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Cathy goes for good health



ATHLETICS legend Cathy Freeman is Queensland's new Indigenous Sports Ambassador. She joins the likes of rugby league stars Sam Thaiday, Steve Renouf and Matt Bowen.

Sports Minister Judy Spence announced Cathy's appointment at the Aboriginal and Islander Independent Community School at Acacia Ridge, in Brisbane's south, on 4 September.

At the same time, Ms Spence launched a new *Eat Well Be Active* campaign targeting Indigenous children.

"While the children have plenty of male role models like Sam, Steve and Matt Bowen, there aren't as many female Aboriginal sports stars," the Minister said.

"I can think of no better role model than Catherine and I know she'll do a great job inspiring and motivating Indigenous communities to be more physically active and embrace a healthy lifestyle."

Cathy was mobbed by students at the launch, and said she was proud to be part of the program.

"It's a very easy initiative to be a part of simply because my role is to try to inspire you guys to live a healthy life - to eat well and drink plenty of water," she said.

Cathy said a healthy lifestyle had helped her become a great athlete and a better person. Her mother always provided the family with good healthy meals, but while training she stuck to an even stricter regime of lots of water, eight hours of rest every night, no fast food and plenty of fruit and vegetables.

"It all helped me become not only the best athlete in the world, but also the best person I could be," she said.

● Pictured: Cathy Freeman with students at The Murri School in Brisbane.

Photo by LIAM KIDSTON, Newspix

Funding fight

By DARREN COYNE

Legal group taking 'racist' complaint to United Nations

The ALRM says that while the politicians bicker and buck pass, Aboriginal people are 27 times more likely to find themselves in police custody, and 15 times more likely to

end up in jail than non-Indigenous people.

The ALRM has written a submission to the UN, which asks that the Australian Government be made aware of its

obligations to Aboriginal people.

"Repeated requests to the Government for additional funding to support our programs for the benefit of the Aboriginal people over at least the last eight years have been denied, and all avenues for our complaints have been exhausted within Australia," the submission says.

"We wish for the Government to be made to respond formally to our complaint, and thus to be held accountable for its lack

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A COMPLAINT regarding the 'racist' under-funding of Aboriginal legal services in South Australia is going all the way to the United Nations.

The Aboriginal Legal

Rights Movement (ALRM) Inc

is fed up with ongoing arguments between the State and Federal governments over whose responsibility it is to provide legal services to Aboriginal people.

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My FAMILY Christina Copeland, Lismore, NSW



Clifford Copeland, 25, with Christina Copeland, 23, and daughter Christianna Copeland, 3 months. Photo by THERESA DALTON

MY husband Clifford and I will have been married a year in November. Our daughter Christianna is three months-old and I've just found out I'm expecting our second child.

We got married on election day last year, so we had to stop at a polling booth to vote on the way from the wedding to the reception.

I was wearing my wedding dress and veil and Clifford was wearing his suit, so we got lots of comments. It was quite embarrassing and I'm not used to the attention, so I couldn't wait to get out of there.

Clifford and I are both from the Kamilaroi tribe. I'm 23 and grew up in Walgett and went to school in Dubbo.

I was raised by my grandmother Noreen Kennedy. I'm the third youngest of 11 children, but I'm the only girl. I've got 10 brothers, which was great because they used to be quite protective of me.

We're scattered all over the place now.

I'm the only one in Lismore.

Clifford is 25 and he's the youngest of three, but the only boy in the family.

He spent his first eight years in Moree, but then the family moved to Lismore because there were better opportunities for the kids and they all stayed here ever since.

We met about three years ago in Lismore through our church.

Clifford was working for a couple of years for the Aboriginal Legal Service as an administration and field officer, but he's really into sports and boxing and would like to get into sports management.

He might have to look at going to uni for that, but he hasn't had time with the baby and all that. He loves being a father and gets separation anxiety every time he's away.

I'm heading towards becoming a clothing designer. I like Lismore. It's a change of lifestyle and atmosphere for me and I've got a future here.

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OUR CHILDREN



'Team Kangaroos' (Bandaarr) at the seventh annual Indigenous Games Day held in the north-western New South Wales town of Goodooga recently. Goodooga Central School hosted 283 students for the affirming event, which was aimed at celebrating Aboriginal culture and creating social harmony. The students played games like 'Kokan', a game similar to hockey, and a running and catching game called 'Keentan'.

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Workshops hailed as a win-win

Story and photo by JILLIAN MUNDY
in Tasmania



TASMANIA'S Caroline Spotswood has been awarded this year's General Practice Education and Training's national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Training Award.

Ms Spotswood and a team of health professionals from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre's Health Services have developed and delivered specialised cultural awareness workshops to doctors training in general practice.

"There is a real need in the health sector to create better understanding of Aboriginal health issues amongst mainstream health providers and this is a step in that direction," said Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Policy Manager June Sculthorpe.

"Caroline developed and delivered an innovative and creative two-day workshop which was a high-quality educational experience.

"It included a field trip to Aboriginal land, local Aboriginal people talking about their lives and health issues, traditional food, special cultural activities and



Health training award winner Caroline Spotswood and the team behind her.

presentations by staff at the Aboriginal Health Service."

GP Training Tasmania's Dr Nick

Cooling presented Ms Spotswood with the award last week.

"Caroline has enormous energy and

has worked tirelessly to engage with GP Training Tasmania. Through her efforts GP registrars have gained significantly improved understanding of how to meet the health needs of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community," said Dr Cooling.

"Caroline was very good at teaching us about equity and intergenerational healing. We have to learn it doesn't happen overnight.

"It was presented in a very positive way. It's a win for you guys (the Aboriginal community) and a win for us," he told *The Koori Mail*.

It is hoped the award-winning training will encourage more doctors to work in Tasmania's Aboriginal community health services.

Dr Cooling said similar courses for GPs were run across Australia. They are designed specifically for the area in which they are run.

Ms Spotswood is the first Tasmanian Aboriginal person to receive the annual award. She received a trophy, \$2500 towards registration, accommodation, travel and expenses to attend a professional development conference anywhere in the world.

● For information about cultural awareness training for general practitioners, visit www.agpt.com.au

Jobs bonanza hope



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people would be recruited to work on dozens of

road and rail infrastructure projects as part of a \$76 billion nation-building program proposed by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

Mr Rudd's business adviser, Rod Eddington, who heads the Government's Infrastructure Australia organisation, said last week he would ask its board to agree to provide Aborigines access to jobs created through promises to ease infrastructure bottlenecks.

Sir Rod said he had been lobbied by Aboriginal leader Warren Mundine and agreed that Aboriginal people needed 'special support and attention'.

"I think it's a good question and it's something I'll be taking to the Infrastructure Australia table," he said.

"It's a challenge Warren has given me and one I think we can respond to."

Mr Rudd told guests at the Australian Industry Group Annual National Dinner in Canberra on 1 September that the planned spending on roads, port, broadband, public transport, power stations, water, schools and hospitals would guarantee Australia's economic vitality.

The Government will spend tens of millions of dollars investing in training programs to support billionaire miner Andrew Forrest's Australian

Employment Covenant, which he says will create 50,000 jobs for Aborigines in two years.

Sir Rod said he was passionate about ensuring businesses did all they could to create the right work opportunities for Indigenous people.

"Given that a lot of the construction will be taking place in the remote regions as we build rail and port infrastructure for the resources boom, there will be real opportunities for Indigenous employment in those areas," he said.

Mr Mundine, who is on a high-level advisory body charged with progressing the Australian Employment

encouraged to set aside existing positions in their construction teams that are real jobs and that will be identified as Indigenous," he said.

"For example, we would say to them 'you have 800 people on this job; we would like 50 of these jobs to go to blackfellas'. And on merit too, so that means Aboriginal people have to perform in the job. It's not a charity."

The former Australian Labor Party (ALP) president said he expected thousands of jobs to flow in industries like construction, hopefully eventually matching the five per cent Indigenous workforce in the Australian mining industry.

He said he and Sir Rod would meet soon with the heads of some of the biggest companies operating in Australia, including Microsoft, Rio Tinto and BHP.

Mr Mundine was lambasted last month for suggesting that Indigenous people who refused to move in order to take up fruit-picking and other seasonal jobs should have their welfare

payment cut, but said he was not worried.

"I am an Aboriginal man. Traditionally, Aboriginal men looked after our communities and our families. If you were not prepared to do that, in traditional law you were shunned," he said.

"This is exactly the same thing. I'm trying to be tough to get 70-80 per cent of Aboriginal people back into the workforce." - with AAP

Compact, was excited about potential infrastructure jobs.

"It's \$76 billion, I mean that's aload of money and Aboriginal people need to be a part of it," he told *The Koori Mail*.

Mr Mundine said companies that won Government infrastructure contracts should be able to demonstrate that Aboriginal employment was part of their process.

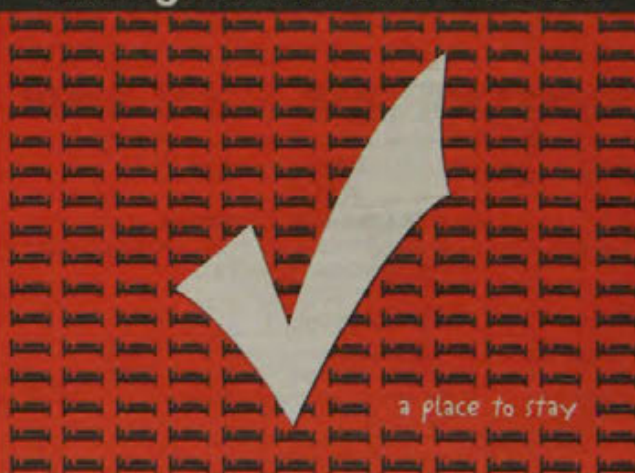
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- Warren Mundine

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Plan under attack

Anti-truancy measures draw flak from Indigenous leaders

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ABORIGINAL leaders say new Federal anti-truancy measures that will see parents whose children consistently miss school lose their welfare benefits for three months, amount to a 'blame the victim' policy and an 'elitist' band-aid measure that will hurt Indigenous Australians.

They say the Government should concentrate instead on creating an education environment in which students want to remain.

On 27 August, Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Julia Gillard introduced legislation to Parliament linking welfare payments to school enrolment and attendance.

"We're attacking an important problem here," Ms Gillard said beforehand.

"We want kids to be in school. We want that generation of children to succeed in their lives in

the future, and getting a great quality education is the absolute foundation stone of that. We view that as so important that we are prepared to take this measure."

The program is being trialled in eight sites – including six in the Northern Territory and one in the Perth suburb of Cannington – affecting around 3300 children.

If successful, it will be rolled out across the nation.

Enrolment evidence

Indigenous and non-Indigenous parents in the trial sites who receive income support will need to give Centrelink evidence that their children are enrolled in school. If they fail to do so, their payments could be suspended for up to 13 weeks.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the suspension of parents' income support payments would be a "last resort", but the measures were critical to improving literacy and numeracy, increasing Year 12 retention rates and closing the unacceptable gap between

Indigenous and non-Indigenous education outcomes.

"We know that students who are regularly absent from school are those at greatest risk of dropping out of school early, becoming long-term unemployed, dependent on welfare and interacting with the criminal justice system," she said.

"We know that the majority of parents do the right thing by making sure their children go to school every day, but for those who don't, their kids are missing out and this is not acceptable."

"...let's make sure we get the kids to school, then (this measure) won't need to be implemented."

Ms Macklin said the Government was particularly targeting some communities in the NT because there was evidence that at least 2000 children there were not even enrolled to go to school.

Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Tony Abbott criticised the plan, predicting that it would fail because State and Territory governments would not

co-operate by notifying Federal authorities when students were repeatedly absent from school. He said teachers would be reluctant to report truancy if it threatened a family's financial income.

Need co-operation

Ms Macklin and Ms Gillard acknowledged the measures' success would depend on co-operation from States and Territories, but said WA and the NT had already signed on.

Tasmanian Aboriginal activist Michael Mansell led a strong early charge against the Government's plan, calling it 'elitist' and 'out of touch'.

"There is ample evidence that absenteeism is greater among poor children than those of well-to-do parents," Mr Mansell said.

"So long as the poor have to struggle every day to survive on low income and high living costs, they will never be in a position to plan and have visions about the futures of themselves or their children."

"For people in these circumstances, it is impossible to give education the highest priority over surviving. The role of government for the millions in these circumstances is to support, not threaten."

The New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) also had strong words on the trialled changes, with its councillor for the North West Region Steve Gordon labelling them 'ridiculous' and as having 'no place in the 21st century' because most



MICHAEL MANSELL: "For people in these circumstances, it is impossible to give education the highest priority over surviving."

Dr CHRIS SARRA: "... we as educators also have to acknowledge that we probably own the lion's share of this problem."



STEVE GORDON: The plan is 'ridiculous' and has 'no place in the 21st century' because most day-to-day difficulties are born out of poverty.



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Dr Gordon spoke of more positive measures towards education, including establishment of a NSWALC educational scholarship scheme.

"Introducing this type of positive support would be much better than band-aid measures to lift the educational outcomes of disadvantaged students, such as rewarding teachers and schools," he said.

Welcoming the 'rigorous debate', but critical that that Government's plan addressed only some of the mutual responsibilities involved was high-profile Indigenous educator Chris Sarra.

"I understand what the Government is trying to achieve here: It might act as circuit-breaker for generating positive schooling outcomes, especially where they are most needed in many remote communities," Dr Sarra said.

"But if we're going to place this amount of pressure on parents, then when it comes to articulating the causes, then we as educators also have to acknowledge that we probably own the lion's share of this problem."

"We have to be ready and receptive when parents try to

explain why their children aren't interested in what schools and teachers currently have to offer them."

Dr Sarra referred to 'the only independent evaluation that is relevant to this debate and publicly available' – the voluntary Halls Creek Engaging Families Trial of February to July 2006.

The report concluded that school attendance did not improve over the course of the trial because of a lack of parental insistence that children got to school in the morning; variations in teacher quality (one teacher showed a 20 per cent greater attendance rate than some other teachers); and bullying and teasing among students.

"The evaluation report noted that 'The key to improvement is to create an education environment in which students want to remain... the main means for doing this is with high quality teachers and a strong leadership culture within the school,'" Dr Sarra concluded.

Aboriginal support group Stop the Intervention Collective Sydney (STICS) said the Government's announcement was 'more evidence of the punitive agenda behind the NT intervention, which is worsening the lives of Australia's poorest people'.

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Stephanie Miller and Eddie Savage outside the meeting.



Garnett Nuggins had some tough questions.



Geoffrey Richardson with the community guide.



Angie Akee welcomed attendees to Bindal country.

Testing time at rep body consultation

Story and photos by ALF WILSON in Townsville



CONCERNED Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents of Townsville asked some curly questions last week when consultations for a new national Indigenous

representative body rolled into their far north Queensland city.

The sometimes fiery four-hour meeting on 2 September was the 13th such meeting since the process began in July.

Meetings had already been held in the Torres Strait, Cairns, Mount Isa, Melbourne, Hobart, Adelaide, Ceduna, Geraldton, Perth, Kalgoorlie, Broome, Broken Hill, Sydney, Dubbo, Darwin, Alice Springs and Brisbane. Formal submissions close on 19 September.

Townsville was originally overlooked as a venue for a regional consultation, but lobbying by community leaders Florence Onus and Gracelyn Smallwood turned things around.

A week before the meeting with Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and

Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) senior Aboriginal bureaucrat Geoff Richardson, the Townsville Indigenous Human Rights Group facilitated a brainstorming session with Indigenous academics and students.

Ms Onus facilitated the meeting after local Bindal Elder Angie Akee welcomed attendees from as far as Charters Towers and Ayr.

"This is a very important meeting and there is a need for us to have a national Indigenous body," Mrs Akee said.

"Our people have been dictated to by Government and we need proper representation with men, women and young people."

Mr Richardson explained the consultation process to date and told those at the meeting he would seek their views and comments on the role,

composition and status of the body.

"The Government has committed to closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage by setting specific targets and time frames," he said.

These included closing the 17-year Indigenous life-expectancy gap by 2030 and giving all five-year-olds in remote areas an early childhood education within a decade.

Mr Richardson said the new body should have representation from urban, regional and remote areas and might or might not involve separate elections for members.

"It will not be another ATSIC and preferably will not be involved in service delivery," he said.

"There are 500 tribes with 200

take their rightful place as we need a voice. On a national body I don't want young people to speak for me."

JCU Associate Professor and long-time activist Gracelyn Smallwood took the floor and questioned how the Government could justify the abolition of ATSIC.

"You haven't even got a draft model which is a real worry, but the Government did for the NT Intervention," she said.

"I am appalled and at the end of the day Geoffrey, you work for the oppressor. The Government wants to mainstream us."

Lilian Willis told the meeting it was time to put something in place for the children and it was time for Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to honour his promises.

"I am worried for the future of our children and grandchildren," she said.

Mrs Akee said that since ATSIC was abolished, CDEP had been gutted.

"I want to see a fair body set up as we need a voice and we can't have a legal service for the whole of Queensland run from Brisbane," she said.

"Our parents and grandparents died working and we are still being controlled by the State Government. Our whole system has

broken down. I don't want to see a boys' club. We want equality."

Elder Ernie Hoolihan said he had been attending such meetings for 50 years.

"Every time there is a change of Government they start another process - what is wrong with the stuff we put up 20 years ago? We don't need assessment, we need money to fix the problems," he said.

Mr Richardson said he would take on board all comments made at the meeting.

All input from such workshops would be compiled and common themes would be looked at.

Later, after an afternoon tea, the attendees split into two workshops to discuss what the new body should be like, the structure, funding and relationship with stakeholders.



Charters Towers' Gudjal Justice Group CEO Bill Jerri, David Smallwood and Elder Ernie Hoolihan were there.

languages and many more dialects and there's great diversity with circumstances differing from place to place."

Mr Richardson faced an avalanche of questions from the floor.

Local Garnett Nuggins said there had been nothing wrong with ATSIC, which he claimed was sabotaged by 'white bureaucrats'.

"We need to set guidelines about how this will work and representatives on the body should be selected by us based on our experiences," he said.

Josephine Sailor told the meeting Elders needed to have a big input into such a body. "How many young people worry about Elders, who should be part of the guidance which needs to happen?" she asked.

"Elders need to be advisors who will

Now is the time

Consultations for a new national representative body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians have started somewhat rockily, with criticisms the process is not far-reaching enough. Here, Federal Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs JENNY MACKLIN outlines her hopes for a positive process, and the impetus behind a new Indigenous voice.

WHEN the Australian Parliament said sorry on February 13 this year, there was a fundamental shift in this country.

It was the first step towards establishing a new relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and enabling us to move forward together.

This Government believes it is important to have a vision of where we all want to be in the future. That's why we've set ambitious targets.

We are working to close the life-expectancy gap within a generation; to halve the gap in mortality rates of children under five within a decade; and to give all four-year-olds in remote communities access to quality pre-school programs within five years.

We have set ourselves goals to halve the gap in literacy and numeracy achievement for children within 10 years; to halve the gap in students attaining Year 12 by 2020; and to halve the gap in employment outcomes within 10 years.

Closing the gap is not going to be easy. Indigenous

Australians have a crucial role to play. To help make this happen we are establishing a National Indigenous Representative Body.

Across Australia, we have been consulting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We want to hear their views on the role and structure of this body.

We have held regional workshops and community consultations in all States and Territories, including the Torres Strait. In total there will have been at least 70 different consultations by the middle of September. We are tapping into diverse views and experience by using forums like men's and women's leadership programs, community events and festivals and annual general meetings.

Submissions can be made until 19 September. Later this year, there will be a national roundtable meeting of Indigenous leaders. And we will also be talking to other Indigenous organisations and the State and Territory representatives.

At the start of this process the Government set out its broad principles for the new body.

It will not be another ATSIC, and won't have a service delivery role.

The representative body should reflect the priorities and interests of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people wherever they live.

And finally, the selection and appointment of representatives will not necessarily involve separate elections. Consideration will be given to the various ways in which a representative body could be constituted.

This does not mean that the Government has already decided on a model for the

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JENNY MACKLIN

Didgeridoo book okay for whitefellas: Yolngu Elder

By KIRSTIE PARKER,
with AAP



A SENIOR Aboriginal woman from the geographic home of the didgeridoo or 'yidaki', says

calls for the pulping of a book that teaches girls to play the male ceremonial instrument may go too far.

Yolngu woman Dhangal Gurruwiwi, of the Galpu clan of north-east Arnhem Land, says it is generally okay for non-Indigenous women to play the instrument and, as long as the book never makes it to her traditional country, she is not too concerned about it.

Last week, Indigenous commentators called for the Australian edition of *The Daring Book for Girls*, set to be published in October, to be pulped because of a chapter titled 'How to Play a Didgeridoo'.

Academic and Aboriginal education advocate Dr Mark Rose said the chapter's inclusion was an 'extreme faux pas' on the part of publisher HarperCollins Australia and showed 'extreme cultural insensitivity and mammoth ignorance', given cultural taboos on women playing the instrument.

"Each nation has its own cultural protocols around it but it's a male instrument," he told AAP.

Dr Rose said Indigenous people believed there was a range of consequences for women who played a didgeridoo, including infertility.

"I wouldn't let my daughter touch one," he said. "I reckon it's the equivalent of encouraging someone to play with razor blades. I would say pulp (the book)."

Indigenous author and chair



A tourist tries out a yidaki in Alice Springs. Pictures by WAYNE QUILLIAM

of the Australian Society of Authors Dr Anita Heiss said the chapter would never have been included in the book had there been Aboriginal involvement. She said she, too, would not even pick up a didgeridoo.

didgeridoo. She said she apologised if the publisher had 'inadvertently offended anyone', but believed it had acted responsibly.

"We would only ever pulp a book if it was a very genuine reason, and I'm not convinced that we've offended all Australian Aborigines," said Ms Martyn, adding that her own daughter had been encouraged to play the instrument by local Aboriginal people during a

trip to Uluru, as had African-American singer-songwriter Tracy Chapman during visits here.

Ms Martyn's comments found some muted agreement from Ms Gurruwiwi, who helps her brother and yidaki 'master' and 'custodian' Djalgu Gurruwiwi run a successful yidaki business,

know that ladies are not allowed to play yidaki."

Ms Gurruwiwi confirmed Dr Rose's take on Yolngu beliefs, that playing the yidaki could make a woman infertile, and said it was also believed to cause multiple births.

She said non-Yolngu Aboriginal women were well-acquainted with the relevant cultural protocol.

"Here in Australia, the Indigenous women all know that we don't play yidaki. But for other people of other nationalities from other countries, they really want to learn yidaki - especially women. My brother says it is okay for them to learn, it is up to them.

"Because of the women coming to our workshops, our children all think it is strange but we tell them it is okay.

"I don't think it is necessary for (the publisher) to destroy the book, as long as it does not come up this way."

Yolngu women are involved in gathering wood from which yidakis are crafted and when *The Koori Mail* visited the Buku Larnggay Art Centre at Yirrkala, near the Garma festival last month, we observed Yolngu women painting yidakis, but were told they never played the instrument.

'But as a Yolngu woman, Indigenous in my own area, we know that ladies are not allowed to play yidaki'

- Dhangal Gurruwiwi

"It sends out that Aboriginal culture is tokenistic. That is the issue that perturbs me the greatest," she said of the book.

HarperCollins Australia has refused to withdraw the book from sale, with its publishing director Shona Martyn saying she was unaware of any taboos on women playing the

which includes running how-to-play workshops for tourists.

"The way I see it, what Djalgu says is that it is okay for other nationalities to play yidaki," Ms Gurruwiwi told *The Koori Mail*.

"But as a Yolngu woman, Indigenous in my own area, we



Finishing touches are applied to a yidaki. Yolngu woman Dhangal Gurruwiwi says Yolngu women are not allowed to play the yidaki.

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Former public servant guilty of leaking information



A CANBERRA jury has found a former Federal public servant guilty of emailing classified

information about sexual abuse in the Northern Territory.

Former Federal Indigenous policy adviser Tjanara Goreng, 50, had pleaded not guilty to seven charges of intentionally leaking information in mid 2006.

Goreng Goreng had sent information about Government

plans to introduce sexual health checks on children at Mutitjulu, near Uluru, to a long-time friend who was a member of the local community council.

On 25 August, the jury found Goreng Goreng guilty of five

counts of leaking confidential material.

Two other charges were dismissed, including one relating to the alleged passing on of details of a confidential complaint made by a youth worker at Mutitjulu, alleging

financial misappropriation.

Goreng Goreng, who faces up to two years' jail on each count, will be sentenced next month.

She was released on bail but declined to comment outside the court. - AAP

Intervention blamed for more NT killings



THE Northern Territory Intervention has resulted in an increase in murders, according to

lawyers from the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA).

They argue that widespread alcohol bans and welfare quarantining has resulted in an urban shift, as people leave communities and move to town camps near centres such as Darwin and Katherine.

NAAJA solicitor Michelle Swift told ABC radio that people were moving into towns to drink, and were ending up feeling isolated and stressed.

"When they could, there was some managed drinking that was happening in their communities before, but one of the problems with the policies of the intervention is that it hasn't made alcohol in Darwin any harder to access," Ms Swift said.

She called for a blanket ban on alcohol sales in Darwin for at least two nights every week.

Her call was given some support by the Salvation Army, but NT Health Minister Chris Burns said it was not going to happen.

NAAJA lawyer Glen



MARK LEIBLER

Dooley said there had been unprecedented levels of killings since the intervention started.

"We'd normally pick up six killings a year. At this rate, we'll pick up 20," Mr Dooley told News Ltd.

Critics of the intervention have called the reforms paternalistic and heavy-handed, while Mr Dooley said they robbed people of their dignity and self-esteem. "The intervention could arguably be causing more violence through the

levels of dislocation it's caused," he said.

Meanwhile, the review board headed by Peter Yu has received more submissions damning aspects of the intervention.

A submission from Reconciliation Australia has recommended that blanket welfare quarantining be scrapped, and that the Racial Discrimination Act be reinstated.

The organisation's co-chairman, Mark Leibler and Mick Dodson, called on



PETER YU

the Federal Government to introduce case-by-case welfare quarantining, and to develop an 'Indigenous Development Authority' which would have regionally-based operations responsible for developing partnerships and delivering flexible solutions at a community level.

"The Government should draw on the experience of development agencies such as Ausaid in developing a community-development approach adapted for



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Indigenous affairs in Australia," the submission says.

In another submission to the review board, the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) said the Northern Territory still had the least responsive child-care system in the nation.

The SNAICC submission said the child protection system remained seriously flawed, with a chronic lack of capacity.

The submission said that while there had been some benefits such as additional funding for children's health, improved housing, more police and other measures, on the whole the intervention remained highly splintered and poorly organised.

The agency recommended a permanent high-level trilateral body to oversee child protection which would include representatives of Federal and Territory governments, and community-based Indigenous and non-Indigenous child welfare organisations. The review board, headed by Peter Yu, is expected to report back to the Government later this year.

Meanwhile, both the Central and Northern Land Councils have urged senators to support the reinstatement of the permit system for access to Aboriginal lands.

Legislation to reintroduce the permit system has passed through the House of Representatives and is expected to be debated in the Senate later this month.

Opposition Aboriginal Affairs Minister Tony Abbott already has indicated that the Opposition will vote against the reintroduction of the permit system.

- with AAP

The time is now, says Macklin

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Representative Body. We haven't.

There is no pre-conceived model, and that is why we genuinely want to know your views.

So far I have heard a number of clear messages from the consultations.

There is strong support for the new body having the independence to hold governments to account.

There is a feeling that the members of the body must be leaders of integrity, and they must be accountable and accessible to the Indigenous community.

There are mixed views as to how these leaders should be selected. Some argue that direct election means local people can hold leaders to account. Others argue that, in the past, direct election has not delivered the best people for the job and that there are other ways to make people accountable. This could

include performance indicators set by Indigenous people or regional level policy conferences.

People also want a gender balance while acknowledging the importance of Elders in mentoring future leaders to step up and take their place.

One of the issues emerging from our nationwide consultations is the importance of constitutional recognition and the challenge of securing constitutional change.

I believe the new representative body has an important role to play in building support for change, and again we want your ideas.

The Australian Government's commitment to consult with stakeholders about the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples has also been raised as being important, and I agree.

The Government takes this commitment very seriously and is continuing to steer the

process through the necessary protocols.

The Government recognises that the new representative body has a vital role to play in closing the gap for Indigenous Australians.

We need a streamlined, effective organisation capable of contributing positively to government decision-making processes like the Council of Australian Governments (COAG).

And we need an organisation that establishes its credentials with the broader community and business as an effective voice for Indigenous Australia. As well as winning the confidence and capturing the imagination of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Some of the issues I've raised are identified in the community guide, *Towards a new national Indigenous representative body*, that the Social Justice Commissioner, Mr Tom Calma, has published.

This guide is a valuable reference point for discussions. (http://www.hreoc.gov.au/social_justice/repbody/community_guide.html)

Tom Calma has stated his support for the establishment of a representative body by mid next year - a view which I share.

It is not overstating the case to say that we are at a crossroads when it comes to the future of Indigenous Australians. The course we set now has the potential to build a bright future for Indigenous children - their children and their grandchildren.

Now is the time for new relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, with governments, with business and corporate sectors.

Now is the time to harness the aspirations of Indigenous Australians, recognising that their own will and effort is pivotal to positive change.

We're a priority for the new G-G



Michael Jeffery ... Anger at his parting comment

Former Head of State's comments spark anger

By KIRSTIE PARKER, with AAP



AUSTRALIA has a new Governor-General, one who has flagged the well-being of Indigenous Australians as one of her top priorities.

Quentin Bryce was sworn in as Australia's 25th – and first female – Governor-General in a formal ceremony in the Senate chamber in Canberra on Friday by new High Court Chief Justice Robert French.

The 65-year-old Queenslander said she was honoured to be able to serve the Australian people as Governor-General.

"These are exciting and challenging times for Australia, for Australians and our leaders," she told those gathered at the historic ceremony.

"I want you to know that I take on this role with solemnity, impartiality, energy, and a profound love for the country we share."

The ceremony was a bipartisan affair, with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd declaring there was not a person more qualified than Ms Bryce to assume the role, and Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson describing her appointment as long overdue.

In April, when she was announced as the Governor-General-designate, the former academic, Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner, human rights advocate and Queensland Governor said she wanted to help close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"Like very many Australians I've been looking into my heart and asking what is the contribution that I can make in 2008 to advancing the well-being of our Indigenous Australians," she said.



Australia's new Governor General Quentin Bryce speaking at an Indigenous event in Queensland last year. Photo courtesy of Griffith University

"That's something I've been involved in for a generation now and I want to do more there."

On Friday, Ms Bryce referred fleetingly to Indigenous Australians when she said Australians respected its institutions and traditions, but was open to change.

"Our experience of the privilege and duty of suffrage over many years – belatedly for our Indigenous people – has made Australians savvy participants in our democratic system, and careful scrutineers of its performance and value," she said.

"We are informed and not afraid to question. We intuitively know what serves us well, and what therefore deserves our protection."

"Equally, we embrace change as a natural and necessary consequence of our evolution."

Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick said Friday was an 'historic day for the nation and one which augured well for the country's journey towards true gender equality in Australia'.

After Ms Bryce's swearing-in, a 21-gun salute was fired and a reception was held in the Members' Hall of Parliament House.

The ceremony ended a tumultuous week for the top post. Earlier on, outgoing Governor-General Michael Jeffery incensed some Aboriginal leaders by saying the vast

majority of Indigenous Australians were living 'integrated, normal' lives, and that disadvantage was confined mostly to remote areas.

Maj-Gen Jeffery, who left office last Wednesday after five years, said there were about 520,000 people with 'Indigenous blood' in Australia.

"I suspect that about 350,000-400,000 of those are already integrated satisfactorily into the country," he said in a farewell interview on Sky News.

"Integrated to such an extent that you don't hear about them, they're doing what we would look upon as normal jobs, living normal Australian lives."

About 100,000 Aboriginals mostly living in the remote north had been 'doing it hard for many years', he said.

Aboriginal leader Pat Dodson told Fairfax Maj-General Jeffery's remarks were superficial and suggested that all that was needed was to 'force these (remote) people out of their communal ways'.

"It really denies the uniqueness of who the Indigenous people are and what their contribution to this country can be in their own right, as if they have nothing to contribute except the absorption of the culture that the West has offered to us," Mr Dodson said. "It's a pretty damnable statement if that's the case."

"We're not living normal lives – we're totally over-represented in the social indicators – we're dying a lot younger, we don't have the education opportunities, (people are living) below the poverty line in many parts of Australia ... It is not just those in northern Australia who are battling to make ends meet."

Former ATSI Chairperson Lowitja O'Donoghue said Maj-Gen Jeffery's figures were 'questionable' and implied that urban Aboriginals were doing fine.

"It really promotes the urban-remote divide, and that is really quite wrong," Dr O'Donoghue, herself once touted as a potential Governor-General, said. "I'm just disappointed that he should go out on a note like that."

Indigenous rights activists from Sydney's Stop the Intervention Collective declared 'war' on what they described as Maj-Gen Jeffery's 'assimilation' and 'integration' values.

However, NT Environment Minister and former ATSI commissioner Allison Anderson said she broadly agreed with Maj-Gen Jeffery's comments.

"When you have a look at the statistics and the figures, certain groups of people do live in harmony with other groups. They have good jobs and they're surviving," she told ABC Radio.

She said government policy should be directed to assisting people who want to resettle in urban centres.

"We're dealing with a new generation of people that want to live in towns like Darwin and Alice Springs and we have to accept this as a fact ... there is a huge increase of people coming into our towns," she said.

In February, Maj-Gen Jeffery supported the Federal Parliament's apology to members of the Stolen Generations. And in May last year, he hosted a 40th anniversary reception at Government House for surviving campaigners of the 1967 Referendum and their supporters.

He has said that the way Australian history was taught in schools must be revamped to be more inclusive of Indigenous history, and that all Australians need to work together to address 'disgraceful' Indigenous statistics and to improve Indigenous well-being.

Governors-General have often used their position to speak out on Aboriginal issues, perhaps most notably Sir William Deane who was in the position from 1996 to 2001.

ALRM taking complaint to UN

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of spending on Aboriginal legal aid to Aboriginal people.

"ALRM is funded by the Federal Attorney-General's Department with static legal aid funding since 1996 whilst the very same agency has increased the funding of mainstream legal aid over 120 per cent for the same period."

"In real terms ALRM has had its funding decreased by about 40 per cent over the last 12 years."

"This racist policy discriminates against Aboriginal people and has resulted in unprecedented over-representation within the justice system, and in particular incarceration."

The ALRM maintains that the under-funding is in breach of the Convention for the Elimination of

Racial Discrimination (CERD) Article 2 (a).

That article reads: *Each State Party undertakes to engage in no act or practice of racial discrimination against persons, groups of persons or institutions and to ensure that all public authorities and public institutions, national and local, shall act in conformity with this obligation.*

"The State of South Australia contributes to this breach of CERD Article 2 by denying it has any responsibility for Aboriginal people and in particular for the provision of legal aid," the submission says.

The ALRM also believes the Federal Government is in breach of its obligations under article 2.4 of the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

That article requires that 'special concrete measures shall be taken in appropriate circumstances in order to secure adequate development or protection of individuals belonging to certain racial groups with the object of ensuring the full enjoyment by such individuals of human rights and fundamental freedoms'.

The UN complaint says meeting those obligations was difficult when poor funding prevented the ALRM from employing senior solicitors in some rural offices.

"Junior practitioners are simply not able to undertake much of the work required by the nature of our services, being such that rural and remote areas need special attention," the ALRM says.

"The requirements of the Law

Society of South Australia do not permit junior solicitors to work unsupervised, and yet our funding does not allow the employment of senior practitioners in some of our rural offices thereby denying access to justice to Aboriginal people that is available to non-Aboriginal people."

In the letter to the UN, ALRM Chief Executive Officer Neil Gillespie also details the poor response from the State and Federal governments in addressing issues such as petrol-sniffing in South Australia, and the lack of family violence services because of funding disputes between both levels of government.

"Again Aboriginal people continue to be denied access to services because of a demarcation between

governments within Australia," he said.

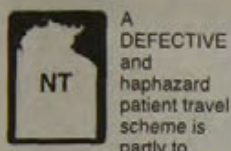
Meanwhile, ALRM Chairman Frank H Lampard has invited politicians, including Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, Minister for Home Affairs Bob Debus, Attorney-General Robert McClelland, Environment Minister Peter Garrett and Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard to join him on the steps of the SA Parliament on 16 September at 2pm.

Premier Mike Rann and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, along with all South Australian politicians, have also been invited.

Mr Lampard wants to present a copy of the UN complaint to each of the politicians, and he has also called Aboriginal people, organisations and their supporters to attend.

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Elder's death preventable, says coroner



A DEFECTIVE and haphazard patient travel scheme is partly to blame for the tragic death of a near-blind elderly Aboriginal man at a remote Northern Territory airstrip.

Julama Limbunya died alone, thirsty and confused in 2006 after receiving treatment at Katherine Hospital for pneumonia.

Despite struggling to walk unaided and speaking only a little English, the 78-year-old was returned to Kalkaringi, about 600km south of Darwin, with no escort on a chartered flight.

There was no-one to meet him when he arrived on August 21 and a week later, after police abandoned their search, his body was found in bushland 400 metres from the airstrip.

"The death of Mr Limbunya was a preventable death and a tragedy for his family and community," Magistrate Sue Oliver said last Monday as she handed down her findings.

Pneumonia and a combination of heat exposure and lack of water tragically took the life of Mr Limbunya, one of only three surviving Elders who took part in the famous Wave Hill walk-off in 1966 to secure equal pay.

Ms Oliver said there were 'many contributing factors' to Mr Limbunya's death.

Chief among these was inadequate service provision by the Department of Health and Community Services (DHCS) and the Katherine West Health Board (KWHB).

"Each of these organisations has acknowledged that the systems that they had in place around patient transfer from Kalkaringi, and in general with respect to remote communities, were deficient," she said.

"The clinic had a system for dealing with faxes that advised of return patient travel which may, at the least, be described as haphazard.

"The system for return

patient travel was defective from the hospital end as well," she said.

An escort should have been provided to Mr Limbunya, who was 'dehydrated and confused as to his whereabouts' at the time of his death.

Ms Oliver recommended that water be made available at remote airstrips and said there should be greater use of interpreters.

"Mr Limbunya was not a parcel to be deposited for someone to collect."

She also said the pilot's failure to call the local clinic to ensure Mr Limbunya was going to be collected 'lacked the most basic element of human compassion'.

"Mr Limbunya was not a parcel to be deposited for someone to collect," she said.

"That telephone call to the clinic would almost certainly have altered the outcome for Mr Limbunya.

"It was not an omission that caused his death, but it might well have prevented it."

Ms Oliver said the patient travel scheme was riddled with problems.

"It was almost inevitable that what occurred with Mr Limbunya would happen at some point... this was not an isolated incident," she said.

Since the death, both DHCS and KWHB have taken steps to improve the system and Ms Oliver said she hoped this would be 'some small measure of comfort' to Mr Limbunya's family and community.

But his niece Josie Crawshaw-Guy said the family was disappointed with the findings and accused the health department of 'hard-core, systemic racism'.

In February this year, two Aborigines from separate communities died within a day of each other while waiting to be airlifted.

The DHCS announced an immediate investigation into the circumstances surrounding the deaths, including the availability of aeromedical services in the bush. Both deaths were reported to the coroner.

-AAP

Wanting a say at local level

BRITTA Lyster takes a look at the campaigns of two Indigenous candidates hoping this time round to get the support they need to lead locally.



Lake Macquarie local council hopeful Daniella Chedzey.

COULD this be the new face of local government in New South Wales?

Maybe, if a growing number of Indigenous people standing as candidates in the State's local government elections is anything to go by.

More than 4.4 million voters are expected to go to the polls this Saturday, 13 September, to elect councillors in 148 council areas across the State.

In 2004, 93 candidates who identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stood for a NSW local council, of which 29 were elected - a success rate of just under one-third. The Indigenous statistics for this weekend's poll won't be known until weeks or months afterwards, but they're understood to be on the rise.

FORTY-three-year-old Daniella Chedzey (pictured) is not new to the public spotlight. For the vocal Stolen Generations member, known for her outspoken views against drugs, running for her local council seemed like a natural progression.

Ms Chedzey is believed to be the

first Indigenous candidate in the Lake Macquarie local government area.

The mother-of-six currently resides on the Morisset Peninsula, but has lived locally in the greater Newcastle/Lake Macquarie area for more than 20 years.

She has based much of her campaign on her desire to bridge the gap between the local Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community on a grassroots level.

Optimistic, yet modest about her chances, Ms Chedzey said she would happily run again if not elected and was hopeful she would gather enough support for her next campaign to encourage other Aboriginal people to run for local office.

"If you don't succeed, try, try, try again," she said.

"Maybe next time I'll have company and someone else from the Aboriginal community will stand with me in West Ward. It would be great if another three people decided we were going to join together and run."

Representing West Ward for the

Lake Macquarie local government area, Daniella has already managed to gain widespread support from her local community.

Coming up against long-standing councillors has not fazed Daniella, who believes the local Indigenous community is in sad need of a representative voice on a local council level.

She's adamant she will maintain accountability to the local community and plans to utilise her knowledge in conservation and Indigenous land management if elected.

"We have a great deal of knowledge that our Elders in this area can help with, but they don't necessarily want to stand for local council and I will definitely be going back to them in an effort to form a solid partnership to have their voices heard," Ms Chedzey said.

"I feel very much at home and at ease at this end of the Lake and it would be wrong for me to not stand up for what I believe needs to happen, for our children, for our future and for our land."

ELSEWHERE in NSW, standing in the Clarence Valley, in the State's north, is 38-year-old Grace Clague.

The Brushgrove candidate has another Aboriginal person, Ngerrie Land Council Chief Executive Maurie Maher, as her running mate.

Grace believes her Indigenous and female voice would be of great benefit to her local community.

"It's always good to have a woman's voice and keep a balance," Ms Clague said.

Youth affairs and protecting the area's vast natural resources have featured prominently in her campaign and go hand-in-hand with her ongoing involvement in the area's 'Street Cruz' and 'River Rhymes' programs being run through Nungera Co-operative.

"The next generation is of particular interest for me. I'd like to give a voice to our youth," she said.

Ms Clague intends, if elected, to create more educational opportunities for school leavers in an effort to encourage them to stay in the local area, rather than leaving for greener pastures due to a lack of opportunities.

"It's so sad they feel the need to go away," she said.

Information on the NSW local government elections on Saturday, 13 September, can be accessed via the internet or local councils.

Redfern meeting for victims of Qld institutional neglect and abuse

MUDGIN-GAL Aboriginal Corporation and Redfern Legal Centre will hold a meeting in Sydney next week for applicants under a Queensland scheme set up in the wake of that State's Forde Inquiry into institutional neglect and abuse.

Applications to the

Queensland Redress Scheme close at the end of the month and the Sydney meeting, to be held at Redfern on Wednesday 17 September, will discuss examples of supporting information required for some applications.

It will also provide information about how the

applications are going and what the next steps are.

Anyone who has not made an application but thinks they might be eligible is welcome to attend the meeting. Existing applicants are also being encouraged to attend.

The Queensland Redress Scheme applies to those who:

- Were placed in a detention centre or licensed government or non-government children's institution in Queensland covered by the terms of reference of the Forde Inquiry; and
- Had been released from care, and had turned 18 years, on or before 31 December

- 1999; and
- Experienced institutional abuse or neglect. The maximum payment available under the scheme to any eligible applicant is \$40,000.

The Redfern meeting will be held at 2pm next Wednesday at Old Redfern Town Hall, 73 Pitt St, Redfern.

Protestors oppose nuclear dump

By DARREN COYNE



MORE than 100 protestors rallied in Tennant Creek last week against a proposal to establish a nuclear dump in the

Northern Territory.

An announcement on the site selected by the Commonwealth to establish a nuclear dump is imminent, and protestors believe Muckaty Station, which has been nominated by the Northern Land Council, will be selected.

The rally called on the Rudd Government to honour its pre-election commitment to repeal the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act, which allows any dump to be forced on the Territory.

It also called for all nominated sites to be revoked and for an inquiry into the nomination of Muckaty.

The proposed Muckaty site, 120km north of Tennant Creek, is one of four areas currently under assessment for the dump.

Natalie Wasley, from the Beyond Nuclear Initiative in Alice Springs, said it was time for Federal Resources and Energy Minister Martin Ferguson to rule out Muckaty Station.

"Minister Ferguson has refused to inform Barkly residents whether the Federal Government will pursue Muckaty,



Anti-nuclear protestors marching in Tennant Creek.

or any other sites in the NT, for a Federal radioactive waste dump," she said.

Dr Jim Green, from Friends of the Earth, said the dump proposal was left decaying from the Howard era.

"The NT ALP conference passed a strong motion calling for repeal of the dump laws and for all sites, including Muckaty, to be scrapped," he said.

Protest organisers said a meeting would soon be called of all traditional owners, with invitations to Prime Minister

Kevin Rudd and Mr Ferguson.

Meanwhile, another nuclear protest was held last week outside the office of Environment Minister Peter Garrett.

The protest followed Mr Garrett's decision to approve a six-fold expansion of the Beverly uranium mine in South Australia.

The Beverly expansion will see an expansion of the current 16 square km mining lease to more than 100 square km.

Holly Greenaune, from Friends of the Earth Sydney, said the decision marked a shameful

day for 'any Environment Minister, let alone for long-time anti-nuclear advocate Peter Garrett'.

"This decision is a dangerous U-turn in the urgent campaign to address the challenge of climate change. Uranium mining is an irresponsible step in the wrong direction if the Rudd Government intends to act for a safe, sustainable and renewable energy future," she said.

"There are already at least another two proposed new uranium mines on Garrett's desk,

awaiting his decision. We demand Peter Garrett, as Environment Minister, starts doing his job and stands up for the environment."

Protestors outside Mr Garrett's office wore Beverly Hills 90210 masks, in reference to the early-1990s American television drama series popular with young viewers that is currently being remade. The demonstrators said uranium, like Beverly Hills 90210 and other toxic trash, should be kept in the past - where it belongs.

Time to vote for Deadly Awards

TIME is running out to cast your vote in the 2008 Deadly Awards - the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music, sport, entertainment and community awards.

The 14th annual Deadlys will be held on 9 October 2008 at the Sydney Opera House, and voting closes on 30 September.

For a full list of nominees and to vote, head to <http://www.vibe.com.au/vote-nominations.asp> or grab a copy of this month's issue of Deadly Vibe magazine.

Tickets for the 14th annual Deadly Awards are now on sale from the Sydney Opera House box office.

To buy tickets call 02 9250 7777 or head to www.sydneysydneyoperahouse.com

Palm cop wants 'smear' removed



IT has been almost four years since Mulrunji Doomadgee was found dead in a watch-house cell on the Aboriginal community of Palm Island, north

Queensland.

Yet for those closest to the tragedy - the Doomadgee family and the police sergeant cleared over the incident - the wounds created by the 36-year-old's death remain raw.

Mr Doomadgee's five sisters and his de facto partner, Tracey Twaddle, late last year launched a \$900,000 civil lawsuit against Queensland Police over the death.

In her affidavit to the court, Ms Twaddle says she suffered paranoia and depression and has been unable to return to work since Mr Doomadgee's death.

The policeman who arrested Mr Doomadgee has had to live with a 'smear' against his name since the incident, supporters say.

This week, Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley, with the help of the Queensland Police Union, will attempt to have that 'smear' removed - in a move that has the potential to inflame tensions between police and the Aboriginal community.

Snr Sgt Hurley is challenging the then Queensland acting coroner Christine Clements' September 2006

finding against him.

Ms Clements' finding ultimately resulted in Snr Sgt Hurley being tried for manslaughter in the Townsville Supreme Court last year.

He was found not guilty of the charge and has returned to work on the Gold Coast.

Aboriginal activist Sam Watson accused Snr Sgt Hurley and the police union of insensitivity towards the Palm Island community over the latest legal action.

"The Doomadgee family has conducted themselves with an enormous degree of dignity and restraint in the face of blatant and sustained provocation from Hurley and the police union," Mr Watson said.

Reputation

However, Queensland Police Union President Cameron Pope said Snr Sgt Hurley had a right to clear his reputation.

"We are supporting Chris' application to have the final smear removed from his name," Mr Pope said.

"Our contention is that the acting coroner erred in the findings and we believe that Chris has the right to have that corrected."

The appeal centres around the evidence of a Palm Island man who claimed to have seen Hurley

repeatedly punch Mr Doomadgee as he lay on the watchhouse floor.

Roy Bramwell was sitting inside the police station when Snr Sgt Hurley and Mr Doomadgee fell through the watchhouse door.

He told the inquest he saw Snr Sgt Hurley's elbow 'going up and down three times' before hearing him say 'Do you want some more Mr Doomadgee, do you want some more?'

However, the inquest also heard Mr Bramwell was drunk at the time and had been arrested for violently assaulting two women - one of whom he kicked in the face and struck with a chair.

Ms Clements conceded Mr Bramwell had 'embellished' some parts of his testimony, but nonetheless accepted his evidence was credible.

In contrast, she found Snr Sgt Hurley's explanations of the events were 'not truthful'.

However, at the officer's trial last year, Special Prosecutor Peter Davis SC did not call Mr Bramwell as a witness.

At his trial, Snr Sgt Hurley admitted responsibility for Mr Doomadgee's death, though he claimed to have accidentally inflicted the injuries which caused his death as he struggled to bring him inside the watchhouse following his arrest

for public nuisance.

An autopsy revealed Mr Doomadgee's liver was cleaved in two and his portal vein ruptured during the incident - injuries most commonly seen in victims of motor vehicle crashes.

However, pathologist Guy Lampe told the court the injuries were more likely to have been caused by Snr Sgt Hurley's 115kg frame landing on top of the slightly built Mr Doomadgee with his knee protruding as they fell on to the watch-house floor than by the officer punching him.

Although he initially told investigating police he had fallen beside Mr Doomadgee as they struggled through the door, Snr Sgt Hurley told the court he 'must have' fallen on top of him.

The jury took just over three hours to find him not guilty.

The appeal by Snr Sgt Hurley was to be heard over three days in Townsville District Court, starting yesterday.

Mr Watson said the Aboriginal community would respect the judicial process, but warned of possible political action if there was unrest about the result.

"We owe it to the memory of Cameron Doomadgee and we owe it to the family, the community, we owe it to every Aboriginal," Mr Watson said. - AAP

Formative years focus for NT program trial



ABORIGINAL children will be prepared for school well before their first day, under a literacy and numeracy program to be trialled in remote Northern Territory communities.

Announcing \$2.28 million in Federal funds to support the program, NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson said on 28 August that the trial would focus on the formative primary years.

"This trial is designed to involve parents

and the whole community in a child's education well before they start school," he said.

Since coming to power in November last year, the Rudd Government has committed to halving the gaps in infant mortality, literacy, numeracy and employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people within a decade.

It will jointly fund the new trial, the first part of which will focus on giving children a head start - preparing them for school

through play and interaction with their parents and families.

It is designed to support the NT Government's Families as First Teachers program, which aims to provide children up to the age of four with good health habits and literacy skills.

"We're committed to accelerating the learning of Indigenous children," Mr Henderson said.

"As parents, school staff and the whole community become more involved in the

education of children in the early years, literacy and numeracy results will start to improve."

The pilot program will be delivered in the Warlpiri triangle communities of Lajamanu, Yuendumu, Nyirripi and Willowra, and Milingimbi, Ramingining, Shepherdson College at Galiwinku, Gapuwiyak, Yirrkala and in the Miwatj region of Arnhem Land.

Mr Henderson said Menzies School of Health researchers would monitor the effectiveness of the trial. - AAP

Literacy is the goal

PM's wife in tears at tribute by Sianna



THE Prime Minister's wife, Therese Rein, shed tears and clasped the shoulder of Sianna Eland as she

read aloud the Aboriginal teenager's poetic tribute to her late mother. Sianna was one of six Indigenous children from Northern Territory communities to attend a writing workshop held at the Prime Minister's Canberra residence, The Lodge, on 26 August and attended by acclaimed authors Andy Griffiths, David Malouf and Kate Grenville.

The children were each asked to pen a story, but 14-year-old Sianna's tribute to her late mother had Ms Rein struggling to finish reading the piece aloud.

"Mother, as laughter filled the air, you taught me to play and always to be fair," she read.

"Then came the day God called your name, now in heaven you stay, burning your eternal flame."

Ms Rein blinked away tears as she put her arm around Sianna, and read on.

"As on my cheek I feel a tear, and I hunger for your touch."

Other stories included tales of



Sianna Eland, from Melba Copland Secondary School, gets a hug from Therese Rein after reading her story at the Indigenous literacy project launch on 26 August. AAP Image/Mark Graham

shopping in Darwin, fishing with family, the Barunga Community festival and the floods at Wugularr.

Students from schools in the ACT and Queanbeyan also had the opportunity read out some of their work.

Ms Rein is a patron of Indigenous Literacy Day (ILD), a

partnership between The Fred Hollows Foundation and the Australian Book Industry which last Wednesday united authors, musicians, sportspeople and politicians in events across the nation, with the aim of raising \$250,000 for books and much needed resources for remote

Indigenous communities.

ILD Chair David Gaunt said many Indigenous Australians struggled to read everyday items like newspapers, medication labels and bank statements.

"Literacy rates in these communities have been found to be worse than in many third world

countries," he said.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said that while governments were responsible for providing education, there was also a role for business and individuals to contribute to 'the betterment of Indigenous and Australian society' and efforts such as Indigenous Literacy Day should be applauded.

He said access to books was essential in turning back the tide of educational disadvantage.

"Many Indigenous children start school behind the eight ball, having had little or no experience with books," Mr Calma said last Wednesday.

He said Indigenous literacy outcomes were directly related to an individual's access to their own culture, history and languages and books should also be produced in Indigenous languages for students whose first language was not English.

Mr Calma said he envisaged a future where Indigenous language and culture in Australia was celebrated as the Maori language and culture is celebrated in New Zealand, where local languages are spoken and traditional land owners acknowledged with the opening of Parliament.

"Indigenous students need to see their culture and their people represented through the powerful institutions of this country," he said.

"Books in Indigenous languages also help to revitalise languages where they may be diminishing.

"If we are to educate children to live in two worlds, bilingual programs provide the means by which to bridge the divide." - with AAP

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2008 Indigenous Governance Awards

Winners showing the way forward



Geoff Walsh, from BHP Billiton, Edwina Circuit, from Warakurna Artists, Minister Jenny Macklin, Micky Wunungmurra and Cathy Hunt, from the Traditional Credit Union, and Professor Mick Dodson, Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia.



Phil Ugle, from highly commended organisation the South West Aboriginal Medical Service, and BHP Billiton's Geoff Walsh.



