proposes to undertake mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licences 3216, 3281 and 3280 on the following land:

### DESCRIPTION OF AREA

The three exploration licence numbers 3216, 3280 and 3281 share common boundaries, are centred on Yalata and are bounded as follows (see diagram below):

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°10'S and longitude 132°02'E, thence east to longitude 132°04'E, south to latitude 31°14'S, west to longitude 132°03'E, south to latitude 31°16'S, east to longitude 132°06'E, south to a northern boundary of Yalata Aboriginal Reserve, thence generally easterly, southerly and easterly along the boundary of the said Aboriginal Reserve to longitude 132°09'E, south to latitude 31°38'S, west to longitude 132°05'E, south to latitude 31°45'S, west to longitude 131°57'E, north to latitude 31°41'S, west to longitude 131°55'E, north to latitude 31°39'S, west to longitude 131°44'E, north to latitude 31°38'S, west to longitude 131°41'E, north to latitude 31°36'S, west to longitude 131°32'E, north to latitude 31°23'S, east to longitude 131°36'E, north to latitude 31°22'S, east to longitude 131°37'E, north to latitude 31°21'S, east to longitude 131°39'E, north to latitude 31°20'S, east to longitude 131°41'E, north to latitude 31°19'S, east to longitude 131°45'E, north to latitude 31°18'S, east to longitude 131°47'E, north to latitude 31°17'S, east to longitude 131°52'E, north to latitude 31°16'S, east to longitude 131°53'E, north to latitude 31°15'S, east to longitude 131°55'E, north to latitude 31°14'S, east to longitude 131°57'E, north to latitude 31°13'S, east to longitude 131°58'E, north to latitude 31°12'S, east to longitude 131°59'E, north to latitude 31°11'S, east to longitude 132°02'E and north to the point of commencement, all within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum (AGD66).

**AREA** - 2,318 square kilometres approximately.

**The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:**

Exploration activities to determine the geological structure of the Land and presence of economical mineralisation, which may include geophysical surveys (including magnetic, gravity and electrical survey techniques), geochemical sampling, and drilling (including auger, rotary air blast, reverse circulation and diamond core drilling).

**TAKE NOTICE:** that PlatSearch NL seeks to negotiate a

native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971. Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact PlatSearch NL for the purpose of negotiating an agreement permitting PlatSearch NL access to the Land for the purpose of undertaking the proposed mining operations on the Land.

**TAKE NOTICE:** that if two (2) months after notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, PlatSearch NL may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

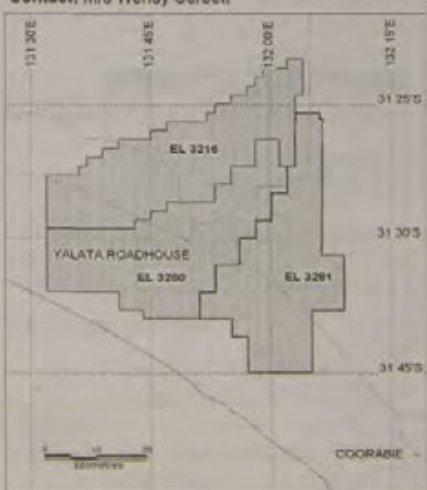
**TAKE NOTICE:** that if within four (4) months from the initiation of negotiations, PlatSearch NL and any native title party(ies) have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to Section 63S of the Mining Act, 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

### PLATSEARCH NL

1st Floor, 80 Chandos Street, St Leonards NSW 2065

Telephone: (02) 9906 5220 Facsimile: (02) 9906 5233

Contact: Mrs Wendy Corbett







## NOTICE TO GRANT GENERAL PURPOSE LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following general purpose lease applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
46/7 Minnie accommodation & associated facilities	FMG Chester Pty Ltd	388.68ha	67km SW of Nulagine	Lat 22°20' Long 118°40'	East Pilbara

**Nature of the act:** Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

**Notification day:** 30 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. This 3 month period closes on **30 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. The leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **30 November 2008**), there is no native title party in relation to the area of the leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3626.

## Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

**Notification day:** 13 August 2008



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Queensland Registry, PO Box 13094, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003 on or before **12 November 2008**. After 12 November 2008 the Federal

Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



**Application name:** Wongkumara People

**Federal Court File No:** QUD52/08

**Date filed:** 12 April 2008

**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

**Location:** The area subject to this application covers approximately 50,230km<sup>2</sup> and is located in the vicinity of Eromanga in south-west Queensland and Tibbooburra in north-west New South Wales as shown on the locality map.

This application falls within the Queensland Local Government Authorities of Barcoo, Quilpie and Bulloo Shire Councils and an Unincorporated area of New South Wales.

**Data statement:** claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT.

For assistance and further information contact Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

*Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.*

Correction to the notice of the Tarpa application for a determination of native title (WAD248/07) in the Wiluna area of Western Australia published on 16 July 2008 with an incorrect notification end date.

**Notification day:** 30 July 2008

**Correct notification end date:** 29 October 2008



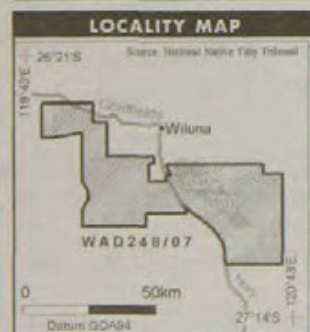
National  
Native Title  
Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court by the notification end date. In the notice published on 16 July 2008 this was identified as 30 October 2008. This is incorrect. Any person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box A30, Perth WA 6837 on or before

**29 October 2008**. After 29 October 2008, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



**Application name:** Les Tullock & Ors on behalf of the Native Title Claim Group Tarpa

**Federal Court File No:** WAD248/07

**Date:** 14 December 2007

**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

**Location:** The area subject to this application covers about 2,265km<sup>2</sup> and is located in the vicinity of Wiluna as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of the Shire of Wiluna.

Data statement: claimant application boundary sourced from and used with permission of Landgate (WA)

For assistance and further information contact Gerry Putland on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

*Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.*

## NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES

### MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

**TAKE NOTICE** that AFMECO MINING AND EXPLORATION PTY LTD (ACN 009 758 481) of 80 Leader Street, Forestville, South Australia 5035, mining operator, proposes to carry out mining operations of an exploratory nature on the following land (**Land**) in the State of South Australia:

**Description of the Land:**

**SOUTH TENT HILL AREA -**

Immediately northwest of Port Augusta, the area bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°20'S and longitude 137°18'E, thence east to longitude 137°45'E, south to a line parallel to, and 800 metres inland from highwater mark, Spencer Gulf (western side), thence generally southerly along the said parallel line to an eastern boundary of Caltana Army Land, thence generally northwesterly and southwesterly along the boundary of the said Army Land to latitude 32°33'S, west to longitude 137°28'E, north to latitude 32°30'S, west to longitude 137°24'E, north to latitude 32°22'S, west to longitude 137°18'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the specified latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

(AREA: approximately 779 square kilometres, being the present area of Exploration Licence 3439),

but excluding any land that is subject to a valid grant of freehold, or a valid grant of a perpetual leasehold, and excluding any land in relation to which all native title rights and interests have otherwise been extinguished in accordance with the provisions of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) and/or the Native Title (South Australia) Act 1994 (SA).

The Land concerned is within the present boundaries of the **Barragula Native Title Claim** (Native Title Determination Application: Federal Court No. SAD 6011/98). Some of the Land concerned is also within the present boundaries of the **Nukunu Native Title Claim** (Native Title Determination Application: Federal Court No. SAD 6012/98).

**NORTH TENT HILL AREA -**

Approximately 35 km northwest of Port Augusta, the area bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°07'S and longitude 137°10'E, thence east to longitude 137°26'E, south to latitude 32°15'S, east to longitude 137°30'E, north to latitude 32°13'S, east to longitude 137°41'E, south to latitude 32°16'S, east to longitude 137°45'E, south to latitude 32°20'S, west to longitude 137°18'E, north to latitude 32°19'S, west to longitude 137°17'E, north to latitude 32°18'S, west to longitude 137°16'E, north to latitude 32°16'S, west to longitude 137°15'E, north to latitude 32°15'S, west to longitude 137°14'E, north to latitude 32°13'S, west to longitude 137°13'E, north to latitude 32°12'S, west to longitude 137°12'E, north to latitude 32°11'S, west to longitude 137°11'E, north to latitude 32°09'S, west to longitude 137°10'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the specified latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

(AREA: approximately 796 square kilometres, being the present area of Exploration Licence 3440),

but excluding any land that is subject to a valid grant of freehold, or a valid grant of a perpetual leasehold, and excluding any land in relation to which all native title rights and interests have otherwise been extinguished in accordance with the provisions of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) and/or the Native Title (South Australia) Act 1994 (SA); as well as specifically excluding all the land that falls within the present boundaries of the **Kokatha Native Title Claim** (Native Title Determination Application: Federal

Court No. SAD 6013/98).

The Land concerned is within the present boundaries of the **Barragula Native Title Claim**. Some of the Land concerned is also within the present boundaries of the **Nukunu Native Title Claim**.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the Land and presence of mineralisation. Without limiting that general description, those operations may include: reconnaissance; gridding; mapping; aerial and handheld photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; soil and other geochemical sampling; water sampling; hydrological studies; shallow trenching; limited clearing for access and drilling; drilling (including diamond core drilling and other methods); downhole-probing, sampling and radiometric testing of drill core/cuttings; and establishment of temporary camp/storage sites.

The proposed operations are or will be authorised by the following exploration authorities under the Mining Act 1971:

**Exploration Licences 3439 and 3440**, of which Afmecco Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd is the current registered holder, (including any extensions, renewals and replacements of either or both of those exploration licences).

**AFMECO MINING AND EXPLORATION PTY LTD** seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

**TAKE NOTICE** that if, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, Afmecco Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land. On such an application, that Court must make a determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land. Such a determination may be made on conditions the Court considers appropriate.

**TAKE NOTICE** that, if Afmecco Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd and the persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, have not reached agreement within four (4) months after the initiation of negotiations by the giving of this notice as required by the Mining Act 1971, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a determination as to whether mining operations may be conducted on the Land and, if so, on what conditions. The Mining Act 1971 provides that negotiations are initiated by the giving of notice as provided in that Act. Afmecco Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd is giving this notice in order to initiate negotiations.

**Additional information** (including a map) is available to any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land by contacting the proponent Afmecco Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd as follows:

**AFMECO MINING AND EXPLORATION PTY LTD**  
c/- FINLAYSONS

81 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000  
Telephone: (08) 8235 7437  
Facsimile: (08) 8232 2944  
Contact: Mr Ross Boyd



# National Calendar of Events

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Victoria. All welcome. Including public lectures, screening events, music and storytelling in the Art Museum. Held at La Trobe University Art Museum. Details: Renae Belton on (03) 9479 2111 or email artmuseum@latrobe.edu.au or visit www.latrobe.edu.au/artmuseum

**Until 21 September:** 'Neo Goth' Back in Black Exhibition dips beneath the surface and takes a peek at the noir underbelly of Australian culture as it is manifested across art, fashion, film and literature. Held at the UQ Art Museum, St Lucia from 10am-4pm. Details: Mariko Post on (07) 3365 3046 or email m.post@uq.edu.au or visit www.artmuseum.uq.edu.au

**Until 28 September:** Our Metro Mob. This is an exhibition showcasing a selection of Adelaide-based contemporary Australian Indigenous artists. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or email tandanya@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

**Until 28 September:** 'Kujurra Yarni Wulkuman' - Three Old Women Art Exhibition will showcase the paintings of three of the oldest women currently working at the art centre: Flora Holt, Susan Nelson and Peggy Jones who is one of the best known of the Juralikari artists with her work featured in collections throughout the world. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or email tandanya@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

**Until 12 October:** The Couzens Family Exhibition. This exhibition showcases paintings, photos, sculptures and artifacts revealing the unique, collective story of four generations of the Couzens family clan, an Indigenous family from the Western District of Victoria. Held at Melbourne Museum, Carlton from 10am-5pm. Details: (03) 8341 7141 or email bunjilakarsvp@museum.vic.gov.au or visit www.museumvictoria.com.au

**Until 12 October:** 2008 Xstrata Coal Emerging Indigenous Art Awards. An initiative of the Queensland Art Gallery in partnership with Xstrata Coal, the art awards is an acquisitive prize of \$30,000 awarded to an emerging Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander artist. The associated exhibition presents the work of the ten short-listed artists from across Australia. Held at the Gallery of Modern Arts, South Bank. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or (07) 3840 7038 or visit www.qag.qld.gov.au/exhibitions

**Until 14 October:** Indigenous Small Grants calling for applicants for projects that enhance youth participation or create opportunities for the development of Indigenous young people aged 12-25 years. Grants of \$5000. Details: (03) 9670 5436 or 1800 252 316 or email fya@youngaustralians.org

**Until 31 October:** ARMtours is looking for up to 50 role models to join their mob. Role models from different sport, academia, music and cultural backgrounds welcome. Details: Carrie Bendeich on (02) 9221 8655 or (0433) 157 316 or email carrie@nasca.com.au or visit www.nasca.com.au

**Until 3 November:** Dance Grants Program. Individual artists, companies and other organisations are welcome to apply. Details: (02) 9215 9000 or 1800 226 912 or email mail@australiacouncil.gov.au or visit www.australiacouncil.gov.au

