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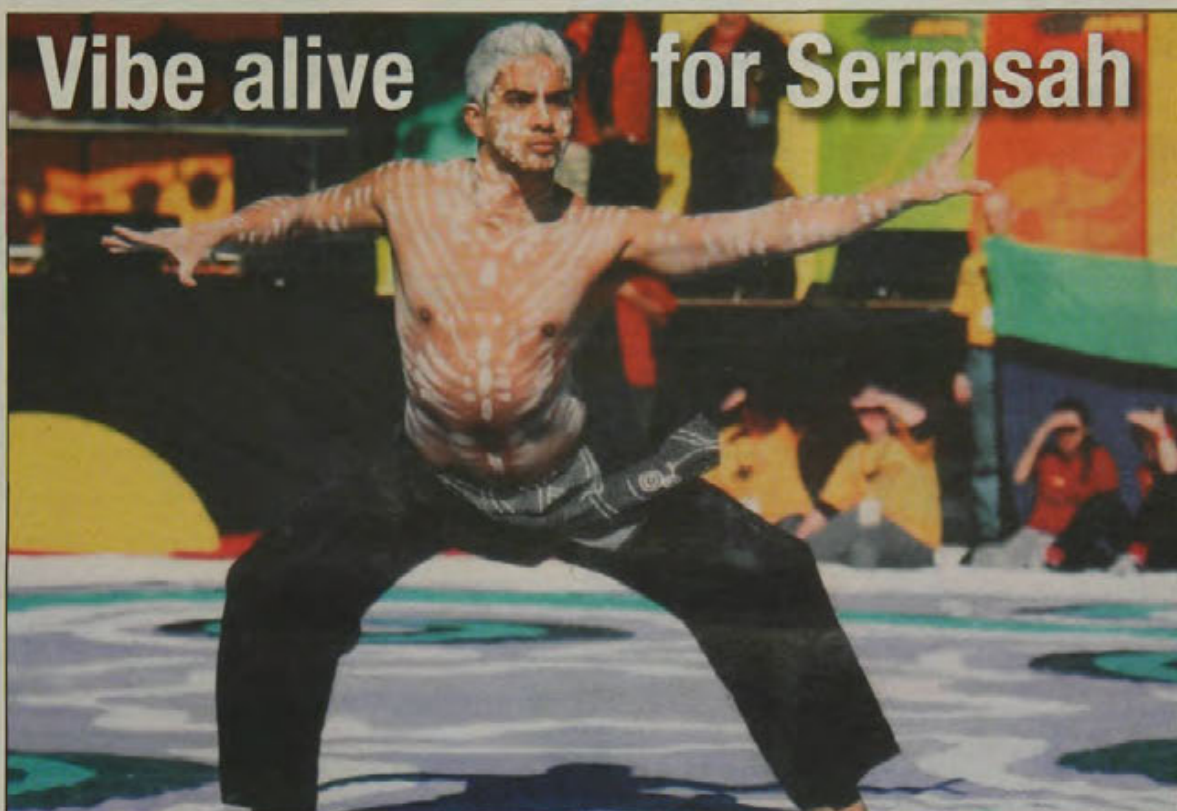
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Reality TV dance competition finalist and Vibe Alive judge Sermsah Bin Saad entertains the crowd at the opening ceremony of the first Vibe Alive festival held in Coonamble in New South Wales recently. More than 700 students attended the two-day festival, with locals competing against other kids from as far away as Sydney and Kempsey in singing, dancing, painting and basketball activities. There was also a spelling bee and interactive health and careers expos. About 2000 people attended a community concert as part of the festival, topped off by a spectacular fireworks display. See separate story on Page 32. Photo by ANDREW ROSENFELD

Vic schools scrapped

Axe falls
on four
Koorie
campuses

By KIRSTIE PARKER



FOUR Koorie school campuses in Victoria will be scrapped at the end of the year

and most of their students transitioned into mainstream schools under a State Government plan announced last week. Acting

Education Minister Jacinta Allan announced on Thursday that the Brumby Government would establish four new 'Koorie Pathway Schools' at the beginning of 2009, targeted primarily at students in Years 7-10, to help close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

Students currently in Prep to Year 6 will have individualised

transition plans to move into local primary schools.

The Koorie Pathway Schools will morph out of the Morwell, Swan Hill, Mildura and Glenroy campuses of the Victorian College of Koorie Education (VCOKE), previously known as Koorie Open Door Education (KODE) schools.

Ms Allen said the decision, which comes a year after a review

of VCOKE found consistently poor literacy and numeracy outcomes amongst its students, delivered on a Government commitment to give every child the opportunity to have the best start in life through a great education.

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My FAMILY MAISEY HYLAND – Onslow, WA



Maisey Hyland (front in purple shirt) with, back, April Hyland, Kendra Mellisen, Shakira Hyland, Heath Hyland and Trevina Hicks holding Imran Stewart and, front, Nerissa Hubert, Megan Hyland, Liam Hubert and Dakota Wilson.

THIS is me with my sister, nieces and other extended family at the National Indigenous Basketball Titles played this month in Darwin.

We came up from our home at Onslow, a West Australian Pilbara town on Thalanyji country, about 320km south of Karratha.

We had an absolute ball in Darwin. We were there for a week to support five of my grandchildren playing in Onslow's under-14s boys and girls teams. Both teams came runners-up in their divisions, so that was good.

It was the first time in Darwin for us, and for some of us it was the first time in an aircraft. There was plenty of excitement, let me tell you!

We came up here thanks to mining company Rio Tinto, who paid or accommodation and airfares.

They've been mining on our country

and I've got to say they've been really good to the people here, doing things like this.

The family all loves basketball, so we'll be keen to go the the titles again next year.

I'm the senior family person in the picture here, and all of us live in Onslow. I've been here all my life, and we reckon it's a great place to be.

We all live real close to the beach and we go there all the time.

There's great fishing, and we hunt for kangaroo and other bush tucker. It doesn't get better than that!

The big news for us right now is we can't go swimming in the local waterhole – because of crocodiles.

It's the first time I know of that we've had crocs down here, and none of us are too keen to take a dip with them fellas around!

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OUR CHILDREN



These kids dressed to impress for the 5-7 years age category of the recent Kowanyama Baby Festival baby show. The far north Queensland event was aimed at uncovering and building the potential and strengths of the community's young people in a safe and supportive environment. The two-day festival featured a range of activities including baby and adult massage, weaving, health checks, a crocodile reading centre, play groups, regional and local health organisation stalls and international guests. Photo courtesy of Ingeous Studios (Leigh Harris)

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Sonia's passion leads to award

By DARREN COYNE



SONIA Townson of Seisia, a small community at the northern tip of Cape York, has two distinct

passions in life – sport and children. The former Australian representative women's rugby league player is combining both to bring about positive change in her region.

That work was recognised by the State Government when Ms Townson, a member of Saibal Kadal (Crocodile clan), was named this year's Child Protection Week regional winner.

She received the award at Parliament House in Brisbane on 11 September, along with seven other child-protection workers and advocates.

Ms Townson, 37, the daughter of a Church of Torres Strait bishop, is also a lieutenant with the Australian Army Cadets.

She is a mother of three boys and a grandmother of

two boys, and she works with the Northern Peninsula Women's Shelter ATSI Corporation's Family Resource Centre.

When receiving her award, Ms Townson said she found her passion for children years ago while working as one of the first liaison officers in the Queensland Police Service.

It was also around the time she began playing football.

"They shifted me to the PCYC (in Townsville) and that's where my passion began," she said.

Reach out

"I saw these kids and they would come to me for help and that's when I started to reach out to them," she said.

Ms Townson said working with at-risk children was difficult, but also rewarding.

"It's quite emotional talking about children. They get hurt all the time and we see it," she said.

Speaking to *The Koori Mail*, Ms Townson said the Family Responsibility Commission, introduced earlier this year, had focussed

the community on child protection.

"From a child-protection perspective it has opened a can of worms," she said.

"People are now talking about it, saying I've been abused, or my child has been abused."

"For a long time it was silence ... but now people are recognising it as law. People are not afraid to speak up."

"When I hear that I jump on another bandwagon and say let's do something to fix it."

"To help the child I try to develop positive things such as sporting aspirations."

Ms Townson's message for young people is quite simple: 'Good choices made good consequences'.

She is proof of her own philosophy. She sits on a number of boards including the Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agency (QNADA) as the Indigenous representative for Cape York and Torres Strait, and is also a regional representative with Seisia's Community Justice Group and a State representative for its Commissioners Forum.



Sonia Townson outside the front of Queensland Parliament House with her award and flowers.

Fears over Declaration



THE first anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous

Peoples has come and gone with no firm indication of when or even if the Australian Government will formally support it.

Indigenous concerns are mounting after the Government last week joined forces with the Opposition to vote down – 55 to five – an Australian Greens motion calling on it to support the non-binding Declaration.

The Declaration was adopted on 13 September 2007 and sets out the rights of the world's estimated 370 million Indigenous people.

Australia, under the then-Coalition Government, was one of only four countries not to support it, claiming it would elevate customary law above national law.

The then Labor Opposition made a pre-election promise to support the Declaration.

On the day before the anniversary, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said that by supporting

the Declaration now, the Government could send an unambiguous signal to Indigenous people, and to the world, that Australia respected the standards contained in the Declaration – such as the need to recognise and respect the unique characteristics of Indigenous people.

"It is a positive, aspirational document that recognises the rights that are inherent for Indigenous peoples rather than leaving it up to governments to decide whether Indigenous people possess such rights, or deserve protection or recognition," Mr Calma said.

Partnerships

"It gives us the tools we need to forge new partnerships and relationships between Indigenous peoples and the broader Australian community."

"The sooner the Federal Government formally indicates support for the UN Declaration, the sooner we can see true, respectful and meaningful engagement with Indigenous peoples resulting in better designed policies and services."

International campaigner Les Malezer said the Declaration was 'clearly becoming the point

of reference for 370 million Indigenous Peoples around the world to find legal and political traction to change our status as the poorest of the poor and the most oppressed'.

Aboriginal lawyer and Director of the University of NSW's Indigenous Law Centre Megan Davis said it was understandable that Indigenous Australians were becoming increasingly anxious about the Declaration because the Government had not done enough to communicate with them about the consultation process.

A spokesperson for Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said on Friday that detailed consultations were being undertaken with Australia's State and Territory governments as well as with Indigenous organisations.

However, she would not say how long much longer those consultations would take. Nor would she confirm rumours that the Government intended to formally endorse the Declaration on Human Rights Day, 10 December. – With AAP

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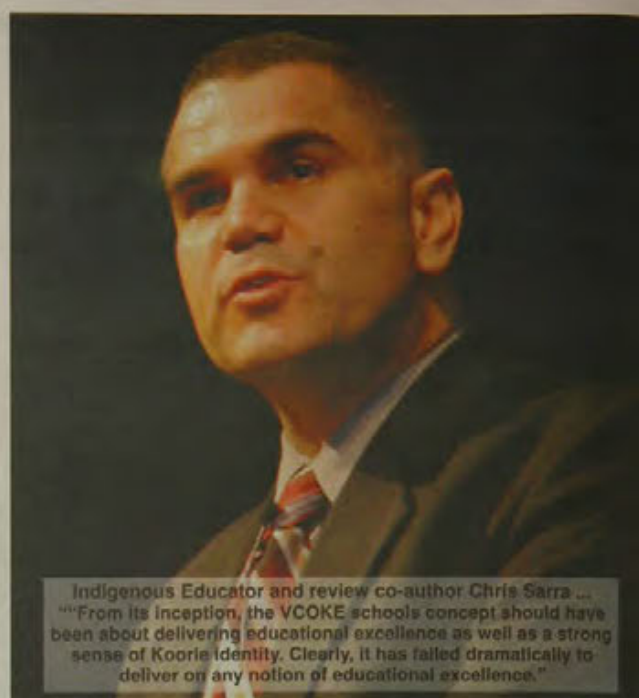
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Victorian schools scrapped



Indigenous Educator and review co-author Chris Sarra ...
 "From its inception, the VCOKE schools concept should have been about delivering educational excellence as well as a strong sense of Koorie identity. Clearly, it has failed dramatically to deliver on any notion of educational excellence."

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and...it is clear that we are delivering on our commitment to giving every child the opportunity to have the best start in life through a great education," Ms Allan said. "The new Koorie Pathway Schools will provide intensive, short-term support within a specialist school setting, for those Koorie students not in the mainstream system."

"Each student who attends one of these schools will have an individualised learning plan that will provide a pathway into the appropriate academic or vocational setting."

"The end result will be to prepare these Koorie students to eventually

make the transition into mainstream education, training and employment, and to do so with confidence knowing they have gained the required skills to succeed."

Nevertheless, the decision to close the VCOKE campuses has left some Victorian Aboriginal community members 'gutted' and 'heart-broken'.

They said they heard the 'wake-up call' in last year's review and made some improvements, but these were being ignored. And they rejected the proposed model, saying that mainstream schools simply could not deliver truly culturally-relevant education and predicting that the more challenging Aboriginal students - many

of them already failed or 'dumped' by mainstream schools - would 'fall through the cracks'.

VCOKE campuses/KODE schools have long been considered a triumph of grassroots community action and self-determination, with teachings rich in Aboriginal culture instilling in students a heightened sense of identity and pride.

However, last year's review by educators Chris Sarra and Mervyn Wilkinson found that unnecessarily low expectations were robbing those students of a real future and recommended they be transferred back into the mainstream schools but with greater support.

While Victorian Aboriginal students generally performed one year below average, the results at the Koorie college were found to be much worse. Its students were generally reading at a level three years below their age group, compared to State averages. For example, Year 5 students were reading at Year 2 level.

"From its inception, the VCOKE schools concept should have been about delivering educational excellence as well as a strong sense of Koorie identity. Clearly, it has failed dramatically to deliver on any notion of educational excellence," the report read.

Only 200 out of Victoria's 8500 Koorie students, or around two per cent, attended VCOKE campuses, yet about \$5.8 million - equivalent to \$29,000 per student - was spent on them a year. At some of the campuses there was one teacher per three students, yet their performance was still dramatically behind other Indigenous and mainstream students.

Dr Sarra, who is Director of Queensland's Indigenous Education Leadership Institute, said that once the emotion was taken out of the situation, 'the Koorie community should really celebrate that the Education Minister is demanding a better education for Koorie kids'.

"I wish our minister placed the same demands on schools in Queensland," he told *The Koori Mail* on Friday.

"I feel sorry for Aboriginal parents who were shocked by what the review found because they thought they had a quality school... It was a good concept but was poorly executed."

"(The college) certainly had the resources to deliver

excellence, but I don't know if they had the belief or the capacity."

"But as an Aboriginal man and an educator, I could not lie to them that they had a quality school. I know some people were extremely angry for me to have conducted the review, but they should be angry with the school for delivering such terrible results and having no understanding of the truth of where their children were."

"I would like to offer a message of hope. It is plain that we can deliver much better for these children. In some mainstream schools, the cultural component and excellent leadership does exist."

Dr Sarra said that under the new model, mainstream school principals would have to 'get serious' about forging relationships with their local Aboriginal community, and they'd need structural support and additional resources.

'Gutted'

However, the Chairperson of the VCOKE Mildura Campus Gloria Clark said her committee was 'gutted' that a government body could actually go forward and propose a model that we consider deficient and unfounded by research and evidence.

"The proposal they want us to adopt would lose children through the gap," she said.

"Mainstream schools are not equipped to deal with this proposal; there is no sustainability in it."

Ms Clark said the four campus committee chairs met in Melbourne on Thursday and unanimously rejected the model currently being offered.

Morwell campus chairperson Doris Paton said that since the review, all the teachers had 'put in a huge effort and have pulled their socks up'.

A local Gunaik person, Ms Paton helped to set up the original KODE school over a decade ago.

"We're a bit heartbroken because we had a dream of having a school that would cater to the cultural needs of our kids," she said.

"We teach our own language at the school, we use local knowledge in the curriculum, we have support for the school that comes from the community."

"We have an environment in the school that the community is comfortable with. It is heart-breaking to deny that to our

society. All that will be lost."

Ms Paton said some mainstream schools did not even currently teach local Aboriginal history so 'how could they teach our language to our kids?'

Ms Paton said VCOKE was now bearing the brunt the mainstream system's failure of Aboriginal children.

"When you have a Year Ten kid who can't read or count or tell you the alphabet after being in the mainstream system, there is something really wrong," she said. "Parents do have the right to expect the best from an education system but I think there's a lot of blame going on because mainstream schools have failed these kids for a long time."

Ms Paton said some children at the school led heavily-interrupted lives, with some moving seven or eight times within a year.

However, Dr Sarra said he didn't 'buy into that'.

"With the kind of teacher/student ratio we're talking about here, parents should have every reason to expect their kids would be performing ahead of mainstream kids, regardless of their home context," he said.

"I have seen kids come from complex places and if someone believes they can be excellent, they will be."

On Friday, Greens MLC Sue Pennicuik told *The Koori Mail* she had not seen any concrete evidence of why the four Koorie campuses could not continue to be supported.

"(The Government) seems to want to put all Aboriginal kids into the mainstream school system, but what the principals of these schools are saying is they have already tried that and it does not work," she said.

Reconciliation Victoria Chief Executive Officer Frank Hytten said there were mixed views in the Aboriginal community.

"There are people who feel the schools should not be closed, but others say the schools are not being closed down, they are just being shifted," he said.

"KODE schools were always going to struggle because they were never properly funded, and sending these kids back to mainstream won't solve things unless resources follow them."

"If someone can't read and write, sending them off to a mainstream school, they're not going to learn unless a lot of resources are out into them."

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Libs' new leader

Opinions divided on Turnbull's commitment to Indigenous affairs

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THEY may have agreed that Australia should apologise to its Stolen Generations, but new Federal Opposition Leader, the Liberal's Malcolm Turnbull, has spared no time declaring Kevin Rudd a 'phoney' after the Prime Minister declined his invitation for a bipartisan approach to the economic crisis. Elected last Tuesday morning by his colleagues after a snap leadership spill called by then-party leader Brendan Nelson, Mr Turnbull has promised 'leadership, energy, action' as he tries to topple the Rudd Government.

"We are determined to make this a one-term government," he said in an interview published in Saturday's *Daily Telegraph*, after spending days fending off insinuations that he was a multi-millionaire 'silvertail' out of touch with the aspirations of many Australians.

"We have a lot of work to do, but yes, we can win and I believe we will win."

Mr Turnbull said Mr Rudd had promised 'so much, done so little' since being elected.

"The great problem with Kevin Rudd's prime ministership is the emptiness - the gap between the rhetoric and reality," he said.

New-look front bench

Mr Turnbull spent the weekend finalising a new-look front bench with his deputy Julie Bishop.

Many believe it was the question of an apology to the Stolen Generations that thwarted Mr Turnbull's earlier attempt to secure the Liberal leadership after the party's November election loss.

Whether out of pragmatism or empathy, Mr Turnbull had said he would support Labor in saying sorry and made his views clear about former PM John Howard's refusal to apologise.

"That was an error, clearly, we should have said sorry then," he said.

"Getting into semantics about regret versus sorry - that's a waste of time."

He lost the November vote by three votes and became Treasury spokesman while Dr Nelson, who eventually lent muted support to the Prime Minister's

immensely popular parliamentary apology on 13 February, languished embarrassingly in the polls.

Last Wednesday, State Secretary of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) Nala Mansell-McKenna declared that Aboriginal people would be better off under a Turnbull-led government than under Kevin Rudd.

"Mr Turnbull has more refreshing and enlightened views than Kevin Rudd," Ms Mansell-McKenna said in a statement.

"The Rudd-led ALP continues to stand by the racist NT intervention laws which promote assimilation and dispossession, refuse to establish an independent black political voice and have kept all the horrid bureaucrats from the Howard era who have been a nightmare for blacks to deal with."

"On the other hand, Mr Turnbull has spoken of 'freedom of choice', 'fairness', and 'empowering' people."

"This encourages us to see more opportunities for fairness under Mr

The Yankunytjatjara woman and Mr Turnbull were both members of the advisory committee driving the 1998 Republic Convention. However, Dr O'Donoghue told *The Koori Mail* on Saturday that Mr Turnbull was not, in her experience, 'a team player'.

"He was supposed to be one of us and he was our leader of course, but we felt left out. He was not a team player," she said.

"And I don't think he was deeply interested in our (Indigenous) issues. There was that apology talk, but when you're in a position where you want the top job, you are going to really come on strong, but that's all that was."

"How deep his conviction is, I don't know. I wouldn't have thought that he had that many constituents (in his affluent Sydney electorate of Wentworth)."

On Mr Turnbull's insistence that he had done it tough in his early years, Dr O'Donoghue said: "He has come from privilege, no matter which way you look at

year's election, Mr Turnbull angered Aboriginal and conservation groups when he approved energy giant Woodside's Pluto gas project on Western Australia's Burrup Peninsula, an area rich in 20,000-year-old Aboriginal rock carvings.

However, while in the portfolio he also oversaw a four-year \$47 million Working on Country program aimed at creating 'properly paid' jobs for Indigenous people looking after country.

And he listed sites associated with the Wave Hill Walk-Off by Gurindji people in the 1960s on the National Heritage Register.

Business has reportedly responded favourably to the Turnbull elevation, with senior Liberal figures confirming the party has received 'sizeable' cash donations since Tuesday's ballot.

"Good money is coming in or has been promised. The big end of town is responding positively," one senior Liberal figure said.

Former leader Dr Nelson told media he thought Mr Turnbull was doing 'a great job' in the opening days of his leadership.

As *The Koori Mail* went to press, there was no word on the shadow cabinet reshuffle. However, Opposition Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs spokesman Tony Abbott had already set the croc amongst the bro/gas with a cyber admission that he was itching to get closer to 'the main action' under the reshuffle.

Mr Abbott, who recently spent time teaching primary school children on Cape York, lamented in an online forum last Thursday that his current portfolio was not at the centre of political combat.

"It's an important portfolio which needs a senior person. It's not, though, the centre of political combat and I've sometimes rather wished I was closer to the main action," he wrote on a News Ltd website.

"The composition of the shadow ministry is entirely in the leader's hands and he will pick the team that he thinks will best assist the Liberals to win the next election."

Prime Minister Rudd said he was stunned by Mr Abbott's comments, given the Opposition's recent campaign to raise pensions for the elderly.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said that if Mr Abbott found the needs of pensioners, Australian families and Indigenous Australians boring, he should get a new job outside of politics. - With AAP

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Opposition Leader Malcolm Turnbull (right) listens to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd during question time in Parliament House, Canberra, last Thursday.

- AAP Image

Turnbull than under Mr Rudd.

Ms Mansell-McKenna said that while Kevin Rudd was able to grab the limelight by offering an apology to the Stolen Generations, 'he still refuses to provide any compensation; the apology was of more benefit to himself, than anyone else'.

However, former ATSIC Chairperson Lowitja O'Donoghue questioned Mr Turnbull's interest or commitment to Indigenous issues.

"She said Opposition backbencher and former Treasurer Peter Costello, who last week launched his book *The Costello Memoirs*, was 'much more' sympathetic to Indigenous aspirations than Mr Turnbull."

Mr Costello's book dedicates a chapter to Indigenous affairs.

But commentators were expecting him to be more critical of John Howard's approach to Indigenous affairs than he ultimately was.

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Police deny attack racist

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



A 35-year-old Nyoongar man appeared in court in the West Australian Wheatbelt town of Narrogin on 18 September charged with assault and causing damage after an incident outside a local hotel on the night of 13 September.

But the local Nyoongar community is upset that Warren Kickett, who police agree was the victim of a mob attack, was the only one arrested on the night and that police failed to follow proper procedure after the incident.

Mr Kickett's case was remanded to 9 October and he is seeking legal advice.

A 52-year-old non-Aboriginal man was charged with assault two days after the incident and will appear in the Narrogin Magistrates Court on 17 October.

The officer-in-charge of Narrogin police, Senior Sergeant Martin Voyez, conceded that proper police procedure was not followed on the night of the incident, but denied the attack on Mr Kickett was racially motivated.

Police allege that Mr Kickett assaulted a non-Aboriginal man in a car outside the Duke of York Tavern on the night of 13 September after comments were made to Mr Kickett's non-Aboriginal wife.

Sen-Sgt Voyez agreed that Mr Kickett was questioned by police for 45 minutes at the Narrogin Police Station before being allowed to seek medical treatment for a serious injury to his left eye, which needed six stitches.

"Yes, that certainly may have been the case and in some respects that's probably not good enough and he really should have gone to the hospital first up," the police officer said.

"He was injured, I understand, and he really should have been taken to the hospital first."

Detective Sergeant Paul Nayler said Mr Kickett was taken into custody for his own protection during a volatile situation.

"He was advised that he was going to be summonsed and there was also a number of other people that were going to be summonsed in relation to the



Warren Kickett with wife Melissa on the day of his court appearance in Narrogin on 18 September and Mr Kickett shows the extent of the injury caused by a blow to the head by a steel baseball bat.

incident," Det-Sgt Nayler said.

"The main concern was the safety of the community and to break up the altercation and to make sure that the various parties were removed from the situation."

Mr Kickett's uncle, WA Aboriginal Health Council Chief Executive Officer Darryl Kickett, has had several meetings with police and local people and said his nephew was lucky that he didn't lose his eye.

"He had to go into Narrogin Hospital for the night and he had a serious wound to his eye, to the eyelid and eyebrow, and he had bruises across his body," Darryl Kickett said.

Sen-Sgt Voyez also agreed that Warren Kickett's injuries should have been photographed by detectives on the night of the incident – not two days later as was the case.

"Of course they should be photographed immediately," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"With any bruising, though, we often photograph them a few days later, but photographs should occur

initially, especially at the time of treatment.

"I mean, treatment is the first responsibility. If people are injured, the first responsibility of anyone, let alone police officers, is to make sure they've got adequate medical treatment, that's the first thing.

"The gathering of evidence, which obviously photographs are, should be secondary but nonetheless should be done first up."

Sen-Sgt Voyez said a number of other people were still being questioned and further charges could be laid.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and acting Race Discrimination Commissioner Tom Calma will visit Narrogin in mid-October in response to a request by the local community to investigate the high number of suicides in the town.

The newly formed Nyoongar Nation Council, headed by David Collard, will also meet local community members in the town in early October.

NT spending inquiry will not go far enough: CLC



THE Central Land Council has criticised moves to hold a Senate inquiry into how the

Northern Territory Government has spent Federal funding for Indigenous affairs and social services – because it says it won't go far enough.

CLC Director David Ross, who in July called for a royal commission to investigate the mismanagement of funds since 1978, said a Senate inquiry was too limited.

Country Liberal senator Nigel Scullion was successful with a parliamentary motion last week to investigate whether successive NT governments had inappropriately spent money earmarked for disadvantaged and regional communities.

The move followed allegations that billions of dollars had been spent in Darwin instead of in regional and remote areas.

Senator Scullion said the investigating committee would report to the Senate in December.

"When you have allegations from people who have worked in the Chief Minister's (Department) very high in the public service who say that the money isn't going to where it should be, it is appropriate that the public will have a forensic look about where this money is being spent in very, very important areas in the social scene in the Northern Territory," he said.

But NT Treasurer Delia Lawrie said Senator Scullion had missed a chance to properly address the factors behind Indigenous disadvantage. She said the inquiry's

terms of reference would not let it address specific issues such as housing and education.

"The NT Government is disappointed that Senator Scullion ignored our calls to make the Senate inquiry actually address what is required to close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage into the future," she said.

"(This) is really just a stunt by Nigel Scullion, he's simply not serious. If he was serious he would've looked at the historical deficit of appointed self-government as well as what it would take to close the gap now."

Politicking

Mr Ross also dismissed the politicking surrounding the issue, saying the rotting of the system went back further than just one government.

"We need to know what's happened in the past, where money has gone and how much has been redirected from what was supposed to be used to educate people and improve their health," he said.

"Aboriginal people are living with the consequences of that abuse of the system and they deserve to have that behaviour and the people who perpetrated it exposed."

"Then new systems and checks can be implemented to prevent it happening again. Only then will Aboriginal affairs funding escape from the three-year electoral cycle that's open to abuse by political parties of all types."

"I really think it needs to be a royal commission and it needs to be taken out of the hands of politicians because basically they're just going to deal with it for their political interests."



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Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

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AIDA chief awarded inaugural scholarship

By KEN BOASE



AUSTRALIAN Indigenous Doctors Association (AIDA) President Tamara McKean has been awarded the inaugural Indigenous scholarship with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, a rare opportunity to further hone her skills in Aboriginal health.

Dr McKean, who is currently working at the University of Western Australia as a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health, said she was thrilled at being awarded the scholarship because it meant higher learning without the financial pressure.

Dr McKean said scholarships were often the only way Indigenous Australians could access tertiary education, and even though she had already 'broken through' the financial barrier in some ways, the scholarship would take pressure off her family.

"I have family that haven't been able to access and achieve the educational opportunities that I've had and I think it is my responsibility to really take my education as far as I can go," she said.

"So receiving a scholarship like this enables me to really focus down on some of the more practical things about attaining my fellowship, without having to feel that I'm going to have to let someone down."

Dr McKean has a particular interest in working to help close the gap between the health outcomes of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, and she said the very presence of more Indigenous doctors was making a major difference, particularly in remote regions.

She said people were surprised, to say the least, when they discovered that their doctor was one of their own. "I think for a lot of people it means a relief that they don't have to try and explain their circumstances," she said. "Most of us have either come from those circumstances or are closely related to those circumstances."

Dr McKean said the pressure on medical centres and hospitals was growing, but the investment in health care had not kept pace, especially the recruitment of more Aboriginal health workers and Aboriginal health professionals.

"People are presenting much younger and with greater severity of chronic disease, so we do need to have an investment in primary health care in order to stem that flow," she said.

"We do need to deal with this issue here in terms of Aboriginal people having equal access to tertiary level treatments. But beyond that we actually need to start thinking a bit more long term and start to think about issues of workforce and building the Indigenous health workforce."

Dr McKean also had a comment on the Northern Territory intervention, saying such programs would never work unless governments consulted more widely – a lesson that bureaucrats never seemed to learn. She said remote communities had often been disadvantaged by government programs, which were ill-conceived and poorly implemented because of the lack of consultation.

"There's a level of mistrust that already exists, so by not taking account of that the intervention has been unable I think to reach a decent number of people and reach a good level of rapport with communities that allows them to properly tackle the issue of child safety, for example," Dr McKean said.

AIDA celebrated its 10th anniversary in September, with members upbeat about the number of Indigenous health professionals who had a chance of making inroads into the problems affecting Indigenous people.



BARBARA SHAW



WALI WUNUNGMURRA



DAVID ROSS

Alliance set for meeting, public rally

By DARREN COYNE



THE first meeting of the Prescribed Area Peoples' Alliance will be held in Alice Springs on 29 September, followed by a rally the next day.

The Alliance will bring together Aboriginal people from across the Northern Territory who are living in communities covered by the NT Emergency Intervention.

Barbara Shaw, from the Mt Nancy Town Camp at Alice Springs, said support was needed to bring community people to the gathering.

"This will be a huge demonstration of solidarity and support," she said.

Ms Shaw said fundraising was under way because many people now had limited access to travel due to welfare quarantining and the high cost of fuel.

"Support from people around the country is invaluable and essential if we are to have any hope of getting the government to listen," she said.

The formation of the Alliance, and the rally, has been timed to coincide with the release of a report by the review team, headed by Kimberley leader Peter Yu.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin formed the 11-member review board in June. It also includes the Central Land Council Director David Ross and Donna Ah Chee, from the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress.

Their task was to assess the progress of the intervention and recommend any changes. They were also asked to assess what inroads have been made to improving the safety of children.

NT Federal Intervention report due for release

Ms Shaw said her group – the Intervention Rollback Action Group – had visited many communities where Aboriginal people had spoken of negative impacts of the intervention.

"There is an upsurge in blatant racism in Central Australia which has to be attributed to the setting aside of the Racial Discrimination Act," she said.

"Aboriginal people now have little redress for the offensive treatment they receive as they queue up in supermarkets with their store cards or indeed as they move around in the townships."

"Security guards move them on even though they allow tourists and other non-Aboriginal groups to congregate."

"Aboriginal people are confused and demoralised."

Meanwhile, legislation that would reintroduce the permit system and alter other aspects of the intervention is being debated in the Senate.

Under the legislation, only journalists, public servants and police would be exempt. Everyone else would be required to get a permit.

A contingent from the Northern

Land Council traveled to Canberra on 15 September to lobby senators to reintroduce the permit system.

NLC Chairman Wali Wunungmurra said media reports seeking to associate grog-running into Aboriginal communities with the permit system were misplaced.

"It is important to distinguish these two issues. Grog-running is not a permits issue – it is a policing issue. The permit system is about Aboriginal people controlling their own communities and destinies," Mr Wunungmurra said.

"Permits are about land ownership and controlling access of people on to Aboriginal land and resources on that land."

"They are about our cultural survival – the right of Aboriginal people to control our own futures."

Mr Wunungmurra said the real issues regarding alcohol abuse in many Aboriginal communities were the under-funding of local and regional alcohol-treatment services and the lack of comprehensive alcohol-management plans and policing.

"In relation to the media, the greatest restriction on media access to Aboriginal land has been the historic disinterest and lack of appropriate budgeting for stories on Aboriginal land by media outlets themselves," he said.

"Since the Federal intervention in June 2007, the NLC has processed more than 240 media permit applications. Prior to this the number of media permits processed has varied from 28 in 2002/03 to 56 in 2005/06 and 32 in 2006/07."

"Aboriginal land is private property and just like every other Australian, Aboriginal people have the right to permit who comes on to their land."

Protest at Hurley appeal

Story and photo by
ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL people and supporters have protested outside the Townsville District Court appeal by a police officer against a coroner's finding

that he was responsible for the 2004 death in custody of Palm Island man Mulrunji Doomadgee.

The protesters say Senior-Subeant Chris Hurley's bid to overturn part of Acting State Coroner Christine Clements' finding has re-opened wounds suffered by Palm Islanders over the past four years.

Judge Bob Pack heard the appeal.

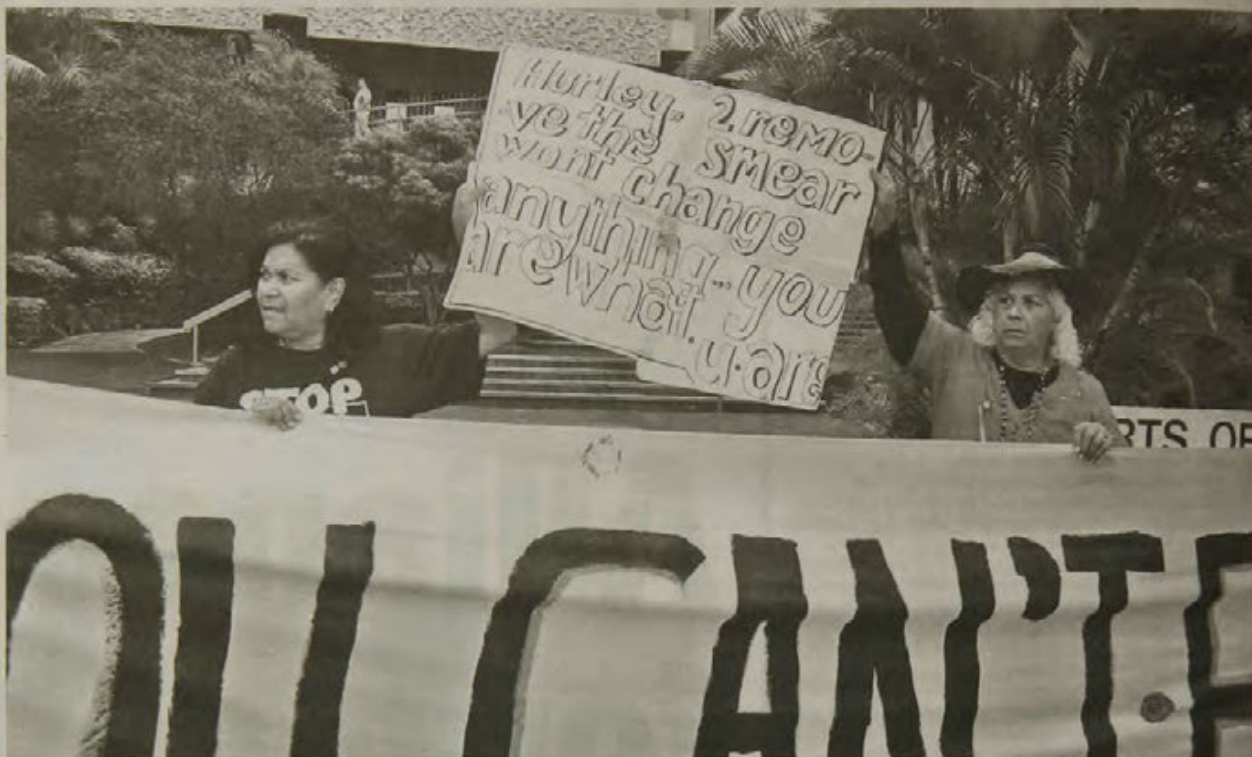
A week after Mulrunji's death in the Palm Island watchhouse in November 2004, a riot erupted on the island resulting in the police station and barracks being torched. The alleged ring leader, Lex Wotton, will face trial in Brisbane during October.

In June last year, a Townsville Supreme Court jury acquitted Snr-Sgt Hurley of 36-year-old Mulrunji's manslaughter. However, the Doomadgee family is taking civil legal action against the officer.

The officer's appeal is against Ms Clements' finding 'that Snr Sgt Hurley lost his temper and hit Mulrunji after falling to the floor inside the Palm Island police station, thereby causing the fatal injuries to Mulrunji'.

The *Koori Mail* was among a large media contingent outside the courthouse on 9 September for day one of the appeal. Attending the appeal were Mulrunji's sisters Elizabeth Doomadgee and Valmai Aplin, and entertainer Sean Choolburra, who had recently returned from Scotland.

Snr-Sgt Hurley did not attend



Gracelyn Smallwood, left, and Renarta Prior with protest banners outside the Townsville court.

because, according to Queensland Police Union representatives Cameron Pope and Ross Musgrove, he was working on the Gold Coast.

The pair gave a short press conference at the back entrance to the court. Out the front, protestors held a large sign which read 'You can't erase the truth', and a smaller sign saying 'Hurley 2 remove the smear won't change anything - you are what u are'.

About half of the protestors were non-Indigenous, and one, Dave Lowe, told *The Koori Mail*

that 19 November, 2004, had been a 'day of shame'.

"I don't represent any group but am a member of the wider community who is upset that parts of the media are blowing up this issue saying that only black people are upset with the Hurley issue," he said.

"I can assure everybody there are thousands of people right throughout the community who want to see this problem resolved in the correct manner; not in the way that Hurley and the Police Union want, but in the proper

way and in line with the law.

"I believe the day Mulrunji died in custody at the Palm Island watch house was a day of shame for the Government, the justice system, police, the Police Union, and the whole of Queensland."

Elder Renarta Prior, an aunty of Mulrunji, was emotional as she said the Doomadgee family needed justice.

"Hurley knows what he has done, we know what he has done and God knows what he had done. My nephew is dead," Ms Prior said.

Activist Gracelyn Smallwood said she believed Snr-Sgt Hurley's appeal was driven by monetary self-interest.

"If his name is cleared, he may face no civil action and will go for a compensation package," she predicted.

"At no time have the victims, the Doomadgee family or the people of Palm Island, been compensated for all the trauma and suffering they have endured throughout four years.

"This is opening up all the wounds again."

March for Wotton

By DARREN COYNE



A RALLY and march will be held in Brisbane on 4 October, two days before the District Court trial of Palm Island man Lex Wotton.

Mr Wotton is facing charges of riot with destruction for his alleged role in the November 2004 riot that ended with the Palm Island police station and residence being burnt down.

The riot was sparked by the release of an autopsy report that said the death in custody of Aboriginal man, Mulrunji, (Cameron Doomadgee) was the result of an accident caused during a scuffle with Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley.

Sen-Sgt Hurley was last year acquitted of a manslaughter charge, and is now appealing the findings of Acting State Coroner Christine Clements that he was responsible for the injuries that led to Mulrunji's death.

In Brisbane on 10 September, Mr Wotton and his lawyer Stewart Levitt spoke at a public meeting at Queensland University of Technology.

The meeting was part of a national tour calling for the charges against Mr Wotton to be dropped, and highlighting the fact that



Lex Wotton with his lawyer, Stewart Levitt, at the public meeting in Brisbane on 10 September.

there have been 241 black deaths in custody since 1990.

Mr Levitt, who successfully had Mr Wotton's trial moved to Brisbane after conducting a survey in the Townsville area that revealed entrenched racism in the Townsville community against Palm Island Aborigines, said there were double

standards at play in Queensland.

"This case against Lex involves absolute double standards. While he is charged, Hurley gets off scot-free, with massive compensation.

"Lex Wotton was leading a protest against a cover-up of a crime of violence.

"Lex Wotton had the guts and the gumption to stand up and say 'we're not going to take this any more'.

Mr Levitt said the whole criminal justice system of Queensland deserved condemnation, as did politicians who ran scared of the powerful police union in the State.

He told the audience the charge had been upgraded by the Queensland Office of the Department of Public Prosecutions in January this year as 'payback', and carried a possible life sentence.

Mr Wotton, who admitted he would rather be fishing than touring the country, thanked everyone who had supported him.

"They can lock me away, but the fight will continue," he said.

"People are demanding the charges against me be dropped. But I'm just a small part of the struggle."

Mr Wotton said he didn't want to speak about the ongoing troubles facing the Palm Island community, saying they were part of a 'much larger problem that stemmed back

to the original European invasion of Australia led by Captain Cook'.

"A great wrong has been done. Our land has been stolen and we need change in the 'lucky country'," he said.

Activist Sam Watson, the Indigenous spokesman for the Socialist Alliance in Brisbane, also told the meeting that the battle for justice was not just for Lex Wotton, but for the whole country.

Mr Watson said Aboriginal people had a tradition of standing up for one another, and that would happen again when Mr Wotton went on trial.

Mr Watson said the rally and march on 4 October would not only be in support of Mr Wotton but also call for an end to the intervention in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities.

He said there would also be a large presence outside the Brisbane courthouse when the trial started before Judge Michael Shanahan.

Earlier this month, Judge Shanahan said he would consider legal arguments on the first day of the trial after Mr Levitt admitted to being unprepared for a two-day pre-trial hearing.

Mr Levitt told *The Koori Mail* the delay was caused because he had been overseas and was unhappy with a colleague's preparation of the case.

Turbulent times ahead for WA politics

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



THE West Australian Indigenous community will be looking with great interest at both sides of politics regarding Indigenous issues, with the new Barnett Liberal Government declaring that it will have a social conscience, and a revamped, now opposition, Labor Party with Eric Ripper at the helm.

Mr Barnett has chosen Independent MP Liz Constable as his Indigenous Affairs Minister, who recently commented that the proposed new \$1 billion sports stadium in Perth should be shelved while there was still

Aboriginal disadvantage in the State.

On the other side of politics, Eric Ripper, the former Deputy Premier and Minister for Native Title, has chosen newly elected MP Roger Cook as his deputy, an unlikely alliance considering the two took different positions on some matters prior to the election.

Mr Cook, 43, was formerly the CEO of the Yamatji Land and Sea Council, and was also in a senior position at the Southwest Aboriginal Land and Sea Council during the successful landmark Nyoongar native title claim in the Federal Court, which Mr Ripper appealed.

Mr Cook said that he and Mr Ripper had a common goal in the area of Indigenous affairs, even though their approaches to native

title were quite different. "Eric is a passionate supporter of the issues which impact on Aboriginal people, and although he had to make some difficult decisions in the area of native title, he was also able to preside over a lot of consent determinations," Mr Cook said.

"There's still a lot of work I think that can be done to recognise the rights of Aboriginal people, particularly in land, and I'll be continuing to work inside the Labor Party to make sure that we've got the right policies in place to make sure that we can do that."

Mr Cook said that although he was a virtual unknown in the wider community in WA, he had a wealth of experience in senior positions with the ALP, land councils and private enterprise.

"I've got over 20 years experience in the ALP and I was previously a State President of the ALP. I'm also a fresh face and people thought that was an important element that we demonstrate to the community," he said.

"So I've got experience working in the rural and remote regions of Western Australia and listening to the Aboriginal community."

"I've got experience working in the private sector, working with industry, so I think they (the ALP) thought I was a good candidate to put in that position."

While Mr Barnett has the numbers to govern with the help of the National Party, the margin of a one seat majority will mean that the Labor Party will remain a potent force in WA politics.



New WA Labor MP Roger Cook has been elected deputy to Eric Ripper. The two men have been on opposing sides for years in the area of native title.

War of words

Shaky start for Premier-elect over Kimberley gas comments



WEST Australian Premier-elect Colin Barnett has offended Indigenous groups in the Kimberley over suggestions that they have held up the Inpex gas processing plant decision.

The ABC has reported that Inpex will announce this week that it plans to locate its LNG plant in Darwin instead of the

Kimberley coast. Mr Barnett said on Friday that the decision would cause immense damage to Western Australia's international reputation as a mining hub.

Inpex had planned to pipe the gas 200km from the Browse Basin gasfield to a proposed LNG plant on the pristine Maret Islands, but a facilitation agreement was instead signed with the NT Government.

If the Darwin site is chosen, the gas will be piped 909km to a new LNG plant at Middle Arm, in Darwin Harbour.

Mr Barnett blamed the former State Labor Government, Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett and Indigenous people in the Kimberley for long delays over choosing a site.

"Here is a situation where the world's leading mining economy cannot deal with a major project after years of effort," Mr Barnett said after a meeting with Inpex officials in Perth.

"The Labor Government... could not find a couple of thousand acres in an area twice the size of Victoria."

"Eric Ripper gave Aboriginal people a right of veto over the project."

"We've had representatives of Indigenous people making exorbitant claims over how much money they might get out of it. Well maybe they've killed the golden goose."

"The Kimberley Land Council has been paid millions of dollars to do a job and they haven't done it."

Mr Barnett said he would still try to get the project back to WA, but was not hopeful.

"I didn't leave that meeting... with a sense of optimism, I left it with a sense of pessimism," he said.

"I will do everything in my power to try to turn it (the decision) around but I suspect it may well be past that point."

Kimberley Land Council executive

director Wayne Burgmann said he was extremely disappointed with Mr Barnett's comments, having met with him over the issue in Perth earlier this week.

"This is a comprehensive community process that's brought Aboriginal people, environmental groups, the whole community along, to be involved in a major decision that will affect generations of people," Mr Burgmann said.

"It is paternalistic for the Premier-elect to abuse all the goodwill of all the people that participated in this process."

"Aboriginal people have delivered at every turn."

"In fact it was Inpex and the companies who refused to engage directly with traditional owners since December last year."

Mr Ripper told the ABC on Friday that the former Labor Government was working to deliver a preferred site by October this year. — AAP

Remote medical service wins award



A REMOTE Queensland Aboriginal medical service in Charleville has been named the winner of this year's Close the Gap award.

The Charleville and Western Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation of Health (CWAATSICH) was recognised for its 'innovative approach to primary health care delivery in their community'.

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) introduced the Close the Gap award to emphasise the long-term nature of solutions needed to Close the Gap.

CWAATSICH Chief Executive Officer Sheryl Lawton said the award was a great acknowledgement to the people of her organisation.

The CWAATSICH has outreach services in Roma, Mitchell and Quilpie, and also provides services in the areas of Windorah and Surat, Tara,

Goondiwindi, St George and Cunnamulla.

Ms Lawton said the award was great, but the real reward was seeing the positive effects the service's programs and events were having on people in the community who were now regularly accessing health care.

"Compared with the number of people accessing services in the past, it's a great achievement," she said.

"Activities such as women's pamper days and men's camps have had such a positive impact on breaking down the barriers some faced with going to the doctor."

"These programs have given our health workers better access to members in the community and have helped to promote the social and emotional wellbeing for all people involved."

"I couldn't be happier with our



Uncle Des Sandy and Dr Noel Haman, who were last year's Close the Gap Award winners, with Sheryl Lawton, the CEO of CWAATSICH, which won the award this year.

outcomes, which indicated that in 2007, almost every woman in our region accessed at least one of our programs, all of which incorporated some kind of health check.

"It just goes to show that

community really does know what's best and understands how to address its own health needs."

The Close the Gap award was the brainchild of Barry Malezer, who was a member of

the ANTaR Qld Management Committee in 2007 and now is Indigenous Co-Chair of Reconciliation Queensland.

ANTaR Queensland Chairperson Monique Bond said the award aimed to showcase to politicians, and the policy implementers, the very creative and imaginative ways in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people tackle the challenges in their lives.

"This year's ANTaR Close the Gap Award highlights the creativity, motivation and perseverance that the CWAATSICH team have brought to improving the health outcomes of the people in the Western areas. We are delighted to be able to recognise these great achievements," Ms Bond said.

The award was presented at a ceremony at Parliament House in Brisbane on 10 September.

Bungle adds four months to prisoner's sentence



THE Queensland Opposition has called for checks on the sentences of all prisoners nearing release after an Indigenous man served almost four months longer than he should have.

The Department of Corrective Services will investigate a bureaucratic bungle that led to Jerry Ngakyunkwokka, one of 24 people arrested over riots in the Aurukun Indigenous community last September, spending 118 days in jail beyond his release date.

Mr Ngakyunkwokka was released from Townsville's Stuart Prison on

Thursday 11 September.

The judge who sentenced him had ordered that 118 days he served prior to his sentence be deducted, but the directive was overlooked.

A Corrective Services spokeswoman said an investigation had been launched.

"The Custodial Corrections Assistant Director-General has ordered an investigation into the incident including initiatives to prevent a re-occurrence," the spokeswoman said.

"The prisoner was provided with funds to cover accommodation, transport and meal expenses to get back to his community."

Opposition Corrective Services

spokesman Vaughan Johnson said the results of the investigation should be made public, and the department should audit the sentences of all prisoners to ensure the error is not repeated.

"It's an absolute disgrace," Mr Johnson said.

"You're talking an extra four months' incarceration, and no matter what crime people do, it's absolutely essential that they be released by the courts when they do their time."

Mr Johnson also was concerned the bungle stood to hurt Indigenous relations.

"If we are going to get black and white relations right in this country, this is certainly no way to enhance opportunities for our Indigenous people," he said.

"They owe him a major apology... there needs to be some kind of restitution made."

The Townsville Bulletin newspaper reported this was the third time in two years that prisoners in police custody or prison had been held past their release dates.

An Indigenous inmate at Stuart Prison who tried to hang himself in his cell was the victim of a similar paperwork mix-up in November 2006, which caused him to spend five extra weeks in prison. —AAP

Title granted



TWO Aboriginal claimant groups have had their non-exclusive native title rights and interests over South Australia's

Witjira National Park formally recognised by the Federal Court.

At a hearing at Dalhousie Springs, on the western edge of the Simpson Desert in the State's far north on 11 September, Justice Lander made a consent determination over claims from the Eringa and the Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi claim groups.

The 7700-sq-km national park includes the commercial lease of a tourism operator at Mount Dare, as well as 120 'mound springs' — natural springs where water from the Great Artesian Basin bubbles to the surface.

First national park

It was the first determination over an SA national park and only the third native title determination for the State.

It finalises four claims over the Witjira National Park: The Irrwanyere Mt Dare claim (lodged in 2005), and park overlap areas of two Eringa claims (1996 and 1999) and a Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi claim (1997).

The claimants agreed in 2000 to work together through the Irrwanyere Aboriginal Corporation. Since then the Tribunal has provided mediation support to the parties, which has also included the State of SA and the SA Native Title Services (formerly the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement).

Earlier, the parties not only came to an agreement about native title, but also developed a partnership for co-management of the national park and an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA), which was registered in March this year.

Tribunal Deputy President Chris Sumner said it was pleasing to see a consent determination result for these claims after a negotiation process that had not required any court intervention to keep the parties on track.

"Previous SA native title cases have included the litigated determination for the claim over

the De Rose Hill pastoral station, in 2005, and a combination of Tribunal facilitated mediation and court conferences for the Yankunytjatjara/Antakirinja claim in 2006," Mr Sumner said.

"In the Witjira case, mediation has been successful in giving the parties an understanding of their rights and interests within the native title process — and they have been able to reach positive outcomes while avoiding the confrontation and uncertainty of litigation."

Mr Sumner said the parties were continuing to work together in ongoing mediations regarding the remaining overlapping claim areas adjacent to the park.

SA Attorney-General Michael Atkinson and Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Jay Weatherill congratulated the parties.

"This agreement was reached through negotiation between all parties — the claimants, the SA Government and the SA Native Title Service. The combat of the courtroom was avoided — saving time, stress and great expense," Mr Atkinson said.

"The SA Government champions negotiation as the best way to settle claims... This brings the number of resolved South Australian claims to 12. Many disputes have been resolved by negotiating ILUAs."

Separate

An ILUA formalises how different parties will co-exist with other land users. It is separate to a native title determination.

Since 2004, 53 ILUAs have been negotiated over 10 claims, and the Rann Government says it is on track to resolve 75 per cent of claims by 2014.

"ILUAs focus on building relationships, not putting them at risk through an adversarial court process," Mr Weatherill said.

"This result shows that the SA Government is keen to resolve claims swiftly and amicably for the good of all concerned. It's also a great example for others to follow."

Protocols for visiting Witjira National Park remain unchanged after the decision. A Desert Parks Pass is required and there are guidelines for outback travel and camping.



● LEFT: Tribunal case manager Monica Khouri (rear right) with Witjira claimants Brenda Shields, Valerie Naylon, Fuschtel and Janet Naylon Whitehouse.



Claimants and park officers at the hearing included (from left) Arthur Ah Chee, Eric Dahl, Brownie Doolan, Tim Fraser and Dean Ah Chee.