SHOWING how to turn big ideas into reality through hard work, creative thinking and good leadership, Warakurna Artists and The Traditional Credit Union were the winning entrants in this year's Indigenous Governance Awards (IGA).

The awards were presented in Melbourne on 29 August by Reconciliation Australia Co-chair Professor Mick Dodson, who commended all entrants for their achievements and for showing Australia what needs to be done 'to get results and close the gap'.

"Working on these Awards has made success my guiding light, as it must be for all Australians who want to see it replicated across the country," said Prof Dodson, who chaired the judges' panel.

As winners, Warakurna Artists and The Traditional Credit Union, both from the Northern Territory, each received \$10,000 and will share in a \$50,000 Australian Government scholarship, provided for the first time this year, enabling four staff (two from each organisation) to travel to the United States to participate in a leadership program to broaden and develop their business management and governance skills.

The delegation will be hosted by Professor Stephen Cornell, Co-Director of the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, and they will visit communities and meet with a number of key leaders, before attending the 2008 Honoring Nations ceremony, as part of the National Congress of American Indians.

This two-way exchange of information and knowledge with leaders of Native American enterprises aims to give them a unique insight into the start-up,

operating and ongoing challenges facing Indigenous businesses around the world. The delegation will then be able to share this knowledge with Indigenous businesses and communities when they return.

The winning entry in Category B (for organisations established more than 10 years), the Traditional Credit Union (TCU) was established in 1994 in the small community of Milngimbi.

Its mission is to provide personalised quality financial services for Indigenous people and organisations in remote communities, whilst respecting and valuing the cultural heritage of Indigenous Australians.

The members of the credit union are shareholders and owners and there are currently 13,000 members, \$10 million in deposits and over \$460,000 in the form of loans to purchase whitegoods, vehicles and furniture. There are 12 branches across the NT.

Warakurna Artists, established in 2004, was the winning entry in category A, (for organisations established less than 10 years).

Its mission is to support the production and marketing of locally produced works of art.

Warakurna Artists Art Centre Manager Edwina Circuit said the award

was a credit to the extensive governance training and consumer education programs by the West Australian Government operating in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands to empower Aboriginal artists.

"Warakurna Artists is incredibly proud to be recognised with such a prestigious award," Ms Circuit said.

"It highlights the significance of being an Aboriginal-owned and governed Art Centre business."

"Our art centre was established in



Mick Dodson speaking at the awards ceremony.



Brother and sister, David Saunders, from MG Corporation, and Glenda Humes, from the South West Aboriginal Medical Service in Western Australia, with their organisations' highly commended awards. Photos by Wayne Quilliam

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2008 Indigenous Governance Awards



A group picture of the winners and finalists from the 2008 Indigenous Governance Awards.



RA CEO Barbara Livesey, researcher Toni Bauman, Diane Smith, Inala Cooper and RA's Rowena Withers.



Paul Briggs, from Rumbalara, and Joy Savage, from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.



Janet Hunt, from CAEPR at the ANU, Fiona Moore, from Oxfam, and Joy Wandin-Murphy and Dimity Fifer from Australian Volunteers International.



Jason Eades, from the Koori Heritage Trust, Geoff Walsh, Professor Mick Dodson and Ian Wood, from BHP Billiton.



Ladies from Waltja Tjutanku Palyapayi singing in language as a spontaneous gift to the guests at the event – Nancy Tilmouth, Kate Lawrence, Irene Nangala, Margaret Orr and Isobel Gorey.

Hard work rewarded

● From facing page

2004 to support the production and marketing of culturally intense, artistically rich works of art through a creative facility where the artists and community are the sole beneficiaries of art sales revenue."

Warakurna artist, community Elder and Chairwoman of Warakurna Artists Eunice Porter said painting was important to sustain culture within the Warakurna community, and the art centre provided a central facility for social and cultural events, as well as a place to paint.

"Warakurna is a happy place," said Mrs Porter. "We paint our stories to share them with our children. We paint to share our stories with whitefellas. We go on trips to country to paint our stories so our culture

will remain strong."

Highly Commended in Category A, receiving \$5000, was Yawoorroong Miriung Gajerrong Yirgeeb Noong Dawang Aboriginal Corporation (MG Corporation), WA, which was established in 2006 to keep Miriung Gajerrong law and culture alive and strong, and to recognise the authority of, and to work with, the Kariel or senior people.

The MG Corporation is also responsible for implementing the Ord Final Agreement, and for developing the benefits and opportunities that flow from it on behalf of the Miriung Gajerrong people.

Highly Commended in Category B, and also receiving \$5000, was South West Aboriginal Medical Service, which was founded in 1997 to provide a health service

for Indigenous people in the south-west of WA. SWAMS also sponsors, promotes and encourages the maintenance and renewal of traditional Aboriginal medicine and culture.

The Indigenous Governance Awards is a partnership project between Reconciliation Australia and BHP Billiton to identify, celebrate and promote strong Indigenous governance. The national awards highlight success in Indigenous Australia – strong leadership, good management, effective partnerships and brave, creative thinking.

Other 2008 Category A Finalists:

● Murrijabree Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Association Inc, Qld: Supporting and representing the community of Deception Bay since 2004

and working to improve the local conditions.

● Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural and Development Centre Inc, NSW: Early intervention centre for Indigenous boys at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system.

Other 2008 Category B Finalists:

● Waltja Tjutanku Palyapayi, NT: Created in 1997 to support community development and self-determination for remote Aboriginal communities in central Australia.

● Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Corporation, WA: Evolved from an Aboriginal youth workshop program in 1993, today enables Indigenous communities to celebrate their culture by telling and performing their own stories in their own way.

Badu hosts 'Origin'

By ALF WILSON, who covered the Island of Origin for *The Koori Mail*



SPECTATORS in colourful dress, cultural tradition, genuine goodwill and great rugby league and sports action – that was

this year's Seaswift Island of Origin Series on Badu Island in the Torres Strait.

Competitors came from across the Torres Strait, north Queensland and even further afield to take part in and enjoy what is the region's biggest single event. Most flew into the small community, with strong winds restricting the use of dinghies – the Torres Strait's most widely used form of transport.

The Badu Islanders were again great hosts, welcoming all and putting on huge feeds for the hundreds of visitors. Houses were packed with billets throughout the three days.

Fay Nona, who runs the Badu Island Motel and was a gatekeeper, breakfast preparation volunteer and all-round 'workhorse', summed up the Origin feeling.

'Great time'

"It's a great community event for us. People have come from all over the Torres Strait and they meet people they haven't seen since last year," she said.

Male rugby league and women's volleyball players showed true grit, with some big hits in the footy and some hard falls on the sand court.

Afterwards, competitors gathered in a circle with arms around each other in a special show of camaraderie.

Special guests included North Queensland Cowboys NRL forward Jacob Lillyman and former NRL star Wes Patten, who was part of the National Indigenous TV team covering the event.



Christianity is strong in the Torres Strait and the spiritual side of things was not forgotten, with some teams gathering for prayers before games.

Rain on day three failed to dampen the enthusiasm, with event organiser and Badu councillor Wayne Guivarra more than pleased with the event.

Crowds turned out to watch the volleyball finals and later the sprint to determine the fastest man and woman in the Torres Strait.

Relatives of NRL Manly star Michael Bani, from Mabuiag Island, were out in force, and over in the local hall the men and women's darts competitions were held.

Badu-based arch-rivals Kulpiyam and Mulga Tigers fought out the league grand final, with defending premiers Kulpiyam winning 26-16.

No serious injuries were reported during the sports.

Next year's 'Origin' is planned for June.



● Full Island of Origin coverage including reports and more pictures on Pages 72-74

Congratulations to the Traditional Credit Union (TCU)

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Indigenous cultural authority urged

By DARREN COYNE



AUSTRALIA needs a new organisation to stop Indigenous culture from being ripped off and exploited. That's according to Indigenous lawyer

Terri Janke, who also is a member of the Australian Institute Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Council.

Ms Janke proposed the establishment of a national Indigenous cultural authority – to promote and defend Indigenous culture – during the recent biennial Wentworth Lecture in Canberra.

She argued that such an authority would develop standards for Indigenous cultural and intellectual property, and authorise appropriate use.

"In the last four decades the value of and demand for Indigenous arts, cultural expression and knowledge has grown tremendously," Ms Janke said.

She said the Aboriginal art market was now valued at \$300 million a year, and traditional knowledge had applications in

consent, and without acknowledgment.

To counter this, Ms Janke proposed a trademark and branding system – like the National Heart Foundation 'tick' – to endorse projects, goods and services which are made with fair trade through the sharing of benefits with Indigenous

appropriately used, properly recompensed, that our Indigenous creators are valued and attributed, and also that our culture is not derogatorily used."

Ms Janke said it was time for Indigenous Australians to 'take the lead, and to take action'. "It's time to guard ground," she said. "The National Indigenous Cultural Authority model aims to be flexible to allow Indigenous Australian communities to implement a practical strategy for protecting and managing their Indigenous cultural and intellectual property."

"It is important for the right infrastructure to be in place to manage rights and to provide good sound policy for service delivery."

Ms Janke said such a peak agency would have multi-functions relating to the promotion and protection of Indigenous arts and culture.



"We need to make sure that culture is appropriately used, properly recompensed, that our Indigenous creators are valued and attributed, and also that our culture is not derogatorily used." – Terri Janke

industries that ranged from tourism and entertainment, through to the biotechnology industry.

She said the increase in demand had also resulted in a rip-off industry where knowledge was taken without

custodians of culture.

"There is no national independent organisation currently that represents Indigenous artists and creators," Ms Janke said.

"We need to make sure that culture is

WA 'Koori Court' call

By ELIZABETH MURRAY
in Perth



A SPATE of violent robberies around Curtin University allegedly committed by Aboriginal men has prompted calls by the Perth

Nyoongar community for the introduction of a 'Koori Court' to add relevance to the judicial process.

Nyoongar Elders said the current court system was largely disregarded by most young Indigenous offenders and that the connection, via an Aboriginal Court, to Elders and community would assist offenders to understand the ramifications of offences.

The implementation of an Aboriginal Court was the sole recommendation of the university's submission to the 2006 Law Reform Commission of Western Australia's (LRCWA) Aboriginal Customary Laws Discussion paper, by Curtin's Centre for Aboriginal Studies (CAS).

The 2006 CAS submission, authored by lawyer Hannah McGlade and co-signed by Dennis Eggington and Pat Dudgeon, outlined the need to address the rocketing WA Indigenous incarceration rate through the court system.

The report said it was time for WA to catch up with the legal pluralism, Indigenous self-determination and customary law which were 'accepted features of the common law system in most parts of Australia'.

Two years later, one of the co-signers of the submission, Aboriginal Legal Service of WA CEO Dennis Eggington, announced last week that Aboriginal people were being incarcerated at 27 times the rate of other people in Australia, and at twice the rate of their Northern



MINGLI WANJURRI MCGLADE



BEN TAYLOR

Territory counterparts.

Mr Eggington said most of the 131 recommendations from the LRCWA's 2006 Aboriginal Customary Law Report had not been implemented, and must now be acted on.

"ALSWA has strongly advocated for Aboriginal Courts, which play a key role in reducing the rate of re-offending," he said.

Mr Eggington added that not enough progress had been made in adopting the Aboriginal courts in the State even though it had been ear-marked as a 'high priority', and

was a key recommendation of the LRCWA's report.

He said education was needed to reduce re-offending behaviour, while the incarceration rate could improve with the greater use of diversionary processes, which should be used as an alternative to jailing women over unpaid fines.

"Crimes of need should not result in families becoming more marginalised and dysfunctional – a holistic approach is needed," he said.

Noongar Elder Mingli Wanjurri McGlade also spoke out publicly, saying the actions of some Aboriginal offenders caused embarrassment to the local community, who were powerless to influence outcomes due to the lack of involvement permitted in the current process of 'whitefella justice'.

Uncle Ben Taylor said the reason for the Government dragging its heels over the introduction of an Aboriginal court, despite it being recommended by the LRCWA two years ago, was 'just racism'.

"If it's going to work they should try it – as Mingli said, they should shame them," Mr Taylor said.

"Get the Elders in there and we can tell them that 'this is your last chance, if you do this one more time, you're in'."

"If you go to the jail you see it's full of young able-bodied Aboriginal men who should be out standing up for their people instead of wasting their lives."

"We're going to have nobody left soon."

Hannah McGlade said the Aboriginal community had 'accumulated trauma' which the Western non-Indigenous courts were ill-equipped to address or resolve.

"It's the level of accumulated trauma that results in family-dysfunction which is a significant cause for the over-contact with the court system," she said.

Media told to show respect

By DARREN COYNE



HIGH-PROFILE Australian journalist Jeff McMullen believes there is no excuse for media

organisations to ignore Aboriginal protocols relating to death.

Mr McMullen told *The Koori Mail* that every journalist in Australia should understand and respect such protocols.

His comments followed a number of cases in recent times when newspapers have

published photographs, and the full names, of Indigenous people who had died.

They also followed a joint statement from the Central and Northern Land Councils, expressing disgust at the way Fairfax newspapers reported the death of an Arnhem Land man on 30 July. "Fairfax showed complete disdain for

Aboriginal people by printing huge photographs of a deceased person," the statement said.

As well, Mr McMullen criticised *The Australian* newspaper for recently publishing the full name of a former Kimberley Land Council chairman after he had died.

Mr McMullen said they were among a number of cases where there had been an insensitive intrusion into grief.

"They claim that the public has a right to know, but these issues can be delivered in a sensitive way while respecting that sacred right to privacy for the families," he said.

Referring to the passing of Dr R Marika in Arnhem Land shortly after the Australia 2020 Summit, Mr McMullen said the coverage showed that the naming protocol

had never prevented the respectful telling of the story.

"It is such a minor thing to agree to convey a limited form of the person's name. Every journalist in Australia should be able to respect that," he said.

"One of the core values that every journalist swears to uphold is the right to privacy. It's a solemn commitment not to intrude on the family of the dead."

"And if the family has a view for cultural reasons that a person's name or photograph should be withheld then that should be respected."

"There have been too many



JEFF MCMULLEN

cases where there has been publication of children's faces, images of the dead, and disrespect for grieving families.

"This needs to be challenged by editors, news directors and journalists association."

"All journalists need to understand that any good journalist would never do these

things ... then peer pressure will take care of it."

Meanwhile, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Communications Minister Stephen Conroy announced last week that an online resource would be created to raise awareness of Indigenous cultural protocols relating to media coverage of the deaths of Indigenous people.

Senator Conroy urged the media to become aware of and respect Indigenous grieving traditions.

"I am pleased to note that media organisations such as the ABC, the Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance and commercial broadcasters already have guidelines and Codes of Practice on this issue," he said.

Hangi feature of event

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



A GROUP of churches in the south-eastern suburbs of Perth joined recently to host a special

reconciliation event as an outreach to the wider community and a 'safe haven' for troubled youth in the area.

The 31 August event was held with the help of the City of Gosnells and also included a traditional Maori hangi feast as a reconciliation gesture between Nyoongar and Maori people who have clashed violently in Perth in recent years.

Reconciliation efforts by the five churches, led by the Gosnells Family Church, is also seen as a counter to the Federal Government plan to introduce welfare quarantining to the neighbouring City of Cannington, the first time the plan has included a region in a capital city. Under the plan, families will have their welfare payments stopped for up to six weeks if a child from the family does not attend school.

Organiser of the reconciliation event Sharon Yarran said the churches and the City of Gosnells were working together to help dysfunctional Indigenous families in the area to try to prevent any government intervention.

"What we're trying to do in Gosnells is develop a youth



The traditional New Zealand hangi ready for cooking and, inset, event organiser Sharon Yarran.

group so that young people will be off the streets and coming to this place where they can share what they're feeling and what they're going through as young people," Ms Yarran said.

"Because young people sometimes don't have a destiny. They don't know which direction to go, so there's a lot of young people out there that are needing lots of support by the community."

Gosnells Mayor Olwen Searle said the welfare quarantine plan was an

over-reaction by the Federal Government and victimised Indigenous families.

"You might have four or five very good children who are always doing the right thing," she said.

"Why should those four or five and their mums and dads be penalised because little Johnny is playing truant and not being a good student at school?"

Ms Searle said that if an Aboriginal family was having problems sending one or more of their children to

school, then the teachers at the school and the wider community had an obligation to help without waiting for government intervention.

"Children do not come to school from a level playing field," she said.

"There are children who come from loving homes, well-nourished children with great social advantages. They are streaks ahead of our little Aboriginal children who come."

"We should be making up that difference as a society. Who was the man who said it takes a whole village to raise a child?"

Ms Yarran said the idea of including a hangi with traditional Nyoongar bush tucker was an important gesture to the Maori community and would help heal the wounds of recent violence. "A lot of our Aboriginal people may have never had a hangi before so when we asked our brother to do this he was really happy and pleased," she said.

"To invite him to share his culture and the way that they prepare food is something important for the Maori people, so for us it was an honour to have our brother on board."

Maori man Peter Lane, who prepared the hangi, agreed the event was important for good relations between the two groups.

About 100 people attended the reconciliation event which was part of the 2008 NAIDOC round of celebrations.

Doubt over 517,000 Indigenous population

By SAMANTHA DEAN



THE recent release of figures by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) stating that the Indigenous population had reached 517,000, or 2.5 per cent of the total

population, indicates that increasing numbers of people were willing to identify themselves as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

But the figures, tagged as 'experimental estimates' by the ABS, are dogged by a level of uncertainty due to the difficult nature of gathering data on Indigenous status.

ABS Director of Demography Patrick Corr acknowledged a number of areas of doubt, which contributed to the difficulties of surveying Indigenous Australians.

"There are a large number of people who don't answer the Indigenous question in the Census," he said.

"We have approximately 1.1 million people whose Indigenous status we don't know, so we have made some assumptions, which does introduce an area of doubt."

Mr Corr also highlighted a level of ambiguity in the Commonwealth definition of the term 'Indigenous' as introducing an additional level of uncertainty as more people became aware of their Indigenous heritage.

The Commonwealth defines an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person as someone who 'identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin and who is accepted as such by the community'.

"Over time we have seen a huge increase in people prepared to answer the Indigenous question which results in a growth in population not explainable by births and deaths," he said.

Deputy Director of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit at Queensland University Sam Watson said that while it was heartening to know Aboriginal population numbers were not only holding, but increasing, the real question was how the data was going to be used.

"Now that we know we make up 2.5 per cent of the population, we need to look at the hard figures and work out why an increase in our numbers also corresponds with an increase in arrests, in unemployment, in deaths in custody, in over crowding of housing and in failure of education," he said.

"If the ABS is going to ask head-counting questions they need to also be prepared to ask the more interesting questions such as how the Aboriginal people feel about their land being invaded and if they feel they should sign a treaty with the Federal Government."

Mr Corr said that the ABS was always striving for improvement when it comes to surveying the Indigenous population. "In terms of remote and rural Indigenous communities we now employ different methods to those we use in mainstream Australia," he said.

The survey also found that as of 20 June 2006, the largest Indigenous populations were in NSW (152,700) and Queensland (144,900).

'There are a large number of people who don't answer the Indigenous question in the Census'

Exodus is good news: Manton



THE exodus of non-Indigenous people from country towns to the coast in NSW could provide employment opportunities

for Aboriginal people, NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson Bev Manton says. Ms Manton said the population shift meant employers would have to start thinking about employing more Aboriginal people.

"Long term, it could be the key to turning around the low participation rates and passive welfare for Aboriginal people," Ms Manton said.

She was commenting on the latest State Government's 'Two Ways Together Report on Indicators 2007' report. The program is the 10-year, 'whole-of-government' Aboriginal Affairs plan.

The plan makes a commitment to closing the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians and sets targets across six areas, including halving the gap in employment outcomes within a decade.

The report found that the proportion of Aboriginal people living west of the Great Dividing Range would grow by 35 per cent, more than double the growth expected in the overall population.

"Combine this with the drift away from these areas by non-Aboriginals and the

'We should plan to run businesses ourselves. This can occur ... right across the spectrum of business opportunities'

— NSWALC chief
Bev Manton



implications are clear cut ... employers will have to start thinking more readily of employing Aboriginal people," Ms Manton said.

"More importantly, I think Aboriginal people should start thinking, and planning, to go into business themselves."

"We should plan to run businesses ourselves. This can occur not just in areas like regional and remote area tourism, but right across the spectrum of business opportunities."

Ms Manton said that given population demographics, the opportunities would be most notable in areas like Broken Hill,

where the Aboriginal population had increased by 50 per cent between 1996 and 2001 and continued to grow, Wilcannia, and Tamworth, where there had been a 39.5 per cent population growth.

"However, the statistical breakdown also shows significant growth in western and south-western Sydney, the Hunter, North Coast as well as mid-western New South Wales and the Riverina," she said.

"I know overall we are still only 2.2 per cent of the NSW population, but if this movement of non-Aboriginal people continues from the regions to the coast and our people remain and their percentage of those populations grows significantly, we must capitalise on the opportunities."

"I urge Aboriginal people to look to business opportunities. We in the land council movement have certainly moved in this direction."

"It is a sure-fire way to achieve significant economic gains and long-term security."

Ms Manton said many organisations, such as the Federal Government-funded Indigenous Business Australia, were now expanding to assist Aboriginal Australians to become self-employed or to enter in joint enterprise development.

Council thanks flying doctors

By KEN BOASE



THE Goldfields Land and Sea Council organised a fundraising drive for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) at the end of August as a thank you to the organisation for refusing funds from a February car rally tainted by racism. The RFDS refused to accept money raised at the Undies 500 car rally after complaints from the local community because one of the vehicles was painted with racist slogans and the non-Aboriginal driver had painted himself black.

The latest fundraiser was a way of saying thank you to the RFDS for taking the stand against racism, and organiser Trish Ranger said the Kalgoorlie community came out in strong support of their efforts.

Ms Ranger said the business community of Kalgoorlie also got behind the event, supplying meat for a sausage sizzle and baskets of prizes for raffles on the day, and GLSC staff willingly gave up part of their weekend for the event.

"It was a decision of the staff and committee members of the Goldfields Land and Sea Council," Ms Ranger said. "They thought that since they



Dennis Forrest, left, enjoys some of the fare on offer from Di O'Rourke and Janet Osborne at the RFDS Sausage Sizzle.

did not accept the funds that we'd give something back to say thank you for taking that stand, and we'll arrange for something to give it back."

Ms Ranger said that although people did not comment directly on the reason for the fundraiser, their

support was evident from their willingness to participate in the day which was run totally by the local Wongatha community.

More than \$2000 was raised on the day and consideration is now being given to making it an annual event.

Probe into boomerang



OFFICIALS from the National Museum and others are

investigating the heritage of a boomerang believed to have once belonged to Captain James Cook.

The boomerang will be auctioned by Christie's auction house on 25 September.

The Liberal MP for the Sydney seat of Cook, Scott Morrison, wants the British Government to buy the boomerang and donate it to Australia as an act of reconciliation.

"If it is indeed Cook's boomerang then it should come back to Australia and I don't think Australian taxpayers, in the first instance, should have to put out for it," Mr Morrison told reporters last Tuesday.

It is understood that Heritage Minister Peter Garrett has asked experts from the National Museum and other government agencies to investigate the history of the boomerang in a bid to prove it was once owned by Cook.

National Museum spokesman Dennis Grant said the museum was investigating the 'historical record' of the boomerang, but would not say whether the museum would support a Federal Government bid for the artefact.

"The museum is aware that the boomerang is up for auction, however the National Museum does not comment on its intentions in auctions for fear it may distort prices," Mr Grant said.

Christie's has estimated the boomerang could sell for between \$72,000 and \$108,000, according to its website, and has traced its provenance to Cook's widow Elizabeth.

Experienced Aboriginal artefacts dealer and expert Arthur Palmer said the boomerang was only worth \$1200.

"The current top Christie's estimate ... may require a little more hard evidence for hope to triumph over probability," Queensland-based Mr Palmer writes on his blog. - AAP

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"Cars that excite"

Tegan aims to be model of success

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



THE rising star of 16-year-old Nyoongar girl Tegan Hayden has been noticed by television program *Search for a Supermodel* and one of Australia's major modelling agencies.

Tegan, whose role model is model Megan Gale, dreams of becoming an Indigenous supermodel and, like many of her peers, she is determined to break the stereotypical image that many Australians still have of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

While still a child herself, Tegan was forced into the role of surrogate mother after her parents divorced, helping her father care for her four younger siblings while juggling the pressures of school and suffering the same challenges as the rest of the community.

A prodigy of community-based Nyoongar agency Maali Models, Tegan was encouraged to try out for Channel 7's *Search for a Supermodel* and made it into the top 30 as a reserve with encouragement to try out for the show again next year.

She also met Australian supermodel Jennifer Hawkins, one of the judges on the show, and was interested to hear what she had to say to her and the other competitors.



TEGAN HAYDEN

"She said that if you want a career in modelling you have to be very dedicated and it is a very hard industry to be involved with," Tegan said.

The Nyoongar teen's involvement in the show also drew the attention of national agency Chadwick Models, the starting point

for such names as Elle McPherson and Rachel Hunter.

At 16, she's determined to succeed and looking forward to a long career. Meanwhile strong family support has given her a balanced view of the glamour industry and its pitfalls.

"Making it that far in the show was an experience of a life-time, and I hope that other Indigenous people will try out for it," Tegan said.

"There are a lot of negative things, and I guess you just have to get used to that and not read too many magazines about how tough it is. But it is a glamorous industry and it brings out the competitive side in me."

A demonstration of her strong will to succeed is the decision not to complicate her life with a relationship at this time.

"At the moment I'm just going out with the girls and sticking to the single life without dealing with a guy who might get jealous of other men. I don't need that complication in my life right now," she said.

At present, Tegan is studying administration as a 'backstop' career move, and would also like to be involved in coaching in her two preferred sports, netball and football.

"I love sport and I might follow that up with more serious training if I don't get far enough with the modelling," she said.



Nyoongar model Tegan Hayden

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Another RAP named



THE Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council has appointed a new Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) to protect and manage the Aboriginal cultural heritage of metropolitan Melbourne and surrounding areas.

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Chair Eleanor Bourke announced the appointment of the Wurundjeri Tribe Land Compensation and Cultural Heritage Council (Wurundjeri Inc) as the RAP on 22 August.

"From today, Aboriginal cultural heritage in many parts of Melbourne and surrounding areas will be managed by Wurundjeri Inc, an organisation of Traditional Owners representing the Woi wurrung

people," Ms Bourke said. "This significant appointment empowers Aboriginal people to speak for their cultural heritage matters on their country."

Wurundjeri Inc RAP will have responsibilities for the local government areas of Banyule, Darebin, Hume, Manningham, Moonee Valley, Moreland, Nillumbik, Whittlesea, Yarra Ranges and parts of Baw Baw, Boorondara, Brimbank, Macedon Ranges, Maribyrnong, Maroondah, Melbourne, Melton, Mitchell, Moorabool, Yarra, and Whitehorse.

Ms Bourke said the council had deferred consideration of some of the remaining area of the Wurundjeri Inc RAP application so the organisation could hold discussions with other groups representing

neighbouring Traditional Owners who are also applying to become RAPs in those areas.

"This is consistent with council's practice of encouraging all RAP applicants to discuss their applications with neighbouring groups," she said.

"In making decisions to appoint RAPs, the Council takes into account numerous factors including native title matters, links to Country and the capacity of the organisation to meet their responsibilities under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006."

Wurundjeri Inc is the sixth RAP to be appointed in Victoria by the council. Five other RAPs are already managing more than a third of Victoria's Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Book warns over child protection



A NEW book says that interventions aimed at child protection will fail unless they contain positive measures to support parents, families and communities.

Contexts of Child Development - Culture, Policy and Intervention, published by Charles Darwin University (CDU), maintains that interventions must be able to engage in diverse social, cultural and linguistic contexts, in cities, towns and remote communities.

Chief Editor Associate Professor Gary Robinson, of CDU's School for Social and Policy Research, said failure to work with diversity and to engage parents and families would result in failure of policies.

In the book, Assoc Prof Robinson describes one community in which children were regularly exposed to violence and suicide.

He writes that such situations cannot simply be dealt with through crisis responses.

"Government and communities must be able to think in terms of preventive strategies that enhance the strengths of families and engage preventive capacities within community relationships," he said.

"Governments are too often preoccupied with the language of outcomes and intervention and struggle to balance the political popularity of coercive intervention against the costs and ambiguities of providing support to parents and families.

"Tough talk about outcomes and coercive measures grabs



CRCAH CEO Mick Gooda with Parliamentary Secretary Maxine McKew and author Gary Robinson.

attention, while outcomes achieved through supporting parents and families are often subtle and medium or long term in their outcomes.

"Coercion without carefully targeted, positive support will fail."

Assoc Prof Robinson argues that governments' capacity to respond to diversity and cultural difference must be improved.

"Governments rely on systems and processes that are often poorly equipped to engage with parents and families in many contexts of need," he said.

Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health CEO Mick Gooda said the welfare and protection of children must be at the forefront of our thinking.

"Caring for and protecting kids are the primary responsibility of parents and the family and must always remain so," Mr Gooda said.

"But when children's welfare is put at risk there must be some form of intervention and this book provides important evidence of which interventions will work, and which will actually reduce the capacity of parents and families to protect and nurture their children."

Mr Gooda said societies were judged by how they dealt with their most vulnerable.

"Are there any more vulnerable than our children?" he asked.

Contexts of Child Development - Culture, Policy and Intervention also contains chapters on language development in young children, on education and literacy, culture and identity and the legacy of past policies on Aboriginal families and children.

Federal Parliamentary Secretary Maxine McKew launched the book in Canberra early this month.

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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



Quote



I didn't understand, really. Why me? But I have come to my senses. If I didn't have it, I wouldn't be here.

— Tahlia Rotumah, the first Indigenous athlete to compete in the Paralympics. Tahlia has cerebral palsy.

Unquote

No arguing with figures

The steps of the South Australian Parliament could be a lonely place next Tuesday, or maybe not.

The State's Aboriginal legal service, the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) has organised a bit of a 'do' there but would be forgiven for wondering if their date/s will actually show — their dates being Federal and South Australian government ministers.

He's a dapper dresser, to be sure, but rather than wearing a rose in his lapel, ALRM chairman Frank Lampard will be the one clutching a copy of the organisation's complaint to the United Nations about historical government under-funding of it and other legal services.

It would be easy to dismiss this exercise as just a media stunt. Maybe it is but it's a good and legitimate one for illustrating the frustration which ALRM and, as *The Koori Mail* has reported, other ALSs have felt for years.

Any treasury bureaucrat will tell you that you can't argue with figures. And the figures say that ALRM's funding has gone backwards over the past decade while that of the State's mainstream legal aid has more than doubled.

If that's true, the consequence can't be argued with either. In the simplest terms, it means less money to pay experienced lawyers to ensure Indigenous people receive fair representation in court.

And all at a time when Indigenous incarceration rates in Australia continue



OUR SAY

to rise — and fast. In the past seven years, the number of Indigenous prisoners has jumped by more than 60 per cent to 6630.

This figure represents 24 per cent of the broader Australian prison population of 27,625, despite our making up less than three per cent of the nation's overall population.

Indigenous people are between 11 and 22 times more likely to be locked up. It's times like these a good lawyer would come in handy.

Yes, we know that governments are obliged — because they are governments — to do certain things. For example, they will seek clarification or 'legal certainty' when court cases go against them — as it did in *Trevorrow v State of South Australia*.

And everyone knows that budget submissions should contain a little fat to account for what government department will shave off them.

But we'd also like to think governments will eventually feel an obligation to do the right thing — with or without a big international stick.

We can only hope.

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A Yarn With...



Robbie Collins

NT and National Indigenous Writers' Services representative for the Australian Performing Rights Association
Darwin, NT

Favourite bush tucker?
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Favourite other food?
Two-minute noodles. They only take two minutes.

Favourite drink?
Coffee.

What do you like in life?
Its unpredictability.

What do you dislike in life?
Its unpredictability.

Your favourite sport/leisure?
Basketball.

Who would you most like to meet and why?

The singer Charlie Pride — so my Aminaye (Granddad) and I would have something to talk about in heaven.

What are you reading at the moment?
Heidi Holland's *Dinner with Mugabe* — it's no cookbook.

What are you watching on TV?
The Black Donnellys, on cable.

Your favourite music?
Indigenous Music! Especially anything by Archie Roach.

What is your greatest highlight?
Getting married, because she's an absolutely stunning woman and I don't deserve anyone like her. And she's pretty hot. (Robbie is married to Darwin-based ABC-TV's Laetitia Lemke).

If you could invite three people around a campfire, who would you choose?
Nelson Mandela, David Grohl from the *Foo Fighters* and Tracy Chapman.

If you could change one thing for Indigenous people, what would it be?
I'm Tiwi and there's a big renal (kidney disease) problem there, so it would be better health for our people.

As told to FRANCINE CHINN

Taking responsibility

William Shakespeare (1564-1616), English poet and playwright widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's pre-eminent dramatist, once said: "To be or not to be."

I WENT along to the national consultation session on a future model for an Indigenous representative body (proposed replacement body for the defunct ATSIC), held in Brisbane recently, with about 80 other Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, expecting to hear divergent views and be involved in robust debates with old warriors who have been vocal on this topic in the past.

But instead of locking horns with old heads, I found myself sitting in a comfortable inner-city hotel conference room, devoid of any Indigenous theme, with a sea of unfamiliar faces discussing the finer points of meeting etiquette. Take away identities such as Les Melzer, Steve Mam and Bob Anderson and the chair of the session, Geoff Richardson, and the gathering represented to me a colourful tapestry of battle-scarred community leaders and an array of curious public servants and academics choosing to whet their appetite in, or revisit, from the safety of a conference room setting, the volatile domain of Indigenous politics.

That's not necessarily a bad thing, as new players generally equates to fresh perspectives, as was evidenced through consensus from group discussions: A national representative body of seven delegates that was leaner and meaner with a policy mandate only – no input into financial administration – that would be advanced constitutionally within a decade to reserve status of Senators; assuming seats in the Upper House and inheriting their six-year term, remuneration package and political standing.

Indeed, the sound of 'Senator' has a certain ring to it – and besides, a wishful, visionary constitutionally-endorsed bipartisan concept such as this should attract, at the very least, a better field of Indigenous candidates, including many in the private sector and academic enclave who have deliberately avoided throwing their hats into the ring in past contests through fear of attracting untoward stigma that went with the territory.

And at this juncture in our lives, Indigenous Australia could sure do with innovative designs on conceptual frameworks to address age-old problems that adversely affect our communities throughout the nation.

It is apparent that the old social policies of the 1970s and 80s have not worked for our mob and ought now to be thrown out along with those parasitic personnel who have suckled off the welfare

teat in discrete communities for far too long.

My father Jim – who was deputy chairman to Lois O'Donoghue in the first national representative body – the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (NACC) – during the Whitlam's Government and later held the position of Chairman of the revised National Aboriginal Conference (NAC) under Fraser's time – chose not to accompany me to the meeting in Brisbane.

Humbly, he declined my offer, stating instead that he thought the time was now right for the next generation to stand up and take the lead on future ideas that would shape their lives and that of their children. In saying that, I felt Dad was finally relinquishing the reins of an old horse that he had directed over unsteady terrain for his entire working life, even though at 76 years of age, I still believe he still has much to offer.

Dad made mention, by way of ideological reflection, that the biggest talking point back in the early 1970s when delegates cast their votes that ushered Lois O'Donoghue into the history books as the inaugural Chairperson of the NACC, was whether she would be accepted by remote traditional leaders. Dad said there was great anxiety expressed by traditional representatives, especially those from the Northern Territory and Western Australia, about the appropriateness of electing a woman to the top job as they had never experienced a woman playing a lead role in decision-making before.

He argued ironically that such a gender-gearred notion wouldn't be countenanced or even register for discussion today and, as such, the ever-evolving Indigenous political landscape requires younger eyes to map out the future for a demographic base in excess of half a million people.

Dad's principal concern today however is the loss of voice of the grassroots people; those



Stephen Hagan

HAGAN'S VIEW

● Stephen Hagan, 2006 NAIDOC Person of the Year, is an academic at the University of Southern Queensland, film-maker, award-winning author of *The N Word* and publisher of *Australia's Blackest Sporting Moments: The Top 100 and Melly and the Bilby*
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persuasions. Rather than working in favour of the grassroots nationally, it would appear, at least in Dad's eyes, that the agenda of the sophisticated, well-heeled Indigenous leaders are being driven with a limited, self-interest focus.

I gather Dad was referring to the Pearsons, Langtons, Yunupingu and Mundines of the world who the media gravitate towards for all commentary on Indigenous-specific issues. Although he didn't use their names – he is far too respectful to furnish names liberally – I suspect they were the names he alluded to.

Take for instance *The Australian* newspaper's story under bold headline 'Dole cut call if Aborigines won't work' on 21 August, reporting Warren Mundine's words of wisdom to alleviating Indigenous youth unemployment. "There has to be tougher rules because Indigenous people just aren't taking up the jobs," Mundine said. "If you're not prepared to put your hand up for a job, no matter where it is, we shouldn't have to continue paying the dole."

Respected Indigenous legal academic Megan Davis, in a December 2005 Online opinion posting, highlights in unflattering terms Mundine's political leaning well before he came to national prominence: "He preaches to conservative think tanks and a salivating, uncritical mainstream press an approach to Indigenous poverty that renders government, and Australians, invisible in the equation, and Indigenous peoples as the 'deadbeat' architects

caused suspicion and angst amongst the broader Indigenous community about our outspoken few.

Perhaps the words of Barack Obama, US Democratic Presidential nominee, from a recent speech could be taken on board by our mob while waiting for our nationally elected body to emerge to champion our cause: "... Each of us must do our part to make our homes and businesses more efficient. Yes, we must provide more ladders to success for young men who fall into lives of crime and despair. But we must also admit that programs alone can't replace parents; that government can't turn off the television and make a child do her homework; that fathers must take more responsibility for providing the love and guidance their children need."

Senator Obama's message is a simple challenge to individuals to take more responsibility for their family and to take on challenges that confront them through hard work and determination. It is also a message of being self-sufficient and independent of government.

It is a message that should be followed by Indigenous Australians if they want to get ahead. If Barack Obama can rise from the top in American politics from a single-parent home (African father deserted his white American mother when Barack was a toddler), then it's possible for others to do likewise in other parts of the world, including Australia.

We would be negligent in our duties if we put all our eggs in the one basket in hoping the revised national elected representative body will be our saviour.

What if it never happens?

The response to a logical question from the floor late in the day by Geoff Richardson, about the timeframe of government for the new body to be up and running, was met with dismay by all participants who travelled to Brisbane with great expectation.

"There's been no commitment made by the Government or the Opposition – I can't answer that question," was all our most senior Indigenous bureaucrat could offer.

Perhaps we ought to replay Barack Obama's Democratic presidential nomination acceptance speech made recently in Colorado, with specific reference to individual responsibility, as the pathway to success out of our difficult times.

As William Shakespeare once said:

To be, or not to be, that is the Question:

Whether 'tis Nobler in the minde to suffer

The Slings and Arrows of outrageous Fortune,

Or to take Arms against a Sea of troubles,

And by opposing end them.



● LEFT: Flashback to 1978: From left, NACC member member Willy Martin, NACC Deputy Chair Jim Hagan, Governor General Sir Zelman Cowen and NACC Chairperson Lois O'Donoghue at Government House in Canberra.

of their own misfortune."

The well-worn mantra 'criticism is cheap' is one way of summing up the views of Davis, but it's what outspoken people, including myself, have to put up with if they dare to raise controversial topics.

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Friends you need and friends you choose

IN the past few weeks my day job has ended and now I'm on holidays - woo hoo! I'm having an ideal holiday ... playing on the net, doing spring cleaning and lazing around the house as much as physically possible. Don't you love holidays when your days are empty with nothing planned and no commitments?

Even though I've been having a great time, I'm starting to miss seeing and yarning to my old workmates.

For the last year or so we have been having lunch together, sharing stories about what we did on the weekend and helping each other out with our work.

But now that I'm not there, I'm Nigel-no-friends.

I'm eating my lunch by myself and I've got no one to listen to all my stories!



Ms KOORI LOVE

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Being employed at the same organisation was the one thing we all had in common.

I reckon workmates are the friends you make because you need to and

not because of choice.

But now that I've left that job I wonder, Now that we don't need to be friends 'cos of work, could we still be friends out of choice?

I reckon time will tell if we can be friends just because we like each other and not because we work at the same place.

For one thing, we'll have to make dates to meet and arrange times when we are all free.

We will actually have to make an effort to see each other 'cos we won't be in the same place.

Plus we will have to want to meet up.

Without having work to talk about, who knows if we will even like each other?

I haven't had the opportunity at work to talk about my love of crocheting, terry towelling dresses and

floor robes (the twin sister of wardrobes), so who knows if they still wanna be friends with me?

I suppose we will just have to catch up and get to know each other as mates and not workmates.

I think a lunch date would be a good starting point, so I'd better get sms-ing and emailing.

Actually, I won't contact them for a few days. After all, I am still on holiday and I don't wanna do anything too physical like email.

True god though, I'll need a few more days to get out and do something so I can tell them a better yarn than 'oh yeah, I've been up to stuff ... watching my butt get bigger'.

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

Some important food for thought

HELLO all. This time around I want to speak about something that is very important to me personally and also a significant issue in ours and the wider Australian community. It's health and, in particular, obesity.

Now, obesity in Australia is said to be a matter of urgent concern to State, Territory and Federal governments, specifically in children and younger adults. But I want to talk about obesity in adults and older people in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

I know that I am skipping over the children here, but while a lot of Indigenous kids do eat and drink all the bad stuff like sugary soft drinks, chips and lollies, a lot of them are also fairly physically active.

As mentioned in my introduction, I have a bit of a personal attachment to this topic. I am what is clinically defined as an obese adult. I'll share this with you because I'm not ashamed, but I'm on the borderline of pushing 80kg.

Yes, most of it is my fault. For years I ate all the wrong things. I love sweet soft drinks, lollies and fast food, but when I was younger I was fairly balanced because I did some form of physical activity every night of the week.

But now that I am working long hours and studying full-time, I just simply do not have time or energy to exercise or cook a meal with the necessary nutrients, vitamins and proteins to help me lose kilograms or to maintain a healthy weight.

Instead, it's easier to go through the takeaway drive-thru, or to order some pizza on the way home.

As I discovered a few months ago, this is a massive problem! I visited my GP for a check-up and found out I, a 21-year-old woman who I honestly thought was just a bit chubby, was headed down to road to heart disease,



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high blood pressure and diabetes.

All of these are illnesses and diseases which Aboriginal people get so easily, and here I am stupidly helping it kill me by putting nothing but the worst foods in my mouth day after day.

Now I'm not going to preach to you and say give that stuff away. It's not easy. I know because I have been trying to reach my recommended weight for years.

After my rude awakening at the GP's, I went home and thought about what he had said.

He mentioned to me that it was every young woman's dream to be a size 8 and to be toned. It's actually not my dream at all.

My dream is to have a family, see my children go through school, university, get

married, have grandchildren and enjoy my retirement fund one day.

But this is not going to happen if I continue with the fast-food, limited-exercise lifestyle I now have.

I have thought before that losing weight was a matter of urgency, so I'd go out and join the latest weight-loss program, the newest gym (with the sexiest personal trainer by the way) and go extremely hard at improving my lifestyle. This usually would last for about two weeks, then I'd be back eating deep-fried chicken and other not-so-good foods.

So what is the key to kicking this bad habit of eating terrible, fatty foods and not exercising?

To be honest, I think my key is going to be my own motivation and hunger for life. It's hard, but we all know it can be done.

From my most recent experience, my advice to others in the same boat is to find themselves a nutritionist. If you don't have one nearby, get on the Internet because there are countless websites that can tell you what is good for you and what is not.

If you think a gym membership is down your alley and if a gym assesses you as physically up to it, I recommend joining. But again, it's not everyone's cup of tea.

The best thing might be to get your partner, your sister, son, niece, your dog and just walk. Or swim, dance, help out at little league - just anything you can do to generate more oxygen being pushed through your body to increase your heart rate safely. You'll be on the way to a better life, so just do it.

As blackfellas, we face so many health problems as it is. I'm not dodging the inevitable death here - I just don't want me and you to be staring it in the face long before our time.

Prevention is so much better than treatment.



Old Greens spokeswoman Libby Connors congratulates Australia's Indigenous Olympians, including basketball player Rohanee Cox (pictured), and says that when Australian governments are as innovative and as supportive of Indigenous health and housing as they are of sport, there is no doubt that Indigenous communities will flourish in those spheres too.

See her letter on Page 24

A turning point?



Dr Wayne Atkinson: "If Premier Brumby truly leads on behalf of all Victorians as he often claims, then he will deliver on these recommendations and be remembered well for doing so. If not, he will simply become another Victorian Premier who failed to deliver real social justice outcomes for Indigenous Victorians."

IN the wake of the recent landmark High Court ruling that gives traditional owners in north-east Arnhem Land control over fishing in tidal waters, focus now turns to Victoria, where Premier (John) Brumby has the chance to bring about an historic turning point in Indigenous history.

It is no secret that decades of inaction from successive State governments has delivered minimal outcomes for the traditional owners of Victoria.

But more recently, signs of faint goodwill have been emerging. The co-operative agreement signed in 2003 by the Victorian Government and the Yorta Yorta (traditional owners of land and waters along the Murray-Goulburn rivers in northern Victoria) was hailed as an 'historic' achievement by State Attorney-General Rob Hulls.

Since then however, the agreement has failed to deliver tangible outcomes for the Yorta Yorta, and has been largely ignored by government departments which were delegated the task of implementing the agreement.

The Yorta Yorta have long been requesting that public land covered by the agreement be managed to reflect its natural and rich cultural heritage values. Instead, the Victorian Government has continued to allow internationally-recognised Ramsar wetlands like the Barmah Forest to be desecrated by logging and subsidised cattle grazing.

Yorta Yorta have called for the area to be designated a national park under a handback/leaseback and joint management arrangement with traditional owners – a model that has proven successful elsewhere in Australia and around the world.

Indeed, the call for land justice and the right of the Yorta Yorta to practice and to enjoy their culture received victorious endorsement at the recent World Indigenous Peoples Summit in

Hokkaido, Japan, in the 'Nipitani Declaration of Indigenous Peoples Rights'. The declaration was also signed by Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Chairperson of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Rights.

On Friday 25 July, a long-awaited independent report commissioned by the Victorian Government handed down a series of recommendations for new parks and reserves to protect Murray River Red gums and improve the health of the river system.

Significantly, the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council (VEAC) report recommended creating Victoria's first national parks that would be jointly managed with the traditional owners. The unique park would be created in the Barmah

Forest – the world's largest River Red Gum forest of its kind – with smaller parks downstream at Gunbower and near Swan Hill.

To say that this recommendation is historic would be true, but the real test will be whether Premier Brumby delivers on the findings of VEAC.

It must be remembered that at the 2006 State election, the Brumby Government promised to create new national parks if recommended by VEAC.

The implementation of VEAC's recommendations for joint park management would be a significant step towards delivering on the Premier's apology to Indigenous Victorians over a decade ago, and his Government's commitments to reconciling Indigenous and non-Indigenous interests in land and cultural matters.

The Yorta Yorta are ready to embrace a partnership with the Victorian Government and the community in a new joint-managed national park that recognises their inherent rights as the traditional owners.

Opportunities for new employment initiatives in Indigenous communities with extremely high unemployment rates will be welcome. Opportunities for increased nature-based tourism and cultural heritage experiences through the restoration of the Dharnya Cultural Centre to its former glory are just part of what can be achieved.

The entire community will benefit by providing some justice for Indigenous traditional owners.

If Premier Brumby truly leads on behalf of all Victorians as he often claims, then he will deliver on these recommendations and be remembered well for doing so.

If not, he will simply become another Victorian Premier who failed to deliver real social justice outcomes for Indigenous Victorians.

'The Yorta Yorta are ready to embrace a partnership with the Government ...'

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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DR WAYNE ATKINSON
Yorta Yorta,
Victoria

Tribute to Olympians

WITH all the talk of Australia punching above its weight in the Beijing Olympics, it is worth pointing out that Australia's Indigenous communities deserve this accolade even more so.

Please let me pass on congratulations to all athletes, with special mention of the nine Indigenous Olympians who brought home one silver and two bronze medals in women's basketball (Rohanee Cox)

and softball (Stacey Porter) and men's hockey (Desmond Abbott).

When Australian governments are as innovative and as supportive of Indigenous health and housing as they are of sport, there is no doubt that Indigenous communities will flourish in those spheres too.

LIBBY CONNORS
Spokesperson
Queensland Greens
Brisbane, Qld



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Destined to fail

(FEDERAL Education Minister) Julia Gillard is as politically cunning as she is stupid to think that suspending welfare payments to families because their kids don't attend school will work.

Why not legislate to take the pay of non-welfare parents when their kids play truant? It is easy to attack the most disadvantaged people.

I'm sure City Mission, the

Salvos, housing, courts and other agencies out there are looking forward to the long queues of people who will be affected from the three-month payment suspension.

And what will Ms Gillard do with the kids? Lock them up?

SARA MAYNARD
Hobart, Tasmania

Searching for Aboriginal fictional characters

I'm interested in hearing about fiction with Aboriginal characters that your readers would recommend.

Recently, my niece was required to 'read a book with an Aboriginal character in it', and she was handed *The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith* - not a story that ends well for anyone involved.

I'm looking for books where the major character is Aboriginal, or gives some insight into the lives of Aboriginal people.

I'm also looking for suggestions of stories that really get it wrong, cringeworthy stuff, to contrast with these good stories.

I believe that some Australian science fiction and fantasy writers have at times dealt with

issues familiar to the experience of some Aboriginal people, ie, that Aboriginal characters and perspectives may have much in common with the staple of speculative fiction, accounts of the consequences of encounters with the alien and dispossession.

Consequently, I'm also looking for your readers' suggestions of any science fiction and fantasy stories that they have read and enjoyed, stories that contained Aboriginal characters or themes.

Hoping to hear from your readers.

GARRY P DALRYMPLE
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YOUR POETRY

A Sunburnt Country

I loathe a red-neck country,
Full of ignorant minds,
Original people - full of pride,
Still unaccepted in their land

We all know when it first began,
But still the

ignorance runs rampant.
No words in history of ancestors who died,
No wonder the youth are mystified!

Policies and programs funded by tax,
Set in place, but will never fix -
The negative attitudes of generations,
Instilled so deep

and justified!

I love my sunburnt country,
But long for better days.
We can learn to reconcile,
Just simply - change your ways!

COLLEEN JOHNSON
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Gooreng/Yidinji
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Smallpox: Did the colonial British do it?

THE latest issue of the *Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society* (JRAHS) sheds new light on an old issue – whether British settlers deliberately used smallpox against local tribes.

In his recent article *The origin of the smallpox outbreak in Sydney in 1789*, Craig Mear argues that the British did use smallpox in 1789.

When the First Fleet arrived at Sydney Cove (Warrung), conflicts erupted with nearby clans.

With merely 160 privates armed with single-shot muskets, the British were in a difficult situation.

By 1789 the situation was grave, and in mid-April of that year the first Aboriginal person was found dead from smallpox.

During the following months, large numbers of Aboriginal people died from smallpox.

Echoing Henry Reynolds' argument in *An Indelible Stain* and John Lambert's in *Brokers of Cultural Change*, Mear highlights the fact that deployment of smallpox was a British military option they used in North America.

Suspicions that the British used smallpox in Australia date from 1790 when Captain Watkin Tench, in his memoirs, downplayed accusations that presumably reached his ears.

Tench is the only First Fleet person mentioning bottles of smallpox. It is possible that some First Fleeters suspected their colleagues, possibly rogue elements within the marines, but apparently Governor Phillip did not inquire too closely.

Australian history has never admitted that the British used smallpox against Aborigines. Instead, it is argued that the virus brought by the British would have been sterilised by tropical heat during the First Fleet's voyage and by high summer temperatures at Sydney Cove.

This is contradicted by the historical and scientific record – see Warren in *Aboriginal History* – Volume 31.

Mear's new article corroborates this view, but explores the smallpox issue one step further by focusing on claims that smallpox arrived at Port Jackson from Macassar, in the Celebes, and therefore without British complicity.

Mear's article makes it clear that smallpox from Macassar could not infect Sydney tribes without leaving tell-tale evidence right across Australia.

Mear also indicates that if smallpox arrived in north Australia, its further transmission was blocked by the wet season and by vast and thinly-populated deserts further south.

Mear provides a valuable service for all those interested in truth and reconciliation.

When combined with Reynolds' and Lambert's work, and Noel Butlin's earlier work in his *Our Original Aggression*, Mear's article presents a strong argument for British responsibility for the smallpox outbreak of 1789.

The June 2008 issue of *Journal of Royal Australian Historical Society* can be obtained at www.rahs.org.au or from: Royal Australian Historical Society, History House, 133 Macquarie St, Sydney NSW 2000.

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'... Mear's article presents a strong argument for British responsibility for the smallpox outbreak of 1789.'

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YOUR POETRY

Your own kind

Stick to 'your own kind'
My Dad always said –
Life would be easier
If the battles are the same.

Those words meant little
In our sheltered world,
When growing up a Murri

And racism was just a word.

Educated and assimilated,
Pretty and clean,
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By our Murri boys.

Attracting the white girls
Because they could,
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To feed their ego.

White boys are nice,

And treat us just fine.
But do not understand
Why we still hurt inside.

The words of my Dad
Will never leave me.
But what do we do, Dad
When 'your own kind'
Don't want you!

COLLEEN JOHNSON
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Bundaberg, Qld



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Your Say

Sorry report challenged and clarified

IN the article 'Sorry Day Committee cops more flak' (*Koori Mail*, Edition 431, 30 July), there are a number of statements and quotes that the NSDC Executive takes issue with and requests a correction on.

I believe the article misquoted me and I offer the following corrections:

The article quoted me as saying 'given the efforts of the body to represent all Stolen Generations survivors'. However, the body could never hope to do this, and I am very conscious not to use the word 'all' regarding the Stolen Generations, particularly given that there are two peak bodies. I would have said 'as many' or just 'the Stolen Generations'.

On another quote, 'Mrs Moran said the National Body represents thousands of Stolen Generations members across the country', I believe I said that in comparison with the NSWSDC, the NSW Link-Up represented thousands. In fact, I quoted the number of over 3000 Stolen Generations; this is only NSW not the entire country.

The NSDC has committee members from across the country who made the decision and voted on the affiliation of the NSW Link-Up, not by the Chair and not by the Executive.

I also said that I don't make any single decision. Rather, it is the Executive and the voting members who do.

I appreciate the difficulties that can arise for a journalist when engaged in long and emotive interviews that are full of information, as this one was.