**Until 14 November:** Chopped Liver Australian Tour. Black comedy play informing about Hepatitis C. Details: on event locations, call (03) 9212 4777 or email info@ilbijerri.org.au or visit www.ilbijerri.org.au

**Until 27 November:** Friends of Tranby Meetings. Held at Tranby, 13 Mansfield Street, Glebe, from 6pm onwards. Details: Thomas Newman on (02) 9660 3444 or (0419) 535 782 or email thomas@tranby.edu.au

**Until 3 December:** 'The Tangerine Circle' is a discussion, social, support and meditation group for Women of Colour, and is open to all sexualities. Held every first Wednesday of each month at the Women's Library 8-10 Brown St, Newtown, Sydney from 6.30pm. Details: Uma on (0405) 509 751 or email kalg08@yahoo.com.au

**Until 15 December:** Playing Australia Funding Program with the objective of support tours to

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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
EPM17114	Approx. 20 km WSW from Middleton Centred at approximate Lat.22°24'S Long.141°22'E Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council	Area: 269 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 85 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1984 u, z 1985 q, r, s, v, w, x 2056 e, k, p, u, w, x, y, z 2057 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2058 f, l, q, v 2128 h, c, d, e, j, k, o, p 2129 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 2130 a, f, l, q, r, s, v, w, x	Cloncurry Metals Limited 122 162 396
EPM17115	Approx. 30 km S from Middleton Centred at approximate Lat.22°37'S Long.141°33'E Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council	Area: 342 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 108 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2201 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, z 2202 a, h, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2274 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 2275 a, b, f, g, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 2276 q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z 2347 a, b, c, f, g, h 2348 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u 2349 f, l, m, q, r, s	Cloncurry Metals Limited 122 162 396
EPM17116	Approx. 72 km SSW from Middleton Centred at approximate Lat.22°52'S Long.141°08'E Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council and Boulia Shire Council	Area: 230 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 73 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2413 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2414 a, b, f, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 2485 d, e, k, p 2486 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, y, z 2487 a, f, l, q, v 2558 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u 2559 a, f, g, l, m, q, r	Cloncurry Metals Limited 122 162 396
EPM17117	Approx. 62 km SW from Middleton Centred at approximate Lat.22°38'S Long.141°02'E Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council and Boulia Shire Council	Area: 351 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 111 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2196 n, o, p, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2197 q, r, v, w 2268 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2269 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2270 v, w 2340 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2341 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 2342 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w	Cloncurry Metals Limited 122 162 396

\* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

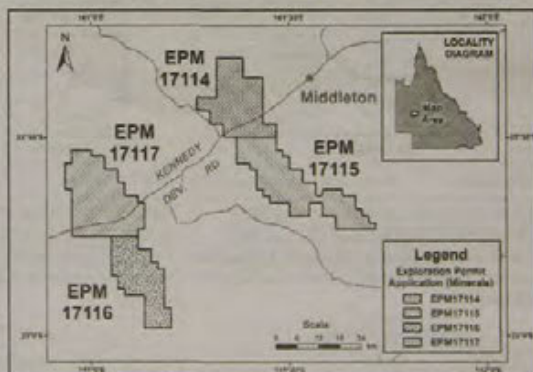
**Native Title Parties:** Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day:** 20 August 2008



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# National Calendar of Events

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regional and remote Australia from theatre to music and opera, dance, puppetry and circus and much more. Details: (02) 6275 9550 or 1800 819 461 or email playing. australia@environment.gov.au or visit [www.arts.gov.au](http://www.arts.gov.au)

**Until 19 January 2009:** Arafura Craft Exchange. The Arafura Craft

Exchange introduces audiences to examples of contemporary craft from Indonesia and Australia. This exhibition is of contemporary ceramic practice featuring wild colours, emotive forms, elaborate concepts and sometimes comical themes. All welcome. Held at the Arts NT Office, Darwin. Details: (08) 8999 8101 or (08) 8999 8264 or email [magnt@nt.gov.au](mailto:magnt@nt.gov.au) or visit [www.magnt.nt.gov.au](http://www.magnt.nt.gov.au)

**Until 31 January 2009:** In Living Memory NSW Tour is an exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. Held at State Records Gallery in The Rocks, Sydney from 9am-5pm. Free entry. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660.

**Until 30 June 2009:** Indigenous Leadership Program 09. This

program leads Indigenous people to bigger actions and opportunities. Details: 1800 249 873 or email [indigenousleadership@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:indigenousleadership@fahcsia.gov.au) or visit [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au)

**30 July: 'We Want Your Views'** Sydney Consultation. The Partnership Community Engagement Framework is a policy to support community and Government engagement in Two

Ways Together Partnership Communities across NSW. Held at Redfern Community Centre, 29 Hugo St, Redfern from 9.30am-3.30pm. Details: (02) 9219 0700 or visit [www.daa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.daa.nsw.gov.au)

**30 July:** Consultations for a proposed National Indigenous Representative Body. The Australian Government is now

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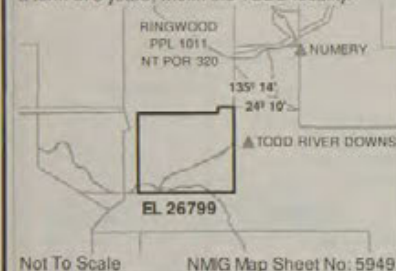
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

#### Applications to which this notice applies:

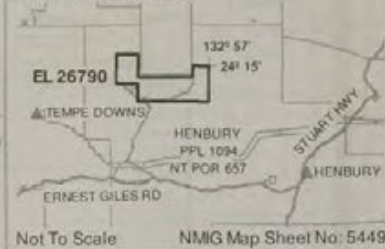
Exploration Licence 26799 sought by ATOM ENERGY LTD, ACN 123 629 863 over an area of 224 Blocks (674 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TODD locality.



Exploration Licence 26701 sought by AUSTRALIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 125 939 291 over an area of 291 Blocks (916 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the MITTIEBAH locality.



Exploration Licence 26790 sought by COMMODITY VENTURES PTY LTD, ACN 120 933 271 over an area of 78 Blocks (245 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PALM VALLEY locality.



Exploration Licence 26804 sought by INDEPENDENCE GROUP NL, ACN 092 786 304 over an area of 275 Blocks (834 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the STYLES locality.



Exploration Licence 26805 sought by LIONTOWN RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 118 153 825 over an area of 500 Blocks (1632 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the KEKWICK locality.



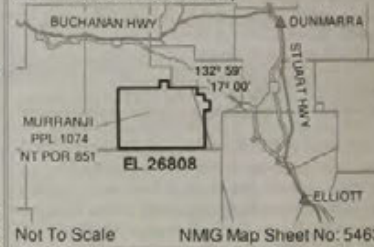
Exploration Licence 26806 sought by LIONTOWN RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 118 153 825 over an area of 500 Blocks (1636 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the LAKE WOODS locality.



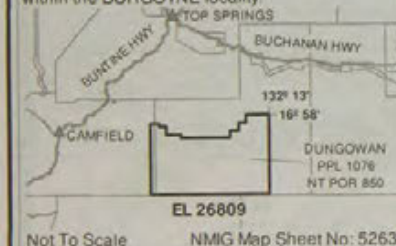
Exploration Licence 26807 sought by LIONTOWN RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 118 153 825 over an area of 500 Blocks (1639 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NEWCASTLE WATERS locality.



Exploration Licence 26808 sought by LIONTOWN RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 118 153 825 over an area of 494 Blocks (1622 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MURRANJ locality.



Exploration Licence 26809 sought by LIONTOWN RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 118 153 825 over an area of 500 Blocks (1642 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BURGONNE locality.



Exploration Licence 26778 sought by RBM OPERATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 109 362 165 over an area of 105 Blocks (339 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT HILLS locality.



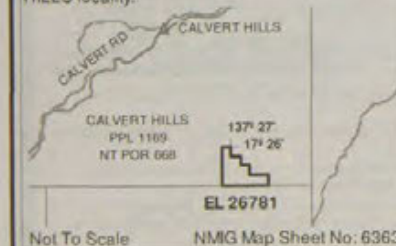
Exploration Licence 26779 sought by RBM OPERATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 109 362 165 over an area of 55 Blocks (181 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT HILLS locality.



Exploration Licence 26780 sought by RBM OPERATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 109 362 165 over an area of 65 Blocks (213 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WOLLOGORANG locality.



Exploration Licence 26781 sought by RBM OPERATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 109 362 165 over an area of 11 Blocks (36 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT HILLS locality.



Exploration Licence 26801 sought by SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD, ACN 097 904 302 over an area of 448 Blocks (1434 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SCARR locality.



Exploration Licence 26802 sought by SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD, ACN 097 904 302 over an area of 303 Blocks (964 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the GEORGE CREEK locality.



Exploration Licence 26803 sought by SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD, ACN 097 904 302 over an area of 342 Blocks (1038 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PROUT locality.



**Nature of act(s):** The grant of an exploration licence under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term may be extended for a further period of 6 years. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

**Native Title Parties:** Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

**Expedited Procedure:** The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

**Notification Day:** 30 July 2008



# Calendar

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seeking the views of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on a proposed National Indigenous Representative Body. FaHCSIA will be conducting consultation meetings in every state until the end of August 08. Written submissions can be submitted by the 19 September 08. Held at the Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hobart. Details: 1800 202 366 or email indigenousrepbody@fahcsia.gov.au or visit www.fahcsia.gov.au or www.humanrights.gov.au/social\_justice/repbody

**30 July: Lismore NAIDOC Week 2008.** Come join in on our Hip Hop music workshop with the Street Warriors and Indigenous film screenings. Held at the University Plaza, Southern Cross University, Lismore from 10am-8.30pm. All

welcome. Details: Bilyana 1800 816 676 or email noel.blomeley@scu.edu.au or visit www.scu.edu.au/naidoc

**30 July: Tweed NAIDOC Week 2008.** This is a Workshop on didgeridoo (yadaki), use Indigenous icons to symbols to decorate boomerangs, complete canvas at the guidance of Auntie Joyce. Free Bush Tucker, Sausage sizzle and BBQ lunch. All welcome. Held at the Courtyard 'Under the Sails', Tweed Campus from 12-5pm. Details: Bilyana 1800 816 676 or email noel.blomeley@scu.edu.au or visit www.scu.edu.au/naidoc

**31 July: Lismore NAIDOC Week 08.** This is a bush tucker workshop which will lead you on a walk through

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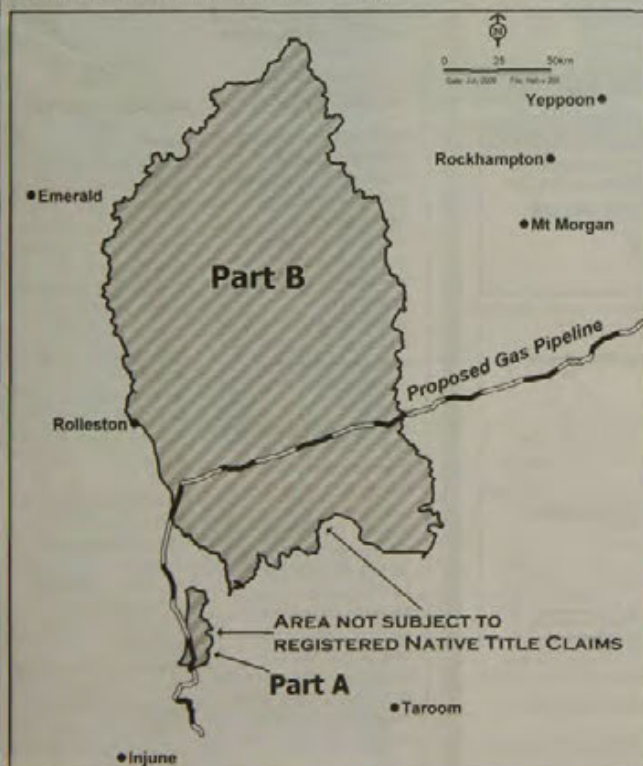
## PUBLIC NOTICE CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLANS Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 Aboriginal Party

Santos Limited (Santos) intends to construct a gas transmission pipeline linking upstream gas fields in Central Queensland to a natural gas liquefaction and export facility to be located on Curtis Island, near Gladstone (the Project). Santos has identified that there is no Aboriginal cultural heritage body or native title party as defined by the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (ACHA) along two parts of the proposed pipeline route.

As required under section 96 of the ACHA, Santos is publishing this notice to inform all those persons who could consider themselves an Aboriginal party under section 35(7) of the ACHA that it intends to develop Cultural Heritage Management Plans (CHMPs) pursuant to Part 7 of the ACHA for those parts of the Project indicated in the map below.

The Project will consist of an underground pipeline with an estimated total length of 425km along various easements. It is anticipated to be of nominal diameter 650-800mm with an expected operating pressure of approximately 5-15MPa. The proposed route of the pipeline is depicted in the below map. It may be necessary to install boost compressor facilities and undertake other ancillary works at various locations along the route.

The length of the pipeline route within the areas the subject of the two proposed CHMPs is approximately 17 kms in length for that part shown as "Part A" and 127 kms in length for "Part B" as shown on the map below.



Sponsor's name: Santos Limited

Contact details and Address for service

Craig Jones  
Advisor, State Government and Indigenous Affairs  
Santos Limited  
GPO Box 2455  
Adelaide, South Australia 5001  
Fax number: 08 8218 5285

For the purposes of this Notice the Notice Day is 31 July 2008.