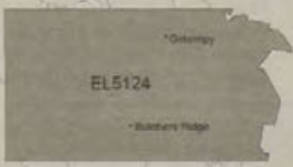


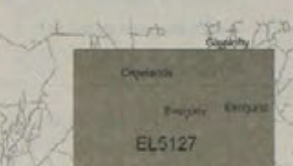
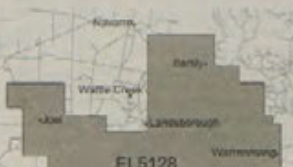

● BELOW: Justice Lander with traditional owner Brownie Doolan, whose on-country preservation evidence was vital for the success of the Witjira claims.



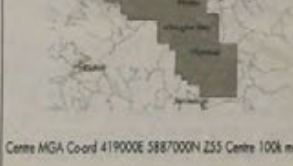


● LEFT: Women from the claimant groups were at the hearing, and afterwards celebrated the determination with a traditional Inma (ceremony).

Notice under Section 29(3) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)


The State of Victoria proposes to consider the **granting** of the following exploration licence applications under Section 25 of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*:

TENEMENT	APPLICANT DETAILS	LOCALITY
EL5124	NAME: Rocky Mining Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Gelantipy and Butchers Ridge as shown on attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 67 - D5-D6, E5-E6, F5-F6, G5-G6 TERM: 5 years AREA: 91 km ² SHIRE: East Gippsland	 <p>Centre MGA Coord 611000E 5877500N Z55 Centre 100k map 8523</p>
EL5125	NAME: Rocky Mining Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Suggan Buggan as shown on attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 52 - F8-F9, G8-G9, H9 TERM: 5 years AREA: 72 km ² SHIRE: East Gippsland	 <p>Centre MGA Coord 618000E 591000N Z55 Centre 100k map 8524</p>
EL5126	NAME: Rocky Mining Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Shannoreale as shown on attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 50 - H8-H9, J8-J9 Map 51-A8 TERM: 5 years AREA: 53 km ² SHIRE: East Gippsland	 <p>Centre MGA Coord 540600E 591500N Z55 Centre 100k map 8524</p>
EL5127	NAME: Ausgold Exploration Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Crowlands and other towns as shown on attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 56 - H6-H7 Map 57 - B3-B7, C3-C7, D3-D7, E3-E7, F3-F7 TERM: 5 years AREA: 488 km ² SHIRE: Ararat Rural City, Northern Grampians & Pyrenees	 <p>Centre MGA Coord 691000E 587900N Z54 Centre 100k map 7523</p>
EL5128	NAME: Ausgold Exploration Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Landsborough and other towns as shown on attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 41 - H9, Map 42 - B9, D8-D9, E8-E9, F9 Map 56 - H2, Map 57 - B2-B3, C2-C3, D2-D3, E2-E3, F2-F3, G2-G3 TERM: 5 years AREA: 498 km ² SHIRE: Northern Grampians & Pyrenees	 <p>Centre MGA Coord 693000E 589800N Z54 Centre 100k map 7523</p>
EL5129	NAME: Ausgold Exploration Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Linton and other towns as shown on attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 75 - J2-J5 Map 76 - A2-A5, B2-B5, C2-C4, D2-D5, E2-E5 TERM: 5 years AREA: 487 km ² SHIRE: Ballarat City, Golden Plains & Pyrenees	 <p>Centre MGA Coord 733000E 583600N Z54 Centre 100k map 7622</p>

TENEMENT	APPLICANT DETAILS	LOCALITY
EL5138	NAME: Oroya Mining Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: South west of Kilmore as shown on attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 60 - E5-E8, F5-F9, G5-G9, H6-H9 Map 78 - E3, F2-F3, G2-G3, H2 TERM: 5 years AREA: 473 km ² SHIRE: Macedon Ranges, Hume City & Mitchell	 <p>Centre MGA Coord 310000E 586000N Z55 Centre 100k map 7823</p>
EL5141	NAME: West Kimberly Metals Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Yarra Junction and Hoddles Creek as shown on attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 80 - B6-B8, C6-C8 TERM: 5 years AREA: 68 km ² SHIRE: Yarra Ranges	 <p>Centre MGA Coord 379000E 581200N Z55 Centre 100k map 8022</p>
EL5152	NAME: Lintown Resources Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Piries, Goughs Bay and Howqua as shown on attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 62 - H2-H4 Map 63 - B2-B5, C2-C6, D4-D6, E5-E6 TERM: 5 years AREA: 285 km ² SHIRE: Mansfield	 <p>Centre MGA Coord 419000E 588700N Z55 Centre 100k map 8123</p>

Nature of Act: Exploration

The State of Victoria proposes to consider the **GRANTING** of the following mining licence applications under Section 25 of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*:

TENEMENT	APPLICANT DETAILS	LOCALITY
MIN5502	NAME: Goldstar Resources NL LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Approx 1.5km east of Waiholia. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 81 - J8-J9 TERM: 10 years AREA: 481.4 Ha SHIRE: Bow Bow PARISH: Waiholia	 <p>Centre MGA Coord 453500E 5801500N Z55 Centre 100k map 8122</p>

Nature of Act: Mining

Maps showing the application areas listed above, and further information about these tenement applications is available on request from

Minerals and Petroleum Division
Level 16/1 Spring St
Melbourne VIC 3000
Ph. (03) 9658 4454

The notification day for the tenement applications listed above is **24 September 2008**.

Under Section 30 of the Act, persons have until **24 December 2008** to take steps required to become 'native title parties' in relation to the affected tenement application.

The time and procedure for becoming a native title party are set out in the Act. Inquiries in this regard should be directed to the

National Native Title Tribunal,
Melbourne Registry,
Ph. 1800 640 501.

For further information about native title and/or the right to negotiate process, contact Zuzanna Lelito, Native Title Coordinator, Department of Primary Industries, Ph. (03) 5172 2181.

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Australia and the wider region to potential buyers across all areas of the industry from the local and international music market. All welcome. Held in Melbourne. Details: (03) 314 0272 or (0413) 007 602 or email info@awme.com.au or visit www.awme.com.au

22 October: Deadly Days Festival with the aim of encouraging school attendance, retention and educational outcomes, career pathways and healthy lifestyles for all young Australians, in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Held in Lismore, NSW. Details: Neil Brown on (02) 6586 2224 or (0438) 624 804 or Regan Harding on 0458 200 151.

23-25 October: Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu performance in association with the Black Arm Band. For dates and locations call Chrissy Carr (0417) 800 869 or call Skinnyfish music on (08) 8941 8066 or visit www.skinnyfishmusic.com.au or www.myspace.com/gurrumul

24-26 October: Nimbin Films 2008. Nimbin Films is interested in films made by Indigenous filmmakers for a specific Indigenous section. We are looking for local and not so local submissions, and in particular short films. The program will be divided into category awards and Peoples Choice award. Sponsors needed. All welcome. The Bush Theatre Café cater for the event providing refreshments, lunch and dinner. Details: Roy on (02) 6689 1183 or Graham on (0428) 322 577 or visit www.nimbinfilms.co.cc

27-29 October: 15th annual Native Title Developments Conference 08. Valuable insight into the process of mediation and negotiation and is the only event of its kind to specifically deal with the complexities of native title legislation and provide you with a user friendly analysis of the issues involved. All welcome. Held at Brisbane Marriott Hotel. Details: Gandice Sheehan on (02) 9080 4035 or Harvey on (02) 9080 4067 or email info@nir.com.au or visit www.nir.com.au/native

28-30 October: Sitting of Regional Parliament. The electorates of Barron River, Cairns, Cook, Mount Isa, Mulgrave and Tablelands will be included in the far North Queensland region for the purposes of the sitting. This sitting will be an historic opportunity for Far North Queensland students and the general public to experience democracy in action. Held at the Cairns Convention Centre. All welcome. Details: Aileen Wallace on (07) 3405 6231 or email aileen.wallace@premiers.qld.gov.au or www.parliament.qld.gov.au

29 October: Deadly Days Festival with the aim of encouraging school attendance, retention and educational outcomes, career pathways and healthy lifestyles for all young Australians, in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Held at the Education Campus, Coffs Harbour. Details: Neil Brown on (02) 6586 2224 or (0438) 624 804 or Regan Harding on 0458 200 151.

29-30 October: FATSIL 2008 AGM and Indigenous Languages Forum-Theme 'Same Kinship, Different Languages'. This forum marks a unique opportunity in the International Year of Languages for communities to share their vision and work together to progress Indigenous aspirations for language. Held at the Watermark

Hotel, Gold Coast, Qld. All welcome. Details: Sone McKendry on (03) 9602 4770 or visit www.fatsil.org.au

30 October: Deadly Days Festival with the aim of encouraging school attendance, retention and educational outcomes, career pathways and healthy lifestyles for all young Australians, in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Held in Taree. Details: Neil Brown on (02) 6586 2224 or (0438) 624 804 or Regan Harding on 0458 200 151.

1-2 November: Rainforest Cup 08. This is an Indigenous Cricket Carnival full of fun and games for all. Drug and alcohol free event. All welcome. Held at Tully Cricket Grounds, Tully from 9am onwards. Details: (07) 4066 8300 or email admin@girringun.com.au

3-6 November: 2008 Desert Knowledge Symposium and Business Showcase. Be part of this rare opportunity to hear about how business innovators, researchers and educators from Australia and overseas are working in partnership with communities, industry and governments to develop a body of desert knowledge that will help sustain desert communities around the world. Held at Alice Springs Convention Centre, NT. Details: (03) 9682 0244 or email desertknowledge2008@icms.com.au or visit www.desertknowledge2008.com

4-7 November: Desert Knowledge Symposium and Business Showcase 2008. Hear about how business innovators, researchers and educators from Australia and overseas are working in partnership with communities, industry and governments to develop a body of desert knowledge that will help sustain desert communities around the world. Held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre. Details: (08) 8959 6000 or email info@desertknowledgeccr.com.au or visit www.desertknowledgeccr.com.au

8 November: Gala Presentation of the NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Award winners. The winners will go in for a share in \$30,000 worth of prize money thanks to Commonwealth Bank, Television Airtime Packages and Prime Television. Held at Coffs Harbour. Details: Teesha Cupples on 1300 735 445 or email info@awardsaustralia.com or visit www.awardsaustralia.com

11 November: Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo 2008. The Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo is a multi agency event aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Everything is free on the day and there is no cost involved for stallholders. All attendees are invited to share in the BBQ and activities. All welcome. Held next to the Princess Elizabeth Play ground, South Terrace, Adelaide from 10am-2pm. Details: Margo Johnson on (08) 8221 6488 or email margo.johnson@sheltersa.asn.au or visit www.sheltersa.asn.au

21 November: Tranby Aboriginal College 50th Anniversary Dinner 2008. Tranby is seeking former staff and students and other community members who are interested in attending our celebrations. Details: Annaliese Monaro on (02) 9660 3444 or 1800 601 988 email



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
38/126 Search for groundwater	Regis Resources Limited	2293.27ha	60km W of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°46' Long 122°17'	Laverton
38/127 Search for groundwater	Regis Resources Limited	1214.79ha	68km W of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°49' Long 122°13'	Laverton
38/128 Search for groundwater	Regis Resources Limited	476.47ha	87km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°39' Long 122°05'	Laverton
38/131 Search for groundwater	Regis Resources Limited	5166.61ha	76km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°30' Long 122°21'	Laverton
38/134 Search for groundwater	Regis Resources Limited	54193.27ha	39km W of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°54' Long 122°30'	Laverton
38/135 & 38/141 Search for groundwater	Regis Resources Limited	3929.97ha	77km W of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°45' Long 122°08'	Laverton
38/136 Search for groundwater	Regis Resources Limited	33185.55ha	103km NW of Laverton	Lat 27°50' Long 121°49'	Laverton/Leonora/Larnah/Laverton
38/137 Search for groundwater	Regis Resources Limited	44319.18ha	83km NW of Laverton	Lat 27°58' Long 121°57'	Laverton/Leonora/Larnah/Laverton
38/139 Search for groundwater	Regis Resources Limited	6795.5ha	81km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°22' Long 122°27'	Laverton
38/140 Search for groundwater	Regis Resources Limited	194.62ha	57km W of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°54' Long 122°19'	Laverton
38/142 Search for groundwater	Regis Resources Limited	24667.67ha	60km N of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°24' Long 122°59'	Laverton

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: 24 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 24 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. 24 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 licences applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/563	Pilbara Stone Pty Ltd	23.72ha	194km N of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°22' Long 115°45'	Ashburton
08/455	Rodney Laurence Bellotti	45.01ha	97km N of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°11' Long 115°22'	Carnarvon
15/246	Christopher Graeme Hill	16.22ha	34km SE of Widgeemoolha	Lat 31°40' Long 121°51'	Coolgardie
15/247	David John Fowler Albert Flematt	13.26ha	37km N of Norseman	Lat 31°51' Long 121°49'	Coolgardie
15/283	Heron Resources Ltd	121.38ha	19km SW of Coolgardie	Lat 31°02' Long 120°59'	Coolgardie
15/284-5	Heron Resources Ltd	249.88ha	22km SW of Coolgardie	Lat 31°04' Long 120°59'	Coolgardie
16/224-5	Hayes Mining Pty Ltd	224.82ha	39km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°34' Long 121°06'	Coolgardie
24/4373	Brendon Chevally Deshon	107.81ha	42km N of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°23' Long 121°18'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4374	Brendon Chevally Deshon	9.71ha	45km N of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°21' Long 121°18'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4375	Brendon Chevally Deshon	4.24ha	51km N of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°18' Long 121°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2020.3 & 25/2028	Dundas Resources Pty Ltd	604.09ha	22km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°46' Long 121°41'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2032-45	Jadel Pty Ltd	1953.38ha	27km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°44' Long 121°45'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2050	Heron Resources Ltd	120.97ha	33km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°43' Long 121°48'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2051	Northern Mining Ltd	8.11ha	29km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°46' Long 121°45'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3311	Kalgoorlie Lake View Pty Ltd Barrick Gold of Australia Ltd	9.72ha	5km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°29'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3312	Kalgoorlie Lake View Pty Ltd Barrick Gold of Australia Ltd	27.59ha	10km SE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°48' Long 121°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3344	Kalgoorlie Lake View Pty Ltd Barrick Gold of Australia Ltd	104.24ha	13km S of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°28'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3350-7	North Kalgoorlie Mines Pty Ltd Barrick Gold of Australia Ltd	1564.82ha	11km N of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°39' Long 121°29'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
31/1796	Mulgabie Mining Pty Ltd	162.39ha	138km S of Laverton	Lat 29°51' Long 122°37'	Menzies
31/1971	Heath Bradley Dalka-Costa	44.83ha	124km S of Laverton	Lat 29°44' Long 122°19'	Menzies
38/3789	Ucabs Pty Ltd	60.91ha	12km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°43' Long 122°21'	Laverton
38/3790-7	Ucabs Pty Ltd	1340.8ha	18km S of Laverton	Lat 28°46' Long 122°20'	Laverton
38/3798	Ucabs Pty Ltd	18.46ha	24km SW of Laverton	Lat 28°49' Long 122°18'	Laverton
45/2703	Alfred George Potter	67.26ha	91km SW of Marble Bar	Lat 21°49' Long 119°12'	East Pilbara
47/1429	Murchison Metals Ltd	74.15ha	35km W of Tom Price	Lat 22°47' Long 117°28'	Ashburton
47/1430	Murchison Metals Ltd	177.00ha	50km NW of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°52' Long 117°19'	Ashburton
58/1449	Maximus Resources Ltd	47.12ha	65km E of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°56' Long 118°29'	Mount Magnet
58/1450	Maximus Resources Ltd	122.07ha	70km E of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°56' Long 118°33'	Mount Magnet
77/3936	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	23.7ha	69km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°14' Long 119°15'	Yalgam
77/3939	Peter Andrew Wilshire	22.5ha	20km NW of Bullfinch	Lat 30°49' Long 119°01'	Yalgam
77/3940	Neale Graeme Johnson Chad Graeme Johnson	9.66ha	2km N of Bullfinch	Lat 30°58' Long 119°06'	Yalgam
77/3941-2	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	238.02ha	77km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°12' Long 119°08'	Yalgam
80/1683	Lee Christian Pasco	25.84ha	48km NE of Halls Creek	Lat 17°56' Long 128°00'	Halls Creek
80/1684	Barber Exploration Pty Ltd	26.09ha	112km SW of Kununurra	Lat 16°38' Long 128°12'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/1685	Barber Exploration Pty Ltd	136.51ha	108km SW of Kununurra	Lat 16°38' Long 128°15'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/1686	Barber Exploration Pty Ltd	75.02ha	111km SW of Kununurra	Lat 16°40' Long 128°17'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/1687	Barber Exploration Pty Ltd	26.09ha	116km SW of Kununurra	Lat 16°40' Long 128°11'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/1689	GTA Halls Creek Resources Company Pty Ltd	182.25ha	37km S of Halls Creek	Lat 18°32' Long 127°32'	Halls Creek

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: 24 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 24 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. 24 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.

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22 November 08-30 January 09: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. Held at the Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place, Armidale. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

28-30 November: 15th annual Sports and Cultural Festival 08. Divisions this year will include men's open, mixed open, under 18's mixed secondary schools as well there will be arts and crafts stalls, entertainment, free kids rides and more. Free entry, all welcome. Held at Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association, Boundary Road, Coorparoo, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3420 4291 or email events@firstcontact.asn.au or visit www.firstcontact.asn.au

3-5 December: Re-Orienting Whiteness - Call for papers. Scholars are invited to explore the potential, or otherwise, of 'whiteness' to analyse the operations of race, past and present. Held in Melbourne. Details: (03) 990 52172 or email katherine.ellinghaus@arts.monash.edu.au

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL CLAIMS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources and the Chief Executive Officer, C/- Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do acts namely to grant the following mineral claim applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Mineral Claim 26325 sought by JOCELYN CLAIRE MOIR over an area of 40 Hectares depicted below, for a term of 10 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



Mineral Claim 26326 sought by JOCELYN CLAIRE MOIR over an area of 40 Hectares depicted below, for a term of 10 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



Mineral Claim 26565 sought by SPUNDAILY PTY. LIMITED, ACN 009 617 109 over an area of 40 Hectares depicted below, for a term of 10 years, within the MCKINLAY RIVER locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral claim under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore and mine for extractive mineral(s), clay or stone on the claim area and such operations and works as are reasonably necessary for or associated with that purpose and the treatment of tailings or other mining material for a term not exceeding 10 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral claims referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoin Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Notification Day: 24 September 2008

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

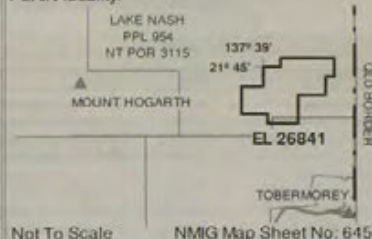
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

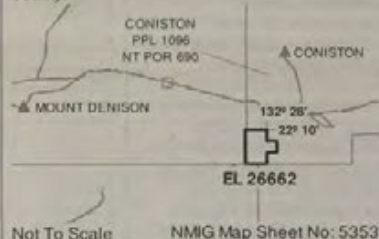
Exploration Licence 26812 sought by ARAFURA RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 080 933 455 over an area of 35 Blocks (104 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the JERVOIS RANGE locality.



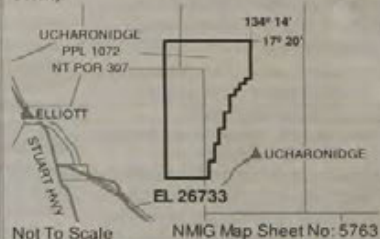
Exploration Licence 26841 sought by BRALICH HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 060 990 632 over an area of 188 Blocks (600 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BARRY PLAIN locality.



Exploration Licence 26662 sought by EPSILON ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 089 531 082 over an area of 7 Blocks (23 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the DENISON locality.



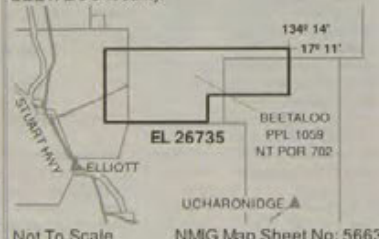
Exploration Licence 26733 sought by EPSILON ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 089 531 082 over an area of 304 Blocks (996 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MUNDAH locality.



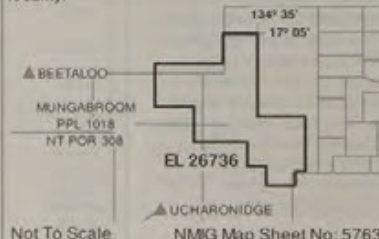
Exploration Licence 26734 sought by EPSILON ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 089 531 082 over an area of 443 Blocks (1450 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ELLIOTT locality.



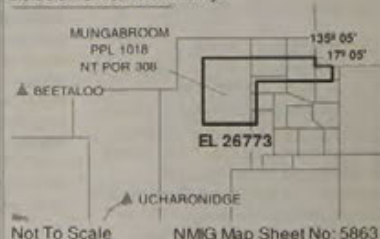
Exploration Licence 26735 sought by EPSILON ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 089 531 082 over an area of 424 Blocks (1390 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BEETALOO locality.



Exploration Licence 26736 sought by EPSILON ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 089 531 082 over an area of 458 Blocks (1502 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MUNDAH locality.



Exploration Licence 26773 sought by EPSILON ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 089 531 082 over an area of 350 Blocks (1141 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BULLOONUNGROO locality.



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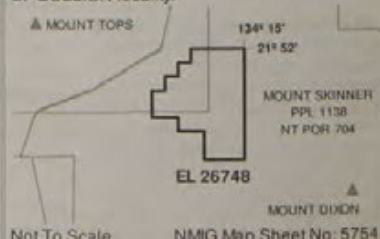
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Exploration Licence 26747 sought by TORO ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 117 127 590 over an area of 38 Blocks (122 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the HOME OF BULLION locality.



Exploration Licence 26748 sought by URAMET MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 124 251 396 over an area of 40 Blocks (128 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the HOME OF BULLION locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the exploration licence/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoin Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 24 September 2008

Hughenden badly stung

By ALF WILSON



THE Queensland outback town of Normanton was in celebration mode after the local Stingers side beat Hughenden 60-10

in the grand final of the Mid West rugby league competition for the Bob Katter Cup.

The majority of the Normanton Stingers side are Indigenous and coach Paul Stephens said it was a hard game and at one stage Hughenden led 10-6 in the first half.

"We were leading 22-10 at half-time and then ran away in the second half and everybody celebrated at the Albion Hotel here," Stephens said.

Delighted Stephens said that Normanton has a population of 1400 and 754 paid to see the final at the local John Henry Memorial Oval.

"We were undefeated throughout 2008 season and the average score against us was just 16, which shows we had great defence," he said.

The coach rated fullback Gene Murray, centre Phillip Harrison, lock Lance Rapson, five-eighth Travis Fraser, young utility Kutt Sivyer and centre Davin



The winning Normanton Stingers grand final team.

Crampton as the standout players.

"Kurt is just 17 and goes to All Souls College in Charters Towers and got a lift out here for the final. He is dual registered and also plays with the Miners in the Townsville comp," Stephens said.

Stephens said that classy Harrison

was a worthy winner of the player of the final and was happy that Mr Katter made the journey to Normanton for the biggest game on the Mid West calendar.

"Five or six of our players work at the Century mine and 80 per cent are Indigenous," Stephens said.

Stephens said he rated backs Willy Singleton and Greg Townley as amongst Hughenden's best.

A Hughenden spokeswoman said that the players and some supporters made the eight-hour road journey to Normanton for the game.

"It was a long trip, but Normanton were too good and deserved the win," she said.

Other sides in the 2008 comp were Cloncurry, Richmond and Julia Creek.

Last year Normanton beat Doomadgee 30-12 in the grand final.



Normanton's man of the final Phillip Harrison next to Mid West official Les Carter and MP Bob Katter in the background with the trophy.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS Approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

LOWER DARLING REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

TREVOR JOHN DONOHUE and PATRICIA RUTH DONOHUE for 1 x 38MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP, adjacent to Lot 1501 DP763383 Parish PERRY, County MENINDEE for domestic water supply purposes. (Application No. 1984)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5051 6211. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 363, Buronga NSW 2739, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Peter Winton, Licensing Officer

Applications for WATER SUPPLY WORKS Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:

LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

Robert Gordon & Mildred Leoni GANNON for 1 x Bore on Lot 51 or 52 DP1104124, Parish Warrawool, County Townsend for irrigation. (Application No. 1998).

AGLINE PASTORAL PTY LTD for 1 x Bore (existing) on Lot 2/838952, Parish Boomanomana, County Denison for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 1999).

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898 3900. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer

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

GIUSEPPE ANGELO NAPOLI and KATIE ANNA NAPOLI for 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 69 DP751703 Parish GOGELDRIE, County COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lots 69, 90 & 91 DP751703 Parish GOGELDRIE, County COOPER. (Ref. 40WA405323).

DONLYNC PTY LTD for a bore at Lot 96 DP750885, Parish GIDGELL, County BOYD for IRRIGATION on Lot 96 DP750885, Parish GIDGELL, County BOYD. (Ref. 40WA405326).

BRIAN LEE & ROBYN CAROL KEFFORD for a bore at Lot 60 DP751721 Parish NAUNTON, County COOPER for IRRIGATION on Lot 60 DP751721 and Lot 62 DP751721 Parish NAUNTON, County COOPER. (Ref. 40WA405327).

Giuseppe, Julian Margaret, Gary Lee, Catherine, Wayne Joseph, Lou-Anne, Paul Steven & Maria Louise ANDREAZZA for a bore at Lot 195 DP756035 Parish BALLINGALL, County STURT for IRRIGATION on Lot 195 DP756035 Parish BALLINGALL, County STURT. (Ref. 40WA405302).

Applications for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:

TARCUTTA CREEK WATER SOURCE

LESLIE FRANCIS & CAROLYN CONNELL for a 100MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP on Lot 117 DP45408 Parish BORAMBULA, County WYNYARD for IRRIGATION on Lot 117 DP45408 Parish BORAMBULA, County WYNYARD. (Ref. 40CA405304).

MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

ROHAN JEFFREY KING for an additional 150MM SUBMERSIBLE PUMP and a 25MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP on Lot 7010 DP1025461 Parish WADDI, County BOYD for STOCK and DOMESTIC purposes and IRRIGATION on Lot 275 DP750908 Parish WADDI, County BOYD. (Ref. 40CA405305).

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.

Steve Webb, Licensing Manager



NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence application under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
69/2505	Louise Minerals Pty Ltd	216.35km ²	100km N'y of Wiluna	Lat 25°43' Long 120°28'	Wiluna

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: 24 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 any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. 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/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 exploration licence may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **24 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 exploration licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



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
47/235	Pannawonica and Associates (Registered Business Name) Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd North Mining Ltd Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd	1903.78ha	105km S'y of Wittenoom	Lat 23°07' Long 118°43'	East Pilbara
80/14	JSW Holdings Pty Ltd	6.57ha	6km W'y of Kununurra	Lat 15°46' Long 128°41'	Wyndham & East Kimberley

The purposes for G47/1235 are plant, machinery, administration buildings, accommodation facilities, processing facilities, mineral, ore, tailing and waste stock piles & storage areas, general infrastructure including roads, railways, electricity generation, transmission and distribution, gas distribution, water, waste water & sewerage storage & distribution and communication facilities - and any other purpose permitted pursuant to the Iron Ore (Robe River) Agreement Act 1964, including in connection with approved proposals.

The purposes for G80/14 are stockpiling of river shingles and screening.

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: 24 September 2008

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after this notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. 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/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. **24 January 2009**), there is no native title party in relation to the area of the leases.

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2:00PM - 6PM: Women's Knockout Competition

ADMISSION FEE - \$5.00 gst inclusive

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Day 2: Games commence at 9:00am sharp

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SUNDAY PROGRAM: 5th October 2008

Day 3: Games commence at 9:00am sharp

ADMISSION FEE \$10.00 gst inclusive

SCHOOL STUDENTS OVER 15YRS OF AGE \$5.00 gst inclusive

CHILDREN UNDER 15 & AGED PENSIONERS FREE ADMISSION

MONDAY PROGRAM: 6th October 2008

Day 4: Games commence at 9:00am sharp

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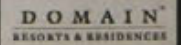
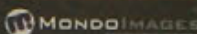
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OVER the past few years, when I have written about visits to communities or when players are helping out charities, I have always tried to emphasise how much the players get out of these events.

Hopefully, we can inspire kids, bring a bit of hope into their lives or lend some practical assistance.

Whatever the case, I can tell you I always carry something away from the event itself and every player will tell you the same.

Chris Walker, from the Gold Coast Titans, best summed up what I mean when he spoke to me about his visit to Papunya as part of the ARMtour earlier this year.

"The Elders welcomed us, but the kids were truly amazing," he said.

"They had nothing in the way of facilities, but there was always plenty to do.

"It was the attitude of these kids that struck me. Their sporting ability was awesome and they mastered some of the skills of league with ease.

"But it was the way they continually

encouraged each other that impressed me the most.

"I suppose living in such an isolated community, you have to learn to get on.

"Every comment was positive and supportive – if everyone had that attitude the world would be a better place."

The reason I am writing about this is because of the effect a couple of recent events had on me and the players involved.

The first involves a group of Roosters players who befriended a young fan who, by age nine, had received two liver transplants.

He became a club member and some of the players were so struck by the young bloke's courage that they kept in touch.

Braith Anasta, in particular, spent a great deal of time with the young champion, visiting him in hospital.

When things were looking grim, the Roosters hosted John to the game against the Sea Eagles and put on an inspiring display on the field.

After the game, John was a special guest in the dressing room as the players went out of their way to include him in their celebrations.

Tragically, this was to be John's last trip outside the hospital and he passed away just recently.

The relationship between John and the Roosters' players was heart-warming, but the effect this young kid and his courage can be gauged by what happened next.

Unknown to the club, Anasta – along with Craig Fitzgibbon, Willie Mason, Nate Myles and Anthony Minichiello – attended John's funeral in their full Roosters' attire as a sign of their friendship.

They did not seek publicity – it was not a public relations exercise.

The young guy had really moved them. At the start they may have been his heroes, but at the sad end he was their own hero.

And the only reason this became public was because they returned to the club and requested their game against the Dragons be dedicated in John's honour.



Gold Coast Titans rugby league player Preston Campbell during a 2007 visit to remote Pormpuraaw, on the west coast of Cape York. The community has a population of about 700.

South Sydney player development manager John Hutchinson heard about Davidson's plight and figured a visit from Jamie Simpson – the Rabbitohs back who beat cancer twice to realise his NRL dream – might lift his spirits.

Turned out he was right. "(The visit) was a real inspiration," said Davidson, the son of Balmain Hall of Fame inductee John Davidson.

"He was here for three hours or so, just talking about the effects (of

chemotherapy). His main focus was football as well and he wasn't going to let it beat him. That's what I have on my mind, we were thinking alike."

Simpson's story is just as inspirational. He finally beat Hodgkin's lymphoma with a stem-cell transplant after six months of painful chemotherapy couldn't do the trick.

He is proof you can beat cancer and then live your dreams.

"When I found out (Davidson) he was in hospital, I jumped at the chance to do it," Simpson said.

"I know how hard it is... not being able to play footy.

"One thing I did through all my chemotherapy was stay positive, not just for me, but for my family. I was an emotional rock for them because they were taking it harder than me, really. It tends to be that way.

"I just had to reiterate to him that as long as you think positive things, you'll get a positive outcome... It's a wonderful thing, the mind.

"It's probably more mental than physical, getting through chemotherapy and all that cancer stuff. If you think negative things, things won't go your way."

Jamie walked away inspired by the courage of a young man following his journey on and off the field.

He received as much as he gave that day and he looks forward to his next meeting with John.

Hopefully, when they line up against each other on the field in an NRL game.

'Palm' to enter cricket team

By ALF WILSON



CRICKET is not a sport usually associated with the north Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island, but

a team from there will compete in the Rainforest Cup Indigenous carnival at Tully on 1-2 November.

Palm Islander Roy Prior is the man behind the Palm Islanders taking part in the Twenty/20 format.

"Noel Gertz invited us along and gave me a call to be involved and obviously I said yes as there are some cricket mad people here on the island," Prior told *The Koori Mail*.

Sponsored by the Jumbun Aboriginal community with support from the Tully District Cricket Association, the



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and drug-free carnival.

Teams from communities around Tully, nearby Innisfail and from the Atherton Tablelands normally compete at the carnival with Indigenous players from further afield.

It was not held in 2007 because of the Land and Sea Conference at Cardwell, which was attended by the organisers. Innisfail won the previous

The Innisfail Waru side travelled to Charters Towers for the inaugural Indigenous cricket carnival played over a week during NAIDOC celebrations and was runner-up to local team King's XI.

Rainforest Cup spokesman Stan Lenoy confirmed that Palm Island would be welcome.

"I'm confident that we will get ten teams for this year's

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The Queensland Government is calling for Expressions of Interest from eligible organisations to apply for funding under the Major Facilities Program 2009.

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Vigoro in spotlight at Bowral

THE link between the sport of vigoro and Indigenous women will be a highlight at the Bradman Oval, Bowral, on Sunday 28 September to mark the 75th anniversary of vigoro. Wingecaribbee Elder Velma Mulcahy, who played vigoro with the

La Perouse Rosellas, is one of the organisers of the Bowral vigoro celebrations. She said vigoro had been played with great speed by skill by many Aboriginal women since the 1930s. NSW State teams will play a

demonstration game at Bradman Oval, and the local Indigenous community also will be involved in a game. The Bradman Museum will curate a vigoro exhibition and the local Aboriginal community will display the

Wingecaribbee Aboriginal Sporting Hall of Fame Photographic Exhibition. Details: Joanne Albany Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Wingecaribbee Shire Council, (02) 4868 0856.

Keeping the balance

Magic's Moments



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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second family comes to the fore.

Despite the fact that the opposition coach in Rodney Eades was previously our 'father figure', there is no doubt that Roos speaks with the wisdom of an Elder.

Leading up to the game – in fact any important game – he was able to put the pressure of finals football into perspective.

As part of the psychological build-up to any game, most sides seek to avoid the tag of favouritism.

Part of culture

Everybody likes to be seen as the underdog – it's part of the Australian culture!

Roos boiled the whole issue down to the common denominator of both sides' desire to win.

"Underdogs, favourites – that's more for the bookies. We'd like to win. We hope we can win, but whether you're favourite or underdog at this time of year is almost irrelevant," he said in the lead-up to the game.

It was the same after the game when he put our whole season into context.

"I think we've improved on last year which is something we tried to do in the off-season and address some of things that we knew we weren't quiet as good at last year," he said.

"I think we have improved as a team."

In 2007, the Swans were bundled out by Collingwood in elimination final and, at that point, many considered our

ageing list (nothing personal, I hope!) was on its last legs.

However, the recruitment of former Crow Martin Mattner and the emergence of youngsters Jarrod Moore, Craig Bird, Patrick Veszpremi and Kieren Jack has helped us turn back the clock to our premiership days of 2005.

Roos as always was also looking to the future when he hinted the Swans' tendency to trade and draft would again be on the cards this off-season, with a priority would be to bolster the midfield.

"Midfield talent, with the way the game is played now, is probably a little bit more important than your forward talent," he said.

"That's probably an area we still need to look at."

Roos said our sixth placing was an accurate reflection of our standing within the competition, but rued our missed chances against a Bulldogs outfit he saw as vulnerable early on.

"We had our chances," he said.

"Coming off last week with a bit of momentum, against a team you knew was going to bounce back, you've got to take your chances and we probably didn't."

"Their belief started to grow and grow and they're a very good team. You don't finish third on the ladder if you can't play."

Once again he protected the Swans' group – his second family – from adverse criticism.

The whole philosophy of how we as a club deal with the media is built around Paul Roos trying

to keep everything in balance.

So it was not a surprise to see the man who has worked on making the Swans a family recognised with the award of Father of the Year.

Roos always acknowledges that he's been lucky to have always had the support of his family at home and attributed that support for helping him to be better at his job.

He is conscious of returning that support in his role as husband and father to his sons, Dylan and Tyler.

Coming to Sydney all those years ago, and then making the decision to coach must have been a massive thing for all his family.

When an AFL coach and his family takes on such a role, there's a lot at stake.

Sacrifices

There are many sacrifices that have to be made along the way.

But from day one Roos established a club philosophy of combine our football life with our home life, which I think is a really important part of enjoying the game.

It is something I have come to appreciate all the more in recent years since I became a father myself.

One thing I learned very early with football was that if I was happy off the field, then I'd always be happy on it and subsequently play well.

The key was – and still is – to maintain that life balance.

Today, there's no doubt I'm a better player and person when

I'm happier at home.

It positively affects my football if I can get some time off and do all those sorts of things a normal family gets to do.

I really important that all footy clubs – in fact all workplaces – embraces an employee's family.

The whole Swans' management and coaching staff encourage the families, particularly of coaches and players who can be away more often, to be part of the whole thing.

That might be taking your wife on an away trip or having your kids in the room after the game to sing the team song.

By allowing guys to spend more time with their partners or kids, it just creates a far better feel around the footy club and everyone's happier.

It should be a simple rule of life for us all to, no matter how busy we are with life, make time for your family.

Having a family and being involved in something as time-consuming and passionate as sport can co-exist.

The main thing is that we are respectful of the family and the role the family unit has and plays.

I'm lucky that the Swans are terrific at that.

It's not only helped me be better at home, but become a better player and person.

It helps makes the Swans a true family unit in its own right.

It helps us deal with losses like the other week and to get on with life.

Until Next time... Keep Dreaming!

Northern United win own event



Northern United proved too strong for the competition in their own rugby league knockout event played last Saturday in Lismore, northern NSW.

The team made up of many of the NSW northern rivers' best Indigenous league players took a comfortable 40-18 grand final win over the Tabulam Turtle Divers in what was a lead-up competition to the NSW Aboriginal Knockout in Kingscliff starting next week.

The Lismore knockout, of which The Koori Mail was the major sponsor, attracted nine teams, some of which will play at Kingscliff.

Northern United earned their grand final place with a solid semi-final win over Coraki United, while the Turtle Divers secured their berth with victory over Cabbage Tree Island.

The other teams taking part

were BRC Connections (Box Ridge), Muli Muli (Upper Clarence), Boggabilla (Qld), Gundaroos (Gundurimba, near Lismore) and Dunghutti Warriors (Kempsey region).

Northern United spokesman Russell Kapeen said organisers were pleased with the success of the event.

"We had a large crowd for the event and they saw some great football throughout the day," said Kapeen, who is also Chairman of The Koori Mail.

"It was a solid hit-out for the players who will be heading north to Kingscliff."

"It was also good to see teams from Queensland and Kempsey."

"We're planning another local knockout for next year and we've already seen areas for improvement."

"These will be discussed at a meeting we'll hold soon."



The referee awards a penalty just 1m from the Coraki United goal line in the Lismore knockout semi-final clash against Northern United.

The new Daily M



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THE timing of Greg Inglis' announcement that he was extending his contract with the NRL could not have been more perfect.

One hundred years ago Daily Messenger rocked the world of rugby union when he decided to defect to the newly-formed code of rugby league.

Two weeks ago – the day after Inglis received two awards named in honour of the great Daily M – Inglis put his signature to a contract that will keep him in the game for at least the next four seasons.

And the exciting thing about this commitment is his desire to use his profile in rugby league to work with Indigenous kids.

It was five weeks ago that the NRL extended Greg Inglis a choice as he decided his immediate future.

As he pondered life outside rugby league, one of the faces of the game was invited to NRL headquarters for a meeting with David Gallop.

Gallop discussed what Inglis hoped to achieve outside the game, and Inglis' response was almost immediate.

Inglis didn't want a television career or added exposure – he's still basically the same shy Aboriginal kid from Bowraville.

Love of family

What Inglis really wanted was to help his family and stay close to them.

While keeping close quarters with his parents was a huge part in deciding to stay, the chance to visit Aboriginal communities across Australia was an incentive that cashed-up European rugby clubs or NFL franchises couldn't compete with.

Inglis left the meeting satisfied Gallop would act.

Along with his fellow players who form the NRL's Indigenous Advisory Players Group – Johnathan Thurston, Matt Bowen, Preston Campbell, Sam Thaiday and Koori Mail columnist Dean Widders – he was aware of ongoing work to establish a

players and kids to help them achieve their dreams.

It is a plan that goes beyond sport that will help girls and boys to identify goals in life and to be assisted in achieving them.

Negotiations are continuing, but Inglis is obviously confident that things are under way.

In the middle of all this, Inglis had to deal with a personal drama which underlined why he wanted to stay in the game.

Across town at Royal North Shore Hospital, Inglis' dad Wade Blair had pulled through surgery after suffering a heart attack the previous weekend and his recovery was quickened by the news that his boy was staying put.

Speaking from her husband's bedside, his mother Monica said the family was delighted.

"It's great news," Monica said, "but to be honest Greg and the whole family have been thinking about Wade."

"He's doing well but there's still a few things to get through."

Inglis had agreed in principle before his father collapsed. The 21-year-old rushed home to the NSW mid north coast from Melbourne, but Wade was transferred to hospital before he arrived.

During the five-hour road trip back to Sydney with his mother and three siblings, the importance of staying nearby was confirmed to Inglis.

His importance to the game was reinforced by David Gallop's comments about their meeting.

"I left cautiously optimistic about his feelings for the game and his family – it was certainly apparent during the meeting," Gallop said.

Love of league

Now, it is clear. Inglis loves rugby league, loves his parents and loves his brothers more than the money.

Inglis revealed he could have earned \$1 million a season by dumping league to play French rugby or the National Football League (American grid iron).

"I'm definitely happy with the deal. I got offers from overseas – I could have earned over a million a season – but I didn't want to take those offers," Inglis said.

"Mate, if I went over to France I'd probably be back here in two weeks."

"In saying that, young kids might go for the money. But wherever I am, I want to be comfortable and enjoy doing what I'm doing."

"If I didn't like rugby league, then I'd get out of it. I'm here (in Melbourne) and I'm having fun each and every day."

"I'm not looking anywhere else for another four years. I love it down here, and I want to be around this bunch of people (at the Storm)."

"Financially it's quite good, and it will probably set me up for good."

"My first preference was always to stay in rugby league, and especially with Melbourne. I'm just glad it's been done now so all the speculation can end."

Andrew Johns, arguably the



Whichever way you look at Greg Inglis, he's an out-and-out champion.



greatest to play rugby league, lauded Inglis for his amazing skills.

"He's the best player of his generation. A sensational footballer," Johns said.

"He's a phenomenon. When he finishes, he will be right up there (with the best)."

"There is nothing he can't do, and the scary thing is he will only get better."

Storm coach Craig Bellamy said of Inglis: "I don't like to judge players until the end of their careers, but Greg has the potential to be one of the greats."

"The scary thing about Greg Inglis is that – provided he wants to – he will only get better."

"He has so much improvement left in him. The upside is incredible – and that was why it was really important for the

Storm to extend his contract.

"It was just as important for rugby league. It would have been an unmitigated disaster for the NRL if we lost Greg to another code in the wake of the Sonny Bill Williams and Mark Gasnier defections."

Bellamy also endorsed Inglis' suitability to be part of a mentoring program.

"The other thing about Greg is – and I highly doubt I would have been saying this two years ago – is that he is developing into a leader," he said.

"We can see it at home and around the club, on and off the field. With his increasing maturity, he is showing a lot more care for the team, the club and his team-mates."

After their dramatic loss to the

Warriors, the Storm will need him to show that leadership and maturity on the field.

For the ever cool Inglis, it will be just another game.

"I don't approach any game different to what I would normally do on a regular basis," Inglis said.

"I'm just out there doing my job and if there is an opportunity, I'm not one to stand back and say 'let someone else do it.'"

It was this 'can do' attitude that saw Inglis pick up the Daily M awards for Representative Player of the Year and Five-eighth.

Earlier in the night, Chris Sandow capped a stellar first year by being named NRL Rookie of the Year.

He could do worse than follow the example of Inglis. On and off the field.

Third National Aboriginal



Women's play between the Bagot Boomerangs (in black) and NT side the Rebels.



WA under 16 players Fremantle PCYC and Geraldton in a huddle.



Boys go to it ... Play in the under 14 Halls Creek DHS (in blue) v Onslow Lizard Kings game.
All photos by Monica Napper



A Port Hedland (WA) player shoots in the under 18 game against the Victorian All Stars.



The VAYSAR (Victoria) women's team stretches before a game.



Action from the Fremantle PCYC (WA in yellow) v Geraldton under 14 game.



Close play in the Triball (NT, in black) versus Roebourne Wizards game.



These girls were having a break between games.



A battle for the ball in the Halls Creek versus Onslow under 14 boys' game.

and TSI Basketball Titles

Action from the Morditj Ballers (in grey) v Kununurra Kings men's game.



Tight play in the women's clash between NT side the Rebels and Karratha, from Western Australia.

Top action in Darwin



THERE'S nothing like winning a major tournament in front of a home

crowd, and that's what Darwin team Triball did at the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Championships.

Triball emerged victorious over the Anthony Mundine-sponsored Team Boxa (Sydney) 46-35 in the men's final at the Darwin Basketball Stadium on 12 September.

The tournament was in its third year and organiser Nikita Ridgeway said the event was the smoothest yet and she was already planning next year's carnival in Cairns, far north Queensland.

Twelve teams lined up for the men and women's A-grade divisions. They came from every State and Territory except Tasmania and the ACT.

In the A-grade women's final, Victorian side Vaysar again proved too good for the Perth Blue Jays, winning 45-39.



A Kununurra Kings player shoots during the men's game against Morditj Ballers.

It was Vaysar's third win in as many tournaments and a repeat of their finals win over Blue Jays in Perth last year.

In the under 18 boys' final, Fremantle PCYC beat Victorian All

Stars 38-30, while in the girls' final, Coolaroo (NT) beat Central Queensland Tigers (Rockhampton) 62-14.

Because Coolaroo and the Tigers were the only teams in the under 18 girls' division, they were included in the A-grade women's draw, knowing they were certainties to meet in the under 18 final.

In a one-sided under 16 girls' final, Balunu Warriors (NT) beat Geraldton (WA) 63-16.

No teams entered the under 16 boys' division.

Halls Creek District High School, from WA, made a clean sweep in the under 14 divisions, beating Onslow Sea Eagles (WA) 26-14 in the girls' final, and downing Onslow Lizard Kings 32-16 in the boys' final.

Cairns Marlins star Joel Khalu won the inaugural three-point men's shootout competition, while the women's winner was Patricia Graham (NR Rebels). The dunk champion was Travis Ellis (Triball, NT).



Reaching for the ball in the under 16 girls' game between WA teams Fremantle PCYC (in yellow) and Geraldton.



High-flying action in the Triball (NT, in black) v Roebourne Wizards (WA) senior men's game.

Fears held for NSW inmates' mental health

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



STAFF cuts at Long Bay Prison's mental health care facility could heighten risk of self-harm to Aboriginal and other Indigenous prisoners, who are already at increased risk, according to the Aboriginal Justice Advisory Council.

Last month, the Public Service Association held a week-long strike when officers claimed the Sydney prison's hospital had insufficient staff to operate safely, with mentally-ill inmates in lock-down and allowed out only for medication, meals and showers.

Aboriginal Justice Advisory Council Policy Officer Linda Jackson said a new regime featuring longer lock-down periods for patients was 'tantamount to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment', and breached national guidelines and international human rights agreements to which Australia had signed up.

Ms Jackson said the changes went against the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC), contravened policy and legislative guidelines, and contradicted commitments made by the Government in the Aboriginal Justice Plan 2004-2014.

A spokesperson for NSW Greens MLC Sylvia Hale said she had put forward a motion in Parliament to discuss the inmates' conditions but it was unlikely to even be debated without the support of the Liberals and Shooters Party, whom she said might not have a strong focus on offenders' welfare.

The spokesperson said one patient had written many letters detailing that mentally-ill prisoners were being held against the terms of the Mental Health Act 'as they are locked up most of the day'.

Ms Hale had been petitioned by several groups, including the Nurses' Association and by psychiatrists, who were concerned that the mental health of patients would be exacerbated by extended isolation, 'as the mind turns in on itself when alone for long periods'.

NSW Attorney-General John Hatzistergos said ongoing risk reviews would be conducted at the hospital to counter foreseeable risks.

He told State Parliament that during the first six weeks after the staff reduction there were no major reportable instances at the facility and a comparison with the same period one year earlier had shown an improvement.

Human Rights Commissioner and Disability Discrimination Commissioner Graeme Innes has urged Mr Hatzistergos to intervene on behalf of inmate patients who he said were at an increased risk of suicide due to the daily 18-hour isolation.

He said prisoner patients had a right to humane treatment and access to medical care, and there was 'ample evidence of the harm that may ensue from extended periods in isolation for forensic patients and people with mental illness'.

Justice Action Managing Director Brett Collins confirmed self-harm was on the rise since the extended lock-downs were implemented, and mental health patients were requiring more medication. Among the mainstream population the need for anxiety



'They (patients) have worse conditions than they had at the time of the initial decision to reduce the time out of cells'

— Justice Action Managing Director Brett Collins

medication was more widespread.

"They (patients) have worse conditions than they had at the time of the initial decision to reduce the time out of cells," Mr Collins said. "Until 2 April, they were able to spend time out of their cells until 9pm in the main area with other prisoners, nurses and officers."

Mr Collins said isolation was the enemy of good mental health and he described the new plan as a 'callous cost-cutting exercise', which placed the patients in unusually harsh conditions and prevented them from accessing educational programs to assist in their rehabilitation.



SYLVIA HALE

Ray Jackson, of the Indigenous Social Justice Association, said his group had effectively taken over the unfunded role of the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee in NSW after its closure but, as a group, was not permitted prison access to monitor the inmates' circumstances.

He said the controversial 'Way Forward' plan, which has been widely criticised since its inception, was still in place, stripping staff hours at some NSW jails. He said the problem with the hospital section was 'they only wanted to put a day shift in, they don't want to have any afternoon shift'.

"To get around that they need to lock the inmates up at roughly 3pm and they are not allowed out until 9 or later the next morning, which if you're suffering from a mental illness of any kind is not good," Mr Jackson said.

"Either they've got to be doped up to the eyeballs to keep them quiet or the department goes into what it calls 'risk management', but it's the inmates who are going to take the risk of anything that's going to happen and the department will manage the outcome of it."

Mr Jackson said it was difficult to obtain information on recent fatalities. He thought there had been no recent Aboriginal deaths in custody, but overall figures were 'very, very hard to find out', and even the most recent statistics 'were quite dated and not indicative of the current risks'.

In a submission advising the NSW Nurses' Association about the increased lockdown period of inmate patients at Long Bay Hospital, Linda Jackson said there were no figures on Aboriginal mental health patients, despite 2.4 per cent of the NSW population (Aboriginal people) comprising 22 per cent of the prison muster.

Ms Jackson added it might be reasonably assumed that at any given time, a similar percentage of Aboriginal inmates would be admitted to the prison hospital.

"Confining vulnerable or ill individuals in their cells from 3.30pm, especially during the warmer months, as well as depriving them of health care, it is argued, is harsh and additional punishment to the sentence imposed," she said.

"An increased lockdown period for an already vulnerable group is not only unnecessary but may very well be more detrimental to their well-being and health."

Ms Jackson argued that the RCIADIC recommendation 150, which stated the need for medical services in prison to be equivalent to public services and to also be readily accessible and appropriate for Aboriginal prisoners, was applicable today.

Ms Jackson's submission said Indigenous people were over-represented in all forms of custody, 'and relative to the general population, consequently they experience much higher levels of custodial death than non-Indigenous people'.



TIGA BAYLES

Concern as Qld redress deadline draws near



THERE is increasing community concern about the number of people who may miss out on payments under the Queensland Government's

Redress Scheme, as the final deadline for applications under the scheme closes in.

The scheme is for those who suffered abuse or neglect as children in the State's institutions, including dormitories on Aboriginal communities, and will finish at the end of September.

Brisbane Indigenous Media Association General Manager and community activist TIGA Bayles said he was concerned about statewide reports that some people hadn't applied because they were confused about who was eligible or concerned about how much evidence they might have to provide.

"Almost every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family has an experience with people put in institutions," Mr Bayles told *The Koori Mail*. "I would encourage all of our people to look into it, fill out the paperwork and register for this compensation."

Very little time

"There's very little time left, the end of this month is now the cut-off date and it's already been extended. So once that's gone, it's over."

According to the Queensland Government's webpage on the scheme, eligible applicants could receive payments ranging from \$7000 (Level 1) up to \$40,000 (Level 2) 'to acknowledge the impact of the past and help them move forward with their lives'. The webpage, at www.communities.qld.gov.au/community/redress-scheme, also says of Level 1 payments, "You do not need to provide a detailed account of these experiences or write a lengthy submission to support your claims of abuse or neglect".

"However, you are required to sign a declaration stating that the information you have provided is true and correct to the best of your knowledge," the webpage reads.

"If you are applying for a Level 2 payment, you will need to provide further information about the abuse itself and/or the harm you suffered because of this abuse or neglect."

Application packs for the scheme can be obtained by phoning: 1300 769 291 (Australia wide, including mobiles) between 8am and 8pm, Monday to Saturday.

Silver, gold, copper!

... And Rohanee Cox couldn't be happier

By ALF WILSON



LIFE is full of riches for Rohanee Cox. First the Australian Opals women's basketball

finished second at the Beijing Olympics. Rohanee picked up a silver medal.

Then followed gold, diamond and copper.

Gold and diamond came in the form of an engagement ring Rohanee is proudly wearing.

And Copper? Well, it just so happens that Rohanee's fiancé Aaron Thomas is a policeman based in Cairns.

The day after the champion 28-year-old Indigenous basketballer returned from Beijing, she was taken on a romantic river cruise in Cairns.

That's where Aaron popped the question and produced the ring.

"We are engaged now and I am really excited about that," Rohanee told *The Koori Mail*.