Given the potential misunderstanding of the public and most especially the Stolen



Generations, regarding the NSDC and how it holds or promotes itself as an advocate for the Stolen Generations, the Executive would appreciate your consideration to placing a correction notice in the soonest possible edition published from the date of this request.

The NSDC is grateful and appreciative of the support and assistance *The Koori Mail* has

given to it and the Stolen Generations, most especially in more recent times with the National Apology and the 2008 Sorry Day events.

HELEN MORAN
Chairperson
National Sorry Day
Committee
Canberra, ACT
22 August 2008

EDITOR'S NOTE: The *Koori Mail* stands by its report concerning rifts between the National Sorry Day Committee, the NSW Sorry Day Committee and the Journey of Healing (SA).

However, it was indeed a long interview and we accept that nuances can sometimes be missed inadvertently.

In the interests of fairness, we are more than happy to provide Ms Moran with an opportunity to clarify her reported comments.

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Your Say

A question of education

IT is a worry when a high school sets up an Indigenous Education Centre and employs a staff that is 95 per cent non-Indigenous.

Funding allocated for this project is primarily for our Indigenous students to improve the outcomes of attendance, assignment completions and completing Grade 12 successfully.

Let us ask ourselves these questions:

- Can non-Indigenous staff get better outcomes than Indigenous staff? Maybe, if the answers to Indigenous educational issues are never reached, there will always be a need for more funding.

- Do the people in charge or control genuinely want better outcomes for our Indigenous students?

Transitioning from primary school to high school is also part of this project. However, it is said that showing teachers how to do their job more effectively concerning our

Indigenous students will benefit all students within the primary school. That's fine, but if not for funding for our Indigenous students, there would be no funding to assist every child in the class.

If the right people chosen for these positions have genuine interest in the outcomes of our Indigenous students, cultural sensitivity in dealing with these issues, and take the time to find out why a student is not 'performing' to their education expectations, maybe such issues will be addressed in the most positive way and funding allocated to improving Indigenous education will be used for its right purposes.

Here's to the genuine and successful Indigenous Education programs that already exist in Rockhampton.

NAME SUPPLIED
Rockhampton, Qld

Thanks for a top day

CONGRATULATIONS to Leanne Emzin for putting together the NAIDOC celebrations at Heritage Park, Lismore (north-eastern New South Wales).

They were well organised and allowed our families and communities a special day of sharing and coming together.

The day was a success simply because every age group was catered for.

We were entertained with live music provided by local artists that kept everyone tapping their toes.

For the sporty people we were surprised as two of our

own NRL Titans' stars, Shannon Walker and Preston Campbell, arrived by helicopter. They were greeted by an enthusiastic group of young and old family and fans.

There was a special barbecue prepared for Elders in a remote area of Heritage Park where the happy sounds of laughter could be heard. I'm sure a yam or two was spinning out.

Some of us were fortunate enough to have bush tucker on the day - yum!

Front and centre stage was also given to the brilliant talent of one of our Goori comedy

acts, Sean Choolburra, who was attending the event with family (brother Viv Anderson), while children and parents also enjoyed the train ride that went all day.

I would like to congratulate the Lismore City Council, Indigenous Worker Leanne Emzin and her team of committed support workers for providing people like me with a lasting memory of such a wonderful event.

Thanks Leanne. Job well done, Sis!

MICHELLE TORRENS
Casino, NSW



Comedian Sean Choolburra at the Lismore NAIDOC celebrations with Piari Anderson, left, and Kagara Choolburra.

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Members of the crowd including Brenda MacDonnell (red tracksuit) and Biwali Bayles (curly-haired youngster) take part in a smoking ceremony by Uncle Max Eulo.



From left, Nathan 'Simmo' Simmons, youngsters Ili and Alec Tui, another community member and Metro Land Council chairman Rob Welsh.

Redfern's big day

By MARGARET SMITH



A REVITALISED Redfern Park and Oval has been opened by Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore with a smoking ceremony by Uncle Max Eulo.

The park had been partially closed for refurbishments which now include a new children's playground designed by Aboriginal artist Fiona Foley.

The park adjoins Redfern Sports Oval which used to be the home of the South Sydney Rabbitohs and the Redfern All Blacks.

The oval now boasts a new grandstand, with football player facilities all powered by solar energy.

The day's proceedings were hosted by Adam Hill, who said 'culturally this will make Redfern stronger'.

Before coming to the festival, Lord Mayor Moore unveiled a plaque dedicated to the late Mum Shirl outside Redfern Church, where the council has also upgraded the footpaths.

At Redfern Park she told the crowd that she often went to the park as a young mother many years ago, and it was always one of her favourite places.



Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore and Uncle Max Eulo at the Redfern celebrations.

"Redfern is a resilient place, and as a long-time resident I've seen the neglect of the park," the Lord Mayor said.

"We've sunk a bore for watering the park, and installed massive tanks to capture stormwater. There'll be a cafe near the children's playground, as we want it to be a place for the elderly and

for the young."

Mick Mundine, from the Redfern Aboriginal Housing Corporation, told *The Koori Mail* Sydney City Council had brought new life to Redfern, first through the Redfern Community Centre and now with the park and oval.

"They're bringing people together, and it's a stark contrast to

the actions of State Minister Frank Sartor," said Mr Mundine, who is currently awaiting the Government's comments on the corporation's housing plans for The Block.

He said the Government was asking for a large sum of money just to assess the plans.

At the Redfern All Blacks tent,

Nathan Moran and Shane Simoes were raising money for the 130 kids that are part of their South Sydney Juniors.

"It's unbelievable that we will finally have a home ground," Mr Moran said.

"We have to take our kids to different ovals to practice, so it will be a great relief when we can move in early next year."

Mr Moran said it was sad to see the old oval go because several rugby league Knockouts had been played there, building many memories.

"But it was time for a change and Sydney City Council has done a good job for this place, and brought respect to Redfern," he said.

The Redfern All Blacks will share the new oval with the Rabbitohs, in a deal that has already been signed and delivered.

Rabbitohs' John Hutchinson said the club was looking forward to moving back to Redfern Oval and the premises.

It is currently working with young Indigenous teenagers who want to be teachers' aides, and with school kids in the district to help them stay on at school.

"We've always seen education and employment as part of our sporting obligations," Mr Hutchinson said.



Tasha and Dot Hookey, from Redfern.



Redfern Community Centre Cultural Development Officer Lily Shearer, Administration Officer Nita Lyons and part-time youth worker Dianne Sciberras.



South Sydney Rabbitohs NRL players John Tamanika, left, and Ben Lowe signing autographs.

Playing for an angel



Dean Shillingworth's grandmother and guardian Ann Coffey (front) with Dean's dad Paul Shillingworth (in cap) and other family members in October last year at the Ambarvale lake where the toddler's body was found.

NSW THE family of two-year-old Dean Shillingworth, whose body was found in a suitcase dragged out of a duck pond in western Sydney last October, will mount a team in a Dubbo rugby league carnival in the toddler's honour.

Brewarrina grandmother Ann Coffey says the team, to be made up of Dean's uncles, cousins and family friends mostly from Brewarrina and Goodooga, will be called 'Lake Angel'.

Ms Coffey and her partner Edmund Caban, who have custody of Dean's five-year-old stepsister, told *The Koori Mail* last week that Dean's tragic death had affected many people.

"You can't keep everything bottled up in inside and this is



A photo of Dean left at the lakeside memorial by a family member.

a way of making sure Dean is not forgotten," Ms Coffey said. The David Peachey Knockout will be held in Dubbo on the long weekend of 4-6 October, just a week short of the first anniversary of Dean's death.

The Lake Angel team will wear blue and white jumpers,

"like the water of a lake or the sea".

Ms Coffey said her family was trying to raise money to send the team to Dubbo by raffling an autographed NSW State of Origin jumper donated by the National Rugby League (NRL).

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased through Thullli Dreaming, a Sydney-based Aboriginal business run by an extended family member, on phone (02) 9675 5678 or email thullli@thullli.com.au

Dean Shillingworth's mother, Rachel Pfitzner, 26, of Rosemeadow, was charged with his murder. The case is ongoing.

Dean's death was one of several that sparked an inquiry into the NSW Department of Community Services' handling of at-risk children.

— By KIRSTIE PARKER

Chief Justice pays tribute

HISTORY was made on 1 September at a special sitting of the High Court in Canberra to swear in Australia's 12th Chief Justice, Robert French.

In his speech, Justice French acknowledged the Ngunnawal people present as the 'traditional people' of the area and went on to pay tribute to Indigenous culture and history.

It is believed to have been the first time such comments have been made from Australia's highest legal seat and came 16 years after the High Court delivered its landmark Mabo decision recognising native title land rights.

Justice French is also the first West Australian Chief Justice of the High Court, and only the third from WA to serve on the High Court in its 105-year history.

In his speech, he said



ROBERT FRENCH

recognition of the presence of representatives of the Ngunnawal people, was 'no mere platitude'.

"The history of Australia's Indigenous people dwarfs, in its temporal sweep, the history that gave rise to the Constitution under which this Court was created," he said.

"Our awareness and recognition of that history is becoming, if it has not already

become, part of our national identity."

Justice French founded the WA Aboriginal Legal Service and was the first President of the National Native Title Tribunal, a position he held for five years.

While he left much of his CV to be read by others, he made mention of both these roles as did Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland, who commended him for combining his 'technical legal excellence with a wide interest in broader social and economic issues'.

"As a result of your experience at the National Native Title Tribunal, Your Honour has had first-hand exposure to cultural diversity and the particular problems facing Indigenous Australians," he said.

Justice French, now 61, practised as a barrister and solicitor for 11 years and at the WA Bar for three years, before his appointment to the Federal Court in 1986. — With AAP

INDIGENOUS RESEARCHERS FUND

INDIGENOUS RESEARCH FELLOW (3 YEARS) INDIGENOUS VISITING FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS (3-12 MONTHS)



AIATSIS is proud to announce a new initiative to support Indigenous researchers.

In partnership with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, AIATSIS has established an Indigenous Researchers Fund to support a range of opportunities to visit AIATSIS for short periods in order to further their research or to engage with current public policy debates. We hope to expand the Fund in the future and to this end we have already attracted targeted funds in the areas of health and young people.

The Fund will provide \$1million dollars over three years to support Indigenous research both within and outside the university sector. This prestigious national research program will allow Research Fellows and Scholars to undertake research in their fields of interest and, where appropriate, work with relevant government departments to discuss policy and practice.

The ideal applicant for this program would have a good balance between relevant work experience and proven research ability or potential. Whilst academic qualifications can be an important indicator of capability to undertake research projects, they are not the sole determinant of suitability. AIATSIS is interested in Indigenous people with other experiences and backgrounds who wish to contribute to knowledge about Indigenous societies and inform public policy or who are considering moving into a research career.

Areas of Research

Indigenous Research Fellow (3 years)

One three year Research Fellowship is available. For this position AIATSIS and DEEWR are particularly interested in researchers in the area of:

- Indigenous Education.

Indigenous Visiting Fellows and Scholars (3-12 months)

Funds are also available for a number of short term Visiting fellowships and scholarship over the next three years. Applications are encouraged from excellent candidates in any field of Indigenous studies or policy. In addition, FaHCSIA has provided targeted funds for two three month visiting fellowships with stipend in the areas of

- Youth aspirations and transitions
- Mental health - what treatment options work for Indigenous people

However, applicants are encouraged to suggest related topics that contribute to our understanding of closing the gap targets announced under the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) around improving life expectancy, educational attainment and employment outcomes.

Conditions

One three-year Research Fellowship is available at EL1 level with a salary of \$75,156-\$81,162. The three year position is based in Canberra.

Short term Visiting Fellowships and Scholarships may include travel and accommodation in Canberra. Short term Visiting Fellowship applicants may also apply for a stipend or salary. Stipend or salary will depend on experience and the employment status of the applicant. Short term fellowships and scholarships will include a period of residency in Canberra, to be negotiated.

The program is open to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people only.

How to apply

Closing date for the first round of applications: 13 October 2008

For further information contact: Mr Tony Boxall

ph: 02 6246 1145, e: tony.boxall@aiatsis.gov.au

or visit our web site at http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/news/job_vacancies.



Expressions of Interest SERIOUS OFFENDERS REVIEW COUNCIL

Expressions of interest are sought from persons interested in being placed on an eligibility list for potential part-time judicial members or community members (non-judicial) of the Serious Offenders Review Council (SORC). If selected from an eligibility list, an appointment is for a period of 3 years.

The SORC is an independent statutory authority constituted under section 195 of the Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999 (the Act), which may be viewed on-line at: www.legislation.nsw.gov.au. The SORC's functions are set out in the Act and include:

- to provide advice and make recommendations to the Commissioner of Corrective Services with respect to the following:
 - the security classification of serious offenders;
 - the placement of serious offenders;
 - developmental programs provided for serious offenders;
- to provide reports and advice to the State Parole Authority and to the Supreme Court with respect to certain matters relating to serious offenders;
- to review segregated and protective custody directions;
- to make recommendations to the Minister with respect to the transfer of juvenile inmates from juvenile correctional centres to adult correctional centres under the Act;
- to provide reports and advice to the Minister and to such other persons or bodies as may be prescribed by the Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Regulation 2008 (the Regulation); and
- to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the Regulation in relation to the management of serious offenders and other offenders.

Judicial members: A judicial member must be 'judicially qualified.' A judicially qualified person means:

- (a) Any Judge or retired Judge of a New South Wales court or the Federal Court, or
- (b) Any Magistrate or retired Magistrate, or
- (c) Any person qualified to be appointed as a Judge of a New South Wales court.

Community members are to be persons who reflect as closely as possible the composition of the community at large.

The SORC's secretariat is provided by the Department of Corrective Services.

Note: Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders and people from a non-English speaking background are encouraged to apply.

Information/Enquiries: Alyson McDade, Executive Officer and Registrar, Serious Offenders Review Council, telephone: (02) 9269-5060; e-mail: alyson.mcdade@dcs.nsw.gov.au. Applications are not to be sent to this e-mail address.

Expressions of interest must be in writing accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae and the names and contact details of at least 2 referees who, in the case of persons nominating as community members, should be people known to you who are able to comment on your good character and ability to perform the role of a community member of the SORC. Expressions of interest should be forwarded by 26 September 2008 to:

Director, Corporate Legislation and Parliamentary Support Unit,
Department of Corrective Services,
GPO Box 31
Sydney NSW 2001.





From left, Harry Allie, Roy Mundine, Mayor of Lane Cove Cr Ian Longbottom, David Williams, Robert Noble, and Gordon Syron. Photo courtesy of the Lane Cove Residents for Reconciliation

Indigenous war veterans share their experiences



FOUR Indigenous veterans shared their moving experiences at war and back

home in Australia with the members of the Lane Cove Residents for Reconciliation, members of other Reconciliation groups, students from St Ignatius College, Riverview, and

local residents last week.

They told stories of the equality they rightly enjoyed while serving in the Australian military where racism was not tolerated. This contrasted strongly to the reception they received on return to Australia where they were not even welcome in hotels, unlike their white veteran counterparts.

The four speakers and the Lane Cove Residents for Reconciliation called for acknowledgement of the outstanding contribution Indigenous veterans made, and Indigenous servicemen and women continue to make, to all the wars and peacekeeping missions that Australia has been involved in since the Boer War.

Grants to benefit Vic youth



THE Victorian Government has announced \$370,000 in grants to help

increase school attendances and success in the north of the State. Parliamentary Secretary for Justice and Chairman of the Aboriginal Justice Forum Brian Tee last week announced \$200,000 funding to the Horizons program at Swan Hill Secondary College and \$170,000 to the Engaging Kerang Koori Youth project.

Both projects would help build confidence and set aspirations, as well as empower Koori youth to take control of their lives and reach their full potential, Mr Tee said.

He said they would help secure the future of Koori youth in the area by re-involving them with schooling and education, improving their social engagement, and reducing the risk of police contact.

Horizons will focus on literacy and numeracy, while working with the wider

community to raise attendance levels at schools.

"The Horizons program will include a homework club to help Koori students focus at school and pursue higher-level education, while a new certificate-based qualification will aim to increase the number of Koori youth who complete Year 12," Mr Tee said.

"Employment resources and job advice will go hand in hand with learning, to provide participants with positive options for future careers."

Participants will self-manage the two-year Engaging Kerang Koori Youth project with supervision from three volunteers, including community Elders, and an Indigenous youth worker who will provide assistance and guidance to the group.

Each week during the project, the group will develop activities and encourage others to join in, developing important skills such as communication, organisation and leadership.



Australian Government
Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

**THE
RULE
BOOK**

Move to the CATSI Act

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations have until 1 July 2009 to move to the new CATSI Act. They must have a CATSI rule book in place by this date.

Steps to change your CATSI Act rule book

- The corporation should call a directors' meeting as set out in your current constitution to look through the draft rule book.
- Review the draft rule book and make the necessary changes. If the changes are big, the directors can contact ORIC to discuss them.
- When the directors are satisfied that the draft rule book meets the needs of the corporation and its members, they should call a general meeting for members to approve it. The notice should include:
 - details of the date, place and time of the meeting
 - a copy of the resolution to adopt a new rule book
 - a copy of the proposed new rule book.
- After the meeting the corporation needs to send the following to ORIC:
 - a completed form Request to change corporation rule book
 - a copy of the proposed new rule book (if done on a computer this can be saved on disk or emailed)
 - a copy of the resolution.

'Now is the time to update your corporation's rule book.'

ORIC staff will also be running workshops in various ICC regions to help corporations get their rule books ready before the deadline. Information about these workshops is available from the ORIC website.

For more information call 1800 622 431 or visit www.oric.gov.au.

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If your registration expires in January 2009 you must lodge your application to renew your registration by
31 December 2008

An application to renew your registration will be posted to you in mid-October 2008. Please contact the Teachers Registration Board if you have not received your application to renew your registration by early November. Non receipt of your application is not an excuse for failing to renew your registration by the due date.

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Remember to notify the Board in writing of any change of name or address.

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Burdekin Water Festival attracts crowd



These youngsters had a fun time at the Burdekin Water Festival in Ayr, north Queensland.

'Black Olive' on Ayr menu

Story and photos by ALF WILSON



THERE was a big Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander turn-out for the opening of the 2008 Burdekin Water Festival in the Queensland town of Ayr at the end of last month. Now in its 50th year, the festival is one of Queensland's longest running community events.

A highlight of the week-long fest was the Lamont Construction 'Taste of the Burdekin' food fair held on Sunday 31 August, which featured Aboriginal celebrity chef Mark Olive ('The Black Olive').

Opening the day's program was June Zaro who welcomed guests to country after her son Aicey played a didgeridoo before a packed crowd.

Mr Olive stole the show as he presented a display of Indigenous herbs and spices and then cooked lemon myrtle prawns on the barbecue.

Mr Olive, whose family are Bundjalung people from northern NSW, has been a chef for over 20 years. He became interested in cooking as a child, after watching his female relatives cook.

Amongst the many food stalls in the main street was one manned by Bernice Zaro, Veronica Dorante, Mannie Basso and Elva Pedro selling traditional Torres Strait Islander food.

"Our stall featured lots of sop sop, coconut curry chicken, damper and other dishes. It was a wonderful reconciliation event," Mrs Zaro said.

The day before the event started Mr Olive was taken for a walk down to the Big Carpet Snake ('Gubullamunda', a local Aboriginal totem) and then through the Juru Traditional Food Walk at Ayr's Plantation Park where he found traditional



Junie Zaro with her grandchildren Dominic Zaro, 5, Felicity Zaro, 8, and Reggie Zaro, 11.



Some of the crowd at the festival.

Indigenous herbs and spices. The Food Fair also featured a 'wearable art' competition which featured a tropical bride influenced by the Islander lifestyle; a gala ball at Home Hill Memorial Hall; and a mardi gras and parade down Queen Street.



Celebrity chef Mark Olive



Aicey Zaro at his art display.



Yvonne Cole with Marsha Billy, 5, Jesse-Lee Cole, 5, Geoffrey Terare, 2, and Meleik Billy, 3.



Doug Lampton with wife Sharon and grandchildren Teneisha Lampton, 7, and Sarscha Lampton, 18 months.

2008 Northern Territory



One of the Kenbi Dancers on stage.



Performances by the Kenbi Dancers were well received by the crowd.



New NT Minister Allison Anderson addresses the crowd.



Wild Water frontman Pauly 'Djolpa' McKenzie during their performance.



Music Awards presenters Johnny Reid and Reggae Dave.



Wangatunga Strong Women's Group with Northern Land Council Chief Executive Officer Kim Hill.



Jimmy Little was among the entertainers.



Leading Australian music promoter Michael 'Chuggie' Chugg.



A small section of the crowd enjoying the live action in Darwin.



A dancer during the Saltwater Band's performance.



One of the Saltwater Band performers.

Indigenous Music Awards

Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, performing with the Saltwater Band.



Darwin hosts major event

By DELSEY TAMIANO in Darwin



SINCE the beginning of time, the songlines have retold the stories of Indigenous people from generation to generation.

From songmen with the voice of a thousand years to the gentle strum of a guitar, it is music that connects Indigenous people to land, culture, history and future. And that was the underlying theme of the 5th Annual NT Indigenous Music Awards, held in Darwin.

The Kenbi Dance Group opened proceedings followed by Member for Macdonnell and one of the Territory's four Indigenous Ministers, Allison Anderson, who pledged \$150,000 to establish a regular touring circuit for artists from remote communities and towns to go to the bigger cities.

The extraordinary talent of singer/songwriter/musician Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu was duly recognised with four of the most prestigious awards including the APRA Song of the Year (for *Wiyathul*), ERA Act of the Year and Album of the Year (for *Gurrumul*). *Gurrumul* (cover designed by Carlo Santone) also picked up the award for Artwork and Design of the Year.

The Department of Education and Training (DEET) School Band of the Year award was awarded to the Rocky Creek Band, of Yirra College, and accepted by band member Jordan Armstrong.

A familiar face at the Awards was Pauly 'Djolpa' McKenzie, whose band Wild Water picked up the People's Choice Award. Wild Water's performance on the night brought the crowd to their feet and showed first-hand why they were such a popular act.

The 2008 winners

- **Act of the Year:** Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu
- **Album of the Year:** *Gurrumul* – Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu
- **Emerging Act of the Year and Touring Award:** B2M (Bathurst to Melville)
- **School Band of the Year:** Rocky Creek Band
- **Gospel Album of the Year:** Harold Dalywaters and the Elliot Gospel Band
- **Song of the Year:** *Wiyathul* – Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu
- **DVD/Filmclip of the Year:** Saltwater Band Live
- **Artwork and Design of the Year:** *Gurrumul*, Album designed by Carlo Santone
- **Traditional Music Award of the Year:** Muynghambi – *Songs from Walking with Spirits*; and Ngarukuruwala – *We Sing Songs*.
- **Hall of Fame:** Peter Millar and Blekba Muijik; and Mark Raymond and the Kulumindini Band.
- **Special Contribution Award:** Galarukuy Yunupingu and Mr Nundhiribala.

Presented by NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson, the G R Burarrwanga Emerging Act of the Year Award went to Tiwi Band B2M (Bathurst to Melville).

Elcho Island's own Chooky Dancers then took to the stage to perform their world-renowned version of *Zorba the*

Greek, Yolngu Style. In introducing the group's performance, Frank 'Big Frank' Djirimbilpitwuy told the crowd the group's famous YouTube video was now approaching almost a million hits worldwide.

The Traditional Music Award of the Year was presented to the Wangatunga Strong Women's Group for the *Ngarukuruwala* (Tiwi for 'we sing songs') project. Dual recipients were Muynghambi (a Tom E Lewis collaboration) for *Songs from Walking with Spirits*. In accepting the award, Lewis said: "Culture is really strong ... and we all responsible."

Hosted by 'Big Frank' alongside local Larrakia woman and entertainer Ali Mills, the crowd enjoyed a night of musical performances that stretched across all genres, styles and cultures.

The event ended with a full concert by the Conoco Phillips DVD/Music Film Clip of the Year Award winners – Saltwater Band.

Event organiser and Music NT Aboriginal Music Development Officer Heath Baxter said this year's awards were the biggest and the best yet, and featured the largest number of non-Indigenous people to attend.

He attributed this to the rising popularity and brilliance of artists like Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu.

"His voice is absolute magic, people are just flocking in to hear him sing," Baxter said.

Presenters included music legends Jimmy Little and Mandawuy Yunupingu, as well as The Hollows Foundation's Gabby Hollows, Rob Collins (APRA), Reggae Dave, Johnny Reid, Kim Hill (Northern Land Council), Ken Davies (DEET), Michael Hatfield (Conoco Phillips) and Michael Chugg (Chugg Entertainment).



One of the Chooky Dancers on stage.



Shirley Millar and Aylissa Austral accept the Hall of Fame Award for Shirley's brother Peter Millar.



Tom E Lewis playing with his band, Muynghambi.



Area Assistance Scheme 2009 Funding

Are you an incorporated, not-for-profit community organisation or local council with a community project idea that requires funding?

The Area Assistance Scheme, administered by the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS), provides funding for innovative projects and partnerships that improve social and community infrastructure.

Funding is available for the following regions: Hunter/Central Coast, Illawarra, Macarthur, North Coast and Western Sydney.

To receive a registration code for an application, contact the Community Project Officer at your local council or the DoCS Senior Regional Strategies Officer - Funded Programs, in your region:

Hunter/Central Coast	4927 8799
Illawarra	4222 8468 / 8442
Macarthur	9781 5563 / 5565
North Coast	6626 8108
Western Sydney	9354 1645

For further information visit www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/aas

Applications close at 5 pm on 10 October 2008



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Natural resource management is the care and protection of our land, plants and animals, rivers, forests and grasslands.

The ACT Natural Resource Management Council, based in Canberra for the people of Canberra and the ACT, wants to:

- increase the number of Indigenous people working in natural resource management in the ACT
- ensure Indigenous knowledge and values are included
- help local Indigenous people become more involved in decision-making

These are targets contained in the Council's draft natural resource management plan - **BUSH CAPITAL LEGACY**. This plan is now available for public comment.

The Council wants to know what you think of the plan. We are holding two public meetings to discuss Indigenous natural resource management in the plan:

- **Tuesday 16 September 5-7pm, Conference Room, Boomanulla Oval, Goyder Street, Narrabundah** (will include a sausage sizzle and a cuppa)
- **Tuesday 23 September 10am-12pm, Billabong Aboriginal Corporation, Stockhill Drive, Holt** (will include morning tea)

You can find a copy of the plan at www.actnrmcouncil.org.au or you can phone 6205 2914 or 6207 5584 or email us at actnrmcouncil@act.gov.au and we can mail you a copy of the plan.



ACT NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
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GAMILAROI / KAMILAROI / GOMEROI LOCAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS

NTSCORP Ltd (formerly NSW Native Title Services Ltd) is convening local community meetings for Gamilaroi People during September 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.

NTSCORP Ltd is also convening a meeting of the Gomerol Nation Tribal Secretariat in Narrabri.

The **AGENDA** for the meeting is:

1. To discuss the Gamilaroi Nation Project and provide updates;
2. To discuss the appointment of a representative (be that confirmation and appointment of current spokesperson as representative or nomination and appointment of a new representative) to the Gomerol Nation Tribal Secretariat;
3. To discuss local natural resource and cultural heritage issues;
4. To discuss local natural resource issues; and other local issues
5. Any other business arising.

MEETING VENUES AND DATES

Inverell/Ashford:
22 September 2008 9:00am - 11:30am Linking Together Centre, 16 Waratah Avenue, Inverell NSW

Collarenebri:
22 September 2008 3:00pm - 6:00pm Collarenebri LALC, Wilson Street, Collarenebri NSW

Coonamble/Walgett:
23 September 2008 9:00am - 2:00pm Coonamble LALC, Maule Street, Coonamble NSW

Narrabri:
23 September 2008 5:00pm - 7:00pm Narrabri Bowling Club, Maitland Street, Narrabri NSW

Gunnedah/Broosa:
26 September 2008 9:30am - 3:00pm Red Chief LALC, 26 Chandos Street, Gunnedah NSW

Refreshments will be provided.

Local meetings for Coonabarabran, Quirindi and Werri Creek, Tamworth, Gulargambone, Caroonah, Walahall, Mores, Terry Hie Hie, Toomelah, Boggabilla, Mungindi, were previously held. Local meetings for South West Queensland to 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.



Past, present and future AFL players with the Adelaide Elders Village mob. Back, from left, Tony Armstrong, Ed Curnow, John Griffin, Andrew McLeod, Teresa Branson, and R/N Manager David Branson. Front, from left, residents Ruth Anangka, Danny Hanson and Brian Blancowe, who suggested having the AFL stars at the Aboriginal Elders Village.

Footy stars visit Elders



Graham Johncock with Fred Warrior, the man who assisted with putting together the first Aboriginal All-stars team.



Gavin Wanganeen and Andrew McLeod with Aunty Gwen.



Andrew McLeod with staff members Noeleen and Pauline.



A RECENT visit by some of South Australia's most talented former, current and future Australian Football League (AFL) players

to the Aboriginal Elders' Village in Adelaide quickly became an exercise in mutual admiration.

Legends Gavin Wanganeen and Andrew McLeod visited the Davoren Park village along with Graham Johncock, Troy Bond and three up-and-comers - Tony Armstrong, John Griffin and Ed Curnow - who are all training with the Adelaide Crows club. Port Power's Peter Burgoyne had reluctantly given his apologies.

There were anxious glances towards the door as the residents waited for the sports superstars to arrive, but once they were there, the 'Doing it for the Elders' event became a much more relaxed affair.

Players and residents grabbed a cuppa and settled in for a yarn, supported by staff and invited guests, including members of the Northern Adelaide Area Elders' Grandmothers group.

Once everyone arrived all the residents, staff, and invited guests were wide-eyed and thrilled that the AFL players were actually in the village visitors' room.

R/N Manager David Branson MCed the event, encouraging everyone to mingle and swap stories. The players signed plenty of autographs and posed for photos with the Elders, themselves well-respected for their contributions to the local community.

Fellow Manager Teresa Branson praised the generosity, enthusiasm and willingness of the visitors.

"It was a pleasure to be with Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal AFL 300-game members," she said of Gavin Wanganeen and Andrew McLeod.

As for the village's residents, they declared 'What a day!'



Bundjalung man from the NSW Northern Rivers Steve Walker highlighting an Aboriginal scar tree on one of the local Boolangle Land Council properties.

Working to help country



MEMBERS of Casino Boolangle Local Aboriginal Land Council in northern NSW have

been undertaking land management activities on their properties around Mt Pikapene.

The land management is part of a project funded by the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority.

Those involved believe the project will be beneficial for other Aboriginal people who may want to have a fire-management plan prepared for their properties. It is believed to be the first project that has fully engaged and involved Aboriginal people in the Bundjalung Nation.

The project has included training in weed control, bush regeneration, and bushfire management, as well as biodiversity and local Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment and management.

The work team has completed extensive weed-control activities, fencing to exclude stock from sensitive areas and ongoing biodiversity and Aboriginal cultural heritage survey work.

As well as a range of threatened plants, animals and endangered ecological communities, a number of Aboriginal scarred trees have been identified on two of the properties.

Bill Walker, the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage consultant for the

project, said the scarred trees, which have mostly been found close to wetlands, are an indication of past occupation of the area by Aboriginal people.

He said the scarred trees were very old and many were vulnerable to destruction by fire.

Mr Walker said bush fuel loads needed to be kept low within 20m of the trees to ensure their survival in the event of a bushfire.

Casino Boolangle Local Aboriginal Land Council has encouraged private landholders who have scarred trees on their properties to take measures to help to ensure their survival.

Assistance

"The land council is always happy to provide advice and assistance to land holders regarding the protection of Aboriginal Heritage items," Mr Walker said.

NRCMA Indigenous Projects Officer Graham Randall said that as well as addressing the major threats to the environmental and cultural values of the properties, the project had encouraged the local Aboriginal community to become involved in activities on their land.

Mr Randall said a bus trip to take local Elders to the properties to inspect the work and provide guidance on future management objectives for the properties would be held in coming weeks.

QUEANBEYAN CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2008

Election of Mayor • Election of 9 Councillors

Voting on election day

When can I vote?

Saturday, 13 September 2008 between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm.

Where can I vote?

If you are enrolled in this council area you must vote at one of the polling places listed below. On election day you cannot vote outside the council area in which you are enrolled.

To check your enrolment details and confirm where you can vote visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 135 736.

POLLING PLACES

Crestwood	Queanbeyan High School, Agnes Avenue
W Crestwood	Queanbeyan West Public School, Richard Avenue
Dodsworth	Queanbeyan East Public School, Thrallilly Street
W Jerrabomberra	Jerrabomberra Public School, Firethorn Place
Queanbeyan	2nd Queanbeyan Scout Hall, Erin Street
Queanbeyan	Karabar High School, Donald Road
Queanbeyan	Queanbeyan Conference Centre, Crawford Street
W Queanbeyan	Queanbeyan Public School, Isabella Street
Queanbeyan West	Letchworth Neighbourhood Centre, 28 Miller Street
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Wales 2620 fax: 0280884768 not later than 5.00 pm, 8 September 2008.

Voting is compulsory

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CANDIDATES - MAYOR

Name of candidate Party Affiliation	Name on ballot paper
John Charles WRIGHT	WRIGHT John Independent
Ann ROCCA	ROCCA Ann Independent
David Kerry WHITE	WHITE Kerry Independent
Thomas John MAVEC	MAVEC Tom Labor
Timothy OVERALL	OVERALL Tim Independent

GROUP D

Giovanni Domenic BARILARO	BARILARO John Independent
Frank Alexander BRESNIK	BRESNIK Frank
Henricus SCHEEREN	SCHEEREN Rick Independent
Brett Andrew VICKERY	VICKERY Brett Independent
John ZAFIRIS	ZAFIRIS John Independent

GROUP E

John Charles WRIGHT	WRIGHT John Independent
Dee-Anne GUNTER	GUNTER Dee Independent
Irma Lorraine WRIGHT	WRIGHT Lorraine Independent
Sohiel AHADIZAD	AHADIZAD Sohiel Independent
Linda Margaret NICKELS	NICKELS Linda Independent

GROUP F

Ann ROCCA	ROCCA Ann Independent
Raewyn Patricia BASTION	BASTION Raewyn Independent
Andrew William BLUNDELL	BLUNDELL Andrew Independent
Claire Rose MARLOW	MARLOW Claire Independent
John Guy MCGLYNN	MCGLYNN John Independent

GROUP G

Katrina Anne WILLIS	WILLIS Katrina The Greens
Patricia Lynnette CAHILL	CAHILL Patricia The Greens
Sheila Baird NORMAN	NORMAN Sheila The Greens
Margaret Diana PIPER	PIPER Margaret The Greens
Roger Julius BARSONY	BARSONY Roger The Greens

GROUP H

David Kerry WHITE	WHITE Kerry Independent
Denis Cyril REID	REID Denis Independent
Robert Anthony BOZ	BOZ Robert Independent
Janine Frances WHITE	WHITE Janine Independent
John William LUFF	LUFF John Independent

UNGROUPE

Derek Arthur GOUGH	GOUGH Derek Independent
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CANDIDATES - COUNCILLORS

Name of candidate	Name on ballot paper Party Affiliation
Thomas John MAVEC	MAVEC Tom Labor
Susan Elizabeth WHELAN	WHELAN Sue Labor
Brian Joseph BROWN	BROWN Brian Labor
Lyndell Sue TUTTY	TUTTY Lyndell Labor
Anne Lucille WALTER	WALTER Anne Labor

GROUP B

Stavros STAVREAS	STAVREAS Steve Independent
Susan Denise JARVIS	JARVIS Sue Independent
Alan Michael BAKER	BAKER Alan Independent
Karen Patricia GUILLEN	GUILLEN Karen Independent
Patrick Maurice DE VEAU	DE VEAU Patrick Independent

GROUP C

Timothy OVERALL	OVERALL Tim Independent
Trudy Louise TAYLOR	TAYLOR Trudy Independent
Velice TRAJANOSKI	TRAJANOSKI Velice Independent
Peter James BRAY	BRAY Peter Independent
Malcolm Lloyd MOTUM	MOTUM Mal Independent
Patricia Joyce RADFORD	RADFORD Trish Independent
Darryl Raymond JENKINS	JENKINS Darryl Independent

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Michael Murphy
Returning Officer for Palerang, Queanbeyan and Yass

Museum buys artefacts



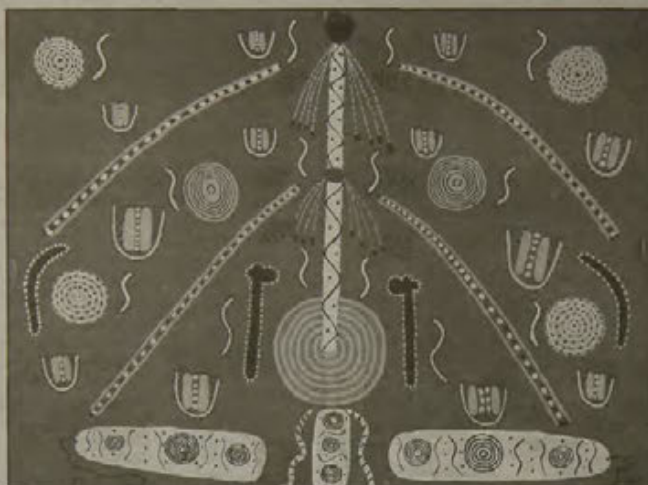
MUSEUM Victoria has acquired two Indigenous objects of international significance from recent auctions – *Rain Ceremony Dreaming*, a painting by Tim Leura Tjapaltjarri, and a 19th century shield from Victoria.

The items, bought for \$12,574 and \$42,507 respectively, will join Museum Victoria's Indigenous Cultures collection which comprises more than 65,000 objects.

"Museum Victoria has the most extensive and culturally important collection of Australian Aboriginal materials in the world," said Lindy Allen, Senior Curator, Anthropology (Northern Australia), Museum Victoria.

Museum Victoria's Indigenous Cultures Collection from Central Australia encompasses diverse examples of material cultural items collected over 100 years from Arrernte, Warlpiri, Warumungu, Kaytej, Pitjantjatjara and other groups.

"Early painted boards such as *Rain Ceremony Dreaming* represent an integral shift away from the traditional representation of ritual iconography towards the production



The *Rain Ceremony Dreaming* painting by Tim Leura Tjapaltjarri.

of these same images by the old Pintupi men at Pupunya using modern materials," Ms Allen said.

"These men, including Tim Leura Tjapaltjarri, had only recently walked out of the desert and at this time were being encouraged to express themselves in an entirely novel way by the art teacher Geoffrey Bardon."

Created in 1972, the work represents the Rain Dreaming ceremony and features clear depictions of artefacts, sand paintings and decorated ritual objects. Within a few years these realistic representations of ritual work disappeared, and the designs became more abstracted to disguise

the sacred meanings associated with them. In doing so, this became the foundation of what is considered the most important artistic movement to emerge from Australia, the Western Desert Art Movement.

"Tim Leura Tjapaltjarri played an instrumental role in the development of the Western Desert Art movement and his work has been recognised internationally, so the museum feels extremely fortunate to be able to have purchased this significant piece," Ms Allen said.

Also bought at auction was a rare and distinctively decorated broad shield from Victoria, dating from the 19th Century. In an 1878 work by R Brough Smyth (*The Natives of Victoria*), this type of shield is referred to as a Gee-am, used for protection in general fights involving spears.

The shield was acquired under the Victorian Artefact Acquisition Fund, auspiced by Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, which allows Museum Victoria to actively seek out and acquire historical Victorian Aboriginal wooden artefacts so that they are in public ownership and therefore available to the Victorian Aboriginal community.

The decorated broad shield.

Offenders 'will often re-offend'



INDIGENOUS offenders are back in prison sooner and more frequently than non-Indigenous offenders. They also

tend to be readmitted to prison for the same kinds of violent offences each time, usually assault. That's according to research released by the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC), which was funded through the Corrective Services Administrators' Council.

AIC General Manager of Research Judy Putt said it was well known that Indigenous Australians were incarcerated at a far greater rate than non-Indigenous Australians, and that they comprised nearly half of prisoners whose most serious offence or charge was an act intended to cause injury.

"The study showed that Indigenous prisoners were more likely to have been convicted of violent offences previously and to return to prison for violent offences," she said.

According to the report, *Reintegration of Indigenous prisoners*, readmission to custody was one measure of how well attempts at reintegration into the community had succeeded or otherwise.

On this measure, the findings suggest that efforts at reintegrating Indigenous offenders often fail to prevent further violent offending and to keep the offenders in the

community and away from prison.

The study was based on data from all Australian jurisdictions and covers nearly 9000 men incarcerated for violent offences and released from prison over a two-year period.

The data was complemented by interviews with prisoners and ex-prisoners and corrections staff in the Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

The study found widespread recognition of the need to tailor programs and initiatives to Indigenous prisoners and the need to focus on the factors that underpin violent crime.

Efforts to respond to the needs of Indigenous prisoners across Australian jurisdictions include services involving Indigenous Elders, liaison officers, official visitors and chaplains.

Dr Putt said a range of initiatives were operating and included Indigenous-specific transition and rehabilitation teams; a minimum security institution; and a live-in program; as well as family violence and sex offending programs.

"Most interviewed Indigenous prisoners and ex-prisoners found violent offending and substance abuse programs that they had used while in prison were useful. However, based on comments it was concluded that the delivery of programs and services could be improved, particularly after release," Dr Putt said.



By SOLUA MIDDLETON



A SAFE environment with 'no judgment' is the kind of men's group that Darmin Cameron facilitates for Indigenous and non-Indigenous men.

The Lismore Men and Family Centre runs a mainstream men's group, MEND (Men Exploring New Directions) in areas around the Northern Rivers, NSW, but they are calling for more Indigenous men to use the Ballina group.

Mr Cameron said that because the program was based on building respect, he believed it was culturally sensitive for Aboriginal men.

"There is this attitude of respect, and we respect every man, their stories and their past. We are more interested in a man being a man. We are

not interested in what the colour of your skin is," he said.

Mr Cameron said the program was focused on assisting men to create respect for relationships. He also said many men that attended the group came from a background of violence, anger and abuse.

"We encourage men to take responsibility for their behaviour and to be an agent for their own change," he said.

Atmosphere

"It's not about us telling you what to do but creating an atmosphere where you start to see the benefits of change."

"Any man comes in here, he is accepted for who he is."

The MEND program has had many Aboriginal men go through it since the project started in 1996.

Greg Telford, from Lismore, is an Aboriginal man who went through MEND during its

inception stage and later used the model to create his own Aboriginal men's and women's groups in Lismore.

"These groups are Indigenous-friendly, they are culturally appropriate, culturally sensitive, and my experience working with Indigenous men is that they find it a great place," said Mr Telford, who is the Manager of Rekindling the Spirit.

"Regardless of colour, our feelings and emotions are the same, and MEND is a place that can help."

The MEND program insists on partner contact and also runs a women's group called WEND (Women Exploring New Directions), as does the Rekindling the Spirit program.

● For more information on MEND, call (02) 6622 6116 or visit www.menandfamily.org.au or for Rekindling the Spirit call (02) 6622 5534 or visit www.rekindlingthespirit.org.au

Goodooga hosts games day



IT was a big day for the small north-western NSW town of Goodooga when the local central school hosted its

seventh annual Indigenous Games Day last month. The isolated rural town usually has an official population of just 265, but an estimated 283 of its own students and more from other NSW towns took part in the 15 August event, which was aimed at celebrating culture and creating social harmony.

"The day embraces the notion of 'Bridging the Gap', creating links between city and rural, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, past and present, young and old," said Goodooga Central School Principal Ron Ritchie and the event's co-ordinator, Melinda Gibbs.

Students and teachers were divided into groups named after native animals, to participate in sporting activities based on traditional Indigenous games. The games were played in their traditional forms but with modern equipment. Some were modified for safety, ease of use or to cater for all ages and abilities.

Although trophies were given to the team scoring the highest points, there was a non-competitive atmosphere. The team demonstrating the highest standard of teamwork and fairness was presented with the top award, the Kane Mason Fair Play Award.

As well as the host school, participating schools were Batemans Bay High, Brewarrina Central,

Collarenebri Central, Lightning Ridge Central, Mudgee High, Mungindi Central, Walgett High, Walgett Primary, Wee Waa Public and Wee Waa High, Wellington High and Weilmoringle Public.

Meanwhile, NSW Sport and Recreation will this month conduct a series of free traditional Indigenous games 'Train the Trainer' days at locations throughout the NSW north coast region, including Coffs Harbour, Grafton, Casino, Lismore and Tweed.

Teena Reeves, from NSW Sport and Recreation, said traditional games provided an opportunity to learn about, appreciate and experience aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through physical activity.

"Indigenous games and activities have a rich history and were passed down through generations by Indigenous Australians," Ms Reeves said. "Some were recorded by early explorers, government officials, settlers, scientists and missionaries in the 19th century."

Ms Reeves said the training was ideal for sports instructors, teachers, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal education workers, health workers, youth workers and community development officers.

The training is free but prior enrolment is essential. For more info or to enrol, contact NSW Sport and Recreation on (02) 6618 0400 or visit the website at www.dsr.nsw.gov.au



A tug-o-war team in action



The victorious Team Cods (Guduu) at the Goodooga Indigenous Games Day.



Team Frill Necks (Wuulaa) came second at the big event.

WA corporation is handed back



AFTER nearly five years of special administration, the Wirrimanu Aboriginal Corporation (WAC) of Balgo in Western Australia's east Kimberley region has been handed back to its members.

The corporation operates a large Community Development Employment Project (CDEP), provides a wide range of municipal and community services, and owns and operates the community store.

Special administrators were appointed to the corporation in October 2003 over concerns about governance and its financial position.

The special administrators, Brian McMaster and Jack James, from KordaMentha in Perth, held an annual general meeting on 26 August at the Balgo basketball stadium to present information about the structure and financial position of the corporation to members.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven attended the AGM and said: "The directors have been working closely with the special administrator and I am confident the corporation will be in good hands when the special administration ends."

At a general meeting in June, members voted for a new rule book and elected directors to represent each family group. Since this meeting, the directors-elect have formed a community advisory committee and have been working with the special administrators to make positive changes to the community including implementing policies to encourage greater school attendance rates, drafting community codes of conduct and encouraging participation in community development projects.

Central role

"Like many corporations, Wirrimanu plays a central role in delivering essential services to a remote Indigenous community, for which substantial amounts of public funds are provided," Mr Beven said.

"It is vital that corporate governance and accountability standards are met to minimise risk of corporate failure and loss of service delivery to the community."

Meanwhile, the Registrar has noted the Federal Court decision late last month to wind up Waminda Aboriginal Corporation.

The application was made to the court by the special administrators of the

corporation, and KordaMentha's McMasters and James were appointed liquidators.

Waminda was located in Armadale, Perth, and originally provided a variety of services to Aboriginal people including aged care, home and community care, home maintenance and a program for children aged up to five.

"The corporation was experiencing governance and financial difficulties earlier this year and the special administrators were appointed," Mr Beven said.

"The corporation has now ceased operating and the action taken by the special administrators was to protect creditors and members of the corporation and finalise the corporation's affairs."

The Registrar appointed special administrators to the organisation in April under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*.

The special administrators were appointed to resolve a dispute between directors and assess the corporation's ability to manage into the future, but found the corporation was insolvent.

The former clients of Waminda have been transferred to other service providers.

Academic, poet take out state literary awards



POET Yvette Holt and academic Marcia Langton have taken out awards in the 2008 Victorian Premier's Literary Awards in

Melbourne.

Last Tuesday, Premier John Brumby announced Ms Holt and Professor Langton among a dozen writers who would share in a \$210,000 prize pool. He said the awards recognised the abundant talent of Victorian and Australian writers.

Award-winning Melbourne novelist, screen writer and journalist Helen Garner won the prestigious Vance Palmer Prize for Fiction in the 2008 Literary Awards.

"These awards reveal the abundant talent of established and emerging Australian writers," Mr Brumby said.

The 2008 Vance Palmer Prize for Fiction was awarded to Helen Garner for her novel *The Spare Room*. In the non-fiction category, the Nettle Palmer Prize was awarded to Meredith Hooper for *The Ferocious Summer: Palmer's Penguins and the Warming of Antarctica*. Both authors receive \$30,000 in prizemoney.

Professor Langton was awarded the Alfred Deakin Prize for an Essay Advancing Public Debate for her article *Trapped in the Aboriginal Reality Show*, published in the *Griffith Review*.

Ms Holt won the Prize for Indigenous Writing with her book *Anonymous Premonition*, published by University of Queensland Press.

Presentation ball, reunion in Shepparton

Abe Edwards, Ralph Bamblett and David (Dub) Edwards were all fired up during the night.



The Walker Firebrace family were a glamorous bunch.



John Jackson won the Football Seniors Best and Fairest.



2008/2009 Victims of Violent Crime Grants Program

Applications for funding under the 2008/2009 Victims of Violent Crime Grants Program are invited from eligible incorporated, non-profit, community-based organisations that provide services to victims of violent crime.

A maximum funding allocation of \$15,000 per organisation is currently available for non-recurrent projects and resources. Applications which seek to assist the following priority target groups are particularly encouraged: children & youth; people in rural and isolated areas; Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people; people from a non-English Speaking Background; people with disabilities; and older people.

Application forms can be downloaded via the Department of Corrective Service's website at: www.dcs.nsw.gov.au

For further details or any general enquiries, please contact Ms Tova Podjarski by: e-mail at Tova.Podjarski@dcs.nsw.gov.au or telephone on (02) 8346 1064.

Applications close Monday 20 October 2008.

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Rumbalara celebrates



This year's Rumbalara Seniors football side and other guests at the celebration.



Looking sharp ... This year's Rumbalara A-grade netball side members, with Best and Fairest player Jessica Bamblett on the left. Photos courtesy of BELINDA BRIGGS, Rumbalara



THE Rumbalara Football Netball Club's Awards Presentation Ball and reunion

of its 1998 Premier teams had the community of Shepparton in northern Victoria abuzz last month. More than 250 people attended the event on 23 August, encouraging the club as their A-grade, Under 15s and Under 13s sides prepared to head into the second round of the year's finals.

Big winners on the night were John Jackson, named Best and Fairest in the Seniors football side, and Jessica Bamblett, who won Best and Fairest in the A-grade netball.

Formalities

After the formalities of acknowledging winners and those who were part of Rumbalara's seniors and reserves and B-grade premiership sides, the crowd danced the night away.

An active facilitator of reconciliation and a leader in community well-being of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, the Rumbalara organisation seeks to enrich the Aboriginal and Greater Shepparton community.

Apart from fielding four football and eight netball teams in the Murray Football League, the club also undertakes a range of programs to fulfil its commitment to achieving its broader social agenda. These programs include healthy lifestyles, leadership, employment, the Academy of Sport, Health and Education and suicide prevention.

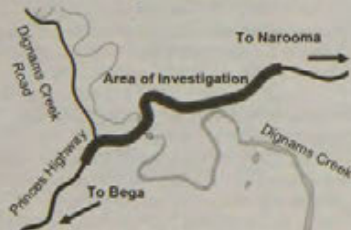


Aboriginal heritage Princes Highway Dignams Creek

The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) is investigating options to improve 2.3 kilometres of the Princes Highway at Dignams Creek, between Bega and Narooma on the south coast of NSW.

The RTA seeks the registration of Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people who wish to be consulted on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters relating to the Princes Highway at Dignams Creek.

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.



Registrations from Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people wishing to be consulted must be received by phone or in writing by Monday 13 October 2008.

To register your interest, please contact: Agnes Donovan, Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Advisor: (02) 4221 2767 or PO Box 477, Wollongong, NSW 2520 agnes_donovan@rtansw.gov.au

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King's breast plate returned



AN Aboriginal breast plate inscribed with the words 'King Billy of Mickelberg' has been returned to traditional owners in north Queensland.

The former owner of Mungalla Station near Ingham, Alan Atkinson, said he found the breast plate on the property as a young boy.

At a ceremony on 25 August, he returned it to the traditional landowners who bought the property in 1999.

Mr Atkinson said the curved breast plate was made of brass and had an emu and a kangaroo depicted on it.

It was not known exactly how old it was but it was likely that local authorities made it in the late 19th century and gave it to a tribal leader as a way of identifying an authority figure.

"I think they did it with Aborigines and just nominated someone they could talk to rather than the whole tribe. They are over the moon they got it back," Mr Atkinson said.

Jacob Cassady, a spokesman for the Mungalla Aboriginal Corporation which now owns the station and runs a tourism venture there, said the words 'King Billy of Mickelberg' were inscribed on the breast plate, referring to a man who lived on a hill in the area.

He said King Billy was also a member of a group of so-called 'boomerang-throwing cannibals' from north Queensland, which toured Europe and North America in the 1890s with the Barnum and Bailey Circus.

Inscribed

The words 'King Toby of Waterview' were inscribed on another half breast plate found on a roadway in the Ingham area and also presented to the corporation last month.

Mr Cassady said a breast plate was a controversial object but part of the history of the local Nywaigi Aboriginal people.

"For some Aboriginal people it's offensive because it symbolises

something that is not culturally appropriate," Mr Cassady said.

"On the other hand, other Aboriginal people wore it proudly.

"At the end of the day it's part of our history."

Aboriginal breast plates, also known as king plates, gorgets and brassplates, were given by Europeans to individual Aboriginal people during the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Originally governments awarded breastplates to individuals in Aboriginal communities who they believed had control over their community.

By the 1850s the government had lost control over the awarding of breast plates, and the rare distinction of having one awarded by government changed, with pastoralists often awarding them to Aboriginal people who served them well in any way.

However, terms used on the inscriptions of breast plates, such as king, queen, princess and chief were not part of Aboriginal cultures. - AAP

Moree LALC's 'massive' debt delays handback

By DARREN COYNE



THE administrator of the Moree Aboriginal Land Council doesn't expect to hand back control of the organisation until mid next year.

The land council was placed under administration in June for failing to comply with the Aboriginal Land Rights Act.

Administrator Andrew Hoholt told *The Koori Mail* he had since discovered a 'massive debt situation', of about \$1.2 million to \$1.4 million.

As well, there had been governance failures, mismanagement of funds and unresolved legal issues.

"There is an expectation that there will have to be police involvement," Mr Hoholt said.

He said the ultimate aim was to return the Land Council management to the Indigenous community, however there would need to be a re-engagement with the community.

Mr Hoholt said a series of meetings would be organised during the next six months, with the first expected in the coming weeks.

"I want to get the broader community engaged with the council because most of the community has been disenfranchised," he said.

He said it was likely that the period of administration would be extended from its initial six-month term.

Priority

Meanwhile, the North Western Zone councillor of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, Steve Gordon, said getting the Moree Aboriginal Land Council back into Aboriginal hands was one of his priorities.