If you are an Aboriginal party (as defined by Part 4 of the ACHA) and you wish to take part in the development of the Cultural Heritage Management Plan, you must give a written notice to Santos advising that you wish to take part, by 1 September 2008.

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



## 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, Cf. 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
08/558	Alan Sanderson	119.91ha	113km W of Panbardon	Lat 22°58' Long 116°36'	Ashburton
21/690	Mt Magnet Gold NL	44.64ha	25km S of Cue	Lat 27°37' Long 117°55'	Cue
21/691	Mt Magnet Gold NL	21.33ha	27km S of Cue	Lat 27°38' Long 117°52'	Cue
21/692	Mt Magnet Gold NL	15.92ha	29km S of Cue	Lat 27°40' Long 117°56'	Cue
21/693	Mt Magnet Gold NL	21.34ha	22km S of Cue	Lat 27°36' Long 117°56'	Cue
21/695	Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd	112.28ha	12km SW of Cue	Lat 27°29' Long 117°47'	Cue
24/1291	Heron Resources Ltd	199.58ha	72km NW of Coolgardie	Lat 30°21' Long 120°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/1293	Hayes Mining Pty Ltd	215.34ha	40km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°31' Long 121°08'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
31/1965	Heron Resources Ltd	60.61ha	102km E of Menzies	Lat 29°42' Long 122°05'	Menzies
37/5559	Boss Frederick Crew	193.78ha	54km NE of Leonora	Lat 27°43' Long 121°11'	Leonora
	Trevor John Dixon Russell Geoffrey McKnight Christopher Crew				
37/5560	Christopher Crew Boss Frederick Crew Trevor John Dixon Russell Geoffrey McKnight	303.60ha	59km NE of Leonora	Lat 27°56' Long 121°12'	Leonora
37/7196	Christopher Crew Boss Frederick Crew Trevor John Dixon	200ha	47km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°01' Long 121°04'	Leonora
38/2995	Regis Resources Limited	28.28ha	102km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°32' Long 121°58'	Laverton
38/3353	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	99.12ha	112km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°09' Long 122°14'	Laverton
38/3354	Regis Resources Limited	47.89ha	123km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°05' Long 122°10'	Laverton
38/3355	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	22.42ha	129km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°00' Long 122°10'	Laverton
38/3356	Regis Resources Limited	124.16ha	130km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 26°59' Long 122°11'	Laverton
38/3357	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	23.39ha	120km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°02' Long 122°11'	Laverton
38/3358	Falcon Minerals Ltd	102.22ha	120km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°06' Long 122°12'	Laverton
38/3359	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	22.42ha	127km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°01' Long 122°11'	Laverton
38/3362	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	178.06ha	127km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°00' Long 122°14'	Laverton
38/3363	Falcon Minerals Ltd	73.48ha	120km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°04' Long 122°14'	Laverton
38/3369	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	196.08ha	123km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 26°58' Long 122°20'	Laverton
38/3370	Ridick Corporation Pty Ltd	23.4ha	121km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°01' Long 122°19'	Laverton
38/3371	Regis Resources Limited	24.56ha	132km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 26°56' Long 122°14'	Laverton
38/3372	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	148.7ha	125km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 26°59' Long 122°18'	Laverton
38/3373	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	149.09ha	118km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°02' Long 122°20'	Laverton
38/3374	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	23.5ha	116km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°05' Long 122°18'	Laverton
38/3375	Regis Resources Limited	196.33ha	131km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 26°56' Long 122°16'	Laverton
38/3411-4	Delta Gold Ltd	608.43ha	102km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°31' Long 121°59'	Laverton
38/3415-7	Delta Gold Ltd	530.66ha	108km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°28' Long 121°57'	Laverton
38/3582-8	Regis Resources Limited	1520.09ha	112km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°26' Long 121°56'	Laverton
38/3629-36	Bruce Robert Legendre Mark Gareth Creasey Mega-Min Resources Pty Ltd				
38/4489	Nathan Harlip Amit Blyth	200ha	44km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°46' Long 121°59'	Laverton
38/4813-6	Trevor John Dixon	737.4ha	51km E of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°51'	Leonora
38/4917	Darlington Geological Services Pty Ltd	96.93ha	64km NW of Laverton	Lat 28°22' Long 121°49'	Leonora
38/4920-6	APG Resources Pty Ltd	1303.6ha	54km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°59' Long 122°01'	Laverton
46/1625	Pibara Manganese Pty Ltd	100.09ha	11km E of Newman	Lat 23°06' Long 120°33'	East Pilbara
46/1626	Pibara Manganese Pty Ltd	23.43ha	13km E of Newman	Lat 23°06' Long 120°34'	East Pilbara
52/1238	Warwick Resources Ltd	48.95ha	42km SW of Newman	Lat 23°27' Long 120°12'	Meekatharra
52/1260	Warwick Resources Ltd	50.35ha	19km SW of Newman	Lat 23°27' Long 119°35'	Meekatharra
57/1232	Gateway Mining Ltd	115.64ha	65km N of Sandstone	Lat 27°25' Long 119°29'	Sandstone
58/1446	Mount Magnet South NL	188.78ha	19km SW of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°08' Long 117°45'	Mount Magnet
63/1993	Plisk Ltd	127.16ha	9km W of Norseman	Lat 32°10' Long 121°41'	Dundas
77/3698	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	125.29ha	73km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°12' Long 119°14'	Yigam
77/3870	Richard Pownman	55.39ha	49km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 31°31' Long 119°41'	Yigam
77/3871	Polaris Metals NL	23.73ha	51km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°21' Long 119°34'	Yigam
77/3872	Polaris Metals NL	23.72ha	53km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°20' Long 119°35'	Yigam
77/3873	Vernon Wesley Strange	193.96ha	94km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°02' Long 119°07'	Yigam
77/3874	Vernon Wesley Strange	200ha	81km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°06' Long 119°16'	Yigam
77/3875	Westonia Mines Ltd	182.06ha	80km W of Southern Cross	Lat 31°23' Long 118°49'	Yigam
77/3876	Westonia Mines Ltd	23.71ha	47km SW of Southern Cross	Lat 31°25' Long 118°53'	Yigam
77/3877	Westonia Mines Ltd	95.55ha	49km SW of Southern Cross	Lat 31°27' Long 118°52'	Yigam
77/3878	Westonia Mines Ltd	42.21ha	43km NE of Merredin	Lat 31°18' Long 119°41'	Yigam
77/3879	Westonia Mines Ltd	187.52ha	46km E of Merredin	Lat 31°20' Long 119°44'	Yigam
77/3880	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	46.32ha	73km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°15' Long 119°07'	Yigam
77/3881	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	46.32ha	73km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°17' Long 119°09'	Yigam
77/3887	Polaris Metals NL	23.66ha	56km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°18' Long 119°39'	Yigam
77/3899	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	165.72ha	84km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°08' Long 119°08'	Yigam
77/3899	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	23.8ha	97km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°01' Long 119°05'	Yigam
77/3900	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	40.48ha	81km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°20' Long 119°13'	Yigam
77/3901	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	168.84ha	92km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°03' Long 119°06'	Yigam
77/3902	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	17.73ha	64km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°18' Long 119°11'	Yigam
77/3903	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	20.22ha	88km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°06' Long 119°06'	Yigam
77/3904-6	Julian Matthew Unkovich	963.75ha	118km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°45' Long 119°29'	Merriam
77/3913-8					
77/3915-6					
77/3907-8	Julian Matthew Unkovich	300.07ha	109km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°53' Long 119°08'	Yigam
77/3909-10	Julian Matthew Unkovich	392.75ha	113km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°51' Long 119°08'	Yigam
77/3911-2	Julian Matthew Unkovich	248.18ha	124km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°41' Long 119°33'	Menzies
77/3914	Julian Matthew Unkovich	159.03ha	121km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°43' Long 119°30'	Menzies
77/3917-8	Julian Matthew Unkovich	373.98ha	64km S of Southern Cross	Lat 31°45' Long 119°34'	Yigam
77/3919-23	Julian Matthew Unkovich	630.63ha	27km NW of Bulbinch	Lat 30°46' Long 119°56'	Yigam
77/3926	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	20.66ha	70km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°14' Long 119°11'	Yigam
77/3927	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	23.7ha	69km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°16' Long 119°10'	Yigam
77/3928	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	118.3ha	63km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°16' Long 119°20'	Yigam
77/3929	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	92.64ha	60km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°17' Long 119°23'	Yigam
77/3930	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	34.25ha	69km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°13' Long 119°16'	Yigam
77/3931	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	23.67ha	63km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°15' Long 119°24'	Yigam

**Nature of the act:** Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

**Notification day:** 30 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 **30 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 is, **30 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) 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
28/07-8 EP	BACKREEF OIL LIMITED AND CHINO RESOURCES PTY LTD	8749km <sup>2</sup>	The Application is situated between Lake Domain and the Southesk Tablelands. The north eastern corner (Lat 19° 49' 54.93" 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' 54.96" S, Long 127° 40' 04.60" E - GDA94) and then from this point approx 169km in a westerly direction to the south western corner of the application (Lat 20° 29' 54.96" S, Long 126° 05' 04.59" E - GDA94). From this point the application extends approx 37km in a northerly direction to (Lat 20° 05' 54.96" S, Long 126° 05' 04.59" E - GDA94). The Application total area is approx 8749km <sup>2</sup> or 84 blocks (5' x 5') in the Ganning Basin.	Shire of Halls Creek (100%)
28/07-8 EP	NEW STANDARD ENERGY LTD	11042km <sup>2</sup>	The Application is located between Christmas Creek and Gregory Salt Lake. The south eastern corner (Lat 20° 29' 54.91" S, Long 128° 00' 04.28" 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 128° 20' 04.53" E - GDA94) and then from this point approx 39km in a northerly direction to the north western corner of the application (Lat 19° 04' 54.94" S, Long 128° 20' 04.50" E - GDA94). From this point the application extends approx 167km 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 <sup>2</sup> or 137 blocks (5' x 5') in the Ganning Basin.	Shire of Halls Creek (92%) Shire of Derby West Kimberley (7%)
30/07-8 EP	AHC ENERGY LIMITED	7030km <sup>2</sup>	The Application is located between the Great Sandy Desert and the Southesk Tablelands. The south western corner (Lat 21° 19' 54.97" S, Long 129° 00' 04.62" E - GDA94) of the application is situated approx 54km in a northerly direction from Lake Tobin. From this point the application extends approx 73km in a northerly direction to the north western corner (Lat 20° 39' 54.96" S, Long 129° 10' 04.59" E - GDA94) and then from this point approx 68km in an easterly direction to the north eastern corner of the application (Lat 20° 44' 54.95" S, Long 129° 30' 04.59" E - GDA94). From this point the application extends approx 111km in a southerly direction to (Lat 21° 44' 54.96" S, Long 129° 50' 04.66" E - GDA94). The Application total area is approx 7030km <sup>2</sup> or 88 blocks (5' x 5') in the Ganning Basin.	Shire of Halls Creek (88%) Shire of East Pilbara (11.2%)

**Nature Of The Act:** Grant of exploration permit/s, 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:** 30th 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 **30th 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 other 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. **1st December 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 628 787 ask for extension 23813.

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the university gardens to discover the plants and trees that were used in traditional everyday life. Presented by Dhinawan. Entertainment in the Plaza with Monkey and the Fish. All welcome. Held at the Southern Cross University Plaza, Lismore from 10am-5pm. Details: Bilyana 1800 816 676 or email [noel.blomeley@scu.edu.au](mailto:noel.blomeley@scu.edu.au) or visit [www.scu.edu.au/naidoc](http://www.scu.edu.au/naidoc)

**31 July:** Lismore NAIDOC Bush Tucker Cooking Afternoon. Join the team from GunnaWannaBe to cook up a storm of traditional tucker including wallaby crostini and croc risotto. Workshop includes preparation, cooking and of course eating! There is a maximum of 15 participants for this workshop. Cost \$30 per person. Held at GunnaWannaBe, 18 Union St, South Lismore from 1-5pm. Details: Bilyana 1800 816 676 or email [noel.blomeley@scu.edu.au](mailto:noel.blomeley@scu.edu.au) or visit [www.scu.edu.au/naidoc](http://www.scu.edu.au/naidoc)

**31 July:** Indigenous Health-Closing the Gap

for Metropolitan Communities. The majority of Indigenous people live in heavily settled areas, where they form a small minority of the total population. Their disadvantage is just as great and their health care needs are just as serious as those in remote communities. Guest speakers: Dr Jenny Hunt, Ms Lesley Podesta and Ms Dea Delaney Thiele. Held at Bosch Lecture Theatre 1, Western Ave, University of Sydney, Camperdown Campus. Details: Email [ahpladmin@med.usyd.edu.au](mailto:ahpladmin@med.usyd.edu.au) (02) 9351 2222 or (02) 9351 2818 visit [www.ahpi.health.usyd.edu.au](http://www.ahpi.health.usyd.edu.au)