"Aaron took me up the front of the boat and pulled out a gold ring and proposed and that left me speechless."

Her future husband is a 30-year-old Indigenous man based in Cairns.

Rohanee was coy about a wedding date.

"Maybe it will be in a year or two. We are not rushing into it as we are busy people and we have to organise it," she said.

In the weeks immediately after the Olympics, Rohanee spent five days in Cairns and another 12 days in her home town of Broome, WA.

"It was so good to get away from basketball and relax with my family and I loved it," she said.

One highlight was when a street parade was organised through the main street of Broome in honour of the town's favourite daughter.

"At my home-coming parade they drove me through the streets in a red



Rohanee Cox shows off her treasure chest: The silver medal from the Beijing Olympics, and her engagement ring.

convertible with Mum, Dad, Aaron, my seven-year-old daughter Alyria and my nephew, and I signed autographs and answered questions at a local park," she said.

"My other family, including sisters, were on the side of the road and I felt like a queen. It was amazing to be known as an Olympian of Broome."

In Broome, Rohanee is often referred to by her nickname of 'Honey Rose', of

which she is proud.

"Everybody in the Kimberleys knows me as Honey Rose," she said.

Rohanee arrived back in Townsville on 15 September to prepare for the National Women's Basketball League (NWBL) season with her team the Fire.

"I had my first training and weights session the day after and feel really sore after having a short break. We are off to Canberra for some pre-season games,"

she said.

The unassuming Rohanee said she enjoyed playing with the Opals, which lost their last game of the Olympics to the United States.

"I played my heart out at the Olympics and did the best I could," she said.

Rohanee feels the Townsville Fire can go well in the new NWBL season.

"We have some new players and I am looking forward to it," she said.

Facts about Indigenous athletes



RESEARCH into Indigenous amputee athlete Karl Feifar, who represented Australia at the 1992 Barcelona Paralympics, has unearthed other interesting facts about Indigenous athletes.

We found the following information on an Athletics Australia web page:

● There have been four Indigenous Stawell Gift winners: Bobby Kinnear (1883), Tom Dancy (1910), Lynch Cooper (1928), and Joshua Ross (2004/05).

● Bobby McDonald, a pro runner in the late 1890s to early 1900s, is credited with inventing the crouch-start.

● Ken Hampton (OAM) won the Bay Sheffield Gift at Glenelg (South Australia) in 1961.

● Percy Hobson was the first Aboriginal athlete to win a gold medal for Australia, at the Commonwealth Games when he high jumped 6ft 11ins in 1962.

● Catherine Freeman was the first Aborigine to win a track gold medal for Australia at the Commonwealth Games when she competed in the 4x100m relay in Auckland in 1990. She has gone on to become one of Australia's greatest ever athletes, winning World, Commonwealth, and Olympic titles, including the 400m at the Sydney Olympic Games.

● Kyle Vander-Kuyp holds the national

record for 110m hurdles at 13.29 seconds. He is considered Australia's best ever hurdler and was a finalist at Commonwealth, World and Olympic level.

● Karl Feifar won gold in the 4x100m relay and a silver in the long jump at the 1992 Paralympics in Barcelona.

● Nova Peris, a former Olympic gold medalist in hockey, made a successful transition to international athletics, winning gold in the 200m at the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur. She also competed in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney.

● Patrick Johnson was the first Australian and the tenth person all-time to officially break the magical 10-second barrier for 100m – and he did it twice in

one day, running 9.90 and 9.88 seconds at the Perth A-Series meet in 2003!

Unfortunately the wind made the time illegal. However, less than three months later, Patrick legally broke the 10-second barrier, when he recorded 9.93 seconds at a meet in Mito, Japan. This run made Patrick the 17th fastest man in history. Patrick has represented Australia at the Commonwealth, Olympic, and World Championship level.

■ For more information about Indigenous involvement in athletics or sport in general, refer to Colin and Paul Tatz's *Black Diamonds (1996)* published by Allen & Unwin, or *Black Gold (2000)* published by Aboriginal Studies Press.

Cats to play the Hawks

By PETER ARGENT



THE two best sides, Geelong and Hawthorn, have forced their way into the 2008 AFL grand final. This now guarantees at a

minimum at least one more Aboriginal footballer will be covered in premiership glory this Saturday afternoon in Melbourne.

Performing below their best, Geelong still were able to register their 15th successive victory for the season last Friday night and will go into the grand final as firm favourites.

Geelong's Mathew Stokes, a mature-age recruit from Darwin via Woodville West Torrens in the SANFL competition, is a certain starter, as long as an unforeseen injury doesn't intervene.

He was a member of the Cats' 2007 premiership-winning side, coming back on during the first quarter after his game looked over with an ugly knee injury. Now 23 and having made more than 50 senior appearances already, Stokes is a vital cog in the Cats' structure.

He was the most impressive forward in the Geelong line-up during their Friday night win over the Western Bulldogs – both with the amount of possessions he received and the work

Aboriginal players in AFL decider

he did for team-mates off the ball.

The interesting call for the Cats' coaching staff is Travis Varcoe. He was ushered into the team when star Paul Chapman was unavailable due to injury, and it is expected the Cats' 'numbers 35' will return to the team for the season decider.

Varcoe, Geelong's first-round draft selection back in 2005, is a former Central District junior who has done a solid apprenticeship, and was one of the more impressive players in the Cats' win over the Bulldogs.

Varcoe was an emergency for the 2007 grand final team and he will be vying for one of the final positions in this Saturday's XXII.

Hawthorn was emphatic in their preliminary final victory over St Kilda on Saturday night, with Mark Williams being the dominant forward with five goals.

The Hawks' potent forward line

includes goal-kicking sensation Lance 'Buddy' Franklin who was well held, along with rookie Cyril Rioli, whose famous uncles Maurice Rioli and Michael Long etched their names in grand final folklore with Norm Smith Medals in 1982 and 1993 respectively.

Electrifying with his pace, Chance Bateman has been in scintillating form over the past six weeks and he will be an important component in the Hawthorn midfield as they take on the competition yardstick this Saturday.

There will be some concern in the Hawks' medical rooms about Franklin's wrist injury. He was taken from the field in the opening term on Saturday night and had it heavily strapped for the remainder of the game. But this is not expected to stop him from playing in the grand final.

Elevated rookie Cameron Stokes, another Darwin lad, is also on the edge of selection for Hawthorn.

This is Hawthorn's first appearance in a grand final since the 1991 victory over the West Coast Eagles at Waverley Park.

Geelong is looking for back-to-back flags.

The last time these sides met in the season decider was the famous 1989 match, when the Hawks prevailed by six points in a high-scoring shoot-out.

This contest has all the ingredients of another thriller!



Hawthorn star Lance 'Buddy' Franklin.



Geelong's Mathew Stokes.

Relay medals make up for Austin's disappointment



ONE gold and one silver medal – that was the booty for Indigenous swimmer Ben Austin at the Beijing Paralympics, while Indigenous athlete Tahlia Rotumah came home without medals, but much richer for the experience.

Austin, why by his own admission, did not have the best of meets, picked up gold in the men's 4x100m medley relay in world record time, and silver in the 4x100m freestyle relay.

He missed out on medals in his individual events – the 50m and 100m freestyle and the 100m butterfly events.

He was disappointed with his individual performances following his three individual medal haul at Athens, but swimming the final two freestyle laps for Australia in the medley relay made up for a lot of disappointment.

"It was such a tight field. I didn't look at anyone else. I just tried to focus on the front end and really worked that last 25 (metres)," Austin said after the final.

"That was pretty much the best swim of the meet for me.

"I haven't reached the expectations I wanted to. I didn't want to put pressure on myself, but I really wanted to help the

team to gold. I'm pretty happy now – it was a mixed Games for me but this result is a lot sweeter."

Earlier, a world record time by Great Britain denied Australia's formidable 4x100m freestyle relay team a gold medal in a barnstorming final in Beijing's Water Cube.

Austin, from Wellington, in the central west of NSW, led off and was followed by Sydney's Leek, then Melbourne's Sam Bramham and anchored by Adelaide's Matt Cowdrey.

'I haven't reached the expectations I wanted to. I didn't want to put pressure on myself, but I really wanted to help the team to gold. I'm pretty happy now – it was a mixed Games for me but this result is a lot sweeter.'

It was the same result as four years ago in Athens. The Great Britain foursome broke their own record set at the December 2006 world titles.

Austin was competing in his third Paralympics following on from Sydney (2000) and Athens (2004).

Australia finished with a medal haul in the pool of 29 – nine gold, 11 silver, and

nine bronze – placing it seventh out of the 31 nations that medalled.

In Athens, Australia finished tenth on the swimming gold medal table with 35 medals – six gold, 14 silver and 15 bronze – behind China (19 gold).

Sixteen-year-old Tahlia Rotumah (Tweed Heads), the first Indigenous woman to compete at the Paralympics, cut more than one-tenth of a second off her personal best in the 100m, but finished tenth, just outside the finals.

In the women's 200m (T37) event, Tahlia finished fourth in her heat on 13 September, clocking 31.79 seconds, but missed out on qualifying.

Born with cerebral palsy, Tahlia says her disability has never got her into trouble, nor, unfortunately, excused her from helping with the housework.

Away from the track, Tahlia is ranked as a 'Leading Seaman' in the Australian Navy Cadets at unit TS Vampire, and hopes to join the Navy when she is older. Sailing will be one way for Tahlia to escape from her fear of green frogs and get closer to the dolphins and turtles that she loves.

Hopefully she won't make the mistake of sinking a boat again, as she did last year.

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Complaint goes to UN

By DARREN COYNE



THE Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) has followed through with its threat to complain to the

United Nations about Australia's 'racist policies' which it says have starved Aboriginal legal services of funds.

ALRM Chairman Frank Lampard presented a copy of the complaint to a gathering of politicians and media on the steps of South Australia's Parliament House on 16 September.

The complaint asked the UN to investigate 'racist policy and practice' by the Federal and South Australia governments.

Mr Lampard said funding for Aboriginal legal aid had been static for more than a decade, meaning it had fallen by about 40 per cent in real terms, at a time when mainstream legal aid had increased by 120 per cent.

"The unfortunate outcome of such racist policy and practice has resulted in a lack of access to justice by Aboriginal people," Mr Lampard said in his formal written complaint to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

"Repeated requests over at

least the past eight years to the Commonwealth and State governments for additional funding to support ALRM programs ... have been denied, and all avenues for our complaints have been exhausted within Australia."

"We wish for the government ... to be held accountable for its lack of spending on Aboriginal legal aid to Aboriginal people."

Mr Lampard said the Commonwealth and SA governments' refusal to support ALRM legal aid services breached the UN's convention for elimination of racial discrimination.

Support

ALRM Chief Executive Officer Neil Gillespie told *The Koori Mail* the South Australian-based service had received letters of support from other Aboriginal legal services around the country.

Mr Gillespie said the letter to the UN had been written as a result of extreme frustration.

"We have written to politicians, we have written to governments, we have written to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission - what more can we do?" he said.

"There is not much more that we can do short of asking the international community to

put Australia under the microscope."

Mr Gillespie also pointed to a speech made by South Australian Premier Mike Rann in 1991, when he was Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, in relation to Aboriginal deaths in custody.

In that speech to Parliament, Mr Rann said the SA Government would 'support additional funding to the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement to ensure adequate legal representation for Aboriginal people'.

Mr Gillespie said, however, that the South Australian Government had since denied it had any responsibility in funding the service.

He said the situation was appalling.

"It's denying access to justice for Aboriginal people," he said.

"The Commonwealth is a supplementary funder to the State, yet the State says it has no responsibility for Aboriginal legal aid and it's a Commonwealth responsibility."

"We are finding it increasingly frustrating ... It is just unsustainable and that is why this dramatic and drastic step has been taken of referring our complaint to the United Nations."

Mr Gillespie said ALRM needed at least a doubling of funds.



Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Chief Executive Officer Neil Gillespie and Chairman Frank Lampard on the steps of Parliament House, Adelaide



Some of the supporters, politicians and media gathered for the event



Leonie Williamson
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Remote Aust 'failed state'

By DARREN COYNE



REMOTE parts of Australia have been described as a 'failed state' in a report that warns that a failure to recognise the escalating calamity could affect all Australians.

The report by a group made up of politicians, academics, public servants and miners, said the characteristics of a failed state – poverty, violence, a lack of basic services and a lack of government legitimacy – were all realities in more distant parts of the country.

It was produced by a group called remoteFOCUS, which formed after a meeting in Perth in April 2008, and included further consultations at last month's Garna Festival in north-east Arnhem Land.

The project has been facilitated by Desert Knowledge Australia (DKA), and will involve a series of discussions and workshops at the DKA symposium being held in Alice Springs on 3-6 November.

remoteFOCUS chairman Fred Chaney said a national reality check was needed.

"We need new ways of looking at, and meeting this enormous crisis," Mr Chaney said.

The report – released on 15 September – argues that the problems are often fobbed off as being problems of Aboriginality or problems of lack of wealth production, yet dissatisfaction with government is apparent in centres of enormous wealth such as the Pilbara.

"And really the Pilbara is a shining example that the system of government doesn't really work when you get away from the great metropolitan capitals," Mr Chaney said.

Called remoteFOCUS: Revitalising Remote Australia – the report says ineffective government, coupled with the changing nature of the global economy, and the fly-in, fly-out approach of industry, are all factors.

It also says 'the issues in Indigenous settlements were, nevertheless compelling and real'.

They included the large-scale movement of Indigenous people to towns and service centres and the consequence of demographic change in which the Indigenous population was growing at more than twice the rate of others'.

Other factors were the disengagement of Aboriginal people from the mainstream economy, and therefore increased welfare dependency, and the vulnerability of Indigenous governance structures required to cope with the resources boom and the 'new revenue from agreements with resource companies'.

The report calls for change, not only to benefit remote Australia, but all Australians. It warns that the global shift of power means that Australia's vast resources within remote Australia could end up contested by other countries by virtue of the land being considered 'unsettled'.

It also warns that there is no silver bullet and that a new paradigm is required.

The group of experts has proposed greater autonomy for regional Australia, with more capacity for local involvement, less 'government by remote control', and less fly-in, fly-out industry and government.

They say, however, that governments would have to be convinced that there were better ways for them to be effective, and admit it would be a challenge to convince some layers of government to relinquish control.

The group has called for a major public discussion on how remote Australia should be administered, and actively included in a modern, integrated Australian nation.

* The remoteFOCUS: Revitalising Remote Australia report and details of the on-going community engagement process can be found at www.desertknowledge.com.au/remotefocus



FRED CHANEY



Many local residents gathered at Mandurama Reserve at Ambarvale, in western Sydney, in the days following the discovery of Dean Shillingsworth's body. Now his paternal grandmother is seeking answers to questions about a proposed memorial for the toddler.

Left in the dark, says family



THE paternal grandmother of an Aboriginal toddler whose body was found in a suitcase in a duck pond in western Sydney last October says she is angry that she has not been involved in plans for a memorial for the two-year-old.

Ann Coffey and her partner Edmund Caban, from Brewarrina, in north-western NSW, say they're confused and anxious over plans for the memorial for Dean Shillingsworth at Ambarvale.

They say they learned of the memorial plans from an article published recently in the local newspaper, the Macarthur Chronicle.

Dean Shillingsworth's body was discovered on 17 October last year by children playing at a pond in Mandurama Reserve. The body was inside a suitcase and was badly decomposed. Police subsequently arrested Dean's mother, who lived in nearby Rosemeadow. She was charged with Dean's murder.

Many local residents gathered in Mandurama Reserve in the days following the discovery. An impromptu shrine of flowers and toys developed near the water's edge.

Dean's funeral was held in Brewarrina on 1 November and was attended by more than 300 family, friends and community members.

Ms Coffey and Mr Caban say they have only recently become aware that there have been several meetings between organisers of the 'Lake Angel Memorial Fund' and Campbelltown Council.

"If we had known, we would have definitely been involved. We are asked all the time by community people, what is happening, and we can only say that no-one has told us," Ann Coffey said in a statement.

She said she and Mr Caban had made contact with Jason Robbins, a Campbelltown man behind the Sydney memorial held for Dean in December last year where more than \$10,000 in donations was received.

"We asked for assistance to have a memorial headstone placed where Dean is buried in Brewarrina," she said. "Jason was very helpful and he organised for this to be funded through the money raised. A sum of \$1400 was provided for the headstone memorial in Brewarrina and this has since been erected."

Ms Coffey and Mr Caban hope that photos from the Brewarrina memorial will be incorporated into the one planned

for Mandurama.

"This will link the two communities in their memory and spirit of little Dean," they said.

However, the couple say they were treated rudely by a local minister, the Reverend Dave Cole at Rosemeadow Anglican Church, which was auspicing the memorial fund.

They said that they initially asked Rev Cole about supporting the memorial in Brewarrina as well as at Mandurama, but he refused to help and refused to disclose the exact amount of money that had been raised.

The *Koori Mail* spoke to Rev Cole on Friday and he denied the claims, saying that he had been unable to tell Dean's family the amount of money in the memorial fund in December because at that stage the Church had yet to

receive a bank statement. However, he said the fund currently held \$9246.

Rev Cole said the Church had agreed to auspice the funds through a separate bank account because no-one else, including the local Campbelltown Council, was prepared or able to. On this basis, he said, the Church had no say in how the money would actually be spent.

"I certainly don't control the money," he said. "We're really waiting for instructions from the Committee and Jason."

Mr Robbins told *The Koori Mail* he had previously experienced some difficulty in getting information from the Church, but that had now been resolved and he had been advised of the current balance of the account.

Enough money

He said there was enough money in the fund to cover both the Brewarrina and Rosemeadow memorials and this would be a healing and connection point between them.

Mr Robbins said he was hoping to speak directly to Ms Coffey in the near future to confirm reports that the family hoped the Sydney memorial might be unveiled around 1 November.

"All I want to know is what is happening, the date and what will be involved, so I can let the community and the media know and make sure the funds are there," he said.

Ms Coffey too, was hoping for improved communication.

"We have no interest in the money other than wanting to know where it has gone and what it is to be used for. We want to be able to answer questions when people ask us. The public and the family has a right to know," she said.

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Fund misuse claims under investigation



THE Board of National Indigenous Television (NITV) has instigated an independent investigation into

allegations by a former staff member of high-level mismanagement and misuse of public funds.

Neville Perkins was the organisation's company secretary, business development manager and corporate services manager, until March this year.

He is understood to have written to the Federal Government about his concerns in July, after first raising them with the NITV Board in May.

The *Alice Springs News* published details of Mr Perkins' allegations at the end of August and early this month, and NITV Chairperson Larissa Behrendt responded to the newspaper with a letter to its editor published on 11 September.

Professor Behrendt, also a prominent Aboriginal lawyer, told the central Australian newspaper that the NITV Board became

aware of Mr Perkins' claims in June 2008 and 'promptly instituted' an independent investigation into the allegations.

She said the newspaper's coverage of the matter was both inaccurate and defamatory about NITV and several of the company's staff, and the Board of NITV was very proud of the organisation's achievements.

"NITV was formed in 2005 as a result of the hard work of Indigenous media organisations around the country such as Indigenous Community Television, Walpiri Media, Ernabella Video and Television and CAAMA," Professor Behrendt wrote.

"NITV is a not-for-profit company that provides television and multi-platform content that strives for excellence and relevance. We are committed to working towards the objectives for which our organisation was formed."

Professor Behrendt said the Board would make no further comment while the investigation was being concluded.



A spokesperson for NITV told *The Koori Mail* on Saturday that the investigation was expected to take another few weeks.

A spokesman for the Environment, Heritage and Arts Minister Peter Garrett, whose portfolio NITV falls under, said that while the Minister was aware of the allegations, the service was governed by an independent board and it would be inappropriate for Mr Garrett to comment while the



LARISSA BEHRENDT

investigation was under way.

NITV was launched amidst much fanfare in July last year, recently celebrating its first anniversary.

It has a budget of just under \$50 million over four years to buy, commission and broadcast Indigenous programming, and its partnerships with Pay TV giants Foxtel and Austar make it accessible to up to six million Australians.

The service has its head office

in Alice Springs with a second office in Sydney. It is headed by Chief Executive Officer Pat Turner, a former CEO of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission and niece of the late Charles Perkins, and Deputy CEO and Head of Television Paul Remati.

NITV has borne some resentment from remote community broadcasters, who last year warned that the decision to broadcast the service on the second channel of NT commercial Indigenous station Imparja Television, previously carrying material exclusively from remote broadcasters, could be a 'death sentence' for community television.

Neville Perkins was previously a high-level bureaucrat and an Australian Labor Party member of the NT Legislative Assembly.

A nephew of the late Charles Perkins, he is currently chair of the Alice Springs-based Institute of Aboriginal Development (IAD) language resource centre and adult education centre.

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Action pledge from new MP

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL MP Adam Giles has delivered his maiden speech to the Northern Territory Parliament, promising action on Indigenous issues.

Mr Giles, who won the seat of Brailling with a primary vote of 59.2 per cent, said both sides of politics – with only a few exceptions – had failed Aboriginal people.

"What will it take to get people to stop playing politics with this issue and embrace the need to extract Aboriginal people out of the too-hard basket?" Mr Giles said.

"How many schools are there in the Territory that do not have qualified teachers, how much genuine engagement is there about what needs to happen to get kids to school?"

"Maybe we can all take out our budget papers and read the line that says half the budget is spent on Indigenous affairs, and maybe for some that gives a warm feeling at night. For me, that means nothing. Tell me where are the outcomes? Why is it that the Indigenous policy unit for the Territory doesn't have a clue about Indigenous policy?"

"I know this is not going to be fixed tomorrow, but what I also know is that there must be an unqualified determination that this must and will be addressed."

Mr Giles told his fellow parliamentarians that politics was the art of the possible, and that he had a steely determination to bring about

change. "I do not deny that my heritage provides a pillar in the foundations of my beliefs and actions," he said.

"I also do not deny I have a life time more of learning, especially in respect to my culture, both black and white."

"Be there no doubt that I will be seeking action on Indigenous issues. It is a matter on which I intend to be heard during my time in Parliament."

Mr Giles also spoke about the NT Intervention, supporting the approach taken by the former Howard Government.

"All sides of the political arena, all levels of government, have been part of what is a systemic failure, and the monuments of this failure are everywhere to be seen," he said.

"I, like many Australians, will never forget the words I heard from Noel Pearson following the announcement of the Federal intervention: 'Ask the terrified child huddling in the corner when there is a beer drinking party going on down the hall if they want a bit of paternalism.'"

He was critical of what he called 'backhanded political comments'.

"To those who want to challenge the need for education, training and the tough love approach in these communities, take yourself out to one of these communities and see the level of capacity within these communities," he said.

"Look at what needs to happen and ask yourself this: Would it be acceptable in Malak, Fannie Bay, Driver, or Anula? I do not think it would be."

Mutawintji handback celebrated



Some of the rock art in the park.



HUNDREDS of people gathered in outback NSW earlier this month to mark the 10th anniversary of the first national park being returned to Aboriginal ownership in New South Wales.

NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change Director-General Lisa Corbin congratulated the people who had worked in that time to protect and enhance the Mutawintji National Park, 120km north-east of Broken Hill.

"The milestone recognises the ground-breaking work achieved by the traditional owners, Aboriginal Land Council and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) who have paved the way for the return of national parks to traditional owners," she said.

"The Mutawintji Historic Site, within Mutawintji National Park, contains one of the best collections of Aboriginal art in New South Wales, including rock engravings, murals and paintings.



Young Aboriginal dancers at the celebrations in Mutawintji National Park.

"The Historic Site holds great importance to the local Wiimpatja people and serves as an important ceremonial area.

"The traditional owners and local

community celebrated the anniversary with Aboriginal music, dancing, storytelling and cultural tours of the Historic Site."

Returned to the traditional owners on

4 September 1998, Mutawintji is now managed by a partnership between the local Aboriginal community and the NPWS.

"A decade of joint management is a significant achievement," Ms Corbin said.

"This highlights the importance of the involvement of Aboriginal people in the protection and conservation of cultural and heritage sites within our parks and reserves.

"Since the Mutawintji agreement, the NPWS and Aboriginal communities have entered into 15 joint management or co-management agreements for parks in NSW, including Mt Grenfell Historic Site and Mungo and Kinchega National Parks, also located in western NSW.

"Shared management ensures that Aboriginal people have the opportunity to participate in planning and decision-making for parks and reserves, while maintaining access to parks for everyone.

"There are 123 Aboriginal people formally participating in management boards and committees around the State."

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Broncos players get no favours

The investigation of three Brisbane Broncos players over an alleged sexual assault will be no different to any other investigation, Queensland police say.

A 24-year-old woman has alleged she was sexually assaulted in the male toilets of the Alhambra Lounge in inner-city Fortitude Valley on the evening of 13 September. Queensland State of Origin NRL players Karmichael Hunt, Darius Boyd and Sam Thaiday have been helping police with their investigations.

But despite the high profile of the Broncos and its players, acting Police Commissioner Kathy Rynders said it would take up several weeks for the investigation to move forward. -AAP

Award for Gurrumul

Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu is the joint winner of Folk Alliance Australia's 2008 Presenters' Award for his debut album *Gurrumul*.

He shares the prize with Melbourne-based songwriter and performer Bill Jackson's album *Steel and Bone*. The Presenters' Award, announced during the recent Folkbiz 2008 conference, was voted on by folk radio presenters around the country, and recognises excellence in the field of folk music.

Freeman's sad loss

Olympic gold medalist Cathy Freeman and her family are in shock over the sudden death of her brother. Norman Freeman, 34, was a passenger in the front seat of a car that swerved off a road and slammed into the back of a truck in Mackay last Wednesday. He died at the scene.

The female driver was taken to Mackay hospital but her injuries were not life-threatening, while two back-seat passengers were not hurt, police said. -AAP

Back to Toomelah

There are plans for a 'Back to Toomelah' day to be held in the northern NSW community, near Boggabilla, to acknowledge the position of the community's Elders. The theme of the day, planned for 11 November, will be 'Keep on Track'.

Activities will aim to connect local young people with their history, including a flag-raising, barbecue lunch, story-telling and appearances by high-profile sporting identities. For more information or to offer assistance, phone Heather DeCeaux on (0427) 044 003.

Women's business

Women aged 50 to 69 can get information about breast screening services at the NSW Inaugural Aboriginal Rugby League Round Robin Competition at the Newcastle No 1 Sports Ground from 3-6 October. BreastScreen involves a simple breast x-ray that enables the early detection of breast cancer. This is a free service and to obtain further information phone 132 050.

Broadband access

About 800km of fibre optic cable will be laid to connect Arnhem Land communities to broadband in remote areas of the Northern Territory. Telstra, the Northern Territory Government and Rio Tinto Alcan said last Thursday that the joint project would cost \$34 million.

The 800km of fibre optic cable will be laid between Jabiru and Nhulunbuy, connecting nine indigenous communities and the township of Nhulunbuy. -AAP

Boost for Stolen Gens



MEMBERS of the Stolen Generations will soon be able to tell their own stories of

survival, struggle and healing via a new online project.

The \$100,000 project was announced by Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin at a federally-funded health forum in Canberra last week.

Ms Macklin said the project would build on the National Library of Australia's oral history project.

"The *Bringing Them Home* report into the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their families documented the strength and struggles of many thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Ms Macklin said.

"It highlighted how important it is for people affected by the past policies of removal to tell their individual stories.

"And sharing those stories with other Australians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, is an important step in reconciliation.

"It is also an essential part of the healing process and carries on traditional story telling practices."

Ms Macklin said the Government was committed to

From the 'umpire'...

The Registrar General of the Office of Regulatory Services in Canberra has rejected claims by the South Australian Indigenous delegate of the National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) that he has been elected the body's chairperson.

John Browne, the Indigenous chairperson of SA Journey of Healing group, had circulated a press release saying that the NSDC's current executive, led by Helen Moran, had been removed at a meeting in Redfern on 18 August, and replaced with an executive led by him. The meeting involved members of the NSW Sorry Day Committee and the SA Journey of Healing group, who are unhappy with the current executive.

NSDC Secretary Mark Baumgart, on behalf of the NSDC executive, rejected the

practical measures to improve the health of Indigenous people affected by policies of forcible removal.

"These include additional funds of \$15.7 million, announced earlier this year, to support the work of the Bringing

claims, describing the press release as unauthorised.

The *Koori Mail* contacted the Registrar General's office and asked for the matter to be clarified. The Registrar General said he was unable to accept documents 'which are competing but on the face appear correct'.

"As such, the membership of the current committee of the National Sorry Day Committee is as per the public register," the office said. "This committee will remain until such time as the committee changes via an annual general meeting or an order is received from the Supreme Court."

The public register lists the executive members of the NSDC as Helen Moran, Sally Fitzpatrick, Adrienne Cremin, Cara Jones, George Davies and Mark Baumgart. Elizabeth Rothe is listed as the public officer.

Them Home network of counsellors and caseworkers," she said.

"With the employment of another 12 caseworkers this year, we aim to bring the number of reunions to 225, honouring the election

commitment of 1000 reunions over four years."

An Alice Springs-based group, The Central Australian Stolen Generations and Families Aboriginal Corporation, will receive funding for one of those case workers, two counsellors and an administrative assistant.

The group said the extra case worker would help address a five-year backlog of Stolen Generations reunion cases.

The corporation's Chairwoman, Zita Wallace, told ABC radio it had been a frustrating wait for some Stolen Generations members in the region.

"We've got board members who are sitting there waiting," she said.

"They've let others get dealt with before them and they've had their name down to do reunions. We've had board members here who have just sat back and let it happen. So it'll be good for our board members to deal with their grief as well and their reunions."

Meanwhile, Jackie Baxter, who represented the group at the forum, renewed the call for compensation.

She said the healing forum was a step forward but compensation for the NT's Stolen Generations was what was really needed.

Minister sets her priorities

By DARREN COYNE



INCREASING the number of Aboriginal foster carers and caseworkers is a priority for Linda Burney, the new NSW Minister for Community

Services. Just 10 days into her new portfolio, the first Aboriginal Minister in the NSW Parliament told *The Koori Mail* she was 'thrilled' with the new challenge.

Ms Burney was elevated to the position after a Cabinet reshuffle, which followed the appointment of Nathan Rees as Premier and Carmel Tebbutt as Deputy Premier.

She said there was an over-representation of Aboriginal children being cared for by the Department of Community Services, with Aboriginal children accounting for 17 per cent of reports.

Ms Burney said that only seven per cent of caseworkers within the department were Aboriginal - a number she would like to see increased.

She said one of her priorities was to increase the number of Aboriginal caseworkers, and although a lot of children were in kinship care arrangements, there was a broad need for more foster carers.

"It's very clear to me after just 10 days in the portfolio that we need to be doing better in these areas," she said.

Ms Burney said it was important to place children in culturally appropriate situations.



NSW Minister Linda Burney

And she said the Wood Commission of Inquiry into the Department of Community Services, due on 31 December, would provide a welcome opportunity to improve services.

"That is obviously a high priority as it will be the most significant reform package for child protection in NSW in decades," she said.

"I'm very familiar with the terms of reference. They are very wide-ranging. The inquiry is examining the child protection system and it will make recommendations to change and strengthen the system.

Ms Burney acknowledged public confidence in the department had been rocked by three cases last year which involved the death of children, including the death of Aboriginal toddler Dean Shillingsworth whose body was found in a pond in western Sydney.

"They were cases where the agency was found wanting," she said.

She assured *The Koori Mail* that the findings of the commission would be taken 'extremely seriously'.

"It certainly won't be shoved on a shelf and ignored," she said. "There will be a close examination of the findings, but at this stage I don't want to pre-empt the inquiry," she said.

Ms Burney believes her experience in politics, and public life, has prepared her well for the challenges of being Minister for Community Services.

She was elected to NSW Parliament in 2003 and is the Member for Canterbury. Prior to entering Parliament, she was the President of the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG), and Chair of the NSW National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Policy Co-ordinating Committee.

Ms Burney is Vice-president of the Australian Labor Party (ALP) and in December she will become its first female Indigenous national president.

She said she believed that being Aboriginal provided her with an insight, which was invaluable to doing her job properly.

Wujal Wujal praised

By Cairns correspondent
CHRISTINE HOWES



A TINY community on the northern end of the Daintree Rainforest on Cape York, north Queensland, has achieved one of the best rental payment records in Australia, according to the

State Government.

Queensland Housing Minister Robert Swarten said the community of Wujal Wujal was leading the way in improving housing conditions for its population of just under 400 people, who live in less than 100 properties.

"The community should be proud of its achievements. It is great to see this community playing its part in ensuring residents have safe and secure accommodation," Mr Swarten said.

"Their commitment to improving housing in their community is to be applauded and local people are benefitting as a result.

"I also want to acknowledge the efforts of tenants who are paying their rent on time and helping us maintain their properties.

"The Department of Housing matches rent payments in Wujal Wujal dollar for dollar, providing these funds direct to the council to spend on new housing or upgrades to existing housing.

"The result has been a noticeable improvement in the quality of houses in Wujal Wujal."

Mayor Desmond Tayley said an agreement between the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council and the



A view of the north Queensland community of Wujal Wujal and, right, Mayor Desmond Tayley.

department has resulted in 99 per cent of rents being collected, with some families even being in advance.

"I really take my hat off to Wujal residents who have been very supportive of this program and they've really embraced it," he said.

"The housing officers have been in for the past four years and they've been doing very well.

"Over the past 18 months we've had people come in from the Department of Housing and they're using Wujal as a training ground."

Mr Swarten said department staff were working well with other stakeholders

in the community such as Centrelink, QBuild, Home and Community Care (HACC), the Police, Department of Child Safety and Queensland Health to improve the lives of residents in Wujal Wujal.

Improved

"In particular, a reduction in overcrowding and improved condition of the homes is a significant achievement which will eventually lead to improved well-being for members of the community," Mr Swarten said.

Mr Tayley said the success of the Wujal Wujal housing strategy could be attributed to five factors:



- Tenant education
 - Close and better working relations with families on payment plans
 - Adoption of wage deduction strategy as opposed to bank deductions
 - Constant regular visits by Department of Housing staff
 - A good working relationship between the Council and housing staff
- He said he hoped Wujal Wujal's solution to problems in tenancy management could signal a new era for dealing with Indigenous issues across the board. "There are lessons to be learned from this success story for a number of Government Departments," he said.



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Disabilities in the spotlight

By SAMANTHA DEAN



THE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Disability Network of Queensland (ATSIDNQ) held a gathering at the State Library of Queensland last week to draw attention to the

culturally specific needs of Indigenous Australians with disabilities.

Indigenous people with disabilities, their family and friends shared lunch and refreshments in the Talking Circle of Kuril Dhagun as support for those in need was affirmed.

ATSIDNQ member Willie Prince said the network aimed to highlight issues relating to Indigenous people with a disability, which were not well addressed by mainstream support services.

"These are crucial and critical issues relating to culture, protocol, language and gender," he said.

"It is a matter of educating our community of the issues that were long ago addressed by mainstream services."

Since its formation in 2005, the network has been working to raise awareness of

the issue through a process of 'culturally appropriate communication'.

While some progress has been made in the form of a national Indigenous disability network, which includes representatives from all States except Tasmania and Victoria, ATSIDNQ steering committee member Alan Parsons called for a stand-alone organisation to represent Aboriginal people with disabilities.

"While it is important to retain cultural

'Aboriginal people have been struggling for over 200 years – we're not going to give up' – Alan Parsons

and family connections, we need to realise the importance of uniting as one group, with one voice," he said.

The fledgling ATSIDNQ receives support from the Queenslanders with Disability Network Inc and Access Arts, which provides equipment and transport support to members in order to further the development of the network.

Despite many barriers and obstacles, Mr Parsons said that the organisation's members would continue to strive to unite and connect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disabilities.

"Aboriginal people have been struggling for over 200 years – we're not going to give up," he said.

Mr Prince, an accomplished sportsperson and torchbearer for the 2000 Paralympic Games, said the increased barriers and obstacles for Indigenous peoples with disabilities was a worldwide problem.

"When the UN adopted a resolution to protect the rights of the disabled, cultural issues weren't addressed," he said.

"The issues we are highlighting here today are very similar amongst indigenous cultures from other parts of the world."

Those at the function were treated to a performance of spiritual song by Auntie Delma Barton and were also given the opportunity to share their opinions.

For more information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Disability Network of Queensland, phone (07) 3252 8566 or email gdn@gdn.org.au



Willie Prince speaking ... "These are crucial and critical issues relating to culture..."



Auntie Delma Barton performing.



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Robinson to appeal conviction



FORMER ATSIC Commissioner 'Sugar' Ray Robinson, who has been found guilty of using his position for an improper purpose, says he will appeal the court decision.

A Toowoomba District Court jury handed down its verdict on 9 September after deliberating for several hours.

Robinson, 62, was found guilty of two counts of using his position as ATSIC

Commissioner for improper purposes arising from two letters he sent in 2004 in support of the sale of 10 vehicles belonging to Charleville-based Aboriginal agencies.

The prosecution argued no Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) approval had been obtained for the sale of the vehicles and that \$45,000 of the \$114,000 raised by the sale had been used by Robinson to fund a court case he was involved in at the time.

Judge Nicholas Samios released Robinson on a three-year good behaviour bond and ordered him to repay \$45,000 to the Commonwealth.

"I'll be appealing that ... if necessary we'll go all the way to the High Court of Australia," Robinson told ABC Radio the day after the decision.

"Indigenous people have not got a good record with juries in Toowoomba. I'm devastated that this (court case) was shifted from Charleville to Toowoomba."

The court heard that Robinson, in two letters, advised the car dealer involved that Bidjara CDEP and Bidjara South West Queensland Legal Service had the right to sell their vehicles without ATSIC approval, even though ATSIC had funded their acquisition in the first place.

Robinson's barrister Terry Gardiner told the court his client had provided decades of service to the community and had been instrumental in setting up a number of 'model' Aboriginal organisations. - AAP

Documentary details risks to our kids

Focus on threat to children



Fiona Stanley joins kids from Jigalong for a swim in the community pool.



THE obesity epidemic in Australia is a threat of such magnitude it is compared to climate change in

a new television documentary on child health, to be screened early next month.

In *Risking Our Kids*, one of Australia's leading scientists and experts on children's health, Fiona Stanley, takes viewers on a journey through some frightening statistics, including the fact that 25 per cent of young Australians are overweight or obese, and this rate is expected to reach 65 per cent by 2020.

While the statistics on rates of asthma, youth suicide, preparedness for school, mental health, alcoholic intake and toddler hospitalisation relate to Australian society across the board, special note is made of the fact that 50 per cent of the Aboriginal population is under the age of 19 and a large section of the program is devoted to Professor Stanley's work in Aboriginal communities.

Viewers follow her to Port Hedland in Western Australia's Pilbara region where she travels to support a group of young mainly Aboriginal teenagers who are addressing the local council at an extraordinary meeting called to hear their ideas.

Youth leader Rene Simpson reports back some of the comments made at their Shout Out youth workshop: "They are saying stuff like, family too much drinking, got nowhere safe to go, too much stress on the younger



Professor Fiona Stanley with members of the Hedland Youth Leadership Council.

kids to help out with the babies, and racism.

"Although you can't see it, it's still here in this town."

The Mayor of Port Hedland tells how local children had input into the design of the skate park.

"All our research shows that communities that put children and young people in the middle of their planning are the best communities for everybody," says Prof Stanley.

The Founder of The Telethon Institute for Child Health Research in Perth and 2003 Australian of the Year, Professor Stanley then meets with local primary school teachers.

"After the parents, primary school teachers and early childhood educators are the most important people for the well-being of children," she tells them.

"As an increasing number of Australian adults are not able to

parent effectively, you actually become crucial."

Prof Stanley then travels to the Aboriginal community of Jigalong, 350km south-east of Port Hedland, and revels in the chance to splash about in a community pool with Aboriginal kids.

Results

Jigalong was one of the communities chosen by the Institute for a six-year study on the effect of public swimming pools on Aboriginal children, and the results are surprising.

Before the study, seven in 10 Aboriginal children had a middle-ear infection whereas after, the figure had reduced by 61 per cent.

Similarly, the rate of skin infections which also stood at seven in 10 before the study, decreased by 68 per cent after,

And there were other spin-off effects. "I think it was the parents that came and said it would be really good if you had a rule that you can't go into the pool unless you've been to school," said Prof Stanley.

She said a lot of people had a very negative perception of Jigalong and Port Hedland, but as viewers watch her interacting with Aboriginal kids and posing for photos with them she ponders: "If all these families are so dysfunctional, if all these communities are so dysfunctional, why do they make you feel so good?"

She says researchers have let down Aboriginal people by not involving them in setting the agenda nor on deciding how the research information ought to be used, resulting in a string of 'shameful' bad news stories in the media about 'Aboriginal rates of

this and that'. "Can you imagine how that feels?" she said.

"What researchers should be doing for Aboriginal communities is researching things that are important for them because they know more about their circumstances than we do."

"So the whole idea is to involve Aboriginal people and have them take control of much of the research agenda. That's going to take a while, but it's been a really exciting road to do that."

The Institute's Kulunga Research Network is the leading Aboriginal science group in the country and is participating in a WA Aboriginal child research survey which is showing 'beyond doubt' the collective harm of being raised in a household affected by forcible removals.

Forty per cent of Aboriginal children aged 0-18 are raised in a household where either a parent or grandparent has been forcibly removed.

Associate Professor Colleen Hayward, of the Kulunga Research Network, says Aboriginal people are some of the most over-researched people in the world.

"But very often research is something that's being done to us, or at us, or about us," she said.

"This was actually a conscious move to involve Aboriginal people. So it was us at the cutting face, and us actually doing the research about us, telling our own, and each other's stories."

● *Risking Our Kids*, ABC1, Tuesday 7 October at 8.30pm.

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



Quote



"...as an Aboriginal man and an educator, I could not lie to them (parents of students at VCOKE campuses) that they had a quality school"

— Leading Indigenous educator and review co-author Chris Sarra

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Unquote

Why can't we have it all?

The writing has been on the wall for Victoria's specialised Koorie (spelt with a 'e' with deference to our cousins over the border) schools/campuses for some time now.

So, while Thursday's decision by the Brumby Government to radically remodel or effectively scrap them is unpalatable to some community members, it would not have come as too much of a surprise.

In some ways, the campuses had become something of a sacred cow.

The prospect of schools which gave Aboriginal kids an education steeped in their culture and made them feel good about their identity is wildly attractive and, we would venture, what all governments and educators should strive for.

But once it was revealed in last year's review that the overall academic performance of children enrolled at the campuses was appallingly low, teachers, parents and the rest of the school communities had less room to move.

The fact that many of the kids who have ended up at VCOKE have done so because mainstream schools failed in their duty to them should not be lost on anyone.

But the saying 'there's no such thing as a bad student, just teachers who can't realise the good in them' is as true for Indigenous-specific schools as it is for others. The results will always speak for themselves. The question was how best to turn those results around.

Indigenous affairs is in a constant state of change, which in itself has proved debilitating. In recent years, mainstreaming has become fashionable. Many in our community would argue that mainstreaming of services usually



OUR SAY

happens after Indigenous-specific options have been deprived of the oxygen, and often funds, they need to really work.

That may not be the case here. We're no experts, but suspect \$29,000 per child and teacher/student ratios of one to three is not too unhealthy.

In this particular case, the Brumby Government has decided the best way forward is mainstreaming, and it has the backing of arguably Australia's top Indigenous educator in Chris Sarra.

This decision will be unpopular but, in the end, parents will do what they need to do to give their children the best of both, or all, worlds.

To prove its commitment to positive change rather than change for change's sake, the Brumby Government must do a couple of things. It must bring parents and school communities on board by proving that they will involve them in a truly meaningful way in the cultural aspects of their children's education. It must properly resource the changes. And it must wield as big a stick with mainstream principals and teachers to do the right thing as it has with those in the Koorie campuses.

We want to believe that Chris Sarra is right, that our kids can have it all — culture and academic excellence. They deserve it.

A Yarn With...



Shorna Pichugin

Admin Officer and Patient Support Worker at 'The Purple House', Alice Springs

Favourite food?

I love all food but, if I have to choose, chilli chicken pasta.

Favourite bush tucker?

Grilled butter fish.

Favourite drink?

Cappuccino.

Favourite music?

I like John Butler and Jack Johnson.

What are you watching on TV?

Farmer Wants a Wife and Footprints on Imparja.

Favourite movie?

Forgetting Sarah Marshall and Ten Caneos. What can I say, I'm a Gemini!

What are you reading?

The Pact, by Jodi Picoult.

Favourite sport of leisure activity?

My dog Nunie. She's a chocolate Labrador.

What do you like in life?

Travelling and fishing. Every time I go on holidays I go fishing. I always catch more fish than my partner Jason.

What do you dislike in life?

People who are cruel to animals.

Who would you most like to meet and why?

Cathy Freeman, because she's an inspiration.

What has been your greatest highlight in life so far?

I lived in London for two years, doing PA work. It was an experience, seeing different cultures, enjoying good food.

If you could change one thing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, what would it be?

I would find a way to preserve our cultures.



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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Gerald F Lieberman (1923-1986), Brooklyn-born freelance writer and author once said: "It is unfair to believe everything we hear about lawyers. Some of it might not be true."

THE other day I received a phone call from my barrister and former classmate Andrew See asking if I'd mind if he brought another barrister and Marist College old boy along to our pre-arranged meeting.

As Andrew and I are mutual preys to an era that yielded no great academic achievement, or at least not on my part, but evokes a reflective camaraderie that transcends the racial divide and class status that accompanied us to our initial meeting as boarders back in 1976, I thought the extra company from our old school would enliven discussions.

I'm generally amenable to meeting my barrister's legal associates on informal occasions whenever I'm in the city on business from Toowoomba, as it provides me with a privileged occasion to casually seek their counsel on elements of law that could influence aspects of my outstanding civil cases.

Andrew, who represented me in most of my cases in recent years, regularly sends me emails, along with other classmates of '77, on interesting public news items of Marist old boys. These partisan stories are as diverse as Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, who attended Ashgrove in 1971, to Michael Bohl, coach of gold medal swimming sensation Stephanie Rice, who was a couple of years behind us at school, to updates on John Eales, former Rugby Union World Cup captain, and Mathew Hayden, current Australian cricket opener.

I'm grateful that my classmates are able to find the time in their busy schedule to email me, and the rest of the '77 class, snippets of information about those with connection to our private Catholic school positioned purposefully on top of the highest hill in the leafy

Qld legal eagle will soar



Nathan Jarro, columnist Stephen Hagan and Andrew See in Brisbane.

suburb of Ashgrove on Brisbane's north side.

Maybe the constant stream of communication from my classmates after 30 years is a private school fetish that has its origin back in the mother country, growing out of necessity to relieve the boredom of life after boarding school, or perhaps more plausible, as a consequence of more organised social posturing from old boys that strategically secures their ongoing business networks.

On this occasion however, I was further excited at the prospect of catching up with another Ashgrove old boy as I was told by Andrew that not only was he a prominent barrister but that he was also of Indigenous heritage.

The only other information supplied on the identity of Andrew's barrister friend, in his typically economic email, was that he was married to another lawyer who so happens to be the daughter of the State's highest judicial figure – Queensland Chief Justice Paul de Jersey.

So keen was I to catch up for the first time with this legal eagle on the rise that I arrived ahead of our planned time and sat at the alfresco diner staring at the pedestrians going about their business in busy George Street a mere metre or so away, in between reading the headlines of *The Australian*.

As I sat pondering whether Andrew's friend was strongly connected to his mob, I felt the presence of two suited gentlemen approach my table.

I guess time had sneaked up on me and there I was fumbling my way to my feet whilst placing the paper on the spare seat at the table set for four.

I was instantly in awe at the ease with which the strikingly handsome Nathan Jarro greeted me, while casually acknowledging the vast majority of customers seated at adjacent tables. (I later discovered the coffee house was a popular diner for legal professionals).

Unassuming

Immaculately dressed in a Hong Kong special designer suit, Herringbone shirt and tie, mandatory gleaming black shoes and the conspicuous Emporio Armani watch (a gift from wife Ali for his 30th), this confident and unassuming Ashgrove old boy engaged Andrew and I in small talk about our shared school history before entertaining probing questions from me on his family connections.

I'm so conscious of solicitors and barristers unwittingly glancing at their watches, as if billing at an exorbitant rate per minute, that I felt compelled to hastily ask Nathan questions about his mob before a

pre-determined call from his secretary became an 'out' for wrapping up the session.

I need not have worried about time or his self-identity because as soon as Nathan said his father had connections to Woorabinda and his mother to Inala – discrete rural and urban communities respectively that are synonymous with our mob in Queensland – I knew I wouldn't have to be cautious in my approach for fear of offending.

Nathan said his father Rod, a Ghungalu man (Central Qld), and his mother Ngaire, a Bidjara woman (Carnarvon Gorge), made huge sacrifices to send him and his brothers, Rod and BJ, to Marist Ashgrove to provide them with the best education opportunities.

Nathan said he had fond memories of Ashgrove and enjoyed the company of his mates in competition in class and on the soccer field.

He commented that he initially deliberated on pursuing a career as a commercial pilot after school, but recalled his Nan and grandfather imploring him to test his ability at law, where he could make a bigger contribution to society by changing attitudes in general to Indigenous people.

Fortunately for the legal profession and Indigenous people broadly, Nathan chose to stay on terra firma and now only ventures skywards when rushing off to

business meetings or vacation with Ali, his wonderful wife of two years.

Nathan said he met Ali when she worked as an associate for Justice Muir in the Supreme Court before she went on to further her career in another field. Nathan worked for Justice Moynihan before Ali encouraged him to chance his hand as a barrister years later.

More precisely, Nathan said the time was right to pursue a career as a barrister because he "...always wanted to present a client's case in court, to help those less fortunate" and because "...I got sick of six-minute units working as a solicitor in a private law firm".

Ironically, Nathan said he wanted to feel the freedom of not having to report to a boss or to ask for holidays etc – despite the fact that he can't recall the last time he took a holiday – or sick day, for that matter.

Nathan said he was planning a holiday with Ali to Hawaii in November where he hopes to put his feet up, drink his favourite New Zealand sauvignon blanc and read a book his aunt, Jackie Huggins, bought him recently: *Dreams for my Father*, by US Presidential hopeful Barack Obama.

At least in Hawaii he won't have to worry about missing his favourite Brisbane Lions AFL team, which has exited the regular season early for the summer recess – unless of course they're enjoying the famous Waikiki Beach on their end-of-season trip away.

The only regret Nathan will have of taking a long-overdue holiday is that he won't be able to walk his prize West Highland Terrier dog every day. Nathan said walking Harry and being vigilant with his diet is his way of maintaining his lean physique.

He does admit, however, that his mother's roasts, finished with bread-and-butter pudding, requires an extra kilometre or two with Harry in tow to shed any excess weight.

In his spare time, if you can call it that, Nathan raises money for the Brisbane Boys College Indigenous Trust Fund of which he is a director and his father-in-law is a patron. This fund is set up to ensure Indigenous boys are able to attend this prestigious boys' college and, of course, with the spin-off effect of exposing students and staff to their Indigenous culture.

He also tutors Indigenous law students at Queensland University of Technology's Oodgeroo Unit, and is involved in the Kooemba Jdarra Performing Arts Centre and the Indigenous Lawyers Association of Queensland.

When I asked him what he would like to be doing in 10 years, an emphatic "...doing the same thing but only busier and more successful" rejoinder was all that needed to be said.

I've no doubt that this ambitious young barrister will succeed in his goals and will go on to be a role model for countless aspiring Indigenous lawyers in much the same way as his role models, Charles Perkins, Judge Bob Bellair, Lloyd McDermott and Ernie Dingo, were to him.

I thanked my good buddy Andrew for introducing me to Nathan, and after enjoying a second skinny flat white we shook hands and headed off in different directions, all consciously looking down at our watches as we descended the flight of stairs to busy George Street.

So the next time you hear a cynical joke about lawyers, be sure to heed Gerald F Lieberman's advice: "It is unfair to believe everything we hear about lawyers. Some of it might not be true."

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Compliments are fine, but...

YESTERDAY I was walking down the street on my way home from the shops. I was minding my business, enjoying the sun and thinking about nothing at all. A minute later, I saw an old friend of mine walking along just ahead of me. I hadn't seen him in a long time but I was sure it was him.

I sang out to him and he looked at me, but he kept walking. Hmm, that's weird, I thought. He was acting like he didn't know me!

Then I thought maybe we weren't friends any more and in fact we hated each other (you know how it happens - you done something or they done something many years ago that made you enemies and now you forget what it was?)

I couldn't think of anything bad that happened between us so I called out to



Ms KOORI LOVE

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him again. That got his attention. He stopped and looked at me hard, looked away, looked at me hard again, then...snap! Something clicked in him and he wandered over to me.

"Hey watcha doin' there? I thought you were calling out to that fulla ova there. I didn't think such a fine looking woman would be calling out to me! I didn't even recognise you," he said.

We had a bit of a catch up about life and love then we said our goodbyes. He kissed me on the cheek and said 'whatever it is you're doing, keep it up sexy'. Swoon, swoon, swoon. Blush, blush, blush.

For the rest of the day I kept replaying in my mind what this sweet-talker said to me. It was great for my ego! Being told I'm sexy and fine-looking made me think that, yes indeed, I am sexy and fine.

When someone else tells you something it just feels more real, doesn't it? Even though I think I'm pretty okay I can believe it more

when I'm told it by someone else.

It's a day later now and the compliments are starting to fade in my mind.

You see, even though I like the sweet-talking compliments, I don't need them to feel good about myself. I take them in a bit, but don't completely change my views or thinking because of what was said.

If I did, I'd be out crawling the streets for more compliments, doing something I didn't like for more compliments or even living with someone who makes me feel good about myself 'cos I can't feel good about myself on my own. Now that'd be terrible Murtle.