"After all, Moree has one of the largest populations of Aboriginal people in remote New South Wales," he said.

Cr Gordon said the administrator had been working to increase community-based skills and to improve governance measures.

"Once we have the major community annual meeting, which will be well advertised, that meeting will elect a new board of directors," he said.

Cr Gordon said the administrator and others would then work with the new board on governance issues and run training sessions.

"Once these steps are in place we will then move to recruit a chief executive officer who will work to the community-elected board in the normal way."

Cr Gordon assured that the journey to a return to self-management and self-determination was progressing.

"But we do have to ensure that the mistakes of the past are not repeated," he said.

Townsville RAAF plaque commemorates ILUA

Story and photos by ALF WILSON in Townsville



ELDERS have applauded the unveiling of a plaque at the entrance to Townsville RAAF Base to

commemorate an Indigenous Land Use Agreement between the Commonwealth and the Bindal and Wulgurukaba people.

Defence Science and Personnel Minister Warren Snowdon unveiled the plaque before Elders, defence personnel and other invited guests last month.

Registered on 18 October 2001, the agreement was the first of its kind between Defence and an Indigenous community in Australia. It provides for the three-stage redevelopment of RAAF Base Townsville, while minimising the effect of redevelopment on any native title.

"Today's ceremony pays tribute to the Wulgurukaba and Bindal People, recognising not only their connection to this land and their culture, but also the long-standing support they've given, and continue to give, to Defence in Townsville," Mr Snowdon said.

"Further, it reflects the close cooperation and respect that exists between Defence and Indigenous traditional owners and ensures the redevelopment of



● ABOVE: At the unveiling are Associate Professor Gracelyn Smallwood, Aunty Alice Dowden and Walter Palm Island with Minister Snowdon behind.



● RIGHT: Vietnam Veteran John Deshong at the ceremony.

RAAF Base Townsville is completed with cultural sensitivity."

Guests were welcomed to country by Associate Professor Gracelyn Smallwood on behalf of the Bindal people and Aunty Alice Dowden for the Wulgurukaba mob.

'Magic'

"This is magic. It couldn't happen at a better time after the apology by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. This is good for reconciliation," Associate Professor Smallwood said.

Aunty Alice agreed it was a very important day for Indigenous people.

A traditional smoking ceremony was performed by

respected elder Walter Palm Island who was delighted to see the plaque unveiled.

"This has been a long time coming," he said.

Indigenous Vietnam Veteran John Deshong was there and told *The Koori Mail* that the plaque was just recognition for his people.

Associate Professor Smallwood and Aunty Alice were each presented with a summary report of the agreement after the unveiling and Elders were taken by bus for an inspection of the RAAF Base.

Mr Snowdon said an example of this close consultation occurred after a significant archaeological site was identified during

redevelopment work.

"In accordance with the directions of the Bindal and Wulgurukaba people, the objects were relocated to a site within the project boundaries. The original significant site was then marked with a small stone monument," he said.

"The Bindal and Wulgurukaba people and Defence also planned together the second monument and plaque to commemorate the Indigenous Land Use Agreement."

"Both parties agreed that it should be at the entrance to the base, in a public area where it could be viewed by all. Today's ceremony fulfils that wish."

Long lunch in Victoria



The iconic Long Walk will celebrate women's journeys over a lunch next month that is expected to be the largest formal gathering of Indigenous and non-Indigenous women in Melbourne.

Funds raised through the Women's Luncheon will contribute to The Long Walk 2009 program, which assists projects that improve the well-being of Indigenous Australians.

The event will be held from noon-3pm on Friday, 3 October, at the Peninsula at Central Pier, 161 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands. It'll be MCed by Kylie Belling with entertainment by the Liz Cavanagh Quintet. Organisers are encouraging individuals or businesses to donate seats to Indigenous guests. Book online at <http://www.thelongwalk.com.au/3331350/the-long-walk-merchandise.htm>

Julalikari, IBA unite in venture



THE Tennant Creek Foodbarn and four specialty shops have been purchased by Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) in partnership with the

Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation (JCAC).

IBA General Manager Ron Morony said he was excited about the new venture and was looking forward to seeing the positive effects it would have on the local community.

"IBA is keen to see the social and economic benefits flow into the community from a venture that not only provides jobs and training, but also a greater variety of products and healthy foods to choose from," Mr Morony said.

The new joint venture, to be known as Tennant Creek Supermarket Pty Ltd, is expected to take over ownership from the current operators in mid-October.

The existing supermarket serves a community of about 3000 residents, most of whom are Indigenous.

It is the only grocery retailer in Tennant Creek, and a wholesaler to outlying community stores and stations.

JCAC represents Indigenous language groups in Tennant Creek and the surrounding Barkly Shire.

IBA has undertaken a financial and operational due diligence of the existing business, and is confident

that it will be a sound, commercially viable, investment.

The store will be managed by Outback Stores under a management contract with Tennant Creek Supermarket Pty Ltd, leading to what it says will be more efficient, customer-focused service, including improved point-of-sale operations.

A board of management will be appointed by the shareholders to oversee the development of the venture.

Benefits

Mr Morony said joint venture ownership of the supermarket would provide direct benefits to the Indigenous people of Tennant Creek through opportunities for retail employment, education and training.

"There is also scope to improve the health and nutrition of all residents through improved access to a wider choice of affordable, fresh produce from regional suppliers," he said.

"As the business prospers, Julalikari Council will have the opportunity to actively participate in its management and growth to the long-term benefit of the entire Tennant Creek community.

"Over time, Julalikari Council's involvement in the town's leading retail business will generate income, employment, management training and participation, and corporate governance experience for the Indigenous community."

Initiatives to help Indigenous people



NSW Fair Trading Minister Linda Burney has announced two new Office of Fair Trading (OFT) financial literacy initiatives to benefit

Indigenous people.

A financial literacy theatre group project has been allocated \$100,000 to carry out 36 performances over six weeks in Aboriginal communities across the State (starting in the Riverina district in November).

Newcastle Indigenous production company Rodney Smith Productions will develop and script performances in which the central characters are faced with potentially disastrous trader/consumer scenarios. Audiences interact with the performers, working out solutions that are then acted out.

This is the first time a consumer protection agency in Australia has used forum theatre, which uses audience participation as a learning tool, for Aboriginal community education.

Meanwhile a 'Deadly Dollars' financial literacy package, including a manual for Aboriginal community workers, will aim to support improvements in Indigenous money management.

The announcements coincided with the OFT celebrating the ten-year anniversary late last month of its Aboriginal Action Plan.

Ms Burney was joined in Dubbo by local Tubbagah Elders and OFT Aboriginal Customer Service Officers for an anniversary dinner on 26 August.

At the dinner, Garry Ferguson, from Grafton, was presented with the Service Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Delivery of Consumer Services to Fair Trading Customers in NSW.

Fair Trading Commissioner Lyn Baker said the OFT Aboriginal Action Plan had been developed in response to the Gabami Report, which showed a significant lack of engagement between the OFT and Aboriginal communities.

"Fair Trading has in the past decade



Fair Trading Minister Linda Burney with award-winner Garry Ferguson.



Adrian (Mook) Harrington, from the Lismore Fair Trading Centre, with award-winner Garry Ferguson, from Grafton.

implemented a range of very successful strategies to embrace and include Aboriginal people and give them better consumer protection," she said.



Australian Government

Attorney-General's Department

Consultation on National Indigenous Law and Justice Advisory Body

The Australian Government is committed to improving law and justice outcomes for Indigenous Australians as part of its commitment to Closing the Gap on Indigenous disadvantage.

A new national Indigenous law and justice advisory body is being established to provide high level policy advice to the Australian Government. The Government is proposing that the body be appointed from nominations received after a national consultation process and will be inviting Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders with relevant experience and expertise to put themselves forward.

To assist with the development of the advisory body, the Attorney-General's Department will be holding community consultation sessions across Australia throughout September and October 2008. Consultation sessions will be held in:

Canberra, Hobart, Sydney, Dubbo, Melbourne, Adelaide, Ceduna, Alice Springs, Perth, Broome, Darwin, Brisbane and Cairns.

To find out more, visit www.ag.gov.au.

Written submissions on the proposed advisory body are invited by 31 October 2008.

The Submission Form can be downloaded from the website.

To register your attendance, or to make a written submission, please download and complete the Registration Form or Submission Form from the website and email to advisorybody@ag.gov.au, fax to 02 6250 5973, or post to:

Indigenous Policy Section
Indigenous Law and Justice Branch
Attorney-General's Department
Robert Garran Offices
National Circuit
BARTON ACT 2600

Alternatively, you can register your attendance by phoning 02 6250 5698 or 02 6250 6747.



Linking Indigenous communities with jobs, education & training

WHEN:
25th September

TIME:
10am till 3.00pm

WHERE:
Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium
Young Street
Broadmeadow

For further information on the Hunter Indigenous Jobs Market 2008 please contact your local Centrelink Office or your provider of Australian Government Employment Services.



Aboriginal fishing receives recognition



THE New South Wales Government says it will change fisheries laws to give greater recognition to the cultural significance of fisheries resources to Aboriginal people.

Primary Industries Minister Ian Macdonald announced last Thursday that amendments to the Fisheries Management Act 1994 would be introduced into NSW Parliament at the first opportunity.

"The NSW Government will formally recognise, in legislation, the strong association the Aboriginal community has with fishing," Mr Macdonald said.

"The changes extend the objects of the Fisheries Management Act to recognise, protect and promote Aboriginal peoples' cultural, social, spiritual and customary association with the fisheries resource.

"Aboriginal cultural fishing – for personal, domestic, ceremonial, educational or communal needs – will be identified by law and clearly distinguished from illegal fishing activity.

"As part of the changes, we plan to specifically authorise the Aboriginal community to catch and keep fish and other marine vegetation for cultural purposes."

Mr Macdonald said the changes also introduced a definition of cultural fishing, outlining the allowances for Aboriginal people to fish for cultural purposes.

"Fishing has been at the centre of the Aboriginal culture and lifestyle for tens of thousands of years, so these changes are extremely important," he said.

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council, NSW Native Title Services (now NTSCORP) and the then Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) were all consulted on the proposed changes, along with the NSW Department of Primary Industries Aboriginal Reference Group.

Mr Macdonald said the proposed changes complemented the NSW Government's formal endorsement of the National Indigenous Fishing Principles.

"These principles were developed by a national working group to encourage the recognition of traditional fishing practices and greater Aboriginal involvement in our commercial and recreational fisheries," he said.

"We are committed to ensuring we provide practical protection for Aboriginal peoples' cultural needs.

"With ongoing input from the NSW Department of Primary Industries' Aboriginal Reference Group, we are continuing to examine better ways to manage cultural fishing across the State."

Bumpy flight plain sailing for Tushaun

Story and photo by ALF WILSON



BABY Tushaun Martin endured several flights in windy conditions to get to remote Saibai Island, in the Torres Strait, from Cairns to be baptised last month.

The eight-month-old cutie and her proud mum Matara Martin had travelled from Cairns to Horn Island and were waiting for a connecting flight to Saibai when *The Koori Mail* caught up with them on 22 August.

Matara said it was baby Tushaun's first experience with flying.

"The conditions were so windy and there was some turbulence on the flight up to Horn Island, but Tushaun handled it well," she said.

Earlier in the month, Matara celebrated her 21st birthday in Cairns with a huge party and was determined to get to Saibai for Tushaun's baptism.

A committed Christian, Matara was sitting beside Tushaun, who was in a pram at Horn Island airport, reading her some religious books.

"My grandparents of the Warusan family all live on Saibai and the baptism is at the Holy Trinity Church there," she said.

"It is on next Friday and I want to do some fishing and will enjoy catching up with my family."

Matara attended Thursday Island State High School and worked in the hospitality industry in Cairns before having Tushaun.

"Now I look after her full-time and I haven't been back to Saibai for four years. I am looking forward to it," she said.

With the windy conditions, some air passengers felt a bit sick, but baby

Tushaun wasn't at all concerned and slept most of the way.

She also slept in her pram at the busy airport as passengers from many places prepared to get on flights to the various Torres Strait islands.



Matara Martin with eight-month-old Tushaun their way to the baby's baptism on Saibai Island, in the Torres Strait.

Black voice sought



THE Federal Government wants Indigenous Australians to take part in the development of a new national Indigenous law and justice advisory body.

Home Affairs Minister Bob

Debus said Indigenous Australians experienced unacceptably high rates of contact with the criminal justice system so it was critical they had a voice and were involved in the development of law and justice policy at a national level.

"The Australian Government is committed to improving law and justice outcomes for Indigenous Australians as part of its bigger commitment to closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage," Mr Debus said.

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders with relevant experience and expertise will be invited to nominate themselves for appointment to the body after the consultation process.

It is expected that the advisory body will consist of 12 members who will be drawn from all States and Territories with expertise in academia, justice areas such as police, corrections and legal services, as well as

health, education and housing.

Mr Debus said a peak national Indigenous advisory body was necessary to provide an informed and credible voice on key issues.

"The body will be consulted by the Government and will have significant input into Indigenous law and justice matters and will report to the Standing Committee of Attorney Generals and COAG," he said.

"The Government is also developing a National Indigenous Law and Justice Framework to find a common understanding of priorities, successes, continuing issues and suggestions for a constructive way forward."

December meeting

Nationwide advertisements have begun, with expectations that the first meeting will occur by December this year.

Consultation sessions will be held throughout Australia during September and October 2008 and calls for nominations will be made after that.

For more information, visit the Attorney-General's Department website at www.ag.gov.au

Expression of Interest



Shoalhaven Community Aboriginal Housing Advisory Committee

Housing NSW is establishing a new Shoalhaven Community Aboriginal Housing Advisory Committee to advise us on matters relating to housing access and tenancy sustainability issues for Aboriginal people living in the Shoalhaven local government area.

Applications are invited from respected Aboriginal Elders and Aboriginal Community Leaders, committed to improving housing services for Aboriginal people in the Shoalhaven, who are able to volunteer their time to be on the committee.

If you wish to register your interest in becoming a member of this committee, information sessions for interested applicants will be held at the Nowra Youth Centre on **Wednesday 24 September 2008 at 11.00 am–1.00 pm** (lunch provided) and **Thursday 25 September 2008 at 4.30 pm–5.30 pm** (light refreshments provided).

For further information, please contact Housing NSW Nowra Office on 1800 647 499 and speak to either Kate Vasey or Marilyn Brown.

National Calendar

● To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, write no more than two sentences with contact details to email calendar@koorimail.com or fax it to (02) 6622 2600.

Ending 12 September: Third 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

Until 19 September: 'Kirriwiri' Art Exhibition. Short St Gallery will present Kirriwiri, by Jan Billycan. Jan is one of the seminal artists from the Yulpanja Artists movement. All welcome. Held at Short Street Gallery, 2 Short Street, Broome. Details: (08) 9192 6118 or (08) 9192 2658 or email enquiries@shortstgallery.com or visit www.shortstgallery.com

Until 19 September: Cherbourg Time – Young, Black and Deadly Art Exhibition. This is an exhibition honouring the work produced by the kids at Cherbourg State School which include paintings, sculptures, collages and murals. Held at The Block, QUT Creative Industries Precinct, Musk Avenue, Kelvin Grove. Details: (07) 3138 5495 email ciprecinct@qut.com visit www.creativeindustries.qut.edu.au

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 21 September: 2008 Darebin Music Fest. There is over 1500 performers playing in 27 venues across Northcote, Preston, Thornbury, Reservoir, Bundoora and Fairfield. Featuring performances by Indigenous and non-Indigenous people such as 'Blak Cab' Indigenous concert, Eddie Cole, High Vibes Festival, Brazilian dance party and more. For more information on location or the program call (03) 8470 8888 or visit www.darebin.vic.gov.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 Julalikari 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 30 September: *Custodians: Country and Culture* Art Exhibition. Ten outstanding Indigenous artists in collaboration with Basil Hall Editions. Each artist reflects upon the nature of their custodial role within their own society; whether as a custodian of a particular image, story, area of country or in a wider ceremonial context. Featuring Artists: Lofy Bardayal Nadjamerrek, Dorothy Napangardi, Gawirrin Gumana, Gulumbu Yunupingu, Janangoo Butcher Cherel, Jean Baptiste Aputimi, Judy Napangardi Watson, Kathleen Petyarre, Lena Nyadbi and Regina Wilson. Held at Nomad Art Gallery, NT. Details: Angus or Rose Cameron on (08) 8981 6382 or (0428) 308 793 or email nomad@nomadart.com.au or www.nomadart.com.au (02) 9215 9000 or 1800 226 912 or email mail@australiancouncil.gov.au or visit www.australiancouncil.gov.au

10 September: Queensland Council of Social Service Regional Conference. We would like to have a good number of Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people and communities attending the conference as half of the workshops are run by Aboriginal people and the topics are focus on areas of interests for Indigenous communities. Cost: \$150 for members and \$200 for non members. Held at Mercure Inn, Woolcock St, Townsville. Details: (07) 3004 6900 or 1800 651 255 or email qcoss@qcoss.org.au or visit www.qcoss.org.au

11 September: Step by Step photo exhibition. This is a retrospective photographic exhibition to mark Tranby's 50th anniversary. Opening by Mervyn Bishop. Entry by gold coin donation. All welcome. Held at Tranby Aboriginal Collage, 13 Mansfield St, Glebe, from 6pm onwards. Details: (02) 9660 3444 or 1800 601 988 or visit www.tranby.edu.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.tarwiri.com.au

12-19 September: School holiday program. The Tasman and districts aboriginal community school holiday program will be held at the Pungenna Art and Cultural Centre from 10.30am onwards. All welcome. Details: Judi Macdonald on (0439) 908 394 or email pungennaart@yahoo.com.au or

visit www.pungennaart.wetpaint.com

12-21 September: Alice Springs Desert Festival 08. Theme: 'Many Roads One Voice'. This is an exciting and expressive sharing of cultures, passions, and creative ideas throughout the nine-day festival. Featuring bush bands bash, free didgeridoo workshop, art exhibitions, kids and family activities, bush food and wildfoods recipe competition and more. For details on the program, event times and locations, call (08) 8953 6111 or visit www.alicedesertfestival.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

13 September: 'Many Roads One Voice' Choir at Alice Desert Festival 08. This is a choral event embracing diversity, uniting cultures and celebrating central Australia through song. Featuring Indigenous and non-Indigenous singer/songwriters Kutcha Edwards, Emma Donovan, Kavisha Mazzella and Rachel Hore. Held at Alice Springs Town Council Lawns - Alice Desert Festival HUB Space from 7.30-9.30pm. Free entry. Details: Katrina Stowe on (08) 8951 9712 or Patrick McCloskey on (08) 8951 9731 or www.alicedesertfestival.com.au

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EXPLORATION LICENCE NO. 6318 (ACT 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land.

An area of 42 square kilometres (14 units) situated approximately 52 kilometres south east of Walcha in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Raymond Noel Ronald Andrews and Joseph Roy Terp are the holders of Exploration Licence No. 6318 (Act 1992) for group six minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Mineral Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from S. Hughes; Eastern Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Telephone (02) 4931 6450 Fax (02) 4931 6776.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th) the notification day is 25 September 2008. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



EXPLORATION LICENCE NO. 6838 (ACT 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land

An area of 15 square kilometres (5 units) situated approximately 8 kilometres south of Wauchope, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act CTK Constructions Pty Ltd, ACN 001 889 836, is the holder of Exploration Licence No.6838 for Group 2 minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Mineral Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Steve Hughes; Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Phone (02) 4931 6450 Fax (02) 4931 6776.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th) the notification day is 25 September 2008. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



EXPLORATION LICENCE NO. 4474 (ACT 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land

An area of 12 square kilometres (4 units) situated approximately 45 kilometres south east of Armidale, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act Noel Norman Dennis is the holder of Exploration Licence No.4474 for Group 1 minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Mineral Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Chris Cottier; Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Phone (02) 4931 6462 Fax (02) 4931 6776.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th) the notification day is 24 September 2008. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



National Calendar

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13 September: Disability Action Week family gathering. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability, their family and friends are invited to join the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Disability Network of Qld in celebrating Disability Action Week 2008. There will be free performance by dancers from the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts, free lunch and refreshments and free art activities for kids and adults. Held at the Talking Circle of Kuril Dhagun (Indigenous Knowledge Centre), State Library of Queensland, from 1-4.30pm. Free, all welcome. Details: Sally Josephson (07) 3358 6200 or email sally@accessarts.org.au

14 September: The Bundanon Poets Picnic. This event will feature award-winning young Indigenous Queensland poet Samuel Wagan-Watson, reading from *Itinerant Blues*, Hotel Bone and *Smoke-Encrypted Whispers*; Peter Bakowski from Melbourne, and a number of local Shoalhaven poets, including Jennifer Dickerson. Held at Bundanon Homestead Lawn, via Illaroo Rd, West Gambewarra, from 12-4pm. All welcome. Cost \$10 adult and \$7 concession. Details: Lynelle Johnson on (0408) 360 084 or (02) 4422 2100 or visit www.bundanon.com.au

15 September: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Health and Wellbeing Community Consultation. This one-day community consultation for women will discuss the health and wellbeing issues affecting Indigenous women in NSW. All welcome. Held at Paddington Town Hall, Oxford St, Paddington, Sydney, from 9am-4.30pm. Details: Gail Hilton on (02) 9285 6225 or email gailh@ywcansw.com.au or visit www.ywcansw.com.au

15-27 September: Colours of our Country 'Explore the Mystery of the Pilbara' art exhibition. This outstanding collection of artworks has been created by Aboriginal artists from the Pilbara and is one of the largest collections of Pilbara art ever shown in Perth. Thirty-five specially commissioned artists have submitted 130 pieces, including paintings, artefacts and textiles for the exhibition. All artwork is for sale. Held at Central Park-Main Foyer, 152-158 St Georges Terrace, Perth, from 10am-4pm daily. Free entry, all welcome. Details: www.cwa.rtiinto.com/ coloursfourcountry

17 September: Consultation Review Forums 'Making Solid Ground'. This is an ACT and Region Consultation Review Forum for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, organisations, artists or arts workers to give input, contribute and share your opinions or ideas. Held at Billabong Aboriginal Corporation, 158 Stockkill Drive, Holt, from 9.30am-5pm. Details: Mark Stapleton on (02) 9215 9014 or toll free 1800 226 912 or email makingsolidground@australiacouncil.gov.au or visit www.australiacouncil.gov.au/the_arts/features/making_solid_ground

17 September-25 October: Thurgurda and Ngurra (Bush foods and Country) art exhibition. Check out this art exhibition with

artists from Roebourne, WA. Free entry and all welcome. Held at Hogarth Galleries, 7 Walker Lane, Paddington, from 10am-5pm. Details: (02) 9360 6839 or email info@hogarthgalleries.com or visit www.aboriginalartcentres.com

17-19 September: 'Rekonzile'. Join three young Indigenous Australians on a journey to reconcile their past, identity and culture in this raw and inspirational production of dance, music and theatre. Koori afternoon special theatre performance on 17 September for Aboriginal people. All welcome. Tickets \$25 per person, \$10 schools and \$15-20 concession. Held in the Everest Theatre, Sydney University. Details: Henry Anuwai on (0424) 591 949 or Kerry Johnson on (0424) 544 286 or box office on (02) 9351 7940 or visit www.seymourcentre.com.au

19-20 September: 20 years of Rubber Records. This is a 20th anniversary celebrations of one of Australia's finest independent record labels, Rubber Records. To kick off the milestone, the Rubber imprint is assembling its artist roster for a live multi-staged boutique rock gathering for '20 years of Rubber'. Tickets \$25 pre-sale, \$35 at the door. Held at Northcote Town Hall, Northcote, from 8pm-2am. All welcome. Details: (03) 8470 8888 or visit www.darebin.vic.gov.au/dmf or call 1300 438 849 or visit www.moshitix.com

20 September-23 November: Culture Warriors National Indigenous Art Triennial. This is a travelling exhibition that showcases the work of 31 artists from around the country and demonstrates the range of contemporary Indigenous art practice. Featuring painting on bark and canvas, sculpture, textiles, weaving, new media, photo media, print-making and installation. Includes Sunday session floor talks. Held at the Art Gallery of Western Australia. Details: Tanya Sticca on (08) 9492 6692 or (08) 9492 6600 or email tanya.sticca@artgallery.wa.gov.au or visit www.artgallery.wa.gov.au

22 September: Family Drug Support Group. Do you have a family member or loved one with drug and alcohol matters? This support group offers a place to talk and listen with others struggling with similar problems. Held at Guide Hall, Carlyle St, Byron Bay, from 7-9pm. All welcome. Details: Margaret on (0427) 857 092 or Jenny Bird on (0423) 635 320.

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

24-25 September: Big

hART's Ngapartji Ngapartji is a long-term intergenerational language and arts project based in the Central Desert. The Ngapartji Ngapartji theatre show is an epic story of displacement as the desert nations are swept up in the Cold War. Written and directed by Scott Rankin and performed by Spinifex man and master storyteller Trevor Jamieson, with an ensemble cast of elders and young people from his community. Held at Ernabella, SA, as part of Ernabella Arts Centre 60th anniversary celebrations. Details: (08) 8951 1122 or visit www.ngapartji.org or www.artattheheart.com.au

29 September-5 October: Convergence on the Centre. Become involved in helping fight the racist NT intervention. Actions include a rally to mark the Federal Government's Review Report, listening tours to communities to meet with Aboriginal elders and major actions in solidarity with affected communities. Participants travelling from interstate must be self-sufficient with food, bedding and transport to communities. Other costs incurred in visiting NT communities will be covered by the Intervention Rollback Action Group. Details: Paddy Gibson on (0145) 800 586 or Barbara Shaw on (0401) 291 166 or Marlene Hodder on (08) 8952 5032 or visit www.rollbacktheintervention.wordpress.com

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3 October: The Long Walk Women's Luncheon. The Long Walk invites you to celebrate women's journeys over lunch with great entertainment and conversation at the largest formal gathering of Indigenous and non-Indigenous women in Melbourne. RSVP by Friday 19 September. Cost \$95 per person. All welcome. Held at the Peninsula at Central Pier, 161 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands, from 12-3pm. Details: (03) 9230 0362 or (03) 9534 4333 or email admin@thelongwalk.com.au or visit www.thelongwalk.com.au

3-5 October: Bellingen Global Carnival. This is a cross-cultural arts festival which offers the audience an intimate encounter with performers and their art form. Children 12 and under are free but the weekend still provides a fully programmed children's festival as well as a range of delicious food and craft from around the world. Held at the Bellingen showgrounds, Bellingen. Details: (02) 6655 3024 or Andrew Heslop on (0412) 850 080 or email aheslop@mncdp.org.au or Uncle Larry Kelly on (0427) 695 912 or (02) 6569 5912.



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Expressions of Interest STATE PAROLE AUTHORITY

Expressions of interest are sought from persons interested in being placed on an eligibility list for potential part-time judicial members or community members (non-judicial) of the State Parole Authority. If selected from an eligibility list, an appointment is for a period of 3 years.

The State Parole Authority is an independent statutory authority constituted under section 183 of the *Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999* (the Act), which may be viewed on-line at: www.legislation.nsw.gov.au. The Authority's functions are set out in the Act and include:

- determining matters with respect to the granting of parole and the conditions on which parole is granted;
- determining matters with respect to the revocation of periodic detention orders, home detention orders and parole orders; and
- such other functions as are conferred or imposed on the Authority by or under the Act, or any other Act or law.

Judicial members: A judicial member must be 'judicially qualified.' A judicially qualified person means:

- (a) Any Judge or retired Judge of a New South Wales court or the Federal Court, or
- (b) Any Magistrate or retired Magistrate, or
- (c) Any person qualified to be appointed as a Judge of a New South Wales court.

Community members are to be persons who reflect as closely as possible the composition of the community at large.

The State Parole Authority's secretariat is provided by the Department of Corrective Services.

Note: Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders and people from a non-English speaking background are encouraged to apply.

Information/Enquiries: Paul Byrnes, Director and Secretary, State Parole Authority, telephone: (02) 8688 3629; e-mail: paul.byrnes@dcs.nsw.gov.au. Applications are **not** to be sent to this e-mail address.

Expressions of interest must be in writing accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae and the names and contact details of at least 2 referees who, in the case of persons nominating as community members, should be people known to you who are able to comment on your good character and ability to perform the role of a community member of the Parole Authority. Expressions of interest should be forwarded by **26 September 2008** to:

Director,
Corporate Legislation and Parliamentary Support Unit,
Department of Corrective Services,
GPO Box 31
Sydney NSW 2001



Artists adding some colour to Hopevale



Hopevale artists Conrad Michael and Helen Gordon.

By CHRISTINE HOWES



ARTISTS Helen Gordon and Conrad Michael have been painting in and around Cooktown and Hopevale

communities for more than 20 years. They were recently seen by *The Koori Mail* adding murals to the walls of the community store in Hopevale.

"The ones we are doing now are land animals and sea animals. Conrad's doing the sea animals and I'm doing the land animals," said Ms Gordon.

"We were given a job to do the murals out here at Hopevale.

"We've got other places to paint - around the corner here we're going to do the hands of our future, for future generations.

"We're going to get all our

young people, toddlers up to Year 7, to put their hand prints on there. Maybe one day they might be a prime minister or something.

"Then we're going to paint the BRACS building and we're going to put a story that my dad had, because my dad was one of the famous story tellers from this area and a very good artist. That's where I learned my talents from.

"We've been out here for a few months teaching people at the Hopevale Culture Centre how to do the paint and put the Aboriginal titles to them. And now they're going ahead with their artwork and selling quite a few.

"I was born here in Hopevale. We moved to Cooktown about 22 years ago now, but we come out here and help the people with their artwork."

Art from and for the heart



ABORIGINAL artist Lloyd Hornsby thought the apology given by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to Australia's Stolen

Generations earlier this year took a lot of heart. So it is probably not surprising that the Yui man chose the historic event as the inspiration for an artwork that will help raise awareness and funds for vital heart health research and programs.

Hornsby's 3x1.5m *The Apology* will be amongst more than 30 works exhibited in the Heart Foundation East Coast Aboriginal Art Exhibition at the Queensland State Library next month.

He and fellow east coast Aboriginal artists Laurie Nilsen, Deb Taylor, Jennifer Herd, Raquel Jackson, Peter Mulcahy and Bianca Beetson have united in the fight against heart disease amongst Indigenous Australians, each donating an artwork to the Heart Foundation for auction.

All works in the exhibition will be for sale, and a further commission of 25 per cent from each piece sold will go towards Heart Foundation research programs.

Drawing on the diverse lineages of cultural history and tradition across Australia, Hornsby considered Parliament House in Canberra an important setting for the 'transformation of attitudes, fostering new dialogues, new engagements and new social and cultural milieus'.

"The apology meant that the injustices were acknowledged," he said. "It was the finest thing that could happen to the Aboriginal and



Participating artists in the talking circle at the Qld State Library, from left, Laurie Nilsen, Peter Mulcahy, Bianca Beetson, Jennifer Herd, Deb Taylor, Lloyd Hornsby (white hair), and Raquel Jackson. Inset, Lloyd Hornsby's *The Apology*, a celebration of PM Kevin Rudd's apology to the Stolen Generations.

Torres Strait peoples and personally for our family."

The artist took white symbolism and integrated it with Indigenous symbols. He also incorporated his traditional lands' Gulaga Mountain, in Gulaga National Park, and the most noted icon in Australia, Uluru, in respect for the desert people.

Art writer and former curator for Contemporary Australian Art at the Qld Art Gallery Timothy Morrell

critiqued the exhibition and said that an all-encompassing overview was fundamental to the way Lloyd Hornsby made art.

"Sometimes his vision is not just national, or global, but cosmic," wrote Morrell. "Dots of paint blend with a universe full of stars in rhythmic, hypnotic pictures of ideal co-existence."

"The natural and the supernatural world become

indistinguishable, as they always are in traditional societies.

"His paintings are intensely optimistic in the way they use modern art as a vehicle for conveying ancient harmonies that the world seems to have lost, but which could potentially be re-established."

The exhibition will be on display at the State Library of Qld in Brisbane from 7-14 October.

Library's resource a winner



A NEW online resource from the State

Library of New South Wales' collection of materials on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia has won a major award.

Resource company Rio Tinto and the State Library of NSW partnered to create *Indigenous Australians* and were honoured at the recent Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbaF) Awards in NSW.

Much of the material in the online resource, which relates to Aboriginal languages, culture and art, has never been on public display.

The material in the collection highlights Indigenous life and activities starting from first contact with Europeans through to the present day.

The library and Rio Tinto have worked together over the past four years to digitise the collection so that anyone can access it over the Internet, increasing understanding of Indigenous history and culture.

Rio Tinto's contribution paid for curatorial support and the technical platform for Indigenous Australians.

The collection can be viewed at http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/discover/collections/history_nation

The NSW winners will go on to the national AbaF Awards to be announced on 16 October.

Artist Clifton Mack with one of his works



Showing off their country



AN annual exhibition which raised more than \$250,000 for West Australian Aboriginal artists in its first two years will open in Perth next

month. *Colours of Our Country* features the work of Aboriginal artists from the State's Pilbara region and reflects a partnership between the local Aboriginal community and resource company Rio Tinto.

The exhibition was intended to be a one-off event to coincide with Rio Tinto's 40th birthday celebrations in 2006, but was such a success that the company pledged annual support for it.

Since 2006, the exhibition has generated more than 20 commissions for the artists, and two paintings featured in it have been selected for the WA Art Gallery collection.

This year, 35 artists will showcase 130 pieces of canvas, artefacts and textiles. All of the work is for sale, with proceeds returning free of commission to artists and art groups in the Pilbara.

One of the featured artists, Allery Sandy, from Roebourne, said events such as *Colours of Our Country* allowed many of the artists to build national and international profiles.

"This has helped give many of us confidence. It is such a satisfying feeling to see all your hard work being displayed and enjoyed



The Wavy Sand Dune (acrylic on canvas) by Maudie Jerrold.

by people," Ms Sandy said.

"Art brings people together and can be enjoyed by everyone of all ages. Our art groups are a great support for young people and it's heartening to see young people take a strong interest in it rather than getting involved with drugs and alcohol."

Rio Tinto Iron Ore Chief Executive Sam Walsh said the company was proud to stage the exhibition as part of its commitment

to providing opportunities for Aboriginal people in the Pilbara, home to most of the company's iron ore operations.

"We are working hard to increase the direct employment of Aboriginal people from the Pilbara within Rio Tinto, but we are also fortunate to be able to help create initiatives like this which support the development of sustainable enterprises," he said.

"Our partnerships and investment in the arts is a way to

build a lasting legacy alongside economic development for the communities in which we operate."

Exhibition Co-ordinator Nan Rickards said she was sure this year's event would live up to expectations.

"Each year the artists out-do themselves. Last year's exhibition raised \$167,410, with 15 commissions for five artists, and I have no doubt this year will be more successful," she said.

"The exhibition is a great way to generate exposure for the artists and gives them an opportunity to showcase their work."

Yindjibarndi artist Clifton Mack, also of Roebourne, has twice won the Cossack Art Award run by the Shire of Roebourne.

He said he enjoyed painting stories from his childhood.

"I love creating stories from my mind, especially about my childhood and life on the Fortescue River. I always paint the Fortescue - that's my country," he said.

Colours of Our Country exhibition will be held in the foyer of Perth Central Park building, which houses Rio Tinto's Perth offices, at 152-158 St Georges Terrace, from 15-27 September. It will be open 10am-4pm and admission is free.

The exhibition catalogue can be viewed at www.ciwa.riotinto.com/coloursfourcountry and its official opening will be held at 6.30pm next Thursday, 18 September.

Rings stays on arts board



FEDERAL Arts Minister Peter Garrett has

reappointed Aboriginal dancer Frances Rings to one of seven boards of the Australia Council for the Arts. Rings was reappointed to the arts funding body's Dance Board for a further one-year term.

Rings, an award-winning dancer and choreographer, joined Bangarra Dance Theatre in 1993 as a dancer, and made her debut as a choreographer in Bangarra's *Walkabout* in 2002.

Now a freelancer, Rings has been awarded an IAF Innovation Award by the South Australian Critics Circle, Best Australian Work at the 2003 Helpmann Awards for *Walkabout*, the 2003 Deadly Award for Female Dancer of the Year, and the 2004 Ausdance Award for Outstanding Achievement in Choreography for *Unaipon* at the Adelaide Festival of the Arts in 2004.

The Australia Council has seven boards that administer funding to Australia's arts sector, and provide advice to the Council on the development of arts initiatives and grants.

"As well as substantial experience as practitioners in their artform, these board members bring management experience, sector knowledge and business acumen," Mr Garrett said.

Guide to be launched

A NEW edition of McCulloch's *Contemporary Aboriginal Art: The complete guide* will be launched in Alice Springs later this month.

The 27 September launch will coincide with the leading Desert Mob Exhibition and Market Place 2008.

The illustrated guide traces the growth in modern Aboriginal art through its regional differences and explains how the art is sourced, bought and sold.

A personal story of dislocation and loss

"THE creation story of the Platypus... is a story that I find particularly moving and touching. I believe that Betty (Pike) has found her totem and in finding her totem was able to discover other parts and meanings of her amazing life journey."

Those words were spoken by author and film-maker Richard J Frankland about *A River Dreaming*.

This book is closely linked to Elizabeth Pike's personal story of dislocation from culture and loss of identity.

It tells that story through water colour paintings of Australian animals, including the platypus, as he tries to discover who he really is.

"Imagine the relief I felt to discover that I am an Australian Aboriginal," Pike says of her journey.

"Like the Platypus I have struggled! I have decided and I know who I am."

The book has other enthusiastic fans. Historian Henry Reynolds says it contains an important

A River Dreaming

By Elizabeth Pike
Through Binnap Partners
Cost: \$19.95

message for all Australians, and Literature Professor David Tacey, from La Trobe University, describes it as an inspiring story about hope in the midst of adversity.

"It is vitally important to develop new stories that fit our experiences, especially our

experiences of dislocation and brokenness, which cause much pain," Professor Tacey said.

"Stories and parables are like a gentle balm, in which we discover ourselves anew and realise our true belonging."

A River Dreaming was launched in Melbourne earlier this year by Graeme Mundine, from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission of the National Council of Churches in Australia.

Pike is also writer-in-residence

for two days a week at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Melbourne.

All proceeds from sales of *A River Dreaming* go to Victoria's Opening the Doors Foundation (www.openingthedoors.org.au), which works to address educational disadvantage faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

Binnap Partners Inc can be contacted through PO Box 1088, Thornbury Vic 3071 or by phoning (03) 9480 3849.



The Yulu Burri Bah Aboriginal Dancers with the canvas.



THE Aboriginal community of Minjerribah (Stradbroke Island) in Queensland is celebrating its first community-based artwork commissioned for export.

The not-for-profit Salt Water Murris-Quandamooka (SWM-Q) Inc is mostly comprised of direct descendants of the region's Nunukul, Nughie and the Gorenpul tribes.

Two years ago, the organisation opened its own small gallery on a voluntary basis to try to raise the profile of local Aboriginal artists.

One of its first projects was a mural at the local One Mile Bus Shelter, partly funded by Redland City Council. The design was created by Joshua Walker, the grandson of renowned Stradbroke Island poet the late Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker).

Visitors to the SWM-Q shop were told about the mural and encouraged to take time to view it. One such visitor was Muriel Miller, an arts professor from Eastern Connecticut State University in America.

Professor Miller was so enamoured with the mural and the positive community atmosphere that it created that in February she asked the community to reproduce the mural on a flat canvas the same size as the original artwork.

At Polka Point at Dunwich on 23 August, the Yulu Burri Bah Aboriginal dancers performed ceremony over the mural with traditional song and dance. Most of the adult dancers were the artists that worked on the mural, watched by others including Aunty Carol Blivett (Martin).

The celebratory event was filmed and a DVD/CD will be produced and given to Eastern Connecticut State University for

Artwork off to US



The back of the Stradbroke Island bus shelter bearing the original mural.

its 'Dedication Day' this month. SWM-Q Inc is now hoping to attract sponsorship to send one of the artists to the event.

SWM-Q Retail Manager/Secretary Kerrie Tapp said the whole exercise had been a huge effort from the community

and 'we are so very proud of our artists and their talents'.

● The SWM-Q Inc shop is open Thursday to Sunday, from 9am - 4pm. For information, call (07) 3415 2373 or email saltwatermurris-q@bigpond.com



AUNTY CAROL BLIVETT



The story to the mural.

Narbarlek on the road



AWARD-WINNING Aboriginal band Narbarlek is touring regional and remote communities in Western Australia

this month and next.

The Australian Government and Country Arts WA are backing the tour to 14 towns across the Kimberley, Goldfields, Ngaanyatjarra Lands, Wheatbelt, Pilbara and the Mid-west.

Kununurra and Halls Creek hosted the band last week and Broome is next on the schedule with a gig at the Goolari outdoor venue this Friday, 12 September.

After that, the tour will take in South Hedland, Marble Bar, Tom Price, Newman, Laverton, Irnyitju, Warburton, Coolgardie, Leonora, Mt Magnet and Moora.

Narbarlek is a nine-piece rock group from an outstation called Manmoyi in Arnhem Land. The band describes its music as 'Indigenous Roots', a style which combines rock, reggae, country and gospel with Aboriginal language.

Fuelled by their passion for music and desire to pass on their traditional culture, the band has made its way from humble beginnings (when it formed, the group owned two broken acoustic

guitars and a set of upturned flour tins which served as a drum kit) to become one of Australia's most popular Indigenous bands.

The group has performed with the Darwin Symphony Orchestra, Yothu Yindi, has supported Midnight Oil and, most recently, toured nationally supporting Australian music industry stalwarts Silverchair and Powderfinger.

The group has earned a swag of honours and accolades including multiple Indigenous music awards.

● For more information on the tour, go to the website www.countryartswa.asn.au

Training to result in more films



Pictured during the course are, from left, tutor and documentary maker Kirrilly Brentnall, students Naretha Williams and Tyson Mowarin, NITV Commissioning Editor Kelrick Martin, students Caroline Barton and Subdin Assan, and Warwick Moss from NITV's *Yaarnz* program.



PROMISING Indigenous filmmakers from all over Australia have spent the past fortnight

being trained at the Film and Television Institute WA (FTI) in Fremantle for National Indigenous Television (NITV).

Four such filmmakers undertook a two-week training course at FTI to learn skills in visual storytelling, camera and sound operation and non-linear editing techniques.

Having completed the first stage of the Certificate II level training program, the participants have returned to their communities kitted out with film equipment packs to make films for national broadcast and develop their industry experience.

They will continue their FTI

training via a newly designed 26-week online learning program, before undertaking the final assessment of their film-making portfolio back at FTI early next year.

"It's fantastic these Indigenous filmmakers are getting professional film training through FTI and the opportunity of national broadcast credits through NITV," said FTI Chief Executive Graeme Sward.

"FTI has been involved in a number of very successful programs for Indigenous filmmakers in WA and this new partnership with NITV is very positive for developing Indigenous film talent throughout the country."

The four trainees were Subdin Assan, from the Yarralin community in the Northern Territory, Caroline Barton, from Sydney, Tyson Mowarin, from

Roebourne, and Naretha Williams, from Melbourne.

"After 13 years working in community radio broadcasting, I'm looking to develop new skills in the film and television industry to continue my interest in representing Indigenous people in a positive way," said Ms Barton.

The documentaries and short films that the trainees make will be broadcast nationally on NITV as part of the *Yaarnz* program in the coming year.

Established in 2007, NITV broadcasts free-to-air in regional Australia and is available on Pay-TV networks in metropolitan areas. Established in 1971, FTI is the premier screen resource and development centre for independent screen culture in Western Australia. For further information on each organisation, go to nitv.org.au and fti.asn.au



Artist Walangari Karntawarra with one of his works.

Jukurrpa Dreaming

By MARGARET SMITH

HE may be a long way from home, but Sydney-based artist Walangari Karntawarra still draws inspiration from his Arrernte country, especially the Jukurrpa desert creation stories and the Milky Way surrounding Alice Springs.

Karntawarra recently returned to the desert city to visit his mother, and says he finds it increasingly important to visit the place of his childhood. He reveals he's still finding relatives from whom he was

separated, which is both painful and exhilarating. "The songlines and strict lore still exist today in the desert. They remain unchanged and sacred right through," he said.

"Even traditional body painting often starts with a circle of creation on your stomach."

The Milky Way remains one of Karntawarra's favourite subjects.

"There are places on earth that have links to the night sky, linking heaven and earth," he said.

The artist lived a traditional lifestyle until he was seven, when he was made a ward of the state. It was a traumatic time for the young boy, but he did well at school, and was sent to Adelaide for his secondary education.

He then gained an arts degree from Deakin University and an education degree from Charles

Darwin University before spending 17 years teaching in NT schools and at university.

Karntawarra strongly believes that people should be 'educated to cross bridges', and to gain a world view of how cultures interact.

"When I give workshops today, I always give children as much information as I can," he said. "Children have always been much more open to new knowledge than adults, and they want to understand."

Karntawarra's abstract dot paintings reflect the geometry of creation and that everything is linked — people, plants and animals.

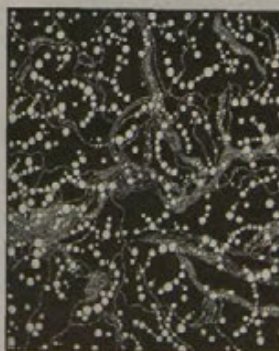
"My art is a way of communicating with the universe, our creator and the spirit world, by using abstract processes and fractal geometry," he said.

Karntawarra also thinks that a fairer distribution of profits generated by the huge Indigenous art industry is

essential to end exploitation which leaves desert artists and their families and local Aboriginal art centres impoverished.

Karntawarra is a man of many talents and he continues to perform as a dancer and musician. Recently he appeared on stage in a Chatswood theatre with a visiting Japanese traditional dancer.

● Walangari Karntawarra's current exhibition is at Sydney's Soho Gallery.



Walangari Karntawarra's *Milkyway Dreaming*

Headdress on show

Mabuiag mask part of Picasso collection



THE inclusion of an early 20th Century Torres Strait Islander headdress in an exhibition drawn from the personal art collection of the artist Picasso, has been celebrated in Brisbane.



Picasso & His Collection has drawn up to 2100 visitors a day to Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA) but has just a few more days to run, closing

this Sunday 14 September.

Last week, members of the river city's Torres Strait Islander community joined others in 'Kozan', a special Torres Strait Islander cultural event.

Traditional and contemporary Torres Strait Islander performers, including renowned singer and songwriter Cygnet Repu (Mabuiag Island), hip-hop group Indigenous Intrudaz, Wagga Dance company (Moa Island), Malu-Kiai Mura Buai (Boigu Island) and Keriba Mabaigal Dance Company (Darnley Island) took part.

Picasso and his Collection has been organised by the Musée National Picasso, Paris, in association with the Queensland Art Gallery (QAG) and Art Exhibitions Australia.

The exhibition presents more than 100 works from his personal collection, plus up to 80 important master works by Picasso himself.

QAG Director Tony Ellwood said it was believed that Picasso came to own the Torres Strait mask – made from metal, paint, mother of pearl, mollusc shell, cassowary

feathers – in France.

"You have this magnificent Torres Strait mask that hasn't been seen publicly for over 70 years alongside wonderful African material, but also New Caledonian material and also a suite of paintings by people like Matisse and Modigliani," Mr Ellwood told ABC Radio.

"We've traced the mask back to the western islands of the Torres Strait right down to Mabuiag Island.

"We know that a lot of material was exported by French exploration of the region at that time. He acquired the work in 1920 in Paris."

Mr Ellwood said the Torres Strait Island mask had special significance to some of Picasso's own art.

"The paintings he did were done two years after that," he said. "One of them is in the Tate, it's called *Three Dancers*, which is a direct reference of the facial structure of the mask from the Torres Strait, so we know it had a very immediate impact."

The exhibition also includes paintings, drawings, monotypes, objects and prints that Picasso collected by artists, including Paul Cezanne, Salvador Dali, Edgar, Henri Matisse, Pierre-Auguste Renoir and Henri Rousseau.



The headdress mask from Mabuiag Island, which forms part of the *Picasso & His Collection* exhibition which closes at Brisbane's GoMA on Sunday.

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2009 Arts Funding Program

Arts NSW administers a range of arts funding opportunities including program and project funding, fellowships, scholarships and awards aimed at encouraging creativity in the arts and fostering a spirited cultural environment for New South Wales.

Details of the 2009 Arts Funding Program including Guidelines and Application Forms are available for download at www.arts.nsw.gov.au. Alternatively you can contact Arts NSW at Email: artsfunding@arts.nsw.gov.au or Freecall: 1800 358 594 (NSW) or Phone: (02) 9228 5533.

Applications close: 5:00pm Friday 10 October 2008

Applicants should ensure they have read the 2009 Arts Funding Program Guidelines before submitting an application.

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Are you an Indigenous performer, artist, academic or professional in the audiovisual/archiving field? The National Film and Sound Archive is looking for people with new ideas to draw fresh innovative perspectives from the national audiovisual collection. The NFSA is proud to offer an Indigenous Research Fellowship for 2009. The successful applicant will have the opportunity to explore and use the NFSA's collection to create a new sound or moving image work, publication, exhibit, live audiovisual event or a combination of these and other approaches.

The Fellowship offers: specially facilitated access and research into the national collection; close collaboration with NFSA curatorial and technical experts; access to the library, modern accommodation; living expenses; and a fully equipped work space provided on-site.

If you would like to discuss your research proposal, please contact Liz McNiven, Indigenous Curator, on 02 6248 2086 or email liz.mcniven@nfsa.gov.au

Applications for the Indigenous Research Fellowship are due by 14 November 2008.

For further information or forms, visit www.nfsa.gov.au/sar or contact Belinda Hunt on 02 6248 2256.

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Rekonzile a joint effort



SYDNEY'S Reconciliation Unity Network group will bring an artistic perspective of

reconciliation to the University of Sydney's Seymour Centre later this month.

Uniting the creative energies of a

multicultural cast and crew, the show presents the stories of three young Indigenous performers and explores issues like identity, culture and reconciliation in Australia today.

The contemporary exploration of dance, music and theatre aims to unite performers from various backgrounds under the choreography of Kerry

Johnson and includes the Blaqseedz Dance Company, Aloha Dance Company, North Shore Dance Academy and the Entity Dance Company.

Rekonzile also features Australian Indigenous gospel singer Robyn Green, Charlie McMahon from the group Gondwana, and singers Nadine Dixon and Agnes Weir. In the lead roles are Rhimi Johnson Page, Merinda Beale and Ryka Satrick.

With set design by Jozef Janotka and Olga Pagrati, the production features original songs and music, which includes blind didgeridoo player Henry Phneasa and composer Sharon Calcraft Liney.

The Seymour Theatre Centre is located on the corner of City Road and Cleveland Street, Chippendale.

● LEFT: Dancers from Entity Dance Company.

● BELOW: Dancers from the Blaqseedz Dance Company in rehearsals.



Australia's Indigenous health efforts shine on world stage



THE apology to Indigenous people and new efforts to close the nation's

yawning health gap have won Australia praise in a major international report which aims to redesign world health.

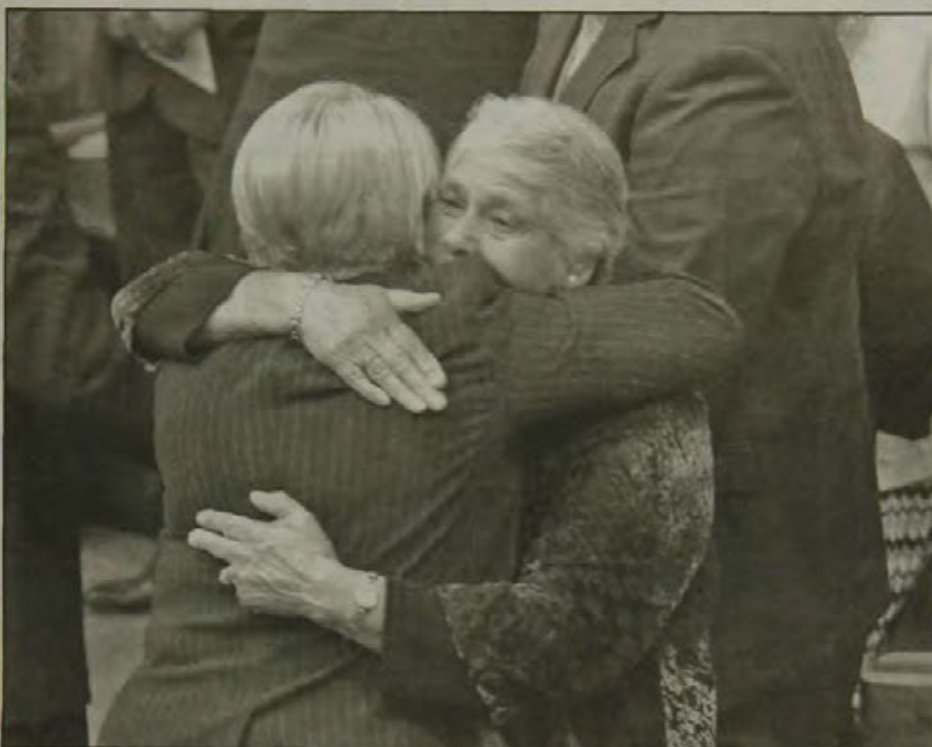
The WHO report has highlighted Australia's poorest health statistic – the 17-year gap in life expectancy between Aboriginal men and other males – while at the same time giving a global endorsement to new initiatives under Federal Labor.

The top-level commission praised the February apology to the Stolen Generations as a good example of a government 'recognising the unique history of colonisation on Indigenous peoples and the need for special measures'.

It also endorsed the Closing the Gap campaign, announced last year, which pledged to even out health inequities between racial groups within a generation.

Professor Fran Baum, an Australian public health expert on the WHO Commission, said it was high praise on the world stage.

"The Commission sets Closing the Gap as a goal for the whole world and produces the



Stolen Generations member Lowitja O'Donoghue and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin embrace in the Parliament House following the national apology.

evidence on how health inequities are a reflection of the way we organise society and distribute power and resources," said Prof Baum, of South Australia's Flinders University.

"The good news from the

report for Australia is that it provides plenty of ideas on how to set an agenda that will tackle the underlying determinants of health and create a healthier Australia for all of us."

But Aboriginal health experts

warn that 'real action is needed if the Government's laudable commitment to closing the gap is to be realised.

Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRAH) chief executive Mick

Gooda called on the newly-established Aboriginal Health Equity Council to consider the report's recommendations and advise the Government on the best way forward.

"This report and our own Australian research indicates a desperate need for governments to provide leadership based on listening and engaging with Aboriginal communities and leaders to take real action to address the social determinants of health in a systematic and structural way," he said. – AAP



CRAH chief executive Mick Gooda wants the Aboriginal Health Equity Council to consider the WHO report's recommendations.