**1 August:** A Day for the Next Generation - Big and Little Kids Day. This day will Celebrate, Support and Listen to all peoples of the Next Generation. The focus will be on pre-youth and adolescent adults. Activities will include clay work, canvas painting and 'Look, Listen, Learn' workshops. All welcome. Held at Whitebrook Theatre, Y Block at Lismore Southern Cross University Campus from noon onwards. Details: Bilyana 1800 816 676 or email [noel.blomeley@scu.edu.au](mailto:noel.blomeley@scu.edu.au) or visit [www.scu.edu.au/naidoc](http://www.scu.edu.au/naidoc)

[www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au](http://www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au)

**2 August-6 September:** 'Big Eye' a showcase of Aboriginal Animations. This exhibition maintains a steadfast place and allows Aboriginal voices and perspectives from within 'old world' and new world traditions, including stop motion, 3D and other animation techniques. Held at the Art Northern Territory Centre for Contemporary Art, Darwin. Details: (08) 8981 5368 or email [24hrart@24hrart.org.au](mailto:24hrart@24hrart.org.au) or visit [www.24hrart.org.au/programs.html](http://www.24hrart.org.au/programs.html)

**4 August:** Celebrate National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families Nurturing Our Children to Flourish'. SNAICC encourages all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations, schools, mainstream child and family welfare services, government agencies, preschools, child care services and any organisations with an interest in children to celebrate. Details: Angelique Davis on (03) 9489 8099 or email [admin@snaicc.asn.au](mailto:admin@snaicc.asn.au) or visit [www.snaicc.asn.au](http://www.snaicc.asn.au)

**4 August:** Compensation/Reparations to the Stolen Generations. Sorry was the first step. Now let's take the next step. Guest Speaker: Race Discrimination Commissioner and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner for the HREOC Tom Calma... Free entry and all welcome. Held in the Angophora Room, Nelson Heather Centre North Narabeen from 7pm onwards. Details: Vanessa on (02) 9970 5456 or (0413) 700 798 or Lizzie on (02) 9918 2594 or visit [www.asgmwp.net](http://www.asgmwp.net)

**From 5 August:** Consultations for a proposed National Indigenous Representative Body. The Australian Government is now seeking the views of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on the body. FaHCSIA will conduct consultation meetings in every state until the end of August 08. Written submissions can be submitted by the 19 September 2008. Held 5 August at The Shores, Glenelg, Adelaide. Also at African Reef Resort, Geraldton, WA, on 5 August, TWT Sporting

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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 Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16504	Approx. 32 km WSW from Lockhart River Centred at Lat.12°49'S Long.143°03'E Local Government Area Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	Area: 33 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 709 l, m, n, o, t, y 781 a, b, c, d	Seco Resource Finance Pty Ltd 109 967 348

\* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**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](mailto: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, 229 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

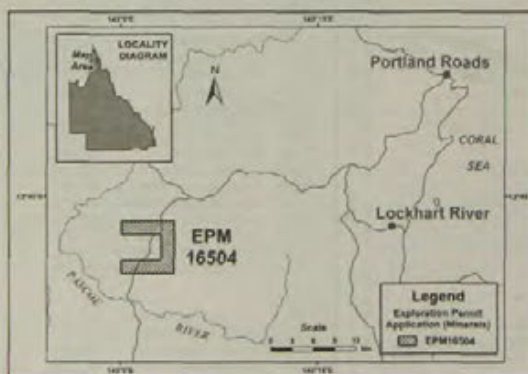
**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

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, 229 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day:** 26 August 2008



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## NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
IN				Lat 28°35' Long 122°22'	Laverdon
IN				Lat 27°01' Long 122°17'	Laverdon
IN				Lat 27°00' Long 122°11'	Laverdon
IN				Lat 27°05' Long 122°10'	Laverdon
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				Lat 28°56' Long 122°33'	Laverdon
				Lat 23°28' Long 118°17'	Meekathana

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	Current Applicant
	Queensland Coal Seam Gas Pty Ltd 127 503 646
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	Pegmont Mines Limited 003 331 682



d Native Title Protection Conditions Version

(Old) by the Queensland Minister for Mines

Jon Maps, may be obtained from the phone: (07) 3238 3814.

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Rotumah (a young Minjungbal woman who lives in South Tweed Heads) who will be the first Aboriginal women ever to represent our country at the 2008 Beijing Paralympics. To achieve this at the age of sixteen years and 4 months of age whilst suffering cerebral palsy is surely an achievement. Held in the Strangers Dining

cultural, religious and ideological barriers. The program has immediate relevance to work, community, education, health and Indigenous partnerships. Details: (07) 4772 4800 or email Farvardin.Daliri@bigpond.com or visit [www.unityindiversityconference.com](http://www.unityindiversityconference.com)

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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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Notification Day: 20 August 2008



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and protective factors for healthy ageing in Indigenous peoples with a focus on translating conclusions into actions. Speakers include Tony Broe, Lisa Jackson Pulver, Tim Agius, Vicki Wade and Gail Daylight. Free entry all welcome. Held at the Edmund Blacket Building, Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick from 9.30am-5pm. Details: Sandra Forster on (02) 9382 4259 or email Sandra.Forster@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

**15-17 August:** The Drumley Walk. Follow the footsteps of Billy Drumley in the early 1900s as he regularly set off on a 70km journey to check on his sister and her family. Organisers are calling for volunteers to help with the organisation of the event. Information sessions will be held on the Gold

Coast, in Brisbane and in Beaudesert. Details: (07) 3807 6155 or email thedrumleywalk@optusnet.com.au or www.thedrumleywalk.com

**21-22 August:** Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival. This festival will present films by the country's many talented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander filmmakers, as well as of international Indigenous directors. Featuring documentaries *River of no Return*, *Mad Morro*, *Wanja Warrior Dog*, *Spirit Stones*, *When Colin met Joyce*, *Courting with Justice* and Australian and International shorts featuring *Yolngu Guya Djamamirr*, *Who Paintin' Dis Wandjina*, *Bollywood Dreaming*, *Storytime* and more. Held at Deckchair Cinema, Darwin. Details: (08) 8981 0700 visit www.deckchaircinema.com or Blacktella Films on (02) 9380 4000.

**27-31 August:** Pasifika Festival. Back by popular demand the festival of music, theatre, visual arts, markets, workshops and discussion. Free and ticketed event. Held at Brisbane Powerhouse. Details: Rachael Morgan on (07) 3358 8670 or (07) 3358 8600 or visit www.brisbanepowerhouse.org

**28-30 August:** Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival. This festival will present films by the country's many talented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander filmmakers, as well as of international Indigenous directors. Held at Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, Mt Gambier. Details: (08) 8723 8743 visit www.countryarts.org.au or Blacktella Films on (02) 9380 4000.

**30 August:** NT Indigenous Music Awards 08. This music awards recognises excellence, dedication, innovation and outstanding contribution to the Music Industry

by Territory musicians. Details: (08) 8981 2010 or (0417) 875 901 or email nima@agentur.com.au or visit www.musicnt.com.au

**4 September-4 October:** 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 at the Tourist Information Centre, Brewarrina. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

**2 September:** Walking Together *Lest We Forget* documentary film. Indigenous Australians have served in every theatre of war and peacekeeping mission in which Australia has been involved since the 1899-1902 Boer War. View a short documentary film and hear guest speakers from the NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Service Association. Free, all welcome. Held in The Cove Room, Lane Cove Civic Centre from 7pm onwards. Details: Kerrie McKenzie on (02) 9428 1197 or Jill Chambers on (02) 9428 1150.

**9-12 September:** 3rd annual National Basketball Championship. There will be a dunk competition and 3-point shoot out. Cost per team \$250. Held at the Darwin Basketball Stadium. Drug and alcohol free event. Details: Nikita Ridgeway on (0415) 095 661 or email koorigirl@mail.com or visit www.darwin.basketball.net.au

**9-25 October:** 2008 Melbourne International Arts Festival. This is a 17-day Festival showcasing over 90 events, comprising 19 world premieres and 28 Australian premieres with free and ticketed events geared to young and old alike. Be transfixed by astonishing works of contemporary theatre, dance, music, film, visual arts and more. Details: (03) 9662 4242 email contact.us@melbournefestival.com.au visit www.melbournefestival.com.au

**12-13 September:** National Indigenous Legal Conference. Held at the RACV Club, Melbourne. Bookings essential. Details: Aislinn Martin (03) 9607 9474 or (0413) 009 072 or email amartin@liv.asn.au or visit www.larwin.com.au

**13 September:** Inaugural Indigenous Legal Ball, Town Hall, Melbourne. Bookings essential. Details: Aislinn Martin on (03) 9607 9474 or (0413) 009 072 or email amartin@liv.asn.au or

**22-25 September:** Creating Futures Conference - Research, Practice and Policy for Indigenous, Rural and Remote and Island Peoples. This conference will focus on theoretical debates and evidence based interventions with particular attention to three groups of interest such as residents of rural and remote communities, Indigenous populations with in Australia and elsewhere and island nations experiencing social transition. Held at Yarrabah Aboriginal Community and the Cairns International Hotel. Details: (03) 9349 2220 or email info@conorg.com.au or visit www.conorg.com.au

**3-5 October:** 'Art at the Heart' Regional Arts Australia Conference 2008. Art at the heart will provide an opportunity for artistic and cultural exchange, cross cultural collaboration and best practice approaches to working in the arts. All welcome. Held in Alice Springs, NT. Details: (08) 8951 1152 or email artattheheart@nt.gov.au or visit www.artattheheart.com.au/ah1.asp

**3-5 October:** The East Coast Christian Indigenous Youth Network (ECCYN) Annual Youth Group Sports Challenge. Held at Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreational Centre, Tara Road, Lake Burrendong NSW from 9am onwards. Cost \$120 adults and \$90 kids. Details: Mark Naden on (0404) 233 603 or Tom Sloane on (0413) 618 097 or email gormo05@aapt.net.au

**4-6 October:** 38th official annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout. Held at Ned Byrne Oval and Walter Peate Oval, Cudgen Leagues, Kingscliff. Details: (07) 5534 6770 or Selwyn on (0431) 571 973 or email info@wollumbin.org or visit www.wollumbin.org

**14 October-4 November:** In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. Held at the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Centre, Quirindi. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

## Notice of Proposed Renewal of Exploration Permits

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to 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*	Grantee Party
<b>EPM13739</b> This Permit consists of three separate parts.	<b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 73 km NW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°11'S Long.139°05'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	<b>Area of Part 1:</b> 100 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 31 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 85 s, t, u, x, y, z 86 v 157 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u 158 a, b, c, f, g, i, m, n, q, r, s	<b>Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd</b> 076 289 097
	<b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 63 km NW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°14'S Long.139°11'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	<b>Area of Part 2:</b> 51 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 16 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 158 k, p, u 159 f, j, m, q, r, w, x 231 a, b, c, f, g, h	
	<b>Part 3:</b> Approx. 60 km NW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.28°18'S Long.139°08'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	<b>Area of Part 3:</b> 26 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 8 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 230 m, n, o, s, t, x, y	

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 eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the Acts:** Each Exploration Permit was originally granted as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

It is proposed to renew each individual Exploration Permit not as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit but as an Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed. The new conditions to be imposed are General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

The renewal of each Exploration Permit with the new conditions on it will authorise the Grantee Party to explore for minerals specified in the Exploration Permit for a period not exceeding five (5) years.

**Name and Address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be renewed under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORFAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit, 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit. Under section 20 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

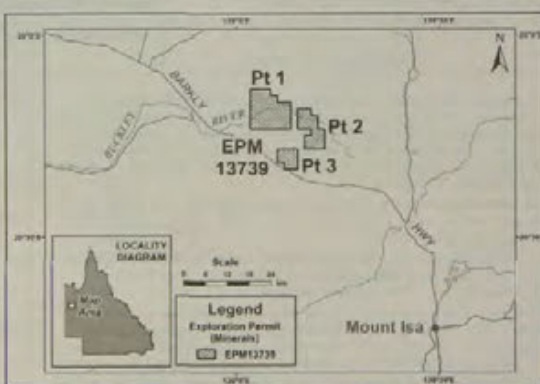
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be renewed with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed 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: 20 August 2008



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# TV coverage for TS Origin

By ALF WILSON



THE Torres Strait Island of Origin rugby league series is to be covered by NITV.

The coverage was welcomed by carnival organiser and Badu Island councillor and Torres Strait Youth and Recreational Sporting

Association Secretary Wayne Guivarra.

"For the first time in Origin history, the talents of our Torres Strait rugby league athletes will be filmed to the broader Australian viewers," he said.

"This most prestigious sporting event will also be highlighted in a segment of NITV's *Barefoot Footy Show*."

Badu United President Tala Nona said this was just the energiser Torres Strait rugby league needed.

"Rugby league across our whole region is currently experiencing one of its lowest periods, with the earlier postponement of this year's Origin event and the Kaiwalagal competition only starting last weekend," Nona said.

The carnival has been held on Badu in recent years, but the 2008 event had been scheduled for the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island when it was promoted as being the 25th anniversary.

However, in April, the carnival was given back to Badu Island to host because of the condition of the upgraded TI Oval, which was not regarded as being suitable for safe play.

It has also been discovered that the coming carnival will be the 23rd event – not the silver anniversary.

Wayne Guivarra said: "This (TV coverage) will give all Torres Strait and NPA (Northern Peninsula Area) community members and every sporting person of our region a huge lift. To know that our families don't have to leave their lounge rooms to see their favourite athletes perform has many advantages, including contributing to future cost saving and safety strategies."

"I believe NITV's involvement will lead to television being one of our greatest opportunities to progress Torres Strait rugby league over the next 100 years."