● Add Ms Koori Love as a friend on Facebook! And check out my group <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/aboriginalsingles/>

Standards set for assessing basis of claim

RECENT Federal Court hearings reviewing a decision not to register a native title claim in Queensland have caused speculation on how claims will now be affected. The effect has been minimal.

The Gudjala native title application review has set out standards for assessing the factual basis of claims. However, the information required from claimants has changed little and native title applications are progressing normally through the system.

Native title begins with an application to the Federal Court. This may sound simple, but the clarity and detail of the application can affect how a claim progresses in the system.

The registration of a native title application gives claimants some important rights, like the right to negotiate about the grant of some mining tenements, and certain other procedural rights. Getting the application right is the key.

To pass the registration test, an application must satisfy criteria set out in the Native Title Act which include clear descriptions of the claim area and the native title group; what rights and interests are claimed; a sufficient factual basis for the rights and interests claimed (some facts that support the claim to having a traditional connection to country); and other, mostly procedural, conditions.

As part of a native title application, claimants are required to provide a factual basis for their claim. This can be done by providing statements from the claimants or other information about



NATIVE TITLE AND YOU

with National Native Title Tribunal Acting Registrar
FRANKLIN GAFFNEY

their traditional connection to the land claimed.

It is also possible to provide this information through reports from experts such as anthropologists, although this will not be necessary if the statements provided in an application are comprehensive.

As Registrar, I must also be satisfied that at least one member of the native title claim group currently has, or previously had, a traditional physical connection with any part of the land or waters claimed.

If the claim does not satisfy the registration test conditions it will not be accepted for registration. However, unless the application is dismissed by the Federal Court, a claim group can still pursue a determination of native title with their unregistered application.

If an application is not accepted for registration then the claimants have the option to request a reconsideration of their claim by a Tribunal Member (this only applies to claims made or amended in the Federal Court after 1 September 2007) or a review of the decision by the Federal Court. The claimants could also amend their application to meet the registration requirements.

The registration decision for the Gudjala native title application was reviewed by Justice Dowsett in August 2007 and an appeal to the Full Federal Court was recently allowed, finding that the court's initial approach used a more onerous standard than the Native Title Act required. The matter has been referred back to Justice Dowsett, who may provide further guidance on what is required for a factual basis in support of a claim.

Any groups considering making new claims or amending their claims should consult the guide *Native title claimant applications: a guide to understanding the requirements of the registration test*, available at the Tribunal website www.nntt.gov.au, and the Federal Court decision in *Gudjala #2 v Native Title Registrar*. Further information can be obtained by contacting Louise Bygrave, Senior Registration Delegate, on free-call 1800 640 501 or on (02) 9235 6300.



Government of
South Australia

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE STATE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, The Hon Jay Weatherill MP invites applications from Aboriginal persons who wish to be considered for membership on the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee.

The term of appointment is two-years.

The Committee is established under Section 7 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act (1988)* (the Act) to represent the interests of Aboriginal people throughout the State in the protection and preservation of Aboriginal heritage.

Written applications are sought from members of the community who possess skills that will contribute to the effective functioning of the Committee.

Applicants must be Aboriginal people who can demonstrate that they have knowledge and experience in the following areas:

- What do you know about the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee (SAHC) South Australia;
- What do you know about the *Aboriginal Heritage Act (1988)* South Australia;
- Give examples of your ability to advocate on behalf of Aboriginal people within a region and state-wide on issues relating to the protection and preservation of Aboriginal heritage;
- Give examples of situations where you have had to think and act strategically to achieve positive outcomes;
- Give examples of your experience in matters related to Aboriginal cultural heritage on your 'country' in South Australia.

Applicants should include a contact telephone number and the names and telephone numbers of two referees.

Persons appointed to the committee will receive remuneration in line with established Government guidelines.

An information pack can be obtained from Ms Leata Clarke (Executive Officer - SAHC) by either telephone: (08) 8226 6200 or 1800 127 001 (toll free), fax: (08) 8226 0390 or email: clarke.leata@dpcsa.gov.au

Applications must be received by 5.00pm on Friday 24th October 2008.

Please address it to:

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YOUR SAY



Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) National Director Gary Highland says that new NSW Premier Nathan Rees (pictured) should act quickly to tackle child abuse in NSW Aboriginal communities.

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A rep body, our style

INDIGENOUS Australians very successfully managed our island continent for tens of thousands of years in harmony with nature, as one with the land, without elections or written languages, governments, taxes, money, gaols, churches, unions, schools etc.

Given this, it is my opinion that an Indigenous representative body can, and should, have its own Indigenous style, and that it should be left to Indigenous people to choose how to form it.

The land comes first and we look after it, because the land looks after us.

At the time of European settlement, by all accounts, our population exceeded one million people.

All of the 520,000+ remaining Indigenous Australians should be informed of the proposed body and asked to consider participating in a ballot to select participants, who will form the structure and style of the representative body.

Those interested in participating should register their interest and be issued a

registration number in preparation for a very high-profile, public ballot to select those who will participate by sortition*.

Consider the possibility that Indigenous people participating in an Indigenous body be selected randomly by sortition from across the broad demographics of people who indicate a willingness to be part of the process of directing the future for Indigenous Australians.

The purpose of sortition is to ensure participation of all elements of Indigenous community, the integrity of the panel and to prevent the outside influence of groups with second agendas.

All people selected must be enabled to participate in the body in person or remotely by electronic means from anywhere.

The agenda for the Indigenous Body should be determined by Indigenous people.

Sortition-selected representatives should be remunerated with salary conditions and expenses no less than elected Federal Parliamentarians.

The benefits of this would be fair representation, unbiased decisions, elimination of costly elections, and minimising of corruption.

'All power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely.' This famous insight by Lord John Dalberg-Acton has served as a warning to people for over 300 years, yet it is a valid warning even today.

When Lord Acton wrote this warning, the world around him was filled with monarchs with varying degrees of power – some absolute, like the strong kings of France, and of course many others with some form of restraint on their power. His world was undeniably a world of great corruption.

Today, much of the world is ruled by democracies that claim to represent the people of their nation, yet few would deny corruption is still a problem. However, even if corruption could be totally eliminated from these democracies, they would still exhibit some fundamental flaws that are endemic to electoral politics.

Demarchy is a new form of democratic government that preserves, and even extends, the benefits of traditional democracy, yet eliminates its fundamental problems. (Kevin Albrecht April 27, 2005 Demarchy: The Ideal Democracy).

I am not advocating demarchy. The sortition-selected Indigenous representatives will make a choice as to how the body is to be formed.

The point is, there are alternatives to an elected body to be explored.

The newDemocracy Foundation, founded by Luca Bellegrino-Nettis, at www.newdemocracy.com.au is an excellent reference in this area. newDemocracy are promoting a process, rather than an outcome. The process being engaging with the broader public and allowing them to deliberate on a better system.

SHANE MORTIMER

A proud member of the Ngamb Local Area Land Council
Canberra, AC

Stories must still be told



Writers Philip McLaren, Alexis Wright and Tara June Winch took part in a writers' festival session titled *The Great Australian Story*.

I AM one of the fortunate people who were a part of the Guwanyi National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Writers' Festival held at the NSW Writers' Centre on Saturday, 6 September.

It was indeed a privilege to be included.

The event had a very warm, friendly atmosphere, with much activity happening as well as time to share.

There were people who had never met before sitting and talking, forming new friendships.

Amidst much activity, the workshops were all on time and well organised.

However, I saw that festival as a huge step forward in Aboriginal literature and Aboriginal storytelling.

In the past, most of what

was written about us Aboriginal people was written by non-Indigenous people, and with respect for how well most of it was written, it lacked that blackfella perspective and flavour.

I'm from the era of sitting around a campfire listening to Elders telling their stories. Those stories lasted forever. I can still see the expressions on the faces of the tellers and much of it in very basic English with splashes of the lingo thrown in. Unforgettable stuff.

However, we have moved on with television and DVDs replacing those days, so our storytelling now has to be in the written form, and my experience is that the young people are interested and do read what we write.

I wasn't a storyteller to our children and when I decided to start telling the stories, it was too late, they'd grown up and moved away.

But I have recently had my late mother's biography, *Memoirs of the Corner Country*, the story of May Hunt, published and it is being read with great excitement by my siblings and their following generations, as well as many friends. As Indigenous writers, we are able to indulge in more personal details with safety. I believe that there will be a considerable shift in what publishers will adjust to as the general public get to hear our stories from between the pages of books.

HAROLD HUNT, JP
St Marys, NSW

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Your Say

Another Paralympian

IN the 'Quote, Unquote' section of *The Koori Mail* (edition 434), you have Tahlia Rotumah as the first Indigenous athlete to compete in the Paralympics. I would like to point out that while it is fantastic that Tahlia was chosen to represent this country as a paralympian, she is not the first Indigenous athlete.

A young Noongar man named Karl Feifar-Nannup competed in the 1992 Paralympic Games in Barcelona, winning a gold medal for his 4x100m relay, and also a silver in the long jump. Before Karl was Kevin Coombs, who was the first ever Aboriginal paralympian to represent his country.

So please, before giving others misleading information, clarify facts first. Tahlia is the first female Indigenous athlete to compete in the Paralympics.

LISA JACKSON
By email

You are correct, Lisa. Indeed, in the very same Koori

Mail edition (434), we carried a story (P81) about Paralympians Kevin Coombs and Ben Austin, who came before Tahlia Rotumah. We have since researched Karl Feifar and records from the 1992 Barcelona Paralympics show that amputee Karl won gold in the men's 4x100m relay (TS2,4) and silver in the men's long jump (J2). – Editor

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YOUR POETRY

Aboriginal Australian

People only think about reconciliation during Reconciliation Week. Throughout the year they'd turn to show the other cheek. Some say sorry, but they don't mean what they say. For them it's just words through another day.

Aboriginal Australians face more than they should. The Government don't help, but I wish they would. People stereotype the Aboriginal race. But theirs I never do disgrace.

Drugs, no school, drinkers, that's all they know of a people with so much more to show.

I hold my head up so high. For my race, I would die. For my people, I am proud. I'd shout this song out loud, 'Red, black and yellow the colours of the flag, Red, black and yellow makes me really proud, I'll fly it in the sky, So everyone can see, That red, black and yellow. That's the flag for me.'

Coming together, that's what we need. We need to reconcile so much indeed. Respect each other, harmonise. To understand this you needn't be wise.

SALOTE BOVORO
Aged 14
Adelaide, SA

Walking Free

My freedom is gone, four walls all around. The gate slams shut, it's a haunting sound. I am a young man trapped in a cage, I am a young man filled with anger and rage. My head is full of fear. But that is something you hide when you're locked up in here.

At night you can hear the cries of pain. Young men all around are going

insane. I dream of hunting and fishing in the deep ocean sea, I dream of meeting the real me, That's when the spirits appear and I slowly start to see, They ask me the question 'Is this all you want to be?'

Slowly, things start to become clear, Slowly, my pain starts to disappear, It was in my dreams I found the real me. It was in my dreams I found I was an Aborigine.

My culture came through me as I did my time, My culture made me realise that there was more to life than alcohol, drugs and petty crime. While I did my time, I got my calling, No longer was I a lost soul falling, falling, falling.

Days went by and the months soon past, And I walked free a proud young half-caste. Eleven year have past and I've proved everyone wrong, I told you all I would be free forever long. I will never forget my crooked start, But the life I live now is a world apart. Make the same choices and you will see, There are greater rewards when you're walking free.

JEREMY DONOVAN
Indigenous Youth
Officer and
performer
Caboolture, Qld

Black Cockatoos

Whilst sipping my tea I hear squawking outside. A lone cockatoo sails by with pride.

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It pushes the air With powerful wings Gliding with grace It screechingly sings.

Off to its favourite Casuarina tree For a bit of dinner By the sea.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Errol Bay, NSW

Goldfields mourn passing of Sadie Canning, a ... Favourite daughter

'You have an indefinable connection to your own country, drawn from what you have learnt from parents, relatives and other Wongatha people all through your life' - Sadie Canning.

THE Goldfields Aboriginal community is much poorer for the recent passing of Sadie Canning MBE.

The GLSC passes its deepest sympathies to her family. Few people have contributed as much as Ms Canning did to the well-being of Goldfields Indigenous people.

Born at Laverton, Ms Canning was brought up at the Mount Margaret Mission,

when she had only intermittent contact with her parents who lived on the surrounding country of her Wongatha people.

She went on to become the State's first Indigenous hospital Matron when she was appointed to the position at Leonora Hospital in 1958, two years after she began there as a nursing sister.

She worked at the hospital for 32 years until her retirement in 1990.

Ms Canning completed her nursing training in Melbourne because as an Aboriginal person, she was not accepted into a position in Western Australia.

She was awarded an MBE in 1964 for her service to nursing.

She was extremely proud of her heritage and maintained a strong connection to her country and family.

In the 2003 publication *Ngayaku Kapi* - stories from the north-east Goldfields, Ms Canning was quoted as saying nursing at Leonora provided the 'opportunity to reconnect with my Wongatha roots'.

She was a claimant for the Wongatha native title claim, was a staunch advocate for the recognition of Aboriginal people and their land-based culture, and was always available to provide wise counsel to other Indigenous people and a wide range of associates in non-Aboriginal society, including politicians and leaders of industry and community.

Her strong advocacy for maintaining connection to land came from two directions: first, her own view that land and identity are central to Aboriginal culture; and second, this was also a core philosophy of missionary Rodolphe Schenk who established the Mount Margaret Mission where she spent her childhood.

Schenk was deeply concerned about the corruptive influence that Western society would have on Aboriginal people. The fears of Schenk and Ms Canning have proven prophetic.

BRIAN WYAT

CEO, Goldfields Land and Se

**Lovely,
generous,
vivacious.**

EVERYONE at the Australian Children's Trust (ACT) is deeply saddened about the passing of ACT Board Director Sadie Canning.

Sadie was a lovely, generous, vivacious woman, liked and respected by everyone who was

lucky enough to meet her. I was honoured to support Sadie's efforts to improve Aboriginal living standards in Western Australia.

As a member of the Stolen Generations, Sadie told everyone that the experience of growing up in the Mount Margaret Mission,

near Laverton, and Leonora, in the Goldfields of WA, both saved her life and made her much the richer for it.

Sadie was the first Aboriginal Matron in Australia and ran the hospital in Leonora for 34 years.

She was a consultant to the

Aboriginal Affairs Department in WA and a member of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and the WA State Reconciliation Committee.

A highly respected leader in the

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Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council - call for expressions of interest

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council was established under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and plays a vital role in the protection and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in Victoria.

Expressions of interest are sought from Aboriginal people who live in Victoria and are Traditional Owners of land in Victoria to be members of the Council. A position is currently available to be filled for the period to 28 May 2009.

Expressions of interest are also being requested in respect of a pool of candidates to be considered for future vacancies that may arise on the Council in 2009.

The Council is responsible for, among other duties:

- Assessing applications by Aboriginal parties for the purposes of registration under the Act;
- Advising the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on heritage matters; and
- Promoting public awareness, protection and management of Aboriginal heritage.

It is expected that members of the Council will:

- Have demonstrated extensive involvement in, and knowledge of, Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues in Victoria;
- Have demonstrated ability to provide authoritative advice on Aboriginal Victoria
- Have demonstrated ability to broker agreements with the community about Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues; and
- Have adequate time to commit to the duties of the Council.

Remuneration is available for Council members in accordance with Victorian Government guidelines.

Please send your written expression of interest, addressing the above criteria to:

Eleanor Bourke
Chairperson
Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council
GPO Box 2392
Melbourne Victoria 3001

For further information, please telephone Maria Pizzi, Manager - Secretariat to the Aboriginal Heritage Council on 9208 3280.

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FaHCSIA is inviting applications from State, Territory and local governments and local government associations, in conjunction with the private sector.

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The desired outcomes of the Housing Affordability Fund are to stimulate the supply of new houses and make housing more affordable.

Information on how to apply online and application documentation is available on the FaHCSIA website www.fahcsia.gov.au/housing.

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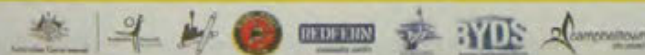
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Opinion

For the sake of the children, Rees must act



By GARY HIGHLAND, National
Director of Australians for Native Title
and Reconciliation (ANTaR), and a
former Federal Labor Government
Ministerial Adviser*

WHEN Nathan Rees became NSW Premier, he was frank about the economic challenges confronting the state. Ratings agencies, he said, 'are looking at us as a family that may not be able to continue paying its mortgage'.

But while the State is struggling to pay the mortgage, it's forgotten about its children, some of whom are neglected, and the most vulnerable, abused. If our State was a family, it's not just the bank we would fear, but also DoCS and the police.

Those children most at risk are Aboriginal. A Government-commissioned inquiry, *Breaking the Silence*, found that child abuse in NSW Aboriginal communities had reached 'epidemic proportions', with child sexual assault up to four-times the rate of the general population.

The head of the inquiry, Aboriginal leader Marcia Ella-Duncan, said the report painted a 'stark picture of inter-generational abuse and social disadvantage'.

The inquiry heard evidence suggesting child sexual assault was like a grotesque heirloom, being passed from one generation to the next. Some men who were victims as boys were now perpetrators as brothers, uncles, fathers and grandfathers.

Some women who had been victims were now failing to protect their own children and grandchildren because sexual assault had become normal to them. As one person told the inquiry:

A young mum, she said to me: "Well, you know, she should put up with it, you know. I had to put up with it, why can't she?" Like it's a rite of passage, like that's acceptable.

Mr Rees, like all the members of his Cabinet, has known about this problem for some time. How he responds to it will be a fundamental test of his ability to change the culture and actions of a Government that is desperate to win back the confidence of the NSW people.

The lemma Government put together a sensible response to *Breaking the Silence*, but in

order for that response package to work, it needed enough money. Thanks to the former Treasurer, Michael Costa, it didn't get it.

In the lead-up to Christmas 2006, three ministers, including the former Attorney-General, Bob Debus, took a proposal to Cabinet for between \$20 million and \$40 million a year to fund the package. There, according to a *Sydney Morning Herald* report, they were blocked by Mr Costa.

Around the same time, Costa found \$25 million to compensate the operators of the Lane Cove Tunnel for

Although Minister Lynch was able to secure \$22.9 million in this year's Budget, this is over four years and restricted to just five communities in the State's far west. It doesn't go close to meeting the needs of children across most of NSW.

If the new Rees Government is serious about distancing itself from the lemma and Costa era, it could start with the following five-point plan to overcome the abuse of Aboriginal children.

First, appoint a team to implement the report's recommendations which has real authority, headed by a senior public servant, reporting direct to the Premier. Second, properly fund it, especially to install trained Aboriginal child sexual assault counsellors across the State where they're needed most.

Third, expand the State's effective Joint Investigation Response Teams comprising police, DoCS and NSW Health

NEW NSW Premier Nathan Rees. ANTaR National Director Gary Highland says if the Rees Government is serious about distancing itself from the lemma and Costa era, it could start with a plan to overcome the abuse of Aboriginal children. Highland says Rees has known about the child abuse problem and how he responds will be a fundamental test for him.



delaying potentially unpopular road closures until after the 2007 State election.

Mr Costa's actions had tragic but predictable results. Documents obtained by Nationals Leader, Andrew Stoner revealed that after a year of the Government's implementation plan in response to *Breaking the Silence*, only one Aboriginal child sexual assault counsellor had been hired to deal with the massive demand.

Two more counsellors have recently been appointed, but it's nowhere near enough. The vast majority of children in need of this support can't get counselling.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch has been publicly ridiculed for the Government's inaction, but the truth is the decision to block the much-needed funds took place before he was in the Cabinet. Since then, he has been given neither the resources nor clout to seriously tackle the problem.

workers to bring offenders to justice. And better train them to work with Aboriginal communities, particularly in rural areas.

Fourth, identify, support and fund Aboriginal Children's Champions to help overcome abuse in communities across the State.

Fifth, commission an independent, public review of the implementation after a year to see if it's working and research evidence for future conduct.

Clearly, NSW faces significant financial challenges. However, there are some issues so grave that they demand urgent action from the new Premier and his Government regardless of the circumstances.

One of these is ending the callous neglect of our most vulnerable children.

* This opinion piece first appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Australia should sign

13 SEPTEMBER was the first anniversary of the passage of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

This first anniversary has passed with little fanfare while we await the Australian Government to implement its commitment to formally support the Declaration at the UN. That support is likely to be forthcoming shortly – and the sooner this occurs, the better.

A relatively unique instrument, the Declaration does not create any new legal standards under international law, but instead elaborates the particular entitlements of Indigenous peoples to existing and universal human rights standards.

The Declaration is not about special status – it is about maintaining identity and ensuring that marginalised cultures and those vulnerable to exploitation are not lost with the full human tragedy that goes with that.

Since coming to power, the Rudd Government has demonstrated an obvious desire to change the way business is done in Indigenous affairs. It has stated an intention to enter into genuine partnerships with Indigenous peoples instead of simply applying policy decisions to our people as passive recipients.

The National Apology to the Stolen Generations in February and commitment to Close the Gap in Indigenous health inequality in March are two striking examples that come to mind of steps in the right direction the Government has already taken.

Lending our support to the Declaration is another giant step I believe we must now take. It will make it unambiguous to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to the world that Australia does respect the standards contained in the Declaration.

It will go quite some way to restoring the reputation of Australia within the UN as a country that sits at the forefront of promoting and protecting human rights.

Supporting the Declaration is far more



By **TOM CALMA** – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner
Australian Human Rights Commission

than a symbolic gesture. Lasting reconciliation in Australia will only be possible when governments are genuine about engagement and partnership with Indigenous peoples and where we are sitting at the table when decisions about our lives are being made, rather than policies being decided and implemented based on short-term political convenience.

The Declaration is a very positive, aspirational document that sets out ambitions for a new partnership and relationship between Indigenous peoples and the government.

Such partnerships would affirm that Indigenous peoples make a unique contribution to the diversity and richness of civilizations and cultures.

By explicitly encouraging harmonious and co-operative relationships between governments and Indigenous peoples, and being driven by principles of partnership, consultation and co-operation between Indigenous peoples and States, the Declaration has untapped potential.

Australian Indigenous peoples were instrumental in the drafting of the Declaration and my own consultations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have confirmed that our people have hopes and expectations that the Declaration will become a tangible tool that can change lives.

Bringing the Declaration to life by acting on it and following its guiding principles would lead to greater success in the public policy areas we care about most.

Consulting with remote Indigenous communities and building on their efforts to protect children is far more likely to have successful and sustainable effects than sending in the army, for example.

THE Prime Minister and Opposition Leader have signed the Statement of Intent to Close the Gap at the National Indigenous Health Equality Summit. This commits to a new partnership with



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma says the Rudd Government should support the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – sooner rather than later.

Indigenous peoples, as well as the development of a long-term action plan, targeted to need that is capable of closing the gap, and that respects the rights of Indigenous peoples.

So the commitment is there formally. Failure to support the Declaration would be totally inconsistent with the Government's pledges to close the gap.

Supporting the Declaration is the next step.

The ramifications of how Australia engages with the Declaration will not be confined to the domestic sphere.

In an era in which our Government has indicated a renewed commitment to international diplomacy through the United Nations, a failure to engage with, and promote the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples puts us considerably out of step with the rest of the international community.

But more importantly, a failure to support the Declaration must cast doubt on the Federal Government's commitment to reconciliation and to self-determination for Indigenous peoples.

Self-determination does not mean supporting secession. Indeed, the Declaration states that 'Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as authorising or encouraging any action which would dismember or impair, totally or in part, the territorial integrity or political unity of sovereign and independent States'.

Nor does it mean taking anything away from non-Indigenous Australians.

In simple terms, a commitment to self-determination means supporting Indigenous people to make their own decisions, in a way that enriches us all.

Australia's support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples could – and should – be the next giant step forward this Government takes.

Dress up, step out with confidence

Sadie Canning tribute



DIXIE CRAWFORD

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HELLO my people, back again for another edition of my column on what's interesting and exciting in my life.

Well, what can I say? I'm living the life of a broke university student, free-to-air television and frozen packaged food. But I love it. Hmmm, well, I guess I do anyway.

Now to the real business: In my last column I wrote about health concerns – in particular obesity – in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

I must say I didn't expect to get as much of a response as I did, through my Facebook, but it's good (which reminds me to say, don't forget to add me).

I seem to have hit a nerve for a few of you out there.

Thank you for sharing your stories and giving me some insight into your lifestyle and your concerns and struggle to become and stay healthy. I felt it was important for me to

follow up in this edition, to share with Koori Mail readers what I told the people who contacted me.

A few young ladies wrote to me and told me how hard it was to lose kilograms, maintain the perfect weight and look good.

When I wrote my earlier column, I wanted to send two messages: One of self-esteem, but mainly of the benefits of being healthy and fit.

An email I received from one reader 'Anna' was certainly an eye-opener, and she has given me permission to share it with you.

Anna is 24-years-old, studying law and working in Sydney. She wrote to me concerned about her image and the way she is perceived by her classmates, family and community because she is over-weight.

Now my first response to Anna was 'Sister, who cares if you're over-weight? You are going to be a leader in our community with the education you are receiving'.

But in saying that, I got thinking about confidence. I have only ever known confidence to be within. As I was growing up, I was outgoing, bubbly, driven and ready to take on anyone and anything. Actually, I am still that way, but I know that some of my ability to drive myself came down to the way that I presented myself and accepted my body. For me to really feel good and be confident, I need to look good.

My advice to you Anna and other ladies is to start dressing and presenting your body in a way that suits your curves and with an attitude that says that even though you may be a big girl, you are a force to be reckoned with.

Physical appearance can be changed – not overnight – but if you work hard, you can get there. But confidence and courage is deep within and that can never be changed.

Until next time, rock out my deadly curvaceous sisters!

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community, Sadie was the recipient of an MBE (Order of the British Empire) in 1964, the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977 and the Centenary Medal in 2003.

Sadie passed away peacefully on 3 September 2008, surrounded by family and friends.

She will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege to know her.

ANDREW FORREST
Australian Children's Trust
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APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING ARE NOW INVITED FOR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY HEALTH BROKERS

Organisations are invited to apply to become Indigenous community health brokers for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in urban Australia.

As part of the Australian Government's *Improving Indigenous Access to Health Care Services 2006-07* Budget measure the Government has provided funding to establish five Indigenous community health brokerage services in urban centres of Australia.

Two services under this measure have been selected. Organisations are now invited to apply to become one of the remaining three Indigenous community health brokerage services.

These brokerage services will increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' access to mainstream primary health care services and the coordination of follow-up care. Brokerage services will link people participating in the service to a network of local health care providers. The success of any brokerage service will depend on the support of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, local doctors, and allied health professionals.

If you are an organisation with proven links with the local Indigenous community and health service providers, and are interested in becoming an Indigenous community health broker, you are encouraged to apply now.

How to Apply

For an Application Package please go to Tenders and Grants link on:
<http://www.health.gov.au>

If you think an Indigenous community health brokerage service can work in your area, you are encouraged to submit an Application for Funding by 2pm AEST on Thursday 30 October 2008.

Further Information

Queries regarding this funding process should be forwarded to brokerage@health.gov.au.

Expression of Interest

Tenant Participation Resource Service (TPRS) Funding



Housing NSW is inviting eligible organisations to submit applications for TPRS funding over two years from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2011.

The TPRS program aims to provide social housing tenants with increased access to information, advice and opportunities to more actively participate in processes related to their housing, as well as to engage in their communities.

Public information sessions will be held across NSW for interested applicants. The sessions occur from 22-29 September 2008. The information session will provide potential applicants with an overview of the program and the expression of interest process.

For more information or to register to attend the public information session phone Alisa Towers on 8753 8729 or email alisa.towers@housing.nsw.gov.au

Download an expression of interest package from the Housing NSW website www.housing.nsw.gov.au

Applications for Riverina-Murray and Western NSW must be received by 5.00 pm Friday 31 October 2008.

Applications for the remaining locations must be received by 5.00 pm Friday 5 December 2008.

Applications to:

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Level 2 Tender Box
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Racism the gangrene of Australia's soul - Writer

By DARREN COYNE



RACISM is 'the gangrene of the soul of this nation which slumbers under the smug surface of this lucky country'.

That's how Victorian academic and writer Lillian Holt described the 'spiritual disease' inflicting Australia.

She was speaking at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Health and Wellbeing seminar held in Sydney on 15 September.

Ms Holt told the gathering of almost 200 women that it was white Australia which had made her an Aborigine 'for I never declared my ancestry. I didn't have to. White Australia pointed, sometimes even shouted it, out to me'.

"In both primary and high school I was haunted by and curious about my experiences of being 'the other', all of which baffled and bothered me," she said.

"I got called the usual hurtful names of 'boong', 'gin' and 'abo', which not only pained me but, more importantly, separated me from the others."

Ms Holt told *The Koori Mail* that her focus on whiteness had come about because she had realised there could never be 'wellbeing in this country by just focusing on black women'.

She said true healing would come about when white Australia focused



Gayle Osbourne, YWCA NSW, and Lillian Holt, Relationships Australia.

on its own issues, with inherent racism the number one priority.

"While working at Melbourne Uni, I had many white women come to offer help and I would tell them, 'Don't assume I am the problem, tell me who you are'."

She said there was an assumption of superiority and supremacy which led white people to tell Aboriginal people they were disadvantaged.

She said it was time to interrogate the power and privilege of whiteness.

"I've often wondered why whiteness has been so mysterious and missing from the scene and I can only conclude that whiteness essentially sees only 'otherness' - that which is outside of itself."

"In this case, 'blackness' or 'Aborigines' who, in the

psyche of most white Australians, are eternally 'the problem' to be helped and solved."

Ms Holt's speech was the first in a series during the one-day community consultation.

Other speakers included Dr Lesley Russell from the Menzies Centre for Health Policy, who spoke about the 'gap' in health between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, and Tamara Murry, who spoke about employment and wellbeing.

Waminda and Denele Crozier from Women's Health NSW outlined the various programs they had operating.

The community consultation was hosted by YWCA NSW on behalf of WomenSpeak, and was the last in a series of consultations being held around the country.

Rock art treasure found in north-west Arnhem Land



A VAST wall of more than 1500 Aboriginal rock art paintings has been found by archaeologists in north-west Arnhem Land, including drawings of European sailing ships and World War II battleships.

First found in the 1970s, the rock art was lost to the world until a doctoral student at the Australian National University, Daryl Guse, rediscovered them with the help of a local Elder.

The 1500 works in the Djulirri rock shelter in the Wellington Range chronicle Aboriginal contact with Maccassan traders from Sulawesi, and Europeans from the early sailship days right through to World War II.

Alongside paintings said to be more than

15,000-years-old, there are works that depict the biplane, a bicycle and gun, Fairfax newspapers report.

Dr Alistair Paterson from the University of Western Australia said depictions of the Maccassan traders disproved historical accounts that state Europeans made the first outside contact with Indigenous Australians.

"This rock art dismantles the popular identity of Australia being a nation first visited by the British," he said. "It goes against the idea of the Bicentennial and convicts."

The rock shelter was of international significance, and of unprecedented artistic and historical merit, Griffith University archaeologist Professor Paul Tacon said. -AAP



All the choirs involved in Many Roads One Voice sing *My Island Home*.

Photo courtesy of Joyce van Dijk and ID Photography



Two-hundred-and-fifty voices singing *Don't Worry Be Happy*, by Blekbala Mujik.

Voices in the desert

Red Centre choirs come together



MORE than 1000 people delighted in the signature event of the 2008 Alice Desert Festival, the aptly-named 'Many Roads One Voice' choral

extravaganza.

Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA) Music presented the concert during the annual Central Australian Arts and Cultural Festival for 2008, as a means of bringing Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians together to embrace diversity, unite cultures and celebrate central Australia through song.

The project involved four of Australia's leading vocal talents working with eight central Australian choirs featuring more than 250 singers in total, over the course of one week.

The vocalists were Indigenous singer/songwriters Kutcha Edwards and Emma Donovan, ARIA Award-winning singer/songwriter Kavisha Mazzella, and Rachel Hore, one of the most highly sought-after community choir leaders in the country.

The choirs included the Alice Springs Choral Society, the Asante Sana Choir, the Titjikala Choir, the Areyonga Choir, the Yipirinya School, Yirara College, the Alice Springs Steiner School and the Living Waters Lutheran School.

In all, 250 voices presented a range of songs that expressed the cultural diversity of central Australia.

Classic songs

The concert featured song material that paid tribute to the contribution Indigenous people have made to central Australia through choral arrangements of many of the classic songs recorded at the CAAMA studios over its 25-year history.

Half of the material chosen came from the CAAMA vaults. There were old favourites like *Motorcar Wiru*, featured on the Bush Mechanics soundtrack, *The Showerblock* song, from the UPK recordings, *Woma Wanti*, from the Areyonga Desert Tigers and the *Patrola Song*, by Puntj Thompson, and more recent songs such as the hauntingly beautiful *Ngurawatjilpa*, by Frank Yamma.

Within minutes of meeting the students in the playground of the Yipirinya School in the preceding week, Kutcha Edwards had them clustered about him, laughing their heads off as he strummed his omnichord and made up cheeky songs using all their names.

His rapport with the children was absolute. There was no hint of shyness.

First up on the night was the song, *Atua Njintala*, from the Bush Kids album. With support from Kutcha, Emma and their teacher Eden, their sound was full and beautiful.

Emma also worked with girls from Yirara College, an Indigenous boarding school for high school students from bush communities. Resplendent in bright red shirts and with smiling faces, the girls made a huge impression on the crowd.

Kavisha and Rachel have travelled many times before to the desert and are very experienced in working with large choirs. Rachel created the arrangements for the two finale songs and travelled out to Areyonga and Titjikala to teach them to women there. Plans are already under way to try and bring her back, as the women in both communities are keen to develop their already strong vocal traditions.

Rachel taught the Titjikala choir a Maori song, called *Taku Mana*, which means 'Hold on to your power' in honour of Linda, a Maori lady who has run their Women's Centre for over ten years.

Moments such as this touched many people in the audience.

The Alice Desert Festival Program Co-ordinator Franca Barraclough declared the festival as 'the best event I have ever seen in Alice Springs'.

The production culminated with all 250 Indigenous and non-Indigenous singers, the young and old from remote communities and from urban Alice Springs singing the iconic *My Island Home*, written by Neil Murray, previously of the Warumpi Band, and *Don't Worry, Be Happy*, written by Peter Apaak Miller and recorded at CAAMA by Blekbala Mujik.

Shared future

After the tentative first six months of a post-apology Australia, CAAMA Music produced an event that demonstrates that Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians can come together for a shared future.

The enthusiasm of the participants, the palpable joy that emanated from the stage during the finale and the response from the audience suggested that Alice Springs was ready for more events like this; ones that celebrate remarkable diversity of cultures and give people an opportunity to deeply connect on a level beyond politics, language, and prejudice.

— Patrick McCloskey, CAAMA Music Development Manager



Emma Donovan with the kids from Yipirinya School. Photos courtesy of CAAMA Music.



Yipirinya kids singing the Bush Kids' classic, *Atua Njintala*.



The choirs rehearsing *My Island Home*.

How 'courtroom talk' disadvantages Aborigines



A STUDY by a University of New England linguist has revealed how methods of cross-examination used in Australian courtrooms can disadvantage Aboriginal defendants and witnesses.

Dr Diana Eades said her study – the first of its kind – examined 'the ways in which courtroom talk is used to legitimise the over-policing of Aboriginal people and to continue the neo-colonial relationship of control over them'.

The study, recently published as a book titled *Courtroom Talk and Neo-colonial Control*, focuses on the cross-examination – during a Brisbane courtroom hearing in 1995 – of three Aboriginal boys who were prosecution witnesses in the case of six police officers

charged with their abduction.

"It shows how, by the use of propositions and assertions in cross-examination, the three boys were portrayed not as victims of police abuse, but in terms of difference, deviance, and delinquency," Dr Eades said.

The book, which contains 98 extracts from the courtroom hearing, reveals that a pervasive strategy in the cross-examination of the boys (aged 13-15) was one of bullying and shouting until they finally agreed to the propositions being put to them.

"Despite the obvious fact that the answers were given under great duress, and therefore not given freely, the legal process interpreted them literally," Dr Eades said.

"Such examples reveal one of the problematic assumptions that

underlie courtroom rules of evidence: Lawyers can take words or expressions from their cross-examination questions and attribute them to the witness. Even if the witness has given only a one-word answer – such as 'Yes' – to repeated and harassing questions, this answer can be replaced in the lawyer's closing address with the words from the question, and then reported as if they were the witness' own words."

In an earlier book (*Aboriginal English and the Law*, Queensland Law Society, 1992), Dr Eades showed a number of ways in which mainstream methods of lawyer-client communication could cause problems when the client was an Aboriginal person.

Courtroom Talk and Neo-colonial Control (published by

Mouton de Gruyter, Berlin) widens the perspective to the larger historical, social and political context of the ongoing struggles between Aboriginal people and the police.

"The legal process is meant to protect citizens from abuse such as that which might be inflicted by individual police officers," Dr Eades said.

"But this book exposes ways in which courtroom language can be manipulated and witnesses linguistically tricked."

"The book concludes by asking whether Aboriginal people can ever expect justice in cases of police abuse and, more broadly, whether we can expect an end to neo-colonial control over Aboriginal people without far-reaching changes to courtroom rules of evidence."



Dr DIANA EADES

Documentary follows Territory intervention

Filmmaker filled with admiration for communities

By MARGARET SMITH



AWARD-WINNING filmmaker and television journalist Julie Nimmo spent a year making her newest film, but says the decision to do so took no time at all.

Nimmo's 56-minute film, *The Intervention*, examines the process of the Federal intervention taking place in Indigenous communities in the Katherine region in the Northern Territory in the name of neglected and abused children.

Nimmo explained how she came to make the film.

"When the story broke on a Thursday and the weekend papers covered it, by Monday I'd decided I had to do something on the story and rang the ABC's Commissioning Editor David Jowsey," she told *The Koori Mail*. After more negotiations, the pair agreed to a one-hour documentary.

Nimmo had previously made films for SBS and for the ABC and worked in their *Message Stick* unit.

She won a Walkley Award for a film titled *No Fixed Address*, which she made about street kids in Redfern in 2002.

Her most recent films for SBS television were *Pioneers of Love*, about an Aboriginal/Russian family's life from first contact to the present day, and *Songlines to the Seine*, about Indigenous artists' exhibition in a prestigious Paris Museum last year.

Long-term commitment

Nimmo said her latest project required a long-term commitment, because she 'wanted to watch a story like this unfold, and spill itself through to a conclusion'.

Initially, this meant travelling to the NT and finding the right Aboriginal community to film, 'and a group of people who were willing to participate for the needs of television'.

Katherine, south of Darwin, emerged as that place and Nimmo said she had marvellous co-operation from the people there, especially

Nell Brown, Pamela Weston, Conway Bush, Karpany family, May Rosas and her family, and the Kalano Community Patrol mob.

The next hurdle was to make sure her filming started ahead of the Intervention Survey Team and its arrival there.

"We wanted to nestle into the community when they arrived. The camera's position in the film is generally from the inside. My brief to everyone was that my camera is here to witness what's going on, not affect it," Nimmo said.

To ensure that the camera had complete access, she contacted the then Minister Mal Brough's office and got clearance to film their team.

"I had to have all the stakeholders in agreement. If I was going to be blocked out, the film would have suffered", she said.

Resilience, dignity

The process was incredibly rewarding for the filmmakers and for the communities and Nimmo said she saw a great deal of resilience and dignity.

"I just came away with such admiration for the people who live in the Northern Territory," she said.

Nimmo is originally from Sydney and says the process of filming gave her great insight into the local people's stoicism and 'remote' Aboriginal Australia.

She is passionate about the need for Australia to understand that Indigenous people are as diverse as any other group.

"Aboriginal people are cast as this mass, almost without humanity, so abuse of children is seen as spread out to all communities. If that was true, I should have seen paedophiles and neglectful mothers, but I didn't."

"Mainstream Australia has a generalised picture of these people which is harmful."

Nimmo said she hoped her film would send the message that Indigenous Australians needed to be seen as individuals and as families with children, parents and grandparents.

"In the NT you don't get to follow your own path because of the Intervention. This was a big problem in the early days and still is. I hope my film illustrates their story as individuals and as people," she said.

"This is the best thing I've ever done – it's closest to my heart."

Julie Nimmo's *The Intervention* was supported by the Film Finance Corporation (FFC) and ABC TV.



Auntie Lilly and her niece May Rosas live in Binjari.



● LEFT: Filmmaker Julie Nimmo with Rachel Willika.



● BELOW: Nell Brown, pictured with one of her grandchildren at Barunga.

Workers' units to be built at Coral Bay



THIRTY new sites for workers' accommodation units at Coral Bay, between Exmouth and Carnarvon, in the West Australian Gascoyne, will be built early next year.

The project is part of a native title agreement with the Baiyungu Aboriginal Corporation (BAC), which has submitted a

business plan for the project.

The WA Government has already approved \$1.5 million to fund connection of services to the Coral Bay workers accommodation site once a satisfactory business plan is provided.

Stage One of the project will see 30 sites developed and subleased on long-term leases to Coral Bay business owners, who can build accommodation

units for their essential workers.

The subleases agreement will include an upfront payment for the 25-year lease and will allow the sublessee to build the housing which best meets the needs of their workers.

A number of builders have been selected by the Baiyungu Aboriginal Corporation to provide building plans and construct accommodation for single

persons, duplex housing and some family-type housing.

BAC chairperson Gwen Peck said she was very pleased that the developmental model could now go ahead.

"This gives our Baiyungu people some real hope for the future and we want to continue to work closely with Government and the local community to begin the project immediately," Ms Peck said.

Writers come together



THE inaugural National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Writers' Festival was held earlier this month at the NSW Writers' Centre in Sydney.

The big question posed at the festival was 'how can the great Australian story be fully told without a great Aboriginal presence?'

In the past, Aboriginal histories were written by non-Aboriginal people. Today, though, Aboriginal people are writing their own stories, many winning mainstream literary prizes.

The festival, called Guwanyi, which means 'to tell', featured an outstanding line-up of Australia's finest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander storytelling voices – from novel writing to history, poetry, theatre, film, the spoken and sung word.

Twenty of Australia's leading Aboriginal writers spoke at the Leichhardt Council-sponsored event, which was attended by 200 people.

Among them was Alexis Wright, whose novel *Carpentaria* won the 2007 Miles Franklin award, Tara June Winch, who recently won the international Rolex Mentor and Protégé Arts Initiative, and acclaimed playwright Wesley Enoch, and Dr Anita Heiss.

Jared Thomas, Professor John Maynard and Ray Kelly all spoke on the importance of Aboriginal writing for the Aboriginal community as well as the Australian community at large, and new directions in contemporary Aboriginal literature and what made it different to other writing.

Leichhardt Councillor and Dhurag man Bob Webb acknowledged the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation as the traditional custodians of the land.

He told those gathered that the festival was important 'because it's through your work, our voices get heard'.

"These are very important stories and need to be told our way, in our style," Cr Webb said.

"By telling our stories, our way, people can get a better idea of who we are, where we have come from and where we want to go."

The first two festival sessions set the scene for some rigorous debate and exploration of where Indigenous writing was headed – asking serious questions such as 'Can only Aboriginal and Islander writers speak for Aboriginal people?'

Given voice

Leichhardt Council Deputy Mayor Damien Copley-Finch hosted a council reception at the end of the day, telling guests that writers, through words and language, had given a voice to the plight of Aboriginal people, but also revealed and celebrated their survival.

"Storytelling is important to all societies because it tells us things about ourselves – it mirrors the past and present – and this festival is a celebration of the diversity of Indigenous life through writing," Cr Copley-Finch said.

"The tools of your trade are words, language, the pen and the computer. You use words and you engage in the language of the culture and sometimes you even have a role in shaping the language of the culture."

"These are no small things, these are not unimportant things and it is nice to see that so many of you are following in the footsteps of great writers like Jack Davis and Oodgeroo of the Noonuccal."

The festival is expected to be a bi-annual event.



● ABOVE: The festival was something of a family reunion for author Alexis Wright (front, right) who met her uncle Albert Lee for the first time. She's seen here with other family members Lyn Lehmann and Tracey Cooley.
● LEFT: Professor John Maynard and Professor Larissa Behrendt presented the Guwanyi festival's opening session – 'The Written Word'.



Youth justice centre for Geraldton



WESTERN Australia's first youth justice centre has been opened in Geraldton.

Former Corrective Services Minister Margaret Quirk said the centre would improve community safety and divert young people away from crime.

"The Carpenter Government's position on law and order has seen more people jailed, for longer terms, than any other State in Australia," Ms Quirk said.

"That said, this State Government has also recognised the need for programs which will divert offenders from continuing down a path that is not only damaging to themselves, but also to the community at large."

The Carpenter Government has since been voted out of office in Western Australia.

Ms Quirk said the Geraldton centre was the first instalment of a State-wide plan set up under Labor, which was a more practical and proven way of keeping young people out of trouble.

The new centre at Leedham Cameron

House in Lester Avenue is called Mid-West Gascoyne Youth Justice Services, and it is designed to deliver all juvenile justice services in Geraldton.

It was developed in partnership with local government and non-government agencies in Geraldton and with the input of local people through extensive community consultation.

"All credit must go to the local community reference group which had the courage to acknowledge there was no quick fix solution to the cycle of youth offending," Ms Quirk said.

Outgoing Geraldton MLA Shane Hill said the opening of the centre was the culmination of several years of close co-operation with the community.

"A lot of time was spent finding out what causes youth offending in the region, and coming up with the best ways to address these triggers," Mr Hill said.

"The centre is unique because it focuses on all aspects of a young person's life, offers support to parents and works closely with police."

Ms Quirk said the new service was also

designed specifically to help reduce the disproportionately high number of Aboriginal young people from the region who were remanded in custody.

The Mid West Gascoyne Youth Justice Services include:

● The Youth and Family Support Service – an after-hours outreach service for young people who are at risk of coming to the attention of police, providing practical support to them and their families to help tackle problems before they become serious;

● The Youth Bail Service – an after-hours seven-day-a-week bail service to help police identify responsible adults to provide bail for young people. The Youth Bail Service also provides limited short-term bail accommodation as a last resort for young people who are granted bail but do not have anywhere suitable to stay before their next court appearance.

● An expanded Juvenile Justice Team – a dedicated team including juvenile justice officers and a police officer, to target young people in the early stages of offending and steer them away from the

formal justice system.

● The Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) – an internationally-renowned program which is producing outstanding results with some of the State's most difficult young offenders and their families in the Perth metropolitan area.

● Psychological support – specifically for young people identified through Mid-West Gascoyne Youth Justice Services.

● Department of Corrective Services Juvenile Justice Officers – all juvenile justice officers based at the Department's Community Justice Services office in Geraldton are now located in Leedham Cameron House as part of the Mid-West Gascoyne Youth Justice Services team.

The Department of Corrective Services will extend some of the services to other Mid-West Gascoyne towns once the existing services are properly established in Geraldton.

The Goldfields Youth Justice Services centre is also due to open in Kalgoorlie later in the year, with services eventually rolling out to towns in the Goldfields region.

Vibe Alive, 3on3 festivals take

The Inaugural Coonamble Vibe Alive Cup winners, the Crawford Public School Colbys.

Photos of the Coonamble event by ANDREW ROSENFELDT



Claude 'Black Diamond' Williams welcomes everyone to the Inaugural Coonamble Vibe Alive Festival.

Coonamble seizes the opportunity



VIBE Alive came to Coonamble last month for the first time and the NSW country town embraced the event.

Hundreds of young people from across NSW descended on Coonamble for two days of full-on excitement, fun and learning.

More than 700 students attended the Coonamble festival, with young locals competing against kids from as far away as Sydney and Kempsey.

Teams of eight representing their schools competed in singing, dancing, painting and basketball activities. There was also a festival spelling bee and interactive health and careers expos.

Each component of the 21 August competition earned points for each team, with the team from each age category with the most points being named the inaugural winners of this new national youth festival.

The winner in the Junior School category was the Crawford Public School Colbys from Doonside; the winner in the Middle School category was the Colly Cuzs from Collarenebri; and the winner of the High School category was the Dubbo College Killers from Dubbo.

Perfect start

The Vibe Alive crew and volunteers said they had almost as much fun as the kids themselves.

"It was a perfect start to the Vibe Alive Festival program," said Vibe Alive Executive Producer Gavin Jones.

"Everyone in Coonamble is rightfully proud. New links were formed between schools, students, teachers, the local Aboriginal community and the greater Coonamble community, with everyone working together to improve the education and future prospects of our young people."

Celebrity guests were in attendance to meet the kids and help out with competition judging, with former Australian Idol Casey Donovan and Vanessa and Suri from *So You Think You Can Dance?* joining AFI award-winning actor Luke Carroll, comedian and artist Kevin Kropinyer and dancer Gina Reuben in encouraging the kids to work hard, stay in school and reach their full potential.

A highlight of the two-day festival was a community concert held on the Wednesday night, attended by more than 2000 people and topped off by a spectacular fireworks display courtesy of the Vibe Alive crew.

"Vibe Alive Coonamble was the perfect platform for students to be motivated, inspired and entertained," said Vibe Alive Patron Kerry Hayes.

"We certainly found all the young participants inspiring – they were energetic, exciting, fun and full of potential."

Vibe Alive then proceeded on to Port Augusta in South Australia on 3-4 September (see separate story).

Winners:

100m dash: Junior Girls, Toni Horan; Junior Boys, Tui Bartlett; Middle Girls, Taylor Stanley; Middle Boys, Brandon Mohr; High Girls, Latisha Carr; High Boys, Darren Norris.

Make Some Noise – Vocals: Junior, Bunnyong Boys 1, Crawford Public School Colbys 2, Coonamble Public School Mixtures 3; Middle, Dubbo Delroy Globetrotters 1, Dubbo Roos 2, and Colly Cuzs 3; High, Wello Mob 1, Players 2, Colly Chaos 3.

Paint it up – Visual Arts: Junior, Nyngan Tigers 1, Crawford Public School Colbys 2, Coonamble Public School's Mixtures 3; Middle: Nyngan High Middies 1, Coonamble Opals 2; High: Gulargambone G Girls 1, Colly Chaos 2, Deadly Ridge Vibes 3.

Got the Moves – Dance: Junior: Nyngan Tigers 1, Cully Kids 2, Crawford Public School Colbys 3; Middle: Nyngan High 1, Walgett's Finest 2, Coonamble High Boomers 3; High: Dubbo College Killers 1, Wello Mob 2, Lightning Ridge Deadly Ridge Vibes 3.

Buzz Off – Spelling Bee: Junior: Gulargambone Diamonds and St Brigid's Girls equal 1, Nyngan Tigers, Bunnyong Bunnies and Bunnyong Boys equal 2; Middle: Colly Cuzs 1, Rhinos, Dubbo Roos and Coonamble High Boomers equal 2; High: Bumble Bees, Girri Sports Orange and G Boys equal 1.

Overall winners: Junior: Crawford Public School Colbys 1, Nyngan Tigers 2, Bunnyong Boys 3; Middle: Colly Cuzs 1, Nyngan High 2, and Dubbo Roos 3; High: Dubbo College Killers 1, Wellington Wello Mob 2, Collarenebri Colly Chaos 3.

Coonamble Cup Winners: Crawford Public School Colbys.



The Coonamble community leaves their mark on the travelling campfire.



The Coonamble community concert under the stars.

messages to the communities

Port city parties



MORE than 700 students from across South Australia descended upon the city of Port Augusta on 3-4 September to take part in the Vibe Alive Festival.

Vibe Alive turned Port Augusta Central Oval into a festival of colour, creativity and competition, as teams of eight from the host city, competed with other young people from as far afield as Adelaide, Ceduna and Leigh Creek in categories ranging from singing and dancing to painting and spelling.

There was also the opportunity to explore future career options, with representatives from the Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations joining professionals from the legal, sport and education industries to share their experiences and knowledge with students.

The many and varied talents of the young people of SA were on display throughout the two-day competition, with judges and festival organisers amazed by participants' abilities.

A community concert held on the Wednesday evening gave students a chance to show their skills, with 'Derrick's Group' from Port Augusta Secondary School quickly becoming crowd favourites with their amazing break-dancing and hip-hop display.

The concert also featured performances by special guests Casey Donovan and So You Think

You Can Dance? stars Suri and Vanessa, who were also on hand throughout the festival to hang out with students, offer advice and encouragement, and undertake judging duties.

Former Olympian Kyle Vander-Kuyp was also in attendance as a Centrelink ambassador and role model. The champion hurdler oversaw the popular 100-metre dash, followed by the even more popular adults' race, which saw teachers, volunteers, Vibe Alive crew and role models thundering down the race track, much to the delight of onlookers.

Overall winners of Port Augusta Vibe Alive, on 615 points, were the Rock 'n' Roll Teddies from Ceduna, who also took out the Junior School category.

Winners of the Middle School category were Port Augusta West's Gang of Eight on 589 points; while Derrick's Group took out the High School category with 582 points.

The principal sponsor of the Port Augusta Vibe Alive festival was the Australian Government through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. Other sponsors were the SA Government, the national depression initiative Beyond Blue, and Port Augusta City Council.

Supporters included Sony, Questacon, the Rural Health Network, Global Colours, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, the Men's Shed and the National Film and Sound Archive.



● ABOVE: Port Augusta Cup winners, the Rock'n'Roll Teddy Bears, from Ceduna celebrate their win with Vibe Alive Executive Producer Gavin Jones, local committee member Dawn Lickouresis and the Director of the Umeewarra Aboriginal Media Association, Vince Coulthard.



● LEFT: Centrelink Indigenous Ambassador Kyle Vander-Kuyp meeting some fans in the Full-on Future Careers Expo.

● BELOW: Just some of the amazing art produced in the 'Paint it up' activity at Vibe Alive Port Augusta.