Researchers graduate



THE capacity of Aboriginal people to lead and conduct their own health research has increased with the recent graduation of 12 South Australian students from a

ground-breaking pilot course in Adelaide.

The course, Certificate IV in Indigenous Research Capacity Building, has been developed and nationally accredited by James Cook University and piloted by the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia (AHCSA) over the past 12 months.

The course aims to provide accredited, practical, community-based research and evaluation skills development for Aboriginal health and community services workers.

The course participants were from Port Augusta, Port Lincoln, Murray Bridge, York Peninsula, Port Pirie and Adelaide.

Their graduation ceremony was held at the Warriparinga Wetlands and Kaurna Living Cultural Centre, in Adelaide's Bedford Park, on 22 August.

Jenine Bailey, who facilitated course development, said it was all about empowering Aboriginal people to carry

out their own research within their own community.

"The course will assist Aboriginal people to involve themselves in the analysis and critiques of research to address and determine the outcomes of their social, cultural, economic and political issues," Ms Bailey said.

"This involvement is a key component of self-determination and self-management."

There is a severe lack of Aboriginal researchers and an historical widespread distrust of researchers by many Aboriginal people throughout Australia.

Great responsibility

This places great responsibility on any initiative aiming to increase the number of Aboriginal researchers and promote rigorous ethical participative methodologies.

As well as providing formal training in research, the course also provides Aboriginal people with pathways into research careers and university education and the knowledge to evaluate their own programs and research proposals from other organisations.

It encourages community services

workers to incorporate a continuous improvement of practice or ongoing evaluation process into their strategic plans and their daily work, thus strengthening the quality of the services.

Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health chief executive Mick Gooda congratulated the graduates and the AHCSA and James Cook University for their efforts.

"The lack of Aboriginal participation and leadership in health research has been a major obstacle in producing effective and applicable research outcomes in the past," Mr Gooda said.

"The graduation of 12 more of our people with skills and confidence in taking up research challenges in their communities is a good step towards addressing the health inequalities between Aboriginal people and other Australians."

"This is also further proof of the strong desire of Aboriginal people to take the lead in investigating and, ultimately, solving our own health challenges."

Mr Gooda urged Australian governments and universities to follow the lead of AHCSA and JCU in providing courses and training to lift the Aboriginal health research workforce.

INDIGENOUS RESEARCHERS FUND YOUTH AND HEALTH PROJECTS



The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) is calling for applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as part of the newly established AIATSIS Indigenous Researchers Fund. AIATSIS has established the Fund to enable Indigenous researchers to visit AIATSIS for short periods to further their research and to engage with current public policy debates.

As part of the broader scheme, the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs have provided specific funding for two 3-month fellowships in the areas of:

- Youth aspirations and transitions
 - Mental health - what treatment options work for Indigenous people
- However, applicants are encouraged to suggest related topics that contribute to our understanding of closing the gap targets announced under the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) around improving life expectancy, educational attainment and employment outcomes.

Who should apply

The ideal applicant for this program would have a balance between relevant work experience and proven research ability or potential. Whilst academic qualifications can be an important indicator of your ability to undertake research projects, AIATSIS is interested in Indigenous people with other experiences and backgrounds who want to contribute to knowledge about Indigenous societies, inform public policy in Indigenous affairs, or who are considering moving into a research career.

How to Apply

Selection criteria are available on our website: at http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/news/job_vacancies

The timing of research under a Fellowship is flexible, but all work must be completed by 30 June 2009. Fellowships will be paid at a rate equivalent to a salary of up to \$81,162 pa, depending on experience and type of the project, and may include an allowance for accommodation in Canberra and travel.

The program is open to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people only.

The closing date for applications is 13 October 2008.

For further information contact: Mr Tony Boxall

ph: 02 6246 1145, e: tony.boxall@aiatsis.gov.au

or visit our web site at http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/news/job_vacancies

All ready for prostate cancer phone-in



THE Cancer Council, in collaboration with the Australian Prostate Cancer Collaboration (APCC), will hold its annual Prostate Cancer Phone-In tomorrow night, 11 September, to help men and their families address questions about prostate cancer. During the prostate cancer phone-in, men can speak to a panel of experts including urologists, a radiation oncologist, a continence advisor and Cancer Council Helpline nurses.

Cancer Council Western Australia Director of Education and Research Terry Slevin has encouraged men to take the opportunity to get immediate answers to their questions on whether to be tested, diagnosis or side-effects of treatment.

"For the cost of a local call, people can speak directly to cancer specialists and get immediate answers to their questions," said Mr Slevin. "No appointments are necessary."

The Cancer Council WA hosts the annual prostate phone-in because issues

around prostate cancer are not straightforward and men need to have plenty of information to help them make decisions.

Mr Slevin said the phone-in was a great opportunity for men to be proactive about their own health.

In WA alone, there are about 1600 new cases of prostate cancer diagnosed every year and around 250 men die from the disease. But despite prostate cancer being the most common cancer in men in WA, survival rates from the disease were high.

"Prostate cancer can be confusing but the phone-in gives men and their families the opportunity to ask questions on all aspects of the disease," Mr Slevin said.

All calls to the phone-in are confidential and women are also welcome to participate.

Prostate cancer phone-in, from 6pm to 9pm on Thursday 11 September. Phone 131 120.

For information about prostate cancer, call the Cancer Council Helpline 13 11 20, or go online at cancerwa.asn.au

Decade up for health service



MAARI Ma Primary Health Care Service (PHCS) in Broken Hill, western New

South Wales, has celebrated its tenth anniversary with an open day.

The 28 August event included a smoking ceremony, speeches, cultural performances, activities for children and lunch. It gave clients and other locals the chance to meet former and current staff.

Service Manager Nola Whyman said the event was special for Indigenous people.

"The opening of the PHCS became another step to make health services more accessible to Aboriginal people," she said.

"For ten years we have been providing general practitioner, dental and allied health services.

"In the past few years we have also incorporated the preventative programs of the Chronic Disease Strategy - Healthy Start and Keeping Well. These include immunisations, growth and development checks for children and adult health checks, the smoking management program and physical activity program, and alcohol clinics."

Ms Whyman said the range of specialist services provided at the PHCS included endocrinology, ophthalmology, early childhood, community midwifery, women's health, dietetics and alcohol and other drug services.

"Of great significance for the service just last year was accreditation through the Australian General Practice Accreditation Ltd program," she said.

"Accreditation lets clients know that a general practice has met standards set by the medical profession. These standards are designed to ensure high quality care is provided in a safe and well organised way."

The Aboriginal flag flew during Maari Ma's recent 10th anniversary celebrations.



Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation Board Chair Maureen O'Donnell gave a speech and oversaw a smoking ceremony, while Brendan Adams, from Wilcannia, and his Baakanji dancers led the celebrations.

Most Broken Hill primary schools also participated in a colouring-in competition, where children had three Aboriginal designs to colour-in, including the Maari Ma logo. Years 5 and 6 children had the option of designing a poster.

"Their pictures will be displayed on the walls of the PHCS, and prizes will be awarded to each grade of the participating schools," Ms Whyman said.

"We would like to thank the participating schools and the children for taking part. The competition has been a great way to not only display their talents but it also serves to raise their awareness of the health service we have for Aboriginal people in our community."



Maari Ma transport officer Guy 'Smiley' Crawford, who has been with the service since it started, does the cake-cutting honours.

Long wait for eye surgery



AUSTRALIANS wait longer for eye surgery than for any other specialist operation, and residents in NSW, the ACT and Northern Territory are forced to wait the longest.

A new report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has confirmed waiting lists are growing nationwide for people needing cataract operations and other eye surgery.

There were nearly 63,000 eye operations for Australians on waiting lists in 2006, the report showed.

"The median waiting time for elective eye surgery in a public hospital was 69 days, which was the longest of any specialty," said Flobert Van der Hoek from the institute's Population Health Unit last week.

"We weren't able to see why but it might be that there is a shortage of (eye) surgeons or that other types of surgery are seen to be more urgent."

Residents in the ACT and Northern Territory were waiting more than six months, with 20 per cent waiting more than a year.

And in NSW, there was four-and-a-half-month delay.

One third of Tasmanian patients had to wait more than a year for their surgery, Mr Van der Hoek said.

Queensland had the most efficient turn around, with a wait of just 34 days.

The report, the first of its kind, found that eye problems accounted for nearly 250,000 hospitalisations in the 2005-06 financial year.

The total public hospital cost for treating eye problems over the year was nearly \$233 million, while the cost to private hospitals was \$220 million.

About 70 per cent of operations were for lens surgery like cataract removal, with the remainder for glaucoma, and cornea, retina and lid surgery.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had a similar hospitalisation rate to the general population. "Cataract surgery was less common among Indigenous Australians, but eye-related injuries were higher," Mr Van der Hoek said. - AAP

Going the distance

By BEN WYLD



A DISTANCE education program set up to encourage teenage students to complete their school certificate is also

drawing adult learners back to the classroom in Baryulgil.

Members of the small isolated community, north-west of Grafton, are studying for their HSC through the program, which is supported by Southern Cross School's distance education centre.

Two days a week, 14 adult learners and high school-aged students attend Baryulgil Public School for a class known as the Nganyaa (which means mine or ours in the local Bundjalung language) Learning Community.

Baryulgil Public principal John Duroux said the classes have "had a really positive effect" on the community and the students.

"Their self-esteem is higher, they're more confident and the community is right behind it," he said.

"This has been made easier due to the fact that the Kindergarten to Year 6 students have been very flexible and welcoming ... the school is very fortunate to have such a wonderfully behaved group of students."

School education director for Clarence, Ron Phillips, said the class was established last year as part of a retention strategy to encourage high school students to stay on at school.

There was a trend where students from the mostly Aboriginal-populated community were not completing their school certificate due to difficulties they faced travelling to Grafton to attend the nearest high school.

For some students the commute involved leaving home before 7am and not returning until close to 6pm.

The deputy principal of Southern Cross



Study mates ... Teacher Margaretta Fahey, left, with adult learners Mervyn Collins, Betty Coldwell and Sloane Donnelly.

Photo by DAVID LEFCOVITCH

School, David Cox, said the class catered to all students.

"It's like a typical day in a differentiated classroom with students working on English literacy and adult learners working on photography, visual arts or Aboriginal arts," Mr Cox said.

Teacher Margaretta Fahey runs the class, which features videoconference sessions with teachers at the distance-education centre in Ballina.

Students can also access additional support by using the centre's freecall number.

Mr Cox said about eight high school-

aged students access the program and other distance-education students from surrounding properties sometimes attend the class at Baryulgil Public for tutorial support.

Unexpected

"[But] one of the nicest outcomes, and it was unexpected, was the interest of adult learners to actually become role models for the younger students," Mr Cox said.

Sloane Donnelly, a casual administration assistant at Baryulgil Public School who is studying for her HSC, said

the adult learners were setting a good example for the school's 16 primary students.

"It makes it easier for kids when they see mum and dad learning and interested in learning," the 38-year-old said.

Oswald Robinson, 39, hopes when he completes his HSC to one day help counsel young Aboriginal people.

"We're building self-esteem here in the community and trying to encourage young people to continue with their education," he said. - Courtesy of 'Side by Side', a NSW DET publication

Making science exciting for students



ACADEMICS and an Indigenous student from Macquarie University returned

to Maclean and Casino High Schools in northern NSW during National Science Week last week aiming to ignite interest in careers in science.

Since 2005, the Indigenous Bioresources Research Group (IBRG) from Macquarie University has collaborated with Aboriginal Land councils in Bundjalung (Casino) and Yaegl (Maclean) Country along with Casino and Maclean High Schools, to get Indigenous and non-Indigenous students interested in science through a program of hands-on activities using examples from everyday life.

This has led to the establishment of the Indigenous Science Education Program (ISEP) which runs activities for Indigenous students at schools and Macquarie University.

Macquarie University's Associate Professor Joanne Jamie, a member of IBRG and director of ISEP, said the National Science Week Indigenous



Casino High School students, back row from left, Haley Freeburn, Kristy Freeburn, Kolinda Freeburn, Shaneen Douglas, Tara Freeburn, Nick Eggins, Samantha Lambeth, Josh Lambeth; front row, Macquarie University volunteers Unnikrishnan KP, Genna Walker and Joanne Packer.

Science Education Program initiative taught older Indigenous high school students how to help

their younger counterparts.

"We train Indigenous students to teach the younger students

and the wider community about the science behind the experiments," she said.

"Not only does this expand the students' knowledge in this field, it also boosts their self-confidence, self-esteem and communication skills as well as their motivation to continue studying, especially in the area of science."

"In the past, we've seen that the interaction between school students and university staff helps to demystify university life for the school kids. This also assists them in making a connection between studying at university and having a career in science."

"The parents and carers of the students come along so they can watch their children explain the science happening in their kitchens, household products and in their own bodies. We're actually helping educate the adults in the community too."

Associate Professor Jamie said the university kept coming back to these schools because of the fantastic feedback from this initiative.

"Students tell us that they feel

more confident and motivated after participating in the program, we hear from parents and teachers that the students achieve better at school and are more interested in science and learning in general," she said.

Between 30 and 40 students from Maclean and Casino High Schools - many Indigenous - were expected to be trained during the National Science Week shows and about 700 students were expected to participate in the science activities.

The University of Queensland has adopted Macquarie University's program and use this model of engagement for National Science Week to reach out to schools in south-east Queensland and some of the most inaccessible regions of far north Queensland.

Science Week 2008 is Australia's largest national festival, with more than 700 events held around the country. It is supported by the Federal Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research. See www.scienceweek.info.au.

Gochan Jiny-jirra school film a winner



THE Gochan Jiny-jirra school community in the Northern Territory is celebrating after last month's win at the First Full of Films 2008 Galah Awards.

Their short-listed film *An-mawunga An-delipa (The Invisible Boy)*, which is spoken in both Gun-naripa and English, took out awards for Best Actor (Sam Bonson) and Best Film.

An-mawunga An-delipa tells the tale of a young runaway, Binda, played by Sam Bonson, 11. When Binda gets bitten by a snake, little does his community imagine that things could get even worse.

One of the judges, Megan Spencer, said, "It's a perfect Territory film, which is funny, beautifully made and tells a great story."

Written and shot over a four-day workshop period, the film included the work

of almost 50 people from the Gochan Jiny-jirra school community.

It was the second collaboration between the Arnhem Land community of Gochan Jiny-jirra and Formation Studios. Their entry into last year's festival, *Can I have a banana please, Chris?*, won awards for both the people's choice and the best actor.

Teaching Principal Chris Nock said: "Making films like this complements our teaching programs to strengthen

students' confidence and showcase their linguistic talent."

At the first screening early in August, the school received cash prizes and two Galah Award statues. Crafted from driftwood and found materials, the ten awards were created by Darwin-based artist and NT Open Education Centre Teacher Winsome Jobling.

The film was shown at Darwin's Mindil Beach Markets and also in Katherine.

SistaSpeak is putting girls on right course



YEAR Seven Aboriginal girls from Dubbo College Delroy Campus and Dubbo College South Campus have celebrated their completion of seven-week program aimed at helping them use their education for more positive futures.

And the impact on the girls is being described as 'incredible'.

The SistaSpeak course was developed to help Aboriginal girls focus on the value of education and motivate and inspire them to set personal and career goals.

Western region Aboriginal education consultant Yvonne Hill said the program raised awareness in the group of the many career paths available.

"As well as looking at careers, the SistaSpeak program covered issues of self-esteem, culture, leadership and economic independence," Ms Hill said.

"The program is implemented with the help of local women who act as mentors to the sistas."

"These mentors share their life experiences and wisdom with the girls."

Both graduating classes celebrated their achievements with a concert for parents, family, teachers and others. It included singing, flute playing, dancing, comedy routines, reciting original

poetry and inspirational stories to their significant women role models.

The girls took responsibility for the entire program including the welcoming speech, explanation of the SistaSpeak program, introduction of items and a final thanks to those attending.

"The impact on the girls is incredible," Ms Hill said. "It's such a boost to the sistas' confidence, their sense of identity and connection with their community."

Depend

"They seem to sense for the first time that they can really depend on each other and they are more open to communicating with other kids."

A joint initiative of the NSW Department of Education and the NSW Office for Women, the SistaSpeak program is funded by Uniting Care, Burnside - Reconnect.

Dubbo College Delroy Campus was the location for the pilot program in 2005, and positive feedback led to the program's adoption throughout the State.

At Delroy Campus, the program was facilitated by Jody South from Uniting Care Burnside - Reconnect and Aboriginal education assistant Gai Dundas, while Ms South and Aboriginal education assistant Sarah Hall ran the course at South campus with assistance from mentors.



From left, Tahjee Moar (Burwood Girls High School), Michele Hall (Director, Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate), Corey Smith (Rose Bay Secondary College), and Jessica Cox (Canterbury Girls High School). Photo by CAROL GREEN, Courtesy of 'Side by Side' (NSW DET)

Top students have say in great debate

By BEN WYLD



DID Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology on the behalf of the nation to the

Stolen Generations earlier this year mark a true beginning of reconciliation?

Or was it merely a public relations exercise?

Both notions were put forward during the Sydney region's second annual Aboriginal secondary students' debate held at NSW Parliament on 1 September.

The students, from Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt campus, Burwood Girls High, Endeavour Sports High, Rose Bay Secondary College, Alexandria Park Community School and Canterbury Girls High, debated the topic that

"Reconciliation is a 'sorry' dream".

The affirmative team, of Kayla Evans McGrath, Jonathan Captain-Webb and Brittney Cox, argued that reconciliation was 'not just a dream but a reality'.

The team's second speaker, Jonathan, said the Prime Minister's apology 'built a foundation of respect' and was a 'noble step in the right direction' towards creating a better future for all Australians.

The negative team, of Tahjee Moar, Corey Smith and Jessica Cox, argued the gesture was about generating good publicity, was largely symbolic, and had not been followed up with long-term government policies that address health, education and economic inequalities experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

NSW Youth Minister Linda

Burney, the first Aboriginal MP elected in NSW, adjudicated the debate, which was attended by school teachers, students, parents and carers.

A participant from last year's inaugural debate, Katarina Hitchcox, from Newtown High School of Performing Arts, chaired the event.

Sydney Region Education Director Phil Lambert paid tribute to Ms Burney and thanked her for her involvement.

"There's no better role model in Australia than Linda Burney not only for Aboriginal people and women but for all Australians," Mr Lambert said.

Ms Burney congratulated the 'wonderful speakers' in both teams on a keenly contested debate that was won by the affirmative team by half a point based on their 'more powerful argument'.



Relying on your sistas - A trust-building exercise during the SistaSpeak program at Dubbo College Delroy Campus.



ACU National Indigenous business students Daniella Crowe and Thomas Langton with their new laptops.

Laptops helping to bridge divide



A PARTNERSHIP between Australian Catholic University (ACU National), Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) and The Smith Family will help 30 Indigenous university students bridge 'the digital divide'. The partnership recently provided laptop computers to the Education and Business students, allowing them to continue their studies when returning to their communities.

The students from ACU National's Weemala Indigenous Support Unit were presented recently with their laptops, which also came with 12 months' internet access, at the university's Brisbane campus (McAuley at Banyo).

BAC supported the project financially, contributing more than \$10,000.

ACU National Associate Professor of Business Nasir Butrous was a key instigator of the project, which he said recognised a pressing need.

"ACU National is committed to improving access to courses for disadvantaged groups," he said. "Our on-campus Indigenous Education Units seek to provide appropriate cultural, personal and academic support to our students. This project in particular hopes to assist with the challenges faced by Indigenous students in light of the increasing emphasis on the use of computer technology in tertiary study."

Opportunities

The Smith Family Partnership Manager Jeff Davies said he believed the project showed how strategic partnerships of organisations could assist students in financial need, to ensure they receive equal opportunities to complete their courses after they return to their communities.

"These laptop computers with 12 months' free Internet access will go a long way to ensure students have access to the

latest technology and remain in touch with their peers and lecturers," Mr Davies said.

"The Smith Family would find it very difficult to assist these students without the generous support of individuals and organisations such as BAC who are assisting us to help pave the way for these students."

"The Smith Family is dedicated to supporting financially disadvantaged young people and families who will benefit from financial assistance, and from that assistance, be able to further their education and to fulfil their full potential."

"This endeavour is a wonderful example of that."

ACU National's Brisbane Campus offers courses in business, arts, education, information systems, midwifery, music, nursing, paramedicine, psychology, social work, social science and theology.

ACU National, established as Australia's only Catholic, national, publicly-funded university, is open to all.

TAFE days promise to be deadly



TAFE's North Coast Aboriginal Learning Partnerships (NCALP) has announced more details for the three 'Deadly Days' festivals on the north coast of NSW.

The purpose of the festivals, which will be held at three different TAFE campuses between 22 and 30 October, is to encourage school attendance, retention and healthy lifestyles for all young Australians, in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

A wide range of activities, showcases, entertainment and acts is being lined up as part of the Deadly Days events, including sponsored sport, health and culture activities, mini-expos and stalls displaying information from Aboriginal, education and health organisations and Indigenous cultural activities like yarning circles.

Beyond Blue and the National Rural Health Students Network have joined as major partners with the Deadly Days Festivals and will provide Indigenous hip-hop workshops and activities around 'hands-on' health and well-being.

Demonstrations

There'll also be a range of interactive demonstrations, including 'Bush to BBQ' cooking, arts and language workshops.

The Deadly Days festivals are part of the Federal Government's Community Festivals for Education Engagement initiative and is a targeted opportunity for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander school students in Years 7 to 12 – and especially Years 8 to 10 – to participate.

Event Director Tony Dreise, from NCALP, said anyone interested in attending the free day should complete an expression of interest form and give it to their Aboriginal education assistant or careers adviser as soon as possible.

He said that this enabled event organisers to provide assistance with transport and accommodation costs.

The application form is available at <http://www.deewr.gov.au/deewr/Indigenous>. For further information, phone (02) 6620 4758 or go online at www.nci.tafensw.edu.au/newsevents/events

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Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities



Jobs pact signed

Tamworth joins in agreement



TAMWORTH has joined about a dozen other centres in New South Wales to sign up to an agreement aimed at generating mainstream jobs for Aboriginal people.

State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch recently launched the Tamworth Job Compacts at 'The Youthe' in Tamworth, under the Government's ten-year Aboriginal Affairs Plan *Two Ways Together*.

The agreement seeks to bolster relationships between the private sector, industry groups, employment services, training providers and Aboriginal communities.

"By encouraging local businesses, industry groups and government agencies to work together, we can break down barriers to employment for Aboriginal people," Mr Lynch said.

"The written agreements between the Government and local decision-makers cut red tape and identify the best way to deliver jobs for Aboriginal people."

Mr Lynch said employing Aboriginal people made good business sense.

"Through Job Compacts, employers will gain access to a growing pool of young, talented, energetic staff," he said.

According to the 2006 Census, the Aboriginal unemployment rate in New South Wales (16.2 per cent) was more than three times higher than that of the general population.

Census projections show that by 2009 the number of Aboriginal people of working age will increase by 21 per cent. Just to maintain the current Aboriginal employment rate would require 6989 new jobs in NSW by next year. However, to reach an employment rate for Aboriginal people consistent with the general NSW employment rate would require almost 25,000 new jobs by then.

The Job Compacts program targets large regional centres and urban areas with large Aboriginal populations and strong job markets.



Auntie Connie Newcombe, Minister Lynch, Federal Member for New England Tony Windsor and Uncle Joe Trindall in Tamworth



Teangi Knox performed at the Job Compact launch.

Mr Lynch singled out the *Partnering the Future: Inspiring Diverse Workplaces* project – an initiative of the Tamworth Regional Development Corporation.

"This program is supported by Job Compacts funding," he said.

"*Partnering the Future* has started a pilot project to support businesses in the aged-care and health sectors to recruit, retain and mentor Aboriginal staff," he said.

"Some 40 per cent of trainees who will move on to be candidates for jobs are Aboriginal – this is a great news story that the Tamworth community can be proud of."

Signatories to the Tamworth Job Compact include the Tamworth Regional Development Corporation, Tamworth Regional Council, Joblink Plus and Peel Valley Training and Employment.

Job Compacts have also been signed at



TAFE New England Institute Aboriginal Education Unit Manager Len Waters receives his Job Compact certificate from Minister Paul Lynch.

Wagga Wagga, Blacktown/Mt Druitt, Campbelltown/Macarthur, Eastern Sydney, Tweed Heads, Illawarra, Dubbo, Newcastle/Hunter, Cobar and Redfern.

The agreements are linked to the Aboriginal Participation in Construction Guidelines which promote greater employment of Aboriginal people on New South Wales Government construction projects.

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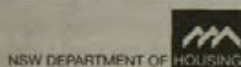
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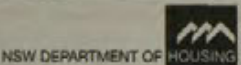
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**National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA) is an established Indigenous organisation that employs sport to make a difference to the lives of Indigenous youth particularly in the areas of education and health. It has an active Board of Directors comprised of prominent Indigenous leaders and sportspeople and a small but dedicated team of staff involved in program delivery, research and policy development, fundraising and administration.

NASCA is seeking a CEO to lead, manage and develop its operations.

In carrying out these responsibilities the CEO has a critical role in the organisation and has to possess outstanding qualities.

These include:

- **Leadership** in advising the Board; promoting NASCA to sponsors and the community; and supporting and motivating staff.
- **Visionary and communications skills** in ensuring that the Board and staff have sufficient and up-to-date information; looks to the future for change opportunities; provides the interface between the Board and staff; and is the principle interface between NASCA and the community.
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- **Management skills** by overseeing NASCA's operations; implementing plans; and managing financial and human resources.

A demonstrated ability to work with and gain acceptance of Indigenous communities is required together with a knowledge and understanding of issues related to Indigenous people and an ability to consult effectively with them.

It is desirable that the CEO has tertiary qualifications to at least graduate level or equivalent development and management experience.

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INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT ADVISER

Note: Applications for this position are sought from people who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

Full time (negotiable); Permanent
\$68,539 - \$76,210 plus 17% super

The University is committed to furthering its objectives for Indigenous Employment. As the Indigenous Employment Advisor you will identify employment opportunities and career paths for Indigenous Australians across the University. You will also be involved in the development, implementation and monitoring of appropriate strategies for improving the University's diversity employment outcomes.

You should have demonstrated success in social, community development or employment programs for Indigenous Australians including experience in identifying, developing and implementing strategies related to employment, career paths or education.

Reference: 486716

Enquiries: Ric Taylor, Cantlie Recruitment Services T: 02 6239 7755

E: applications@cantlierecruitment.com.au

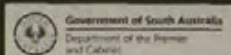
Closing Date: Monday 29 September 2008

The ANU actively encourages the employment of women and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people and is working hard to support their choices and inclusion in the workplace. CRICOS# 00120C



Further information is available at W: <http://jobs.anu.edu.au>

**Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation
Executive Director
and Directors x 3**



The Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division (AARD) is the South Australian Government's Lead Agency on Aboriginal affairs matters.

AARD is a diverse, complex and challenging working environment that is culturally sensitive and respectful of Aboriginal culture and traditions. In order to meet the Division's policy and program objectives, an internal review was conducted, leading to a new operating structure and the subsequent call for the following key leadership roles:

Executive Director

Ref No EDR19704

Working to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, the Executive Director has overall responsibility for AARD and for providing strategic leadership in the areas of Indigenous policy development and the implementation of services to advance the well being of Aboriginal families and communities in South Australia.

This role and the Director roles represent an exciting and rewarding opportunity, with the ability to positively impact Aboriginal Affairs in South Australia.

Director Operations

Ref No EDR19706

The Director will prioritise the many complex and competing needs of Aboriginal communities within the constraints of available resources. While demonstrating a strong operational and project orientation you will also demonstrate an ability to keep abreast of issues and facilitate the necessary support to enable timely provision of programs and services to the Aboriginal community.

Director Policy and Strategy

Ref No EDR19707

The Director will work to improve cross-government and inter-government collaboration and coordination on policy issues surrounding Aboriginal affairs. You will work with the Executive Director to develop policies to improve the well-being of Aboriginal people in South Australia while working effectively in a sensitive and complex cultural environment with multiple stakeholders.

Director Remote Communities

Ref No EDR19708

The Director will operate in a complex environment and will manage the timely provision of programs and services to enhance the lives of Aboriginal people within remote communities. You will demonstrate the ability to engage with Aboriginal people across the spectrum of community issues and develop meaningful policies which address shortfalls in areas affecting well-being in Aboriginal communities.

For job and person specifications please visit www.locher.com.au. Telephone enquiries can be directed to Darrel Roberts on 08 8201 1124 and applications should be forwarded to <http://jobs.locher.com.au> quoting the relevant Ref No. Applications close Friday 19 September 2008. Indigenous and non-Indigenous applicants meeting the selection criteria are encouraged to apply.

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<h2>Cook</h2> <p>Sydney Biala Hostel APS Level 1 \$151.51 - \$177.38 per week, plus superannuation</p> <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part time 10 hours per week • Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel whilst ensuring a high level of cleanliness <p>Want to know more? Contact Tony Greer on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>Application Documents From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>How to Apply Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012.</p> <p>Closing date By 5pm 26 September 2008.</p> <p>This is a Secondary Education (girls) hostel.</p>	<h2>Relief Hostel Manager</h2> <p>Newcastle Durungaling Hostel APS Level 2 \$264.54 - \$303.62 per week, plus superannuation</p> <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part time 15.20 hours per week • Operation of the hostel • Provide a quality service to our residents • Supervise staff • Manage a budget • Provide reports to Regional Manager <p>Want to know more? Contact Tony Greer on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>Application Documents From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>How to Apply Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012.</p> <p>Closing date By 5pm 26 September 2008.</p> <p>This is a Tertiary Education and Training/Transient hostel.</p>	<h2>Senior Houseparent</h2> <p>Newcastle Kirinari Hostel APS Level 3 \$38,089 - \$43,720 pa, plus superannuation</p> <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty • Ensure that appropriate recreational, educational and other support facilities are available to the students <p>Want to know more? Contact Rebecca Greer on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>Application Documents From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>How to Apply Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012.</p> <p>Closing date By 5pm 26 September 2008.</p> <p>This is a Secondary Education hostel.</p>	<h2>Assistant Houseparent</h2> <p>Newcastle Kirinari Hostel APS Level 2 \$34,500 - \$39,597 pa, plus superannuation</p> <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty • Ensure that appropriate recreational, educational and other support facilities are available to the students <p>Want to know more? Contact Rebecca Greer on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>Application Documents From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>How to Apply Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012.</p> <p>Closing date By 5pm 26 September 2008.</p> <p>This is a Secondary Education hostel.</p>
<h2>Relief Houseparent</h2> <p>Newcastle Kirinari Hostel APS Level 2 \$529.07 - \$607.24 per week, plus superannuation</p> <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part time 30.40 hours per week • 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty • Ensure that appropriate recreational, educational and other support facilities are available to the students <p>Want to know more? Contact Rebecca Greer on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>Application Documents From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>How to Apply Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012.</p> <p>Closing date By 5pm 26 September 2008.</p> <p>This is a Secondary Education hostel.</p>	<h2>Cook</h2> <p>Sydney Kirinari Hostel APS Level 1 \$30,034 - \$35,163 pa, plus superannuation</p> <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel whilst ensuring a high level of cleanliness <p>Want to know more? Contact Tony Greer on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>Application Documents From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>How to Apply Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012.</p> <p>Closing date By 5pm 26 September 2008.</p> <p>This is a Secondary Education hostel.</p>	<h2>Domestic</h2> <p>Sydney Biala Hostel APS Level 1 \$279.94 - \$321.33 per week, plus superannuation</p> <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part time 20 hours per week • Ensure that a high level of cleanliness is maintained throughout all areas of the hostel • Preparation of all rooms • Stock control of all linen including the changing and washing • Food preparation, cooking and service <p>Want to know more? Contact Tony Greer on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>Application Documents From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>How to Apply Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012.</p> <p>Closing date By 5pm 26 September 2008.</p> <p>This is a Secondary Education (girls) hostel.</p>	<h2>House Manager</h2> <p>Dubbo Dubbo IYMP Hostel APS Level 3 \$41,231 - \$47,323 pa, plus superannuation</p> <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage a safe and supportive residential environment • Provision of nutritious meals • Provide mentoring and support to young Indigenous persons • Work closely with the IYMP Training Provider • Maintain records relevant to the management of the house including financial transactions <p>Want to know more? Contact Rebecca Greer on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>Application Documents From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>How to Apply Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012.</p> <p>Closing date By 5pm 26 September 2008.</p> <p>This is an Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) hostel.</p>

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.

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The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is Victoria's lead government agency for sustainable management of water resources, climate change, bushfires, public land, forests and ecosystems.

Coordinator - Indigenous Employment

\$62,116 - \$70,477 + 9% Super

Position No: DSE 8322

The focus of the role will be to facilitate, support and deliver on the DSE Indigenous Employment Framework, which will increase employment opportunities for indigenous people and improve career aspirations of DSE's current indigenous employees.

Please note: An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunities Act 1985 (No. A122/2008). Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

To apply and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit:

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Sunday 28 September 2008.

www.dse.vic.gov.au
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INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER

Mildura Community Correctional Services

\$37,121 - \$47,670

Position No 3634

A vacancy exists at Mildura Community Correctional Services for an Indigenous Community Corrections Officer (full time, ongoing). Have you:

- Ability to manage or experience in managing a client case load?
- Highly developed communications skills?
- Ability to concisely and clearly present information in a court environment?
- Well developed analytical, evaluation and assessment skills?
- Knowledge of the operations of Community Corrections Services and the Criminal Justice System?
- A degree in an appropriate discipline is desirable.

The successful applicant will be subject to a Police Records check

For a position description contact the Mildura Location Manager: Leo Saunders Tel. 03 5021 6100.

Please submit your written application to:
Leo Saunders - Location Manager
C/- Mildura Community Correctional Services
59 Madden Avenue, Mildura Vic 3500

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

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Applicants need to:

- identify and be accepted as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- have permanent Australian residency
- be enrolled full-time in an approved course of study for an undergraduate psychology degree.

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For more information and to apply
phone Noeleen Timbery on 02 9716 2458 or
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APPLICATIONS CLOSE 10 October 2008



Malabam Health Board was established in 1998 to work with the community and governments to provide leadership and guidance on health issues that affect the Maningrida Region. Since then, it has grown into a dynamic organisation which works with the Maningrida Community Health Centre to deliver quality primary health care to the people of Maningrida and surrounding outstations. These responsibilities include: aged care, youth development, health promotion, allied health and substance misuse programs.



Executive Officer

This critical and rewarding role is responsible for Malabam Health Board's continued success. All aspects of the organisation are part of this role's portfolio, from full administrative and financial responsibilities through to human resource and operational management. Therefore, your demonstrated ability to provide strategic direction and planning is paramount. Reporting directly to the Board, you will resource, assist and support the Board ensuring all necessary reports, information, advice and liaison is provided for the Board and the organisation to fulfill their respective roles, responsibilities and goals. To be successful, you will have experience in a similar role with a proven background in indigenous health and a strong understanding of the specific needs of remote indigenous Australia. You will possess strong negotiation, financial and leadership skills and your communication and interpersonal skills will be of the highest standard. Professional, emotionally resilient, practically minded and genuinely wanting to contribute to the community in a proactive manner, are all attributes that would stand you in good stead for this Maningrida based role.

Applications close 29 September 2008. Enquiries regarding this position should be directed to Alison Hicks by phone on 8941 2299 or email darwin@avantpersonnel.com.au



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Graduate Employment Opportunities

South Australia faces a number of environmental challenges - some unique, others shared with the global community. The Department for Environment and Heritage is focussed on engaging, partnering and influencing our society to value, conserve and invest in the State's rich heritage and diverse natural environments.

In our rapidly changing world, the department's work has never been more important. We are seeking dynamic graduates in a range of disciplines to join our team to help shape a sustainable future for South Australia.

We offer:

- 2-year employment contracts
- Training, mentoring and support to enhance career development
- Rotational graduate placements throughout the department

To excel in these positions you must be:

- Highly motivated
- Team orientated
- An excellent communicator
- A problem solver who finds innovative solutions

Corporate Opportunities

We are seeking graduates in the following disciplines or related fields:

- Finance/Accounting
- Science (NRM or biology, biometry/statistics and numerical analysis, geographic information systems)
- Business Analysis/Project Management with an Information Technology component
- Occupational, Health, Safety and Welfare
- Policy Development (qualifications such as law, political science and arts)

Park Ranger Opportunities

We are seeking graduates in the following disciplines or related fields who are keen to work across regional South Australia:

- Biodiversity and Conservation
- Park and Wildlife Management
- Environmental Science
- Natural Resource Management
- Applied Ecology
- Nature based tourism

For information about the Department for Environment and Heritage and the Graduate Program visit our website: www.environment.sa.gov.au/deh/vacancies/graduate

Please direct all enquiries to the Graduate Program Managers on (08) 8463 6257 or (08) 8204 9294 or email: Graduate.DEH@sa.gov.au

The South Australian Government is an Equal opportunity employer. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, women and people with a disability are encouraged to apply.



Government
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Department for
Environment and Heritage



Admissions Assistant and Examinations Assistant (2 positions)

• REF 8156

- Academic and Student Services Division
- Available immediately on a continuing, full-time basis.
- \$43 968 - \$47 537 pa (full-time salary)

These two positions are responsible for undertaking a range of administrative duties in support of the activities of the Admissions, Examinations and Graduation Section.

Administrative Assistant

• REF 8157

- Office of the Vice-Chancellor
- Available from 27 October 2008 until 23 October 2009 on a part-time (0.7) basis to replace a staff member on parental leave
- \$39 607 - \$43 002 pa (full-time salary)

This position provides clerical and administrative support to the administrative staff across a wide range of office functions including event organisation and general office administration.

The positions above close on Monday, 15 September 2008.

Further information including how to apply can be found at our Jobs@Flinders web site:

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Graduate Accountant

- ABC Financial Control
- Ultimo, Sydney
- \$44,844 - \$48,913 + Super

The ABC currently has a vacancy for a Graduate Accountant to work across the Financial Control Department in order to provide general management accounting support to senior finance officers across all Divisions.

Under the guidance of senior Financial Control staff the successful applicant will prepare journals and account reconciliation, prepare monthly, quarterly and annual reports; analyse budget variances, draft correspondence and attend to general enquiries and maintain department filing and financial systems.

The successful applicant, under the tutelage of Financial Control staff will provide accounting services and financial management advice to include business information systems, project analysis and performance against budget and accounting policies and practice. You will also assist in the development, implementation and maintenance of accounting policies and procedures, and carry out minor projects as required.

Selection Criteria:

1. Appropriate secondary education and completion or near completion of relevant tertiary qualification leading to eligibility for membership of a recognised Australian accounting body.
2. Sound numeric skills and the ability to draw conclusions.
3. Ability to exercise initiative with an aptitude for accuracy and attention to detail.
4. Good interpersonal and communication skills.
5. Demonstrated ability to prepare written documentation clearly and accurately.
6. Knowledge and experience with relevant computer based systems.
7. Apply Corporate Equity and Diversity and OH&S policies and practices.
8. Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and the ability to communicate effectively with people from these backgrounds.

This vacancy is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only, which reflects the objectives of the ABC's Equity and Diversity Management Plan and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.

For further information contact Mark Head on (02) 8333 5115.

Applications quoting reference KNY835356 should be sent to Recruitment, ABC GPO Box 9994, Sydney NSW 2001 or email recruitment@your.abc.net.au by COB 19 September 2008.

Applicants must address the selection criteria. For information on how to apply visit abc.net.au/jobs

The ABC is an equal opportunity employer. The ABC invites Indigenous Australians to apply for this position.

BULGAR NGARU MEDICAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

INDIGENOUS CASE MANAGEMENT PROJECT OFFICERS (2 POSITIONS)

Essential Criteria:

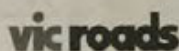
- Aboriginality: This position is identified as Aboriginal and applications are asked to include a Letter of Recognition from their local Land Council with their application.
- Knowledge of local Indigenous communities, organisations and departments.
- Knowledge of drug and alcohol issues affecting local Indigenous communities.
- Knowledge of Aboriginal Community Justice Groups and their function.
- Demonstrated ability to work with Aboriginal young people and their families.
- Well developed communication skills with young people from a range of backgrounds and age groups, including the ability to model appropriate behaviour and motivate young people.
- Ability to write reports and submissions.
- Willingness to work flexible hours including some evenings and weekends (cultural camps etc)
- Current NSW Drivers Licence

Applicants to address the key selection criteria and provide two referees who may be contacted about your application. At least one must be a respected member of a local Aboriginal community.

Applications close: 26th September 2008, at 4pm

Applications should be marked confidential and addressed to:

Scott Monaghan
Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 1256
Grafton NSW 2460



For people going places

Indigenous Road Worker

VicRoads manages the Victorian arterial road network and its use as part of the State's overall transport system.

We currently have an exciting opportunity for three Indigenous Road Workers to join our VicRoads Road Services team. The successful applicant(s) may be offered placement at one of the following VicRoads depots:

- Bendigo
- Horsham
- Deer Park
- Geelong
- Kew
- Dandenong
- Warrnambool

The successful candidate will demonstrate

- The ability to undertake manually intensive tasks.
- The ability to work effectively within a team environment.
- The ability and willingness to learn the operation of plant and equipment.

This identified Indigenous position is an initiative of the VicRoads Indigenous Employment Program. An exemption has been granted by VCAT under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (A116/2006). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Salary is in the range of \$30,102 to \$36,624 p.a. plus 9% superannuation. Starting salary is normally at the base of the range. Performance bonuses may also be payable.

For more information

Visit the Employment at VicRoads section of the VicRoads website at www.vicroads.vic.gov.au to obtain a full position description or call Ebony DeArango on (03) 5434 5026. Applicants must address the Key Selection Criteria within their application. Please submit your application, specifying which location you are applying for, via the VicRoads website or mail to Ebony DeArango, 57 Lansell Street Bendigo, 3550.

VicRoads may ask you to consent to a medical assessment as part of the selection process. Information provided to VicRoads will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Applications close on 26 September 2008.

www.vicroads.vic.gov.au



The State Library of NSW offers opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons to join its Library Services Division in the role of Library Assistant.

Library Assistant, Library Services

Position Number 08/041

Total remuneration package to: \$50,236
(Salary: \$36,229 - \$45,524) including employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

As part of a team, the Library Assistant facilitates access to information, maintains and organises collection materials and provides client services.

Two targeted positions are offered for the employment of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander persons authorised by the Library's EEO Management Plan. The positions are permanent, full-time and based in Sydney CBD. Aboriginality is an essential criterion for the positions.

An information package for applicants can be obtained by visiting the Library's website <www.sl.nsw.gov.au> or by contacting Helene Blundy on (02) 9273 1431. It is important that applicants address each of the selection criteria for the position by describing their skills, knowledge and experience and how they could be used for the job.

Inquiries about the positions: Karen Small, Library Services (02) 9273 1409.

Applications to be sent by post to Human Resources, State Library of NSW, 3rd floor, Macquarie Street, SYDNEY 2000 or by email to <sjobs@sl.nsw.gov.au>.

Applications must be received by 6 pm on Monday 22 September 2008



OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION

Solicitor (Career Development Program) Aboriginal

Legal Officer Grade I-III, Haymarket and Metropolitan Sydney, Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No EX08/145.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$66,255 p.a. (\$55,472-\$60,041)

Total remuneration package includes salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

We are looking for a bright, hard working newly admitted solicitor to join our two-year rotational Career Development Program working as a legal practitioner in two practice areas in our Criminal, Family and Civil divisions.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. A credit average grade in a LLB (or equivalent law qualification) from an accredited body completed in or after the 2007 academic year and hold a current NSW Practising Certificate before the Program commencement date (23 February 2009). Knowledge of family/criminal/civil law, capacity to acquire knowledge of any specific area of law as required to represent legal aid clients and undertake an advocacy role before Courts or Tribunals. Strong interpersonal skills and an ability to provide quality customer service in a high volume work environment. Proven capacity to identify and understand legal and cross cultural issues facing socially and economically disadvantaged people. Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to conduct community legal education and to prepare court documents, correspondence, submissions and other written materials. Ability to understand Legal Aid NSW policies and procedures to determine applications of legal aid and advise clients about eligibility or the capacity to rapidly acquire such knowledge. Ability to meet deadlines, work without close supervision, manage a diverse workload as well as demonstrated computer skills.

Notes: This position is temporary full-time under Sections 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002, for a period up to February 2011. This position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Note that the placements may be in either the Haymarket office in Sydney CBD or in a Sydney metropolitan office and the rotations may involve placements in different offices.

Inquiries: Anita Fredkin (02) 9219 5954.

Information Packages: Timika Williams on (02) 9219 5994.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: Career Development Program for New Solicitors, Human Resource Management Branch, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box 8647, Haymarket 1238; online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 19 September 2008

NSW HEALTH SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer (HEO)
Ref: S46142. Salary: \$745.10-\$1270.90 pw. F/T or Temp F/T up to June 2010 at Population Health, Liverpool.
Enq: Janelle Borg, (02) 9828 5911.
Closing Date: 26 September 2008.
Written applications will be accepted.
Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

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or email application quoting Ref No. to:
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Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 7050, Liverpool NSW 1571.

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NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Aboriginal Mental Health Liaison Officer
Maroubra Community Mental Health Service

Temp Full Time Position No: POW08/447
An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
Enq: Helen O'Leary, (02) 9366 8711.
helen.o'leary@seahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 19 September 2008.

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit www.seahs.health.nsw.gov.au or contact the enquiries person.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

We can offer Registered Nurses from overseas Temporary Business Sponsorships of up to four years under arrangements with the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, and NSW Health. We are committed to EEO, OH&S, Ethical Practices, 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/enterprise agreement. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record check. Prohibited Persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment. Eligibility Lists will be kept for up to 12 months. Employees with ESHM are 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.

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For people going places

Customer Service Officer (Indigenous role)

- Carlton location, convenient access to public transport
- Full-time permanent position
- An excellent starting point for a career in government and customer service

Would you like to work in a diverse friendly team environment and experience registration and licensing at the front line?

As Customer Service Officer, you will be fully trained to deliver a variety of registration and licensing services to our customers. Some of your responsibilities will include assessing applicants for Learners Permits, processing registration and licence payments and renewals, vehicle transfers, just to name a few.

To ensure success in the role, you will

- Show a knowledge of Victorian Indigenous culture and your experience in working with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous community members,
- Have confidence working with different customers, and
- Demonstrate effective communication skills.

A current Victorian drivers licence and checks of records maintained by Victoria Police and VicRoads are prerequisites to this role.

This identified Indigenous position is an initiative of the VicRoads Indigenous Employment Program. An exemption has been granted by VCAT under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (A116/2006). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Salary is in the range of \$30,102 to \$36,624 p.a. plus 9% superannuation. Starting salary is normally at the base of the range. Performance bonuses may also be payable.

To find out more, visit the VicRoads website or contact Wendy Harris, Indigenous Employment Coordinator, on (03) 9854 2099 to obtain a position description and apply.

Applications close 3 October 2008.

www.vicroads.vic.gov.au



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**Staffing Project Officer (Aboriginal) SASS,
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Permanent Full-Time
Position Number 149885
Salary package to: \$74,429 pa.**

Inquiries: Veronica Willmott
Phone (02) 9836 9148

To apply for this position, please visit our website:
www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs

JUSTICE HEALTH STATEWIDE SERVICE NSW HEALTH

**Aboriginal Sexual Health Education
Officer**

Rural or Metropolitan
Temporary Full/Part Time until October 2009
JH No: 08/210

Salary: Aboriginal Health Education Officer (Non-Grad or Grad) \$38,878 to \$66,314 pa plus additional allowance.
This position is responsible for the development, implementation and evaluation of a culturally specific health education program for Aboriginal people in custody (adults and adolescents) regarding blood-borne and sexually transmissible infections. The position location is negotiable (rural or metropolitan based). Applicants should be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (Exemption under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act).
Enquiries: Garry Forrest on (02) 9700 3217 or 0408 273 465.
Closing Date: 19 September 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, Matraville 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. Prohibited persons as declared under the Child 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

Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3272.

**Aboriginal Dental Assistant
Training Position**

Toronto Dental Clinic
Temp Full Time until January 2010 Position No: 60461
Designated as an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander vacancy under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
Enquiries: Tammie Howell, (02) 4016 4843
Closing Date: 26 September 2008.

Trainee Aboriginal Mental Health Worker

Taree
Perm Full Time Position No: 60434
This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role. Exemption is claimed under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
Enquiries: Gail Stevens, (02) 6592 9549
Closing Date: 26 September 2008.

Project Officer - Identified

Population Health
Location is negotiable (Wallasey, Tamworth or Taree).
Temp Full/Part Time positions 2.5 FTE (to Dec 2010) and creation of eligibility list for future positions
Position No: 59803
Hunter New England Population Health offers an exciting opportunity for an innovative Project Officer to be involved in the development, delivery and evaluation of evidence-based health promotion projects that address the prevention of: chronic disease; obesity; HIV/AIDS and related diseases; and injury risks in the Hunter New England Population.

These projects will integrate other Population Health services, including 'Good for Kids, Good for Life', the broader health system, and strategic partners. A key role of the position will be to contribute to ensuring that Population Health Services are culturally appropriate and effective for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent through parentage, identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be accepted as such within the community.

Salary: Per annum full-time rates - Health Education Officer Non-Graduate Year 1 (\$38,864.00) to Health Education Officer Graduate Year 9 (\$66,320.00). Application packs and further information can be obtained by contacting Scott Trindall, Program Manager, on (02) 6767 8637 or via email at scott.trindall@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au.
Enquiries: Rachel Sutherland, (02) 4924 6133, rachel.sutherland@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 3 October 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.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

north coast
TAFE Aboriginal Learning
Partnerships

Are you an Aboriginal person interested in becoming a TAFE Teacher or Workplace Trainer?

North Coast TAFE is keen to work with Aboriginal people from the Macleay, Hastings and Nambucca valleys in doing the
TAA40104 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment in Dylgay at our Kempsey campus.

The program forms a key part of TAFE's North Coast Aboriginal Learning Partnerships initiative which is committed to developing a pool of Aboriginal trainers, workplace assessors, and TAFE teachers.

An information session will be held on **Thursday 18 September**, Dylgay, Kempsey Campus.

For further details contact:
Kate Chamberlain 6560 2942 or 0421 471 991

At North Coast TAFE - Aboriginal Education is Everyone's Business



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We invite applications from people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools. These positions are available only to Aboriginal people.

Permanent part-time (2 days per week) vacancies currently exist at the following schools:

SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER - ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

- Beresfield Public School
- Bidwill Public School
- Bonnell's Bay Public School
- Camdenville Public School
- Gorokan High School
- Hume Public School
- Hunter River High School (2 positions)
- Kalinda Public School
- Kandeer School
- Mannering Park Public School (2 positions)
- Mount Austin High School
- Narara Valley High School
- Northlakes Public School
- Peel High School
- Queanbeyan South Public School
- Telarah Public School
- Wadalba Community School
- Yoogali Public School

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to
www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au

Closing date for applications is **Friday 26 September 2008**.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

Indigenous Employment Officer: Get a career that matters.

Base salary of \$55,949 plus super, salary packaging & great benefits

As an Employer of Choice we are determined to attract and retain enthusiastic and talented staff to work within our organisation. We offer generous working conditions for our staff across NSW. Our staff enjoy the benefits of competitive above award salaries, flexible working conditions, a range of internal and external training and generous leave options. As a large organisation we offer opportunities for career progression.

Our newly launched Indigenous Employment Strategy calls for an Indigenous Employment Officer who can work with us to implement our strategy to attract and retain Indigenous staff into our organisation.

If you have any concerns about applying please contact us for assistance.

To apply visit our careers website at

www.getacareerthatmatters.com.au

Call 1300 666 666 or 02 929 9444 or 02 929 9444 for more information.
We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. We are committed to diversity and inclusion.



Careers @ Justice

KOORI JUSTICE WORKER

Neighbourhood Justice Centre

Grade 3, \$48,714 - \$59,148

Position No.: DJ5721

The Neighbourhood Justice Centre (NJC) Koori Justice Worker operates in a community-orientated environment and will participate in local community engagement and education with both the Koori and non-Koori community regarding the NJC and the functions of the Court.

This position will focus on providing advice to the NJC Court, staff and agencies, and inform and assist Koori people who have criminal and civil matters before the Court or other justice related issues that bring them into contact with the Centre.

The position is an Identified Position in accordance with DOJ policy.

To obtain a position description and apply online visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 26 September 2008

www.justice.vic.gov.au

Our Values: Community - Together - Integrity - Respect - Happen @ One Justice

DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE



NEW SOUTH WALES
DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION
AND TRAINING



Aboriginal Education Consultant

Senior Education Officer 1/ETS, Negotiable within the Region, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 123452. Total remuneration package valued to: \$103,600 p.a. (\$86,716-\$93,883) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing advice and support to schools across the region on the organisation and implementation of Aboriginal education policies and programs.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience. Demonstrated ability to develop and implement programs and initiatives that contribute to improving Aboriginal student learning outcomes. Experience in implementing Aboriginal education/studies, professional development activities and providing support to personnel in schools and across the region. Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team, effective communication and interpersonal skills. Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. This is a temporary appointment from 27 January 2009 up to 26 January 2012. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Administrative hours and conditions apply. The location of the position is negotiable within the Region.

Inquiries: Russell Lamb (02) 4224 9200

Email: Russell.Lamb@det.nsw.edu.au

Information Packages: Anne Faughlin (02) 4224 9212.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Mr Russell Lamb, Leader Equity Programs & Aboriginal Education, PO Box 163 Keiraville NSW 2500.

Closing Date: Friday 26 September 2008



The University of Sydney

Executive Assistant

The Koori Centre

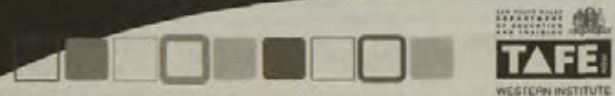
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The Koori Centre is currently seeking a motivated and proactive Executive Assistant to provide high-level administrative support and advice to the senior executive staff. This is an outstanding opportunity for a person of Aboriginal descent who is degree-qualified and comes from a similar role within a tertiary education setting to apply your administrative expertise to a meaningful career that will provide plenty of scope for intellectual, personal and cultural growth.

For more information or to apply online, please visit <http://positions.usyd.edu.au/139064> Specific enquiries about the role can be directed to Janet Mooney on (02) 9351 4858. General enquiries can be directed to Rebecca Astar on (02) 9036 7802.

Closing Date: 2 October 2008

Leadership... Innovation... Transformation...