Western Bears (Top Western), Mugan Warriors (Iama), Zuguthiam (Mabuiag), Arkie Brothers (Kubin), Wugudugam Storm (TI), along with Badu Island teams Kulpiyam and Mulga Tigers have given indications of participating.

With the Kaiwalagal Rugby League not scheduling their competition games on this same August weekend, it is expected that regular NPA teams will also take part.

However, star players from the Cairns and Townsville competitions may be forced to miss the Origin carnival because some will not be released by their Townsville or Cairns clubs.

One such player is champion Townsville back Billo Mosby, who scored what is believed to be a competition record in round 18 on 19 July.

Mosby scored five tries and booted an amazing 12 goals for a personal tally of 44 points.

He was the leading pointscorer at the last Origin carnival.

Guivarra said that regional Indigenous women's volleyball and men's and women's darts were other programmed events at the Island of Origin carnival.

## Troy bowls 'em over in the alley

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



DISABLED Indigenous tenpin bowler Troy Murphy has returned from the National titles in Canberra where he won four gold and

four silver medals.

The champion Townsville bowler suffers from cerebral palsy and epilepsy and started tenpin bowling 13 years ago and has since enjoyed great success at State and National levels.

"Troy had a good championship, bowling extremely well. He won four gold and four silver medals. He won gold in classic singles, doubles, teams and classic all events. He won silver in the open singles, open doubles and open teams and Queensland was beaten in the State challenge by NSW," his proud mother Dorothy Murphy said.

Mrs Murphy said her son bowled his highest score of 277 and finished the competition with an excellent average of 182.

"Troy has been bowling for 18 years," she said.

Troy bowls at the Kirwan and Currajong centres in Townsville and is often accompanied by his father Kevin.

Kevin Murphy was a former top cricketer and tennis player, while Troy's mum Dorothy was a



Troy Murphy with his medals.

star vigoro player.

Troy Murphy won the NAIDOC national Indigenous Sports Person of the Year award in 2000, the 2002 Australia Day Open Sports Award in Townsville, and an Australian Sports Award.

Troy does not believe his cerebral palsy and epilepsy are barriers to being a successful sportsman.

"I just hope this award and my general sporting achievements will show people that there are no limits imposed by physical disability if you have determination and the support of family and friends and your community," he said.

## Deadlocked match decided on countback

By ALF WILSON



SCORES were deadlocked 28-all at full-time in the inaugural NAIDOC Week Reconciliation rugby league game between Palm Island

Skipjacks and the Australian Army Thunder team on 12 July.

However Palm Island was awarded the prestigious Bill Coolburra Shield because under the rules, they scored the first try.

That try scorer was flying back Francis Nugent, who crossed out wide in the early minutes before a huge crowd at the oval, which is next to the North Queensland Cowboys home ground of Dairy Farmers Stadium.

The Townsville rugby league match was organised by Defence Indigenous Liaison Officer Lee Smallwood, who was delighted with the large crowd.

"It was a draw at full-time, but rules indicated that since Skipjacks scored the first try, the game went to them," Miss Smallwood said.

Skipjacks coach Alex Morgan said his boys came over to Townsville from Palm Island by ferry the day before the game and were overjoyed with the win.

"Our best players were centres Clinton Burns and Ron Geia, our captain and forward Fred Bulsey, front rower William Marpoondin

and hooker Gary Fulford. This was great for the island," Morgan said.

Skipjacks looked sharp in their pre-match training and Morgan and Bulsey both gave inspirational speeches in the dressing room.

The Army Thunder side included several Indigenous players, including hooker Leon Abdul Rahman and utility Nunu Campos.

The youngest Palm Island player was 17-year-old Peter Fox, while the oldest was 39-year-old veteran Ben Kennedy.

The heaviest Skipjacks forward was Paul Parker tipping the scales at 107kg, but overall the Army side heavily outweighed the Palm Islanders, who had the edge in speed.

ONE of the spectators was Palm Island-born Elder Bill 'Kookaburra' Coolburra, who was an Australian Army Sapper who served in Vietnam, Borneo, Singapore and Thailand, beginning in the 1960s.

While serving in Vietnam, he woke up once in a morgue and saw a death tag attached to his foot.

He yelled out to the American Army medic that he was very much alive after being pronounced dead



The winning Palm Island Skipjacks team.

when gassed by the Vietcong while a member of the Australian Tunnel Rats.

In August 2002, Bill Coolburra had a kidney transplant with the organ being donated by his former Army mate George Wilson, who now lives in South Australia.

"We have known each other for more than 40 years and are great mates. He found out that I needed a kidney and when he knew we were compatible, he donated one to me and the operation was done in Brisbane," Mr Coolburra said.



Palm Island Skipjacks captain Fred Bulsey, left, with Elder Bill Coolburra and Thunder captain Sgt B Jones.



# Little leaps huge hurdles

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



THE story of West Australian boxer Anthony Little is the ultimate tale of persistence, and after an

incredible journey since he represented Australia at the 2004 Olympics, he is excited to come full circle and be in the team heading to Beijing.

Since a commendable outing in Athens in 2004, Little has been through the ringer like few people could even begin to imagine.

Leading into the 2006 Commonwealth Games, Little tested positive for cannabis and

was suspended from the team, but the Court of Arbitration for Sport found that Little passively inhaled the cannabis while it was smoked in his car and he was again made available for the team.

However, Boxing Australia ruled him ineligible and he had to sit out the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, and he almost walked away from the sport forever. In fact he did that for a while, leaving his home in Geraldton to move to Port Hedland, but he got back into training in 2007 and regained his form and fitness in the ring.

However, that has not been

without its dramas. He arrived back at Perth trainer Geoff Peterson's gym overweight. The same gym then suffered \$100,000 worth of damage from

arsonists, leaving him to train in the car park.

If that wasn't bad enough, the brother-in-law, who he was very close to, died just before last December's national titles.

The lightweight boxer cruised through the titles, though, and won virtually unchallenged.

Then in April this year, Little again won gold at the Oceania Championships and claimed gold at the Chemistry Cup tournament last month in Germany.

He has regained all the form that he had prior to the turmoil and there's no question he is a definite medal hope in Beijing.

## Admiration

Trainer Geoff Peterson never doubted that Little could overcome everything and make it to the Olympics, and he admires the father of three for everything he has done to achieve his goal.

"At no stage did I think he wouldn't make it. He's mentally tough. He's already proven a point but he's still got a long way to go yet," Peterson said.

"Pretty much everything that could have gone wrong went wrong. You wouldn't believe what he has had to go through.

"He went to three funerals in five months. He lost his brother-in-law just days before the nationals. They were pretty close, but before he went out to the ring, he was saying his brother-in-law's name over and over."

Little came close to not returning to boxing at all, but in the end Peterson convinced him to and now he is excited about heading to Beijing and he desperately wants a medal.

"While I was away from boxing I

was thinking about whether I'd still have what it took and what it would be like if I came back," Little said.

"As the Olympic Games got closer, my coach gave me a call to talk about the competitors in my division and he felt I could walk through them easily. He ended up talking me into coming back and it was pretty much as easy as he said it would be and I'm heading to the Games.

"My goal is to win a medal and nothing is going to stop me from achieving my aim."

Little was devastated when not allowed to compete at the Commonwealth Games and still feels he could have won gold there had he made the team.

"From the time they told me I was cleared of doing anything wrong to the last day where I was told I wouldn't be able to fight, I fought hard for my innocence," he said.

"All the trying and fighting for my innocence just kept going and going. It was a really long and tough process. The first arbitrator told me I was in. I thought that was it and I was free, but then we had to go back and I got told I was out. That really deflated me and I just had to get away from the sport altogether.

"No disrespect to Lenny (Zappavigna), but if he was able to come away with a bronze medal, I would have won gold. I beat him easily at the trials with a broken hand. All three of my fights there I won with one hand, so I feel I would have almost certainly won the gold medal if I was there."

The news is even better for Indigenous boxing. Along with Little fighting in the 60kg class, Paul Flemming will compete at 57kg and Luke Boyd at 54kg.



Anthony Little at training. He has overcome huge obstacles to again represent Australia in boxing at the Olympic Games. He is one of two boxers in the Aussie team making their second Games appearance and is one of three Indigenous fighters in the team.

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## Commonwealth Youth Games squad set

AUSTRALIA will send a team of more than 100 athletes from nine sports to the 2008 Commonwealth Youth Games in Pune, India, this October.

To compete, athletes need to be 18 or under during the calendar year in which the Games are held.

The Youth Games will be hosted by Pune from 12-18 October at the Shri Shiv Chhatrapati Sports City, Balewadi.

The sports city is 12km from Pune railway station and 22km

from the airport. It occupies a site of about 60ha.

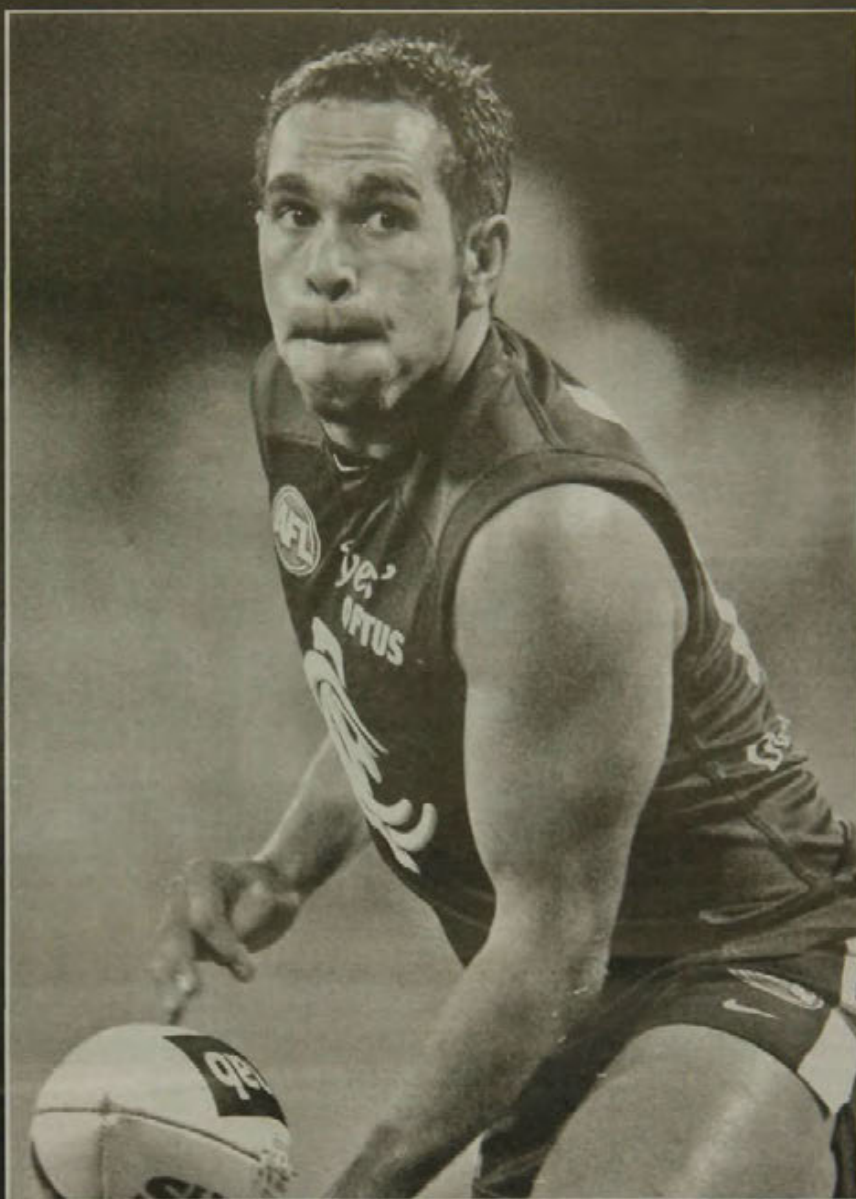
The main athletics stadium has a seating capacity of 20,000 and will be the venue for the opening and closing ceremonies.

The athletes' village can house 1800.

The Commonwealth Youth Games 2008 program will include athletics, badminton, boxing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, tennis, weightlifting and wrestling. - With AAP



# Eddie Betts is one of the best!



Eddie Betts in action last year for the Carlton Blues. AAP Image

**T**HERE is a fan of the game inside every AFL player and I must admit one of the players I really enjoy watching is Carlton's Eddie Betts.

Unless, of course, if he is bringing the Blues back from the brink with a couple of crucial goals against us the other week.

He may be quiet off the field, but his on-field efforts have seen him develop a cult hero status, particularly after last season when the exciting forward kicked 21 goals from 17 games, including a career-best five against Melbourne.

The beauty of Eddie is that he is not only an attacking player, a highlight of his game is that he also applies good forward pressure.

I remember writing about him a couple of seasons ago and wondering how good he would be when he developed physically and matured in all aspects of his play.

I certainly found out first-hand the other week!

One of the reasons the fans love him is the pressure he puts on opposition players to keep the ball in the forward line.

It's a long way from the West Australian Goldfields for Eddie, who, at only 173cm, is one of the smallest players in the AFL.

Eddie was born in South Australia, but grew up in Kalgoorlie-Boulder and calls the Goldfields town home.

"I lived most of my life in Kalgoorlie," he said.