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● ABOVE: The Mulloobinda Dancers welcome Vibe to Newcastle.

● RIGHT: The Josh Ross fan club of Newcastle.



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Newcastle's first 3on3 gets the thumbs-up



THE National Indigenous Basketball and Hip-Hop Challenge, the Vibe 3on3, celebrated its 10th birthday recently by introducing an

all-new, action-packed, one-day festival at a brand new 3on3 venue - Newcastle, NSW.

The community turned out in force to help the Vibe crew unveil the new-look, 'Super Saturday' event at the Newcastle Basketball Stadium last month, with local participants' smiling faces joined by visitors from Gosford, on the NSW central coast.

"The Aboriginal community in Newcastle is a really supportive and well-established bunch which meant we enjoyed an extremely successful inaugural event," said 3on3 Producer Mayrah Butt.

"Vibe could not have asked for a more pro-active committee or a greater turnout.

"You could tell that every single person who came to the 3on3 had an excellent time, whether they were rapping, rhyming, playing basketball or just watching their kids participate."

Joining the Vibe crew in Newcastle was local track legend Joshua Ross, who spent the

weekend hanging out with community members and racing against the kids. Other role models on hand included rapper extraordinaire Brothablack and artist and comedian Kevin Kropinyeri.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the Soulja Boy competition, which has become a permanent feature at the 3on3, with the Vibe crew searching to find the best Soulja Boy dancers in Australia.

"The judges were blown away by the dancing talent in Newcastle, both in the 'Soulja Boy-off' and the break-off," said Mayrah.

"Dare we say our Newcastle competitors have become this year's leaders thanks to their outstanding performances? If you're coming to a 3on3 in the near future, make sure you know it."

Local sponsors for the Newcastle event were the Awabakal Aboriginal Newcastle Co-operative, the Good for Kids Good for Life program, and the Loft Youth Centre.

The Vibe 3on3 is a one-day Aboriginal youth festival that incorporates basketball, dancing, art, culture and health, promoting healthy lifestyles and strengthening communities and boosting self-esteem.



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City of Port Adelaide Enfield Aboriginal Advisory Panel

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Nominations are being sought from interested individuals/organisational representatives to fill two vacancies that have arisen on the City of Port Adelaide Enfield Aboriginal Advisory Panel.

The Aboriginal Advisory Panel has two key purposes -

1. To provide input to Council on matters relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community
2. Provide a mechanism for members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to communicate and raise issues with Council.

Membership criteria for the Panel include:

- Must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, or
- An agency/organisation or part of an agency whose primary role is to provide services for persons of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island descent
- Must live, work or have a strong connection with the City of Port Adelaide Enfield area
- Knowledge and connections within the community, ie those who have knowledge
- Applicants applying as an agency need to have knowledge of local community as well as their agency
- Young people are particularly encouraged to apply

Nominations will close on Friday 17 October 2008 and must be submitted on an application form that can be obtained by contacting:
Janet on 8405 6868 or
by email at janet.taylor@portenf.sa.gov.au

Call to help homeless

Authorities urged to impose moratorium on move-on laws

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Northern Territory Council of Social Services (NTCOSS) has suggested a moratorium on the 'move-on laws' in Alice Springs while the desert city grapples with its current homelessness crisis.

NTCOSS Central Australian Policy Officer Jonathan Pilbrow made the suggestion on the eve of a SleepOut Under the Stars event on 13 September to highlight the issue.

"Given the chronic housing shortage, it seems counter-productive to move people on - when there is simply no safe place for them to go," Mr Pilbrow said.

"Perhaps a moratorium on the 'move on laws' for people could be considered - if they are not violating cultural protocols regarding the river and sacred sites - until more affordable housing and accommodation is built in Alice Springs."

Between 600-700 people are currently homeless in Alice Springs at any given time, including people in boarding houses, 'couch surfing' or staying with family.

However, community organisations estimate about 200 of those literally sleep on the streets, in the hills and under bridges, and almost all of them are Aboriginal people.

Rev Tracy Spencer from the Alice Springs Uniting Church said the crisis warranted urgent attention until real solutions could be found.

"Stories have abounded about low private rental vacancy rates and problems accessing short-term and long-term accommodation," she said.

"In addition, there are difficulties for

people who end up 'sleeping rough' which is the only option left for a number of people, which can make them vulnerable to violence, theft and being 'moved on' for sleeping in public spaces."

About 40 people took part in the alcohol-free SleepOut Under the Stars at the local Uniting Church lawns.

The idea behind the event was for people lucky enough to have stable accommodation to experience what it is like to sleep out during a cold Alice Springs night, without the usual comforts. It was hoped that those taking part would develop more empathy and understanding for people who find themselves homeless.

Complex causes

Causes of homelessness are complex, but include family breakdown, domestic violence or health issues requiring people to leave remote communities.

Rev Spencer said local agencies were calling for all levels of government to work together with the community to develop further short-term accommodation options to address the immediate homelessness crisis in Alice Springs.

Mr Pilbrow agreed, telling *The Koori Mail* that the pressure on housing in Alice Springs had never been tighter.

"Public housing stocks continue to be sold and not directly replaced. We're told that the proceeds from the sale of any public property goes back into public housing stock, but apart from a couple of senior's villages, we've seen no new public housing," he said.

"We saw a lot of money out into Stuart Lodge, which is transient

short-term accommodation, but that's not public housing; it's not suitable for families.

"Housing bodies nationally have sold up public housing stock to keep up with repairs and maintenance on their stock. Nationally, government has decreased their funding to State and Territory governments so they have to sell public housing stock to keep up."

Mr Pilbrow said there was an Australia-wide crisis in affordability, and nationally, public housing stock has been diminishing. But he said Alice Springs' homelessness rate of 295 people per 10,000 was very high compared with 70-80 people per 10,000 in other States and Territories. The overall NT rate is 288 people per 10,000.

"People ask why are we worried about this now, because Aboriginal people have been sleeping out for 30 years. But not everyone is comfortable sleeping out," Mr Pilbrow said.

"There are other issues like being moved on, people escaping domestic violence.

"It is about giving people options and in the past we have not been great at developing housing options that meet the needs of Aboriginal people, including some that can embrace community living and extended family groups.

"What we are trying to say is things have never been this bad. We had a very cold winter. And in 2008, it is an indictment on our society that we have people who have not got an adequate roof over their heads for the night."

Mr Pilbrow said NTCOSS wanted to get many more people interested in finding solutions, as well as attract private sector support.

"This can only be solved with a collective response, we can't leave it to the market forces," he said.

"They're just not working. Affordable housing is on the agenda like never before so it is important that we see some long-term options put in place as soon as possible."



● LEFT:
Jonathan Pilbrow from the NT Council of Social Services (NTCOSS): "In 2008, it is an indictment on our society that we have people who have not got an adequate roof over their heads for the night."



Mookai Rosie Bi-Bayan staff Louise Lawrie and Fiona Millard with baby Galdon Frank.
Photos courtesy of Leigh Harris, Ingeous Studios



Apunipima Cape York Health Council staff Robert Corrie and Carol Fyfe enjoying the Kowanyama Baby Festival.

Baby, what a festival!

By CHRISTINE HOWES



UNCOVERING and building the potential and strengths of young people in a safe and supportive environment was a key aim of the recent Kowanyama Baby Festival (KBF), in far north

Queensland. Volunteer event manager Shaun Edwards said activities and opportunities created by the festival worked towards positive influences and education about youth issues such as self-esteem, abuse, boredom and lack of opportunity.

"KBF's use of popular culture combined with the creative element and hands-on approach is a fresh initiative in tackling the increasing issues that our young people face in an isolated community," he said.

"They are our future and we must take action to strengthen them for challenges ahead."

And take action the community did, with two days of baby and adult massage, weaving, health checks, a crocodile reading centre, play groups, regional and local health organisation stalls and international guests including Native American educator Carolyn Hartness and Jamaican reggae group Chaka Demus and Pliers.

Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council Women's and Children's Services Coordinator Josie Creek said a festival highlight was the baby show.

"People are still talking about it. There was a good turnout and every station we had was well used," she said.

"The baby show itself was different from your normal type of baby show, which is about cutest smile, best-dressed and everything like that.

"For ours, in the different ages there were different skills they were required to demonstrate so the mothers could understand those kinds of processes as well.

"We looked at development stages of children and everyone won in the end. All

Dancers at the opening of the Kowanyama Baby Festival.



Kuranda Elder Rhonda Brim demonstrating basket-weaving techniques.

of them were given a prize.

"Basically it was about health promotion and illness prevention, focussing on improving well-being of families and the community as well."

Ms Creek said participation in the festival was about partnering family, community and other key stakeholders such as Queensland Health, the Royal Flying Doctor Service and 'all those people who work together on a daily basis' with their own organisations including the local health clinic and the Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council.

as well as regional organisations.

"We had Apunipima Cape York Health Council there working with the Health Action Team, RAATSIC, Mookai Rosie who receive a lot of our women when they go out to have their babies, and our own clinic.

"And the flying doctor did a pit-stop so we had health checks available for people throughout the day."

Mookai Rosie Bi-Bayan Health Education and Promotions Officer Fiona Millard said it was great to be involved with the festival.

"We saw many past clients, young children, women and mothers who have stayed at Mookai Rosie while receiving medical treatment in Cairns," she said.

"Also, we had the opportunity to catch up and yarn with past and potential new clients about how they are, their families and what they have been doing since we last saw them.

"Families are so proud of their children, they show them off - particularly in the baby show.

"They also enjoy catching up with us in their own environment.

"The people are wonderful, very warming and proud of their children."



Junior cowboy Jukai Dempsey at the Kowanyama Baby Festival.



Native American educator Carolyn Hartness was a guest.



Kowanyama Mayor Thomas Hudson opening the festival.

Tentative steps on pathway to careers in defence

FIFTEEN Indigenous trainees undertook a week-long leadership course in Canberra last week as part of a new eight-week training and employment initiative designed to encourage more Indigenous people into full-time defence careers.

The Defence Indigenous Pre-Recruitment Course (IPRC) gave the group the chance to acquire important skills vital for the future of their communities.

The course focused on developing participants' strengths, personal values, decision making and communication skills.

It also taught them how to apply these skills to secure a job or assist in community development, and focused on the particular challenges for young Indigenous people.

Study

The trainees had already visited Australian Defence Force (ADF) establishments in Townsville and Cairns and are undertaking study in numeracy and English literacy, motivation, discipline, communication and skills to live away from home.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, Employment Participation Minister Brendan O'Connor and Defence Science and Personnel Minister Warren Snowdon said in a statement that the Government saw Indigenous employment as critical to closing the gap in life opportunities that existed between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, and had provided more than \$250,000 to the eight-week course.

"Tailored pathways and alternative entry points to the Australian Defence Force can improve the success rate of Indigenous candidates in the recruiting process," the Ministers said.

IPRC is part of the ADF Indigenous Recruitment Strategy. At the end of the current course, those that are not eligible for the ADF recruitment process would be supported to find suitable employment in other arenas.



Members of The Gully Traditional Owners Inc with former and current residents of The Gully, Mayor, Cr Jim Angel, Cr Terri Hamilton, Blue Mountains City Council General Manager Phil Pinyon, local archaeologist Di Johnson, local historian Jim Smith, and staff representatives of BMCC and NPWS Blue Mountains.

Joint management pact wins over traditional owners



THE Gully traditional owners have celebrated the co-management agreement recently put in place with the Blue Mountains City Council for The Gully, a declared Aboriginal Place at Katoomba.

Mayor Jim Angel said the co-operative management of The Gully was a great outcome in recognising the significance of the place to the Aboriginal community.

The management structure will ensure that the Aboriginal community has a continuing formal and meaningful role in the management of The Gully.

Cr Angel said the co-management agreement was just the start of many exciting projects planned for The Gully and we look forward to continuing a positive and constructive working relationship with The Gully traditional owners.

Merle Williams, a Gundungurra Elder and member of The Gully

traditional owners, said: "The historical significance of The Gully for the Gundungurra and Darug people is well known.

"The Gully also has a contemporary significance to the people who lived there from the late 1800s to 1957, and their descendants.

"The Gully traditional owners are delighted that the council has taken this step to formalise the involvement of Aboriginal people in the management of The Gully,

including the decision-making relating to land management activities."

The council resolved to establish The Gully Co-operative Management Committee at its meeting on 5 August.

It is believed that this is the first time in New South Wales that a local government has entered into a co-management agreement with an Aboriginal group for council-owned land, which forms a significant part of The Gully.

NACCHO welcomes reappointment



THE National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) has welcomed the reappointment of Jane Halton as Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.

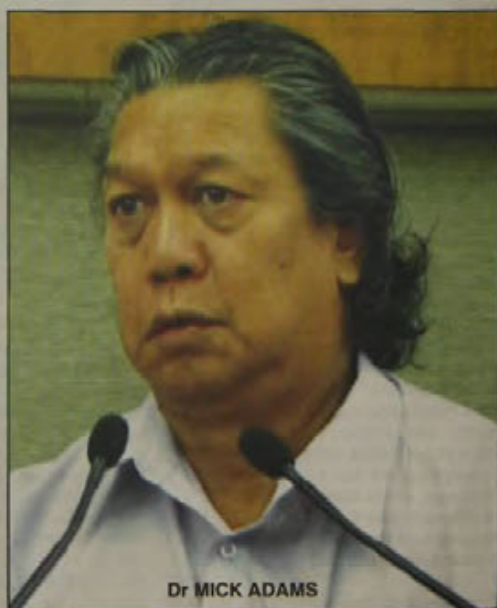
NACCHO Chairman Dr Mick Adams said Ms Halton's extensive knowledge and experience in the health portfolio would be invaluable in implementing the Rudd Government's health reform agenda.

"With major reforms promised, from the Council of Australian Government process, the new National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission, the new Primary Health Care strategy and

initiatives such as the new National Indigenous Health Equality Council, Ms Halton's experience will assist Minister (Nicola) Roxon to steer change in her department.

"Prime Minister Rudd and Minister Roxon have shown the political commitment to closing the gap in Aboriginal health through the Statement of Intent signed in March, but bringing it to fruition will require the skill and experience of the bureaucracy and stakeholders.

"NACCHO, representing the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services sector, looks forward to continuing our working relationship with Ms Halton and the Government to bring about change."



Dr MICK ADAMS

More IBA staff for Pilbara region

INDIGENOUS Business Australia (IBA) is increasing its presence in the Pilbara region with a new staff appointment set to explore small to medium business development opportunities for Indigenous Australians. IBA views the Pilbara as an important area of growth with the enormous wealth of the mining and associated service industries providing business development opportunities for Indigenous people. IBA General Manager Ron Morony said IBA was aware of untapped Indigenous economic development potential in the Pilbara.

"In order to take advantage of these opportunities, we have appointed Michael Goff as a senior economic development officer to support business development," Mr Morony said. "Michael will be based in Perth and will travel regularly to locations throughout the Pilbara, including Port Hedland, South Hedland, Karratha, Dampier, Roebourne, Newman and Tom Price. "Initially, Michael will be on the ground in the Pilbara for 20 weeks a year, with a focus on the two major centres of population as well as the surrounding areas."

Build assets

Mr Morony said IBA played an important role in assisting Indigenous people and community organisations to build assets and wealth so that future generations of Indigenous Australians could live in better circumstances. "IBA provides a range of services and products that help Indigenous Australians create wealth and build assets for current and future generations," he said.

"We also have a number of investments in the region and our role is to look for commercial solutions to enable Aboriginal participation in the mainstream economy.

"This means the links to the private sector are an important part of our approach to development.

"Our range of support services include business and home loans, business mentoring, policy support and advice, investment and equity partnerships and construction capabilities."

Award winners team up again



"LOOK, Listen and Learn" encapsulates the latest environmental project by the Widjambul people of the

Bundjalung Nation.

The group has teamed up with regional water supply authority Rous Water and environmental consultancy group Sustainable Futures Australia for a three-year community-based project titled "Reconnecting to Country" in the Wilson River catchment area in north-eastern NSW's Northern Rivers.

The three groups were given the opportunity to work together by the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change, who funded the project.

Natural assets

The main objectives are to protect and improve the natural assets of the catchment and environment. In particular, the group is hoping to bring awareness of local Indigenous culture.

"It's a need for acknowledgement and recognition" said Widjambul descendant Roy Gordon Jnr.

An open invitation is extended to the community to get involved, with the opportunity to learn land management practices including bush regeneration, weed control, creek line restoration and wetland enhancement.

Participants will also get to experience cultural exchange with Aboriginal Custodians.

"The need to try and work together and understand together is important" said Widjambul Elder and caretaker Aunty Irene Harrington.

Other partnerships

This isn't the first time the three groups have teamed up to improve environmental and cultural sustainability. In 2004 they won the NSW Local Government and Shires Association Award for Excellence in Environmental Education for their work, the Rocky Creek Dam Water Walks.

The participants are proud that they have been able to bring together people from different backgrounds to work together.

"It's sometimes hard for councils to come to the party. So it takes time," said Widjambul Elder and teacher Aunty June Gordon.

● For more information on the project, head to the Wilsons River Info Days news item on Rous Water website www.rouswater.nsw.gov.au



Clockwise from left, Tim Fitzroy, Paul Muldoon, Sheldon Harrington, Anthony Acret, Elizabeth Bragg, Aunty June Gordon and Roy Gordon Jnr with their awards for excellence.



Aunty Irene Harrington and Aunty June Gordon at the site of the Rocky Creek Dam Water Walks project.

New Tweed employment compact



EMPLOYERS in the Tweed region of north-eastern NSW will be armed with cultural training to unlock the potential of Aboriginal workers under a

job compact initiative outlined on 4 September.

In Tweed Heads, NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said the Labor Government was providing more than \$5000 for cultural awareness training for employers in the region.

A job compact is a written agreement, which will include the Department of

Aboriginal Affairs, Tweed Shire Council, the Tweed Heads Chamber of Commerce and local Aboriginal organisations.

"The written agreements between the Government and local decision-makers cuts red tape and identifies the best way to deliver jobs for Aboriginal people," Mr Lynch said.

"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 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.

Mr Lynch said the cultural awareness training announced on 4 September would help build strong relationships between local Aboriginal people and potential employers.

"Elders will be invited to the cultural awareness session to provide an insight into their life experiences and the advantages of employing Aboriginal people," he said.

The cultural training will be provided by World Indigenous Cultural Exchange and Development Organisation.

Darwin deal on jobs



THE Larrakia Development Corporation has formalised its business relations with Darwin construction giant Siltzer Pty Ltd through a Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two companies.

Siltzer, formed in the Territory nearly 50 years ago from small beginnings, have since grown to become one of the largest privately-owned construction companies in the Northern Territory.

They employ more than 130 people with offices in Darwin, Alice Springs and Adelaide, specialising in project management, design and construction and property development.

Their track record includes landmark projects such as the recently completed Convention and Exhibition Centre at Darwin's Waterfront development, where they are also constructing the nearby wave pool.

The Larrakia Development Corporation was formed in 2001 with the goal of creating financial independence for people by growing commercial opportunities. Already within their short history, they have become a success story with a number of impressive commercial achievements behind them, such as the development of the \$20-million Darla residential estate.

Aboriginal workforce

Their tagline 'Working for all Larrakia' further underscores the corporation's charter and reputation for their ability to employ and train a workforce of local Aboriginal people.

Recognising the growth and potential of the Northern Territory economy, the Larrakia Development Corporation was quick to build a number of professional alliances with prominent industry leaders such as ConocoPhillips, MacMahon's, Toga, BMDConstructions, Transfield's, Canberra Investment and DHA.

Their relationship with Siltzer began on Darwin's Waterfront development where they introduced Siltzer to a number of Larrakia

workers who were keen to learn a trade and become involved in the project.

Several traineeships have since flourished from this arrangement and the corporation now attracts a number of mostly Aboriginal applicants who they put through a 'job ready' process prior to referring them to potential employers such as Siltzer.

Larrakia Development Corporation Chief Executive Officer Greg Constantine said: "From our early days we could see frustration from both sides - Larrakia people were wanting the opportunity to develop themselves through meaningful employment and even learning a trade, but they didn't know how to get started and were intimidated by the process."

"On the other side, construction companies were equally frustrated in getting a reliable workforce, especially when the big-ticket construction projects such as the Waterfront and the ConocoPhillips gas plant started."

"We started this slowly as a referral medium and were amazed at how quickly industry responded to our approach."

"Our future goals are now to establish a trade school for Larrakia and other Aboriginal people within our business enterprises."

"The support we have had from industry for this concept has been quite outstanding, it is obviously needed."

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Larrakia Development Corporation and Siltzer will continue to foster the employment and training of an Aboriginal workforce through construction projects.

Siltzer Pty Ltd director Michael Siltzer said: "The signing of this MoU formalises the longstanding relationship between our two organisations."

"We commend the Larrakia Development Corporation's success to date, and fully support their efforts to develop real jobs and create sustainable enterprise development for the people."

"We will continue to co-operate on projects that will provide long-term benefits for both our organisations."



From left, Larrakia Development Corporation Deputy Chairman Kelvin Costello and Koolpinyah Richard Barnes with Siltzer's Directors Steve Margetic and Michael Siltzer, signing the Memorandum of Understanding which formally recognises the partnership between the two local organisations.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Community Conservation Advisory Committees for the Brigalow and Nandewar Community Conservation Area

Expressions of interest are sought from people seeking to be appointed to vacant positions on the Border Rivers/Gwydir, Central West and Namoi Community Conservation Advisory Committees (CCACs) for the Brigalow and Nandewar Community Conservation Area.

The CCACs are established under the Brigalow and Nandewar Community Conservation Area Act 2005 and provide advice to the Community Conservation Council on issues regarding Zones 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Brigalow and Nandewar Community Conservation Area. The core objective of the CCACs is advising on the provisions of the Community Conservation Area Agreement, which provides a co-ordinated land management framework. CCACs will also be consulted on plans of management for Zones 1, 2 and 3.

The Hon Carmel Tebbutt MP, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and the Hon Ian Macdonald MP, Minister for Primary Industries, are responsible for the appointment of members to each Committee. Expressions of interest are called for the following vacant positions:

CCAC	Representative Category	No. of vacant positions
Border Rivers/Gwydir:	Local Government	1
	Local recreation users	1
	Scientific expert	1
	Local environment groups	2
Central West:	Timber industry	1
Namoi:	Local recreation users	1
	Aboriginal people	1

CCAC members will be appointed by the Ministers to January 2012. Each Committee meets regularly and members receive a sitting fee and travel expenses.

Expressions of interest incorporating a detailed submission demonstrating your skills and experience and how you meet the representative category should be forwarded to the Director of the Resource and Conservation Unit, PO Box A290, Sydney South, NSW, 1232 by 10 October 2008.

For further information please contact Karen Greenhill on telephone 02 9995 6708 or email karen.greenhill@environment.nsw.gov.au.



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Pre-Primary Bursary 2009

Northside Montessori School in Turramurra would like to invite applications from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to apply for a Pre-Primary Bursary for 2009.

The bursary is being offered to Koori and Torres Strait Islanders who are keen to give their children a Montessori education, but would not otherwise be able to afford the school fees. One bursary is available for a child 3 years to 3 years and 9 months. A Montessori education provides a unique environment that nurtures confidence, responsibility and independent learning at each child's own rate of development.

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The criteria for deciding the award include financial need, a strong commitment to the Montessori education system and aboriginality.

Please contact 02 91442635 for an application form or write to The Chairman Bursary Committee, Northside Montessori School, PO Box 274 Turramurra NSW 2074.

Applications close: 31st October.

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Health tips for mums



QUEENSLAND Health has launched a new series of resources aimed at improving the health of

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers and babies.

The *Growing Strong: Feeding You and Your Baby* resources will assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers to provide information to mums-to-be and their families on how give their babies the best start in life.

Tropical Population Health Network nutritionist Kani Thompson said *Growing Strong: Feeding You and Your*

Baby had been redeveloped and now consisted of a series of 22 brochures covering a wide variety of topics.

"Each brochure has a snapshot of information on a specific topic so families can take home the information that best suits them and their children," said Ms Thompson.

The topics covered in the *Growing Strong* mums and bubs brochures include:

- Healthy eating during pregnancy
- Morning sickness
- Tips on how to feed baby when Mum is learning to breastfeed
- Healthy snack ideas for small children, and

● How dads and grandparents can help Mum during pregnancy and after baby is born.

Ms Thompson said the brochures were easy to use, travel friendly and used illustrations to get advice across clearly and concisely.

"They contain lots of pictures, so that busy mums, families and carers can get all the important information they need without spending a lot of time looking for it or reading through lots of information," she said.

"For health workers, we have developed A3-sized flip charts. Health workers and those working in Indigenous

communities also needed information that was free to purchase, as well as providing information that was culturally appropriate.

"The flip charts can be used for one-on-one discussion with families, or when providing information to groups."

The *Growing Strong: Feeding You and Your Baby* resources were developed to fill a specific gap as no resources among the previous *Growing Strong* materials focused specifically on nutrition during and after pregnancy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"The new resources have incorporated health worker feedback

on how we can better provide information to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mums and families," Ms Thompson said.

Health workers can order the *Growing Strong* brochures and flip chart free of charge through nutrition promotion officers across Queensland.

● For further information, visit the *Growing Strong: Feeding You and Your Baby* website at www.health.qld.gov.au/ph/documents/hpu/growing_strong.asp

Families can also ask their local health workers or their local health centre for copies of these free resources.

All skilled up, and ready to work



A GROUP of motivated Aboriginal men in the Sydney suburb of Mt

Druitt have signalled they're up for the challenge laid down by a new jobs pact targeting 50,000 private sector jobs for Indigenous Australians within two years.

The Australian Jobs Covenant was unveiled in August by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, along with billionaire businessman Andrew Forrest and high-profile Aboriginal Labor Party figure Warren Mundine.

A few weeks later, Infrastructure Australia agreed to consider Indigenous employment in its handling of a \$76-billion infrastructure fund for better roads, bridges, technology etcetera.

And on 10 September, 11 Aboriginal men in the Mt Druitt area completed a Certificate II in Construction, which they hope will equip them to take up some of the infrastructure jobs on offer.

Already, one of the participants - Shane Bell - has secured an

apprenticeship as a carpenter and another participant, Dean Welsh, has secured a job in education.

Paul Francis, General Manager of Aboriginal Connections Employment Services (ACES), said the challenge was now on industry to provide employment to the other successful participants.

"The presentation was a living example of local Aboriginal men taking up the challenge of training and employment to fill the skills shortage in the construction industry," Mr Francis said.

"These men have proven their commitment to taking control of their own futures. They have been motivated and diligent in attendance to the course with some 11 out of 13 starters completing the training.

"Now it is up to the construction industry to show the same level of commitment to Aboriginal employment."

The men were the first to complete the course as part of a DEEWR Structured Training and Employment Program (STEPERS) run by ACES.

The aim of the program is to assist Indigenous recipients of Centrelink benefits into full-time sustainable employment in the building and construction industry.

The presentation was attended by Hector Ritchie (Chairman Guri Wa Ngundagar) and Mission Australia CEO Toby Hall as well as Job Network and other employment service providers in the Mt Druitt area.

Mr Francis said the co-operation between all parties showed a lot of respect for local Aboriginal men.

ACES currently has 30 clients across Sydney. Nine of these clients have entered into full-time employment and are looking at developing a positive future for themselves and their families.

The next course will be run as a community-based project in the Blackett area and will involve the landscaping of the Rutherglen Community Centre. Participants will complete a Certificate II in Horticulture/Landscaping.



Nutrition Promotion Officer Kani Thompson with the new *Growing Strong* resources, and the *Growing Strong* baby, Charlie.

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Aboriginal construction trainees from Mt Druitt with Mission Australia CEO Toby Hall and Chairman of Aboriginal Connections Employment Services Hector Ritchie, after receiving their completion certificates.

National Calendar

● To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, write no more than two sentences with contact details to email calendar@koorimail.com or fax it to (02) 6622 2600.

Ongoing: Living Black on SBS Television. Held every Wednesday at 6pm on SBS. Details: (02) 9430 2828 or 1800 500 727 or email news@sbs.simplicitycm.com

Ongoing: Australian Indigenous Global Sports Academy (AIGSA) and Prokick Australia are looking for Koori male youths ages 15-17 to play a series of American gridiron games against high schools in the USA. Details: Richard Young on (0422) 866 201 or email rd@bold.net.au

Ongoing: Tranby Aboriginal College 50th anniversary 2008. Tranby is seeking former staff and students and other community members who are interested in coming together to catch up and to share their experience over the past 50 years. Held at Tranby Aboriginal College, 13 Mansfield St, Glebe. Details: Annaliese Monaro on (02) 9660 3444 or 1800 601 988 email a.monaro@tranby.edu.au visit www.tranby.edu.au

Ongoing: The Aboriginal Heritage Projects is providing grants of up to \$75,000 to conserve Aboriginal heritage and encourage greater understanding of Aboriginal culture. The program assists in the conservation of culturally significant Aboriginal sites, documents community events and contributes to Aboriginal tourism. Details: Richard Sharpter on (02) 9873 8577 or email richard.sharpter@heritage.nsw.gov.au

Ongoing: Day Club provides social and recreational activities for veterans, their spouses, war widows/widowers and any other members of the community. Details: Margaret Morgan on (02) 9213 7225 or Erica Greig on (02) 9213 7482 or visit www.dva.gov.au/health/day_clubs

Ongoing: Certificate IV in Training and Assessment for Aboriginal people who want to become TAFE teachers or workplace trainers. Held in Ballina. Details: Deb Evans on (02) 6681 8911 or email debbe.evans@tafensw.edu.au or 131601 or (02) 6586 2249 or email nci.courseinfo@tafensw.edu.au

Until 28 September: *Our Metro Mob*. This is an exhibition showcasing a selection of Adelaide-based contemporary Australian Indigenous artists. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or email tandanya@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

Until 28 September: *Kujarra Yarnitj 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 Julaikari 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 Bell Hill Elders. 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: Lofly Bardayal Nadjamerrek, Dorothy Napangardi, Gawirrin Gumana, Gulumbu Yunupingu, Janangoo Butcher Cherel, Jean Baptiste Apuatimi, 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

Until 4 October: Mothers of Invention Exhibition. This is an exhibition of paintings by six contemporary women artists, some senior and others emerging - living in communities across the nation. The exhibition illustrates the artistic innovation and diversity present in Indigenous women's art as they all tell stories relating to food, ceremony and community. Featuring works by Nancy McDianny, Gladly Kemarre, Emma Daniel Nungarayi, Pansy Hicks, Alice Guinness, and Ruby Lee Naparulla. Held at 115 Hay Street Subiaco, Collingwood. Details: (08) 9388 2899 or email art@mossensongalleries.com.au or visit www.mossensongalleries.com.au

Until 10 October: 2009 Teacher Education Scholarship Program now open. Teacher Education Scholarships for Aboriginal and TSI people who wish to become either primary or secondary teachers. These scholarships provide you with a payment of your HECS fees, training allowance of up to \$1500 for each year to help meet the costs of text books and incidentals plus guaranteed permanent employment on successful completion of your studies in public school in an agreed location in NSW. Details: Janine French on (02) 9836 9263 or info line 1300 301 435 or visit www.teach.nsw.edu.au/scholarships or www.det.nsw.edu.au/employment/teachnsw/scholarships

Until 12 October: The Couzens Family Exhibition. This exhibition showcases paintings, photos, sculptures and artifacts revealing the unique, collective story of four generations of the Couzens family clan, an Indigenous family from the Western District of Victoria. Held at Melbourne Museum, Carlton from 10am-5pm. Details: (03) 8341 7141 or email bunjilakarsvp@museum.vic.gov.au or visit www.museumvictoria.com.au

Until 12 October: 2008 Xstrata Coal Emerging Indigenous Art Awards. An initiative of the Queensland Art Gallery in partnership with Xstrata Coal, the art awards is an acquisitive prize of \$30,000 awarded to an emerging Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander artist. The associated exhibition presents the work of the ten short-listed artists from across Australia. Held at the Gallery of Modern Arts, South Bank. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or (07) 3840 7038 or visit www.qag.qld.gov.au/exhibitions

Until 14 October: Indigenous Small Grants calling for applicants for projects that enhance youth participation or create opportunities for the development of Indigenous young people aged 12-25 years. Grants of \$5000. Details: (03) 9670 5182 or 1300 253 819 or email smallgrants@ibijerri.org.au

fya@youngaustralians.org

Until 16 October: Mungowm Ngarraknarri Yaaron - Strong Stories, Strong Country art exhibition-Warmun's 10 year anniversary. The exhibition showcases the beauty and diversity of Warmun art, ranging from the striking works of established artists such as Patrick Mung Mung and Mick Jawalji through to the exciting new art of emerging artists such as Markia Mung and Marika Patrick. Held at Short St Gallery, Broome. Free and all welcome. Details: (08) 9192 2658 or (0408) 924 012 or visit www.shortstgallery.com

Until 31 October: ARMTours is looking for up to 50 role models to join their mob. Role models from different sport, academia, music and cultural backgrounds welcome. Details: Carrie Bendeich on (02) 9221 8655 or (0433) 157 316 or email carrie@nasca.com.au or visit www.nasca.com.au

Until 3 November: Dance Fellowships-Calling for Applications. Fellowship grants provide individuals who have an outstanding record in dance with the financial support to undertake creative or professional development. This may include strengthening their current practice, seeking new challenges, or testing a new creative direction. The grant will be an amount of \$90,000 for over two years. Details: call (02) 9215 9000 or 1800 226 912 or email mail@australiancouncil.gov.au or visit www.australiancouncil.gov.au/grants/arts_funding_guide/dance

Until 3 November: Program-Artform Development Grants. These grants provide organisations with funding for programs of activity that develop Australian dance. They are for programs that benefit a range of artists - such as national and international reciprocal partnerships and professional development programs such as mentor programs, masterclasses, workshops, international exchanges, management support and peer evaluation. Details: call (02) 9215 9000 or 1800 226 912 or email mail@australiancouncil.gov.au or visit www.australiancouncil.gov.au/grants/arts_funding_guide/dance

Until 3 November: Dance Grants Program. Individual artists, companies and other organisations are welcome to apply. Details: (02) 9215 9000 or 1800 226 912 or email mail@australiancouncil.gov.au or visit www.australiancouncil.gov.au

Until 14 November: *Chopped Liver* Australian tour. Black comedy play informing about hepatitis C. Details: on event locations, call (03) 9212 4777 or email info@ibijerri.org.au or visit www.ibijerri.org.au

Until 27 November: Friends of Tranby meeting. Held at Tranby, 13 Mansfield Street, Glebe, from 6pm onwards. Details: Thomas Newman on (02) 9660 3444 or (0419) 535 782 or email thomas@tranby.edu.au

Until 3 December: *The Tangerine Circle* is a discussion, social, support and meditation group for women of colour, and is open to all sexualities. Held every first Wednesday of each month at the Women's Library 8-10 Brown St, Newtown, Sydney from 6.00pm

Details: Uma on (0405) 509 751 or email kalg08@yahoo.com.au

Until 15 December: Playing Australia Funding Program with the objective of support tours to regional and remote Australia from theatre to music and opera, dance, puppetry and circus and much more. Details: (02) 6275 9550 or 1800 819 461 or email playingaustralia@environment.gov.au or visit www.arts.gov.au

Until 29 December: Family drug support meetings. 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 Byron Bay NSW, Leabrook SA, Hallett Cove SA, Salisbury SA, Kincumber NSW, Geelong VIC, Canberra ACT, Port Macquarie NSW, Penrith NSW, Brisbane QLD, Newcastle NSW, Chatswood NSW, Ashfield NSW, Coffs Harbour NSW and Cessnock NSW. Details on event location times and dates call 1300 368 186 or visit www.fds.org.au

Until 19 January 2009: Arafura Craft Exchange. The Arafura Craft Exchange introduces audiences to remarkable examples of contemporary craft from Indonesia and Australia. This exhibition is of stunning contemporary ceramic practice featuring wild colours, emotive forms, elaborate concepts and sometimes comical themes. All welcome. Held at the Arts NT Office, Darwin. Details: (08) 8999 8101 or (08) 8999 8264 or email magnt@nt.gov.au or visit www.magnt.nt.gov.au

Until 31 January 2009: *In Living Memory* NSW Tour is an exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. Held at State Records Gallery in The Rocks, Sydney from 9am-5pm. Free entry. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 938 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660.

Until 30 June 2009: Indigenous Leadership Program 09. This program leads Indigenous people to bigger actions and opportunities. Details: 1800 249 873 or email indigenousleadership@fahcsia.gov.au or visit www.fahcsia.gov.au

Until 25 October: 2008 Melbourne International Arts Festival. This is a 17-day Festival showcasing over 90 events, comprising 19 world premieres and 28 Australian premieres with free and ticketed events geared to young and old alike. Be transfixed by astonishing works of contemporary theatre, dance, music, film, visual arts and more. Details: (03) 9662 4242 email contact.us@melbournefestival.com.au visit www.melbournefestival.com.au

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

24-25 September: Sydney PEN

Voices - The 3 Writers Project. Melissa Lucashenko will deliver the second public lecture in the 2008 The 3 Writers Project series and will speak on the subject of Survival followed by a conversation with Fran Kelly in Sydney and the following day in Canberra followed by a conversation with Jack Waterford. Tickets: \$22 per person and \$12 concession includes light refreshments. Ticket bookings: (02) 6295 9433 or 1300 306 776. Details: Andy Palmer or Edwina Johnson on (02) 9380 8210 or email andy@publicitymatters.com.au or 1300 364 997 or visit www.pen.org.au

26 September-17 October: Japarulla in Canberra-Art exhibition. This is an art exhibition of glass artistry and traditional painting's by Sam Japarulla Wickman. Held at AIATSIS in Canberra. Details: (02) 6246 1111 or email Chris.Ryan@aiatsis.gov.au

26-27 September: Black2BLAK2 NSW Aboriginal Visual Arts Conference. Black2BLAK2 will examine the key issues currently being faced by Aboriginal visual artists and arts professionals in NSW. Speakers include: Tess Allas, Bronwyn Bancroft, Milton Budge, Karla Dickens, Gary Foley, Genevieve Grieves, Adam Hill, Darlene Johnson, Dr John Maynard, Dr Romaine Moreton, Dion Mundine, OAM, Frances Belle Parker, Laddi Timbery and Jason Wing. Held at Campbelltown Arts Centre. A special lunch will be provided for the duration of the conference. Details: (02) 4645 4100 or email artscentre@campbelltown.nsw.gov.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

29 September-4 October: Muster Up! Celebrating Country Culture. For six exciting days celebrate country culture and music with daily activities including school holiday driving, exhibitions and yarning sessions and then celebrate in a huge muster on the last day. Free event and all welcome. Held at the State Library of Queensland. Details: Eleanor Robinson on (07) 3842 9832 or email eleanor.robinson@slq.qld.gov.au or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on

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Your Guide to Indigenous Education for 2009

Big event for Batchelor

ACHIEVING successful outcomes in education and training requires leadership, commitment and team work from individuals who value the opportunities they have to pursue life-changing pathways for a better future.

As Australia's only dedicated Indigenous dual sector tertiary education provider, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education is committed to these principles and to recognising staff and students who demonstrate outstanding commitment to their personal goals and those of the Institute.

The Institute's values, as outlined in the Strategic Plan 2007-16, are respect, teamwork, cultural diversity, empowerment and communication, and through the use of the Institute's both-ways approach to learning, a culture of respect and trust is fostered and built throughout the organisation.

In order to publicly acknowledge these outstanding individuals, the Batchelor Institute Council initiated an annual awards night which this year will be held on 3 October at the Darwin Convention Centre.

This gala event recognises the outstanding achievements of both staff and students in 'Living the



Pictured above left, Batchelor Institute Registrar Dr Tony Mordini with the winner of the 2007 Most Committed to the Vision Staff Award Sue Retallick, who is the Manager of Student Travel, and at right 'Batchelor Leaders' Student Award 2007 winner John Clarke with Dr Mordini.



Vision' of Batchelor Institute as a site of national significance in Indigenous education – strengthening identity, achieving success and transforming lives.

The inaugural awards night was held in Alice Springs last year and was enormously successful in providing a focus for staff

and students to better understand the strategic directions of the Institute.

Batchelor Institute Vice-Chancellor Professor Jeannie Herbert says the awards provide an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the achievements of the Institute's

many talented staff and students.

"The awards are presented to students and staff who, through their outstanding personal and team efforts, have contributed to the quality of our overall operation, thus enhancing the Institute's reputation," Professor Herbert said.

"Essentially, these awards are designed to showcase the excellent work done by individuals and groups of students and staff throughout all locations of Batchelor Institute, and to highlight the underlying strength of our people."

"Nominations for the awards are by peer assessment, and finalists and winners are selected on merit by the Quality Assurance and Assessment Committee which reports to the Batchelor Institute Council."

"The event is made possible through the generous support of sponsors including Callista, Norbuilt Pty Ltd, Woodhead, Gagudju Dreaming, Deloitte and the NT Government."

The award night Welcome to Country will be delivered by a senior representative of the Larrakia Nation and the keynote address will be presented by Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik.

MC for the evening will be Mary G, the Queen of the Kimberley, who will be joined by local band The Larrakia Saltwater Rats.

For information on how to book tickets for this gala event contact Claudia Hawker at Batchelor Institute on (08) 8939 7111 or email claudia.hawker@batchelor.edu.au

Strong Learning - Strong Culture



LEFT: Denise Smith-Ali from WA receiving her Bachelor of Arts in Language and Linguistics from (then) Chancellor Rosalie Kunoth-Monks at the 2008 Graduation ceremony. RIGHT: Illustrator's Workshop held at Batchelor campus in August as part of the Noongar Endangered Languages project. Far left Ian Hill, centre Karen Winmar and front right Sonya Khan



ENQUIRE now for study in 2009 at Northern Territory based Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education, Australia's only dedicated Indigenous dual sector tertiary education provider.

Learn new skills and gain professional qualifications that offer opportunities to make a difference to the lives and future wellbeing of Indigenous peoples throughout Australia.

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Study options range from Preparation for Tertiary Studies that include courses in Written and Spoken English through to degree and post graduate courses including Masters and PhD.

Areas of study include teacher education, language and linguistics, community

development, alcohol and other drugs, sport and recreation, natural and cultural resource management, environmental health, community nutrition, aged care and disabilities, primary health care and nursing.

A new post graduate PhD course in Indigenous Knowledge began this year and Batchelor Institute has established a Research Division to support Masters and post graduate study options.

There is no need to move from your home town to undertake study, as Batchelor Institute has two residential campuses located at Batchelor, 1hr drive south of Darwin and in Alice Springs.

Depending on the courses you enrol in, you fly-in and fly-out for a number of intensive two week blocks of study during the year and then return to your home town where you continue your studies with the support of a dedicated tutor. The costs associated with transfers, accommodation and

meals will be provided.

For more information on how to enrol for 2009 and details on study options talk to an Academic Advisor on Freecall 1800 677 095 or 08 89397111 or email: enquiries@batchelor.edu.au



One of the three commemorative posters produced by Batchelor Institute to mark the historic Apology to the Stolen Generations delivered by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on the 13 February 2008



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3000 to pack out world conference

Melbourne set to host WIPC:E '08

It's not every day that 3000 Indigenous people from communities across the world gather to talk education.

But that's what's going to happen from 7-11 December when The World Indigenous People's Conference on Education (WIPC:E) comes to the land of the Kulin Nation, in Melbourne.

There will be more than 400 conference sessions to choose from, with presenters coming from Botswana to Bangladesh and Taiwan to Toronto.

Naturally, there will be a huge Indigenous Australian attendance.

When you take a quick glance at the various panel discussions, workshops and poster displays on offer, it becomes clear that Indigenous people all over the world are facing similar educational issues – the breakdown of Indigenous languages; the stereotyping of our children; and the ever-looming question of whether Western education is at odds with the traditional values of Indigenous communities.

The conference has been broken into three themes that encompass these issues. This year is the first time an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation has hosted WIPC:E, and the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAEAI) has made sure the program is grounded in community knowledge.

Day one is governed by the



Indigenous Australian delegates at the WIPC:E conference held in New Zealand.

theme 'Respecting Tradition', and as South African presenter Dr Kofi Poku Quan-Baffour has said: "Children must be taught their home language if we are to maintain our culture and identity."

The Federation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages (FATSIL) will be presenting, as will a Native American woman, Professor Octaviana Valenzuela Trujillo. While she advocates for curriculum that respects Indigenous tradition, she also has first-hand knowledge of the evolving nature of Indigenous culture. Prof Trujillo was elected as the first female Chair of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona.

The day-two theme, 'Living with Competing Knowledge Systems', is something Dr Mark Rose, Chair of the WIPC:E 2008 Knowledge Committee, is passionate about.

"WIPC:E as a movement evolved from British colonised

countries," he said. "As Indigenous people living in these societies, we must operate productively caught in between two knowledge systems."

One way that communities have addressed this concern has been through the establishment of Indigenous schools.

Philosophy

Keynote speaker Professor Graham Hingangaroa Smith, from Aotearoa (New Zealand), was the first teacher of a Kura Kaupapa Maori school. In 1988 there was a single school based on Maori philosophy and principles. Today there are more than 80.

Ylva Jannok Nutti, an Indigenous woman from Sweden, will present on Sámi schools. She says there are issues regarding teacher training.

"My goal was always to be a teacher at the regional Indigenous school, but during my teaching

studies there was just one course offered on Indigenous people," she said.

"It is not easy for Indigenous teachers when we lack suitable educations ourselves."

The final working day, with the theme 'Beyond the Horizon', features a panel of young Indigenous Australians who have racked up so many 'firsts'.

Dr Chris Matthews was the first Indigenous Australian with a PhD in applied mathematics.

Dr Misty Jenkins completed her PhD at the University of Melbourne which led her to Oxford University, and then Cambridge University, where she continues her work.

And also on the panel is 27-year-old Todd Phillips, who was selected as one of five Australians to attend the Bill Clinton Global Initiatives University in New Orleans, US, where he had the opportunity to be mentored by former US President Bill Clinton

and was given the opportunity to address 1500 people from around the globe to discuss the current state of Indigenous education in Australia.

Deadly young blackfellas won't just feature on a panel, they will also run their own day – the WIPC:E Emerging Leaders' Forum.

With Wednesday's program offering site visits to cultural centres and Indigenous schools around the State, conference venue the Rod Laver Arena will be left in the hands of young Koori hip-hop performers, artists, didgeridoo players and sporting stars.

All registered delegates with an interest in youth affairs are welcome, and community members are able to register for this day alone. The theme of the day is 'Maintaining Culture in the Global Environment', and Yarning Circles will explore topics such as 'Does MTV influence your style?', 'Has the internet brought you closer to Indigenous youth around the world?', and 'Has BEBO affected your community relations?'

Traditional dancing and singing and the international Parade of Nations feature at the Aborigines Advancement League for the Traditional Welcome to Country.

A huge closing ceremony, hosted by comedian Sean Choolburra, will also be held at the Rod Laver Arena. Uncle Herb Patten will play his gum leaf, and Tjimba and the Yung Warriors will perform alongside Archie and Ruby Hunter.

International delegates will take to the stage to showcase their cultures, and the One Fire Dancers will put on a special performance, handing the honour of hosting WIPC:E to the next host country.

These two cultural celebrations will be open to all community members for a small entrance fee.

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She's keen to be a vet

TEENAGER Brittaney Skeen travelled from Halls Creek in Western Australia's Kimberley region to Perth recently to get a bird's eye – or perhaps a horse's eye – view of a career as a vet.

Brittaney was one of two Halls Creek District High School Year 8 students selected by the Wunan Foundation to visit Perth and Adelaide in August to assess their post-school futures.

Brittaney wants to work with animals so she travelled to Perth with a chaperone to visit Murdoch University's Veterinary Hospital, the Perth Zoo and the Aquarium of Western Australia (AQWA). She was shown through the vet hospital's state-of-the-art facilities by Supervisor of Nursing Services Steven Warry.

Murdoch's Waardong program provides flexible entry, additional tutoring and culturally sensitive mentoring for Indigenous veterinarian students.

For example, it allows for Indigenous students to complete the first year of the Veterinary course over two years, and receive extra tutorials in their first and second years. Then in the third and final three years of the course, students join the mainstream group with no



Brittaney Skeen (centre) with Bob Greening from Murdoch University's Waardong program, Sciona Browne from the Wunan Foundation, chaperone Carole Theobald and Steven Warry, Supervisor of Nursing Services at the veterinary hospital. Photo by Freya Contos, courtesy of Murdoch University

special concessions.

The Wunan Foundation's purpose is to ensure that

Aboriginal people in the East Kimberley enjoy opportunities that lead to positive choices for

independent and fulfilling lives – essentially, to have dreams and a fair chance at achieving them.

It considers education and employment as crucial to helping Aboriginal people and their families unlock social and economic opportunities and overcome the challenges and barriers they face.

If Brittaney decides to study veterinary science, she'll follow in the footsteps of Aboriginal vet Dr Shey Rogers, who graduated from Murdoch in March.

Dr Rogers, who is now working as a vet in Denmark in the south of WA, said the program had given her the opportunity to pursue her dream career.

"This program has inspired all my nieces and nephews about going to university," Dr Rogers said when she graduated in March.

Coincidentally, Dr Rogers' step-father Dr Peter Williamson was previously Program Chair of the Murdoch Veterinary School.

"It's been a tough road both academically and emotionally for her – along the way she has given birth to two beautiful daughters, and is now living her dream as a veterinarian in a mixed practice in Denmark in the south of the State," Dr Williamson said upon Dr Rogers' graduation.

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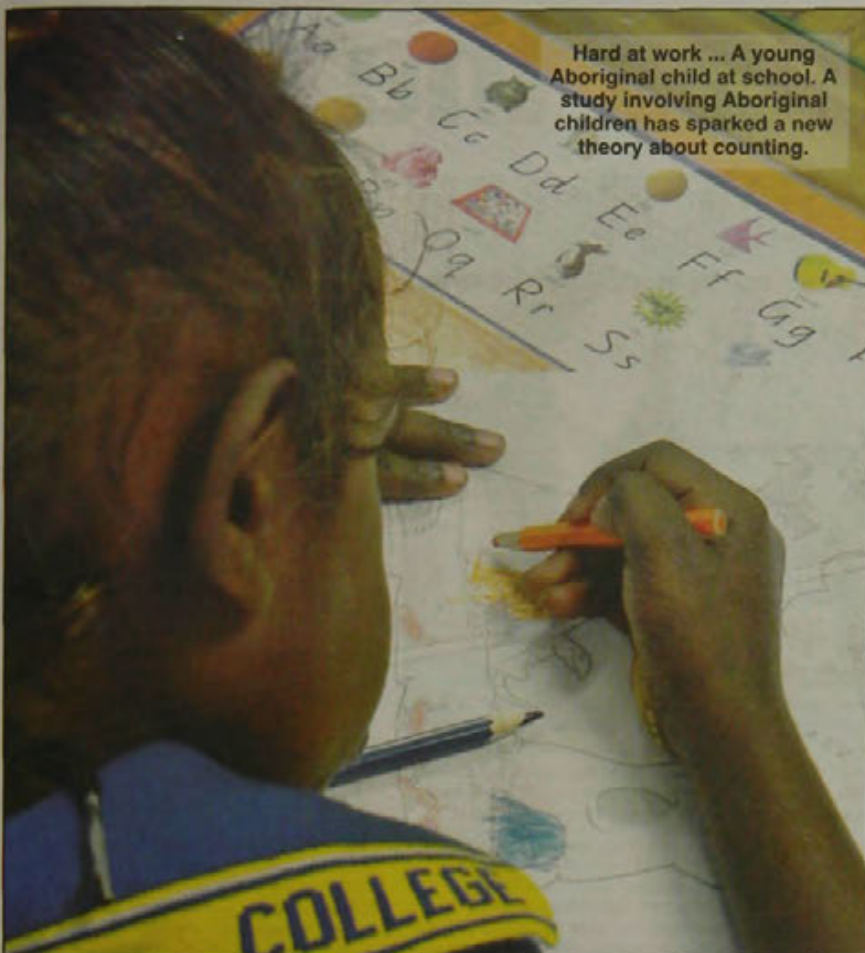
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Hard at work ... A young Aboriginal child at school. A study involving Aboriginal children has sparked a new theory about counting.

Study finds our children really count

A STUDY of Aboriginal children who are able to count without using words has sparked a new theory about humans having a natural ability when it comes to numbers.

A study of 45 Indigenous children from two Aboriginal communities lacking in words and gestures for numbers, found the youngsters could count just as well as their English-speaking peers.

Academics from the University College London (UCL) and University of Melbourne believe their findings demonstrate that humans have an innate mechanism for counting.

Study author Professor Brian Butterworth, of UCL's Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, said the findings contrasted with theories suggesting children needed to know counting words to develop concepts of numbers.

"Evidence from children in numerate societies, but also from Amazonian adults whose language does not contain

counting words, has been used to support this claim," he said.

"However, our study of Aboriginal children suggests that we have an innate system for recognising and representing numerosities, the number of objects in a set, and that the lack of a number vocabulary should not prevent us from doing numerical tasks that do not require number words."

Results

The children, aged four to seven, who took part in the study were from one community on the edge of the Tanami Desert, about 400km north-west of Alice Springs, and another on Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Their results were compared with a group of English-speaking Indigenous children in Melbourne.

While both Aboriginal communities had words for one, two, few and many, the researchers were unable to ask questions asking them to identify how many objects

they were presented with.

Instead, the Indigenous children were asked to put out counters matching the number of sounds made by banging two sticks together.

Prof Butterworth said the Aboriginal children from the two remote communities performed 'as well or better' than the English-speaking children in a range of tasks.

"Thus, basic numerical concepts do indeed appear to depend on an innate mechanism," he said.

"This may help explain why children in numerate cultures with developmental dyscalculia find it so difficult to learn arithmetic."