Part-time Casual Teaching Employment

Applications are sought from suitably qualified and experienced people who wish to be considered for placement on a suitability list for positions, which may occur during Semester 1 2009 with TAFE NSW Western Institute. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for these positions.

Hourly Rate of Pay: Teaching Duties \$64.86; Coordination Hours \$60.98 Duties Other Than Teaching \$51.21.

Primary Industries and Natural Resource Faculty

Location: Western Institute

JRN: W 08-382 Agriculture: Includes, Artificial Insemination, Pregnancy Testing, Farm Butchery, Organic Agriculture, Cropping - Treat Weeds, Crop Establishment, Crop Maintenance, Operate Specialised Machinery

Inquiries: Cameron Fisk (02) 6393 2683.

Location: Walgett and Lightning Ridge, Dubbo, Mudgee and Broken Hill

JRN: W 08-334 Conservation & Land Management (Indigenous Land Management) Cert II and III

Inquiries: Craig Picklum 6841 9704 or 0428 436 752.

Community Services Health Tourism and Recreation

Location: Broken Hill

JRN: W 08-311 Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Health

Inquiries: Jenny Hazelton (02) 6391 5644.

Location: Bourke, Brewarrina and Cobar

JRN: W 08-351 Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Health

Inquiries: Rosemary Petheram 6885 7527.

Aboriginal Education Training Unit Faculty

Location: Walgett and Lightning Ridge

JRN: W 08-345 Aboriginal Studies

JRN: W 08-346 Aboriginal Languages

Inquiries: Glenda Simpson 6828 6210.

Inclusion on the suitability list does not guarantee an offer of employment. Completion of Certificate IV Training and Assessment is highly desirable. Successful applicants can attend teacher training programs (aligned to six modules from the Certificate IV Training and Assessment) which provide skills and knowledge in delivery and assessment in their own time.

It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions.

Application Form: Visit our website or email: recruitment.western@tafensw.edu.au or telephone the Recruitment Officer, 6393 5953 / 5973.

Closing Date: 26 September 2008 (late applications will not be accepted)

www.wit.tafensw.edu.au

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE
CHANGE, CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION
No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE PROGRAMS SUPPORT COORDINATOR

Environment Officer Class 10, Hurstville, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-343. Total remuneration package valued to: \$100,055 p.a. (\$82,221-\$90,671) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Develop & implement Aboriginal heritage priority programs for the Division. Influence program development across DECC, with stakeholders, and at a whole of government level through coordination & provision of culturally appropriate high level advice. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and a sound knowledge of Aboriginal community and cultural values, and protocols. Demonstrated superior written and verbal skills including liaison, negotiation and consultation, preparation of briefs and culturally appropriate high level advice and reports. Extensive experience in developing or coordinating Aboriginal heritage programs. Extensive knowledge of State, Commonwealth and international legislation, policy and procedural frameworks relating to Aboriginal heritage programs, including Aboriginal Land Management, NSW Repatriation and DECC Return and Renewal frameworks. Strong knowledge, skills and experience in issues management relating to Aboriginal cultural affairs and heritage program monitoring, evaluation and reporting. Demonstrated experience in communicating effectively with Aboriginal people in relation to sensitive Aboriginal heritage issues. Knowledge of the roles and functions of NSW government agencies and non-government stakeholders in the operations of Aboriginal cultural affairs and heritage programs. Demonstrated project management, time management and supervisory experience, and ability to work within a team environment and a current drivers licence.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Gavin Andrews (02) 9585 6449 Email: Gavin.Andrews@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 9585 6168 or jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 19 September 2008

www.dhs.vic.gov.au



Youth Justice Koori Intensive Support Practitioner (Bail & Post Release)

Barwon-South Western Region
CPW(IJ)-3 \$56,539 - \$63,598 + Superannuation
Ongoing - Full Time
(Location Geelong)

The Youth Justice Unit provides supervision and support for young people who are placed on community based orders or detained in Youth Justice Centres: it provides advice to the Children's Magistrates' and Superior Courts in relation to young people and advocates for service access and provision, to maximise the chances of rehabilitation, community integration and connectedness.

The Youth Justice Koori Intensive Support Practitioner position is being established in the Barwon-South Western Region as an initiative of Phase Two of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA2).

This position is a specialist role, acknowledging the over-representation of Aboriginal young people in the criminal justice system and the need to provide a culturally based approach with a commitment to diversion, rehabilitation and re-integration into the community.

This position is to provide intensive and innovative culturally based assessment and casework support for young Koori people subject to bail conditions or community based orders.

Are you?

- Experienced in providing culturally based services and interventions to young Koori people and their families.
- Able to work effectively in the criminal justice system and Koori community to assist young Koori people address their offending behaviour and reduce Koori over-representation within the criminal justice system.

If so, you are the person we are looking for!

For further information regarding this position, please contact Darren Evans on 5244 7367.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply and can contact Charles O'Leary on 9096 7143 for assistance.

To apply online and view the Position Description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers, click on vacancies and quote the relevant reference number.

Position Description and application form are available from the Recruitment Officer on 5226 4901.

Please quote reference no DHS/BSW/60908

Closing Date for applications is Friday, 19th September 2008.

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity. www.careers.vic.gov.au

Aboriginal Legal Access Service Trainee

The Hawkesbury Nepean Community Legal Centre at Windsor requires a full time Trainee Worker for employment under our one year term Mentoring Program. This Program seeks to provide an unskilled worker with on the job training, a TAFE qualification and the necessary support to gain future employment in Community Services.

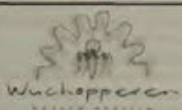
The following applies to this position:

- being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification under sections 14 and 31 of the Anti Discrimination Act (1977).
- the applicant must have attained year 10 or equivalent tertiary education and relevant life/work experience to gain entry to TAFE.
- provide a brief application letter telling us why you are interested in this role.
- provide a current resume including two contactable referees
- have a drivers licence and access to reliable vehicle with comprehensive insurance.
- applications to be received by 24 September 2008 (please contact us if an extension is required).

Applications should be forwarded to HNCCLC, PO Box 736, Windsor 2756. If you would like further information please contact Melissa Stubbs, ALAS Co-ordinator on 45878877.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Wuchopperen Health Service, Cairns



Wuchopperen Health Service was established in 1978 and today provides a comprehensive suite of primary and social health services in the Cairns and Atherton regions. The purpose of the Service is to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes through excellence in service delivery.

In the strategic role of Chief Executive Officer, you will lead Wuchopperen in successfully achieving its vision and goals. You will report to the Board of Directors and lead an excellent team of health workers and professionals in the delivery of holistic primary and social health care. Your strong leadership and sense of purpose will enable you to effectively manage and develop Wuchopperen Health Service to be identified as a lead organisation in the delivery of health care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Your exceptional communication skills, combined with a proven track record in commerce, business or health will be essential in the role of Chief Executive Officer. Ideally, you will be tertiary qualified in commerce, business or health with significant practical experience at a senior management level within a community controlled organisation similar to Wuchopperen.

A remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful candidate and will include superannuation, fully maintained motor vehicle and bonus scheme. Salary sacrifice arrangements are available.

For an application kit (including position description) for this position, please send an email to rae09@optusnet.com.au or for further information about the role, please call Rachael Warrent (Chairperson) on 0431 535597. Applications, including response to the selection criteria, must be submitted in accordance with the application kit and received by 5 pm on Wednesday, 24 September 2008.

Wuchopperen Health Service is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applicants who have experience and an understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, along with a commitment to the principles of Aboriginal Community Health Services, to apply.



WALGETT ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE
CO-OPERATIVE LTD A.B.N. 780 1499 0451
37 Pitt St (PO Box 396), WALGETT NSW 2832
Phone: (02) 6828 1611, 6828 1798
Fax: (02) 6828 1201
Email: walggettams@bigpond.com

SEXUAL HEALTH WORKER

Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service (WAMS) is a community controlled organisation that provides primary health care to people living within the Walgett Shire.

Outreach programs are provided through the Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Service Limited.

WAMS currently has a vacancy for an experienced Aboriginal Health Worker in the area of Sexual Health. Salary is based on qualifications and experience. Assistance with accommodation is available. For further information and an Application Package please contact Program Practice Manager Kylie Gilmore on 02 68 28 1611.

In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification, and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1997, as amended.

ACCOUNTABILITY: Responsible to the WAMS Board of Directors via the Chief Executive Officer

JOB SUMMARY: To conduct programs which prevent and treat communicable diseases with particular emphasis on sexually transmitted diseases (including AIDS)

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- ESSENTIAL:**
- To be of Aboriginal descent
 - Current NSW Driver's licence
 - Ability to communicate effectively with the general public
 - Interest in primary health care

DESIRABLE:

- Previous experience working in health and/or related fields
- First Aid Certificate
- Knowledge of communities served by WAMS

This employment is conditional on the basis that a successful Criminal Record Check/Working With Children Check has been received by NSW Department of Health

Salary in accordance with the Aboriginal Health Services Award.

Job Description available on request.

Application addressed in writing to:

The Chairperson
Board of Directors
Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Limited
PO Box 396, WALGETT 2832 NSW

CLOSING DATE: 12th September 2008.

FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL DEPT OF HEALTH & FAMILY SERVICES & THE NSW DEPT OF STATE HEALTH

Cultural Services Coordinator & Indigenous Family Support Counsellor

- * Fantastic salary + GREAT benefits
- * Take your career to new heights



GEO has two excellent opportunities to work within their cultural centre. They are seeking a Cultural Services Coordinator and an Indigenous Family Support Counsellor to join their team at the Arthur Gorrie Correctional Facility at Wacol in Brisbane.

The Cultural Services Coordinator will facilitate positive prisoner responsibility to rehabilitation through managing the cultural activities that address emotional intelligence, while the Indigenous Family Support Counsellor will provide welfare assistance and counselling support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners.

If you're a positive role model, with an enthusiastic, 'can do' attitude, the Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre is interested in hearing from you. The organisation offers a dynamic, positive and supportive working environment with opportunities for promotion and progression. You'll love working within this varied and satisfying job.

You'll enjoy an outstanding remuneration package, plus a host of fantastic benefits including ongoing, inservice training and corporate uniforms!

Best of all, you can wave goodbye to chaos of working in the city! The facility is an easy drive just 20 minutes from Brisbane CBD in the opposite direction to peak hour traffic, with secure, free car parking!

Take your career to new heights, in a safe working environment! Apply Now!

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Call 1300 366 573 or visit ApplyNow.com.au/Job7876



Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Services Limited (TAIHS)

We are seeking applications of the following position

Medical Director (Clinical)

Salary - TBN
Medical Officers (Aboriginal Medical Services)
Interim Award (2001)

TAIHS is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled health service operating as a group practice. This practice has operated since 1975 and is located in modern purpose built and well appointed premises. With services provided by general practitioners, allied health professionals, a mental health team including a psychologist, fully trained team of nurses and health workers. There are maternal and child, eye and dental health units, we provide holistic health and wellbeing care as well as a range of social services.

The position of medical director is a newly created position and we are seeking applicants with demonstrable experience and success in this field. Key areas of responsibility will be:

- Direct Clinical Care
- Practice improvement, research and service development
- Education, Training and Professional Development
- Administrative responsibilities
- Organisational contribution
- Quality assurance and compliance

All applications must include a copy of CV - at least two current referees - all selection criteria must be addressed in writing.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 19th September 2008

For position descriptions including selection criteria please contact Barbara or Kath on

(07) 4759 4036 or via e-mail to recruitment@taihs.net.au



COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES AUSTRALIA LTD Deputy CEO

CEA is a Not For Profit Organisation that has established a strong reputation in delivering programs that enhance and progress the socioeconomic position of indigenous people from the Torres Straits, NPA, the Cape and Northern Territory.

We are currently seeking applications from suitably experienced individuals for the position of Deputy CEO based in Cairns.

This position is an executive position with the company and provides for the ongoing servicing and growth of the company.

You will be filling the 2IC role to our CEO your duties will include:

- Providing strategic, business and HR leadership and professional development to managers and staff in the communities where CEA delivers services and programs.
- Supporting the delivery or expansion of WFD, STEP, CDEP and develop other business streams.
- Liaising closely with government, employers, training providers, job network agencies, NGOs, private sector & community organisations, to maximize employment transition opportunities, economic development and capacity development.
- Developing and monitoring budgets for relevant programs.
- Interpreting and administering contracts ensuring KPI's and performance levels are achieved and exceeded.
- Providing Strategic support & advice to the CEO for business mapping and growth.

This is a senior strategic position within CEA and salaries will be negotiated commensurate to skills and experience.

CEA Operates under
Individual Transitional Employment Agreement.
(ITEA)

Please send a cover letter & your current Resume to:
l.cornish@enterprisemg.com.au

Applications close: Monday 15th September 2008

Aboriginal Caseworker: Get a career that matters.

Full Time Permanent - Gosford

Brighter Futures is a voluntary, targeted program designed for families encountering challenges that at times can impact on their ability to care for children. We seek to promote healthy child development and improve family resilience through the provision of support and services. The Caseworker will coordinate in-home casework, parenting programs and coordinate all services and supports provided to the family.

An information session will be held on Wednesday 17 September at Level 2, 15 Watt Street Gosford NSW at 6pm.

Applicants will require:

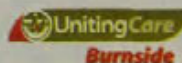
- Ability to be accepted by Aboriginal families and communities in the delivery of culturally sensitive family interventions.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications
- In accordance with Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
23 September 2008

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or call Melanie Law on 02 4325 9614 or 0418 737 075

We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited

IYMP/Education Officer

Sydney

Regional Office

APS Level 4

\$42,896 - \$49,611 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Responsible for the administration, promotion and marketing of the AHL IYMP and Secondary Education program in New South Wales
- Assist with the financial and administrative operations
- Initiate, develop and maintain networks within the community, Government and State organisations
- Ensure that IYMP and Secondary Education hostels comply with AHL and legislative financial and administrative requirements
- Provide advice, support and feedback to IYMP and Secondary Education hostels

Want to know more?

Contact Rebecca Greer on 02 9310 2777.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.

How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012.

Closing date

By 5pm 26 September 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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Associate Professor/ Professor in Indigenous Health

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Level D: \$116,825 to \$128,702 PA
Level E: \$150,486 PA

REF: 8167 This position offers a significant opportunity to provide leadership in the ongoing development of education, research and community engagement in Indigenous Health and advance the reputation of both the Schools of Medicine and Nursing & Midwifery as centres of excellence in education and research, both nationally and internationally.

This Level D/E position is open to all appropriately qualified people.

Those with an Indigenous background are particularly urged to apply.

This position is available immediately on a fixed-term, full-time basis for 5 years.

Closes: Friday 26 September 2008.

Applications must address the specified selection criteria. Detailed position information (including selection criteria) and essential information for intending applicants are available via the Jobs@Flinders website: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment>

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WOMEN UP NORTH HOUSING INC

Aboriginal Housing Support Worker

Permanent part-time 25 hpw

Aboriginality is a requirement of this position

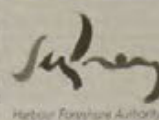
Applications close 19th September 2008

To obtain an employment package contact: Ph: 02 6621 7730
Fax: 02 6621 8819 Email: wunh@versa.com.au

Women Up North considers that being a woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s.31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)

Women Up North considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)

In 2007, the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority was recognised as one of Australia's 23 best employers in the annual *Hewlett Best Employer Awards*. It was also announced as the *Inaugural Best Employer in the Public Sector*.



Employment Opportunity

2 CASUAL ABORIGINAL GUIDES

Roster: Across a 7 day week

Hourly Rate: \$33.50

Location: The Rocks, Darling Harbour & Pyrmont.

In accordance with our commitment to the recent Principles of Cooperation agreement between the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council and The Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, we are looking for 2 dynamic Casual Aboriginal Guides who are committed to making Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority's educational programs fascinating, interactive and fun.

Guides will be trained in Aboriginal cultural programs as well as non Indigenous programs.

If you think you can maintain a consistently outstanding level of live interpretation across a range of programs and audiences, we want to hear from you, and look forward to your application in relation to the selection criteria attached:

Essential selection criteria

1. Passionate and knowledgeable about Aboriginal, contemporary and historical Sydney.
2. Aboriginality.
3. Demonstrated experience as a guide implementing informal education programs or similar experience in teaching or tourism.
4. Excellent customer service experience and interpersonal skills.
5. Ability to 'think on your feet'.
6. Formal guide qualifications or relevant experience.

For more information on programs please check the Sydney Learning Adventures website at: www.sydneylearningadventures.com

Applications should include your resume as well as a 1-2 page submission addressing all essential selection criteria as well as your experience supporting this application.

This position is exempt under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

For more information please contact James Manser on (02) 9240 8801.

Please submit your application to recruitment@shfa.nsw.gov.au, or post to Human Resources, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, PO Box N408, Grosvenor Place NSW 1220 by close of business on Friday 19th September 2008.



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE CLINICAL NURSE EDUCATOR

Community Access
Metro South Region
Summer Hill

Permanent Full-Time/Part-Time (2 positions)

Position No: DADHC-08-15307

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,027 per annum (Salary: \$64,365 pa). Full time salary quoted includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate: \$32.46 ph

Job Description: Responsible for the planning, development and delivery of education to accommodation staff to ensure training and education of clinical, nursing and support staff is consistent with the Disability Services Act 1993, relevant policies and procedures.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Current Registration with the NSW Nurses and Midwives Board, with demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional development.
- A solid working knowledge of human services and key issues for departmental clients and stakeholders.
- Experience in the delivery of case management to people with an intellectual disability with complex health care needs.
- Proven ability to interpret and implement changes to client care procedures and identify training and development needs for residential staff.
- High level of interpersonal skills and ability to communicate effectively and build relationships and consult with a range of external stakeholders and present a case in group settings.
- Current NSW Driver's Licence and computer literacy.

Job Notes: There are 2 positions available, one permanent full-time and one permanent part-time (16 hours per week). An eligibility list may be created for future reference. Work is with children and adults with intellectual disability and their families. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: Yvonne Turiano or Tracy Murray (02) 9797 8133

Information package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or 1800 185 466

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package.

Closing date: Friday 19 September 2008



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

SUPPORT PLANNER

Young People in Residential Aged Care Program (YPIRAC)

Clerk Grade 7/8

Planning & Access

Hunter Region, Newcastle

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-08-15340

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 position collaborates with the YPIRAC Unit and undertakes all aspects of support planning for identified people in and leaving residential aged care or at imminent risk of inappropriately entering residential aged care in the Hunter Region.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated understanding of contemporary issues, constraints and operations of complex support planning & implementation for individuals with high medical or other support needs.
- Demonstrated experience in managing complex support planning including client engagement, service coordination, resource management, consultation, implementation and monitoring to ensure the achievement of agreed goals.
- Demonstrated analytical problem solving skills, including service provider negotiations and individual service user transitions to new service models.
- High level of oral and written communication skills, including maintenance of client records and the development of complex and accurate briefings and reports.
- High level interpersonal, negotiation and consultation skills and experience in liaising with a range of internal and external stakeholders to achieve agreed outcomes.
- Experience in data collection, analysis and presentation and the use of spreadsheets, databases and word processing packages to support these activities.
- Tertiary qualifications in Social Sciences or Health, or equivalent knowledge, skills and experience.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period up to 4 August 2009 under the terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: Karen Pickering phone (02) 4978 6221 or email: karen.pickering@dadhc.nsw.gov.au

Information Package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 4960 4635.

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309

Closing Date: Friday 19 September 2008

NSW DEPARTMENT OF juvenile justice

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethno religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

UNIT COORDINATOR (ABORIGINAL) 2 POSITIONS

Lidcombe, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08/167, Total remuneration package valued to: \$69,582 p.a. (\$55,010-\$63,056) including salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Supervises and directs the work of a team of Youth Officers to ensure the appropriate care and custody of clients and safety of staff. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and knowledge, understanding and respect for Aboriginal culture Certificate IV in Juvenile Justice (Youth Work) or Community Service or equivalent. Experience in working with, motivating, supporting and communicating effectively with young people with challenging behaviours, including an understanding of their needs. Capacity to maintain a safe and secure environment for staff and clients. Demonstrated ability to manage a team including conflict resolution, negotiation, liaison and problem solving and advocacy skills. Demonstrated ability to prepare accurate and concise reports and make recommendations. Knowledge of the Department's casework and programming practices. Current minimum Class C NSW driver's licence.

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. Eligibility List may be created to fill future permanent or temporary positions. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorized by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Inquiries: Bruce Cunningham (02) 8737 5000.

Information Packages: Karen McNamara (02) 8737 5000. Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240.

Closing Date: Friday 19 September 2008.



Regional Indigenous Coordinators x 2

Blue Care is expanding its Indigenous services program and is seeking to employ two Indigenous Coordinators in each of the following regions:

Blue Care is one of Australia's largest providers of community and residential aged care services employing over 9500 staff in more than 260 centres. We currently have over 160 Indigenous employees in a range of positions across our organisation.

Cape York Region (Located in Cairns)

Central Queensland Wide Bay (Rockhampton or Bundaberg)

We want to improve services to our Indigenous clients, and establish new ways to make Blue Care a leader in delivering mainstream services to Indigenous Queenslanders.

Cape York Region (Located in Cairns)

We have been funded to undertake a research project to identify what employment programs for aged and community care might work best in Cape York. This project will complement our research project on appropriate aged care service models for Cape York.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate that they have significant experience working with Indigenous people in Cape York, a background in community development, and an understanding of employment programs and aged and community care programs in remote areas.

Central Queensland Wide Bay (Rockhampton/Bundaberg)

In this position you will lead the Indigenous employment and mentoring within a specific Blue Care region and in consultation with Indigenous care providers to work towards developing partnerships with Indigenous providers. To join you will have an understanding or demonstrated ability to acquire knowledge of employment programs and aged and community care programs in the Central Queensland Wide Bay region.

Both Positions are for twelve month periods and there maybe a possibility of a further extension beyond this period.

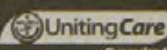
We offer a competitive salary, including car and tax effective salary packaging. Previous applicants are still being considered.

This position has been identified as a position to be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. This is arguable under Sections 25, 104, and 105 of the Queensland Anti Discrimination Act 1991.

Enquiries to Lyn Cullinane (Indigenous Coordinator South East Queensland) on (07) 5428 8120. To apply please send your resume and a covering letter to recruitment@bluecare.org.au

Applications close 24 September 2008.

www.bluecare.org.au



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SERVICE COORDINATOR

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Illawarra North Service Centre, Dapto
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: HCS-08-15329

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$63,028 per annum (salary range \$51,784 pa to \$57,117 pa) includes annual leave loading and employers contribution to superannuation.

Job Description: The position plans, coordinates and delivers in home support services to the frail aged, people with disabilities and their carers. The position provides leadership, supervision, support and training for Care Workers who deliver the services.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated knowledge of the home & community care context and service provider network and relevant program standards, community care and welfare systems, and health, aged care and disability care systems.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the needs of the frail aged, their carers, specific disability groups and specific cultural groups.
- Understanding of quality service principles.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of client rights issues including confidentiality, privacy, advocacy and complaints mechanisms.
- Demonstrated ability to support and supervise staff.
- Demonstrated effective oral and written communication, conflict resolution, liaison and negotiation skills.
- Demonstrated experience in information technology to support client service delivery, creation/maintenance of client & staff records, writing of complex reports, extracting data base information & ensuring accurate records & billing processes.
- Experience in a similar role in the community service sector or possession of relevant tertiary qualifications and current Driver's Licence and own vehicle.

Job Notes: People from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply for this position. Applicants MUST obtain an Information Package, which contains complete details of the position and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

Information Packages: Available on line at www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or (02) 6200 5820

Applications to: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620.

Closing Date: Friday 19 September 2008.

GA1-78201



SERVICE CO-ORDINATOR

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Western Region, Riverina Murray, Griffith
Permanent Full-Time
Position no: HCS-08-15338

Salary package is valued up to \$63,028 pa includes a salary range \$51,784 pa - \$57,117 pa leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation.

Job Description: The position plans, coordinates and delivers in home support services to the frail aged, people with disabilities and their carers. The position provides leadership, supervision, support and training for Care Workers who deliver the services.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated knowledge of the home & community care context and service provider network and relevant program standards, community care and welfare systems, and health, aged care and disability care systems.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the support needs of the frail aged, people with a disability and their carers.
- Understanding of quality service principles.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of client rights issues including confidentiality, privacy, advocacy and complaints mechanisms.
- Demonstrated ability to support, train and supervise staff.
- Demonstrated effective oral and written communication, conflict resolution, liaison and negotiation skills.
- Demonstrated experience in information technology to support client service delivery, creation & maintenance of client & staff records, writing of complex reports, extracting data base information & ensuring accurate records & billing processes.
- Experience in a similar role in the community service sector or possession of relevant tertiary qualifications.
- Driver's Licence and own vehicle.

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains complete details of the advertisement and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

Inquiries: Meryle Calabria (02) 6962 6899

Information Packages: Irene Banfield (02) 6962 6899

Applications to: Branch Manager, Riverina Murray-Western, Home Care Service of NSW, 104-110 Banna Avenue, Griffith NSW 2680 or apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 19 September 2008

GA1-78201

NEWCASTLE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Are you experienced in working with families living with a mental illness?

Here is your opportunity to work in an exciting new project - 'Headin' Up'. You will be part of a dynamic and creative organisation which can offer considerable flexibility of employment and above award conditions.

Team Leader

Hours 28-35 (full-time) pw negotiable.

Grade 5, SACS Award with above award conditions.

To implement and manage the project and supervise a small team of family and mental health workers.

Indigenous Family Worker

Hours 28-35 (full-time) pw negotiable.

Grade 4, SACS Award with above award conditions.

To provide individual and group work with parents and children.

The employment of Indigenous Australian people in this position is authorised in accordance with part 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act(1977).

For further details & information package for the above positions phone 02 4926 3577.

Closing date: 22nd September 2008.

NFSS is an EEO employer.



Magistrates' Court of Victoria

ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER

DJ3398

Ongoing - Full Time

VPS Grade 3

(\$48,714 - \$59,148)

The Magistrates' Court of Victoria is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic person. The Aboriginal Liaison Service forms part of the Court Integrated Services Program (CISP). CISP provides a multi-disciplinary team approach to the service and treatment of defendants.

The Aboriginal Liaison Officer Service addresses the issue of over-representation of Indigenous people in the Victorian justice system by working with Indigenous clients when they enter the court system. In addition, the service helps Aboriginal people to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention.

This is an Identified Indigenous position, which will involve the development and delivery of programs and services which impact on Indigenous people.

To apply or for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact Jo Beckett on 9628 7981.

Applications close 25 September 2008

GA1-78201



Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Services Limited (TAHS)

We are seeking applications of the following position

Chief Executive Director

Salary - TBN
Health Services Union of Australia
(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services)
Award 2002 (Transitional)

TAHS is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled health service operating as a group practice. This practice has operated since 1975 and is located in modern purpose built and well appointed premises. With services provided by general practitioners, allied health professionals, a mental health team including a psychologist, fully trained team of nurses and health workers. There are maternal and child, eye and dental health units. We provide holistic health and wellbeing care as well as a range of social services.

We are seeking applicants with considerable and proven experience and success in the management of a health care service with diverse aspects of service delivery. Tertiary qualifications applicable to this role are highly desirable, as is a proven commitment to the delivery of high quality services and outcomes to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities. This position will report directly to the Board of Directors (TAHS) the areas of responsibility will include:

- Provide executive and strategic leadership
- Work collaboratively with and under the direction of the Board of Directors (TAHS)
- Compile and interpret complex documents and reports
- Provide oversight of operational management, ensuring compliance and the maintenance of effective control mechanisms in all aspects of the service
- Establish and maintain effective professional networks and relationships on behalf of the organisation
- Identify and manage corporate risks
- Ensure that the operations and activities of TAHS are conducted in compliance with relevant legislative frameworks

All applications must include a copy of CV - at least two current referees - all selection criteria must be addressed in writing.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 19th September 2008

For position descriptions including selection criteria please contact Barbara or Kath on (07) 4759 4036 or via e-mail to recruitment@tahs.net.au



ABC News Cadet Journalist Program 2009

The ABC's News Division is offering a number of positions in its Cadet Journalist program. The successful applicants will be offered a one-year training contract and will be trained as journalists for radio, television and online news. Salary circa \$43K per annum.

Applicants should have appropriate tertiary qualifications or have substantial practical experience in journalism. Applicants must have initiative, well-developed research and writing skills and good communication skills. A broadcast quality voice is essential. A demonstrated interest in news and current affairs is required as is a familiarity with all ABC News output. You must also be able to work well in a team and take direction. People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

Successful applicants may be required to relocate interstate. At the completion of training and based on performance, an opportunity to join a regional newsroom may be offered.

All applications are to be made on the ABC Cadet Journalist Program Application Form.

An application form and information leaflet can be obtained by:

- Visiting <http://abc.net.au/jobs>
- Contacting Recruitment on (02) 8333 3334
- If you still require further information after reading the application form and information leaflet, you may contact Heather Forbes on (02) 8333 3097

Applications close Friday 26 September 2008. Late applications will not be accepted.

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ABC Sports News Cadet Journalist Program 2009

The ABC's News Division is offering a Sports News position in its Cadet Journalist program. The successful applicant will be offered a one-year training contract and will be trained as a sports news journalist for radio, television and online news. Salary circa \$43K per annum.

Applicants should have appropriate tertiary qualifications or have substantial practical experience in journalism. Applicants must have initiative, well-developed research and writing skills and good communication skills. A broadcast quality voice is essential. A demonstrated interest in news and current affairs is required as is a familiarity with all ABC News output and sports news in particular. You must also be able to work well in a team and take direction. People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

The successful applicant will be based in Sydney. At the completion of training and based on performance, an opportunity to join a regional newsroom may be offered.

All applications are to be made on the ABC Sports News Cadet Journalist Program Application Form.

An application form and information leaflet can be obtained by:

- Visiting <http://abc.net.au/jobs>
- Contacting Recruitment on (02) 8333 3334
- If you still require further information after reading the application form and information leaflet, you may contact Heather Forbes on (02) 8333 3097

Applications close Friday 26 September 2008. Late applications will not be accepted.

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE



Careers in Juvenile Justice

The NSW Department of Juvenile Justice is recruiting State-wide for front line staff on a permanent, temporary or casual basis with full-time or part-time employment opportunities available.

YOUTH OFFICER

Youth Officers working in Juvenile Justice are responsible for providing a positive leadership role while assisting in the care, development and security of young people in custody in NSW.

Salary package from \$46,447 to \$55,568 pa, plus shift allowances and/or penalty rates as applicable.

For further information about a career with Juvenile Justice or to apply, please visit our website: www.djj.nsw.gov.au or telephone 1800 355 562.





Administrative Assistant

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

\$43 968 TO \$47 537 PA

REF 8174 The Administrative Assistant, as part of a small and interdependent team, will provide versatile organisational support in a busy Support Services Office within the School of Medicine, Flinders University.

This position is available on full-time basis for approximately one year from late September 2008 to replace a staff member on parental leave.

Closes: Friday, 26 September 2008

Applications must address the specified selection criteria. Detailed position information (including selection criteria) and essential information for intending applicants are available via the Jobs@Flinders website: http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment/employment_home.cfm

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Indigenous Customer Service Officer

Customer Service Delivery

ACT & Queanbeyan Customer Service Centres

Centrelink Band 2 (APS 3-4)

\$44,380 - \$55,169

Job reference: ASW2008/043

Contact Officer: Darren Williams on (02) 6208 6603.

Selection Documentation: recruitment.south.west.n@centrelink.gov.au or our 24 hour answering service on (02) 6200 5776.

This is an identified vacancy within Customer Service Delivery. Part of the duties within this role will require you to have an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous people. You will also need the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Indigenous people.

The successful applicants will be required to interview and determine needs of customers and advise of various programs and services available; deal with customer inquiries regarding programs and services; assess eligibility against legislation and/or policy guidelines, determine correct entitlements and advise the customer accordingly. As the Indigenous Customer Service Officer you will be required to consult and liaise with Indigenous customers to identify and understand individual needs.

Selection for this position will be made against specific selection criteria. It is in the interest of applicants to obtain the selection criteria and frame their application accordingly.

Note: This is a part-time identified position with the requirement to work Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 2:30pm. Successful applicants will need to have the ability to work full time for approximately the first four weeks (8:30am - 4:51pm). A current drivers licence is essential, as successful applicants will be required to work at various sites within the ACT and Queanbeyan.

Closing date: 18 September 2008

Centrelink is committed to workplace diversity and encourages applications from Indigenous Australians, people of non-English speaking background and people with disability.

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For selection documentation and more information about working at Centrelink, visit www.centrelink.gov.au and click on Careers

DURRI ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE - KEMPSEY

Child Health Nurse Healthy for Life Program

Durri Aboriginal Medical Service at Kempsey, Northern NSW, is seeking a motivated, enthusiastic and experienced nurse to fill this newly established position. Kempsey is set in the beautiful Macleay Valley close to great fishing, beaches, surfing, national parks and river hinterland. The Child Health Nurse will implement the child health program against the Healthy for Life requirements. They will ensure the Healthy for Life action plans are implemented, and will liaise with the Healthy for Life Site Coordinator and the maternal and child health team in meeting these requirements. The applicant will be a registered nurse with experience in child health.

Applications close 29 September 2008.

For further information contact Jill McDonald on 02 6562 4919 or 0429838525. For an application package contact Brian Bradshaw on 02 6562 4919 or email bbradshaw@durri.org.au



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Clerical Officer Grade 1/2

Greater Western Sydney Housing Services Division

Parramatta

Permanent Part-Time

Position No: DOH-08-15326

Total remuneration package valued up to \$48,447 per annum (Salary: \$21,154 pa - \$43,903 pa) Full-time salary quoted includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate from: \$11.58 ph - \$24.04 ph.

Job Description: To provide a range of generalist administrative support functions to the team the role is based in.

Selection Criteria:

- General office and administrative experience.
- Sound communication and interpersonal skills and an ability to liaise with all levels of staff.
- Demonstrated capacity to work effectively as part of a team.
- Ability to prioritise work and meet deadlines in a high volume work area.
- Ability to work with minimum supervision and to use initiative.
- Demonstrated computer and data entry skills including experience in using Microsoft Office software.
- Ability to work in a repetitive work environment providing support to a team in routine and simple choice tasks.
- Ability to complete prescribed tasks according to instruction.

Job Notes: This is a Permanent Part-Time position working 3.5 hours each day, Monday to Friday. Start and finish times will be negotiated with successful candidate. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria. An eligibility list may be created as part of this recruitment and used to fill other permanent and temporary vacancies for this role within the Division.

Inquiries: Derek Kennedy (02) 9891 8313

Information Packages:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers/

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 19 September 2008

041-70649



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW

TECHNICAL OFFICER ASSET OPERATIONS

Clerk Grade 5/6

Western Area, Dubbo

Temporary Full-Time (2 positions)

Position No: DOH-08-15303

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: Improve the technical standards, responsiveness and understanding of client needs by Housing NSW area contractors through the timely identification and resolution by contractors of service delivery or asset related issues.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated capacity to deliver outcomes that meet client expectations within budget and contract parameters with experience in dealing proactively with contractors.
- Ability to identify, interpret and resolve technical issues with demonstrated practical application in an asset services environment.
- Sound written and verbal communication skills, including good interpersonal and negotiation skills.
- Working knowledge of, and commitment to OHS standards.
- Working knowledge of QA Systems and audit procedures.
- Post Trade Certificate IV or equivalent qualifications or sound work experience in an asset related field (ie Construction, skilled trades, project management).
- Demonstrated technological capability and computer literacy in standard PC software packages.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: There are two temporary full-time positions available for a period of up to 31 December 2008 with a possibility of extension, under the terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Scott Kelly (02) 6360 8103 or (02) 6885 7139

Information Package:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers/ or NSW Businesslink (02) 6392 8250

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 19 September 2008

041-70649



BUNJUM ABORIGINAL CO-OP

AEDO

ABORIGINAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

(36 hours per week - 4.5 days)

The AEDO program assists Aboriginal people to access education and training pathways to facilitate the establishment and retention of viable Aboriginal business enterprises.

Bunjum is seeking a self-motivated, innovative and highly experienced Project Worker to fill this position. The AEDO will be based in Ballina with regular daytime hours travel within the Richmond/Tweed region.

Applicants are requested to contact Nita Roberts, Bunjum General Manager on phone 02 66 865644 (Email: generalmanager@bunjum.com) to request an information package prior to applying for the position.

A very competitive salary package including vehicle is offered.

Closing date: 19 September 2008.

Note: This position is identified and exempted under S.21 of the Anti Discrimination Act, 1977

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES,
CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

TEACHER (ABORIGINAL)

Teacher, Dillwynia Correctional Centre, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08496. Total remuneration package valued to: \$79,185 p.a. (\$64,011-\$71,758) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Responsible for delivering accredited Indigenous Studies and/or Literacy or Literacy and Numeracy programs to Aboriginal offenders and providing administrative and case management support for these programs. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Degree or Degree plus Diploma in Education or equivalent. Degree or Diploma including Indigenous Studies and/or subjects relevant to Literacy or Literacy and Numeracy. Experience teaching adults or demonstrated knowledge of adult teaching principles. Demonstrated knowledge of quality assurance practices which comply with national standards. Ability to undertake administrative duties related to teaching and to work effectively as part of a multi-disciplinary team. Understanding of Case Management and Throughcare strategies. Well developed interpersonal and communication skills.

Notes: A Degree or Diploma in Education which includes teaching subjects in the core learning area will meet both qualification criteria. In this position the applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form and copies of qualifications and academic transcripts. Originals must be brought to interview. Note that overseas qualifications must be accompanied with relevant statement of Australian equivalent. Applicants must provide email addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to 2 weeks at the commencement of their employment. An Eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary positions within the area.

Inquiries: Harinder Kaur (02) 4582 2505

Email: Harinder.Kaur@dcs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 4582 2505.

Information Packages: Matthew.Hughes@dcs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 4582 2603.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 19 September 2008.



Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Clerk Grade 5/6

Office for Ageing

Service Development & Planning

Tweed Heads

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-08-14785

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 provides high quality executive and administration support to the Executive Director. When required, coordinate the work of an administrative support team that provides administration, customer service, project and research assistance.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Extensive secretarial and administration experience at executive / senior management level.
- Demonstrated high level interpersonal and communication skills with ability to exercise sound judgement, discretion and maintain confidentiality.
- Demonstrated resourcefulness and initiative in responding to urgent requests / situations.
- Ability to acquire knowledge of the Department's structure, roles, strategies and its relationship with other human services agencies and clients.
- Demonstrated planning, organising and priority setting skills.
- Highly developed word processing and computer skills and experience with various software packages including Microsoft Office.

Job Notes: The successful applicant will initially undertake the role in Sydney and from 5 January 2009 will relocate with the position to Tweed Heads. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: Pamela Rutledge (02) 8270 2144 or email: Pamela.Rutledge@dadhc.nsw.gov.au

Information Package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or 1800 185 466

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package.

Closing Date: Friday 19 September 2008.

041-70649



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE MANAGER ACCESS

Clerk Grade 9/10
Community Access
Metro South Region

Fieldwork, Campbelltown, Hurstville & Burwood
Permanent Full-Time (various positions)

Position No: DADHC-08-15294

Total remuneration package valued up to \$36,295 per annum (Salary: \$79,188 pa + \$87,263 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Lead and manage the delivery of community support services consistent with the framework, guidelines and principles determined by DADHC and the Disability Services Act 1993 in order to improve the ability of individuals to participate in community life and access appropriate services.

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.
- Demonstrated capacity to build and manage 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.
- High 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.
- Tertiary qualifications in a relevant field which includes Case Management, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Speech Pathology, or Psychology or equivalent knowledge, skills and experience.

Job Notes: There are various positions available, located in Fairfield, Campbelltown, Hurstville & Burwood. An eligibility list may be created for future reference. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: Alison Swift (02) 9334 3700 or email: Alison.Swift@dahc.nsw.gov.au

Information package: www.dahc.nsw.gov.au/dahc/careers or 1800 165 466

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package.

Closing Date: Friday 19 September 2008

001-176466

NSW DEPARTMENT OF juvenile justice

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethno religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

UNIT COORDINATOR (ABORIGINAL)

Campbelltown, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08/151. Total remuneration package valued to: \$69,582 p.a. (\$55,010-\$63,056) including salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Supervises and directs the work of a team of Youth Officers to ensure the appropriate care and custody of clients and safety of staff. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and knowledge, understanding and respect for Aboriginal culture Certificate IV in Juvenile Justice (Youth Work) or Community Service or equivalent. Experience in working with, motivating, supporting and communicating effectively with young people with challenging behaviours, including an understanding of their needs. Capacity to maintain a safe and secure environment for staff and clients. Demonstrated ability to manage a team including conflict resolution, negotiation, liaison and problem solving and advocacy skills. Demonstrated ability to prepare accurate and concise reports and make recommendations. Knowledge of the Department's casework and programming practices. Current minimum Class C NSW driver's licence.

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. Eligibility List may be created to fill future permanent or temporary positions. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorized by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Inquiries: Ian Gray (02) 4629 3800. Information Packages: Androulla Charalambous on (02) 4629 3800.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240.

Closing Date: Friday 19 September 2008.

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Department of
Corrective Services
Government of Western Australia

Executive Assistant

Aboriginal Justice

Web Search No: 007993

Level/Salary: 3 PSGA \$48,409 - \$52,560 pa

The key role of the Executive Assistant role is to provide secretariat, administrative and research support to the Assistant Commissioner, Aboriginal Justice. The position is important to the effective operation of the Aboriginal Justice. This challenging and rewarding position is required to manage a range of tasks including diary management, preparation and maintaining of confidential and sensitive correspondence and providing administrative support for meetings/committees. On occasions, this position will be required to undertake specific projects.

For further job related information: Please contact Bernadette Lawrence on (08)9204 1326

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No: into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011

Closing Date: Tue 30th Sep 2008 at 4:30pm

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Finance Officer 0.6

(3 Days a week.)

This position is based at our office, 34 Wurruk Ave Preston. This position is a 12 month term.

Community Development Officer

This position is based at our office, 34 Wurruk Ave Preston. This position is a 12 month term.

We are a not for profit Aboriginal community based & controlled organisation focused on supporting Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people who were removed or separated as a child from their family, community, land & culture. If you would like to join our committed staff & you have the skills in working collaboratively & empathically with clients, we would be very interested in hearing from you.

Please contact Brad Brown for further information & position description, or visit our website www.stolengenerationsvictoria.org.au.

Aboriginal persons are encouraged to apply.

Applications by post to Brad Brown, Stolen Generations Victoria Ltd, PO Box 101 Preston Vic 3072.

Applications close Friday 19th September.

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BTH Counsellor - Project Co-ordinator

The Awabakal Co-op is seeking an Aboriginal person to join the team at our Aboriginal Medical Service as the Bringing Them Home Counsellor. The BTH Program seeks to make contact with local members and survivors of the Stolen Generation to assist them to link with appropriate services to facilitate their social and emotional healing, to reconnect with families to take their place within their communities and to gain understanding of their culture. The role of the project co-ordinator will be to bring these people together and to put them in touch with appropriate support services and programs. Counselling and case-management form a significant part of the role. Essential criteria: Aboriginality; this position is identified and is authorised under S14D of the NSW Anti discrimination Act. Drivers Licence, project management, communication skills, counselling background an advantage. For a full information package, contact Richard McGuinness: A/G Service Manager AMS, phone on 0249693242 or 0419361024 or email manager@awabakal.org.

Closing Date is 5pm Fri Sept 19th 2008.

Admin Support Officer - Disabilities Program

Part-time 15hrs Per Week

The primary function of this role is to be the first point of contact for the Awabakal Co-op Disabilities Program (Flexible Support Options) and will provide administrative support to the case-worker, working with them to ensure that client files and service records are up to date. The position is 15 hours per week over 3 days.

This position would suit someone who has admin clerical background, working with people with a disability is a key aspect to this role. Aboriginality: this position is identified and is authorised under S14D of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act. For an information package, contact Richard McGuinness, ProjCo-ord phone on 49364711 or 0419361024 or email r.mcguinness@awabakal.org

Closing Date is 5pm Fri Sept 19th 2008.



Project Co-ordinator Konnect Program

1.0 FTE

Position based at 1 Hoodle Street,
Richmond, Victoria

Australian Community Support Organisation ACSO is currently working in conjunction with the Department of Justice and a consortium made up of Jesuit Social Services (Brosnan Centre), Salvation Army (Adult Services) and the Victorian Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (VACRO) to implement an intensive support program for Aboriginal people leaving prison to be known as Konnect. The Konnect Program will consist of a small team comprising a Co-ordinator, case managers and a research/evaluator.

Responsibilities and tasks include:

- Co-ordinate the operation of Konnect on a statewide basis;
- Assist in the planning, development and formulation of policies and procedures;
- Maintain a small caseload and provide intensive case management;
- Provide secondary consultation to caseworkers from within the above consortium;

- Prepare reports for the Department of Justice;
- Convene and attend regular meetings;
- To promote Konnect to Koori specific services.

Please contact:
Annie Trainor
for further information and a position description on:

9413 7000

or email: atrainor@acso.org.au

Please forward a resume and application to Annie Trainor at:

ACSO
PO Box 14278
Melbourne Vic 8001

Applications close cob Friday
19th September, 2008.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

SENIOR CULTURAL PROGRAMS SUPPORT COORDINATOR,

Environment Officer Class 11, Hurstville, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-344. Total remuneration package valued to: \$107,128 p.a. (\$88,089-\$97,081) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Assist the Manager in guiding the Section's policy development and coordination and administration functions in relation to the State-wide Aboriginal programs. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and a superior knowledge of Aboriginal cultural values and protocols, and demonstrated capacity to work with Aboriginal peoples and communities. Proven and superior knowledge of current issues, policy and legislation relating to Aboriginal culture, heritage, land use and natural resource management, and the Government's Aboriginal Affairs Plan, Two Ways Together. Strong program and project management skills and a sound record of achievement in the development and implementation of programs, projects and services with an Aboriginal community focus. Comprehensive knowledge and demonstrated practical experience in investigating, assessing and reporting in respect of Aboriginal community and cultural values particularly in regard to program and project outcomes. Demonstrated skills and extensive experience in leading and managing multiple programs and projects in a team environment including professional, technical and project specialists. Highly developed analytical, problem solving and research skills, and demonstrated capacity to plan and manage staff and contractors within the context of work plans, financial planning and budgetary controls. Demonstrated superior oral and written communication, negotiation, presentation, facilitation, influencing, and conflict resolution skills and extensive experience in dealing with a range of client groups. Current drivers licence.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Gavin Andrews (02) 9585 6449 Email: Gavin.Andrews@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Information Packages: (02) 9585 6168 or jobs.nsw.gov.au.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220. Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 19 September 2008.

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Flinders
UNIVERSITY

Research Associate

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

RESEARCH LEVEL A: \$52 800 TO \$64 308 PA

REF 8151 The successful candidate will coordinate and conduct the research project, 'Stepping Up: Mainstream Care for Aboriginal People'. This will include consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and mainstream health care providers, detailed data gathering and analysis, production of research reports and conference presentations.

This position is available immediately on a full or part time basis until 30 September 2011. Job share arrangements may be available for suitable candidates.

People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

Closes: Monday, 29 September 2008.

Applications must address the specified selection criteria. Detailed position information (including selection criteria) and essential information for intending applicants are available via the Jobs@Flinders website: http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment/employment_home.cfm

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SOUTH COAST MEDICAL SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Due to expansion of existing services we are seeking to fill several positions as follows:

Regional Training & Development Worker

(Permanent)

The Training & Development Worker will research, organise or deliver information, education, research and training programs on substance use issues across the Illawarra, Shoalhaven and Far South Coast region of NSW. They will assist the Regional Service Manager to develop, implement and evaluate substance use promotion, prevention and community development programs across the region in partnership with other organisations and help with the development of Community and Regional plans for new services and programs. They will promote the regional service. The Training and Development Worker will be required to travel within the region on a regular basis.

Aboriginal Women's Healing Research Project Officer

(Temporary part time Until 30th September 2009)

The Aboriginal Women's Healing Research Project Officer (Project Officer) will be a part time (0.6) position outposted to Waminda South Coast Womens Health and Welfare Aboriginal Corporation. The Project Officer will work in partnership with a Research Assistant at the University of Wollongong and other project partners to conduct the research project Out of Luck and Out of Town: researching the needs of Aboriginal women with drug and alcohol and mental health problems in rural and regional NSW.

An information pack regarding these positions can be obtained from Mark King phone (02) 4447 6666 or email recruitment@southcoastams.org.au.

To discuss the positions contact Lesley Roxbee on (02) 4447 8037. Salary for both positions will be negotiated within a set range with the successful applicants dependant on qualifications and experience.

Closing Date: COB Monday 22nd September 2008

Lodging Applications Applications should include the application form, a CV and responses to the selection criteria provided in the information pack. Two referees who can be contacted to comment on your work should be identified. Aboriginality is a Genuine Occupational Requirement for all positions under S14 of the Anti-discrimination Act.

Send the application by mail or fax to:

Mr Mark King
Senior Manager Operations
South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 548, NOWRA NSW 2541, Fax (02) 4428 6602

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At the City of Melbourne, making Melbourne great is what we do best. As an organisation, we strive to make a difference. It's an exciting organisation and we welcome new members to our team. We hope you find a position that inspires and interests you.

Reconciliation and Administration Support Officer

\$52 698 - \$59 314 + super

Full Time

This exciting position will work on the reconciliation agenda and associated projects for the City of Melbourne. The Reconciliation and Administration Support Officer will have overall responsibility for planning and completing administrative, financial and business support tasks, as well as dealing with diverse customer situations. The successful candidate will have a detailed understanding of the Victorian Indigenous community, including an awareness of community networks, the ability to encourage participation of stakeholders in community planning and an understanding of community consultation processes.

For further information about the position, please contact Melissa Stevens on 9658 8784.

For a copy of the position description and to apply, visit our website www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/employment

Applications close Friday 3 October 2008.

For further information, a copy of the position description and to apply, visit our website www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/employment



Family Support Worker

Family Support Worker
(35hrs or 25hrs neg.)

From \$58,601 package value inc. FBT and car

We are seeking an experienced family support worker to join Yurungai Child and Family Services. This exciting position is based in Redfern, and works with severely disadvantaged children and families living in the South East Sydney region.

The service is a child focused family support intervention, and has an emphasis on the prevention of family breakdown and working towards keeping children and young people out of the long term Out of Home Care System.

Yurungai Child and Family Services also provide a casework service to relative and kinship carers who have children/young people placed with them by the Department of Community Services.

A successful applicant will have detailed and comprehensive understanding and knowledge of the issues and challenges which face disadvantaged Indigenous families.

Call and speak with Craig Byrne today on 02 9218 2358 or e-mail recruitment@socialworks.org.au for a detailed job description and application pack. All candidates must obtain the pack to address selection criteria.

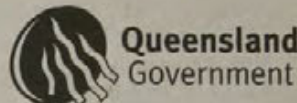
Completed applications to be received no later than Friday 3rd October 2008.

All successful candidates will be subject to a Working with Children Check.



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Director

Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit, Indigenous Services
(Temporary until 25 September 2009)

Natural Resources and Water

Salary: \$109 456 - \$114 525 p.a.

Location: Woollongabba

REF: QLD/NRW7850/08

Key Duties: Demonstrated high-level management, leadership, strategic planning and analysis, including the ability to lead a multi-disciplinary team undertaking work in a highly technical and sensitive area; Provide high-level advice on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage policy and related issues; Demonstrated understanding of contemporary whole-of-government Indigenous policies and priorities; Demonstrated working knowledge of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage legislation and national cultural heritage related matters; Highly developed interpersonal and written skills including excellent communication, negotiation, collaboration and problem-solving abilities.

Skills and Abilities: See Selection Criteria in the Position Description.

Enquiries: Alex Ackfun, General Manager

(Indigenous Services) (07) 3238 3759

Closing Date: Monday, 15 September 2008

Senior State Negotiator

Land and Vegetation Division, Indigenous Services

(Two positions available)

Natural Resources and Water

Salary: \$89 898 - \$95 082 p.a.

Location: Woollongabba

REF: QLD/NRW7901/08

Key Duties: Undertaking complex negotiations in the mediation of native title claims and Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs). Providing high level advice and information through submissions, briefs, and reports to management on native title and related issues. Liaising with and maintaining effective relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, agents, land councils and State/Commonwealth Departments. Co-ordinating and leading multi disciplinary teams involved in complex and sensitive matters.

Skills and Abilities: Please refer to the Role Description on the Smart Jobs and Careers website www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Kevin Murphy, Director (Claim Resolution), Indigenous Services (07) 3406 2272

Closing Date: Monday, 22 September 2008

Principal Program Officer (Specified)

Office for ATSI Partnerships

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Salary: \$81 140 - \$87 005 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/COM7898/08

Key Duties: Provide high level advice to ensure the efficient, effective and coordinated development of departmental projects and strategies. Provide leadership and coordination of responses to identified departmental outcomes and strategies. Assist in the preparation of complex and substantial reports, briefs in relation to strategic initiatives and provide briefings to senior departmental officers and the Minister on project related issues.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 29 September 2008

Program Coordinator (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Toowoomba

REF: QLD/COM7813/08

Key Duties: Coordinate the development, delivery and review of a range of youth justice programs, including forming strategic partnerships with external service providers, and supervise a team of operational staff to ensure the provision of high quality, responsive programs and services to young people on orders.

Skills and Abilities: High level ability to lead a team of operational staff to achieve quality outcomes for clients.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 22 September 2008

Senior Communication

Officer (Specified)

Corporate Performance and Portfolio Services

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/COM7883/08

Key Duties: Provide high level strategic communications and management advice to senior business area management; Coordinate and assume a hands-on role in developing news stories, brochures and publications; Assist with delivery of community events.

Skills and Abilities: Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; Demonstrated high level skills in providing strategic communication management.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 22 September 2008

Senior Program Officer

(Specified)

Office for ATSI Partnerships

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/COM7902/08

Key Duties: Liaise and consult with government departments and non-government organisations on the development of coordinated programs, projects and strategies. Undertake designated projects providing responses to program issues, coordination of government services and developing solutions to issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Prepare high quality, concise briefings, project plans and correspondence.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 29 September 2008

Client Service Manager

- Remote Communities

Regional Services Northern, Client Services

Housing

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Mt Isa - Doomadgee

REF: QLD/HO7119/08

Key Duties: Responsible for the coordination/delivery of services to clients in remote communities; these clients are mainly Aboriginal people, Torres Strait Islander people and Indigenous Councils.

Skills and Abilities: Undertake planning, research, analysis, provision of advice/support in the application of departmental policies/procedures/relevant legislation.