At the age of 15, Eddie moved to Melbourne to play football at a higher level.

There, his football developed under the direction of Phil Krakouer, who ran a program mentoring young players like Eddie. That early mentoring has certainly paid

## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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dividends as Betts is already a contender for Goal of the Year with a couple of outstanding efforts.

His effort against St Kilda earlier in the season was an absolute cracker.

Eddie put his own exclamation mark on the game with a spectacular goal deep into the final quarter.

It is actually interesting to hear what Betts had to say about that goal when a lot of people attribute such feats to natural talent.

"The ball went through my legs at the start," he laughed. "I ran after the ball and then saw Schneider coming at me so I had a quick shot at goal."

"I was really surprised when it went in, but I do practise those shots at training so it was nice to get the goal. I didn't want to celebrate too much though because it was right at the end of the game when we were getting beaten quite badly."

The modesty coming from a player who actually won Goal of the Year in 2006 is telling for young players attempting to make it at the top.

As I said, Eddie is a quiet bloke off the field, even if he sometimes looks cheeky on the field.

It is important to note that he attributed the goal against St Kilda to practice as much as he did to luck or talent.

Talent is not enough – it is practice that makes perfect!

His other statement after the game reinforces the need to work hard to keep a place at the top level. "I just need to keep working on the training track and performing in games," he said.

It is this approach that has seen Carlton rise from the bottom of the ladder this year. Eddie gave an insight into what it takes to break a cycle of losing when it would be very easy to lose hope.

"Our goal every year is to strive to make the finals," he said. "We have been down a lot, and can't go further down, but there is a lot of spirit about the club."

"We need to go out and give 100 per cent each time. We also need to tailor our games depending on the opposition and give it our

all, as well as getting fitter and working hard on our game plan.

"My personal goals are to get everything out of every game that I play, to train hard and be the best player I can be."

Carlton is being rewarded, with Eddie's attitude obviously shared by the majority of his team-mates.

Eddie has taken a lot of inspiration from the players who have gone before him.

Betts said former Indigenous greats, and particularly Blues legend and double premiership medallist Syd Jackson, inspired him.

"It really means a lot to me," Betts said.

"I just listened to the Syd Jackson story... about how he was stolen from his family and never saw his mum again. So to come over to Victoria and play 150-odd games with Carlton is just amazing."

Betts can also draw from his own family's experience for motivation.

Preparing for the Indigenous round earlier this year, his own history was an important factor in his preparation.

"My mum's dad was stolen and never got to see his mum and dad again. So it's very important for a lot of us Indigenous boys to go out and have a really good game this weekend," he said at the time.

The thing about Betts is that, these days, every game is likely to be 'a really good game'.

Each game he is odds-on to be one of the best on the field.

It is a just reward for all his hard work and – as long as he is not playing against the Swans – I will be cheering him on! Until next time, Keep Dreaming!



Let me start by saying how proud and humbled I am by being nominated for the Indigenous Team of the Century.

Let me also say that I am a touch embarrassed to be in the same list as some of these greats – some of them remain my heroes in terms of what they have achieved in rugby league.

Having immediately discounted myself from selection, I would like to join the raging debate out there as to whom should be in the side by having a crack at naming my own selection from the other nominees.

Whatever the final team is, I would encourage as many people as possible to get to the Reconciliation Cup game between the Cowboys and the Broncos at Suncorp Stadium on 9 August to cheer those honoured to be selected.

Let's start with the position of fullback.

How do you choose between that group – modern wizard Matt Bowen; Eric Simms, who was so dominant they had to change the rules; Colin Scott, who performed so well at State of Origin level; the exceptional David Peachey, or any of the other remarkable players?

I am going to choose one of the players who was nominated in a number of positions for my fullback.

Dale Shearer played with distinction in every position across the backline with the exception of halfback. He had the ability to hit the hole on every run and his anticipation and big game mentality would make him my perfect fullback.

The list of **wingers** is amazing and as such I am not going to try to do justice by naming them all.

## Pioneer

Lionel Morgan deserves a place of honour in the team given that he paved the way for the modern generation of wingers.

On the opposite wing is the player who even brought the opposition fans to their feet.

Larry Corowa had an electrifying turn of pace and a swerve that just left defenders grasping at air.

While Corowa was immediately recognised as 'The Flash', my first choice at **centre** was just as easily identified by the title of 'The Pearl'.

Steve Renouf was poetry in motion. He was a natural athlete who also had great technique in defence, making him the perfect package.

Few who witnessed it will forget his length-of-the-field try against the Dragons in the early 1990s – it was one of the great tries of our time.

Alongside him the names Hodges, Ella, Inglis and Currie all loom large, but it is impossible to overlook the credentials of Laurie Daley, who achieved everything in the game.

Daley was a match-winner and the bigger the game, the better he performed – the sign of a true champion.

Most readers might expect that I have chosen Daley in the centre to allow the selection of Cliff Lyons at **five-eighth**.

As much as I am tempted to pick Cliff because I believe his style of play best defines what I

# A team of heroes



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● **ABOVE:** Cliff Lyons on the attack for Norths against the Knights at North Sydney in 1998.

● **LEFT:** Steve Renouf scores for Brisbane against Melbourne at the SFS on 13 September 1998  
– AAP Images



believe to be the true Aboriginal approach to the game. I find it impossible to go beyond the claims of Frank Fisher.

Also known as the 'King', all reports suggest he was an Aboriginal version of Wally Lewis in the way he played the game.

To be denied opportunity because of his Aboriginality is a reminder to us all of the pioneers who went before us.

The names Ewan McGrady and Preston Campbell conjure the images of speed and skill matched by the spirit of the little men lining up against the giants of the game.

Throw in the skill of the likes of Scott Prince and Graham Lena and you will know how difficult it is to pick a **halfback**.

But it is impossible to deny Johnathan Thurston his place in the side.

As incumbent halfback in the Australian team, he carries the mantle of the best player in the game and deserves his recognition in the 'starting XIII'.  
How many of you can

remember a young Aboriginal player who played the occasional game at **lock** for the North Sydney Bears?

I think I would be shot if I could not find a position for the great Cliff Lyons in my top XIII.

The way the modern game is played, the position is very similar in style anyway.

But let's be honest: The number on the jersey would not affect the way this master of attack would play.

## Complete master

He was the master of teasing and torturing a defence and remains the greatest conjurer of tries the game has seen.

Gorden Tallis has to walk – or stride – into the **second row**.

Tallis was the fiercest of competitors who inherited his passion for the game from his father who toured overseas with one of the pioneering Aboriginal sides.

Gorden became the type of player other players wanted to play alongside – still the greatest

compliment in the game.

Alongside him I find it difficult to go past the claims of Glen 'Paddy' Crouch, who became the first Aboriginal to tour overseas in a representative team when he won selection in the 1925 Queensland team that played 11 games in New Zealand – still regarded as one of the greatest teams of all-time.

Arthur Beetson picks himself as one of the **front-rows**.

An immortal in all areas of the game, I need say no more.

Joining him in packing down would be one of the great characters of the modern game in Sam Backo.

Backo's size and confrontational style made him an obvious crowd favourite, but he was also a player of great skill.

Mal Cochrane would probably make the majority of sides when the position of **hooker** is chosen and his skills would certainly set the rest of the team on the right path.

But when one looks at the era,

it is difficult not to rely on reports of the time and pick George Green as the traditional 'rake'.

Recognised as the first Indigenous rugby league player, Green played for Eastern Suburbs from 1908 to around 1914 and his contribution to rugby league is far from merely being the first Aborigine to have played the game.

Green coached Easts to success in the inaugural President's Cup competition in 1910 and later played at Norths, where he captained the club in 1919, was vice-captain in 1920-22, and was an integral part in 1921 and 1922 premierships won by 'the Shoremen'.

A great record by any standards.

I have to include Greg Inglis as my **first reserve**.

I could have included him in any number of positions in my top XIII and nobody would have been able to argue.

## Best to come

His best is still ahead of him and I believe he has the potential to be one of the greats of the game – let alone one of our own Indigenous greats.

The rest of the **bench** includes two players I have great respect for.

Steve Ella could come off the bench and fill any place in the backline and the team would not miss a beat.

'Zip' was a player of special skill who could turn a game in an instant.

In the unlikely case the team was struggling and needed an injection of enthusiasm, then Ronnie 'Rambo' Gibbs would be the man to answer the call.

A more passionate competitor I have yet to meet.

My final spot would go to another player who overcame the disadvantages of his times in Wally McArthur.

Born in Borroloola, in the Northern Territory, in 1933, he became a first-class sprint champion in Adelaide in the early 1950s.

McArthur was in a prime position to represent Australia at the 1952 Olympics in Norway.

With more than a strong suspicion of racial discrimination, McArthur missed selection in the Olympic team.

## Memorable career

McArthur continued with rugby league and went to England, where he etched out a memorable 165-game career with a highlight being scoring four tries for the Rest of the World against Great Britain.

Many might expect that I would name Arthur Beetson or George Green as **coach** as they are already in the side.

But I am going for Tony Currie, who was not only a great player in his own right, but was a successful coach at the London Broncos.

But the compelling reason for me is that the Currie family is nominated across three generations and I believe that tradition would bring this team of champions together.

Not only my Dream Team, but a Team of Heroes.

Let's all celebrate a Century of Indigenous Inspiration when the official team is announced on August 9.



# Making sure it counts

## DEANO'S LEAGUE



With DEAN WIDDERS

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**B**EN Barba has by now played his first NRL game and like all who follow the game, I hope he has made the most of his debut.

Barba has had an outstanding season for the Bulldogs in the Toyota Cup, breaking all sorts of club records and setting amazing benchmarks in the first year of this great competition.

Passionate Bulldogs fans have been calling for his promotion all season as their first grade team struggles at the bottom of the NRL ladder.

When told of his selection, he was stunned that his childhood dream had come true.

"I was driving back from the shops in Hurstville when I got a call from (assistant coach) Kevin Moore," Barba said.

"I had pulled over to make another call when Kevin's number came through.

"I answered it and he said, 'Are you sitting down?'

"I said to him, 'I hope this is the call I was hoping for'.

"Then he told me I had been called up to first grade. I was over the moon. I still can't believe it."

Barba was aware of all the web-site controversy that has surrounded his non-selection, but has tried to focus on his football.

"I was aware of what was being written, but I've never let it get to my head and I knew if I could play well in the Toyota Cup, my time would eventually come," Barba said.

Like his fellow rising star Chris Sandow, Barba deserves his opportunity at this level, but it will only be the first step in what will hopefully be a long journey.

He will hopefully make sure he makes the opportunity count.

**T**HIS brings me in a roundabout way to an issue that is important to me.

And that is making sure we all make our opportunity count when it comes to voting in elections at all levels of government.

I understand why many of our people would be wary of any form of involvement with government and bureaucracy, but this is a barrier which we should all work to break down.



NSW Electoral Commissioner Colin Barry and Dean Widders.

Having the vote is the strongest symbol of equality in any country or system of government.

The vote means we can have a real say in the decisions that are made and who represents us at the table.

The vote makes politicians think twice before they make decisions that might affect a particular community or group of people.

The vote and Census helps decide where funding is directed and the amount of that funding.

For too long Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have been under-represented at all levels of government.

### Political interest

Over the past few years I have engaged myself in the political process as much as time permits.

Whether it was working for the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission, the Indigenous Advisory Council under the previous Federal Government or projects for bodies like Reconciliation Australia, I found that unless you were involved in the process,

there was no way you could really effect change.

There are many great programs out there and I support them when I can.

But many of them rely on government funding and unless you can influence the decision-makers, the funding can disappear from one year to the next.

### Wrong programs

And then there are the programs that don't deliver, but we are stuck with because somebody in an office makes the decision that the program can continue.

We need to have our voice heard – both individually and collectively.

And it all starts with the vote.

It may sound simplistic, but it's true and that's why I have given my support to the NSW Electoral Commission to encourage Aboriginal people to enrol to vote in the 2008 local council elections.

It all starts at the local level. I found out some interesting facts when I met with NSW Electoral Commissioner Colin Barry.

He told me that figures from the

Australian Bureau of Statistics show 70 per cent of the Aboriginal population is under the age of 30 and that their combined vote can make an impact on who represents them on their local council or in state or Federal Parliament.

In 2004, 93 candidates who identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stood for a NSW local council, of which 29 were elected.

This is a great start!

### Election officials

The Commission is also encouraging Aboriginal people to work as election officials, particularly at polling places located in areas with large numbers of Indigenous electors to make them feel more welcome.

This is an initiative to break down those old barriers.

I encourage you all to find out how easy it is to enrol these days.

Let's take the opportunity and make sure it counts.

Like Ben Barba and his career at the Bulldogs, we can all work towards our dream of a better life.





JOHNATHAN THURSTON

# I may follow Gasnier and go overseas – Thurston



DUAL Daily M Medallist Johnathan Thurston admits he could follow NRL star Mark

Gasnier and take up a big-money overseas offer.

It has emerged that Thurston had been the target of a French rugby raid last year, but the North Queensland skipper last week claimed he had first heard of the offer when he read a News Ltd newspaper story a few days earlier.

However, Thurston confirmed the European big bucks would be tempting when his contract expired at the end of the 2010 NRL season.

Gasnier shocked the NRL when he recently announced he would defect to French club Stade Francais on a reported \$1-million-a-season deal, following a contractual wrangle with the Dragons over third-party sponsorships.