"Although they have plenty of formal and informal opportunities to learn to count with words and do arithmetic, the innate mechanism on which skilled arithmetic is based may have developed atypically."

The findings have been published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. -AAP



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More teachers the goal

TAMMY Edwardson, a Kokatha woman from Ceduna on the West Coast of South Australia, would love to see more Aboriginal teachers in public schools.

The 17-year teaching veteran is not the only one.

Increasing the number of Aboriginal teachers, particularly those in leadership positions, in the SA Department of Education and Children's Services' (DECS) 400 pre-schools and 600 schools, is a key priority of the DECS Aboriginal Strategy 2005-2010.

DECS recognises Aboriginal teachers are invaluable in helping more of the State's Aboriginal children and students achieve their potential.

"Young people need role models," DECS Chief Executive Chris Robinson says. "We want more Aboriginal people in education leadership roles in South Australia."

Tammy is Coordinator of Curriculum/Student Achievement, and teaches English as a Second Language and Australian Studies at Warriappendi School in Adelaide.

Throughout her career, she has taught students from many cultural backgrounds a range of different subjects, at schools including Adelaide and Croydon High Schools. She has also worked in DECS' corporate sector to help improve employment and education outcomes for Aboriginal people.

"I have gained great job satisfaction in working with Indigenous students at Warriappendi," Tammy says.

"I love seeing students improve their attendance, their literacy skills and then make the transition into life beyond school.



Kokatha woman Tammy Edwardson, Coordinator of Curriculum/Student Achievement at Warriappendi School in Adelaide's inner western suburbs, at work with a student. She encourages more Aboriginal people to teach in South Australian schools.

"However, in an ideal world I would love to see more Indigenous teachers, particularly in secondary schools, enjoying their careers as much as I have.

"Similarly, it would be great to see more Indigenous students experiencing greater levels of success in their schooling.

"For the rest of my working life I envisage I will still be employed within education."

Tammy enjoyed studying teaching at university, where she was surrounded by other Aboriginal students, including mature-age undergraduates. She received financial support throughout her studies,

through a program similar to the following incentive schemes available through DECS today.

DECS Aboriginal Teaching Scholarships provide financial support of up to \$10,000 throughout recipients' tertiary studies and guarantees permanent employment in DECS on completion of their teaching degrees.

The scholarship is open to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people who are:

- Students enrolled in teaching at university
- Year 12 school-leavers
- Aboriginal Education Workers
- Graduates with an appropriate degree who are enrolled in teaching at university
- Mature-aged students enrolled in teaching at university.

The Aboriginal Recruitment Guarantee offers permanent employment within DECS to eligible Indigenous people who are studying teaching at university or who are qualified teachers not currently employed in the SA public education system.

DECS offers support, including personal support and guidance, to its future teachers during their studies and to teachers working in the field. There are also opportunities to network with other Aboriginal teachers.

Aboriginal people are also encouraged to apply for the Tarkaritya Tirkandi Aboriginal Traineeship Program, which offers trainees aged 17-28 employment as administration officers, early childhood workers and school services officers and opportunities to gain nationally-recognised qualifications.

For more information about employment within DECS, visit www.decs.sa.gov.au

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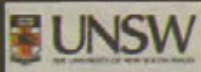
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Students graduating from the 2008 Pre-Programs course at UNSW.

UNSW is now accepting 2009 study applications

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See our website <http://www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au/programs.htm> for further information and to download our application forms. You can also call our Student Services Unit on (02) 9385 1559 to speak with Nura Gili staff about your options for university studies.

Nura Gili at UNSW offers unique residential admission programs that run for four weeks in November and December for students wishing to gain entry to UNSW in the areas of Law, Social Work, Medicine and Business. Applications for these programs close at the end of September. Interested people should contact Nura Gili for further information.

Enabling Programs at UNSW – Pathways to higher education

Not ready to study a university degree? Build your academic skills through enabling programs. UNSW and Nura Gili have created pathways to assist Indigenous people develop academic skills necessary to successfully complete tertiary studies.

These programs are designed for Indigenous people who have the potential, but are not yet adequately prepared for first-year undergraduate study.

Enabling Programs generally run for one year and are offered at the UNSW Kensington campus in Sydney. At the end of the program, students who have

NURA GILI INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS - UNSW



Students at the Nura Gili Orientation Camp.

demonstrated an ability to perform at a tertiary level will be able to transfer into a degree program at UNSW.

Enabling Programs are currently available in the following areas: **Engineering, Science and Technology.** Enrolments in the areas of **Law and Arts and Social Sciences** are expected to commence in 2009.

For further information on Enabling Programs at UNSW, please contact Nick Andrews (02) 9385 3966 or email

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies at UNSW

Nura Gili, through the Academic Unit and the Resource Centre, offer UNSW students the opportunity to undertake dynamic, challenging and contemporary

courses within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.

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Nura Gili takes an eclectic view in establishing this dialogue, recognising and incorporating knowledge from other disciplines, students' own prior learning experiences, and both historical and contemporary ways of knowing. Ultimately, students will develop an appreciation for, and be engaged with, the development of stronger communities.

Nura Gili offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate units of study that may be taken individually to complement a student's academic interest or as a sequence to form a significant area of study within your degree.

Our courses explore issues around the impact of colonisation on Indigenous Australia, with topics including relationships to land, the diversity of Indigenous peoples, and contemporary issues within the country.

We offer many courses through a range of disciplines which take on an integrative, cross-disciplinary approach to the understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lives, cultures and histories. Courses cover areas such as anthropology, language and literature, race relations, politics, religion, Aboriginal and

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Students at the 2008 UNSW Indigenous Winter School.



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From facing page

Torres Strait Islander perspectives and approaches to knowledge. Specialist courses in Social Work or Cultural Heritage Management are also available.

The Masters of Indigenous Studies is a new program that offers students an opportunity to explore further issues in-depth with a focus on social justice.

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Studying with Nura Gili will allow you to:

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The Nura Gili Resource Centre

Are you looking for a space dedicated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies?

Nura Gili Resource Centre houses a specialist Indigenous collection comprised of over 20,000 items including books, posters, journals, and audiovisual material. Many subject areas are covered such as Indigenous history, culture, art, native title, health, social work and education.

Research is made easy at Nura Gili Resource Centre.

With specialist knowledge of resources and information on Indigenous content, library staff members provide a relevant and timely reference service to students, academic staff, researchers and members of the public.

Owing to the specialised nature of the collection borrowing is not permitted, however study spaces and the use of audio-visual facilities are available.

Learn about Indigenous cultures world-wide at the Nura Gili Resource Centre!

Nura Gili Resource Centre houses a collection of core literature on race, ethnicity and Indigenous Cultures to support comparative studies.

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Contact details

Contact Nura Gili at
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Locations: Nura Gili is split over three locations all on or in close proximity to each other at the UNSW Kensington Campus.

● Nura Gili Student Centre: 47 Botany Street Randwick, NSW 2031 (corner of Botany and High streets).

● Nura Gili Resource Centre: UNSW Library Basement, entry via Commerce Courtyard (opposite Central Lecture Block) Kensington Campus.

● Nura Gili Programs Centre, 26 Botany Street, Randwick, NSW 2031.



UNSW Staff and Students on the Walama Muru Program in Wellington and Nanima, NSW, during January.



Melissa Thorne in the Nura Gili Resource Centre at UNSW.



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- ECU Law & Justice student and scholarship winner, Julie Pickett

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- ECU Indigenous Sector Management student, George Donaldson



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ECU Indigenous students speak for themselves



ACU National tribute for Auntie Delsie

THE Australian Catholic University (ACU National) has paid tribute to Auntie Delsie Lillyst, who won the Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council's 2008 Indigenous Elder Award for Life-long Contribution to Indigenous People in Higher Education in Australia.

Auntie Delsie, a Gunditjmarra woman from south-west Victoria who works as an Indigenous education officer with the Catholic Education Office in Melbourne, is also a part-time student in the Bachelor of Education degree program at the ACU National Melbourne Campus (St Patrick's).

She is heavily involved in Indigenous education initiatives across all areas of Catholic education.

Auntie Delsie was presented with the award at the Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council's annual stakeholder dinner.

"On behalf of the university community I extend our warm congratulations to Auntie Delsie on receiving this important award," ACU National Vice-Chancellor Professor Greg Craven said.

Auntie Delsie is a mother of six, has six grandchildren, and is committed to encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly young people, into all areas of education.

"Staff and students of the ACU National Melbourne Campus' Victorian Indigenous Support Unit, Jim-baa-yeer, know Auntie Delsie as a strong and proud Aboriginal woman

who is a committed mentor to those around her," said Professor Craven.

"She is actively involved in university and local community events, and has membership on a number of government and educational boards and committees, and numerous reference and advisory groups throughout the

Victorian Aboriginal community."

As part of her commitment to Indigenous education, Auntie Delsie has been instrumental in the development of resources such as the *Yarra Healing* website, the *Dancing in the Dust* DVD and the *Guiding Tracks* literacy resource folder.



DELSIE LILLYST

Union full of praise

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander teachers and education workers make an invaluable contribution to all children, the Australian Education Union says.

AEU Federal Aboriginal Education Officer Wayne Costelloe says the union can provide important advice and assistance to its membership, which includes Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander teachers and allied educational staff, principals and administrators in government early childhood education centres, schools and TAFE systems. The AEU says it is proud of the fact that it has more than 1000 Indigenous members working in public education systems across Australia.

"The AEU actively seeks the input of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members in the development of education policy, campaigns and other relevant issues," Mr Costelloe said.

"This input is provided through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education committees, designated positions for Indigenous members on the union's decision-making bodies, and through work with other AEU

committees. The AEU also strongly supports the provision of quality public education for all Australian students, particularly for Indigenous peoples, and has established the annual Arthur Hamilton Award for Outstanding Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education for AEU members.

"Members are now being invited to submit applications, with nominations closing on 28 November. Details are available from the AEU on (03) 9693 1800 or email aeu@aeufederal.org.au

"The award, which attracts \$1000 in prizemoney, will be announced at the 2009 AEU Annual Conference in Melbourne."

The AEU says it lobbies governments on several fronts, including on changes to Commonwealth Indigenous education funding which AEU research has shown to have had a negative impact on parent and community participation in schools.

The AEU says it also campaigns for the introduction of mandatory Indigenous studies as a minimum requirement for teacher employment.



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The Koori Centre is the core of Indigenous Australian Education at The University of Sydney and is renowned for their expertise in Teaching and Learning, Scholarly and Creative Research, Community Outreach and Student Support. Facilities include expansive computer lab, fully equipped common room, extensive resource library, and much, much more.

CADIGAL SPECIAL ENTRY PROGRAM

The Cadigal Program is a special admission and support program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who want to study for their first degree at The University of Sydney. We are accepting applications now from school leavers and mature age applicants (over 21 years) who want to study for their first degree at The University of Sydney. Applicants must also submit a Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) application showing their preferred course/s at University. We strongly advise school leavers to apply through the Cadigal Program now for study in 2009!

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Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme for Indigenous Australian students once they are enrolled at The University. Tutoring is provided at no cost to the student and can be arranged by contacting the ITAS Coordinator at the Koori Centre.

SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES

The university offers a variety of scholarships and bursaries specifically for Indigenous Australian students including:

CHANCELLOR'S COMMITTEE INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN BURSARIES

These scholarships are available to Indigenous Australian students who are undertaking undergraduate study from all faculties across The University of Sydney.

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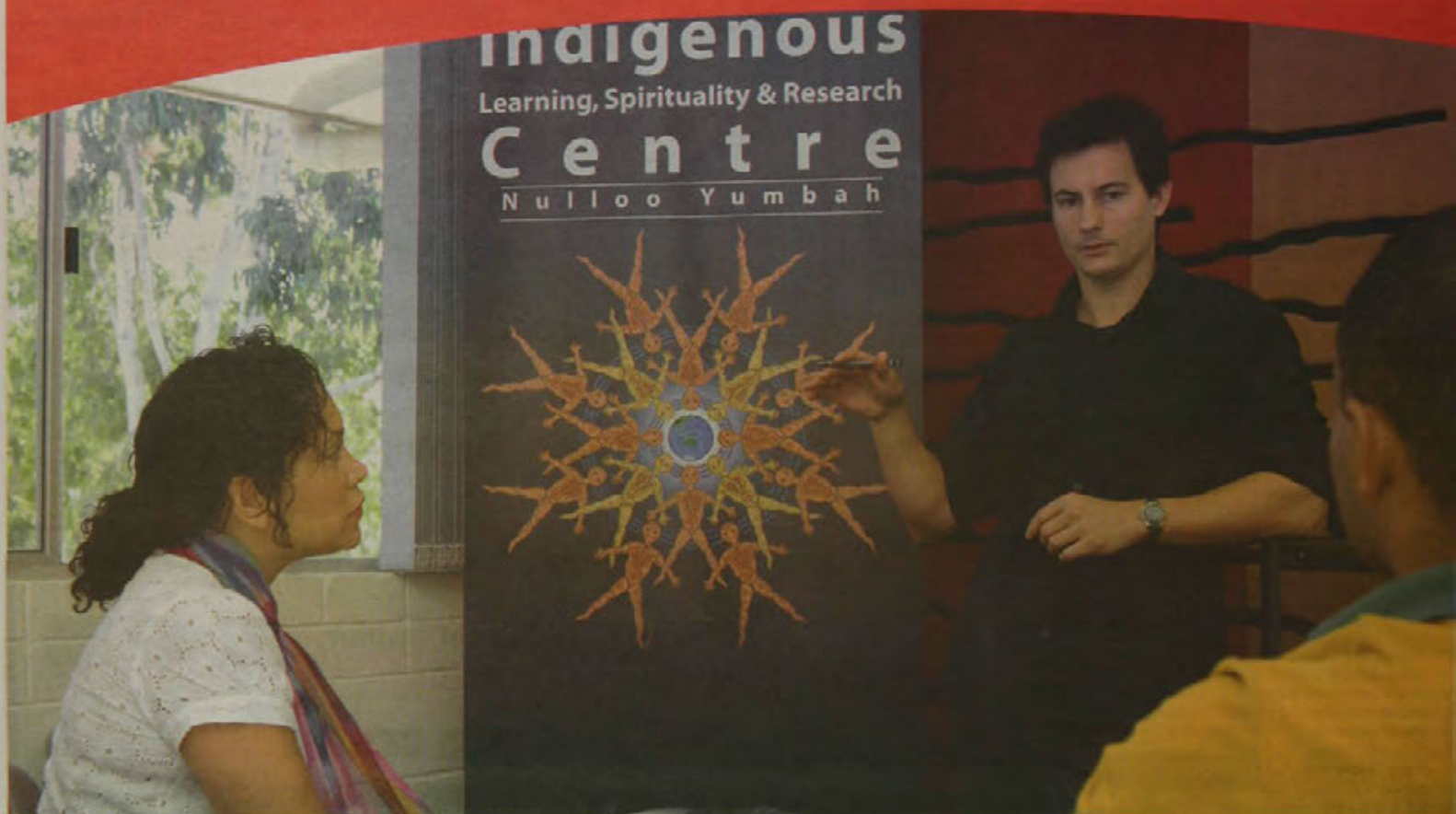
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Residential colleges and some faculties of The University offer a number of part or full scholarships to Indigenous Australian Students to cover accommodation and meals on the Camperdown Campus.

For more information on courses at The University of Sydney please contact the Koori Centre on: Toll Free 1800 622 742 or (02) 9351 2046 or visit our websites at: www.koori.usyd.edu.au or www.usyd.edu.au/student/indigenous/

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Victorian College of the Arts

Pecan Summer on way

OPERA is story telling. Story telling is ancient and a traditional practice for Indigenous people. Opera is an innovative form of expression for Indigenous story telling.

For more than 17 years, Deborah Cheetham has been pursuing a career as a freelance classical soprano and in all that time has been the only classically trained Indigenous Soprano making a living from this profession. It has long been her belief that there are great Indigenous voices out there that go unheard due to the lack of opportunity or clearly defined pathway.

What if Australian Indigenous voices became the new sound in opera around the world? What if there was a way to encourage young Indigenous singers and musicians to tell their stories through opera?

Deborah is writing and composing a 21st century opera, *Pecan Summer*. This work will be designed to create opportunities for, and harness the talents of, Indigenous singers and musicians, actors, writers and technicians. It is planned to train a cast of Indigenous singers for *Pecan Summer* and, in doing so, discover what fresh nuances the unique vocal quality of the Australian



DEBORAH CHEETHAM

Aboriginal voice can bring to classical vocal music. This will make *Pecan Summer* the first opera of its kind in Australia.

The genesis of the plot for this opera is the 1939 walk-off from Cummeragunja Mission. In the heat of the February 1939 summer, 200 men, women and children

crossed Dhungala (the Murray River) in defiance of their persecutors. The symbolism of more than 50 families fleeing via this liquid road from NSW into Victoria is epic in its emotional range. Opera is the ideal vehicle to convey drama of this scope.

Deborah has spent 12 months researching the history surrounding the story and, in doing this, has been fortunate enough to spend time with some of the men and women who lived the drama of this event (most of whom are now aged in their late 70s) – including the discovery that her own ancestors were a part of this political event.

While *Pecan Summer* explores the universal themes of identity and belonging, it is a uniquely Australian work, with a strong sense of time and place through its connection with mid-20th and early-21st century Barmah/Shepparton and Melbourne. Contemporary themes of the Stolen Generations, of homelessness and of reconciliation are embedded in the story.

Pecan Summer is an opera for the 21st century, a contemporary opera for Indigenous Australians – a story for all Australians.

In partnership with the Wilin Centre, Deborah Cheetham has developed an

intensive opera course known as the Wilin Spring Intensive. This course is designed to attract classically trained Indigenous singers to the VCA in Melbourne and expose them to first-class vocal coaching, language instruction and role preparation.

The participants of the Wilin Spring Intensive will attend master classes, receive one-on-one tuition, language coaching, an acting-for-singers course and role preparation for *Pecan Summer*. The 2008 Wilin Spring Intensive will begin the process to audition and train a cast of Indigenous singers for *Pecan Summer*. In doing so, the aim is to reveal what fresh nuances the unique vocal quality of the Australian Aboriginal voice and the Yorta Yorta language can bring to classical vocal music. It is worth noting that this will be the first opera to be sung in the ancient Yorta Yorta language.

Pecan Summer is a 21st century Australian Opera by Deborah Cheetham. There will be opportunities to get involved over the next few years. For further information, contact the Wilin Centre, VCA, University of Melbourne: Ph (03) 9685 9327 or contact Deborah directly by email at cheed@unimelb.edu.au



Students and staff at the Wilin Centre.

Wilin at the heart of the college

SITUATED in the heart of the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) in Melbourne, the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development is dedicated to providing a holistic approach to supporting Indigenous students and artists.

This national centre offers student support, mentoring and tutoring and hosts artists-in-residences, cultural activities, events and celebrations in a friendly and welcoming environment.

The Wilin Centre also provides information and support to Indigenous VCA students regarding scholarships and financial assistance. The Wilin Centre aims to nurture and encourage Indigenous artists to achieve their utmost, as well as educate the student and staff body to recognise the diversity of Indigenous Australian arts and culture.

Entry to VCA courses is based on talent. This means that entry to each course at the VCA involves an application process as well as an audition or interview. At the audition/interview, applicants have the chance to display

their talent to the staff of the VCA to gain entry. The Wilin Centre offers support to Indigenous applicants throughout this process.

The Wilin Centre proudly presents a number of annual events including:

● **Wilin Week: Keep the Fire**

Burning – An annual celebration of Indigenous Culture, Community, Fire and Food.

● **Experience VCA** – An annual residential program for interested Indigenous artists from interstate to experience VCA first-hand.

● **Fan the Flames Indigenous Student/Alumni Showcase Event** – a night of exhibitions and performances by current and graduate student talent.

The Wilin Centre also runs a Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Arts Management.

If you are interested in applying for a course at the VCA, or just in receiving some more information about the Wilin Centre, call (03) 9685 9327 or check out the Wilin site at <http://www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/wilin/>

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eligible for recognition of prior learning. At the end of the program, a letter to your home address
will tell you if you have been accepted.

Where will I stay during audition week and who pays for it?

You will be staying on campus at NAISDA. Abstudy covers the travel, accommodation and meal
expenses of all eligible auditionees. Your audition information pack will explain how it all works.

How old must I be?

You have to be at least 18 years old to begin studies at NAISDA but you may audition before your 18th
birthday. Developing artists over 30 may be admitted at the College's discretion.

When will I know if I'm in?

You will have an assessment interview with the CEO/head of dance and the course coordinator to assess
your readiness for admission. You will then be notified by letter to your home address after the
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Tell me more - what do I do now?

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RESPECT THE PAST, EMBRACE THE FUTURE

Emma-Jane aims to spend her life teaching others



CSU student Emma-Jane Trudgett

TWENTY-YEAR-OLD Emma-Jane Trudgett dances to the beat of her own drum every day in her roles as a teacher and student in Dubbo, western NSW, but will be taking the next step as she performs in America this month.

Teaching dance and studying for a Bachelor of Education (Primary) degree at Charles Sturt University has given Emma-Jane the incentive to spend her life teaching others.

"I've been a dance teacher since I was 15 and when it came to university studies I really wanted to stay in my home town," she said.

"Primary Education links with my dance and I enjoy the subjects so it doesn't seem like hard work."

Emma-Jane is in her second year at

university and has now travelled to America with her dance troupe. "We'll be dancing at America's Disneyland and Universal Studios. I've never been overseas so I'm really excited," she said.

Emma-Jane encourages anyone

"You go to lectures but you do stuff like assignments in your own time.

"There are some subjects that you do like Aboriginal Education and Creative Arts which I'm really enjoying."

Emma-Jane hopes dance is always a big

"There were only nine children in one class. It was a fantastic experience and it has inspired me to work in small schools with Aboriginal children when I finish my degree."

Emma-Jane hopes she can be an inspiration to other Aboriginal people.

"I want to help children, not only as a teacher but as someone with good values and attitudes as well," she said.

"With the teachers that I looked up to at school, it was not only what they taught me, but the standards they set

as people. My ultimate role model is (Aboriginal actor) Deborah Mailman. I went to the Sydney Opera House during a school excursion and saw her perform and I thought, 'She's living her dream, what's stopping me from doing it?'"

'I really want to help children, not only as a teacher but as someone with good values and attitudes as well'

— CSU Bachelor of Education (Primary) student Emma-Jane Trudgett

finishing Year 12 to think about studying at university to help fulfil their dreams.

"Uni is completely different to school," she explains.

"There's less structure and you're in charge of your own time.

part of her life but, having been exposed to the world of education, she has a new career goal.

"We have a practical component every year and my most recent was in a small rural school," she said.

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ACU National offers the following undergraduate study opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through a flexible study program involving attendance at residential blocks and supplemented by study at home.

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These courses qualify graduates for employment in State, Independent and Catholic Schools, or in Community Education.

Associate Degree in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education

2.5 years full-time, mixed mode
Strathfield and Brisbane Campuses

This courses provides graduates opportunities in community liaison and roles such as AEA (Aboriginal Education Assistant/Teachers Aide) and Community Education Counsellor.

Bachelor of Education (Primary) Indigenous Studies

2.5 years full-time, mixed mode
Strathfield and Brisbane Campuses

Graduates from this course are eligible for teacher registration and accreditation to teach in government, independent and Catholic Schools.

Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Arts (Indigenous Studies)

5 years full-time
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This course has been designed to prepare Indigenous students for a teaching career in two of the following subjects: A major in History or English, with a minor in Indigenous Studies and an elective in Society and Culture or Religion.

Business Course

Associate Degree in Business Administration (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies)

2 years full-time, mixed mode.
Brisbane Campus

This course emphasises skills in business communications (including computer skills), organisational and workplace studies and effective management practices. The Diploma enhances job opportunities within business administration (both public and private) and community service areas.

Student Support

ACU National has an Aboriginal Education Unit on each campus, which operates to assist and support students undertaking courses and to liaise with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

How to Apply

For application information please contact our Aboriginal Education Units:

Yalbalunga (Strathfield Campus): (02) 9701 4258
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Applications for courses at Strathfield Campus close Friday 5 December.

Application for courses at our Brisbane Campus close Friday 12 December.

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Sharing culture online

A NEW online e-learning portal is designed to help share the culture of Indigenous Australia. Called Sharing Culture, the program is the brainchild of Queensland-based couple Jodie and Gadi Mavmuru.

Having moved to the Sunshine Coast over four years ago from the Northern Territory, both say they wanted to ensure their children could learn about Indigenous culture in their education.

"Similarly, we saw a need to educate non-Indigenous children about the Indigenous culture. We felt it was important for Indigenous culture to be acknowledged and represented positively in the classroom," they said.

The couple say they have a strong passion for education, and developed the programs and business together.

Artwork, language and music in the program have been designed by Gadj, who says they have been authenticated and supported by Elders of the Yolngu community in Arnhem Land, where he is from.

With a background in education and multimedia, Jodie developed the educational content of the

program, which has been designed to work within the education curriculum.

"By taking Sharing Culture resources on-line, we can ensure that we follow cultural protocols, altering content if necessary (such as withdrawing names of the deceased)," they said.

"It's also a great way for kids to learn. They really enjoy interacting with the activities."

'Appropriate'

"It also means we can regularly add new, authentic and culturally appropriate resources and updates. It enables us to continue to make available resources that support every day teaching and learning practices through the key learning areas of the curriculum and adapt resources to support the new National Curriculum.

"Sharing Culture E-Learning also fits in with the Government's new 'Digital Revolution'."

Sharing Culture was on display at the recent Garma Festival, where it attracted plenty of attention.

More details on Sharing Culture are available at www.sharingculture.com.au



Sharing Culture's Jodie Maymuru showing a local lad the program at the recent Garma Festival in the NT Top End. Picture: WAYNE QUILLIAM

**Lead your community
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If you're looking to further your studies, look no further than the Centre for Aboriginal Studies at Curtin.

Having the highest number of indigenous students in Australia, our Aboriginal-managed centre provides academic and cultural support for students from all communities. Study courses such as the Aboriginal Bridging Course give you a head start into Uni and campus life. Once complete, you may choose to enrol in a range of undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses, where you'll be provided with relevant academic and personal support by our Indigenous support services, setting you on the right path for success. Here's a snapshot look at the courses on offer:

Aboriginal Bridging/Enabling Course

This full-time, internal course prepares students for further tertiary education by improving their skills and qualifications and providing a culturally appropriate teaching and learning environment. Since its inception in 1976, it has helped hundreds of Aboriginal students gain entry to university.

Bachelor of Education Conversion Course

This course is designed for AIEOs currently employed in education who wish to upgrade their existing teaching skills to obtain a Bachelor of Education degree. It places strong emphasis on Early Childhood and Primary Education.

Indigenous Community Health Program

Offering a combination of contemporary health practices and management skills, this block release course helps graduates make significant contributions towards strengthening and empowering their own and other communities health and wellbeing. Indigenous primary health care practitioners, who wish to take up leadership roles in the formulation and implementation of programs, are encouraged to apply.

Indigenous Community Management and Development Program

The program helps further Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self-determination and extend knowledge required to bring about effective, culturally appropriate social change in Indigenous service organisations and communities.

Indigenous Australian Cultural Studies Program

Indigenous and non-Indigenous students gain understanding of the cultural diversity and cultural ways of Indigenous Australians. Underpinned by principles of social justice, this program is highly recommended for students interested in a professional career working alongside Indigenous Australians.

Live your dream!

Enrol at the University of Adelaide

We're committed to providing Indigenous students with a supportive and inclusive educational environment that's designed to help you make the most of your opportunities.

The University's Centre for Australian Indigenous Research and Studies has two key Indigenous units - Wilto Yerlo and the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM).

Wilto Yerlo is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Academic and Student Support Program. It manages the Indigenous Access Scheme for entry to Foundation Programs in Humanities & Social Sciences and in Music at CASM, as well as direct entry to all undergraduate programs.

Wilto Yerlo also helps with:

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For further information about Indigenous education opportunities at the University of Adelaide:

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Website: www.adelaide.edu.au/wilto_yerlo



Wilto Yerlo

Centre for Australian Indigenous Research and Studies



Rebecca's goal for Indigenous health

Rebecca Richards wants to make a difference in the field of mental health.

The young Adnyamathana woman is doing a BA in psychology and anthropology at the University of Adelaide, and hopes to pursue a career in clinical psychology.

"My goal is to establish a place within regional hospitals and communities where Indigenous and non-Indigenous people with mental illness can be treated with respect and dignity," Rebecca says.

She is the first recipient of the State Government's new Terry Roberts Memorial Scholarship for Indigenous South Australians. The scholarship supports Indigenous students studying full-time at university by providing up to \$8,000 over four years.



Fantastic opportunities

Hi, my name is Eunice Kile. I'm currently completing the Associate Diploma in Aboriginal studies in music at CASM. I'm a mother of 3 and I have a grandchild so, yes my life is hectic at times but I enjoy my studies.

I came to CASM to do what I love best, which is singing. Since coming to CASM I have learnt to play guitar and mandolin, compose songs, and loads of other things academically.

I'm pretty excited as this has opened doors to employment within the community, and also given me opportunities in performance as well as meeting a wide range of people in the music industry. As part of my course I am now involved in the planning of a community project creating after school music programs for 5-12 year olds.

SERIOUSLY, CASM has been a great learning experience that has offered fantastic opportunities I thought I'd never achieve.



THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE AUSTRALIA



University of Canberra award-winner Krystal Hurst.

UC award to Krystal

UNIVERSITY of Canberra student Krystal Hurst is the first recipient of an award from academic Dr Leah Moore for women involved in non-traditional areas of study.

This special award, allocated for the first time in 2008, complements another provided by Dr Moore and the University of Canberra annually.

Krystal is studying a Bachelor in Environmental Science majoring in Cultural and Heritage studies.

In presenting the \$1000 University Co-Op bookshop voucher, Dr Moore said: "Krystal is a very worthy recipient of this award."

"It is difficult for students to make their way through university and this award is aimed at making that journey just a little easier."

"This award is meant to ease a little of the financial pressure and I would strongly encourage any women studying in a non-traditional area to consider applying for this award, as I would be

happy to look upon their applications favourably."

Krystal said she was delighted with her selection.

"It is an honour to receive this award," she said.

"It will make life so much easier now that I can spend \$1000 on text books."

Krystal is in her first year at the university and is one of the students to have been assisted through the university's Ngunnawal Centre's Foundation Program.

"The foundation program really gave me confidence to study at university and assisted in getting me to this point," Krystal said.

"This award will now allow me to continue my study with less pressure on myself and my family to find the expenses for text books."

Krystal hopes to work in the area of protecting and managing Indigenous significant sites when she completes her degree.

'The (UC) Foundation Program really gave me confidence to study at university...'

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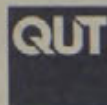
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Griffith Uni pair shine

THE quest for knowledge about their Indigenous heritage has led to surprising results for two members of the Griffith University community.

Marianne Wobcke has had an interesting journey into tertiary study, with the former midwife starting at Queensland College of Art (QCA) – which is part of Griffith – as a mature-age student after her quest to find her birth mother revealed untapped skills as an artist.

"During the search for my Indigenous heritage I undertook a form of therapy which suggested drawing as a way of working through the emotions felt," she said.

"Even though I had no previous experience or inclination as an artist – or to pursue a university education – this process resulted in a portfolio of work."

"I was encouraged to submit it to QCA and as fate would have it I was accepted into the Australian Contemporary Indigenous Art course in which I'm now doing my Honours year."

Despite Marianne's late entry into the art world she proved herself to be a true talent, winning Griffith Medals for Studio Excellence and Academic Excellence as well as the GUMURRII's Linda Buxton Memorial Prize.

This year she received a Patience Thoms Indigenous Australian (Honours/Postgraduate) scholarship, re-launched in 2008. She will use part of her scholarship to help fund a trip to Switzerland to attend an exclusive

Griffith University's Bronwyn Dillon ... "I really enjoy the interaction with the Indigenous students and staff and being there to assist them when they need it."



workshop in Switzerland with acclaimed artist H R Giger.

"This is an international workshop which will give me the unique opportunity to promote Indigenous Australian art on an international platform," Marianne said.

"Without the help of the scholarship it would not have been possible for me to go. Having initiatives such as the Patience Thoms scholarship and GUMURRII is so

critical to encouraging Indigenous people to aspire to higher education and reach their goals."

Students aren't the only ones achieving great results, with Griffith alumnus and current staff member Bronwyn Dillon recently awarded an Indigenous Staff Scholarship. The scholarship recognises Indigenous staff who have actively encouraged Indigenous students to

participate in higher education and complete their courses.

As a Bachelor of Business student, Bronwyn received the assistance of the GUMURRII Student Support Unit to support her goals and guide her through the transition to university, culminating in her completing two postgraduate masters degrees.

This support played a crucial role in the success of Bronwyn's university studies and led to her gaining employment at GUMURRII following her graduation.

"The work of the GUMURRII staff was such a positive experience for me and I valued the chance to be able to take on that responsibility in helping the next generation of Indigenous students through their university studies," Bronwyn said.

"With my studies in Human Resources and Business Management it was a great starting ground for my career and a wonderful environment to work in."

After two years Bronwyn left for another role, only to return to GUMURRII in 2004 where she has worked since, currently as a Learning Assistance Officer.

"I really enjoy the interaction with the Indigenous students and staff and being there to assist them when they need it," she said.

"I applied for the scholarship to commence research higher degree studies. It has been my goal to research and write about my ancestral history, in particular the women of Quandamooka (Moreton Bay) in the 19th and 20th centuries."



Realise your potential

GUMURRII Student Support Unit

If you've ever thought about going to University – but felt there may be too many barriers – think again. The GUMURRII Student Support Unit can help you realise your potential, from assisting you to secure admission to advising you throughout your studies.

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Alternate Entry Program

Griffith University offers an Alternate Entry Program to Indigenous people seeking university admission. Indigenous school leavers and mature aged people who have not obtained or completed university entry-level courses or TAFE bridging programs are eligible to apply. As a mature aged person, life skills and transferable work experience may have prepared you for academic study.

Proof of Aboriginality is required prior to students being offered admission through the Alternate Entry Program.

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Batchelor Institute Chancellor Yvonne Cadet-James presents Kenneth Vic Areagdead, from Ingham in Queensland, with his Bachelor of Arts in Language and Linguistics.



Batchelor Institute Vice-Chancellor Prof Jeannie Herbert, left, with the new Chancellor, Prof Yvonne Cadet-James, at the head of the Academic parade at the 2008 graduation ceremony in Alice Springs.



All smiles ... Students celebrate with family and friends after receiving their qualifications at Batchelor Institute's Alice Springs graduation ceremony.

Graduation in the Alice

MORE than 85 students from Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education were conferred with their graduating certificates and higher education qualifications at a special ceremony in Alice Springs on 4 September.

The ceremony took place at the Batchelor Institute Central Australian campus and included a keynote address by the former Institute Chancellor Rosalie Kunoth-Monks.

Batchelor Institute holds two graduation ceremonies each year – one in the Top End

in June at the main campus in Batchelor, south of Darwin, and one in Central Australia in September. More than 200 Indigenous students graduated at the June ceremony held in Batchelor.

The Alice Springs ceremony was broadcast live by senior students from the Institute's Indigenous Media Unit and was heard Australia-wide via the CAAMA and TEABBA networks and on the Institute's Radio Rum Jungle.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Tom

Evison says graduation is one of the most important events on the Academic calendar for Batchelor Institute staff and students.

"Graduating students from Central Australia were joined by others from all around Australia and throughout the Territory to receive their nationally recognised qualifications in a wide range of VET, higher education and post-graduate courses," he said. "The 2008 Alice Springs ceremony was a very special occasion as it was also the first graduation ceremony presided over by

our new Chancellor, Professor Yvonne Cadet-James, who took up the position on 11 August this year.

"We were also delighted that our previous Chancellor, Rosalie Kunoth-Monks, was able to attend to give the keynote address."

A Welcome to Country was delivered by Lhere Artepe, and the Drum Atweme group, which comprises children from Alice Springs town camps, led the academic parade at the start of the event. The Simpson Desert Band provided entertainment at the conclusion.

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Cherbourg mother cares for other mothers-to-be

Judy Stanley has cast a stone into the ocean to make a difference for her people by completing a Certificate IV in Community Services (Protective Care).

The mother of six is one of the first 10 graduates of a joint project by Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE and the Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE to encourage more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment.

The program has received wide recognition both in the South Burnett and at a state level, recently winning the Department of Child Safety's Building Queensland's Regions Award at its annual Recognition of Excellence awards ceremony.

Judy says making a difference to one woman, man or child has the capacity to start a ripple effect.

"It's like a drop in a puddle, it may be small to start with, but has wide-reaching effects," she said.

"This course has given me the courage to stand up as a member of the community and work to give a voice to those who can't find theirs.

"The teachers were all supportive and made learning easier for those who had been out of the classroom atmosphere for some time, and for those of us who are busy parents.

"I'm now working as a project officer for Cherbourg Healthy Pregnancies and have enrolled in the Diploma of Prevention and Intervention through Nurunderi Campus as well as a dual Diploma of Community Welfare (Counselling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People) through Central Queensland Institute of TAFE."

Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE Nurunderi Campus Business Manager, Santina Schmocker, said Judy was a wonderful role model with a passion to give back to her community.

"She's an inspiration and has also been offered an opportunity to work with the Office for Women as a guest speaker for leadership and mentoring," Ms Schmocker said.

This inspiring student will also be completing her Certificate IV in Training and Assessment with the view to sharing her knowledge through teaching others.

"If I can do it, anyone can do it, that's what I always say," Ms Stanley said.

"My passion is to achieve what I want to achieve in life. First and foremost I am a mother, then helping my people is my passion — now with the piece of paper to prove I have the skills, I can really make a difference."

For more information on where TAFE training can take you, visit www.tafe.qld.gov.au or call 1300 30 8233.

Tranby Aboriginal College, Sydney

AS Australia's oldest independent Indigenous college, Tranby offers specialised courses in an environment that supports Aboriginal ways of learning. Tranby has been a pioneer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adult education, training and social action since 1958. During this time it has attracted course participants with a diverse range of education and training requirements, and their feedback has greatly assisted the College to meet the changing needs of Indigenous communities.

Currently, about 130 Indigenous course participants from metropolitan, regional and remote areas from across Australia and the Torres Strait Islands attend one-week blocks, six times a year, for the duration of the two-year Diploma courses (National Indigenous Legal Advocacy; Diploma in Community Development; Advanced Diploma in Aboriginal Studies) and one-year Diploma in Governance (Indigenous Communities). Course work also includes community-based projects and research between blocks.

Tranby prides itself on its informal and friendly atmosphere while aiming to achieve the highest standard of education for students. Our learning facilities have been built to best reflect Indigenous teaching and learning methods. Our buildings are unique, and combined with our tailored teaching, communication and assessment methods, best meet the needs of individuals and the community.



Some of the unique buildings on site at Tranby Aboriginal College in the Sydney suburb of Glebe.

Over the years, Tranby has accessed the services of various professionals, including Community Elders, whose expertise and knowledge provides a significant contribution to curriculum and course delivery, both at the College and in the field.

The four VETAB nationally accredited

Diploma courses currently offered at Tranby were developed in consultation with Indigenous Elders and community members, in response to community needs and aspirations. The focus of the courses available at Tranby is to consolidate skills, knowledge and expertise, which enhances the abilities of

community organisations and individuals to determine their own directions.

While undertaking studies at Tranby College, course participants build upon their own skills and expertise, networks, self-esteem, friendships and confidence. As they strengthen their own knowledge, course participants share this easily and confidently with each other in class, as well as with family members and their communities. The majority of course applicants come to Tranby on the recommendation of graduating students who encourage other community members to further their own education and that of their families.

Tranby can provide tutorial support through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations-funded Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme. The College encourages community members to assist students with particular areas of study through this program. Assessment tasks and learning activities are drawn from life experiences as they relate to community issues.

For more information on any of Tranby College's courses, e-mail admin@tranby.edu.au.

Submissions for 2009 enrolments close on 10 October. Tranby will be inviting potential students to participate in the Testing and Assessment program which will be conducted in November.

● **Further information on the college and courses can be found on our website: www.tranby.edu.au, or call the toll-free number 1800 601 988.**



TRANBY ABORIGINAL COLLEGE IS NOW ACCEPTING ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2009

Tranby is the oldest Indigenous education provider in Australia. This year, we are celebrating our 50th anniversary of delivering the highest quality education to our mob. In 2009, we are offering the following courses:

- Diploma of National Indigenous Legal Advocacy (NILA)
- Diploma of Governance (Indigenous Organisations)
- Diploma of Community Development
- Advanced Diploma of Applied Aboriginal Studies
- Certificate II in Business
- Certificate III in Business (Administration)

All courses are VETAB accredited.

Funding received through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations enables Tranby to assist students with travel and accommodation to and from Sydney.

Testing and Assessment is a requirement of all Tranby Courses – Students must participate in a pre-enrolment interview.

Enrolment Submissions are required by 10 October, 2008.

Please contact Tranby or view our website for details.

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Positive feedback

A RECENT submission by Indigenous students to the Federal Government's review of higher education recommended, among other things, that there should be residential courses on governance. Well, that educational future is here now.

In 2007 Tranby Aboriginal College offered a Diploma in Governance (Indigenous Organisations) for the first time. This nationally accredited one-year course is offered by block release and is open to Indigenous students from around Australia. Students undertaking the course are eligible for free travel and accommodation and also receive a meals allowance.

The graduating class of 2007 were very positive about their study experience at Tranby. Some commented that 'teachers and staff are very good and make people feel very welcomed', while

others felt that 'Tranby allows the boundaries between community, work and college to be a comfortable continuum that the mainstream educational culture does not seem to entertain' and 'facilitators at Tranby actually understand the issues'.

It was very pleasing for Tranby to receive such encouraging feedback after offering the course for only one year.

Responsibility

Perhaps more importantly, students took on a responsibility to transfer the governance knowledge they had acquired.

"I intend to pass my knowledge on as an induction to new committee members," said one student. Another commented, 'the training has allowed me to restructure a Board and this has had a very positive impact on staff and management'.

This connection allows skills and knowledge to be shared, and for funding bodies this means that money spent on Indigenous vocational or tertiary education is multiplied back into communities.

Strong governance is essential for Indigenous communities to exercise self-determination and control of their future. To achieve this, the course has subjects on legal duties and responsibilities of board members; strategic planning; how to conduct a meeting; control of finances; employment policies; and maintaining and protecting culture. Students also participate in simulated board exercises throughout the year. This course is also suitable for managers and other staff, and members of Indigenous corporations.

Tranby, celebrating 50 years in 2008, believes that education is a key to

self-determination. Strong governance is also central to this. Together, Tranby and the Diploma of Governance are committed to educating and supporting Indigenous students and communities to manage their futures.

Tranby has great facilities, including two computer rooms, a specialist Indigenous library and librarian, purpose-designed and culturally appropriate learning spaces, small group learning, guest speakers and tutorial support (and a hot lunch every day on campus).

Tranby will again be offering the course in 2009, and interested students need to apply by 10 October this year. Testing and assessment will take place in November.

For more information on studying governance at Tranby Aboriginal College, e-mail admin@tranby.edu.au, call our toll-free number 1800 601 988 or visit the website: www.tranby.edu.au

Anniversary dinner at the Hilton

ON 21 November, The Grand Ballroom in Sydney's Hilton Hotel will host Tranby's 50th Anniversary Dinner, and all community members, particularly former staff and students, are invited to attend.

Tickets are \$55 a person, which will include a three-course meal and drinks, as well as entertainment from

The Buddy Knox Blues Band, Freshwater and Sean Choolburra, who will MC the evening.

Tranby will also be staging an Indigenous Art Exhibition and other events to commemorate its 50th year.

For all ticket and general enquiries about the celebration, contact Annaliese Monaro on

a.monaro@tranby.edu.au, or call on 1800 601 988.

There are registration forms on the Tranby website – www.tranby.edu.au – for those interested in receiving regular updates on 50th anniversary events. Tranby is particularly interested in getting in touch with any former staff and students.

Enriching the University experience for Indigenous students

Situated on Wurundjeri land, The Centre for Indigenous Education has played a major role in the success of Indigenous students over many years. The University of Melbourne has a rich history of Indigenous graduates in disciplines including Law, Medicine, Education, History, Criminology, Indigenous Studies, Science, Engineering, Commerce and many more.

These students have gone on to work in places like Oxford University, The Family Court, State and Federal Government, National Australia Bank, Rio Tinto and at the University of Melbourne itself.

Helping drive our students to achieve their very best are the various support services delivered by many of the Indigenous staff and support units across the University.

The Centre for Indigenous Education aims to enrich Indigenous students' learning experience whilst at university through a range of social and academic activities. These include programs designed to help high school students aspire to studying at university level, helping current students link in with local community organisations and providing all the necessary support mechanisms to help them achieve in life after university.

We assist students with:

- Applying to the University
- Structuring their course selection
- One-on-one tutoring via the ITAS program
- Facilitating finding adequate housing within either the residential colleges or the rental market
- Utilising study skills programs throughout the University
- Linking with community organisations
- Applying for cadetships with various organisations

Whether you are in high school, studying a current degree, in the workforce or would like a change to something new, the Centre for Indigenous Education can help you gain a place within your chosen field of study at the University of Melbourne. For further information about the University, what courses are available, how to apply and what financial support is available, please contact the Centre for Indigenous Education and speak to one of our staff.

Telephone: 03 8344 7722. Toll Free: 1800 801 662.

Email: cie-info@unimelb.edu.au

Website: www.services.unimelb.edu.au/cie

Artwork by Thomas Abwang



Lyndon Ormond-Parker, PhD candidate in the School of Culture and Communications and School of Population Health at the University of Melbourne.



dream large



Danielle wants to help people heal

It took Danielle Dyall 10 years after leaving school to figure out what she wanted to do with her life.

"I had all of this compassion within me and wanted to put it to good use – then I discovered the Bachelor of Indigenous Studies (Trauma and Healing) at Southern Cross University and I knew it was exactly the right course for me," said Danielle, who lives in Lismore, northern New South Wales.

"There are so many wars going on in the world and so many communities in pain, especially some Indigenous communities, so there is a great need for people skilled in trauma recovery to go to these places and be of assistance in helping people to heal.

"This is a course that can take you anywhere in the world."

Danielle left high school to become a hairdresser in Brisbane, but didn't feel it was her calling in life.

"Studying for this degree has been a huge learning curve for me and it has

helped me enormously to look at my own life – who I really am, what my values and beliefs are, and what I want to be in the future," she said.

"It is a holistic course in that it supports the individual student on multiple levels to enable them to deal with and process their own stuff, so that they are better equipped to help others process theirs.

"You are not much use to anyone

"I recommend the course to anyone who wants to help the world in important and even profound ways. As we change within ourselves we send out a ripple effect that brings healing to many others."

Danielle was the recipient of a \$15,000 ANZ Bank Indigenous undergraduate scholarship to study at Southern Cross University.

The University has a generous

program of scholarships for Indigenous students, including scholarships from *The Koori Mail*, Summerland Credit Union, Tweed Shire Council, Telstra Country Wide,

NSW Sport and Recreation and the Innis Foundation.

You can get more information about Indigenous student scholarships from <http://www.scu.edu.au/scholarships/>

Enrolments are now open for the 2009 intake. Information on all courses is available at <http://www.scu.edu.au/studyin2009>

'I recommend the course to anyone who wants to help the world in important and even profound ways'

– SCU Student Danielle Dyall



Reece named as AIATSIS history expert

MURDOCH University's Professor Bob Reece has been elected as the history expert for the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Research Committee for the next two years. The committee evaluates research funding applications from across Australia in a range of disciplines.

"In recent years there's been a significant increase in the proportion of Indigenous applicants, notably in the history area," Professor Reece said. "I welcome this opportunity to keep in closer touch with what's happening in Indigenous research."

Professor Reece's own current research project involves editing for publication newspaper articles, anthropological and other correspondence relating to the historical figure Daisy Bates (1859-1951) who was an Irish-born journalist, welfare worker and life-long student of Australian Aboriginal culture and society.

This will be Professor Reece's third term on the committee.

Research applications close at the end of January 2009. Further details can be found at www.aiatsis.gov.au



BOB REECE

An 'educaring' approach to Indigenous studies

Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples at Southern Cross University is committed to providing culturally safe, dynamic and innovative education in Indigenous Studies. Courses range from the foundation program to assist Indigenous people gain entry to university, through to Bachelor, Masters and PhD level courses, and a Professional Doctorate in Indigenous Philosophies.

Work and life experience is recognised as well as academic achievement when assessing applications. Flexible distance education options make it possible to combine study with family and work commitments.

Direct applications are now open for 2009.

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RECOGNISING AND REWARDING THE ARTHUR HAMILTON AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EDUCATION

The Arthur Hamilton Award for Outstanding Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education is named in honour of Arthur Hamilton, a proud Palawa man, educator and union activist. Arthur passed away in 2004 leaving behind a legacy of a strong consciousness for equity and social justice, cross-cultural awareness, recognition of Indigenous peoples and the elimination of racism within the Australian Education Union and in schools.

The award is in recognition of AEU members who are committed to ensuring that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students have the right to high quality education throughout their lives. The AEU is dedicated to ensuring that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have local access to a free, publicly funded education system, which affirms cultural identity, and enables Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to contribute to, and participate in, their own, and broader society.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the AEU by phoning (03) 9693 1800, faxing (03) 9693 1805, or emailing samg@aeufederal.org.au or can be downloaded from www.aeufederal.org.au/Atsl/2008AHnomform.pdf

**The closing date for nominations is
Friday, 28 November 2008.**

The winner will receive a \$1000 prize and all nominees will receive a certificate from the AEU.

If you would like to know more, please contact Sam Graziano, Administrative Officer, or Wayne Costelloe, Federal Aboriginal Education Officer, or visit www.aeufederal.org.au



Shalom College students and staff during the NAIDOC parade.

Shalom joins in celebration

By ALF WILSON in Townsville

SHALOM Christian College in Townsville celebrated the cultural heritage of Australia during its annual NAIDOC festivities on 11-12 September.

The NAIDOC concert was on the Thursday night, with musical performances which were a great introduction to celebrations.

College Promotions Officer Jessica England said the event opened with a rendition of *Advance Australia Fair* by Casanna Phillips.

"The night featured covers and original work from the senior students' Sunlight Reggae Band, and many more performances. It was a great success, with students and parents enjoying themselves," she said.

The *Koori Mail* attended the opening events on day two, when the college library was packed with students, family and invited guests.

"The celebrations continued when guests were treated to performances from our primary and secondary students, ranging from musical pieces to the hula dancers to the solemn dance of the North Wind from Numbulwar in the

Northern Territory," Ms England said. "Students then collected the banners they had been working on in class, and marched around the school in their community groups to the outdoor amphitheatre and commenced the less formal festivities."

Many in the audience were stunned by the beauty and variety of dances the Shalom students had prepared this year, with most community groups performing throughout the day.

Performances

Once again there were many traditional performances from the Northern Territory, Torres Strait, Cook Islands and Queensland, along with contemporary hip-hop dancing, a fashion parade and musical performances.

Guests' taste buds were tantalised with a complimentary kup murri, a traditional Torres Strait Islander feast.

Ms England said the celebrations proved a great success, with parents and students from across Australia, including the local community, having a fun-filled day of cultural celebration.

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Events promoting Indigenous Australian cultures and peoples are held across all campuses throughout the year.

Indigenous Student Services Units

Based on the following La Trobe University Campuses:

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Contact Indigenous Student Recruitment Officer on (03) 5444 7205 or Email: indigenous_enquiries@latrobe.edu.au

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The packed library on day two at Shalom Christian College

Mental health in spotlight

THE Djirruwang Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Program at Charles Sturt University (CSU) delivers a tertiary course in mental health. The program has restricted entry and is designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to gain advanced knowledge, skills and attitudes in the field of mental health.

The university says this is achieved by building on students' knowledge and combining mental health theory with clinical practice.

CSU's Bachelor of Health Science (Mental Health) was developed in collaboration with Aboriginal community-based organisations and the mental health industry to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. It evolved from a pilot program in 1994 at the Southern Area Health Service, New South Wales.

The program provides the opportunity for students to gain formal mental health qualifications at certificate, diploma and degree levels. The course has produced graduates who have been employed at various levels in mainstream mental health, community mental health services, Aboriginal organisations and Aboriginal community controlled health services.

Conducted over three years with two semesters each year, the course is delivered by mixed mode involving a combination of block release residential teaching (four a year), supplemented by teaching/topic materials (study guides) and compulsory



Students and staff involved in the Djirruwang Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Program at Charles Sturt University.

workplace experience. Students undertake four subjects a semester, all taught during two residential teaching blocks in each semester to ensure students gain foundation mental health information.

'Essence of life'

Djirruwang is a Ngunawal word meaning light and can be referred to the essence of life and finding the way or light as opposed to darkness. The program's principles reflect these interpretations, and the word

Djirruwang also pays respect to the many people who contributed to the program's success over the years, including local Aboriginal people from the area from which it originated.

Program participant Laura Ross said Djirruwang provided the perfect opportunity to complement her employment in the mental health sector.

"I am working full-time, but have been able to cope very well fitting study into my life with guidance from lecturers and

Ngungilanna – the Indigenous support unit in Wagga Wagga," she said.

"Distance education is a great way to further your education while being able to stay with your 'mob' back home. The residential schools are fantastic, giving you direct access to learning resources – 10 days to completely immerse yourself in your studies without interruption!

"I feel my educational needs are being met to support my career development in this challenging but rewarding sector."

27 Indigenous students graduate at Macquarie

GRADUATING from university is a significant achievement for each individual student and their families, but also provides opportunities for people to contribute to their communities in new ways. This April, Macquarie University celebrated the graduation of 27 Indigenous students.