Enquiries: Alece Weeks (07) 4747 2129 or E-Mail: jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 22 September 2008

Indigenous Service Support

Officer (Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Communities

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 969 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/COM7941/08

Key Duties: Assist Youth Justice staff in culturally appropriate assessments and interventions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people and their families.

Skills and Abilities: Ability to implement culturally appropriate case plans through intervention strategies and linking young people to the services they require.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 22 September 2008

Child Safety Support Officer

(Identified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Child Safety

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 969 p.a.

Location: Rockhampton

REF: QLD/CHS7955/08

Key Duties: To provide high quality culturally appropriate child protection services to children and families serviced by the Child Safety Service Branch Office which are consistent with departmental policies, procedures and practices and provide appropriate advice and information to departmental staff.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693

Closing Date: Monday, 22 September 2008

Case Worker (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 - \$67 647 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/COM7908/08

Key Duties: Delivery of best practice statutory casework services to young people. Prepare and present information and evidence to Children's Court.

Skills and Abilities: Sound assessment and intervention skills to deliver integrated and culturally appropriate services. Preparation of pre-sentence reports, affidavits and other documentation.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 22 September 2008

Cultural Program Delivery

Officer, Level 1 (Sexual Offending) (Identified)

Custodial Operations Directorate

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Queensland Corrective Services

Salary: \$46 120 - \$51 432 p.a.

Location: Mareeba

REF: QLD/CS262/08

Enquiries: Bruce Dunster (07) 4092 9219

Closing Date: Monday, 15 September 2008

Cultural Liaison Officer

(Identified)

Custodial Operations Directorate

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Queensland Corrective Services

Salary: \$46 120 - \$51 432 p.a.

Location: Rockhampton

REF: QLD/CS270/08

Enquiries: Joanne Phelan (07) 4912 6260

Closing Date: Monday, 15 September 2008

Housing Officer

North Queensland Area Office, Client Services

Housing

Salary: \$46 120 - \$51 432 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/HO7118/08

Key Duties: Delivering a broad range of tenancy and property management services and providing advice to clients.

Skills and Abilities: Match and deliver services to a diverse range of clients. Communicate effectively with staff, clients and support services.

Enquiries: James Harmon (07) 4760 7189 or

E-Mail: jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 22 September 2008

Convenor (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Multiple casual positions available. Specified

- Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Salary: \$28.83 - \$37.10 per hr

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/COM7846/08

Key Duties: Convene Youth Justice Conferences. Develop and write Youth Justice Conference agreements. Conduct post Conference debriefing and maintain records. Monitor and support completion of Conference agreements. Actively participate in and contribute to good governance and objectives of the department.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 22 September 2008

Smart jobs in Queensland

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ASSISTANT IN NURSING

UnitingCare Ageing Northern Sydney Region has vacancies for AIN's to work at our Wesley Heights Facility located at Manly.

- Experience in aged care essential to provide high quality care to our residents
- Good English skills
- Availability for shifts Monday to Friday
- Part-time or Casual

Enquiries: Liz Graham on 9977 7366

Send applications to: recruitment@nsw.unitingcare.org.au

Closing date: Wednesday 17th September 2008

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES OFFICER

UnitingCare Ageing Northern Sydney Region is seeking a Recreational Activities Officer to work at our Wesley Gardens Dementia Specific Facility in Belrose from Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Enquiries: Danica Walker on 9975 9304

Send applications to: recruitment@nsw.unitingcare.org.au

Closing date: Wednesday 17th September 2008

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are particularly encouraged to apply.

MAINTENANCE HANDYPERSON

Reporting to the Maintenance Zone Manager at Wesley Gardens, Belrose you will have a proven track record in routine maintenance, have an understanding of contract obligations, knowledge of current OH&S conditions and have excellent communication and customer service skills. Your professional ability to work as part of a team is essential as well as your commitment to ensure that the needs of your clients are exceeded in service delivery. You will be required to work a 38-hour week as a Grade 4, Level 1 with an hourly rate of \$19.47.

Enquiries: Nigel Rowland, Maintenance Manager telephone: 0439 737 712.

Send applications to: recruitment@nsw.unitingcare.org.au

Closing date: Wednesday 17th September 2008

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are particularly encouraged to apply.

Relevant criminal record checks and pre-employment medical checks shall be conducted on applicants recommended for employment/appointment to positions within UnitingCare Ageing.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Clerk Grade 5/6

Community Regeneration Unit

Greater Western Sydney Housing Services Division Mt Druit

Temporary Full-Time Position No: DOH-08-15217

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 and non Government agencies to develop and implement regeneration plans that aim to achieve sustainable improvements within social housing neighbourhoods in Mt Druit.

Selection Criteria:

- Excellent communication skills including writing skills, negotiation and conflict resolution assessment and problem solving skills.
- Ability 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.
- Degree, Diploma or Associate Diploma in Social Work, Social Science, Welfare or related discipline and/or extensive relevant demonstrated experience.
- Extensive experience in the fields of community development and liaison with community and Government agencies.
- Demonstrated experience in working with personal computer (PC) applications.
- Current NSW Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time position available for up to three (3) years under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria. An eligibility list may be created as part of this recruitment and used to fill other temporary vacancies for this role within the Division.

Inquiries: Colleen Sutherland (02) 8753 9490

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers/

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 19 September 2008

0431-705845

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW CLIENT MANAGER

Senior Officer Grade 1

Operations Unit

RESITECH

Ashfield

Permanent Full-Time Position No: DOH-08-15335

Total remuneration package valued up to \$140,632 per annum (salary: \$118,519 pa - \$127,708 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The Client Manager is responsible for developing solutions for clients and the delivery of all RESITECH services including projects and professional services in connection with residential property, construction, and professional advice.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated ability to understand client needs at program level and record of achievement in delivery of substantial programs of work and meeting client expectations in the construction or related industry.
- Demonstrated record of substantial contribution to business management and meeting business objectives in a commercial environment.
- Recognised qualification in a construction related discipline such as Construction related Project Management, Architecture, Engineering, Building, Planning, Economics and Quantity Surveying.
- High level negotiation and communication skills with an ability to interact in a tactful and diplomatic way with clients and peers.
- Ability to analyse project and service performance and develop and implement solutions for client outcomes and business improvement.
- Demonstrated ability to resolve complex challenges through personal leadership, maturity and a practical approach to the issues and personalities involved.
- Ability to manage effectively and to provide leadership in dispute or in crisis situations restoring order and providing a planned way forward.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Colin Simpson (02) 8753 8170

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers/

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Closing date: Friday 19 September 2008

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
63/1064	Peter Romeo Gianni	294367	1566.85ha	34km NW of Norseman	Lat 31°56' Long 121°31'	Dundas
77/035	Richmond Resources Pty Ltd	292814	129.43ha	33km E of Southern Cross	Lat 31°11' Long 119°40'	Yalgoo
77/1374	Western Areas NL	295377	4.94ha	43km NW of Bullfinch	Lat 30°43' Long 118°57'	Yogan

Polaris Metals NL

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 10 September 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 the applications. The 3 month period closes on 10 December 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 amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 10 January 2009), 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.



NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE	
15/4902	Terence Joseph Lavery	9.68ha	21km N of Coolgardie	Lat 30°46' Long 121°07'	Coolgardie	
15/5259	Mark Gareth Creasy	9.4ha	19km W of Kambalda	Lat 31°14' Long 121°28'	Coolgardie	
20/2024	Michael Ashley Giles	22.48ha	4km NE of Cue	Lat 27°23' Long 117°54'	Cue	
20/2035	Peter Andrew Wiltshire	171.42ha	5km NE of Cue	Lat 27°24' Long 117°55'	Cue	
20/2036 & 20/2056	Peter Andrew Wiltshire	142.97ha	7km E of Cue	Lat 27°25' Long 117°56'	Cue	
20/2037	Peter Andrew Wiltshire	4.93ha	4km E of Cue	Lat 27°25' Long 117°55'	Cue	
20/2068	Peter Andrew Wiltshire	1.76ha	3km E of Cue	Lat 27°25' Long 117°54'	Cue	
24/4283	Siberia Mining Corporation Pty Ltd	0.86ha	68km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°18' Long 120°57'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	
24/4314-5	Western Resources Pty Ltd	400ha	55km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 121°00'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	
25/2046	Frederick Charles Saunders	17.63ha	36km NE of Kambalda	Lat 30°55' Long 121°52'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	
25/2049	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	40.61ha	20km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°40'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	
26/3623-4	Maher Mining Contractors Pty Ltd	219.91ha	12km N of Kambalda	Lat 31°05' Long 121°41'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	
26/3676	Frederick Charles Saunders	118.1ha	37km NE of Kambalda	Lat 30°56' Long 121°55'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	
26/3677	Geoffrey Michael Kempthorne	191.03ha	25km S of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°58' Long 121°30'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	
27/1958	Heron Resources Ltd	46.5ha	78km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°08' Long 121°54'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	
27/1959	Western Resources Pty Ltd	135.62ha	20km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°38' Long 121°38'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	
27/1960	Marta Resources Pty Ltd	23.55ha	34km N of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 121°29'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	
28/1163	Russell Geoffrey McKnight	200ha	81km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°33' Long 122°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	
28/1164	Russell Geoffrey McKnight	200ha	83km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°32' Long 122°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	
28/1165	Richard Thomas Shehan	23.15ha	59km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°29' Long 122°00'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	
29/1910	Erika Cecilia Trulsson					
29/1910	Rodney Charles Hodges	4.85ha	62km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°18' Long 120°34'	Menzies	
29/2077	Brendon Chevally Doshon	12.12ha	37km S of Menzies	Lat 29°59' Long 121°09'	Menzies	
29/2078	Mining 2000 Pty Ltd	173.27ha	83km W of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 120°29'	Menzies	
30/1079	Global United Minerals Pty Ltd	75.01ha	83km W of Menzies	Lat 29°41' Long 120°11'	Menzies	
31/1881	Heron Resources Ltd	19.5ha	140km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°06' Long 122°43'	Menzies	
31/1882	Heron Resources Ltd	19.82ha	140km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°07' Long 122°44'	Menzies	
31/1906	Hawthorn Resources Limited	46.94ha	141km S of Laverton	Lat 29°52' Long 122°38'	Menzies	
31/1909	Hawthorn Resources Limited	46.96ha	138km S of Laverton	Lat 29°51' Long 122°37'	Menzies	
36/1544	Forayth NL	194.32ha	27km S of Leonora	Lat 28°09' Long 120°39'	Leonora	
37/7230-1	Trevor John Dixon	345.65ha	55km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°30' Long 120°57'	Leonora	
37/7426-7	GME Resources Ltd	394.48ha	3km SE of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°21'	Leonora	
37/7436-9	Regis Resources Limited	704.26ha	16km N of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 121°20'	Leonora	
37/7492	St Barbara Ltd	144.02ha	12km N of Leonora	Lat 28°46' Long 121°21'	Leonora	
37/7540-57	Ruticon Resources Ltd	2763.74ha	21km SE of Leonora	Lat 28°57' Long 121°31'	Leonora	
37/7611-2	Bathurst Resources Ltd	365.59ha	56km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°26' Long 121°03'	Leonora	
39/4884	Narmoo Mining Pty Ltd	192.67ha	183km SE of Laverton	Lat 29°55' Long 123°34'	Menzies	
39/4938-9	Cedric Murray Horn	370.93ha	63km SW of Laverton	Lat 29°01' Long 121°57'	Laverton/Leonora	
39/4940	Anthony Pilkington	50.24ha	57km E of Leonora	Lat 28°59' Long 121°54'	Leonora	
39/4941	Anthony Pilkington	9.06ha	69km S of Laverton	Lat 29°12' Long 122°08'	Leonora	
45/2692-3	William John Morton	19.78ha	31km SW of Marble Bar	Lat 21°29' Long 119°37'	East Pilbara	
45/2711	Pilbara Mangrove Pty Ltd	125.83ha	114km SE of Shay Gap	Lat 21°06' Long 121°02'	East Pilbara	
45/7203	Alfred George Potter	67.26ha	91km SW of Marble Bar	Lat 21°49' Long 119°12'	East Pilbara	
51/2589-95	Sipa Gold Ltd	1392.32ha	17km SE of Meekatharra	Lat 26°43' Long 118°39'	Meekatharra	
51/2596	Windy Knob Resources Ltd	47.32ha	61km S of Meekatharra	Lat 27°08' Long 118°30'	Cue	
52/1277	Warwick John Flint	42.02ha	45km S of Newman	Lat 23°45' Long 119°38'	Meekatharra	
52/1278	Warwick John Flint	200ha	45km S of Newman	Lat 23°45' Long 119°40'	Meekatharra	
52/1281	Warwick John Flint	105.77ha	43km S of Newman	Lat 23°43' Long 119°50'	Meekatharra	
52/1282	Warwick John Flint	121.82ha	45km S of Newman	Lat 23°44' Long 119°52'	Meekatharra	
52/1283	Warwick John Flint	181.91ha	40km SE of Newman	Lat 23°44' Long 119°54'	Meekatharra	
53/1506	Orana Wiluna Pty Ltd	75.87ha	18km W of Wiluna	Lat 26°37' Long 120°02'	Wiluna	
53/1507	Orana Wiluna Pty Ltd	25.8ha	17km SW of Wiluna	Lat 26°39' Long 120°04'	Wiluna	
57/1234	Warramunda Gold NL	25.01ha	14km S of Sandstone	Lat 28°06' Long 119°18'	Sandstone	
59/1804	Troy Resources NL					
59/1804	Robert Ernst John Sheppard	199.82ha	49km SE of Yalgoo	Lat 28°42' Long 116°58'	Yalgoo	
	Charles Edward East					
	Sean Cameron Ashcroft					
	Jim Theo Robin					
	Minjar Gold Pty Ltd					
63/1605	Blackham Resources Ltd	196.8ha	42km SE of Salmon Gums	Lat 33°18' Long 121°53'	Esperance	
63/1606-7	Blackham Resources Ltd	2296.36ha	37km SE of Salmon Gums	Lat 33°14' Long 121°52'	Esperance	
63/1619-21						
63/1624-8 & 63/1634-5						
63/1611-2	Blackham Resources Ltd	381.06ha	34km N of Esperance	Lat 33°23' Long 121°50'	Esperance	
63/1615-6	Blackham Resources Ltd	380.74ha	33km N of Esperance	Lat 33°23' Long 121°51'	Esperance	
63/1617	Blackham Resources Ltd	185.61ha	30km N of Esperance	Lat 33°20' Long 121°50'	Esperance	
77/3863	Sulphide Resource Pty Ltd	62.4ha	78km E of Hyden	Lat 32°20' Long 119°44'	Kondinin	

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: 10 September 2008

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NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

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NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1774	ASF Resources Pty Ltd	178.81km ²	90km W of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°16' Long 124°45'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1785	Rey Kimberley Pty Ltd	548.53km ²	108km SW of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°43' Long 124°45'	Derby-West Kimberley
08/1864	South Boulder Mines Ltd	92.13km ²	55km NE of Coral Bay	Lat 22°56' Long 114°15'	Canavan
09/1494	Whitebarrow Prospecting Pty Ltd	153.49km ²	167km SW of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°50' Long 116°12'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1521	Foka Investments Pty Ltd	436.00km ²	81km SE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°40' Long 115°37'	Murchison/Upper Gascoyne
09/1536	Eastern Goldfields Exploration Pty Ltd	125.27km ²	134km SW of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°51' Long 116°34'	Upper Gascoyne
15/999	National Uranium Ltd	141.19km ²	63km W of Coolgardie	Lat 31°03' Long 120°31'	Coolgardie
15/1056	International Exploration Limited	26.28km ²	11km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 31°45' Long 120°19'	Coolgardie
15/1058	Abah Pty Ltd	26.33km ²	86km SE of Kambalda	Lat 31°26' Long 122°18'	Coolgardie
15/1064	Abah Pty Ltd	2.92km ²	30km SE of Kambalda	Lat 31°24' Long 121°52'	Coolgardie
15/1065	Abah Pty Ltd	49.77km ²	37km SE of Kambalda	Lat 31°23' Long 121°59'	Coolgardie
15/1072	Velvet Strike Pty Ltd	35.19km ²	24km E of Kambalda	Lat 31°12' Long 121°55'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/1073	Nex Metals Explorations Ltd	137.87km ²	56km E of Kambalda	Lat 31°11' Long 122°15'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/1076	Complex Exploration Pty Ltd	204.11km ²	71km SW of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°50' Long 120°57'	Coolgardie/Dundas
15/1077	Lighthouse Investments Pty Ltd	201.28km ²	41km SW of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°46' Long 121°17'	Coolgardie
15/1078-9	Complex Exploration Pty Ltd	385.79km ²	75km SE of Kambalda	Lat 31°30' Long 122°22'	Coolgardie/Dundas
15/1080	Lighthouse Investments Pty Ltd	157.68km ²	50km E of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°39' Long 122°04'	Coolgardie
15/1083	Heron Resources Ltd	2.92km ²	37km SE of Kambalda	Lat 31°25' Long 121°57'	Coolgardie
16/363	Pioneer Nickel Ltd	162.27km ²	44km NW of Coolgardie	Lat 30°43' Long 120°47'	Coolgardie
21/136	Hemisphere Resources Ltd	151.77km ²	48km SW of Cue	Lat 27°37' Long 117°27'	Mount Magnet/Yalgoo
26/129	West River Pty Ltd	8.8km ²	29km E of Kambalda	Lat 31°10' Long 121°58'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/376	Brightflow Investments Pty Ltd	17.73km ²	44km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°27' Long 121°47'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1851	Gryphon Minerals Ltd	14.8km ²	117km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°14' Long 122°32'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/699	Mining 2000 Pty Ltd	24.05km ²	83km W of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 120°29'	Menzies
29/703	Emu Nickel NL	67.41km ²	90km SW of Leinster	Lat 28°36' Long 120°12'	Menzies
31/778	Hawthorn Resources Limited	2.97km ²	136km S of Laverton	Lat 29°51' Long 122°37'	Menzies
31/780	Heron Resources Ltd	2.96km ²	136km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°07' Long 122°43'	Menzies
31/795	Hawthorn Resources Limited	2.97km ²	141km S of Laverton	Lat 29°52' Long 122°38'	Menzies
31/817	Heron Resources Ltd	20.84km ²	94km E of Menzies	Lat 29°44' Long 122°00'	Menzies
31/821	Heron Resources Ltd	8.9km ²	117km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°02' Long 122°22'	Menzies
31/826	Heron Resources Ltd	11.87km ²	112km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°59' Long 122°14'	Menzies
31/827	Western Copper Pty Ltd	80.09km ²	77km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°06' Long 121°47'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/Menzies
31/841	Heron Resources Ltd	65.41km ²	102km E of Menzies	Lat 29°50' Long 122°04'	Menzies
36/677	Heron Resources Ltd	97.09km ²	24km NE of Leinster	Lat 27°47' Long 120°53'	Leonora
36/685	Maddison Resources Pty Ltd	99.61km ²	56km S of Leinster	Lat 28°24' Long 120°33'	Leonora
38/1806	Helix Resources Ltd	212.33km ²	103km E of Cosmo	Lat 27°43' Long 123°53'	Laverton Newbery Mission
39/2054	3D Resources Ltd	184.31km ²	18km SE of Cosmo	Lat 28°08' Long 122°58'	Laverton Newbery Mission
39/2138	Kode Koshik	214.79km ²	177km W of Cosmo	Lat 28°04' Long 122°39'	Wiluna Newbery Mission
39/2149	Crescent Gold Ltd	66.2km ²	6km NE of Laverton	Lat 28°35' Long 122°27'	Laverton
39/2149-50	Ausquest Ltd	310.51km ²	62km E of Cosmo	Lat 28°23' Long 123°20'	Laverton Newbery Mission
39/2169	Crescent Gold Ltd	6.01km ²	28km E of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°40'	Laverton
39/2172	Camaco Pty Ltd	440.64km ²	126km E of Laverton	Lat 29°00' Long 123°37'	Laverton/Menzies
39/1377	Aura Energy Ltd	567.93km ²	203km SE of Laverton	Lat 29°20' Long 124°19'	Laverton/Menzies
39/1382	Sulphide Resource Pty Ltd	11.89km ²	121km SE of Laverton	Lat 29°26' Long 123°13'	Menzies
45/2968	Regency Bay Pty Ltd	121.65km ²	50km NW of Marble Bar	Lat 20°55' Long 119°21'	East Pilbara
45/3171	Michael Jeremy Ellis	156.48km ²	97km SE of Roebourne	Lat 21°12' Long 118°34'	Port Hedland Town
45/3178	De Grey Mining Ltd	89.54km ²	71km S of Port Hedland	Lat 20°52' Long 118°33'	Port Hedland Town
45/3179	De Grey Mining Ltd	99.25km ²	53km S of Port Hedland	Lat 20°46' Long 118°27'	Port Hedland Town
45/3180	De Grey Mining Ltd	48.01km ²	56km S of Port Hedland	Lat 20°49' Long 118°33'	Port Hedland Town
45/3184	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	54.48km ²	107km S of Port Hedland	Lat 21°16' Long 118°39'	Port Hedland Town
45/3211	URK Resources Limited	592.1km ²	104km NE of Shay Gap	Lat 20°02' Long 120°59'	Broome/East Pilbara
45/3212	URK Resources Limited	170.8km ²	89km NE of Shay Gap	Lat 19°52' Long 120°38'	Broome/East Pilbara
45/3220	Talisman Mining Ltd	31.96km ²	100km E of Nullagine	Lat 21°34' Long 121°01'	East Pilbara
45/3240-2	Sipa Resources (1987) Ltd	31.94km ²	80km W of Marble Bar	Lat 21°20' Long 119°12'	East Pilbara
45/3243	Sipa Resources (1987) Ltd	12.77km ²	54km W of Marble Bar	Lat 21°14' Long 119°14'	East Pilbara
45/3244	Sipa Resources (1987) Ltd	15.97km ²	53km W of Marble Bar	Lat 21°10' Long 119°14'	East Pilbara
45/3253	Brookman Iron Pty Ltd	73.72km ²	47km SE of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°46' Long 119°30'	East Pilbara
45/3256	Moly Metals Australia Pty Ltd	38.61km ²	28km NE of Shay Gap	Lat 20°18' Long 120°14'	East Pilbara
45/3257	Pandell Pty Ltd	174.13km ²	131km NE of Shay Gap	Lat 19°42' Long 121°03'	Broome
46/723	Cazaly Iron Pty Ltd	317.45km ²	43km S of Nullagine	Lat 22°16' Long 120°12'	East Pilbara
47/1118	Garry Robert Strong	15.75km ²	31km NW of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°01' Long 117°26'	Ashburton
47/1914	Digipool Pty Ltd	63.29km ²	85km S of Pannamonica	Lat 22°24' Long 116°26'	Ashburton
47/1919	Peter Romeo Gaurin	31.97km ²	70km E of Roebourne	Lat 20°58' Long 118°24'	Port Hedland Town
51/1262	GE Resources Pty Ltd	46.23km ²	102km NW of Meekatharra	Lat 25°52' Long 117°52'	Meekatharra
52/2218	Ensaanta Pty Ltd	160.35km ²	68km S of Newman	Lat 23°45' Long 120°35'	Meekatharra/Wiluna
52/2224	Gaskia Resources NL	109.99km ²	59km SE of Newman	Lat 23°39' Long 120°12'	Meekatharra
52/2229	Warwick Resources Ltd	12.57km ²	53km W of Newman	Lat 23°28' Long 119°13'	Meekatharra
52/2230	Warwick Resources Ltd	9.43km ²	51km W of Newman	Lat 23°25' Long 119°14'	East Pilbara/Meekatharra
52/2233	Pertman Iron Ore Ltd	205.17km ²	130km NW of Meekatharra	Lat 25°42' Long 117°39'	Meekatharra
52/2238	Brookman Iron Pty Ltd	6.3km ²	34km E of Newman	Lat 23°21' Long 120°04'	East Pilbara
53/1405	Echo Resources Ltd	3.06km ²	82km SE of Wiluna	Lat 28°55' Long 120°37'	Wiluna
53/1407	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	24.41km ²	110km NE of Leinster	Lat 27°06' Long 121°19'	Wiluna
53/1409	Alamar Resources Ltd	21.39km ²	87km SE of Wiluna	Lat 27°02' Long 120°57'	Wiluna
57/145	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	138.77km ²	79km SE of Sandstone	Lat 28°31' Long 119°49'	Mandorla/Sandstone
57/155	Apex Gold Pty Ltd	15.24km ²	77km W of Sandstone	Lat 27°18' Long 119°21'	Sandstone
57/160	Melonic Resources NL	19.07km ²	64km SW of Sandstone	Lat 28°27' Long 118°55'	Sandstone
57/161	Lentown Resources Ltd	18.06km ²	76km SW of Sandstone	Lat 28°36' Long 118°57'	Sandstone
57/162	Hemisphere Resources Ltd	60.21km ²	83km S of Sandstone	Lat 28°42' Long 119°33'	Sandstone
57/163	Hemisphere Resources Ltd	54.27km ²	81km SE of Sandstone	Lat 28°39' Long 119°38'	Sandstone
58/368	Desert Energy Ltd	57.39km ²	66km SW of Sandstone	Lat 28°15' Long 119°41'	Sandstone
59/1442	Karara Mining Limited	54.43km ²	56km NE of Mullewa	Lat 28°04' Long 115°45'	Mullewa/Murchison
59/1495	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	39.34km ²	67km SE of Yalgoo	Lat 28°53' Long 116°58'	Yalgoo
63/1146	Blackham Resources Ltd	123.27km ²	40km N of Esperance	Lat 33°20' Long 121°52'	Esperance
70/3003	Baillie Resources Limited	204.2km ²	35km SW of Toodyay	Lat 31°43' Long 116°09'	Chittering/Mandaring/Swan/Toodyay
70/3033	Image Resources NL	93.52km ²	23km S of Gingin	Lat 31°33' Long 118°54'	Chittering/Gingin/Swan/Wanneroo City
70/3146	Swancoke Enterprises Pty Ltd	35.07km ²	30km W of Toodyay	Lat 31°33' Long 116°09'	Chittering/Toodyay
70/3207	Minecraters Australia NL	281.77km ²	42km SE of Bencubbin	Lat 31°09' Long 118°03'	Mackay/Mungah/Traralgon/Norhampton
70/3378	Uranium Oil and Gas Ltd	303.99km ²	52km E of Kalbar	Lat 27°36' Long 114°41'	Menzies
77/1505	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	8.93km ²	116km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°46' Long 119°31'	Menzies
80/4102	Atlix Pty Ltd	142.59km ²	190km NW of Wyndham	Lat 14°26' Long 126°42'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4103	Waygood Pty Ltd	227.3km ²	19km SE of Halls Creek	Lat 15°23' Long 127°45'	Halls Creek

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 10 September 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 10 December 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 10 January 2009), 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.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Early Years Worker

Full-time or Part-time, two year contract

Located across northern Sydney

The Benevolent Society has been caring for Australians and their communities for nearly 200 years. We are a non-religious, non-profit, independent organisation. We are working to bring about positive social change in response to community needs. Our purpose is to create caring and inclusive communities and a just society.

We are looking for an Early Years Worker to work in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) families, parents and children, to provide support through the development of playgroups and other informal gatherings, which foster community connectedness. This role will also provide support to ATSI families in establishing local support networks.

For a more information, contact Matthew Solomon on 9889 1418 or 0406 384 068

Applications close 26 September.

www.bensoc.org.au

GLEBE YOUTH SERVICE

Is looking for an

Aboriginal Mentor

to provide educational and case work support as part of the "Re-engage" educational program currently running at the service.

The successful applicant will:

- be an Aboriginal person with demonstrated experience in community liaison, preferably who is familiar with the Gleebe area and its community.
- have a demonstrated ability to support the educational case manager in liaising with the Aboriginal community in the Gleebe area.
- make home visits and liaise with students and their families.
- provide support to Aboriginal students to successfully implement their Individual Learning Plans.

The position forms part of Gleebe Youth Service's holistic approach to education as manifested in the "re-engage" program.

The successful applicants will be required to undergo a "Working with Children Check" as an employee of Gleebe Youth Service.

Essential Criteria:

- Aboriginality: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorized by section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.
- Demonstrated strong literacy and numeracy skills, transferable to assisting students with the completion of high school level school work.
- Demonstrated ability to liaise with the community, including some case work and home visits.

Desirable Criteria:

- A sound knowledge of the Gleebe area and its community.
- Experience and/or tertiary qualifications in the fields of Social Work or Education.

For more information and a job description please contact Colin Stokes on (02) 9552 2873 or colin@glebeyouth.org.au.

Applications close 31st October 2008.



Indigenous Employment Coordinator

ISS Facility Services Australia is one of the largest Facility Service providers in Australia, employing over 22,000 people in over 4,000 contracted sites nationwide. ISS has recently implemented its Indigenous Training & Employment Program and is now looking for a suitably qualified person who has the recruitment, training, mentoring and support skills and experience necessary to contribute to the success of this program.

This Perth-based full-time position would suit a customer-focused person who can:

- Attract and recruit Indigenous applicants for a variety of roles within an organisation
- Deliver, coordinate, administer and report on a range of Indigenous training, employment and mentoring programs and support services
- Promote and build relationships with key organizations and individuals
- Communicate confidently
- Influence others, take initiative and work independently to meet stakeholder needs and deadlines

Prior recruitment experience is essential. Previous involvement in Indigenous Employment programs and experience managing DEEWR projects is desirable, but not essential. Applicants must be prepared and able to travel both intra- and inter-state as required.

For further information, please contact Ray McColl on (02) 8644 9711 or 0401 - 591 352 - or send your written application and resume through to ray.mccoll@iss.world.com. Applications close 26 September 2008.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply for this role.



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 1/2

Asset Management

Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division

Wollongong

Temporary Full-Time Position No: DOH-06-15250

Total remuneration package valued up to \$55,568 per annum (Salary \$46,320 pa - \$50,356 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The purpose of this role is to provide a broad range of administrative support to the Asset Operations Team.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Good administrative and organisation skills.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Computer literacy, knowledge of Microsoft Office applications and experience in the use of computerised client management systems.
- Capacity to work independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to meet deadlines.
- Analytical skills.

Job Notes: This is a temporary position for a period of 12 months with potential for extension. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers

or NSW Businesslink (02) 6200 5820

Inquiries: James Hobbs (02) 4224 5774

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Closing Date: Friday, 19 September 2008

TAFE NSW - Hunter Institute
currently has the following vacancies.

Applicants must obtain an application package either, by logging onto 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 19 SEPTEMBER 2008

- H08/206E ABORIGINAL FACILITY & COMMUNITY PARTNER**
(2 Positions) - Newcastle Campus and Muswellbrook Campus
Salary: \$63,536 - \$75,352

NB: The Commission for Children and Young People Act 1999 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.

www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 9/10, North Sydney, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number CA08/099. Total remuneration package valued to: \$96,295 p.a. (\$79,188-\$87,263) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Lead and manage the review of the NSW Health Aboriginal Employment Strategy with a focus on addressing recruitment and retention strategies to assist NSW Health to meet the government's targets for Aboriginal employment. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island descent. Aboriginality (Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977). Demonstrated ability to work cooperatively with Aboriginal people and organisations. Effective and demonstrated project management and strategic planning skills. Demonstrated innovation in Aboriginal workforce development. Demonstrated ability to develop effective internal and external relationships. Able to work within a team and work with minimum supervision. Effective communication, consultation and negotiation skills. Demonstrated analytical and problem solving skills.

Notes: This is a temporary appointment under Sections 86 or 27 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act, 2002, for a period of up to 6 months.

Inquiries: Charles Davison (02) 9424 5745

Email: CD.AVI@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Charles Davison (02) 9424 5745.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment, Corporate Personnel Services, NSW Department of Health, Locked Mail Bag 961, North Sydney, 2059, or apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or email to staffline@doh.health.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 26 September 2008.

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Careers @ Justice

KOORI JUSTICE WORKER

Neighbourhood Justice Centre

Grade 3, \$48,714 - \$59,148

Position No.: DJ5721

The Neighbourhood Justice Centre (NJC) Koori Justice Worker operates in a community-orientated environment and will participate in local community engagement and education with both the Koori and non-Koori community regarding the NJC and the functions of the Court.

This position will focus on providing advice to the NJC Court, staff and agencies, and inform and assist Koori people who have criminal and civil matters before the Court or other justice related issues that bring them into contact with the Centre.

The position is an Identified Position in accordance with DOJ policy.

To obtain a position description and apply online visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 26 September 2008

www.justice.vic.gov.au

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for more information.



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	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
57/6	Reed Resources Ltd	189.86ha	61km N/ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°27' Long 119°07'	Sandstone
57/7	Reed Resources Ltd	252.36ha	64km N/ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°28' Long 119°06'	Sandstone
57/8	Reed Resources Ltd	1076.61ha	68km N/ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°23' Long 119°06'	Sandstone
70/230	Westralian Iron Pty Ltd	RT 7.17ha	20km E/ly of Morawa	Lat 29°14' Long 116°13'	Morawa

The purposes for G57/6, G57/7 & G57/8 are for erecting, placing and operating machinery, depositing transportation and treating minerals and tailings, roads, pipelines, transport facilities, storage and transportation of minerals and mineral concentrate, storage and transportation of non-mineralised waste and topsoil, water management facilities and infrastructure, power generation and or transmission facilities, fuel facilities, meteorological station, explosives storage and preparation area, workshop maintenance facilities and office administration facilities.

The purposes for G70/230 are for erecting, placing and operating machinery, depositing and treating minerals and tailings, roads, pipelines, powerlines, transport facilities, storage and transportation of minerals and mineral concentrate, water management facilities, power generation facilities, fuel facilities, workshop maintenance facilities and office administration facilities.

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: 10 September 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 the applications. The 3 month period closes on 10 December 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. The leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 10 January 2009), there is no native title party in relation to the area of the leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE 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
15/934	BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd	1.36ha	20km NW/ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°07' Long 121°28'	Coolgardie
15/1791	International Goldfields Ltd (ACN 118 108 815)	157.07ha	25km SW/ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°03' Long 120°55'	Coolgardie
45/933	Michael Timothy Kitchin Elizabeth Colleen Kitchin	2.43ha	18km SE/ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°18' Long 119°50'	East Pilbara
45/936	Johan Pieter Pas Tamara Kaplany	16.02ha	114km NW/ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°33' Long 119°54'	East Pilbara
45/1038-65	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	26343.78	68km E/ly of Wittenoom	Lat 22°13' Long 118°59'	Ashburton
45/1160	Muccan Minerals Pty Ltd	955.11ha	8km N/ly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°26' Long 120°07'	East Pilbara
45/1162	Muccan Minerals Pty Ltd	953.48ha	5km E/ly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°30' Long 120°10'	East Pilbara
45/1163	Muccan Minerals Pty Ltd	970.33ha	33km S/ly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°49' Long 120°09'	East Pilbara

Nature Of The Act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification Day: 10 September 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 party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 10 December 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 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. 10 January 2009), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (CTH) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

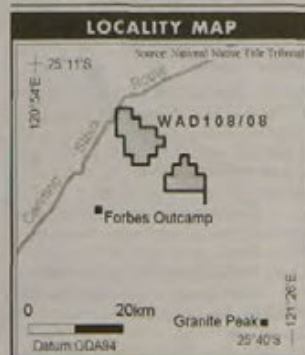
Notice of an application for determination
of native title in the state of
Western Australia

National
Native Title
Tribunal

Notification day: 24 September 2008

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, GPO Box A30 Perth WA 6837, on or before 23 December 2008. After 23 December 2008 the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Application Name: Slim Williams & Ors on behalf of the Birriburru #2 Claim Group -v- State of Western Australia

Federal Court File No: WAD108/08

Date filed: 26 May 2008

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has not accepted this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, it may still proceed to mediation in the Tribunal and/or determination in the Federal Court.

Location: The area subject to this application covers about 105 km² and is located approximately 160 km north-east of Wiluna in the vicinity of the Canning Stock Route as shown on the locality map.

The application area falls within the Local Government Authority of 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

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

INDIGENOUS CASE MANAGEMENT PROJECT OFFICERS

Essential Criteria:

- Aboriginality: This position is identified as Aboriginal and applications are asked to include a Letter of Recognition from their local Land Council with their application.
- Knowledge of local Indigenous communities, organisations and departments.
- Knowledge of drug and alcohol issues affecting local Indigenous communities.
- Knowledge of Aboriginal Community Justice Groups and their function.
- Demonstrated ability to work with Aboriginal young people and their families.
- Well developed communication skills with young people from a range of backgrounds and age groups, including the ability to model appropriate behaviour and motivate young people.
- Ability to write reports and submissions.
- Willingness to work flexible hours including some evenings and weekends (cultural camps etc)
- Current NSW Drivers Licence

Applicants to address the key selection criteria and provide two referees who may be contacted about your application. At least one must be a respected member of a local Aboriginal community.

Applications close: 26th September 2008, at 4pm

Applications should be marked confidential and addressed to:
Scott Monaghan
Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 1256
Griffith NSW 2460

Regional Aboriginal Cultural Development Officer

F/T; Base Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$65,000 + Car + Super

Regional Aboriginal Cultural Projects Officer

F/T; Base Salary Range: \$50,000 - \$55,000 + Super

Arts Mid North Coast is a regional arts and cultural development organization located on the Coffs Harbour Education Campus and covering seven Local Government areas across the Mid North Coast of NSW including: Great Lakes, Greater Taree, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Kempsey, Nambucca, Bellingen and Coffs Harbour. This area also covers the traditional areas of the Woromil, Birpal, Dughutti and Gumbayngirr Nations. (Website: www.artsmidnorthcoast.org)

We currently have 2 full-time, Aboriginal designated positions available to operate from our Coffs Harbour offices. These positions will work closely with staff from Arts Mid North Coast and a Regional Aboriginal Board to implement a five-year strategy called 'Foundations of our Future'. This program will involve intensive work with a variety of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal groups and extensive travel across the Mid North Coast of NSW.

An information package and selection criteria is available by contacting Arts Mid North Coast Inc on 0266589400 or via email arts@midcoast.com.au. Further info can also be gained by contacting EO of Arts Mid North Coast, Richard Holloway. Closing date is 5pm on Friday the 26th September 2008

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Salary package from \$57,143 - \$78,951 p.a.

Join a team of DoCS caseworkers and receive:

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Applicants need:

- two years community services experience working with Aboriginal children and families
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Aboriginal caseworkers must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

Join us now.

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or phone 1800 149 919

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 26 September 2008



NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence application under the Mining Act 1978:

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
58/35 Search for groundwater	Midwest Vanadium Pty Ltd	669.15ha	59km Ely of Mt Magnet	Lat 28°15' Long 118°24'	Mt Magnet

Nature of act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 10 September 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 the applications. The 3 month period closes on 10 December 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 10 January 2009), 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 3826.

Department of Planning and Infrastructure Government of Western Australia

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170 AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I Alannah Joan Geraldine MacTiernan, MLA, Minister for Lands, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the Land Administration Act (LAA) 1997 that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified. AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified. It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

PARCEL OF LAND:

LAND DESCRIPTION: Part Fraser Lot 7 on Deposited Plan 219728 shown as Proposed Caravan Park on Deposited Plan 46462, being Pastoral Lease 3114/1137 Fraser Range Station Volume 3010 Folio 494 Area: 16 hectares **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plans: 219728, 46462 **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Dundas.

NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Land Description" other than interests of the Crown.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED: Caravan Park. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Grant of land in leasehold to the lessee/s of Fraser Range Station. **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** Its proximity to the Eyre Highway. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 24 December 2008. **DPI FILE:** 50581-2004-01RO **DPI REF:** 033534

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: DPI, Midland Square, Midland, 6056.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Iain Adam, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 or by telephoning (08) 9347 5043. **OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than 4 April 2006. **MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND:** A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands. **NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes. **NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is 24 September 2008.

NATIVE TITLE PARTIES: Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 24 December 2008. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272. Dated 10 October 2006.

ALANNAH MacTIERNAN, MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

IYMP/Education Officer

Sydney

Regional Office
APS Level 4
\$42,896 - \$49,611 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Responsible for the administration, promotion and marketing of the AHL IYMP and Secondary Education program in New South Wales
- Assist with the financial and administrative operations
- Initiate, develop and maintain networks within the community, Government and State organisations
- Ensure that IYMP and Secondary Education hostels comply with AHL and legislative financial and administrative requirements
- Provide advice, support and feedback to IYMP and Secondary Education hostels

Want to know more?

Contact Rebecca Greer on 02 9310 2777.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.

How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012.

Closing date

By 5pm 26 September 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

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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:

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

DAVID LLEWELLYN DAVIES and LYLA MURIEL DAVIES for 2 x BORES at/adjacent to Lot 88 DP756763 Parish KILLENDO, County WARADGERY for IRRIGATION, STOCK, DOMESTIC PURPOSES at/adjacent to Lot 38 DP660741 and Lots 39 & 40 Parish TINDALE, County WARADGERY. (Ref 40WA405082)

JOHN PETER DAL BROI, LURLINE CECILY DAL BROI and KIRSTEN LANG DAL BROI for 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 896 DP751709 Parish JONDARYN, County COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lots 4, 5 & 6 DP880544 & Lots 896 & 897 Parish JONDARYN, County COOPER. (Application No. 1977)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 6953 0700. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

S.F. Webb, Licensing Manager

CLARENCE VALLEY COUNCIL

PUBLIC EXHIBITION EXTENDED ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE CONSULTATION PROTOCOL

Council has extended the period available for making submissions on Council's Draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Protocol until Wednesday 24 September 2008.

The draft protocol has been prepared by Council to guide planning of new development (public and private), strategic plans, and assessment of development proposals and related applications, on lands that may contain Aboriginal cultural heritage value. These values may include objects or places of significance to Aboriginal people. The Protocol applies to the whole Clarence Valley Local Government Area and outlines what consultation with the Aboriginal community is appropriate when such values may be affected.

The Draft Plan, and other related documentation, may be inspected at Council's offices at 50 River Street, Maclean and 2 Prince Street, Grafton until 4.00pm Wednesday 24 September 2008. A copy of the Draft Plan is available from Council's offices or its website, www.clarence.nsw.gov.au.

Council invites your written submissions. All submissions must be received by Council no later than 4.00 pm on Wednesday 24 September 2008. Submissions should be addressed to The General Manager, Clarence Valley Council, Locked Bag 23, GRAFTON NSW 2460 and may be emailed to council@clarence.nsw.gov.au.

Please note that any submission you make including and personal information in it, may be made publicly available and may be included in Council's business paper. If you do not wish your submission to be made publicly available you must provide Council with a written reason for this. Council will not consider anonymous submissions.

Enquiries should be directed to Council's Environmental Planning Coordinator, Mr Scott Lenton, on Ph 6643 0234.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of NSW

Notification day: 10 September 2008

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest in the area (which is not a native title interest), set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. **Becoming a party to the application** may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 9 December 2008. After 9 December 2008 the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before 9 December 2008 the area may be subject to protection under section 24 FA and acts may be done which **extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.



Applicant's name: Nambucca Heads Local Aboriginal Land Council

Non-native title interest: Freehold title in certificate of title folio 526/820041

Federal Court File No: NSD1241 of 2008

Location: The area subject to this application covers about 0.8 hectares being Lot 526 in Deposited Plan 820041 at Bellwood as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Nambucca Shire Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT based on data sourced from PSMA.

For assistance or further information contact Nakari Thorpe on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



EXPLORATION LICENCE NO. 6525 (ACT 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land

An area of 267 square kilometres (89 units) situated approximately 9 kilometres west of Oberon, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act New South Resources Limited, AGN 119 557 416, is the holder of Exploration Licence No.6525 for Group 1 minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Mineral Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Wayne McDonald; Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Phone (02) 6360 5341 Fax (02) 6360 5363.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th) the notification day is 24 September 2008. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Notice of Proposed Renewal of Mining Leases

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 Mining Leases shown below, with new and amended conditions being imposed on the renewed Mining Leases pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Leases to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagrams)	Description of Area of Application	Grantee Party ACN
ML10193 The Tiernay	Charters Towers City Area Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Current Land Tenures: Lot 16 on AP4725 - Permit to Occupy 0/215894 (mining only) Lot 4 on MPH40370 - Freehold (mining only) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 1.5 ha	Citigold Corporation Limited 060 397 477
ML10196 Upper Mossman	Charters Towers City Area Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Current Land Tenures: Lot 8 on AP5088 - Unallocated State Land (mining only) Lot 11 on AP5088 - Unallocated State Land (mining only) Road Reserve - Day Street (mining only) Road Reserve - King Street (mining only) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 1.375 ha	Citigold Corporation Limited 060 397 477

Nature of the acts: The renewal of each of the Mining Leases will authorise the Grantee Party to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for a term not exceeding twenty-four (24) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Mining Leases will be renewed 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 renewal of each of the Mining Leases with amended conditions imposed on the renewed Mining Leases, 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), Tropical Weeds Research Centre, 27 - 43 Natal Downs Road, Charters Towers, QLD 4820, Telephone: 07 4761 5762.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal of the Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 1 October 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



Action from a rugby league game between Mulga Tigers (in orange) and Wagadagam Storm.



Volleyball is also a part of the Island of Origin carnival. These were some of the women to take part in this year's competition, which was won by Saints.

More good reasons to celebrate at carnival

THURSDAY Island-based referee Leo Akee celebrated his birthday on day two of the Origin Series – and so did his wife Ellen (both pictured at right). Rugby League stalwart Leo, one of the field referees along with Cairns pair Rod McCrae and Richard Grogan, turned 51 on 23 August. Ellen, with a broad smile, simply told *The Koori Mail* she was 'much younger'.

It was the second Badu Origin series for Leo as a referee.

"I'm a Beizam (Shark) and my wife is a Kadal (Crocodile). My Island, Mer, is where the sun rises and her Island is Boigu, where the sun sets," Leo said.

Both received birthday wishes over the ground loud speaker and also on Radio 4K1G.

Leo said he spoke on behalf of the referees, and touch judges Kam and Beau, who he said were all thankful to the organisers for their hospitality, meals, accommodation and flights. "We can't say enough for their total generosity and giving of their time for us," he said.



By ALF WILSON, who covered the Island of Origin for *The Koori Mail*



KULPIYAM defended its Torres Strait Island of Origin title with a 26-16 win over arch rival Mulga Tigers in this year's grand final.

Held from 22-24

August at Badu Island – home of Kulpiyam and the Tigers – six rugby league teams competed in the Island of Origin at the Joe Mairu Oval. Two others pulled out because of strong winds which prevented players from getting there in dinghies.

Other competing teams were Western Bears from the outer islands of Boigu and Dauan, Arkai Brothers from Kubin, and Mabuiag Island sides Wagadagam Storm and Zuguthiyam.

This year's winning team was named the Jack Ahmat Memorial Kulpiyam, in honour of the late Badu Chairman Jack Ahmat, who did much for the community and rugby league.

Badu councillor and chief carnival organiser Wayne Guivarra said the event would 'remain in the memory of all Torres Strait Islanders who were fortunate enough to witness the skill, commitment, courage and determination required to participate at the region's most prominent sporting carnival'.

"Spectators were enthralled and often left gasping at the level of enthusiasm and razzle-dazzle displayed by players and teams as they represented their communities with the type of pride that only sport can deliver," he said.

"Pride is the word also to describe the heart-felt emotions of all in attendance as Kulpiyam and the whole Torres Strait were able to acknowledge and respect the efforts of the late Badu

Kulpiyam holds off the Tigers

Island community leader, Mr Jack (Pony) Ahmat.

"The Torres Strait leader will duly be remembered as the driving force to positively impacting sporting opportunity across our remote region."

"No other result could have been timelier for most Badu Island supporters, as Kulpiyam and rugby league were two of Jack's greatest passions. Kulpiyam recognised the legacy of Mr Ahmat's contributions

by playing in a special memorial set of jerseys incorporating the colours of past Badu Island teams the Dolphins, Sagueli Tigers and Wakaid Warriors."

Among the guests were North Old Cowboys NRL forward Jacob Lillyman and former NRL star Wes Patten, working with National Indigenous TV (which covered the event).

Six qualifying games were played on day one and nine on day two, over a total five rounds, with two knockout semi-finals on the last day.

Kulpiyam qualified by beating Western Bears 36-12 in one and Mulga Tigers scored a nail-biting 21-20 victory over Wagadagam Storm in the other after a field goal to Murphy Anau five minutes into golden point time.

In the 2007 grand final, Kulpiyam beat Mulga Tigers 44-40.

This year's final saw a crowd jam

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Origin guest Wes Patten, in Wagadagam Storm uniform, is interviewed for NITV.

Sport – Torres Strait Island of Origin

Brothers together ... Members and supporters of the victorious Kulpiyam and fellow grand finalists Mulga Tigers celebrate while proudly flying the memorial banner for the late Badu Island and Torres Strait Islander leader Jack (Pony) Ahmat.



Badu packed out

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into the oval. It was billed as a grudge match after Mulga Tigers lowered the colours of Kulpiyam at the carnival for the first time in four years with a 20-18 win in a qualifying game.

However, led by Weipa forwards Garreth Smith and Jack Sagigi and Yarrabah star Shawn Davidson, Kulpiyam – leading 20-4 at half-time – never looked like being beaten in the decider.

Delighted Kulpiyam Coach Tala Nona said his best players were Dale Pablo, Edward Mosby, Jack Sagigi, Gareth Smith, Thomas Nona, Keiji Bowie and Solomon Ahmat.

"Any footy team must have good halves, and Fenton Murgha and Charlie Murgha went very well for us," Nona said.

Rain started to fall in an emotional aftermath which saw Kulpiyam players carry a banner with a picture of the late Jack Ahmat.

Mr Ahmat's sons, Tupoa and Llama, carried the winning trophy after the final and close by was his widow Mrs Lilly Ahmat.

"Kulpiyam means 'Scary Thunder Strike' and the theme for the carnival was respect and honesty," Nona said.

Kulpiyam will now travel to the Cairns All-blacks carnival in mid-October followed by the Torres Cup competition on Thursday Island and the Dan Ropeyam carnival at Bamaga.

Full Rugby League results. Grand Final: Kulpiyam Jack Ahmat Badu Side 26 (Thomas Nona, Jerry Wunuki, Solomon Ahmat, Dale Toby, Charlie Murgha tries; Billo Mosby 2, Solomon Ahmat 1 goals) d Mulga Tigers Badu Island 16 (Matock Tamwoy, Rob Toby, Remus Ishmael tries; Murphy Anau 2

Action from the grand final, with Mulga Tigers in the orange strip.



goals). Semi-finals: 1st v 4th: Mulga Tigers 21 d Wagadagam Storm Mabuiag Island 20 in golden point extra time; 2nd v 3rd: Kulpiyam 26 d Western Bears 12.

Qualifying Games Day Two: Kulpiyam 16 d Wagadagam Storm 10, Western Bears 20 d Arkai Brothers Kubin 10, Mulga Tigers 32 d Zuguthiam Mabuiag Island 8, Wagadagam Storm 14 d Arkai Brothers 10, Mulga Tigers 20 d Kulpiyam 18 (golden point), Western Bears 16 d Zuguthiam 6, Kulpiyam 26 d

Arkai Brothers 12, Wagadagam Storm 22 d Zuguthiam 4, Mulga Tigers 28 d Western Bears 12.

Day One: Kulpiyam 18 d Western Bears 16, Mulga Tigers 28 d Wagadagam Storm 12, Arkai Brothers 22 d Zuguthiam 10, Western Bears 24 d Wagadagam Storm 6, Kulpiyam 34 d Zuguthiam 4, Mulga Tigers 22 d Arkai Brothers 10, Player of the Carnival: Solomon Ahmat (Kulpiyam), Individual Awards - Encouragement Award - Faafetai

Nona Nona (WS) and Sario Kusu (WS).

Top goal-kicker: Solomon Ahmat (K) 36 points, Top Try Scorer: Pinau Blanket (WT) 6 tries, Best Back: Aaron Bani (Z), Best Forward: Shawn Davidson (K).

Player of the Final: Dale Pablo (K). Player of the Series: Solomon Ahmat (K).

Women's volleyball

While only four teams – Kulpiyam (Badu), Ugul Malu (Boigu), Besi Itamar (Mabuiag) and Saints (St Pauls) – participated, the action was seemingly as colourful and loud as any other past carnival.

Grand Final: Saints 3 sets d Besi Itamar 1 set. Individual Awards – Encouragement Award: Nelly Whap (Ugul Malu – Boigu) and Didi Elisala (Ugul Malu). Best Server: Naomi Kris (Besi Itamar). Best Spiker: Stephanie Mooka (Besi Itamar). Best Blocker: Orepia Mene (Saints). Player of the Final: Toshina Kris (Saints). Player of the Series: Sarah Whap (Besi Itamar).

Darts

Windy conditions certainly didn't affect the accuracy shown by those who were involved to the 2008 Island of Origin darts.

Some of the best Torres Strait dart players were on hand to show their talents with the 'shortened spears'.

Results, 180s: William Mosby (Masig) and Peter Levi (St Pauls). Women's Highest Peg: Ella Mene (68 – Near Western); Men's Highest Peg: Walter Tamwoy (138 – Badu).

Women's runner-up: Abigail Levi (St Pauls), winner Elle Mene (Near Western). Men's runner-up: P Levi (St Pauls), winner William Mosby (Masig).

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He's a giant of the game



Zuguthiyam team heavyweight Joseph Whap is 100kg heavier than his teammate and cousin Maynard Whap.

WHEN what may be Australia's heaviest rugby league player, Joseph Whap, gets up a full head of steam playing for Mabuag Island team Zuguthiyam, he really lays down the law to the opposition.

Whap, 27, a community policeman on Mabuag in the Torres Strait, was used sparingly from the bench this year.

"I mainly come off the bench, and when we get near the line the boys pass the ball to me and hopefully I can score a try or two," he said.

"It didn't work all that well this year because of the windy conditions."

Despite their best efforts, the young Zuguthiyam side failed to win a game at the carnival.

Whap was by far the biggest forward, and he posed for a picture next to his team-mate and cousin Maynard Whap who plays fullback.

"I am 100kg heavier than Maynard who weighs 85kg," Joseph said.

Despite his weight, Whap doesn't have any problem running - providing it is in short bursts.

The quietly spoken Whap loves the Origin games and predicted that Zuguthiyam would improve sharply at the next few carnivals.

Zuguthiyam players are also renowned for their war cry before games, and this year was no exception.



Pair picked up cash in a flash

ONE of the highlights of the Torres Strait Island of Origin Carnival is the 'Dash for Cash' - and this year was no different.

Every year contestants line up for the 100m run to determine the fastest man and woman at the event.

Michael Marama, from Boigu Island (pictured below with Origin guest North Queensland Cowboys forward Jacob Lillyman) kept the flag flying high for the Torres Strait Top Western region, again winning the men's Torres News 100m 'Dash for Cash'.