Thurston said more would follow if the NRL did not re-think third-party arrangement for top players.

Under current rules, an extra \$150,000 can be spread over up to six players without affecting

**'I am happy here in Townsville... but I'm not going to lie, if it came up and I was offered a deal when I am out of contract with the Cowboys, it is certainly something I might consider.'** – Johnathan Thurston

the salary cap – but no more than \$50,000 can be allocated to a player.

"If there are businesses or individuals who are willing to pay, for example, \$100,000, \$200,000 or even \$500,000 a year to sponsor a player, I think we should give that the nod," Thurston wrote in his *Townsville Bulletin* column.

"Otherwise, I reckon we are needlessly losing some of the best players in our game."

"Maybe even me."

Thurston said he was happy at the Cowboys, but admitted he would consider a big money offer overseas.

Thurston's agent Sam Ayoub earlier told *The Sunday Mail* that a French club had come knocking last year, and he could not guarantee that the Cowboys' playmaker would finish his career in the NRL.

Cowboys boss Peter Parr

has admitted North Queensland cannot get into a 'bidding war' with cashed-up European clubs, but if Thurston decided to stay in the NRL, he would remain loyal to the club.

"Until I read a story ... linking me to a move to France at the end of my contract with the Cowboys in 2010, I had never really given much thought to the prospect," Thurston said.

"I am happy here in Townsville... but I'm not going to lie, if it came up and I was offered a deal when I am out of contract with the Cowboys, it is certainly something I might consider."

"By then, though, hopefully the NRL will have found a way to stop players being lured away."

Thurston returned to light training last week as he recovers from knee surgery.

– AAP

# Johnson's court challenge fails



INDIGENOUS sprinter Patrick Johnson has unsuccessfully appealed his non-selection

B-qualifying time.

The 35-year-old is the only Australian to break the ten-second barrier for the 100m, having registering 9.93 seconds back in 2003 in Japan. – AAP

for the Beijing 2008 Olympics.

Johnson lost his appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) hearing in Melbourne on 23 July.

The Australian 100m record holder was in Belgium and was represented at the CAS hearing by his manager, Clive Stephens, and his solicitor.

His team had appealed his non-selection in the 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay event on the basis that other athletes had been chosen on a discretionary basis while Johnson had not.

Johnson finished fourth in a 100m race in Belgium on Monday in a time of 10.50m (headwind 1.2m/sec) – a time 0.22 second outside the Games

PATRICK JOHNSON



# Nine bound for Beijing

● From back page

the Newcastle Jets, this year captained the Socceroos in World Cup qualifying games.

Patrick Mills, who has an Aboriginal mum and a Torres Strait Islander dad, recently completed his freshman (first) season at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, California, USA.

He is the youngest player ever to suit up for the men's senior national team, the Boomers.

Rohanee Cox, a 182cm forward, will make her Olympic debut for the Australian Opals women's basketball team.

She made her debut in the green and gold in 2005.

She described her selection as a 'dream come true'.

# Our team: Facts and figures

SOME facts about the 2008 Olympic team:

● The youngest, swimmer Emily Seebohm, has just turned 16. The oldest, equestrian rider Laurie Lever, is 60.

● Nine are Indigenous Australians.

● One in ten were born overseas, in places as diverse as Mauritius, Macedonia, Mexico and Malawi – reflecting the multi-cultural nation they now represent.

● More than half of them are new to the Olympic Games, while rower James

Tomkins is competing at his sixth.

● Some are married couples. Others are brothers, sisters or cousins.

● Rower Sam Conrad is a third-generation Olympian, while pole vaulter Alana Boyd's parents both wore the green and gold at Montreal in 1976.

● Together, the 434 of them will be striving to maintain Australia's proud sporting record when they compete in the 26th modern Olympic Games in Beijing.

● AOC Director of Sport Fiona de Jong believes the nation of 21 million people has

the firepower to remain in the top five on the medal table, behind only China (1,325 billion), the US (305 million), Russia (142 million) and Germany (82 million).

● The AOC's number-crunchers predict a medal haul of between 42 and 46, with as many as 20 of them gold.

● Australia's overall medal tally in summer Games stands at 399 – 121 gold, 126 silver and 152 bronze.

● The athletes will be supported by a staff of 319 officials, including a medical team of 75. – AAP



# Walters, Hill in under 18 team

By PETER ARGENT



TWO West Australian Aboriginal boys are in the 2008 Australian football under

18 All-Australian team announced on 19 July

They are half back flanker Stephen Hill and forward Michael Walters.

The team was announced 11 days after the final game of the Australian under 18 championships.

Hill and Walters are joined by four other Sandgropers in the All-Australian team.

Hill is a product of the Quinns District Junior Football Club, while Walters comes from the Midvale Junior Football Club.

Previous Aboriginal All-Australians have included Hawthorn's Cyril Rioli, Richmond's Richard Tambling, Geelong listed player Nathan Djerrkura and Essendon excitement machine Leroy Jetta.

## Big success

AFL Talent Manager Kevin Sheehan said the 2008 NAB AFL under 18 championships had been an overwhelming success and praised the performance of those selected in the 2008 All-Australian team.

"With the challenge of extra matches and an increased travel load under the revised format, this year's All-Australian group should be particularly proud of their achievements," Sheehan said.

"History tells us that many players selected in this team, along with others to graduate from the NAB AFL under 18 championships, will go on to become stars of the AFL competition.

"The players, State bodies and AFL recruiting staff have all supported the changes to this year's championships, designed to fast-track the development of these elite junior talents."

## Dramatic improver

Sheehan said Stephen Hill had been a dramatic improver over the past 12 months.

"He has brilliant speed and carries the ball well," Sheehan said.

"Stephen had a wonderful championships and was a consistent performer through the West Australian campaign."

Michael Walters, a winner of the medal named after Sheehan at the national under 16s championships last year, was another brilliant left-footer, Sheehan said.

"Michael is a magnificent kick and a great decision-maker who continued where he left off at national under 16 level.

"His clean ball use and cleverness around goals was a feature of his championships, setting up many opportunities for team-mates."

## Player profile:

**Stephen Hill:** 182cm 72kg (Western Australia) West Perth/Quinns District JFC.

Hill is medium midfielder/defender with excellent pace and a raking

left-foot highlighted with a goal on the run outside 50m at Telstra Dome against Victorian Metro. He had outstanding championships and was at his best in wins against NSW/ACT at Subiaco, South Australia at AAMI stadium and in Western Australia's loss to Victorian Metro. Stephen displayed an ability to play both 'inside' or 'outside', winning an average of seven contested possessions per match, with his run and carry a feature.

**Michael Walters:** 177cm 75kg (Western Australia) Swan Districts/Midvale JFC.

Walters is a small forward/midfielder who kicks well on his preferred left side, using the ball exceptionally effectively in short or long options. He won a number of contested possessions (average seven per game) and as a crumbing player reads the ball well off hands. He kicked seven goals (and eight behinds) for the championships and importantly led the competition in goal assists with seven. Michael was a very good player in Western Australia's loss to Victorian Metro in the final.

● The selection panel for 2008 included Kevin Sheehan as Chairman, along with AIS/AFL Academy High-Performance Coach Alan McConnell, and a quartet of recruiting managers Barry Prendergast (Melbourne Football Club), Stephen Wells (Geelong), Merv Keane (Essendon) and Hawthorn's Graham Wright.



STEPHEN HILL



MICHAEL WALTERS



# Out-of-season bush cricket carnival has humble start

By ALF WILSON



LOCAL side King's XI took out the inaugural NAIDOC Week Indigenous cricket carnival held at Mosman Park, Charters Towers, on 12-13 July.

Four teams competed at the carnival for the Shirley Huxley Memorial Shield, with King's XI winning from the favourites, Innisfail Waru.

Elder Whyana Homer was at the ground with the Shirley Huxley Memorial Shield presented to the winning team.

The late Shirley Huxley was heavily involved in two decades of NAIDOC celebrations in the north Queensland town, which is 130km inland of coastal Townsville.

To win the carnival, King's XI had to exceed Innisfail's 103 in their Sunday clash. They scored 108.

In the other Sunday game, CDEP Hot Mowers (9/72) defeated Black Brems (5/62) and claimed third place behind Innisfail.

King's XI finished the two days with 10.75 points, from Innisfail with 10.6, CDEP Hot Mowers 10.5, and Black Brems on 3.81.

The carnival was played under the Twenty/20 format, which resulted in lots of swashbuckling hitting.

After day one on Saturday when all sides played two matches, Innisfail Waru led the points table narrowly from King's XI, followed by CDEP Hot Mowers and Black Brems.

## Humble beginnings

Organiser Dick Davidson declared the carnival a great success and despite it being held in the middle of the rugby league season, predicted it would grow.

"Mosman Park had lots of people on day one and there was also many here for the Sunday, even though some woke up late after a dance on the Saturday night," he said.

Players and supporters came from as far away as Herberton, on the Atherton Tablelands, Sarina, In the south, and the Daintree and around Innisfail.

The decision to hold the Indigenous cricket carnival was taken during the Goldfield Ashes cricket carnival in Charters Towers in January.

"We wanted to start slowly with just the four teams and it will increase in coming years," Davidson said.

Gordon Santo Snr has long been a supporter of cricket for Indigenous players in Charters Towers and was there with Damien Dallachy.

Hot Mowers players Alex Santo, Thomas Kerr and Leroy Dallachy said the carnival was a great way to enjoy the final part of NAIDOC.

Mosman Park looked lush and the turf wickets were lively.

An event with a difference held at the end of the carnival was the ball throwing competition. Local player Theo Kennedy won when he tossed the ball a whopping 99 metres.

"I believe the record stands at 110m," Davidson said.

## Seal of approval

One interested visitor was former north Queensland batsman Ken Sellars, who gave the carnival his stamp of approval.

The 75-year-old Sellars is a Gold Coast-based former Queensland Cricket Association memorabilia committee member and was one of the north's most celebrated batsmen.

Sellars heard about the Indigenous carnival while visiting family at his former home town and had copy of the book *The History of the Charters Towers Goldfield Ashes*. The book, which has sold 1300 copies, was written by his brother Neil Sellars.

"This looks like being a good carnival and the organisers have done a good job and it will get bigger. The Ashes had just six teams when it started," Sellars said.

Sellars remains one of the few North Queensland batsmen to have scored 100 centuries, along with former Ingham batsman Sam Scuderi and Townsville veteran Ray Gartrell Snr.

Sellars was born at Charters Towers in 1932.

"My first success was when I was 12 and I scored 104 not out in interschool primary school cricket," he said.

"By the time I had retired many years on, I had scored about 100 centuries. Time goes quick."

Sellars played at high school in Charters Towers and at age 16 joined the All Blacks Club.

"My highest score was 218 not out in a premiership final. I also scored a century in each innings of another final which my team lost to Keith Gartrell's side," he said.



● ABOVE: Gordon Santo Snr, left, and Damien Dallachy watching a game.



● LEFT: Hot Mowers batsman Gordon Santo Snr could offer no explanation after being dismissed for a duck.



The third-placed side CDEP Hot Mowers.



Carnival runners-up Innisfail Waru XI.





Black Brems XI with carnival organiser Dick Davidson (front right).



The winning King's XI.



Matty Masso sends down a thunderbolt against Hot Mowers.



Netballer Vassa Hunter, 17 who won the Charters Towers NAIDOC sports lady award, and her cousin Destiny O'Keefe, aged 1.



● ABOVE: A ball deflects off the back of Innisfail batsmen Warren Drahm in the game against King's XI.

● LEFT: Organiser Dick Davidson and Elder Whyna Homer in the game against King's XI.



ACCORDING to an old Jewish saying, if three people say you look sick, then lie down. Tasmania's bid for an AFL team is looking sick. The cashed-up league has ramped up its rock-solid commitment to new teams on the Gold Coast and western Sydney while giving Tasmania lip service.

AFL chief executive Andrew Demetriou on 16 July toured western Sydney, promising to build a \$30-million stadium for the second Sydney team.

Blacktown mayor Leo Kelly blasted rugby league officials for 'sitting on their hands' as the AFL spruiked its plans for a western Sydney team in 2012.

Demetriou earlier told reporters at AFL House in Melbourne: "I can tell you that there will be a team on the Gold Coast in 2011 and there will be a team in western Sydney in 2012."

## Franchise criteria

That comes before either team submits a business case for meeting the AFL's strict franchise criteria.

The Tasmanian Government meanwhile continues pouring money into a bid for a franchise that does not exist, and which the AFL has no plan to create.

Demetriou says the league is debt-free, has an \$82-million future fund with secure long-term revenues, and is prepared for any future economic downturn.

However, Demetriou also repeated the AFL's invitation to Tasmania to submit a bid.

It was first offered in April after Tasmania's aggressive former Premier Paul Lennon stormed AFL House in Melbourne to launch the bid as he struggled terminally in opinion polls.

Lennon quit politics in May after a poll showed just 17 per cent of voters supported him as Premier.

The job of steering the bid, also being pushed strongly by Hobart's Mercury newspaper, fell to Economic Development Minister Paula Wriedt.

Wriedt says Tasmania has only ever wanted to make a case for a team, not necessarily beat the Gold Coast or western Sydney to the 17th or 18th franchise.