The students were graduates of two innovative block release programs coordinated by Warawara, Macquarie's Department of Indigenous Studies. The Bachelor in Community Management (BCM) and the Bachelor of Teaching, Early Childhood Services (BTeach) allow mature-age Indigenous students from all over Australia to study while working and living in their home communities. The courses provide professional skills and qualifications for those who aspire to, or who are already working in, Indigenous communities and organisations. Indigenous focused areas of the public service, or in Early Childhood services.

Says Clare McHugh, a Senior Project Officer at the NSW State Aboriginal Land Council and graduate of the BCM program: "Since starting the Bachelor in Community Management through Warawara at Macquarie University I have discovered university life is not as terrifying as I initially thought.

"For anyone considering the degree I say, 'go for it'. It really is a culturally enlightening experience.

"I am now eager to consider entering into mainstream university courses to gain even more skills."

And for Louise Cave, Director of the Birrelee Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Service, her graduation from Macquarie has had an immeasurable impact on her community.



Macquarie University Vice-Chancellor Professor Steven Schwartz and students at the annual awards dinner.

"Due to my successful completion of the BTeach program at Macquarie, my local Aboriginal early childhood centre was able to employ its first Aboriginal teacher after 20 years of operation," she explains.

"This accomplishment is really empowering, not just for me, but for the Service and the entire community. It has even encouraged me to consider doing further study, which is something I never thought possible."

Since the inception of the two programs 16 years ago, there have been over 200 BCM and BTeach graduates.

According to BCM Course Coordinator Sam Altman, graduates often leave the program with increased confidence from succeeding at university, and improved employment opportunities and successes. More than one-third of graduates move on to pursue tertiary studies, often at the

postgraduate level, and many of the BTeach graduates become directors of their child care centres within a year of graduation.

"As Coordinator of one of these courses for a number of years, I have seen many students succeed beyond their wildest dreams," he says.

"The outcomes speak for themselves. Students gain self-esteem and confidence as successful university students, which carries over to their families, organisations, work colleagues and communities. Past students and graduates also report better individual job outcomes in terms of promotion and higher duties. Macquarie University is committed to maintaining and strengthening block release course access and success, along with other pathways to university, for Indigenous people."



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Warawara: Department of Indigenous Studies

If you want to gain a qualification and help contribute to your community Macquarie University offers a variety of ways for you to achieve your goals.

INDIGENOUS SPECIFIC BLOCK MODE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Community Management

The Bachelor in Community Management (BCM) offers a comprehensive grounding in community management and governance, Indigenous identity/culture, academic / IT literacy and focuses on the capabilities required by graduates in diverse contemporary contexts.

Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Services)

This degree brings together early childhood teacher education and Indigenous knowledge. The degree is a 3 year degree offered over four years as a combination of part and full time modes. Priority is given to people already working in early childhood related settings.

Warawara Alternative Entry Program

The Warawara Alternative Entry Program is aimed at increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation within bachelor level programs across all areas of study within the University.

Postgraduate Programs

A range of postgraduate coursework and research programs are offered through Macquarie University and Warawara.

For further information visit the Warawara

website: www.warawara.mq.edu.au

Or phone us on: 1800 066 465

Artwork by local Darug Elder Mrs Edna Watson



Inaugural ASA Loris Williams Scholarship recipient Lee Lazarevic with former ASA President Kim Eberhard.

Ever wanted a career as an archivist?



Inaugural ASA Loris Williams Scholarship recipient Monica Hardie with ASA Professional member Peter Crush.

TWO scholarships valued at up to \$3000 will be offered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who want to train for careers in archives and records management. The money can be used to pay fees, books and computing costs. Students may be studying at university from bachelor level up to PhD or in Vocational Education and Training institutions from Certificate III onwards. The scholarships have been initiated by the Indigenous Issues Special Interest Group (IISIG) of the Australian Society of Archivists and named the ASA Loris Williams Scholarships in memory of the late Loris Williams.

Loris Williams was an advocate of the right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to use archives and records in public and private collections. She believed that the

information in records could provide Indigenous peoples with vital components of their identity and culture, whether they were native title claimants, members of the Stolen Generations or simply people with a need to feel comfortable with their Aboriginality.

She initiated the brochure *Pathways to your future and our past – careers for Indigenous peoples in archives and records* in 2004 (see http://www.archivists.org.au/files/Branch_and_SIG_pubs/IISIG/Pathways_brochure.pdf) and the scholarship scheme realises her vision to encourage greater participation by Indigenous people in the archival profession.

Indigenous archivists can make sure that Indigenous perspectives on the creation and long-term care of records are taken into account. They can provide supportive and

welcoming reference services themselves or by training non-Indigenous staff and they can ensure that records about Indigenous people are catalogued and described in a respectful and meaningful way.

Indigenous archivists help people to trace their family and community connections, assist people with documenting claims for stolen wages and compensation for the effects of removal from family and country. They can also develop exhibitions which uncover the stories in records such as *In Living Memory* – an exhibition of surviving photographs from the records of the NSW Aborigines Welfare Board 1919-66 (see http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/whats_on_at_the_state_records_gallery_8327.asp) currently on display at State Records NSW in Sydney.

They even contribute to writing history.

One of Loris Williams' last tasks was to develop fact sheets on the history of Indigenous suffrage (right to vote) in Queensland to ensure that the 40th anniversary of Indigenous suffrage was celebrated concurrently with the centenary of white women's suffrage in Queensland (see <http://web.archive.org/web/20060917163646/http://www.women.qld.gov.au/?id=538>).

Information about the scholarships and the application form is available from the ASA website at <http://www.archivists.org.au/scholarships-available-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-people-train-archivists> or contact office@archivists.org.au or 1800 622 251 (free-call) or write to Australian Society of Archivists, PO Box DICKSON ACT 2602. Applications close on 31 October.

The Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) is offering exciting educational and leadership opportunities for young Indigenous students.

IYLP scholarships are now open to Indigenous Australians between the ages of 12-25 who are from remote or regional communities. The IYLP gives Indigenous young people the opportunity to study at high performing schools or universities and benefit from practical leadership experiences and personal development.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN
for secondary and tertiary scholarships in 2009.

Application closing dates

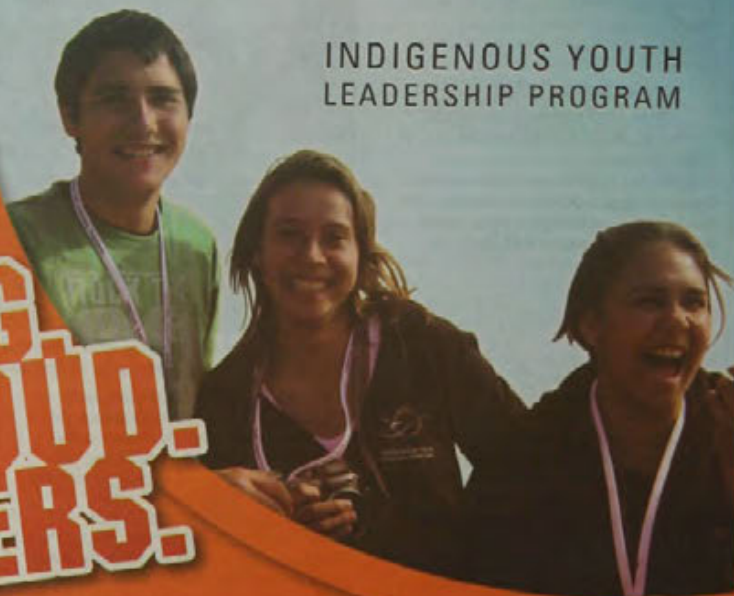
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Amy's work rewarded



ECU scholarship recipient Amy Hammond.

EDITH Cowan University (ECU) student Amy Hammond has been recognised for her outstanding work with the Michael Leslie Foundation for the Arts, assisting young Indigenous and other children in the Pilbara.

Amy was one of two students who received the 2008 Vice-Chancellor's Indigenous Australian Scholarship at a presentation ceremony held during NAIDOC Week at ECU. Criminology and Justice student Julie Pickett was also recognised for her volunteer work with community groups, and her inspirational talks to Year 12 students.

The scholarship is one of many on offer to Indigenous ECU students who make a valued contribution and demonstrate leadership in the Indigenous community and the University.

After completing the three-year Stage Management course at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA), Amy is now working towards a Bachelor Degree (Performing Arts) and hopes to take her studies to the next level in 2009.

Amy works for the Michael Leslie Foundation for the Arts, teaching and inspiring school children in the Pilbara. For the past two years she also has been on the Indigenous Australian Cadetship Program

working during the summer with The Rottnest Island Authority in the Education Department.

Based in Karratha, Amy works across the Pilbara, production managing the Rolling Spinifex Youth Arts Festival which was held for the first time this year and involved WAAPA, NIDA, Black Swan Theatre Company, AusDance WA, Barking Gecko and John Curtin College of the Arts.

Building up to the festival, the job involves co-ordinating acting, musical

north-west New South Wales, in 2004 to follow her dreams of working in the performing arts industry.

"It was the hardest decision to leave my family and move so far away from home," she says.

"But in doing so, I am now in a position to work with children in rural areas, connecting them with the arts and helping them to achieve their dreams."

ECU Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Equity and Indigenous, Professor Brenda Cherednichenko says the scholarships will allow Amy and Julie to focus on their chosen area of study.

"ECU is committed to working with Indigenous students to enhance their opportunities for access and participation in education for their communities and for success in their careers," she said.

Edith Cowan University supports alternative Indigenous entry pathways for most degrees that are offered. WAAPA has an interview entry for its Aboriginal Theatre course and many academic degrees can be accessed with the Indigenous Student Intake Test (ISIT), an Abstudy-funded, direct-entry test, available to all Indigenous people who turn 18 in their year of studies.

The university also offers 21 courses and bridging programs in off-campus modes.

'I am now in a position to work with children in rural areas, connecting them with the arts and helping them to achieve their dreams' – Amy Hammond

theatre, dance, production and design workshops, youth fashion shows, school and community productions, career talks for high school students and a first for the festival – a short film. "It's all about building the kids' confidence and self-esteem," Amy says.

As ECU was the only university to offer the stage management course, Amy moved to Perth from Moree,



Tjilbruke Student Services Indigenous Support

WHAT IS TJILBRUKE STUDENT SERVICES?

Named after a creation ancestor of the Kaurna people, Tjilbruke Student Services is a support network for Indigenous students at Flinders University. Located within Yunggoendi First Nations Centre for Higher Education and Research, Tjilbruke Student Services administers the Indigenous Admissions Scheme for Indigenous Australians wishing to gain access to, and within, higher education.

WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

Three academic advisers are located within Tjilbruke Student Services to provide high-level academic support and advocacy for Indigenous students including:

- Academic advice
- Course advice
- Liaising with topic and course coordinators
- Liaising with internal and external organisations
- AUST1301 Orientation Program
- Provision of tutorial support under the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS)
- ABSTUDY information and advocacy
- Accommodation information and advocacy on campus
- Support with cadetships and scholarships
- 24-hour access to computer facilities
- 24-hour access to social/study spaces
- General social support.

TOPICS

AUST1301: Orientation Program

All commencing Indigenous students are invited to participate in the Orientation Program.

This two-week intensive program is also offered as a 4.5-unit topic called **AUST1301 Issues for Indigenous students in Higher Education**, taught by Yunggoendi staff. It is designed to assist commencing students to prepare for university studies.

INDIGENOUS TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME (ITAS)

This scheme, funded through the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST), is designed to provide students with discipline-specific tutoring from qualified tutors.

Students have the option of receiving either one-on-one or group tuition. Student application forms are available from Tjilbruke Student Services, located on Level 2.

CADETSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Tjilbruke Student Services maintain a database of cadetships, scholarships, bursaries and grants, which are specific for Indigenous students at Flinders University and abroad.

ABSTUDY

Indigenous students at Flinders University may be eligible for ABSTUDY. Tjilbruke Student Services are able to provide general information on ABSTUDY and advocating on students' behalf.

ACCOMMODATION

Flinders University has accommodation services on- and off-campus to assist students from the country and interstate. There are three different types of accommodation including:

- University Hall
- Deirdre Jordan Village Units
- Off-campus accommodation

If you are seeking accommodation, contact an Academic Adviser on the information provided here.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Indigenous Australians who have not successfully obtained a TER but have completed SACE and/or who have not studied for a number of years are eligible to apply through the Indigenous Admissions Scheme.

To be considered for entry you must identify as an Indigenous person and be accepted as such by the community with which you are associated, or have a statutory declaration that states your identification.

TO APPLY

Applicants may wish to contact Tjilbruke Student Services on 1800 641 811 (toll free) about processes and procedures prior to applying through the Indigenous Admissions Scheme.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Tjilbruke Student Services Admin Assistant, Reception, Yunggoendi First Nations Centre for Higher Education and Research

Tel: (08) 8201 3199

Email: yunggoendi@flinders.edu.au

Website: www.flinders.edu.au/yunggoendi

OR

Admissions/Prospective Student Office

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- CHC40902 Certificate IV in Community Services Work
- CHC41602 Certificate IV in Community Services (Lifestyle and Leisure)

BUSINESS COURSES

- BSB20107 Certificate II in Business
- BSB30407 Certificate III in Business Administration
- BSB40507 Certificate IV in Business Administration

MANAGEMENT COURSES

- BSB31207 Certificate III in Frontline Management
- BSB40807 Certificate IV in Frontline Management
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Camp offers a head start

INDIGENOUS students new to the University of Queensland got a head start on their peers during an annual orientation camp held in February.

Co-ordinated by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit, the three-day program introduced the group to UQ's campuses and encouraged them to make the most of the resources, support and scholarships on offer.

Organisers Georgina Baira, Stephen Corporal and Judy Dale said the event was a good way for the students to find their feet before general orientation activities began for the semester.

"The reason behind having the camp was to introduce our new students to a whole new environment. For our school leavers we try and make that transition easy, and also for mature-aged

Qld Uni students 'find their feet'

students it's a way of easing them back into university," Ms Baira said.

"Settling in and having a look at what we offer on all of our campuses makes it easier for them."

Programs

The 2008 intake includes students from interstate and overseas who are enrolled in a variety of programs including Business, Social Work and Science.

Bachelor of Arts student Phillipa Coral Fitz-Henry said being able to talk to staff one-on-one took some of the

stress out of orientation.

"It lifts a load off your shoulders because everything that you're going to need is there, the unit has made sure of that," she said.

"You might think 'I can't go and ask someone for help' or 'I can't go for that scholarship' but the unit helps you feel confident, making the whole process less daunting."

The camp is part of wider University of Queensland initiatives to encourage and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students throughout their studies.

NSW Govt offering cadetship program

THE NSW Government has committed more than \$200,000 for a new Aboriginal four-year cadetship program for university students who can be employed to help the State's most disadvantaged children.

"We have made a significant commitment to create these new positions and with more Aboriginal staff on board, the better the support that can be offered to Koori families and kids," NSW Minister Kevin Greene said.

"This important program targets Aboriginal people currently studying psychology who will be employed by the NSW Government when they have finished their degree."

"The cadets will work at the Department of Community Services (DoCS), which is committed to employing a diverse workforce to get the best results for families and children they work with."

"We want to recruit two Aboriginal psychology students to support them through their degree and offer them a full-time job when they graduate."

"Cadets will take part in a

comprehensive orientation to learn more about the department and are then given work experience throughout their degree to get hands-on understanding of the job."

Paul Gray, a graduate of the program who began his cadetship in February 2005, now works as an



PAUL GRAY

intern psychologist at DoCS Campbelltown Community Services Centre (CSC).

"The cadetship program gave me an allowance to support me financially during my degree and the long-term security of a job when I finished," he said.

"I did a 12-week placement over the summer holidays, which helped me to prepare for full-time work."

"I knew what I would be doing before I finished my degree and could pick elective subjects accordingly."

"I'd really encourage other Aboriginal students to get involved and apply."

Aboriginal students interested in learning more about the program may contact Noeleen Timbery on (02) 9716 2458 or visit www.community.nsw.gov.au

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(From left) ATSIU staff member Georgina Baira, Bachelor of Business student Joel Wright, Arts student Phillipa Coral Fitz-Henry, Social Work student Edie Wrennan, and Library staff member Ryan Weymouk



New Indigenous centre based in Broome

THE University of Notre Dame Australia's (UNDA) Broome Campus hosted the official opening of its Centre for Indigenous Studies on 21 August.

Bishop of Broome Christopher Saunders blessed the work of the centre, which was launched by University Chancellor Dr Michael Quinlan. Professor Patrick Dodson delivered the inaugural Reconciliation lecture

in the university's Graduation Square.

The Centre for Indigenous Studies focuses on teaching, research, cultural outreach and cultural training and aims to invest in Indigenous skills and knowledge at the individual, community and regional level.

Based in Broome, the Centre aims to promote and integrate the Broome campus mission of Reconciliation across UNDA's

Fremantle and Sydney campuses and to create educational pathways for people in the Kimberley and beyond.

The Indigenous Studies Centre has been operating since the end of 2007 and has already led to new partnerships between the University and the community.

It is hoped these partnerships, created through research, will assist in establishing

positive outcomes for Indigenous people.

Notre Dame University researcher Stephen Kinnane said the Centre was already creating lots of interest.

"We've already attracted a number of research projects and there has been plenty of student interest also," Mr Kinnane said.

"We hope the Centre will be part of a new era at Notre Dame."



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Katherine CDU unit renamed

CHARLES Darwin University has completed the renaming of its four Indigenous units, with the centre at the Katherine campus receiving a traditional name at a recent ceremony.

The renaming ceremonies have taken place to highlight the culturally appropriate physical and intellectual study environment provided by CDU's Indigenous Academic Support Unit (IASU) for Indigenous students.

IASU Co-ordinator Roz Angeles said the renaming ceremonies reflected the University's commitment to promoting Indigenous participation and relevance.

The centre at the Katherine campus has been named Yangan.garr (pronounced Yahng-ahn-gahrr).

Ms Angeles said the development and naming of the Indigenous centres was significant, and the names had been allocated to help reinforce CDU's commitment to providing a culturally safe environment where Indigenous students studying at either Higher Education or Vocational Education and Training (VET) levels received appropriate support during their learning journey. She said Yangan.garr, the traditional Jawoyn name for 'learning place', had been

identified following CDU's observance of appropriate cultural protocol and extensive consultation with senior Jawoyn people.

"The University undertook a consultative process with senior members of the Jawoyn Association to raise community awareness of the history of the land upon which Katherine campus is built," Ms Angeles said.

"Through the efforts of committed staff, the IASU helps Indigenous students to adapt to the university environment and gain a better understanding of what is required of them to undertake a higher education or VET course."

Ms Angeles said she expected the support offered at each centre would continue to grow.

"The opening of the Indigenous centres has encouraged our Indigenous students to draw on the services we provide and allow us to focus on expanding our support programs," she said.

"In particular, Yangan.garr will provide the many regional and remote Indigenous students studying at the Katherine campus with information about the diverse range of support services delivered by the IASU and how those services can be accessed and best utilised."

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Working to break cycle



At the launch of the report were, from left, Teresa French from Penrith Women's Refuge, NSW Minister Kevin Greene, Associate Professor Eileen Baldry and Homelessness NSW Chief Executive Officer Sue Cripps.

WITH Indigenous women making up almost one-third of female inmates in New South Wales, University of NSW researchers are working to break the cycle of social disadvantage which leads to ongoing high rates of incarceration.

A new report calls for culturally-appropriate housing for women and their children to help prevent these women being sent back to jail.

"Another reason we are focusing on supporting Aboriginal women with children is to address intergenerational imprisonment," says report author Associate Professor Eileen Baldry, from the UNSW Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

"If an Indigenous child has a parent in jail, there's a higher likelihood that they will also go to jail. A vicious cycle is created."

"Previous research shows that upon release, Aboriginal women have higher rates of social disadvantage, less support and are more likely to

return to prison. There is a disconnection between the needs of Aboriginal women with dependent children leaving prison and the style and availability of current services."

The report also suggests that the re-integration of the women into life outside prison needs to be guided by the women's needs.

"The service needs to start the minute they go into prison," says Associate Professor Baldry.

Positive

"This service needs to have a seamless connection between prison and the community support agency where women and their children can be supported to build positive futures."

Associate Professor Baldry's report, *Aboriginal Women and Dependent Children Leaving Prison Needs Analysis*, was funded by Homelessness NSW. It was launched by NSW Government Minister Kevin Greene.



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Neil aims to protect kids

NEIL Simpson is committed to keeping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children safe in their home, school and community.

The 39-year-old Cherbourg (south-east Queensland) man has graduated from the award-winning Certificate IV in Community Service Protective Care and is working at nearby Murgon State High School. He recently completed the certificate through Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE, Nurunderi Campus as part of a class of 24.

The counselling and support officer said he now had a 'better handle' on how to direct young people when they came to him with problems, including those of abuse.

He completed a Certificate III Remote Area Teaching Education Program (RATEP) in 2006 before applying for the role at Murgon school, and has since finished the Certificate IV RATEP and Child Protection.

"I'm a family man myself and felt this course was important to do for my community," he said. "I have grown up seeing things happen and know something has to be done. Now I have a chance to make a difference with the skills I've got."

"The children are our future and we need to guide them in the right direction and help them so they aren't scarred or scared."

Mr Simpson said child protection was an issue for which all people from all cultures should take responsibility.

"I'm standing up to be part of the solution. I am spreading the word among the men, and the community is aware of what I have done and I'm encouraging others to do the training," he said.



Neil Simpson ... "Child protection is everyone's responsibility..."

"Through the course, I learnt the signs to identify those at risk and victims and I now have a good foundation of how to help and where to direct people."

"Child protection is everyone's responsibility to build strong, healthy communities and a proud culture with nurturing family units."

Mr Simpson's parents, Aunt Ada and Uncle Jack, are regarded highly in the Cherbourg community, and Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE Business Manager for Nurunderi Santina Schmocker said their son was following in their footsteps.

"Neil has seen the highs and lows of life and has a very strong Christian faith," Mrs Schmocker said.

"His parents are wonderful role

models in the community and have instilled these qualities in Neil, which is a blessing for Cherbourg."

"With all the skills he's learnt, his faith and life experiences, he's a great strength for the community."

The Certificate IV in Child Protection course at Nurunderi is a joint project of Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE and the Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE and was developed in response to community discussion.

The course recently won the Department of Child Safety Building Queensland's Regions Award in the annual Recognition of Excellence awards.

For more information, contact Margaret Cobbo at the Nurunderi Campus on (07) 4169 9999.

Weipa host for major conference

An inaugural conference addressing the 'real issues' of Indigenous education will be held next month in Weipa, on the Cape York Peninsula.

The conference, from 23-25 October at the Western Cape College, Weipa Campus, aims to provide opportunities for participants to engage in forums, group discussions and to hear keynote speaker addresses as well as enjoy Cape York cultural festivities.

Hosted by the Centre of Leadership and Teaching Excellence (CLTE) and the Indigenous Schooling Support Unit (ISSU), the conference aims to give participants the opportunity to engage and work with presenters such as leading educators Chris Sarra and Peter O'Beirne.

Other guest presenters will include Jeff McMullen, the former 60 Minutes reporter, author and currently a presenter on the ABC *Difference of Opinion* program, as well as Professor Steven Dinham, Research Director for Teaching, Learning and Leadership at the Australian Council for Educational Research.

Co-ordinator Mandy Whybird said the conference theme was 'Engaging, educating and empowering through challenging distance, disadvantage and denial' and the goal was to 'shed light on

the real issues underlying Indigenous education'.

"As the unofficial centre of Cape York, Weipa is in one of the best positions to provide relevant case studies and working examples of what educators are doing in practice in the area of Indigenous education," she said.

"We've secured not only leading theorists in the field to present but also people who have been working on the ground leading innovative projects to give a more practical perspective."

Understanding

"The aim is that participants will take away a deeper understanding of this issue and something that they can apply to their profession."

Conference host CLTE is a partnership between Western Cape College and ISSU to address some of the difficulties associated with delivering induction support and professional development to Education Queensland staff in remote Indigenous settings.

A part of Education Queensland, ISSU is a support unit that delivers programs in schools and communities to help increase education and employment outcomes of Indigenous people.

For full conference programs, speakers' biographies and registrations forms, visit www.clte.com.au

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For Parents and Carers

A set of (3) workshops on how young Indigenous children:

- Learn at home and school - Workshop 1
- Learn to read - Workshop 2
- Learn to write - Workshop 3

These workshops help parents and carers of Indigenous children (ages 0-8 years)

- learn about the importance of learning at home with family
- learn about how schools help children to learn, read and write
- learn some of the language schools use so that parents can be better equipped to be a part of their child's education

A PROGRAM TO EMPOWER PARENTS

Successful Learning in the Early Years of Schooling - the Indigenous Factor (IPF) Program is an Australian Parents Council (APC) program which is sponsored and funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). The IPF program which was developed in collaboration with Indigenous community, has been successfully delivering learning and literacy workshops to Indigenous parents and carers of Indigenous children for the past three years across all states and territories in Australia. A recent University study commissioned by the Commonwealth to review the program, found that it delivered workshops that were not only enjoyed by community, but that Indigenous parents found the workshops to be beneficial and empowering, lifting the participants' self esteem and ability to engage with schools.

The IPF program provides (3) free workshops which assist Indigenous parents and carers in increasing their knowledge about how young children learn in the 0-8 age group and the vital importance that home language and home learning play in preparing young children for school. The workshops emphasise the enormous value of parent involvement in children's learning.

The workshops also assist Indigenous parents and carers to understand the processes teachers use in the Early Years of Schooling to teach young children to read and write. Parents and carers who attend workshops are helped to understand the many confusing words teachers use when discussing literacy. Many parents who have attended, believe the workshops empower them to be more confident to talk to their child's teacher about how their child is progressing at school in the area of literacy.

An added component of the program is that it offers training to Indigenous parents and those who work with young Indigenous children in the 0-8 age group. Those who receive training are able to run workshops in their own community with other Indigenous people who have also been trained.

The Australian Parents Council and the Government are currently working with the program facilitators and Indigenous community to plan for Indigenous people to take their place as drivers of this program in the future as a move towards increased employment.

For further information on attending workshops or training sessions in your local area please contact:
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Darwin set for awards



IT is 'full steam ahead' for the country's peak national awards for vocational education and training, to be held in November. The 2008 Australian Training Awards, recognising innovation and excellence in the training sector, will be held in Darwin on 20 November.

They are the culmination of State and Territory awards, with winners from each State and Territory competing in the national finals.

The NSW Training Awards were announced in Sydney on 4 September, with south coast man Michael Donovan named the State's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year. Michael, 24, was representing the Illawarra region. He was chosen ahead of two other finalists – Kiarra Morris (Winner – North Coast region) and Gloria Hill (Winner – Sydney region).

The father-of-three is almost finished an engineering apprenticeship (fabrication Certificate III) though TAFE NSW's Illawarra institute.

In his acceptance speech, Michael acknowledged the support of his family, including some mentors who have passed on.

NSW Parliamentary Secretary Virginia Judge congratulated Michael and the other award winners. She said the awards, held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, acknowledged the outstanding achievement of students, training organisations and employers in a wide range of industries.

"These students have demonstrated that they are the best of the best in NSW when it comes to vocational education and training and deserve the highest recognition," she said.

In Queensland, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year award went to Bernard Pope who is studying a Diploma of



NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Michael Donovan with his partner Alixes Dingo at the awards night.

Nursing through the Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE.

The Maryborough student was one of 48 finalists chosen from across the State, and received \$1000 from National Australia Bank, a return international flight from Royal Brunei Airlines and a laptop from Dell.

Bernard credits 'hard work and seizing the moment' as having helped him make the



Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Bernard Pope with his award. He is working on a career in nursing.

transition from fruit-picker to enrolled nurse in just four years.

As well as gaining clinical skills, Bernard has built confidence in other areas – using computers for the first time and becoming a workplace health and safety officer.

His next goals are to become a registered nurse by completing university training and to act as a role model for younger generations.

Support urged for our law students



THE Victorian Government has moved to encourage the legal

profession to support Indigenous law students and graduates with mentoring and employment opportunities.

Speaking at the third annual National Indigenous Legal Conference, on 12 September, State Deputy Premier and Attorney-General Rob Hulls said the legal profession should be doing all it could to encourage Indigenous students to take up law and pursue a legal career.

"Indigenous lawyers are under-represented in the legal profession, despite bringing a unique cultural perspective to their job which allows them to understand the specific challenges facing Indigenous people appearing before the criminal justice system," Mr Hulls said.

"Indigenous people are 11 times more likely to be imprisoned than their non-Indigenous counterparts.

Responsibility

"It is our collective responsibility to ensure more Indigenous law students and graduates receive the support and encouragement they need to pursue and excel in a legal career."

Mr Hulls said that while the Victorian Government had introduced initiatives to support Indigenous students and law graduates, a unified industry approach was required.

"Through the Aboriginal Justice Agreement, the Victorian Government has provided \$217,000 over four years to the Indigenous lawyers' association Tarwiri to encourage more Indigenous people to study law and work in the profession," he said.

"We also fund Koori Tertiary Scholarships worth \$30,000, which help Koori students study law."

"A careers summit, led by the Department of Justice, will offer pathways to a range of professions including law and other justice-related employment."

"We know these initiatives are making a positive difference for aspiring Indigenous lawyers but it is equally important that every law firm look at its employment practices and programs to see where they can offer help."

The Aboriginal Justice Agreement is a partnership between the Victorian Government and the Koori community, committed to addressing disadvantage and inequity to improve justice outcomes for Indigenous Victorians.

Fund benefits researchers



INDIGENOUS people will have a greater opportunity to influence public policy and programs for Indigenous

communities, following the launch of a new \$1 million fund.

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Indigenous Researchers Fund, launched in Canberra on 10 September, will enable Indigenous people to become visiting researchers in any field of interest.

"Australia needs more Indigenous researchers to influence public policy in order to provide the best possible outcomes for Indigenous Australians," AIATSIS Chairman Mick Dodson said at the launch. "We need to transfer Indigenous knowledge from the community-based researchers and thinkers – where people know what works and what doesn't – to the

area of public policy development and implementation. Indigenous involvement in decision making is a key indicator of success in Indigenous policy."

AIATSIS Principal Steve Larkin said the Institute hoped to build bridges between the community, academia and government on Indigenous issues and was

public policy, particularly those interested in moving into a research career," he said.

The fund was established in partnership with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs has already

knowledge systems that will lead to better policy outcomes for Indigenous people," Mr Larkin said.

Indigenous researcher and PhD student at Queensland University of Technology Valerie Coombs said it was good that AIATSIS had realised through the Indigenous Researchers' Fund that 'if you want serious Indigenous research, you have to pay for it'.

"I had to wait until my kids had grown up before I could afford to do the research and study I am doing now," she said.

"Everything I do is from an Indigenous perspective. In my current research, I have a 37-page bibliography and out of that probably only two are Indigenous

authors.

"Unless there are more Indigenous people writing and publishing, there's not a lot for other scholars to hang their theory on."

"You've got to get more Indigenous people doing post-graduate studies."



'You've got to get more Indigenous people doing post-graduate studies'

– Indigenous researcher Valerie Coombs

therefore interested in Indigenous people with a good balance between relevant work experience and potential research ability.

"We want to provide opportunities for Indigenous people to contribute to knowledge about Indigenous societies and inform

provided additional funding.

It is open to contributions from other agencies and the private sector.

"This Fund has the potential to create new partnerships between policy makers, Indigenous researchers and Indigenous



Members of the official party at the launch of the centre, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Broome) Sister Sonia Wagner, Broome Campus Manager Lyn Quince, Bishop Christopher Saunders, Professor Patrick Dodson, Centre Director Assoc-Prof Lyn Henderson-Yates, Chancellor Dr Michael Quinlan and Vice-Chancellor Professor Celia Hammond.

39 graduate at Notre Dame



THE University of Notre Dame Australia (UNDA) Broome Campus hosted the graduation of its 2008 class late last month.

Thirty-nine students graduated from Higher Education, and Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses in the disciplines of nursing, education, arts and sciences and business.

Many graduates travelled from interstate and throughout the Kimberley to be part of the traditional outdoor ceremony.

The graduands included the Campus' inaugural enrolled nursing student, Cindy Murray, and former Notre Dame staff members Clare Scanlon and Veronica Parker.

The Broome graduation was the first official engagement on the Broome Campus for new UNDA Vice-Chancellor Professor Celia Hammond, who succeeded Dr Peter Tannock who retired from the position he held for 16 years on 31 July. Last month also featured the official opening of Notre Dame's Indigenous Research Centre at the Broome campus.

The work of the centre was blessed on 21 August by the Bishop of Broome, Christopher Saunders, before an official launch by

University Chancellor Dr Michael Quinlan and the inaugural Reconciliation lecture by Professor Patrick Dodson.

The Centre for Indigenous Studies has been operating since the end of 2007 and focuses on teaching, research, cultural outreach and cultural training, and aims to invest in Indigenous skills and knowledge at the individual, community and regional level.

It is designed to promote and integrate the Broome Campus mission of reconciliation across

UNDA's Fremantle and Sydney campuses and aims to create educational pathways for people in the Kimberley and beyond.

The Centre's first research project was commissioned by the WA Drug and Alcohol Office and involved evaluating the impact of liquor restrictions on the sale of takeaway and packaged liquor exceeding 2.7 per cent alcohol content in Fitzroy Crossing.

Stephen Kinnane, a researcher with the University's Centre for Indigenous Studies, said the centre was already creating lots of interest.

"We've already attracted a number of research projects and there has been plenty of student interest as well," he said.

"We hope the centre will be part of a new era at Notre Dame."



Chancellor Dr Michael Quinlan congratulates enrolled nursing graduate, Cindy Murray.

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Step in right direction



TAFE NSW and the Western Sydney Indigenous

community have teamed up to make the new educational program ISTEPS (Indigenous Special Training and Educational Program) a success.

The new TAFE program is making a difference in the Indigenous community, producing qualified retail industry students who are job-ready and practically trained.

In August, the first ISTEPS group, from TAFE NSW - Western Sydney Institute's Blacktown College, graduated with their Certificate III in Retail Operations.

The statistics back up the success of the ISTEPS program. All graduates from the course have moved on to



ISTEPS graduate Kelly Dixon with the program's trainer and co-founder, Roland Hermens, from Blacktown College.

employment or further education.

Roland Hermens, from Blacktown College, is the trainer and co-founder of ISTEPS. He said the success of the program was due to close consultation with the Indigenous community, and

the 'active learning' techniques employed by TAFE trainers.

"The ISTEPS program is structured to be sensitive to the protocols of the Indigenous population," he said.

"We stay in contact with Elders and their community throughout the program and we have great respect for their strong cultural heritage and beliefs."

Mr Hermens said ISTEPS was helping to break down stereotypes in the wider community, enabling students to rebuild their cultural identity and put control of their futures back in their own hands.

ISTEPS graduate Kelly Dixon, of Hebersham, said the course has inspired her to take her training to the next level.

"ISTEPS has opened heaps of doors for me by giving me a qualification to add to my CV," she said.



First-year linguistics students from NSW on a visit to Barunga community near Katherine looking at six languages written on a Barunga classroom wall. From left, Carol French from Tamworth, Jacinta Irving from Aberdeen, Marook and Kiah Perry from Karuah, Shalisa and Justine Irving from Aberdeen and Batchelor Institute lecturer Greg Dickson.

Focus is on languages



THE Katherine region now has a dedicated Indigenous language and linguistics lecturer based at the

Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education's Katherine Annex. The appointment of Greg Dickson will offer additional opportunities for Indigenous residents to develop their own traditional language skills.

Mr Dickson is no stranger to people in the region as he has lived in the town for more than six years and was previously employed as a linguist and co-ordinator at the Katherine Regional Aboriginal Language Centre (KRALC).

The new position means that Indigenous students have more opportunities to study a wider range of VET courses including the Certificate I and II in Own Language Work

which Mr Dickson teaches.

"I am delighted to be able to take up the new position with Batchelor Institute as it will provide additional training opportunities for Indigenous residents so they can take up jobs in schools, art centres, councils and language centres as Indigenous language workers or consultants," Mr Dickson said.

Vital part

"Keeping traditional languages alive is a vital part of keeping culture strong for all the communities in the area."

"Many Indigenous languages in the Katherine region are among some of the most endangered in the Territory and I already have students enrolled in the Certificate I course from five different local communities and they are working on seven different languages."

Mr Dickson is a fluent Kriol speaker and has some

knowledge of traditional languages of the Roper River region such as Marra, Alawa, Rembarnga, Ngalkagan, Nunggbuyu and Wagilak.

This is the UNESCO International Year of Indigenous Languages and at the launch earlier this year, UNESCO Director-General Koichiro Matsuura highlighted the importance of languages.

"Diversity is closely linked to linguistic diversity, however, within the space of a few generations, more than 50 per cent of the 7000 languages spoken in the world may disappear," he said.

"Less than a quarter of those languages are currently used in schools and in cyberspace."

"Thousands of languages - though mastered by those populations for whom it is the daily means of expression - are absent from education systems, the media and the public."

Certificate III AQF Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care

This qualification covers workers who provide health care services to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients. This health care is usually provided as part of a team, with ongoing supervision and guidance.

This course is a pathway into a Certificate IV in Aboriginal Health. Commences 14 October 2008 and will be completed by July 2009.

The course requires attendance for three (3) days per week (9:30 am to 3:30 pm) at Dubbo College, Myall Street Campus

For further information or enrolment, please contact Elizabeth Shuttle TAFE NSW Dubbo College Nursing Studies, Telephone: 6883 3441

Health



The family of nurse Renne Davis, who featured on the DVD, from left, Robyn Davis, Donna Johnson, Bridgette Davis, Stephanie Blackman and Kieren Davis.

More nurses is the target

By SAMANTHA DEAN



THE Queensland Government has joined forces with Olympic gold medallist Cathy Freeman in a bid to encourage more

Indigenous Australians to enter the nursing profession.

The initiative hinges around the release of an educational DVD narrated by Freeman and highlighting the benefits of nursing as a rewarding career for Indigenous youth.

State Health Minister Stephen Robertson launched the initiative at Musgrave Park at the beginning of the month, telling an audience which included school children from Brisbane's Murri School that the aim of the campaign was to invest in the future of young Indigenous people.

Mr Robertson also linked the campaign with the Federal Government's pledge to close the gap on life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"We know there are cultural issues that need to be attended to in providing the best possible care to Indigenous Queenslanders, and who better to know what those cultural issues are and understand what they are than Indigenous people themselves," Mr Robertson said.

Ms Freeman said she believed the launch to be a true success, saying she hoped its message would resonate



From left, Valarie Tye, Liz Young, Cathy Freeman, Laurel Booth, Cecilia Barber and Odette Best.

throughout Queensland and penetrate Indigenous communities.

"For too many years part of the belief and value system within traditional culture didn't encapsulate education in the formal sense ... so young people of today are stepping forward," she said.

Helping

According to the DVD, *Nurses - Helping Our Mob*, out of the 26,000 nurses in Queensland there are only 300 Indigenous nurses and 250 nursing students.

Indigenous nurse advisor for Queensland Odette Best said the launch of the web-based DVD meant Indigenous children in remote communities were presented with access to the stories of successful Indigenous nurses around Queensland.

In an interview featured on the DVD, Ms Best said that in order to close the gap in life

expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, the nursing profession needed more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses working for their own people in diverse roles.

"My advice to any young Indigenous person contemplating nursing would be to absolutely go for it," she said.

Featured nurse and academic at the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Nutrition at James Cook University in Townsville Roianne West said the opportunity to promote Indigenous nursing to a mass audience was what drew her to participating in the DVD.

"We have 53 Indigenous nurses out of 800 students at JCU and sadly enough that is the highest number of any university in Australia," she said.

The *Nurses - Helping Our Mob* DVD is available for viewing online at www.thinknursing.com

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Template for health

NSW NEW templates designed to monitor the specific health needs of Aboriginal people are poised to make life easier for doctors and their patients in the south-east of New South Wales.

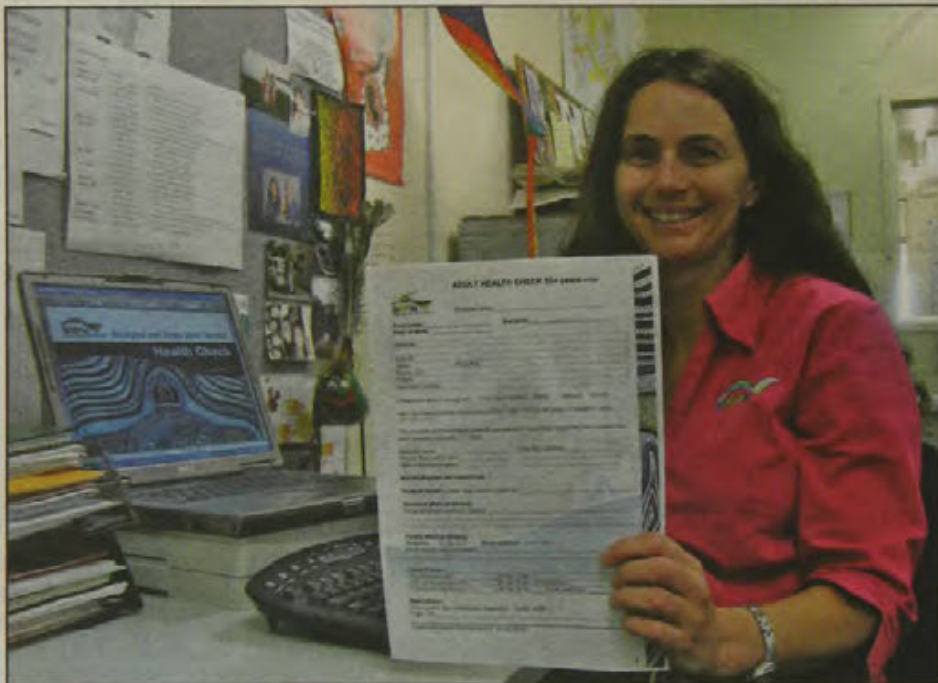
The new patient information templates are unique to the south-east and will replace the Federal Government's standard-issue templates used to gather and monitor patient information in most local medical practices.

The need for better templates was identified when the peak body representing GPs in the State's south-east, the Southern General Practice Network, began a program of free general health screens for Aboriginal people last year.

More than 500 adults and children in the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley shires have so far been screened by local GPs and Aboriginal health workers under the 'Healthy for Life' program.

According to program co-ordinator Jodie Griffin, national interest is expected in the new templates because of their emphasis on Aboriginal-specific health needs and their culturally appropriate questions.

"The feedback we had from GPs, health workers and the Aboriginal community was that the



'Healthy for Life' co-ordinator Jodie Griffin shows off the new, improved patient information templates.

questions in the standard templates were too broad, making it difficult to capture health information specific to the Aboriginal population," she said.

"And perhaps more importantly, the Aboriginal community wanted the questions to be more culturally sensitive. We were very happy to act on that advice."

Ms Griffin said the network could not have developed the new templates without input from community advisory groups who helped with the culturally

appropriate wording and in identifying the health issues facing the Aboriginal population.

"The new templates allow health professionals to collect and monitor general information such as eyesight, hearing and dental health, as well as guiding discussions about other health issues relevant to the patient and their age bracket," she said.

"The new templates, which are now male and female specific, have been broken down into smaller age brackets that better reflect the stages of life and the health issues faced by Aboriginal people during those stages."

"For instance, the templates will focus on adolescent health in the new nine-14 years age bracket, and developmental milestones are now included for the early childhood age groups."

"We believe we can decrease the rates of chronic illness in the Aboriginal population by conducting these free annual health screens and by using them as an opportunity to educate Aboriginal people about health skills from a young age."

The Healthy for Life program is funded by the Federal Department of Health and Ageing. It is based at the Southern General Practice Network in Moruya and is in partnership with Katungul Aboriginal Medical Service.



**Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing**

Mental Health Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme: Mental Health Nursing

Applications are being sought from interested persons to apply for the Mental Health Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme: Mental Health Nursing, studying in 2009.

The Mental Health Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme: Mental Health Nursing is a long term initiative funded by the Australian Government to encourage and support nurses interested in undertaking postgraduate study in the field of mental health nursing.

The aim of the Scheme is to address the current shortage of qualified mental health professionals by increasing the number of students who enter and complete their study in mental health nursing. Scholarships are provided to assist students in meeting their accommodation, living and travel costs whilst at university.

The Scheme provides financial assistance up to \$15,000 for full time study or up to \$7,500 for part time study in 2009, up to a maximum of \$30,000 per applicant.

This scholarship will be open for applications on Saturday 13 September 2008. Application packs are available to download on the website www.rcna.org.au. The closing date for applications is Friday 24 October 2008. Further information is available by contacting the Fund Administrator, Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA) on freecall 1800 770 562 or email at scholarships@rcna.org.au. For further information on nursing in Australia, please visit www.NurseInfo.com.au.



Auction a fund-raiser



AN extraordinary charity auction featuring works recently

purchased so they can be sold again to raise funds for Indigenous health research will be held in Melbourne next month.

The 'Ochre - Supporting Indigenous Health through Art' auction will feature a 'museum quality' collection of artworks from some of Australia's most sought-after Indigenous artists.

The auction is expected to raise well over \$100,000 for research into Indigenous child health at the Menzies School of Health Research.

Menzies has conducted research into Indigenous health for almost 25 years, with its work spanning Indigenous child health, mental health, social determinants of health and chronic disease, as well as tropical infectious diseases and international health. Melbourne-based

entrepreneur and Ochre ambassador David Smorgon said the auction would be unique due to the high quality of the artworks and also the way in which the artworks have been obtained.

Featured artists include John Mawurndjul, Eubena Nampitjin and Makinti Napanangka, winner of the 2008 National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

"Rather than asking artists and galleries to donate their works, as is the norm in most charity art auctions, sponsorship has been secured to allow artworks to be purchased direct from community art centres," Mr Smorgon said.

"This ensures that we are fostering local economic development and employment opportunities in remote Indigenous communities."

"This unique approach also ensures that the highest ethical standards have been maintained when purchasing the artworks at a time when the Indigenous art industry is under an increasing

amount of public scrutiny."

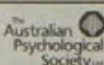
Prominent businesses, philanthropists, art lovers and celebrities donated cash and sponsorship of about \$140,000 to enable the artworks to be purchased.

All proceeds from the sale of the artworks will go towards breaking the cycle of ill-health faced by Indigenous kids, particularly those from remote communities.

'Ochre - Supporting Indigenous Health through Art' will take place at Mossgreen Auctions, South Yarra, on 14 October.

The event will include a performance by Indigenous singer Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu and be hosted by TV personality Ray Martin.

Art collectors interested in receiving a copy of the Ochre catalogue may contact lisa.stapels@menzies.edu.au. Telephone bids are also available via Mossgreen Auctions, online at www.mossgreen.com.au



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Pneumonia the target

HEALTH experts are considering how best to combat different strains of pneumonia prevalent among Indigenous Australians. The 11th National Immunisation Conference focussed on Indigenous and refugee populations.

Public Health Association of Australia chief executive officer Michael Moore said Australia's immunisation rate grew from 70 per cent in 1990, to 90 per cent in 2005. Mr Moore said there was a high rate of immunisation in Indigenous communities because of a joint effort from governments and communities. - AAP



Yawarr, a linocut by Dennis Nona (2007), 120cm x 610cm.

Europeans will see TSI's best



LEADING Torres Strait Islander artists Alick Tipoti and Dennis Nona will see their work in major exhibitions in Berlin and London this month.

Nona's monumental six-metre linocut *Yawarr* has been included in the exhibition, *The Tropics, Views from the Middle of the Globe* at the Martin Gropius Bau in Berlin.

In this exhibition, about 200 works from Africa, Asia, Oceania, Australia and tropical America from the collections of the Ethnological Museum in Berlin, which are among the world's largest, are confronted with works by 40 contemporary artists from Brazil, South America, Europe, Africa, Australia and Asia.

More than 30 of Tipoti's works, including his five-metre linocut *Adhikuyam*, will be seen in the artist's first international solo show at the Rebecca Hossack Gallery, one of London's leading commercial galleries.

The work in this exhibition was also seen in galleries in all Australian capital cities.



Dennis Nona, left, and Alick Tipoti, whose work will go on show in Europe.

"This is a further step in establishing Torres Strait Islander art on the international art scene," said the artists' agent Michael

Kershaw, of The Australian Art Print Network.

"The start was made in 2001 with the Gelam Nguzu Kazi exhibition that showed in Britain and Canada. The exhibition is still touring and has been seen in 26 venues in more than 17 countries.

"This was followed in 2006 with Dennis Nona's first solo show which was seen in Paris and London to much acclaim, bringing Torres Strait Islander art and culture to a huge international audience."

Mr Kershaw said the strategic support of the Queensland Marketing and Export Agency (QIAMEA) had been a key factor in gaining real interest for the artists in the international market.

Tipoti and Nona already have works in the collections of major overseas institutions. These include the British Museum, Victoria and Albert Museum, The Cambridge University Museum and museums in France, America, Japan and the Pacific.



Adhikuyam, a linocut by Alick Tipoti (2007), 124cm x 507cm.

Four new advisers on board

FOUR new appointments have been made to the Queensland Indigenous Arts Marketing and Export Agency (QIAMEA) Advisory Board.

Queensland Trade Minister John Mickel said that the QIAMEA Advisory Board provided government policy direction and advice, and brought together government and Indigenous arts community representatives.

The new board members are artistic director Rae O'Connell, art curator Bruce McLean, Torres Strait Islander Tom Mosby and academic Dr Sally Butler.

Continuing board members are Chair Debra Bennet, Henrietta Marrie (Foumille), Max Lenoy, Toni Janke, Francis Tapim and Noel Robinson. The Director-General of the Department of Communities, Education, Training and the Arts, and the Department of Transport also continue as board members.

Questions at conference

THE NSW Aboriginal Visual Arts Conference Black2BLAK2 will open at Campbelltown Arts Centre in Sydney this Friday.

Black2BLAK2 will examine key issues being faced by Aboriginal visual artists and arts professionals in NSW.

The conference seeks to raise concerns in the arts sector by asking questions: Does Aboriginal arts practice of NSW have a unique identity? What can be improved? Are resources in the right place? What are the roles and responsibilities of public institutions in representing contemporary Indigenous art in NSW?

Black2BLAK2 is the second in a series of three annual conferences committed to the development of Indigenous arts in NSW.

Speakers will include curator Dion Mundine, artists Bronwyn Bancroft, Milton Budge, Karla Dickens and Adam Hills, commentator Gary Foley, writer Dr John Maynard, and poet Dr Romaine Moreton.

Submissions wanted for the latest Nimbin Film Festival



NIMBIN Films is organising a film festival next month in the northern New South Wales town of Nimbin.

Now in its third year, the film festival will be held from 24-26 October.

As in previous programs, Nimbin Films is interested in works made by Indigenous filmmakers for a specific Indigenous section, and is looking for local and not-so-local submissions, especially short films.

The film submission deadline is next

Tuesday, 30 September, but this can be extended under special circumstances.

The Nimbin Bush Theatre, beside Mulgum Creek, will cater for the event by providing refreshments, lunch and dinner at the Bush Theatre Café.

Entertaining

The Nimbin Film Crew says it intends to create a fun and entertaining weekend for all.

The selected entrants will receive a weekend pass for two - including a 'Certificate of Selection' and 'Official

Selection Wreath' logo to use in future film promotions. The program will be divided into category awards and a People's Choice award.

Submission forms can be downloaded from the Nimbin Film Festival website -

www.nimbinfilms.co.cc - and as a community organised event, the submission fee has been waived.

For further details, contact Nimbin Community Technology Centre (CTC) and speak to Roy (02) 6689 1183 or Graham 0428 322 577.

Expression of Interest

Graphic Design for the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair

Arts Queensland is seeking tenders from Queensland based companies for the development of a 'name style with graphic treatment' for the 2009 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair.

A design brief is available at www.arts.qld.gov.au
Contact Julie Geiser at Arts Queensland on
(07) 3224 5807

All tenders must be submitted by
5pm, Wednesday 8 October 2008.

Please note that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graphic designers are encouraged to apply.



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Workshop in the lead-up to Port Augusta festival



SINGERS. songwriters and musicians in the Port Augusta area of South Australia will get the chance to hone their skills, record a CD and perform live at the Yarnballa Festival with the help of a music workshop program being run at Umeewarra Media in the lead-up to the fest.

Umeewarra Director Vince Coulthard said local talent was 'coming out of the woodwork'.

"Since we started the workshops last week we've had people ringing up wanting to know how to get involved," Mr Coulthard said.

"We know there is a lot of untapped talent out there in the

community and once they hear about it, they all want to come in and get their songs recorded."

The free music workshop program is funded by Arts SA's Community Arts Development fund and will result in the production of a compilation CD featuring local artists and a series of live performances leading up to the Yarnballa Festival in late October.

Big stage

"Some of the participants will get to perform on the big stage at the Yarnballa Concert on Central Oval and others will get a gig at the Festival Club at Yarta Purlil Cultural Centre," said Project Co-ordinator Tony Collins.

Workshop participants will learn skills in studio recording and live

performance as well as songwriting, sound-mixing and lighting.

"We'll be recording original songs and making video clips and posting them on the Yarnballa website," said Mr Collins.

"We want to give people basic training in all aspects of the music industry and encourage them to keep working at the Umeewarra Studios after the project ends."

Lecturers and students from the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM) at Adelaide University will participate in the project and they hope to recruit new full-time students.

Anyone interested in taking part in the workshops should go to Umeewarra Media or call Tony Collins on 0407 729 681.

Traditions reflected



AN exhibition by Darwin artist Natasha Parriman Lloyd at the Coomalie Cultural Centre, Batchelor, one hour's drive south of Darwin, features a range of paintings that reflect generations of her family's cultural traditions.

Mrs Lloyd was born in Darwin in 1979 and has strong family links with communities and clans in Western Australia and South Australia.

She said that like many Aboriginal artists, she began painting at an early age.