And Cairns lass Stephanie Mooka (above), representing Besi Itamar volleyball side, beat a speedy line-up to take the women's title.

League stars add to Origin

RUGBY league celebrities Jacob Lillyman and Wes Patten were treated like idols at the Origin carnival, and were accessible to everybody.

North Queensland Cowboys forward Jacob Lillyman told *The Koori Mail* he is looking forward to joining the New Zealand-based Warriors in the 2009 NRL season.

The 24-year-old hails from Richmond in outback Queensland. An injury has prevented him from playing more than 11 games for the Cowboys in 2008.

"I have a two-year contract with the Warriors and see it as furthering my career," he said.

It was the first trip to Badu Island for Lillyman, who mixed freely with players and supporters from all of the six competing teams.

"They play it hard up here and some big hits are put on. But there is also skill involved," he said.

Lillyman went to community breakfasts which were put on for visitors by the local community and walked around the grounds where he was swamped by youngsters.

"They certainly love their football up here," he said.

Wes Patten was there as a roving



Player of the Carnival Solomon Ahmat receives his award from North Queensland Cowboy Jacob Lillyman.

reporter for NITV's *Barefoot Footy Show*. He played 91 top league games between August 1993 and July 2000.

The now 34-year-old played for Balmain, the Gold Coast Chargers, South Sydney and St George Illawarra.

Patten showed he had lost none of his speed when he lined up for Wagadagam Storm and scored one try and set up several others.

Referee Rod McCrae said Patten revitalised Wagadagam Storm, which almost gained a grand final berth. "He was the general on the field," McCrae said.

Patten said the football overall was high quality, but added that fitness may have been a problem for some teams.

"All the skills are there and even the big fellows use the ball well," Patten said.



FOGS are a touch too good



THIRTEEN Indigenous staff from Australia Post's Queensland workforce put up a courageous fight in a game of touch football against a team of former State of Origin legends,

losing 5-3.

"It was a very close match and it was great to see so many people supporting both teams," said Former Origin Greats (FOGS) CEO and team captain Gene Miles.

Australia Post Brendale-based driver/mail sorter Michael Jansen was voted Player of the Match and Northgate Mail Centre officer Sean Burr was voted Best and Fairest by his team-mates in the match against FOGS.

Miles presented Michael with a commemorative Queensland State of Origin jersey and Sean received an official-size rugby league ball signed by both Origin teams.

The match was played at the Broncos Leagues Club on 29 August.

The FOGS team was made up of Shane Webcke, Mal Meninga, Mick Hancock, Kevin Walters, Gary Belcher, Kerry Boustead, Danny More, Andrew Gee, Gene Miles and Darren Smith.

Miles said nearly 30 per cent of the 166 Queensland FOGS members were Indigenous and the most recent Origin team comprised of nearly 40 per cent Indigenous players.

Huge contribution

"At a State of Origin level, Indigenous players make a huge contribution towards the Queensland team's success," he said.

Australia Post State Operations Manager William Wilson said the match was part of a partnership agreement between Australia Post and FOGS, which helps recruit and retain Indigenous workers for the postal corporation in Queensland.

"The match was a great way to reward for our hard-working staff by having the honour of representing Australia Post and playing against sportsmen of such a high calibre," said Mr Wilson.

"We're aiming to double the number of Indigenous employees in Queensland over the next five years and our partnership with FOGS enables us to highlight the opportunities for careers in Australia Post."

FOGS is a non-profit organisation that helps rugby league and other communities and charities throughout Queensland.



FOGS player Mick Hancock is tagged by Lyall Appo.



FOGS and Australia Post Indigenous players before their touch football match at the Broncos Leagues Club. Rugby league legend Wally Lewis (second from right, rear) is also pictured.



Dottie Barnes, Darren Smith and Greg Broderick.



Lyall Appo and Kerry Boustead.



Greg Broderick, Mal Meninga and Kerryn Blake.



Neil Locke and Andrew Gee.

Warriors promise it will be a Knockout

By GRAHAM HUNT



FULL steam ahead – that's how organiser Selwyn Apanui described

preparations for the 38th annual NSW Rugby League Knockout carnival at Kingscliff on 4-5-6 October.

Apanui is confident a minimum of 40 teams will line up for the big event.

If that happens, the winning team will walk off with \$40,000 prizemoney, plus the coveted trophies.

The Kingscliff knockout will be held at the Cudgen Leagues Club's Ned Byrne Field.

Host club

It is being hosted by the Wollumbin Warriors – winners of last year's knockout carnival in Lismore.

The Warriors recently hosted a delegates' meeting and according to Apanui, delegates came from throughout NSW. He said delegates were happy to see the knockout going to a

venue other than Sydney or Newcastle.

He said the delegates were pleased with how preparations were proceeding and it was agreed that the team which won the Kingscliff knockout would have their full support in hosting the 2009 knockout.

Apanui said the Wollumbin Warriors had learned a lot from organising this year's carnival and the club would be happy to help next year's organisers.

The Kingscliff knockout has been endorsed by the Australian Rugby League and will be covered by NITV.

Delegates at their last meeting agreed to revert to traditional rules, meaning that preliminary games will be played over 20-minute halves.

The semi-finals will have



A Walgett Warrior being tackled by a Wollumbin Warrior in a semi-final at Lismore last year.

30-minute halves and the final will be an 80-minute game.

Apanui said all the teams that played in Lismore last year would play at Kingscliff, while what surprised him was that a

number of teams that had not been seen for several years had indicated they would return.

It costs \$1500 to nominate for the carnival. All of that money goes towards prizemoney, with

\$1000 allocated to the winners, \$250 to the runners-up and \$125 each to the third and fourth-placed teams.

The knockout is a drug- and alcohol-free event.

Newcastle aims for 24-team carnival

By GRAHAM HUNT



ORGANISERS of the NSW Rugby League carnival at Newcastle over the October long weekend have revised the number of teams entering – but they don't expect to get the 32 teams they were hoping for.

Spokesman Phillip Hall said a 24-team competition was more realistic, but it was too early to give a final figure.

As an incentive, two teams will have their \$1500 nomination fee waived if they nominate before 19 September.

All teams that nominate for the event before 19 September will go

into a draw for the \$1500 refund.

The Newcastle carnival will be held at the same time as the rival NSW Rugby League Knockout carnival at Ned Byrne Field, Kingscliff, during the October long weekend.

The two carnivals went head-to-head last year in Lismore and Kempsey, with the Wollumbin Warriors winning at Lismore and the Newcastle All Blacks triumphant at Kempsey.

The Wollumbin Warriors will host the 2008 Kingscliff knockout, while the Newcastle All Blacks will host the Newcastle carnival.

But this year there is a difference: The Newcastle tournament will have a round-robin format for preliminary

rounds, with pool winners then advancing to elimination rounds.

If 24 teams enter, they will be broken into four pools of six. Each team will play every other team in the same pool, meaning all teams are guaranteed a minimum of five games.

The four pool winners will advance to the semi-finals, with the winners going into the grand final.

Prizemoney will depend on how many teams enter.

All of the \$1500 nomination fee is turned over to prizemoney, with \$1000 of each \$1500 going to the winners, \$250 to the runner-up, and \$250 being divided by the two beaten semi-finalists.

The Kingscliff carnival will stick with

the traditional knockout format.

Like Newcastle, the nomination fee for the Kingscliff Knockout is \$1500.

Hall told *The Koori Mail* the Newcastle carnival also would cater for women and under 17, under 15, under 13 and under 11 divisions.

Another feature would be a golf day at Charlestown.

For the children, there would be a 3on3 basketball competition and hip-hop dancing.

Hall said the Newcastle Panthers Club, formerly the Newcastle Workers Club, would be the focal point of social events.

The carnival will be at the Newcastle Sports Ground.



Player of the 2007 Lismore Knockout final Ian Lacey after the presentations.

Bulls roar

Palm Island minor premiers avenge semi-final shock loss

By ALF WILSON



JUST about the entire population of the north Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island saw

the Butler Bay Bulls beat Skipjacks 34-20 in the grand final of the island's revived rugby league competition, played on Friday.

An estimated 2000 people were at the Barricadas sports field and it was an alcohol, drug and abuse-free event supported by the Palm Island Shire Council.

Queensland Communities and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Partnership Minister Lindy Nelson Carr and Townsville-based MP Mike Reynolds saw the action.

Minor premiers Bulls had not lost a fixture all season in the minor rounds of the five-team competition, which resumed on Palm Island this year after a long break.

However, in the qualifying semi-final two weeks before, Skipjacks lowered the colours of Bulls, who were primed to gain revenge.

Bulls' classy halfback and man-of-the-match Clinton Pearson said his side had been fired up for the final.

Palm Island rugby league stalwart Bill Blackley presented the medal to an emotional Pearson after the game.

"That loss did make us train harder, which we did every day, and we really



The Butler Bulls A grade side after their grand final win.

wanted to win out here today and we played our hearts out. It is good to see football back here at Palm Island and all the supporters," Pearson told *The Koori Mail*.

Scores had been locked at 16-all at half-time when Skipjacks coach Alex Morgan made a plea to his players.

through the second half and with just 10 minutes remaining, it was locked at 30-all.

But the Bulls rallied to provide coach Lance Poynter with a wonderful victory.

"The boys never gave up and I want to let all our brothers and sisters in

didn't take a backward step, and they were matched by Bulls enforcer Isobel Baira.

At half-time the Jets led 12-6 and Townsville referee Jason Roberts awarded an unusual penalty for hair-pulling.

Malone and Daphney were amongst the best, along with backs Leah Cannon and Lyndell Sibley and forwards Moarna Sam and Alima Geia.

The Jets also had local policewoman Sgt Michelle Sawtell in their side, and she came under heavy pressure from the Bulls' defence.

Malone told *The Koori Mail* that no quarter was given by both sides in the fiery encounter, which resulted in Bulls forward Layla Morgan being carried from the field with a knee injury.

"Big girls put on some big hits and for some this is the first time they have played rugby league and we will be back next year. It feels awesome to win," Malone said.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey thanked the other participating clubs - Mount Bentley, Raiders and Bwgcolman Brothers - and praised the standard of football.

"Now we can concentrate of a combined Palm Island Barricadas team at the coming All Blacks carnivals in Townsville," Cr Lacey said.

First grade: Butler Bay Bulls 34 (Esrom Geia 2, Malcolm Lawrence, Jeffrey Kerr, Pita Morgan, Clinton Pearson tries; Pearson 6 goals) d Skipjacks 20 (Kevin Morgan 2, Tabua Oui, William Marpoondin tries; Tabua Oui 2 goals).

Reserve grade: Butler Bays Bulls 38 (Darryl Pearson 3, Todd Pearson, Robert Bulsey, Billo Wotton, Esrom Geia tries; Darryl Pearson 4, Robert Bulsey goals) d Skipjacks 32 (Isiah Geia 2, Paul Parker 2, Terence Snyder, Ben Kennedy tries; Kevin Morgan 4 goals).

Women's final: Jets 22 (Sam Conway, Raina Simon, Lindsay Malone, Christine Murray tries; Raina Simon 2, Sam Conway goals) d Bulls 10 (Erica Fulford, Layla Morgan tries; Maria Ketchup goal).



Queensland Communities and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Partnership Minister Lindy Nelson Carr celebrates with the Jets ladies after their grand final win.

"We have to make sure of our ball security," Morgan said.

In the final analysis, Bulls scored six tries to four, with two to centre Esrom Geia, while Pearson scored one and booted six goals for a personal tally of 16 points.

Bulls coach Lloyd Morgan said his side had been keen to avenge the loss in the semi-final.

IN the reserve grade grand final, the Bulls pulled off a great win over Skipjacks after looking to have the match wrapped up at half-time.

The Bulls led 20-4 at the break.

But Skipjacks had other ideas, and 110kg Paul Parker scored two tries and veteran 39-year-old Ben Kennedy continually broke the Bulls' line early in the second half.

It was 20-all mid-way

correctional centres know that we thought of them during and after this win," Poynter said.

BIG big hits were a feature of the women's grand final, which was won 22-10 by the Jets over the Bulls.

Jets forwards Alvina Daphney and Lindsay Malone



Bill Blackley presents the player of the final trophy, named in his honour, to Bulls halfback Clinton Pearson.

Indigenous rugby union tour to NZ is called off

By GRAHAM HUNT



A TOUR to Auckland by an Australian Indigenous under 16 rugby union team has been called off because of a lack of money.

Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team Executive Director Tom Evans said there just wasn't enough money to fund the tour.

The 24-member squad was to have played two games against the Auckland Maori under 16s between 22 September and 27 September.

Mr Evans said funding had become a critical issue. With little or no increase in available funds and transport costs soaring, it was becoming increasingly difficult to organise tours.

But he said the Lloyd McDermott Indigenous Development Team still would compete in the Australian under 16 rugby union championships at Nudgee College, Brisbane, from 29 September - 3 October. The team will line up against sides from Australian States and Territories.

Northern Territory hooker Elliot Lewis is the only player from anywhere other than NSW and Queensland.

The squad is made: Adam Wellington (NSW), Elliot Lewis (NT), Michael Murphy (Qld), Robert Kennedy (NSW), Corey Carlson (Qld), Cornwell Pearson (Qld), Nicholas Harrold (Qld), Morris Hodges (Qld), Robert Longbottom (NSW), Edan Campbell-O'Brien (Qld), Liam Law (Qld), Raymond Buchanan (NSW), Joel Marama (Qld), Kevin Morgan (NSW), Purpala Pearce (NSW), Dustyn Chirgwin (Qld), Keron Kolo-Buckle (Qld), Blake Cullen (NSW), Christopher Ryan (NSW), Jonathon Jones (NSW), Emmanuel Bell (Qld), Matthew Temple (Qld), Kane Fuller (Qld) and Jarrod Wicks (NSW).



Raymond Buchanan, a student of Ballina High School, is in the Australian Indigenous under 16 rugby union team.

The team was to have visited New Zealand, but the tour was called off. The Indigenous team will compete in the Australian under 16 carnival in Brisbane starting on 29 September.



A Bulls player is airborne in the ladies' final against Jets.



This picture of the Woodenbong All Blacks is believed to be the 1965 or 1966 team. The team was coached by Bill Mair (far left, back row) and managed by Chris Culham (far right, back row). Snider Mercy was the captain.

All Blacks' rich history documented

By GRAHAM HUNT



WOODENBONG'S rich and proud Aboriginal rugby league history is being recorded in a book.

Brisbane woman Margaret Marshall is writing the book and hopes to have it completed in time for the centenary celebrations of the Woodenbong Central School on 4-5 October.

Ms Marshall is the daughter of Charlie and Jean Crane, who helped form the All Blacks.

Woodenbong is a small town in north-eastern NSW just south of the Queensland border. It has an Aboriginal community at nearby Muli Muli.

The Woodenbong All Blacks Rugby League Club was formed by Bill Mair, Charlie and Jean Crane, Pat

and Mrs Marsh and Les Watson.

Bill Mair, a police constable, was transferred to Woodenbong from Wee Waa in 1963. He had never been in a town without a football team.

In conjunction with the Cranes, who lived across the road from the police station, and Les Watson and the Marshes, he formed the Woodenbong All Blacks.

Competition

The club was registered in the Bonalbo Rugby League Association in 1964. Other clubs in the competition were Baryulgil, Bonalbo, Mallanganee, Tabulam and Woodenbong All Whites, who also formed the same year as the All Blacks. The nucleus of the All Whites team were teachers at the Woodenbong Central School.

Baryulgil and Tabulam were other

teams with strong Aboriginal representation in the Bonalbo competition.

The Woodenbong All Blacks reached the grand final in 1966, losing to Baryulgil 30-24 in extra time. In 1966, the All Blacks played a combined Fassifern team (Rathdowney, Beaudesert, Killarney and Boonah) in a curtain-raiser to the France-Queensland match at Lang Park, Brisbane. The All Blacks won 10-6.

Bill Mair recalls that Les Watson took a bus load of supporters to Lang Park and that the trip home was broken by an overnight stay in Beaudesert.

In the 1967 Bonalbo Rugby League grand final, the Woodenbong All Whites beat the Woodenbong All Blacks, led by Snider Mercy.

Bill Mair was transferred to Lismore in 1968.

Be our guest at the rugby league World Cup

THE National Rugby League has announced the Indigenous Team of the Century. The focus now turns on the selection of the Australian Indigenous team to play the New Zealand Maoris at the opening ceremony of rugby league's World Cup at the Sydney Football Stadium on 26 October.

The highlight of the opening celebrations will be the World Cup game between Australia and New Zealand.

The very best of our Indigenous players are sure to be playing for Australia.

This means they won't be considered for the Indigenous team to play the Maoris.

But there's still a wealth of talent available to the selectors of the Indigenous team and the man at the helm of that selection panel is Arthur Beetson.

The Koori Mail is offering four readers complimentary tickets to the World Cup opening extravaganza at the Sydney Football Stadium on 26 October. Each winner will receive a 'category A' ticket.

They will be able to cheer on the Indigenous team against the Maoris, watch the opening ceremony, and then see Australia take on New Zealand in a World Cup opener.

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 the competition 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 still time to enter. We will accept entries until last mail on Friday 10 October.

We will attempt to notify winners by telephone or email. Winner's names will be published in *The Koori Mail* on 22 October.

It's a pretty simple competition, so go to it. The judges' decision is final.

● The entry form is printed below.

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

Players wanted for Aboriginal cricket team

OFFICIALS of Indigenous cricket in NSW are looking for players to be considered for selection for a match against Newington College, Sydney.

Cricket NSW Indigenous Program Co-ordinator Russel Grimson said a match

between a Sydney Aboriginal Youth XI and Newington's First XI had been organised as part of the Sydney Aboriginal Youth Development Program.

The match will be played at Newington College, Stanmore, on 15 October.

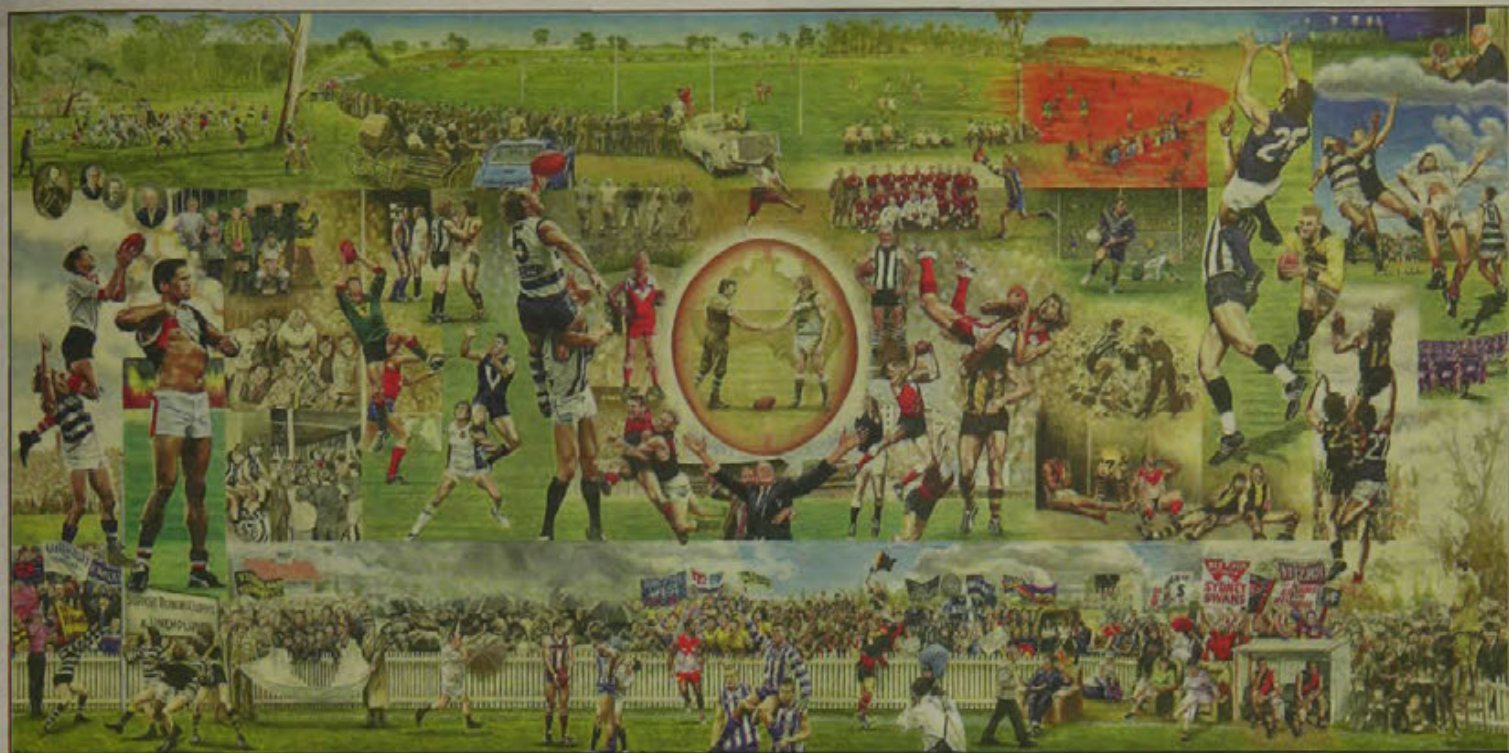
Grimson said he had a few names, but was asking for assistance in compiling a list of potential players for the Aboriginal team.

Players should be between the ages of 15 and 18, largely based in Sydney, and have a

strong cricketing background.

Grimson hopes to organise training-coaching sessions and possibly further matches.

He can be contacted at PO Box 333, Paddington, NSW, 2021, or on (02) 8302 6037 or 0425 295 551.



History on canvas

By PETER ARGENT



THE Game that Made Australia painting was unveiled at the Melbourne Cricket Ground

on the 150th anniversary of the first recorded Australian football match – Thursday 7 August.



St Kilda's Nick Winmar's famous gesture when he pointed to his skin in a match against Collingwood.

Aboriginal scenes include Nick Winmar's defiant gesture when he pointed to the colour of his skin in a game against Collingwood; Michael O'Loughlin's salute to the West Coast crowd in a final in Perth; and Michael Long (in an Essendon jumper) playing against the famous Northern Territory team St Mary's.

There is also a group of Aboriginal supporters with Kevin Sheedy waving a red, gold and black jumper as a flag, along with an Indigenous lad kicking a football.

Greatest moments

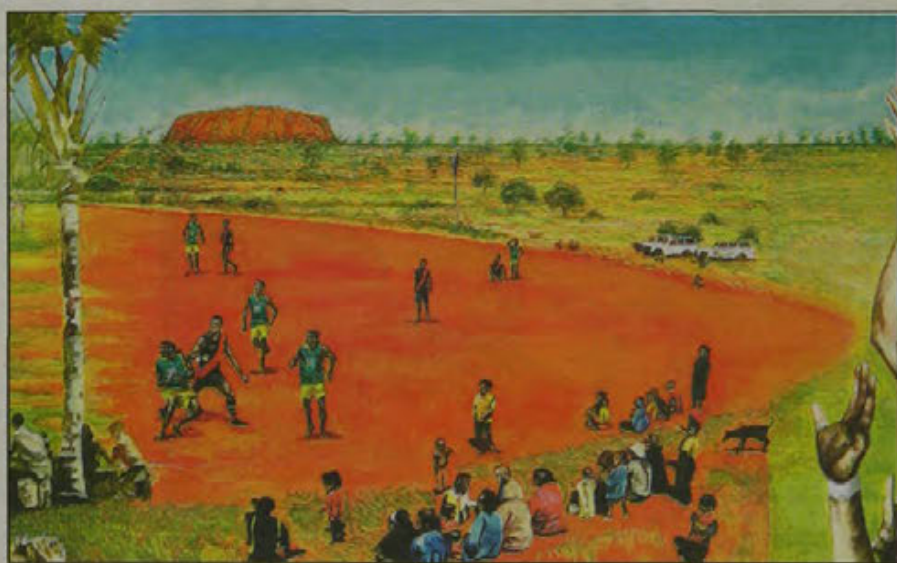
Designed and painted by Melbourne artist and former Fitzroy footballer Jamie Cooper, the 5m x 2.5m painting aims to depict Australian football's great moments through 15 decades in every State and Territory and at every level.

"For the decision making about the content, it was a pretty long process and my brief from the AFL was to come up with a image about how the game shaped the nation and how the nation shaped the game," Cooper said.

"The image of Nicky Winmar was bigger than the game itself – it was about life, being a key moment which makes a statement and symbolises a bigger cause."

"Michael Long playing against the Northern Territory's St Mary's club is trying to convey the message of the Aboriginal players travelling from sacred grounds to the hallowed turf."

"The Michael O'Loughlin image was more about the



This image shows Michael O'Loughlin, in an Essendon jumper, playing against Northern Territory team St Mary's.

amazing interaction between player and spectator which is unique in our land and also gives the message to the Aboriginal spectators who, a little further along, can take this path.

"Having Kevin Sheedy behind this group waving his coat as a flag is to symbolise how he has welcomed the Aboriginal players into the game. Finally, the image of the young Aboriginal lad kicking to an 'Anglo' boy in front of a military team is a loose reference to the fight to keep the game for all Australians and also that the code is a great leveller."

AFL Chief Operating Officer Gillon McLachlan said the painting would be a lasting reminder of the 150 years celebration.

"The Game that Made Australia painting was designed to create a pictorial record of Australian football and how it has influenced Australian life. It does so spectacularly," he said.

"The collection of images not only recognises key moments in our history; it manages to connect everyone involved in football with families and volunteers all depicted."

"All supporters of Australian football will be able to enjoy the painting."

Cooper was commissioned to create the painting by the AFL in November 2007.

He met with the AFL over a three-month period to ensure the game's history and culture was represented in the image. He started the painting in February and it took six months to complete.

Administrators, women, umpires, players at the grassroots, timekeepers and media are some of the other themes included in the major work.

The Game that Made Australia painting will be on display in the foyer of AFL House.

Green with envy



This picture by Koori Mail north Queensland Correspondent Alf Wilson shows Chris Sandow (front left, arms folded) with Cherbourg team-mates after winning 31-30 against Yarrabah in the final of the Vern and Frank Daisy Cup at Townsville in February 2006. Sandow has made every post a winner since transferring from the Gold Coast Titans to South Sydney.

DEANO'S LEAGUE



With DEAN WIDDERS

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CHRIS Sandow has had a great year and over the past week he has capped it by being recognised at three levels.

He first celebrated winning the inaugural George Green Medal as the NRL's Indigenous Rising Star, with selection in the Indigenous squad to play at the Rugby League World Cup.

Then, the following day, he was announced as halfback in the Toyota Cup Team of the Year – a team dominated by Indigenous talent with six of the full squad having an Indigenous heritage.

Sandow was the standout nominee for the George Green Medal – named in honour of the first Indigenous player to play rugby league.

Good company

But he was in pretty good company with the likes of Sam Bowe (Cowboys), Jharal Yow Yeh (Broncos), Shannon Walker and Esi Tonga (Titans), Marty Paulson (Knights), Matt Mundine (Dragons), Ben Jones (Roosters), Joel Romolo (Panthers), Ben Barba (Bulldogs) and Justin Carney, Joel Thompson and Travis Waddell (Raiders) being nominated from the 50-plus Indigenous players on the Toyota Cup alone, along with Daine Laurie from Wests Tigers.

The 19-year-old Sandow has been a revelation since making his NRL debut in round 13, helping the Rabbitohs to seven wins from their past 12 games after we had won just one of their first 11 fixtures.

"I was stoked just to play one game, now to get this award, it's a massive honour," Sandow said.

"I haven't really had time to think about it, probably when the season finishes I'll be able to look back on the season.

"I'm just really enjoying my footy at the moment and I think that helps."

Chris has really developed and matured since he came to Souths.

I have watched him develop and grow as a person as well as a footballer.

I knew after watching him score a remarkable try against the Dragons in an early Toyota Cup game that the kid was ready for the next step up.

Speaking then, Sandow credited his exciting revival on change.

Transformation

Getting away from old temptations, he said. Old habits.

The birth of son Stephen, now eight months, completed his transformation.

"Because when there's a chance to slack off at training, I think of him," he said.

"Or if I'm coming last in a sprint, I think of him."

"Stephen just pops into my head and I get this burst."

It's a burst now lifting this halfback and the team he leads around the paddock.

NRL chief executive David Gallop claimed the level of talent within the nominees showed the game was in

good hands.

"It's great to see the next generation Indigenous stars, some of the biggest names in the game have Indigenous heritage and the game is lucky to have such gifted athletes," Gallop said.

"It's a reminder that the game's producing great athletes and great opportunities for gifted athletes."

The rewards kept coming for Sandow after he won a place in the 70-man Indigenous squad.

The next day, he was announced in Toyota Cup Team of the Year which was voted on by the 16 coaches from the participating clubs.

"The quality of football in the Toyota has captured the attention of everyone the game," David Gallop said.

"It is a unique competition in Australian sport and already it has established itself as a stepping stone for elite junior players the NRL."

"When fans are looking to see where the game's next stars are going to come from they only need to look as far as the Toyota Cup, and players like Chris Sandow, Joel Rapana, Tony Williams and Masada have proven that this season."

"Congratulations to those who have been named in the Toyota Cup Team of the Year and best of luck to all those clubs competing in the upcoming finals series."

Toyota Cup Manager Michael Buettner said: "It is a quality team that showcases the depth of talent in the competition and status as a leading development pathway the NRL."

"In its first season, 52 players have graduated from the Toyota Cup to the NRL."

Indigenous heritage

Buettner also made mention of the fact that six of the players were of Indigenous heritage.

"Chris Sandow, Jharal Yow Yeh, Justin Carney, Ben Barba, Joel Thompson and Matt Mundine prove that the Indigenous stream of talent coming into the NRL is continuing," Buettner said.

He also believed that the new structure in the Cup would only help this level of talent to continue to grow.

"With each club having a welfare officer ensuring every player is involved in some form of work or education, we are getting better at looking after the off-field needs of our players," Buettner said.

"We are also getting better at appreciating the cultural backgrounds and needs of all our players."

The development of structures and opportunities for players at this level of the game has been outstanding over recent years.

I just wish they had been available when I was a young fella coming down from Armidale.

As for Sandow and his achievements it's enough to turn you green with envy!

Team of the Year

2008 Toyota Cup Team of the Year
Fullback: Lachlan Coote (Penrith Panthers)

Wing: Jharal Yow Yeh (Brisbane Broncos)

Centre: Justin Carney (Canberra Raiders)

Centre: Tony Williams (Parramatta Eels)

Wing: Kevin Gordon (Gold Coast Titans)

Five-Eighth: Ben Barba (Bulldogs)

Halfback: Chris Sandow (South Sydney Rabbitohs)

Prop: Russell Packer (Warriors)

Hooker: Masada Iosefa (Penrith Panthers)

Prop: John Kite (Bulldogs)

Second Row: Joel Thompson (Canberra Raiders)

Second Row: Daniel Harrison (Bulldogs)

Lock: Shaun Fensom (Canberra Raiders)

Interchange: Ben Hunt (Brisbane Broncos)

Interchange: Matt Mundine (St George Illawarra Dragons)

Interchange: Jordan Rapana (Gold Coast Titans)

Interchange: Ben Matulino (Warriors)

End game

AS I write this, I am confident – but not complacent – that the Swans will have kept our premiership hopes alive with a victory over North Melbourne at ANZ Stadium last Saturday.

The beauty of this time of the season is that the adrenalin starts to flow as you realise every game could decide your destiny – every game in effect becomes an end game.

Whatever the result, coach Paul Roos has put everything into perspective by praising the team for making a sixth finals series in a row.

Roos said it was important to recognise the significance of the achievement before looking too far ahead.

"When you know all the games are finished and you take five or ten minutes to reflect, it's exciting, it's a good feeling," Roos said.

"In a competition made for equity, to be able to play finals football six years in a row is a terrific effort by the guys."

In many respects, Roos may be trying to play down expectations, but he cannot disguise the enthusiasm of the players at this time of the season.

Adam Goodes is one who just cannot wait for this time of the season.

"It's finals time," he said. "It's what you train for. All the sacrifices during the year, all the sweat in pre-season it comes down to this."

"There are eight other teams that would love to be where the Swans are right now, so we've got to make the best

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



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of our opportunities and give it a real crack.

"On a personal note, I think having last week off is going to make me a better player this week."

"I didn't play in order to give my groin a bit of a rest and I'm definitely feeling the benefits right now."

RYAN O'Keefe backed up Goodes because he believes the team is fresher going into this season's finals than at same stage last year when we bowed out in the first week of September.

"We've got a lot of energy and there is a vast difference to last year," O'Keefe said.

"Last season at this stage we were probably coming into the finals pretty flat, but this year it is definitely not the case at all."

O'Keefe is a veteran of a number of finals campaigns at the Swans, with the obvious highlight being our 2005 premiership.

O'Keefe was hopeful that this 'top-end' experience would help some of the younger players making their finals debut.

"Experience is something you can't buy and (in finals footy) the game changes, intensity lifts and most of us have played it and hopefully that holds us in good stead," he said.

"We do have a lot of guys who haven't played finals footy as well, so it'll be a good experience for them."

"It is just another game even though the intensity is stepped up and the intensity is higher, but you've just got to make sure you stick to your basics and

do what you've been doing well all year and not get caught up in the whole emotion of it."

"But I'm quite confident our younger guys can follow the lead of the older guys."

O'Keefe summed up the basic nature of football once you get out on the field. "It's a footy ground... four posts at each end," O'Keefe said.

The fact that Ryan and Adam are returning from injury will be a huge boost for not only this game, but also hopefully the rest of the finals series.

To have a dual Brownlow Medallist in Goodes and an experienced half-forward in Ryan O'Keefe return to the line-up will be a big shot in the arm.

Adam was certainly pumped for the game as he went through the final stages of preparation.

"I'm sure it will be a memorable final for the fans who I hope will turn out in droves and get behind their Swans in what should be a memorable encounter," he said.

"Speaking of memorable, the qualifying final in 2003 against Port Adelaide is one of my best finals recollections."

"We were undermanned that day, and we'd finished fourth on the ladder while Port had ended as minor premier."

"A lot of our star players weren't playing but we went over to AAMI Stadium and knocked them off by 12 points."

"It was fantastic."

"It was Roos's first full year as coach and we really showed the Bloods' spirit that day."

"We are looking forward to showing similar spirit when our 2008 finals campaign kicks off."

Experience and spirit.

Two qualities that you need if you are to bring home the premiership flag.

Two qualities that I believe the Swans have in abundance.

Let's hope that we are still alive when you read this!

Until Next time.... Keep Dreaming!

Two Paralympians missing from list

THE names of at least two Paralympians were missing from the list of Indigenous Olympians and Paralympians published in the 27 August edition of *The Koori Mail*.

Missing were wheelchair basketballer Kevin Coombs and amputee swimmer Ben Austin.

Coombs represented Australia at five Paralympic Games, including two as captain. He led Australia to a silver medal at the 1974 Commonwealth Games and two golds at the 1977 and 1982 FESPIC games.

He has been an ambassador for the National Indigenous Strategy for Literacy and Numeracy as well as the Sydney Paralympic Games in 2000 and is one of only nine people to have an avenue in the Sydney Olympic Park in his name.

In 1988 he was honoured with an Order of Australia for his lifetime of service to sport and the community.

Coombs was inducted into the Basketball Australia Hall of Fame in 2007.

Wellington-born Ben Austin, 27, has nine Paralympic medals, including two golds.

He competed in Sydney in 2000 and Athens in 2004.

"I'm not just going to Beijing to make three Paralympics, my aim is to go there and win a medal and swim faster than I have ever swum before," he told the *Narraminy News*.

Austin said the enthusiasm of the younger competitors had made him work harder for selection in the Beijing team.

He is swimming in the 50m and 100m freestyle and 100 butterfly events.



Wheelchair Paralympian Kevin Coombs.

Fine effort from small school



THE near all-Indigenous Woodenbong Central School touch football team turned in

impressive performances at the NSW Combined High Schools State finals at Gosford.

The boys from the small isolated school near the Queensland border in north-eastern NSW qualified for the finals with wins over Kyogle, Lismore, Evans River, Richmond River, Maclean and Kingscliff to become the far north coast champions.

They then went on to beat Chatham High (the Hunter region champions and last year's State champions).

At the finals at Gosford, Woodenbong beat Inverell 3-2 in their opening game, then lost 8-1 to Endeavour, beat Junee 5-3, and drew with Freshwater 3-3.

In a match to advance to the finals, Inverell avenged their first-round 3-2 loss to beat Woodenbong 1-0 in a drop-off game.

Then, to decide fifth and sixth places, Woodenbong beat Farrer 6-1.



Back, from left, Peter Williams, T J Green, Phillip Bundock, Josiah Williams, Jimmari Williams, Sean Riley and Daniel Stubbings; front, Jordan Green, Ray Button and Jared Smith. Only two of the boys in the team are non-Indigenous. They are Daniel Stubbings and Mark Allen, who is absent from the picture.

Grants for Community Sport and Recreation Groups

If your organisation delivers sport and recreation activities in regional Victoria, it could be eligible for support under the Country Action Grant Scheme and VicActive.

Up to \$5000 per project is available in this year's Country Action Grant Scheme round to:

- Improve your organisation or club;
- Enhance the skills of coaches, officials or administrators; or
- Assist in providing greater access for all members of the community.

Eligible organisations may also apply for up to two \$500 VicActive grants to assist with travel related to competition or training for officials, coaches, athletes and teams.

Applications for both programs are now open.

The closing date for applications for projects starting in the first half of 2009 is 17 October 2008.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their application with a DPCD regional representative before lodging a submission. To obtain copies of the guidelines and application forms or contact details for assistance with your application, please call our Grants Information line on 1300 366 356 (for the cost of a local call) on any weekday between 8.30am and 10.00pm (except public holidays).

For further information and to lodge your application online, please visit: www.grants.dpcd.vic.gov.au



Department of Planning and Community Development

Team of the Year



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LAST week, as part of the Inaugural George Green Medal presentation, the provisional Indigenous squad for the 'Welcome to Country' match against New Zealand Maori at the World Cup Opening on 26 October was announced.

Let me first congratulate Chris Sandow on being the first recipient of the award which recognises the Rising Indigenous Star in the NRL and his selection in the squad of 70 players.

The selectors – Arthur Beetson, Larry Corowa and Ricky Walford – have done a good job in announcing such a large squad as it just emphasises the depth of Indigenous talent at the elite level of the game.

They have also rightly named the likes of Johnathan Thurston, Carl Webb, Sam Thaiday, Justin Hodges, Scott Prince and Greg Inglis – even though they might end up being 'on loan' to the Australian team.

It would be a truly remarkable team if all players were to be available.

It would be even more remarkable if such a team were able to play in the World Cup proper – but then I'm not going to open up old wounds at this stage!

What I will do, however, is to pick my XVII on the basis that all of the players were fit and available for selection.

Like all good selectors, I am going to ignore the nominated positions and pick what I believe to be the best-balanced side available.

Whatever side I pick, I am certain the coaching staff of Neil Henry and Jeff Hardy will be delighted.

On the appointment of Henry, I could not be more delighted with the choice given the high regard he is held in by the likes of Johnathan Thurston, Sam Thaiday, Greg Inglis and the reputation he developed in his time at the Cowboys.

An aspiring young coach such as Jeff Hardy will have a priceless education working under Henry for the best part of a week.

For his part, Henry said it was an 'absolute honour' to be invited to coach the Indigenous team.

"Indigenous players contribute so much to the game of rugby league," he said.

"My task will be to ensure the players have the opportunity to display their talent and to celebrate this opportunity to represent their people."

"Having worked with many of our

Indigenous players, I understand how significant this event will be for them."

In that spirit, let me begin by selecting my fullback in the full knowledge that the process could end up just as debatable as the Team of the Century.

The nominated squad:

Fullbacks: David Peachey (Roving Ambassador), Preston Campbell (Titans) Rhys Wesser, Jarrod Sammut (Penrith), Nathan Merritt (Souths), Amos Roberts (Roosters), Josh Hoffman (Broncos), Ben Orcher (Sharks), Marty Paulsen (Knights) and Jade Williams (Central Coast).

Wingers: Ty Williams, Obadiah Geia, Sam Bowie (Cowboys), Brenton Bowen, Esi Tonga, Ben Jeffries (Titans), Justin Carney (Raiders), Michael Lett, Wendell Sailor (Dragons), Jharal Yow Yeh and Reece Robinson (Broncos), Michael Bani (Manly), Travis Robinson (Sharks), Dane Nielson (Storm), Rod Jensen (UK).

Centres: Greg Inglis, Will Chambers (Storm), Justin Hodges (Broncos), Beau Champion, Jamie Simpson (Souths), Willie Tonga (Cowboys), Brad Tighe (Panthers), Donald Malone (Queensland Cup), Matt Sing, Sid Domic (UK).

Halves: Johnathan Thurston (Cowboys), Scott Prince (Titans), Jamie Soward (Dragons), Maurice Blair (Panthers), Chris Sandow (Souths), Joe Williams, Ben Barba (Bulldogs), Luke Walsh (Knights), Ben Jeffries (UK).

Back row: Sam Thaiday, Palmer Wapau, Derrick Watkins (Broncos), Dean Widders, Yileen Gordon (Souths), Cory Patterson (Knights), Clifford Morris, Mait Mundine, Jardine Bobongie (Dragons), Joel Thompson (Raiders), Justin Smith (Cowboys), Leigh Coghil (Queensland Cup).

Front Row: Carl Webb (Cowboys), Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers), George Rose (Manly), Daniel Backo (Queensland Cup), Luke Grant (Souths), Fred Briggs (Bulldogs), Peter Jensen (CRL).

Hookers: P J Marsh (Broncos), Ian Lacey (Queensland Cup), Joel Romelo (Panthers), Travis Waddell (Raiders), Jake Friend (Roosters), Anthony Mitchell (Eels), Michael Young (Knights).

'Famous' first choice

As great a season as Preston Campbell had and as much as I would like to give David Peachey the belated farewell he so richly deserves, I cannot go past 'Famous' as my fullback.

Amos Roberts would shine in this company and – even if I am also excluding Rhys Wesser, who has State of Origin experience – I am confident that Roberts would cause havoc in attack.

He is also probably the most competent at defusing bombs under pressure.

People may wonder why I have left **Nathan Merritt** out of my list.

The one simple reason is that I have included him on one of my wing positions.

Merritt has shown glimpses of the form that saw him rise to prominence in recent seasons.

The opportunity to play in this company would allow him to display his champion qualities at the highest level.

The nominated wingers list would have to remain intact because I would import fellow Rabbitoh **Jamie Simpson** from the centres list to be my other flanker.

Simpson has been both a revelation



Manly prop George Rose has had a quiet year following his horrific injury last season, but David Liddiard reckons he's good enough to be a bench player in Liddiard's Indigenous Team of the Year.

and an inspiration this year.

His pace, combined with his strength, would be potent and he would revel in the space provided by his inside men.

With due respect to the other centres, there is no contest when you can name a pairing of **Greg Inglis and Justin Hodges**.

Inglis has already received enough praise from me as can be measured by the column inches dedicated to him over the past season.

His selection in the Indigenous Team of the Century at such a young age is indicative of the class of the player.

He is an automatic selection for almost any team and would be a player whose class would shine with his brothers creating the opportunities inside him.

The fact that I still currently rate Justin Hodges to be the premier centre in the game is no sign of disrespect to Inglis.

Indeed, it is the highest compliment I can pay Hodges.

The return of Hodges is the main reason I rate the Broncos to be the dark horses for the premiership title.

He is the perfect foil for Inglis.

Both of these players would salivate at the opportunity to play outside a halves pairing of **Scott Prince and Johnathan Thurston**.

We saw glimpse of the potential of this combination during the State of Origin series and it is my fervent hope that we will see them play together for Australia in the World Cup.

It is a combination that underlines that this is a golden period for Indigenous talent in our great game of rugby league.

Prince is such an unselfish player that Thurston is allowed to play his natural game.

At the first sign that JT is under any pressure, Prince can step in to take a more controlling role.

Between them, they are a walking nightmare for any defence.

I would create something of a stir by naming young **Joel Thompson** from the Raiders to lock the scrum.

Thompson is not only ready for the NRL; he is tough enough and classy enough to reach another level.

He is a player who would grow as a result of his inclusion in such company.

The second row pairing of **Cory Paterson and Sam Thaiday** would provide perhaps the most threatening attacking combination in the NRL.

Thaiday has had a stellar season and

is becoming a leader at all levels of the game.

A few questioned his selection in the Team of the Century, but I believe he will justify his selection many times over in the future – starting with this finals series.

Cory Paterson is another prodigious talent having the skills of a back locked inside his towering frame.

He is a player who can both create and take advantage of opportunities and his ability to fly above the defence to take a bomb is only matched by Israel Folau.

The sight of **Carl Webb** and **Daine Laurie** packing down against you in the scrum would be enough to intimidate any opposing front row.

Webb has gradually worked himself back into form and the Cowboys must rue his time spent on the sidelines this year.

It is worthwhile noting how much Webb has developed the ability to offload the ball before the line, which makes him an even more potent attacking weapon.

With all due respect to Laurie, there is not much subtlety about his play at this early stage of his career.

But then again, who needs subtlety when you can scare the living wits out of the opposition with your pure strength, size and speed.

PJ Marsh would add that level of guile and speed around the rucks that would create space for the entire side.

For a small man, his front-on defence is a marvel.

Off the bench I would have three super-subs waiting to weave their individual magic – **Preston Campbell, Matt Bowen and Dean Widders**.

These three are deserving of a spot in the starting side and I would not argue with their selection.

Off the bench they would offer an astute coach like Henry with three potential match-winners to introduce at critical stages of the game.

What a luxury!

My final selection would be a player who has largely been out of sight since suffering a cruel injury when he broke his leg last season.

That **George Rose** is playing football is in many respects a miracle.

That he would be worthy of running on the field in this company would be an inspiration to all.

There's my current day Dream Team – imagine them playing in the finals or the World Cup itself.

A dream still worth pursuing!

By PETER ARGENT



AT the 26-minute mark of the opening quarter in the round 22 Australian

Football League 30 August match against Carlton at the Telstra Dome, Lance 'Buddy' Franklin etched himself into Aboriginal football history.

The 21-year-old West Australian, kicking towards the Coleman end, slotted through his second goal for the night and his 100th of the season, sparking riotous celebrations, with many thousands of supporters risking \$6000 individual fines and eviction from the game charging on to the ground.

"To be the first Aboriginal player to do it (kick 100 goals in a season) makes me very proud," Franklin said at a Press conference after the game.

"It was good to get it out of the way in the first quarter and just worry about getting the win – it was awesome to get it out of the way."

He became only the 28th person to achieve this special feat and the first to do so in the regular season since Tony Lockett back in 1998.

"To be honest, it was a little bit of a blur, I can't really remember," Franklin said about the events surrounding his 100th goal.

"Once I kicked the goal, everyone ran on."

"I remember coming back into (the rooms) sitting with the trainers, just talking with them, which was good."

Franklin was recruited from the Perth Football Club as selection number five in the national draft.

He made his debut in 2005 and until the start of the 2008 major round, had played 78 games and kicked 227 goals at an average of just under three a game.

9.5 best haul

His best haul this year was a 9.5 effort against Essendon in round 11, also at the Telstra Dome, in early June, while he also kicked 8.6 against the Lions in round five and the Magpies in round 17.

His 186 scoring shots means the Hawks forward averaged more than eight shots at goal over the 22 minor-round games this year.

Like a fellow Indigenous West Australian and Australian Hall of Fame legend Graham 'Polly' Farmer did in the 1960 with his attacking handballs and ruckwork, Franklin is also revolutionising the game as a key forward in the modern era of football.

He has become the first Aboriginal footballer to kick 100 goals in a season of AFL football.

After also winning his club's leading goalkicker award in 2007, this will be the fourth year in a row that an Aboriginal player has been the leading Hawks goalkicker.

Franklin also joins Hawthorn legends Peter Hudson and Jason Dunstall as centurions at the club.

Brilliant Buddy



Lance Franklin lines up his 100th goal of the season.

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Aussie rules firsts for our mob

SOME Aboriginal firsts:

- First (recognised) Aboriginal VFL/AFL footballer – Joe Johnson (Fitzroy)
- First Aboriginal VFL/AFL premiership player – Joe Johnson (Fitzroy) 1904
- First Aboriginal VFL/AFL club best and fairest – Norm McDonald (Melbourne) 1948
- First Aboriginal VFL/AFL club leading goal kicker – Phil and Jimmy Krakouer (North Melbourne) 1983
- First Aboriginal All-Australian – Graham Farmer (East Perth) 1956
- First Aboriginal VFL/AFL Brownlow Medallist – Gavin Wanganeen (Essendon) 1993
- First Aboriginal Norm Smith Medallist – Maurice Rioli (Richmond) 1982
- First Aboriginal AFL Rising Star – Byron Pickett (North Melbourne) 1998
- First Aboriginal goal kicking centurion and John Coleman Medallist – Lance 'Buddy' Franklin (Hawthorn).

Tahlia breaks the ice

TAHLIA Rotumah admits she is 'flavour of the month' among her proud friends and family at home in Tweed Heads.

But her popularity is likely to last longer than a month.

At just 16 years of age, Tahlia, a sprinter with cerebral palsy, has made history as the first Indigenous woman to compete at the Paralympic Games.

The Games began last Saturday in Beijing, China.

"It's a big achievement," Tahlia said.

When she was younger, she struggled to come to terms with her disability.

"I didn't understand, really. Why me?" she said.

"But I have come to my senses. If I didn't have it, I wouldn't be here."

Tahlia has Aboriginal and South Sea Islander heritage.

She lives in Tweed Heads with her grandmother, Desrae Rotumah, to be closer to her coach and doctors.

Mrs Rotumah, who encourages her participation in sport and takes her to training, is immensely proud of her granddaughter, as is Tahlia's mother, Natalie, and her school friends.

Tahlia took up running in 2003 and first competed for Australia at the Far East and South Pacific Islands Competition in 2006, where she won two silver medals.

She will compete in the 100m and 200m T/F37 events in Beijing. Her first event was the 100m yesterday.

She hopes her performance will be good enough to qualify her for the finals. "But if it's not, better luck next time," she says philosophically.

The next generation

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nominated in round seven against the Dockers, is a utility player who played senior football at Norwood in the SANFL in 2007, as well as having commitments with the Northern Territory Thunder, playing alongside Rioli.

He was elevated to the Demons' senior list early in the season and is noted for his foot skills and speed, along with being an opportunistic goal kicker.

Wonaeamirri played 18 games and kicked 24 goals. His best effort was a four-goal haul in the round seven victory against Fremantle.

Josh Hill, one of the Western Bulldogs' gifted Aboriginal players, capped off a good pre-season with the round two Rising Star nomination.

Hill played 15 games during the 2008 minor round after making a single appearance the previous year. He also kicked 12 goals this year.

Previous winners of the Rising Star award have included Indigenous players Adam Goodes, Byron Pickett and Danyle Pearce.



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Hoops galore!

Our best basketballers in action at titles

By GRAHAM HUNT



TEAMS from Western Australia and the Northern Territory dominate entries at the third annual National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Championships which began yesterday in Darwin.

Sides are competing from all States except Tasmania.

The tournament showcases the best the Australian Indigenous community has to offer in basketball.

Tournament Director Nikita Ridgeway said a feature of the tournament would be the on-court appearance of Australian

Opal and Olympian Rohanee Cox.

Cox is playing with the Darwin Rebels in the women's A grade division.

Cox also will spend time in the commentary box with former NBL Cairns Taipans and Gold Coast Roller player Tim Duggan.

Ridgeway said a new feature would be the dunk and three-point shoot-out competition.

"This year we see the return of the Cycle Breakers, from Queensland," she said.

"They have been the runners-up for the A grade men's division since the start of Nationals, in Sydney."

They will be attempting to break their cycle of finishing second.

National Indigenous Television (NITV) is covering the tournament.

Competing teams:

A Grade Men: Kwinana Flames (WA), Cairns Marlins (Qld), Newcastle Eagles (NSW), Port Hedland (WA), Broome (WA), Qld Warriors (Qld), North Eastern Wizards (WA), Moorditj Ballerz (NT), Roeburne Wizards (WA), Kununurra Kings (WA), Sharks (WA), Team Boxa (NSW), Triball (NT).

A Grade Women: Blue Jays (WA), Tom Price Raiders (WA), Rebels (NT), Kwinana Flames (WA), Vaysar (Vic), Karratha (WA), Arafura Stars (NT), Bagot Boomerangs (NT), Desert Diamonds (NT), Rockhampton All Blacks (Qld), Newcastle Eagles

(NSW), The Pearls (Northern Territory).

Under 18 Boys: Bullets (SA), Geraldton (WA), No Limits (WA), Villagers (WA), Port Hedland (WA), Fremantle PCYC (WA), Victorian All-Stars (Vic).

Under 18 Girls: Coolaroo (NT), Central Qld Tigers (Qld).

Under 16 Boys: No Teams registered for this division.

Under 16 Girls: Fremantle PCYC (WA), Geraldton (WA), Sanderson Bombers (NT), Balunu Warriors (NT).

Under 14 Boys: Onslow Lizard Kings (WA), Halls Creek District High School (WA), Young Buccs (WA).

Under 14 Girls: Onslow Sea Eagles (WA), Halls Creek District High School Thunder (WA), Bucks (WA).

The next generation

By PETER ARGENT



THE presence of exciting Hawthorn small forward Cyril Rioli, Western Bulldogs on-baller Josh Hill and upgraded Melbourne rookie Austin Wonaeamirri at the 2008 NAB Rookie of the Year awards underpinned the exciting array of Aboriginal talent forcing their way into Australian rules football.

While Hawks excitement machine Rioli was runner-up to Rookie of the Year Rhys Palmer, his 37 votes reflected a superb personal debut season, in which the Darwin lad played all 22 games.

In a star-studded forward line which is full of Aboriginal talent like centurion and 2008 Coleman Medallist Lance Franklin and dual club leading goal kicker Mark Williams, Rioli had a significant impact.

He was collected at number 12 in last year's draft and slotted though 20 goals.

Being one of Hawthorn's consistent performers, Rioli was placed second for club tackles, entries inside 50 and goal assists during the minor round and also received two 'Mark of the Year' nominations and a 'Goal of the Year' nomination.

His was named round six Rising Star nominee after his two-goal and 19-disposal performance against Richmond.

A nephew of Norm Smith Medallists Maurice Rioli and Michael Long, Cyril Rioli was an All-Australian for the Northern Territory at under-18 championships last year and a graduate of the AIS-AFL Academy.

Melbourne's Austin Wonaeamirri, who was



Indigenous Rising Star nominees at the big awards presentation, from left, Austin Wonaeamirri, Josh Hill and Cyril Rioli.

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