She has made her own sortie on

Melbourne, announcing Melbourne-based consultancy firm Gemba will be paid to use its sports and entertainment marketing expertise to build a business model for a Tasmanian team.

"Australians on a whole who love football recognise that Tasmania has been left out and we should be part of a truly national competition," she said at the launch.

The State Government's bid has the full support of the Opposition Liberal Party and the Tasmanian Greens' new leader Nick McKim.

"The Gold Coast team is a goer, but the western Sydney team is highly problematic. Tasmania has an opportunity to take that licence," he told AAP.

The AFL says the two fastest-growing corridors in Australia are western Sydney and south-east Queensland.

Tapping into those burgeoning populations means the potential for a wealthier competition, funded by more television and sponsorship dollars.

A blogger on the BigFooty.com website says the only way Tasmania will get an AFL team is if it relocates to the Gold Coast or western Sydney should one of those franchises fold.

The same website has run a proposal, drawing on an old joke, for a Tasmanian team having a two-headed jumper.

It failed to amuse *The Mercury*, which ran an image of the mocking guernsey.

The newspaper has since linked Australia's richest man, mining magnate Andrew Forrest, to the bid as a potential sponsor.

It also linked logistics giant Toll Holdings as a financial backer.

Forrest and Toll Holdings have not confirmed the speculation.

Another approach to the bid has been taken by a group of high-school students.

The Year 11 students from Tasmania's Hellyer College have just finished a 25-page report on the viability of a Tasmanian AFL team.

"In conclusion to our assignment, it seems that most of the public feel that Tasmania's Government should be spending its money elsewhere, on education, health, etc," the students' report for this year's assessment says.

-AAP





Award winners and others who accepted trophies on behalf of award recipients at the Bundjalung Sports Awards gala dinner in Lismore. Also pictured are people who made the presentations. Picture: Naomi Moran

# The pride of Bundjalung



SOME of the sporting heroes of the Bundjalung Nation (northern NSW) finally received recognition at a gala event in Lismore this month – and the smiles on their faces said it all.

The function was organised by the Northern United Rugby League Club and was held in the auditorium of the Lismore Workers Club.

The Bundjalung mob have produced a wealth of champions, with the focus on boxing and rugby league.

These two sports dominated the awards night, but other sports were not forgotten.

Between 200 and 250 people attended the dinner. Guests included Tahlia Rotumah, from Tweed

Heads. She will be the first female Aborigine to represent Australia at the Paralympics. She will compete in the 2008

recognised for their achievements ... they were beaming."

Creighton said Northern United was looking at

Cricket: David Kapeen, Andrew Gordon, Sam Anderson (dec).

Boxing: Frances Roberts, Brian Roberts, Steven Roberts, Kevin Randall, Reginald King, Ralph Close, Gilbert King, Johnny Binge, Barry (Mark)

Touch football: Amanda Roberts, Adrian (Mook) Harrington.

Surfing: Melissa Combo. Swimming: Khandisha King.

Netball: Tina Williams, Jeya Duroux, Makara Jacky, Tahlia Rotumah.

Rugby union: Mishika Randall. Athletics: Wendy King, Lindsay Roberts.

Hockey: James Smith (dec).

Baseball: Norton Bolt Jnr.

**'When you saw the smiles on the faces of some of the old blokes who had never really been recognised for their achievements ... they were beaming.'**

Games in Beijing.

The 16-year-old suffers from cerebral palsy.

Tahlia was one of the recipients of a Bundjalung award.

Northern United Secretary Grantley Creighton said the awards night 'went off without a hitch'.

"We put in a big effort to pull it together but it was worth it," he said.

"When you saw the smiles on the faces of some of the old blokes who had never really been

holding the event every two years.

Here is a list of the Bundjalung sporting heroes:

Rugby league: Billy Walker, Barry (Bunny) Ferguson, Brian Kelly, Roger Roberts, Steve Laurie, Albert (Butch) Torrens, Rocky Laurie (deceased), Richard (Dick) Roberts (dec), Albert Torrens, Alistair Bolt Snr (dec), Chris Binge Snr, Tabulam Turtle Divers RLFC.

## City to host one-day league KO carnival



THE Lismore-based Northern United Rugby League Football Club is planning a one-day Aboriginal rugby league knockout carnival in September.

It will be held at Crozier Oval, which was used in conjunction with the adjoining Oakes Oval during the 2007 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival.

The carnival on 20 September will be limited to 16 teams.

It will cost teams \$750 to enter and the tournament will carry prizemoney of \$7000.

First-round winners will advance to quarter-finals, with further winners advancing to semi-finals and the final.

Admission to the ground will be \$7, with pensioners and children under 12 admitted free. School

children over 12 will be charged \$2 if a school concession card is produced.

Northern United co-hosted last year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival in Lismore and is planning to enter this year's Knockout carnival in October at Kingscliff, on the Tweed coast.

It will use its own carnival as a warm-up to the larger Tweed event.

## Rugby League World Cup: Be our guest at the opening

Rugby league immortal Artie Beetson is heading a selection panel to choose an Australian Indigenous team to play the New Zealand Maoris.

The game will be played as a curtain-raiser at the opening celebrations of the 2008 World Cup at the Sydney Football Stadium on 26 October.

The first game of the World Cup actually will be played on Saturday 25 October at Townsville (England v Papua New Guinea), but the opening celebrations will be a lead-up to the Australia v New Zealand game in Sydney the following day.

As part of the festivities, an Indigenous Australian side will take on the New Zealand Maoris.

And you could be at the game, courtesy of *The Koori Mail*. Four readers each will receive a free 'Category A' ticket to the opening of the World Cup.

You will be able to cheer on the Australian Indigenous Team in the Welcome to Country game against the Maoris, then watch the Australia-New Zealand game.

To be in the running for a ticket, all you have to do is name the Chairman of the Australian Indigenous Team selection panel.

Readers can enter as many times as they like. Entries will only be accepted if they are from *The Koori Mail*. Photocopied entry forms will NOT be accepted.

There's plenty of time to enter. We will accept entries until last mail on Friday 10 October.

All correct entries will go into a draw to determine the four winners. We will attempt to notify winners by telephone or email. Winner's names will be published in *The Koori Mail* on 22 October.

The judges' decision is final.

● The entry form appears below. So, go to it and good luck!

### Win one of four tickets to the Rugby League World Cup opening

All you have to do is name the Chairman of Selectors of the Australian Indigenous team to meet the New Zealand Maoris in the Welcome to Country game as part of the World Cup opening extravaganza at the Sydney Football Stadium on Sunday 26 October.

Name of Chairman of Selectors

Your name.....

Address.....

Town/city.....

State/Territory.....Postcode.....

Telephone.....

Email.....

Entries close last mail, Friday 10 October.

Entries must be on this form (photocopies not accepted)

Enter as many times as your like.

Address entries to:

Koori Mail  
PO Box 117  
Lismore  
NSW 2480



# Kick-start to careers



The Northern Territory's Cyril Wilson.

**CATHY** Freeman and Michael Long were two living legends of sport that 49 Indigenous boys from every Australian State and Territory met this month during the 2008 Qantas AFL KickStart Camp.

The five-day camp ended with the boys playing a curtain-raiser to the Richmond versus Essendon game at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on 19 July.

Earlier, the squad participated in Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and AFL high-performance testing, where they met Freeman, Long and AFL coach Kevin Sheedy.

AFL Youth and High Performance Co-ordinator Jason McCartney said the camp

focused on the three principles of participation, leadership and life skills, and used football as a way to promote healthy lifestyles in Indigenous communities.

"The Qantas AFL KickStart camp is designed to offer Indigenous youth a unique football and educational experience. It provides leadership, education and life skills that will last a life time," McCartney said.

"For many this was the first opportunity to visit Melbourne and see the AFL culture first-hand."

The squad visited Arden Street to watch North Melbourne Football Club training. They also watched the North Melbourne versus Collingwood game at Telstra Dome on 18 July.

The boys also visited the Koorie Heritage Trust and the

National Sports Museum, and the highlight came with the boys breaking into two teams and playing a curtain-raiser to the Richmond v Essendon clash on the MCG.

Qantas Group General Manager Marketing Jenny Gulliver said the camp 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.

"The camp encourages 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 program involves children, teenagers, adults, coaches, administrators and women.



Victoria's representatives meet with North Melbourne's Matt Campbell, Daniel Wells, Lindsay Thomas and Cruze Garlett at Arden Street.

Pictures: AFL Photos



Scott Wilson, from Western Australia.



Tasmania's Mitchell Purton.

# Kicking goals on and off the field

**THE** Australian Football League's (AFL) Flying Boomerangs Leadership Program is helping young Indigenous players kick goals on and off the field.

Twenty-five young Indigenous football players have participated in an intensive three-day course in leadership and development in Melbourne.

The team consists of under-16 Indigenous players from across the country, selected on their character, leadership and football ability.

Equipping young football players with leadership skills helps them to be positive role models and boosts their confidence to provide leadership in their communities.

Talented Indigenous football players have the ability to inspire and motivate other young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to follow their dreams.

The AFL has been encouraging Indigenous children to get involved in sport as a way of improving self-esteem



The Flying Boomerangs in South Africa earlier this year.

and encouraging physical activity.

The Federal Government, in partnership with the AFL, committed \$2.4 million over three years for the AFL All-Stars Ambassador Program and AFL Club Fostering Program to benefit Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory and South Australia.

Members of the 2006 Boomerangs team Malcolm Lynch (Western Bulldogs), Isaac Weetra (Melbourne Demons) and Joe Anderson (Carlton) have since graduated to AFL clubs and are now mentoring young Indigenous footballers through the AFL All-Stars Ambassadors

for Life Mentoring Program.

This program uses positive Indigenous AFL role models, who undergo leadership training, to mentor Indigenous young men for a minimum of 12 months.

The Flying Boomerangs toured South Africa in February this year.



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## Tomorrow's stars meet a star of yesteryear



Cathy Freeman poses with the 2008 Qantas AFL KickStart squad in Melbourne. Freeman and Michael Long met the 49 Indigenous boys from every Australian State and Territory at the KickStart Camp in mid-July. The five-day camp ended with the boys playing a curtain-raiser to the Richmond v Essendon game at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on 19 July.

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AFL Photo

# Nine for Beijing



NINE Indigenous athletes have made the Australian team for the Olympic Games opening in Beijing, China, on 8 August.

Three of our mob are in the boxing team, two are basketballers, and we have individuals in soccer, hockey, softball and athletics.

In pre-Games media releases, the Australian Olympic Committee listed just eight Indigenous Olympians for Beijing. They overlooked softball and 2008 NAIDOC Sportsperson of the year Stacey Porter.

Our Indigenous athletes are:

**BOXING:** Luke Boyd (51-54kg), Paul Flemming (54-57kg) and Anthony Little (57-60kg).

**BASKETBALL:** Patrick Mills (men) and Rohanee Cox (women).

**ATHLETICS:** Benn Harradine (discus throwing).

**HOCKEY:** Des Abbott.

**SOFTBALL:** Stacey Porter.

**SOCCER:** Jade North.

Softballer **Stacey Porter** has been described as one of the best batters in the

world. The Australian has worn the green and gold uniform 180 times, debuting during a 2002 tour of Japan.

She is exceptionally strong and can hit the ball out of the park.

At the age of 20, Porter made the Australian open women's team and has been a member of the Australian Institute of Sport squad since 2002.

While Porter was not the first Indigenous Australian to represent her country in softball (Joanne Lesiputty has that claim), she was the first Olympic softball player, representing her country in Athens in 2004, where she hit the only run in against the USA in the gold medal match, helping Australia to a silver medal.

### Big hitter

Porter has been described as a powerful player. She has great strength as a hitter, runs the bases hard and is aggressive in her role at third base.

The stellar career of Porter is adorned with a stack of representative honours and awards. She first played representative softball for her home town of Tamworth. In 2002, at the age of 20, she made her senior

debut for Australia.

In 2004, Porter won the NSW Female Softballer of the Year award and trumped that the following year when she was named Australian Female Softballer of the Year.

She also won a Deadly in 2005 for Indigenous Female Sportsperson of the Year.

Tully (north Queensland) product **Paul Flemming** is one of three Indigenous boxers in the Australian team. Keen judges say he is our best chance for a gold medal in the ring.

Flemming will fight in the featherweight (54-57kg) division.

Lightweight **Anthony Little** (57-60kg) will be making his second Olympic appearance. He was eliminated in the second round of bouts at the 2004 Athens Games. (See Page 86 for Chris Pike's interview with Anthony Little).

Bantamweight **Luke Boyd** (NSW, 51-54kg) will be making his Olympic debut. He is a graduate of the Australian Sports Commission's National Talent Identification Development Program.

**Des Abbott**, from Darwin, has played a

big part in Australia's return to the top of international hockey. He has been a deadly striker in Australia's impressive run-up to Beijing and much will depend on him as Australia seeks to repeat its Athens gold medal performance.

Discus thrower **Benn Harradine** has known since last 29 May that his ticket to Beijing had been booked.

### Best years ahead

The 23-year-old 120kg 198cm giant is Watjabaluk/Wergia brother from the Wimmera region of Victoria. He has been throwing the discus for 14 years, but in a sport that is kind to the more mature athlete, Harradine's best years are ahead of him. He could be our representative for several Games to come.

Soccer player **Jade North** is one of three over-23 players in the Olyroos under-23 team.

North, who plays A-League soccer with

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