"As children we would gather around the table with our mother Faye Parriman (Anderson), a Yamatji lady from WA, and other family members, painting our traditional bush tucker and hunting stories," Mrs Lloyd said.

"My father Kevin Parriman (Dixon) is a traditional hunter and gatherer who makes his own hunting and gathering tools and he learnt a lot from my great grandmother's brother Paddy Roe (deceased), a respected Nyigina Elder from Broome, who also wrote two books about his people and lands - *Gularabulu* and *Reading The Country*.

"These strong family links to our traditional lands and country are now central themes in my own works."

Mrs Lloyd's family carved and painted using traditional ochres and raw materials to create ceremonial pieces, hunting tools and artefacts such as boomerangs, clapping sticks, sea shells and boab nuts that were decorated with raw materials such as feathers, flowers and leaves.



Natasha Parriman Lloyd with some of the artworks on display as part of the current exhibition at the Coomalie Cultural Centre at the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education main campus, south of Darwin.

Other traditional design features were also incorporated, including line, dot dot, scenic, bird's-eye view, x-ray, symbols and animal tracks.

Today, Mrs Lloyd shares her bush tucker and culture stories in a style where she has combined centuries of her ancestor's art designs of the Nyul Nyul, Yawuru

and Yamatji people (WA) in a Western-style medium of acrylic paints on canvas.

The exhibition of Mrs Lloyd's artworks is on display at the Coomalie Cultural Centre until 30 September. The centre is open Tuesday to Friday 10am to 4pm, Saturday 9am to 3pm and Sunday 10am to 2pm. Closed Monday.



LISA MICHL

Michl's art is mapping her country



Lisa Michl describes her art as 'a way of mapping country', and of sharing the knowledge of significant places and stories passed down by her ancestors.

The young north Queensland artist's traditional homelands, on her grandmother's side, are known as Pinnarinch or Mudpaalanjen and stretch between Staaten River National Park and north to Nassau River, including Wyabba Creek and the Dorunda Lodge area.

An exhibition featuring Michl's work, *Story Places of Pinnarinch*, began in Canberra last week and will run until 12 October.

Michl (also known as Ko-manggen), speaks strongly about strengthening culture and the importance of maintaining the connection of country, lore, ceremony and language to succeed in a contemporary world.

Pinnarinch encompasses

several creation places, with Michl's totem name Ko-manggen being one of them.

Michl has just returned from exhibiting as part of a delegation to the Festival of Pacific Arts in America Samoa.

"Like many Indigenous peoples, we have a special relationship to our land which continues to provide us with our identity," she said.

Michl was the 2006



One of Lisa Michl's artworks

recipient of the Yvonne Coen Indigenous Youth Art and Leadership Award presented by the Victorian College of the Arts' Wilin Centre. She has been a finalist in many awards including the Telstra

Indigenous Art Award. Her artworks are included in public and private collections nationally and internationally including the Queensland Art Gallery, ArtBank, the Cairns Regional Gallery and the Australian Embassy in Germany.

Story Places of Pinnarinch is at the Helen Maxwell Gallery in Canberra.



Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities



Firm kept busy on TI



Frank Loban, Josh Tekahika and boss Allen Godfrey on the Thursday Island building site.

Story and photos by ALF WILSON

TSI

WANT a job that will take you places? Indigenous tradesman and apprentices working for Thursday Island company Godfrey Constructions certainly

hit that jackpot.

Tradesman Frank Loban, apprentices Terence Yusia and Josh Tekahika, and trainees Andrew Soki and Daramah Bon, get lots of variety and ample travel around the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) of Queensland working for boss Allen Godfrey.

The *Koori Mail* caught up with Allen, Frank and Josh recently as they worked hard laying bricks for a new building site near the Thursday Island (TI) Esplanade.

"I have worked for Allen for 10 years and love the life up here," Frank told us.

Until recently Frank regularly commuted to Townsville to see his wife who was studying to be a school teacher.

But his wife now has a job on TI. The construction team carry equipment around the short road network on TI in a diesel truck. When they work on outer Torres Strait islands and the NPA, the lads travel by aircraft and the truck and gear goes by barge.

Jobs

"We have done jobs on Mabuiag, Boigu, Saibai, Darnley and Murray Islands and at Bamaga, Seisia and other nearby places on the NPA," Allen said.

Josh is a third-year apprentice who loves the variety of work and he said there was lots of construction on TI, which is the administration centre of the Torres Strait.

"It is very windy today but we are near the sea and the working conditions are great. I will have a trade

after my apprenticeship is finished," he said.

Terence, 15, is a school-based apprentice which means he works one day a week and spends the rest at school.

"Next year it will become two days a week at work," said Allen. Frank did his apprenticeship with Godfrey Constructions and Allen said it was his aim to train as many Indigenous workers as possible.

"They are good workers and we all get to go fishing as much as we want in our leisure time," he said.

It often rains on TI, so the lads work in fine weather and get to have a break during showers.

"When we travel to the Islands or NPA everything has to be quarantined, but work is plentiful with lots of government construction," said Allen, who hails from the Sunshine Coast.

Frank hopes to set up his own construction business in the not-too-distant future.



Frank Loban on the job.

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Batchelor Institute has a vital national position as the only higher
educational institution solely for Indigenous students (AUAQ report 2006). As
such, BIITE endeavours to be a strong employer of Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander people. BIITE strongly encourages applications for the above positions
from suitably qualified and experienced Indigenous Australians.

A free commuter service is normally available for staff traveling between
Darwin, Palmerston and some rural areas. HMA/INTG0800



Partnership Community Project Officers

Grade 7/8. Job Reference No:DAA08/258

(Various full and part-time positions)

Exciting opportunities across NSW! Building Stronger Communities

The Department of Aboriginal Affairs is looking to fill a number of full time and part time positions working from the
following office locations:

- Wagga Wagga • Dubbo • Tamworth • Batemans Bay • Sydney
- Bourke • Broken Hill • Coffs Harbour • Newcastle

We are seeking committed people with project management skills and proven experience working with Aboriginal
groups and government agencies to implement the Department of Aboriginal Affairs' Two Ways Together Partnership
Community Program.

You will work with one or two Aboriginal communities to build a local representative group and to help develop plans
to improve government service delivery and to build stronger communities. You will be required to liaise with Elders,
young people, representatives from the Local Aboriginal Land Councils and other key Aboriginal organisations.

Your dedication will be rewarded with a salary package of up to \$84,854 including superannuation with temporary
employment of up to three years.

You can obtain a copy of the information package by visiting our website at www.daa.nsw.gov.au or
www.jobs.nsw.gov.au, or by contacting the Department on (02) 9219 0700.

If you feel you are ready to take up the challenge of an exciting and rewarding new role, please visit
our website at www.daa.nsw.gov.au or contact Matthew Swadlow on (02) 9219 0709 if you have any enquiries.

In your claim for the position, you must nominate which location(s) you would be interested to work, and whether
you would prefer to work on a full or part time basis.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications to: HR Officer (Recruitment), ServiceFirst, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW
2000 or apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: 3 October 2008.



The Murray-Darling Basin Commission (MDBC) promotes and
coordinates the equitable, efficient and sustainable use of the
Basin's water, land and other environmental resources.

Administration Officer

PO2 / APS 3-4

\$47,899 - \$59,742

An opportunity exists within the Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations/IPP team
for an experienced Administration Officer to provide program assistance and administrative
support to a small, dynamic team.

Responsibilities will include: providing secretariat, administrative and associated office
management support; provision of program management assistance and implementation;
liaison with internal and external stakeholders and general office duties. This position
will assist in establishing the office located at Charles Sturt University at the Thurgood
Campus.

The successful candidate will have experience in providing secretariat or administrative
support, good clerical and administration skills, well developed communication skills and
excellent computer skills.

Further information may be obtained from Neil Ward on 0419 010 744.

Applications close Sunday 5 October, 2008.

The MDBC is a focused and rewarding organisation to work for and is fully committed
to the development of its employees. In return, the position offers you the opportunity
to contribute to the unique and pivotal work that underpins the sustainable water
management in the Basin.

Position description and selection documentation are available at www.mdbc.gov.au
where you are encouraged to submit your application online.

Applicants should be aware that the Commonwealth Government and Basin State governments have
signed an intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) on Murray-Darling Basin Reform. The IGA provides for
bringing the new Murray-Darling Basin Authority and the Murray-Darling Basin Commission together
as the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. All MDBC staff will transfer to the new Authority on transition.



Aboriginal Administration Traineeships

Salary package from \$10,181 - \$26,674 p.a.

Join DoCS and start your administration career as an Aboriginal Administration Trainee. New positions are available in Sydney, Newcastle, Albury, Dubbo, Nowra, and Wagga Wagga.

Your 12 month traineeship will combine work and study, and includes completion of a Certificate III in Business Administration and permanent employment on successful completion of the program.

Aboriginal Administration Trainees must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Join us now.

For more information and to apply online visit www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers or phone Nicole Deguara on (02) 9716 2466.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 3 October 2008.

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Get all the benefits you deserve: Get a career that matters.

UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families is a not for profit welfare organisation based in New South Wales consisting of two agencies UnitingCare Burnside and UnitingCare Unifam. Both these agencies aim to create a just and safe society for all children, young people and families.

We offer a range of generous conditions and benefits aimed at achieving professional and personal satisfaction through assisting our staff to balance their work and home commitments. These great initiatives include:

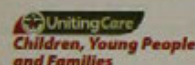
- Competitive and above-average salaries for a 35 hour working week
- Flexible start and finish times and part-time and job sharing opportunities
- Periods of unpaid leave such as short-term leave and career breaks
- Wide range of internal and external training to constantly develop our staff
- Paid study Leave

We are seeking to employ Indigenous staff in specific Aboriginal programs and other roles across our organisation.

getacareerthatmatters.com.au

Or call Jessykah Flower on (02) 9768 6848

We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



ABORIGINAL PSYCHOLOGY CADETSHIP



"IT'S GREAT TO BE SUPPORTED WHILE I STUDY - AND TO KNOW THAT THERE'S A JOB FOR ME WHEN I FINISH MY DEGREE."

PAUL GRAY, INTERN PSYCHOLOGIST

Salary package from \$48,684 p.a. pro rata

Aboriginal psychology cadetships combine full-time study with part-time employment and a permanent job when successfully completed.

Join a DoCS team in your area and receive:

- fortnightly study allowance \$600
- paid work placements for 12 weeks of the year
- professional supervision and mentoring
- a psychologist job with DoCS on successful completion of your cadetship.

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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Join us now.

For more information and to apply phone Noeleen Timbery on 02 9716 2458 or email noeleen.timbery@community.nsw.gov.au.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 10 October 2008



Australian Government
Indigenous Business Australia

KUNUNURRA BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

(\$59,109 - \$67,368 plus remote area allowance and superannuation)

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is a Commonwealth Statutory Authority established to engage in commercial activities in a profit orientated, private sector environment to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to establish, purchase or grow their business.

IBA is looking for a motivated and enthusiastic person to lead our Kununurra team for a temporary period of one year.

If you are interested in assisting IBA with the delivery of our commercial loan and support products to the Indigenous people in northern WA and have experience in related fields of commercial finance or accounting then this job would appeal to you.

Bonuses for performance are available, and Commonwealth Superannuation applies.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For information on the position please contact Sharon Keffe on 08 9192 7466 or email sharon.keffe@iba.gov.au or Kim McIlveen on 02 6121 2751 or email kim.mcilveen@iba.gov.au.

For detailed job descriptions, selection criteria and employment information and further information about IBA see www.iba.gov.au

Applications close on Friday 3 October 2008

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www.iba.gov.au



Australian Government
Medicare Australia

Come and join us at Medicare Australia!

Medicare Australia delivers a wide range of vital health and payment services to all Australians including Medicare, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), Family Assistance, the Australian Organ Donor Register and the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register. It is our promise to deliver great service that is friendly, timely and accurate. We strive to improve our business by finding new ways for the public and healthcare providers to do business with us online. If you are looking for a job that touches the lives of everyday Australians—look no further than Medicare Australia.

- Easy Application Process
- Excellent career opportunity

Medicare Liaison Officer for Indigenous Access

(PN Ref: S1337)

APS Level 5

\$57,139 - \$58,748

Come and join Medicare Australia and be part of a professional organisation where you will have the opportunity to make a significant contribution to our Northern Territory (NT) Services team.

In this interesting role, you will be responsible for supporting the Manager, NT Services by:

Improving access to the programs administered by Medicare Australia for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their service providers.

Excellent time management, interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills are of paramount importance to succeed in this position. Must possess a 'C' Class drivers licence and be willing to undertake significant amounts of travel to country areas either by road or air, including some overnight visits.

This is an identified ongoing full-time employment opportunity based in Alice Springs.

If the job is 'identified' then part or all of the duties impact on Indigenous Australian people and involve interaction with Indigenous Australian communities or their representatives.

Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

Contact: Jacqui Paech-O'Mello (08) 8922 6355

Easy Application: We have made it easy to apply for our jobs, for more information please see our applicant information kit online.

Information about this job and other excellent job opportunities can be found on our website at:

www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/careers

Medicare Australia operates under the umbrella of the Australian Government Department of Human Services.

Candidates should forward their applications to the contact officer (quoting the PN Ref) by email or by post (see website).

Applicants must be Australian citizens.

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Indigenous Recruitment Advisor

To provide support to the Senior Recruitment Advisor for the recruitment, career development, and retention of prospective and current Indigenous staff. This position liaises with other Staff Services staff as appropriate to ensure clients are provided with correct, consistent recruitment and selection advice and service.

Requirements of Applicant:

- Completion of a relevant qualification and/or an equivalent combination of relevant experience and/or education /training
- A committed approach to the provision of a quality client service.
- Exercise judgment and discretion whilst effectively solving problems.
- Effective oral and written communication skills, including the ability to demonstrate cross-culture sensitivity, with individuals at all levels.
- Good organisational skills, including the ability to prioritise and meet deadlines.
- Application of relevant policies, procedures and legislation in the day-to-day performance of the functions of this position.

People of Indigenous background and/or culture are encouraged to apply.

If you are experienced in Human Resources and are available to commence work immediately, please call Lauren at Drake now on 08 9215 9283 or send your resume to lutherland@au.drakeintl.com to apply.

NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

GESCHN Project Officer

Teenage Aboriginal Parent Back-To-School Project
Health Service Manager Level 1
Temp Part Time, 24 hpw for 2 years
Position No: SCH08176
Enq: Judith Lissing, (02) 9382 1686
Apps: schhr@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 3 October 2008.

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or contact the enquiries person.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

We can offer Registered Nurses from overseas Temporary Business Sponsorships of up to four years under arrangements with the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, and NSW Health. We are committed to EEO, 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. Employment with NSW Health is subject to you having current immunity status that complies with the Assessment Screening & Vaccination against Specified Infectious Diseases - Policy Directive. Appointment and ongoing employment will be subject to continued compliance with the policy directive.



New South Wales Government



The NSW Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) plans, administers and manages the policies, programs and asset base for the Aboriginal housing sector in NSW. The AHO is responsible for resource allocation, sector wide policy, strategic planning and monitoring housing outcomes and performance in the sector.

Manager, Information Management and Technology,

Clerk Grade 9/10, Parramatta, Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No AHO08/256. 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.

This position initiates and manages IM&T projects to develop operational policies, procedures, guidelines or systems for the AHO.

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated expertise in the provision of IM&T services in a regionalised organisation. An understanding of Aboriginal culture and issues within Australian Society and their impact in relation to housing related needs. Superior analytical and conceptual skills and capacity to provide advice and direction on IM&T development and system management issues. Demonstrated expertise to scope and manage IM&T projects, and implement organisation-wide operational frameworks. Well developed presentation, communication, negotiation, and interpersonal skills. Demonstrated expertise in and understanding of IT capabilities and appropriate use of technology in management and support systems. Manage the IM&T service level agreement with AHO's service providers including Service First and external providers where required. Manage the AHO's Information Systems including provision of documentation, recommendations for enhancement.

Notes: Temporary appointment for a period up to 12 months, permanency may be offered.

Inquiries: Adam James (02) 8836 9456 Email: Adam.James@aho.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Kim Kors (02) 8836 9498 or (02) 8836 9444.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Housing Office PO Box W5, Parramatta 2150 Fax (02) 9635 7695 or email: kim.kors@aho.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 03 October 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILIES



Health Careers & Opportunities in the Northern Territory

If you want your career to go places then join Health and Families in the Northern Territory. The challenges and opportunities in health and community care in the Territory are like no other in Australia, from remote Aboriginal health to tropical health and Australia's National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre. Continued investments in Aboriginal health, remote health, acute care, child protection and community services offer many opportunities for health professionals who want to be part of making a difference.

HEALTH SERVICES

SEXUAL HEALTH COORDINATOR REMOTE

Aboriginal Health Worker Class 5 (\$65,203 - \$72,274)

Temporary Vacancy available for 2 years

Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Program - Darwin

We are seeking an Aboriginal Health Worker to work as a Sexual Health Coordinator and build the capacity of remote primary health care services within a designated area to provide comprehensive Sexual Health Blood Borne Virus (SHBBV) programs. There will be a particular focus on women's/men's sexual health (dependent on gender of successful applicant), and experience working in sexual health and/or public health is essential, preferably in Aboriginal communities.

The successful applicant will consult with the community and the local clinic team to plan and support implementation of a program that will include:

- clinical updates in relation to Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and Blood Borne Virus (BBV), including undertaking regular chart audits; and
- participating in community activities including STI/BBV screens where requested and appropriate.

Quote vacancy number: 1998

Closing date: 3 October 2008

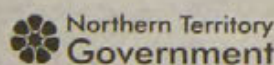
For further information on the position, please contact Wendy Armstrong (08) 8922 8606 or by email at wendy.armstrong@nt.gov.au

APPLICATION INFORMATION

All applications should address the selection criteria. A full job description can be obtained by visiting www.nt.gov.au/jobs Further information about these positions can be obtained by FREECALL 1300 659 247 or email recruitment@nt.gov.au

Information on the Territory and it's great lifestyle is available at www.theterritory.com.au

Note: The preferred or recommended applicant may be required to undergo a criminal history check. A criminal history will not exclude an applicant from this position unless it is a relevant criminal history.



nt.gov.au/health



Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited



Hostel Manager

Sydney

Tony Mundine Hostel

APS Level 3

\$38,089 - \$43,720 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager

Want to know more?

Contact Rebecca Greer on 02 9310 2777.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012.

Closing date

By 5pm 10 October 2008.

This is a Tertiary Education and Training hostel.

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.

This is an identified position.

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LIFE WITHOUT BARRIERS

State Manager - WA

- Based from Perth
- \$100-\$120K + vehicle and attractive benefits

Life Without Barriers (LWB) is a National not-for-profit organisation working to support children and young people in crisis, people with a disability and those with a mental health issue. We are a leading provider of care in Australia and we are renowned for providing our clients with support in a flexible and innovative way.

Reporting to the National Operations Manager, you are responsible for managing the operational functions of the WA arm of our organisation. This will include providing leadership, direction and support to Managers and support staff throughout WA. In this role you will also have input into the development of the strategic direction of the entire organisation. **The State Manager works independently with a high level of autonomy, key responsibilities include:**

- Developing and recommending a strategic plan and budget to establish local priorities for the provision of services;
- Ensuring that management and leadership strategies are focused upon the care and protection of clients to achieve the best possible outcomes;
- Identifying opportunities to expand LWB's services in the State, including new expressions of interest for government funded programs, brokerage agreements with other non-government agencies opportunities to support Aboriginal people and communities in regional and remote areas;
- Ensuring effective management of human, financial and physical resources to meet performance objectives;
- Implementing a review and evaluation framework for the State with an emphasis on continuous improvement that will promote and facilitate improvements in the quality of services delivered.

Your high degree of communication skills will be utilised through regular contact with a variety of stakeholders including families, guardians, funding bodies and the general community. In addition, you will be required to liaise at a State and Regional level with the highest levels of government.

A demonstrated commitment to the care and protection of service users, a minimum of 5 years relevant experience in team leadership within a challenging human services environment and tertiary qualifications in a relevant professional field is essential. In addition, a history of dealing with, in and around Government is highly advantageous.

Initial enquiries can be made in confidence to Belinda Psaila on 02 4929 1605. A more detailed position description is available on our web-site www.lwb.org.au and this includes the specific selection criteria to be addressed. Applications should be made to bpsaila@lwb.org.au, by **COB Monday 6th October 2008**.

LWB is committed to the principles of EEO and we strongly encourage people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background or people with disabilities to apply for the position.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake suitability checks.

There's a community for everyone!



Australian Government
Medicare Australia

Come and join us at Medicare Australia!

Medicare Australia delivers a wide range of vital health and payment services to all Australians including Medicare, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), Family Assistance, the Australian Organ Donor Register and the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register. It is our promise to deliver great service that is friendly, timely and accurate. We strive to improve our business by finding new ways for the public and healthcare providers to do business with us online. If you are looking for a job that touches the lives of everyday Australians—look no further than Medicare Australia.

- Easy application process
- Healthy work life balance
- Generous superannuation package up to 15.4% of salary

Medicare Liaison Officer for Indigenous Access (Identified Position)

(PN Ref: PVR 078/08)

APS 5

\$57,139 - \$58,748

Medicare Australia is currently recruiting for two ongoing, full time Medicare Liaison Officers based in Cairns. A Medicare Liaison Officer is responsible for leading a small team of Indigenous Access Support Officers to improve access to the programs administered by Medicare Australia for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their service providers.

Contact: For further information about these positions, please contact Roger Petri on (07) 4015 1707.

Applications close on **Thursday, 2 October 2008**

Easy Application: We have made it easy to apply for our jobs, for more information please see our applicant information kit online.

Information about this job and other excellent job opportunities can be found on our website at: www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/careers

Medicare Australia operates under the umbrella of the Australian Government Department of Human Services.

Candidates should forward their applications to the contact officer (quoting the PN Ref) by email or by post (see website).

Applicants must be Australian citizens.

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



HOUSING NSW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 1/2
Asset Operations Team
Western Area, Orange
Temporary Full-Time
Position No: DOH-08-15688

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 position is responsible for the provision of administrative support services to the Asset Operations Team, including records management, purchasing, finance, office accommodation, fleet management & general administration.

Selection Criteria:

- Good customer service skills and commitment to providing good customer service.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Good administrative and organisational skills and the ability to meet deadlines.
- Analytical skills and problem-solving ability.
- Knowledge of basic accounting functions, including preparation of petty cash claims and budget monitoring, utilising basic numeracy skills and high-level accuracy.
- Capacity to work independently, and as part of a team.
- Capacity to train and support other team members in Word, Excel and administrative procedures.
- Computer literacy, including knowledge of Microsoft Office applications, Word, Excel, Access and SAP.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time position for a period of up to 26 June 2009 with possibility of extension, under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Further information about the position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Scott Kelly (02) 6360 8103 or (02) 6885 7139

Information Packages:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd (02) 6392 8250

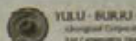
Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 3 October 2008.

GA1-79888

Aboriginal Health Worker

- Avoid peak hour - take a ferry!
- Unique and rewarding opportunity



Yulu-Burru has a unique opportunity for an Aboriginal Health Worker to their team of dedicated professionals on Stradbroke Island.

You will enjoy a competitive remuneration, circa \$21.35 - \$22.46 per hour plus salary sacrifice options (up to \$16,050 tax-free) and a monthly RDO. If all, you will work on beautiful North Stradbroke Island, with a dedicated and passionate team - plus, you'll receive immense job satisfaction contributing to the well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Wave goodbye to peak-hour traffic and take a ferry to work. **Apply Now!**

**EMPLOYMENT
OFFICE**

Call 1300 366 573 or
ApplyNow.com.au/Job82



SANTA MARIA COLLEGE NORTHCOTE

A Catholic Girls' Secondary School
catering for 950 students

Applications are invited for the following part-time (FTE 0.5) position to commence Term 1, 2009:

Koorie Education Worker Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Identified Position

The Successful applicant will be committed to the philosophy and ethos of Catholic Education.

Applicants will be required to:

- Have a sound knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture
- Provide educational support to Koorie students at Santa Maria College
- Support the development of partnerships between students, parents, community and school and other educational organisations to enhance positive working relationships
- Assist in the development of and promotion of Koorie student support initiatives and Koorie inclusive curriculum

For further information and application details please refer to the College website: www.santamaria.vic.edu.au or contact the Principal's Personal Assistant on 03 9488 1606

Applications close Wednesday, 8 October 2008.

Regional And Indigenous Economic Development Opportunities In Alice Springs

Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry,
Fisheries and Resources

Regional Development - Alice Springs

Permanent

The Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources has created four new employment opportunities in Regional and Indigenous Economic Development in Alice Springs.

Regional Development Policy Manager

Administrative Officer 8 (\$82 659 - \$85 931)

Quote vacancy number: 280283

Indigenous Economic Development Policy Officer

Administrative Officer 6 (\$66 238 - \$74 047)

Quote vacancy number: 280284

Regional Development Officer

Administrative Officer 6 (\$66 238 - \$74 047)

Quote vacancy number: 280285

Manager Regional Development

Administrative Officer 8 (\$82 659 - \$85 931)

Quote vacancy number: 280286

The Responsibility

These positions will play a key role in creating outcomes for the Territory's economy through the shaping of policy and the implementation of economic development projects throughout Central Australia.

The People

If you're self-motivated with a desire to travel in Central Australia and can appreciate the many economic development opportunities in the region, as well as the need for cultural sensitivity when working within a large Indigenous population then this position could be right for you. Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

The department has a diverse workforce and provides generous employment benefits, flexible work practices and training and development opportunities.

Information on the department is at <http://www.nt.gov.au/drdrpfr>

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the Northern Territory Government website or contact 1300 659 247 for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Further information or enquiries are to be directed to Lorraine Corowa, Director Regional Development, on (08) 8999 7006.

Closing date: 10 October 2008

Contact us now

Phone: 1300 659 247
Email: Recruitment@nt.gov.au
Visit: www.nt.gov.au/jobs

Trades, TAs Apprentices

Local career opportunities

If you like the idea of working closer to home, being backed by the security of a big company and having mates along side you, keep reading.

Transfield Services is a great Australian success story and this is your opportunity to get on board and share the success. We have just won a major contract with Housing NSW to deliver minor new works and maintenance on a range of facilities close by. Now we need to hire the Trades People, Apprentices and Trades Assistants to get going.

Who exactly are we looking for? We are ideally looking for locals – you have the advantage of knowing the area. We are looking for people who enjoy their work and their mates; people who want to get a bit more involved with the community they live in.

If you are interested in working in any of the following trades in Newcastle, the Hunter Valley region or Canberra and surrounds, get online or make a call to let us know about you and your skills.

- Carpentry
- Apprentices
- Plumbing & Gas Fitting
- Trades Assistants
- Electrical

So what next? Go to www.transfieldservices.com and apply or call Ben on 02 9464 1889.

Transfield Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer and indigenous people and clients of Housing NSW are encouraged to apply.



www.transfieldservices.com

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 CONSERVATION OFFICER

Environment Officer Class 2/7, Hurstville, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-372. Total remuneration package valued to: \$81,363 p.a. (\$49,421-\$73,732) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Contribute to the protection and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage through the identification, assessment, management, interpretation and monitoring of objects and places of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality combined with a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues combined with knowledge of Aboriginal heritage. Thorough knowledge of, and association with, Aboriginal communities within its geographic area of responsibility. Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills and a capacity for project management. Demonstrated understanding of the processes associated with developing, planning and implementing conservation works. Demonstrated consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills for management of cross-cultural issues. Demonstrated experience in the identification and recording of Aboriginal objects and places of cultural significance including a capacity for data entry, mapping and maintenance of information systems. Current driver's licence and a willingness to travel, including in aircraft.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Kathleen Schilling (02) 9585 6546 or 0447 224 460

Email: Kathleen.Schilling@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 9585 6546 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 03 October 2008

04/17/08/02

JUSTICE HEALTH STATEWIDE SERVICE NSW HEALTH

Aboriginal Mental Health Trainee

Fleet Street, Parramatta

Full Time – JH No: 08/217

Salary: Aboriginal Health Education Officer Non-Graduate: \$38,878 to \$57,266 pa.

The successful applicant will participate in the development and implementation of mental health services to promote the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal people and the wider community. The successful applicant will undertake and meet the requirements of the Bachelor of Health Science (Mental Health) currently run at Charles Sturt University. Applicants should be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, NSW.

Enquiries: Colman O'Driscoll on (02) 8838 6290

Closing Date: 30 September 2008.

Applicants require an information package for selection criteria and application form from: Employee Services, (02) 8700 3039. **Applications to:** Justice Health, PO Box 150, Maitland NSW 2036.

NSW Health Service – Justice Health Division is committed to CHS, 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.

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Student Support Officer (Aboriginal) Taree Campus

Permanent Part-time 21 hpw

This position also services Great Lakes.

This is a re-advertised position.

Job Reference: 08/080/NCI

Salary: \$31,070 pa - \$34,021 pa

Duties: Provide an Aboriginal student advisory and support service.

Information Package: Applicants must obtain a package as it contains selection criteria and other relevant details. Please call the Recruitment Officer 1800 008 233 or download www.nci.tafensw.edu.au

Note: This position is a designated Aboriginal position in terms of section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date: 10 October 2008



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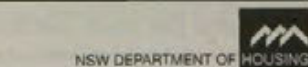
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HOUSING NSW MANAGER, CLIENT POLICY & STRATEGY

Senior Officer Grade 1
Operations Unit
Client Service Strategy Branch
Head Office, Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: DOH-08-15704

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: Manages operational policy implementation & review programs to ensure effectiveness & efficiency of access and demand & tenancy management services. It contributes to service delivery framework that drives continual improvement across Housing NSW.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Lead the development of strategic management frameworks/plans for the Branch.
- Interpret internal and external environmental factors and anticipate their impact on the work.
- Lead the development of innovative operational client policy frameworks, processes and delivery systems for access & demand and tenancy management services with Public Housing.
- Lead, coordinate and build relationship management strategies with other business units in relation to operational policy.
- Implement frameworks for monitoring new or improved operational policies & processes.
- Lead communication and change management processes associated with the implementation of operational client policies, processes and business systems.
- Identify risks to the effective delivery of targeting and access initiatives and provide advice on risk management strategies.
- Take overarching responsibility for the direction of operations of identified teams within the Branch and ensure alignment with the program and Branch's strategic framework/plan.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. **Inquiries:** Catherine Stuart (02) 8753 8784

Information Package:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/AboutUs/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing date: Friday 3 October 2008

04/17/08/02

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POSITIONS VACANT

Aboriginal Family Decision Maker

The Family Decision Making Program in partnership with DHS aims to implement a culturally appropriate model of decision-making with children, young people and their families of the Aboriginal community who are clients of the regional child protection service or who are at risk throughout the Southern Loddon Mallee Region. This is a full-time position requiring travel throughout the region with 2 days being based in Bendigo.

Best Start Coordinator Temporary 6 Month Position

Best Start is a prevention and early intervention project that aims to improve the health, development, learning and wellbeing of all Victorian children from pregnancy through to transition to school (usually taken to be eight years of age). This is a challenging position with a focus on community partnerships to achieve the best outcomes for Aboriginal children.

Applications Close: Tuesday 30th September 2008

For a Copy of the Duty Statements please Contact Miss Kelli Bartlett on 54826566.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



AT BOORNDAWAN WILLAM EMR INDIGENOUS HEALING SERVICE

The Boorndawan Willam EMR Indigenous Healing Service (BW EHS) is a collaborative partnership between the EMR Indigenous Family Violence Action group and Eastern Access Community Health (EACH).

EACH provides the legal entity for the Eastern Indigenous Healing Service, which is governed by a representative committee of community members, with the intention of moving towards self governance.

MANAGER (FULL TIME)

An exciting opportunity has become available for an experienced manager to be part of a developing organisation to provide strategic and operational leadership in the development, implementation and management of the Boorndawan Willam EMR Indigenous Healing Service (BW EHS).

In this position you will plan, monitor and evaluate services; achieve financial, quality and performance accountabilitys; and to lead, mentor and supervise staff.

Relevant qualifications and experience are essential.

Experience in management of Indigenous services would be highly regarded.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER (FULL TIME)

The Boorndawan Willam EMR Indigenous Healing Service (BW EHS) is looking for an experienced Administrative Officer to provide the first point of contact to Indigenous men, women and children accessing the BW EHS.

If you wish to be involved in a workplace making a difference, and:

- are able to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team
- possess exceptional written and oral communication skills
- sound understanding of Microsoft applications
- are able to work flexibly in a demanding and diverse environment
- the ability to maintain strict confidentiality
- have a current drivers licence

then we want to hear from you.

An understanding of contemporary Aboriginal culture would be advantageous.

MEN'S FAMILY HEALING WORKER (FULL TIME)

Boorndawan Willam EMR Indigenous Healing Service (BW EHS) is looking for an experienced Men's Family Healing Worker to assist Indigenous men accessing the BW EHS.

Using a community development framework provide an intake service, provision of information, assessment and referral to facilitate access to services for Indigenous community members.

Provide a key worker role to ensure consistent and ongoing support and management of services to facilitate the healing journey for Indigenous men in the Boorndawan Willam EMR Indigenous Healing Service.

If you are a dynamic, passionate and highly motivated individual who wants to make a difference in peoples lives and if you:

- have excellent interpersonal skills
- can be professional as well as compassionate at all times; and
- are prepared to work flexibly in a developing role and services;

then we want to hear from you.

WOMEN'S FAMILY HEALING WORKER (FULL TIME)

Boorndawan Willam EMR Indigenous Healing Service (BW EHS) is looking for an experienced Women's Family Healing Worker.

Using a community development framework provide an intake service, provision of information, assessment and referral to facilitate access to services for Indigenous community members.

Provide a key worker role to ensure consistent and ongoing support and management of services to facilitate the healing journey for Indigenous women and children in the BW EHS.

You must be passionate about social justice, committed and highly motivated individual who wants to make a difference in peoples lives and if you:

- possess exceptional interpersonal skills
- can be professional as well as compassionate at all times; and
- are prepared to work flexibly in a developing role and services;

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Vacancies close 5pm, Friday 3rd October 2008.

For a full position description and/or to apply on line please visit our Careers Centre at www.each.com.au/vacancies. For additional information please contact Karen Milward on 0407 867 863 or email: kmlward@optusnet.com.au



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Indigenous Business Australia

Melbourne Economic Development Officer

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Do you have the following skills and attributes:

- strong administrative support experience?
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- outcomes focused?
- do you understand the challenges facing a small business?
- are you able to work in a small team?
- do you have sound financial analysis skills?

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is a Commonwealth statutory authority established to engage in commercial activities in a profit orientated, private sector environment to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to establish, purchase or grow their business. We are rapidly building our services and capabilities and we are looking for motivated and enthusiastic people to join our teams across Australia.

We need a team member to work in our Melbourne office assisting clients to access business loans, business support and administering existing loans, contracts, reporting and other aspects of our business.

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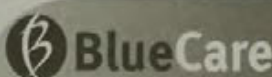
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Contact Jenny Pepper on 02 6121 2757 or email jenny.pepper@iba.gov.au for information on the position.

For detailed job description, selection criteria, employment information and further information about IBA see www.iba.gov.au

Applications close on Friday 3 October 2008

www.iba.gov.au



Indigenous Health Worker

Working for your community - Blue Care Community Services
Sandgate

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.

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This Indigenous Health Worker position will have a key role in working with the Indigenous community and Blue Care staff to improve access to Blue Care services within the outer Brisbane North Region.

This role has two key components:

- direct service component providing care and support for Indigenous clients
- operational component in supporting Blue Care Indigenous staff and promoting culturally appropriate practices.

Whilst this position is for a twelve month period in the first instance, there may be a possibility of a further extension. To join us you will need a background in indigenous healthcare and significant experience in community development.

We offer a competitive salary, and tax effective salary packaging including the option to package a vehicle.

This position has been identified as a position to be held by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. This is arguable under sections 25,104 and 105 of the Queensland Anti Discrimination Act 1991.

For enquiries regarding the position please contact Lyndell Turton on 3869 7777 or Lyn Cullinane (Indigenous Coordinator South East Queensland) on 5428 8120 and/or visit www.bluecare.org.au

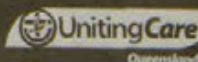
To apply for these positions, please send a cover letter and current resume to recruitmentsch@bluecare.org.au

Please quote the relevant reference number in the Subject of your email.

All successful applicants for all positions will be required to undertake a Police Check prior to commencement.

Applications close COB 13th October 2008.

www.bluecare.org.au



Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE

PROJECT OFFICER

Indigenous Policy and Services Unit, Corrections Victoria, Department of Justice

Grade 4, \$60,307 - \$68,424

Position No: CV0052, Fixed Term to 31 March 2010

The successful applicant will primarily be responsible for developing and maintaining partnerships with Indigenous community stakeholders and contributing to the support of Aboriginal Wellbeing / Liaison Officers, Indigenous Community Corrections Officers and Indigenous Service Officers and will also be required to support the development, implementation and integration of programs and services relevant to Corrections Victoria's responsibilities for Indigenous prisoners and offenders.

Note: This is an identified position in accordance with policy direction of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement.

The successful applicant will be subject to a Police Records Check.

For specific enquiries please contact Marie Murfet on (03) 8684 6528.
To obtain a position description and apply online please visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 10 October 2008

www.justice.vic.gov.au

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Specialist Foster Care - Recruitment Worker

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About the Role:

Sydney Out of Home Care Services is looking for a committed, energetic and resourceful person to assist with the recruitment of Specialist Foster Carers. The role requires an immediate start on a part-time, fixed term basis. The successful applicant will be implementing strategies to recruit foster carers who are able to provide care for children with intensive needs and/or those from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds as well as those from a diverse range of cultures.

Essential requirements:

- Knowledge and understanding of the issues faced by Young People in Out of Home Care; and
- Knowledge and understanding of the support needs of Foster Carers.

Desirable Requirements:

- Tertiary qualifications in Social Sciences, Community Services and/or equivalent experience in the Community Services sector.

The ability to work within the Aboriginal Community and with those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds will be highly regarded.

For further information please contact Emily Boxhall on 02 9556 3200 or at eboxhall@lwb.org.au.

The successful applicant will be required to undergo suitability checks



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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW

SENIOR POLICY ANALYST

Clerk Grade 9/10

Homelessness Unit
Service Programs Branch
Head Office, Ashfield
Temporary Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-15670

Total remuneration package valued up to \$96,295 per annum (Salary: \$79,188 pa - \$87,263 pa). Includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: This role exists to provide policy and project support within the Homelessness Unit, aimed at tackling homelessness and improving housing options and services for homeless people, with a focus on people with a mental illness.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated ability to undertake high level human service policy and needs analysis.
- Sound project management skills, including business and resource planning.
- Proven track record to work collaboratively within a policy team.
- Skills in social research.
- Excellent oral and written communication and interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to engage internal and external stakeholders through consultations and briefings.
- Sound knowledge about the role of human service agencies, including issues for people with a mental illness.
- Demonstrated ability to provide high level secretariat support and proven organisational skills.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications or equivalent experience.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period of 12 months under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act, 2002. Successful applicant will require Current Driver's Licence. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Galina Laurie (02) 8753 8744

Information Packages:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 3 October 2008

DAY 100001

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

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Clerk Grade 1/2

Aboriginal & Diversity Strategy Directorate
Central Office, Clarence Street, Sydney
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-08-15672

Total remuneration package valued up to \$55,568 per annum (Salary: \$46,320 pa - \$50,356 pa). Includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Provide assistance to the Aboriginal and Diversity Strategy Directorate by undertaking administrative tasks, office management and customer services. Assist the Director in monitoring, analysing and reporting on the Directorate's performance to budget.

Selection Criteria:

- Knowledge of records management principles and the ability to efficiently track the flow of correspondence and submissions.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Demonstrated resourcefulness and initiative in responding to urgent requests and situations.
- Ability to interpret and apply human resources, purchasing and financial legislation, regulations and guidelines.
- Planning, organising and priority setting skills.
- Good word processing skills with various software packages including Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook.
- Experience in taking meaningful and accurate minutes electronically, preparing agendas and background papers.
- Secretarial or administration qualifications through TAFE or a recognised business college, or equivalent experience in executive assistance or administration.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: Deborah Munro, Director, Aboriginal and Diversity Strategy Directorate phone: (02) 8270 2045 or email deborah.munro@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 3 October 2008

DAY 100001



Australian Government

Department of the Environment,
Water, Heritage and the Arts

People Management Branch / Corporate Strategies Division

Indigenous Development Coordinator Executive Level 1

Reference: 22203

Salary range \$78,903 - \$87,525 pa

Do you have a PASSION for INDIGENOUS ISSUES?

We are seeking to employ an appropriately experienced person who has significant interest in Indigenous employment issues within the Department and is seeking a challenging and rewarding position.

The successful applicant will support and promote the recruitment, career development, and retention of Indigenous staff, and progress the implementation of the Indigenous Employment and Capability Strategy 2007-2010.

To successfully fulfil this role, you will need a knowledge and understanding of contemporary Indigenous society and culture and issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, well developed skills to communicate effectively and sensitively with Indigenous people, and qualifications and/or relevant demonstrated experience preferably in human resource management, career development, or learning and development.

This is an identified position. Applicants will be required to undertake some travel to remote localities where the Department operates.

Apply: <http://www.environment.gov.au/jobs/opportunities/index.html>

Applications must be received by COB 7 October 2008

Please note: To be eligible for employment with the Department, applicants must be Australian citizens.

All positions based in Canberra unless stated otherwise.

Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

Additional Information about the Department may be accessed via the Internet address:
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NSW DEPARTMENT OF



HOUSING NSW

TECHNICAL OFFICER - ASSET OPERATIONS

Clerk Grade 5/6
Western Area, Bathurst
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: DOH-08-15575

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 OH&S 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: Further information about this position 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 contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6392 8250

Apply on-line: As per link in the information Package or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 3 October 2008

DA1-76808



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE CASEWORK SPECIALIST

Clerk Grade 7/8
Criminal Justice Program
Office of the Senior Practitioner
Parramatta
Permanent Full-Time (2 positions)
Position No: DADHC-08-15682

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$84,855 per annum (Salary: \$69,468 - \$76,896 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Improve the quality of services to clients with intellectual disability, complex needs and offending behaviour. Work with clinical, accommodation and other staff to formulate case plans. Improve the understanding of risk management and legal process.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated experience in the provision of Casework services for people with complex needs, including the development, implementation and monitoring of case plans.
- Demonstrated experience in working with people who have intellectual disability and offending behaviours.
- Knowledge of the Disability Services Act 1993, Guardianship Act 1987, other relevant legislation and policies and the judicial system and Court procedures and practices.
- Understanding of acquired brain injury, mental health, alcohol and other drug issues.
- Ability to participate in training and support of accommodation staff.
- Demonstrated high-level communication, interpersonal, analytical, negotiation and conflict resolution skills.
- Well-developed organisational, time management, computer literacy and project management skills and ability to work in a team environment.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: There are two (2) permanent full-time positions available. An eligibility list will be created. The services provided by the position are statewide and country travel stays are required. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: Kelly Fishburn (02) 9841 9205

Information Package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or 1800 165 469

Apply on-line: As per link given in the information Package

Closing Date: Friday 3 October 2008

DA1-76809

Kimberley Regional Manager

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Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

There's no better time to join our team.

The Department of Health and Ageing is focussing on achieving better health and active ageing for all Australians. If you would like to join our team, and can meet our job requirements, we invite you to apply for a position with us to build better health, better care and better quality of life for all Australians. The department welcomes applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from diverse backgrounds.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE OFFICE OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH

EXECUTIVE LEVEL 2

BRANCH MANAGER

\$95,283 - \$112,811

Reference Number: 08-0228

ADELAIDE

NON-ONGOING (TEMPORARY)

A non-ongoing engagement will be offered initially for up to 12 months

The South Australian State Office of the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing is based in Adelaide and staff work in partnership with local stakeholders to ensure that services provided through portfolio programs are responsive to diverse local needs and conditions, while maintaining consistent standards of equity, quality and efficiency in the pursuit of government policy objectives.

As Branch Manager of OATSIH you will manage a Branch responsible for the implementation of new budget initiatives, and monitoring of existing funding in relation to the priority areas of improving access to effective primary health care, substance use and social and emotional well-being services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; Improving child and maternal health; and working with other governments and the broader health sector to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

You will be a member of the State Office Executive Team and will provide leadership and management support to the Assistant Directors allocated under your areas of responsibility. You will be responsible for the attainment of long term organisational goals, and conveying the organisation's vision in relationships with key stakeholders and within the State Office.

Contact officer: Bridget Booth on 08 8237 8027
or bridget.booth@health.gov.au

QUEENSLAND STATE OFFICE OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH

EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

\$79,863 - \$91,085

Reference Number: 08-0235

CAIRNS, QUEENSLAND

NON-ONGOING (TEMPORARY)

A non-ongoing engagement will be offered initially for up to 12 months

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You are invited to join our dynamic team, where an ability to: focus strategically; harness information and opportunities to explore innovative ideas; steer and implement change; cultivate internal and external relationships; negotiate persuasively; and understand and deal sensitively with Indigenous health issues are highly valued.

As Senior Project Officer, you will take the lead in the implementation of new health investment to meet the health needs of indigenous people in the Cape York region. This will include significant enhancement to drug and alcohol and related treatment services, including the establishment of Wellbeing Centres in the Welfare Reform communities of Aurukun, Coen, Hopevale and Mossman Gorge. The position is based in Cairns, North Queensland in the Indigenous Coordination Centre, however alternate Brisbane based arrangements may be considered. As an out-posted officer, you will possess a strong capacity for self direction, and have the confidence to provide high level advice and respond to challenges in a constructive way. Health and/or public administration related qualifications and relevant community experience an advantage.

Note: This position involves travel within rural and remote areas. A current driver's license is desirable.

Contact officer: Tim Albers on 07 3360 2638
or tim.albers@health.gov.au

Selection Documentation: Vanda Simpson on 07 3360 2564
vanda.simpson@health.gov.au

NEW SOUTH WALES STATE OFFICE ABORIGINAL HEALTH BRANCH

GREATER WESTERN AREA SECTION

APS LEVEL 6

REGIONAL COORDINATOR

\$64,988 - \$73,317

Reference Number: 08-0234

SYDNEY

In this position you will be involved in the provision of services to improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in NSW and contributing to whole-of-government approaches to funding Aboriginal services. You will be involved in the allocation of new health care funding which requires consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, health service providers, other Government agencies and the policy areas of the Department of Health and Ageing. You will also be responsible for developing and managing service agreements which include the monitoring and evaluation of health services and programs. You may also be involved in the development and implementation of key policy initiatives such as those targeting early childhood and chronic disease. You will be required to prepare written correspondence, ministerial responses, briefs, reports and submissions and to undertake travel to rural locations throughout NSW.

Contact officer: Adam Stuart on 02 9263 3921
or adam.stuart@health.gov.au

SERVICE DEVELOPMENT & QUALITY PERFORMANCE SECTION

APS LEVEL 5

PROJECT OFFICER

\$58,911 - \$62,179

Reference Number: 08-0233

SYDNEY

In this position you will be involved in assisting your team with the provision of services to improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in NSW and contributing to whole-of-government approaches to funding Aboriginal services. As a member of a team, you will be involved in the allocation of new health care funding which requires consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, health service providers, other Government agencies and the policy areas of the Department of Health and Ageing. You will also be involved in developing and assisting with the management of service agreements which include the monitoring and evaluation of health services and programs. You may also be involved in assisting with the development and implementation of key policy initiatives such as those targeting early childhood and chronic disease. You will be required to prepare written correspondence, ministerial responses, briefs, reports and submissions and to undertake travel.

Contact officer: Melissa Knight on 02 9263 3668
or melissa.knight@health.gov.au

Applications for all positions close 9 October 2008, 7pm AEST.

Selection Documentation: An applicant kit and more detailed information are available online at the department's website: <http://www.health.gov.au>

Hearing or speech impaired applicants can obtain the selection documents by calling the department's TTY number (02) 6289 5945.

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Able to work alone and with others; you're responsive to change, have a flair for problem solving, and possess a Class C Driver's Licence. With excellent interpersonal / communication skills, you are strongly committed to customer service, workplace safety and ethical behaviour. You have sound computer skills and a proven ability to deal appropriately with sensitive or confidential information.

With formal qualifications in Community Services or another relevant discipline, you have well developed organisational skills and are experienced in working with Aboriginal community members to plan and facilitate access to services for frail aged, people with a disability and their carers.

Glen Innes Severn Council considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s. 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). Evidence of Aboriginality is required.

It's an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or a Registrable Person under the Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act to apply for this role. Employment screening and Working with Children Checks apply.

Contact Diana McGuinness on 02 6730 2505 or 0427 977 106 or email dmcguinness@gisc.nsw.gov.au for an information kit. Job inquiries may be directed to Matthew Dalley on 02 6730 2431 or mdalley@gisc.nsw.gov.au

Apply by 4:30pm on 3 October, following the directions in your kit. Ref CS20/08/17.

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Applicants must obtain an information package from Karen Edwards (02) 9218 3509 or download from www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Applicants can apply online or mail to Recruitment Services, PO Box 973, Parramatta CBD NSW 2124. Further information is available at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers

Applications close 3 October 2008.

GRIFFITH LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

OFFICE MANAGER

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The Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council (GLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Office Manager.

The Office Manager position will carry all of the functions of the Chief Executive Officer which was recently established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA).

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected GLALC Board through the day-to-day management of the GLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, an ability to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and Selection Criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact Mr Robert Carroll, Deputy Chairperson, Griffith LALC, by email miyagan@bigpond.net.au or on (02) 6962 6711.

Applications should be marked "Confidential" and posted to The Deputy Chairperson, Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council, PO Box 1424, GRIFFITH NSW 2680.

Applications close: Friday 10th October, 2008

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



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Manager (Government Coordination) (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: \$85 898 - \$95 082 p.a.

Location: Woorabinda

REF: QLD/COM7971/08

Key Duties: Provide quality advice to the Regional Director and Senior Management on a range of local issues including those relating to Government Coordination, Partnerships Queensland and community.

Skills and Abilities: Demonstrated capacity in building relationships and partnerships with a range of individuals, community groups and government agencies and high level conceptual and analytical skills with ability to manage projects.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 29 September 2008

Team Leader (Specified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Child Safety

Salary: \$81 140 - \$87 005 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/CHS8156/08

Key Duties: Provide leadership, management and supervision of the delivery of high quality child protection services to clients and communities through the development of appropriate service responses to meet the identified needs.

Skills and Abilities: Possession of a degree in social work or the behavioural sciences from a recognised tertiary institution. Demonstrated leadership and supervision skills in the delivery of high quality child protection services.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7673

Closing Date: Monday, 6 October 2008

Principal Policy Officer

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing

Salary: \$81 140 - \$87 005 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/HO7103/08

Key Duties: The purpose of the position is to contribute to high level understanding and provision of advice relating to emerging housing issues for Indigenous people in Queensland. The position is responsible for policy advice impacting on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing.

Skills and Abilities: Provide accurate, comprehensive and timely advice on the provision of social housing on Indigenous land in Queensland.

Enquiries: Juliana Jarvis (07) 3225 1232 or

E-Mail: jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 29 September 2008

Indigenous Senior Resource Officer (Identified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Child Safety

Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/CHS8075/08

Key Duties: Provide Recognised Entity services with training and practice support and advice to zonal staff in relation to culturally appropriate service delivery and complex Indigenous matters.

Skills and Abilities: Sound experience and knowledge of principles and strategies for effective community engagement consultation and development with a particular focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Recognised Entity services and communities.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693

Closing Date: Monday, 29 September 2008

Client Service Manager

Far North Queensland Area Office

Housing

Salary: \$61 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/HO7209/08

Key Duties: Efficient and effective delivery of quality services/outcomes to a diverse range of clients through leading and managing a client service team.

Skills and Abilities: Undertake planning, research, analysis, provision of advice and support in the application of the departmental policies/procedures and relevant legislation.

Enquiries: Steve Fenton (07) 4039 8982 or

E-Mail: jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 6 October 2008

Executive Support Officer

Office for ATSI Partnerships

Communities

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 969 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/COM8129/08

Key Duties: Manage the office and administrative functions associated with the Assistant Director-General and provide high quality, confidential secretarial support to the Assistant Director-General as required. Liaise with the Minister's and Director-General's Office and with officers at all levels.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 6 October 2008

Court Management Officer

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

Communities

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 969 p.a.

Location: Wacol

REF: QLD/COM8181/08

Key Duties: Input and collate data. Analyse statistics. Provide assistance on complex court matters.

Skills and Abilities: Should be a team player with strong organisational and analytical skills. Should possess strong administration skills and good motivation.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 6 October 2008

Senior Housing Officer

Far North Queensland Area Office

Housing

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 968 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/HO7207/08

Key Duties: Support the delivery of quality service to clients in housing need and supervise a small team.

Skills and Abilities: Ability to organise and deliver integrated services to a diverse range of clients. Strong communication, team work and problem solving skills.

Enquiries: Daphne McGrath (07) 4039 8166

or E-Mail: jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 6 October 2008

Senior Housing Officer

- Remote Communities

North West Queensland Area Office

Housing

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 968 p.a.

Location: Mount Isa - Doomadgee

REF: QLD/HO7235/08

Key Duties: Support the delivery of quality service to clients in housing need and supervise a small team.

Skills and Abilities: Ability to organise and deliver integrated services to a diverse range of clients. Strong communication, team work and problem solving skills.

Enquiries: Alice Weeks (07) 4747 2129 or

E-Mail: jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 6 October 2008

Administration Officer

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

Communities

Salary: \$46 121 - \$51 432 p.a.

Location: Wacol

REF: QLD/COM8185/08

Key Duties: Input and collate data. Maintain and update an extensive record keeping system. Maintain detention file for Young People. Prepare release documents.

Skills and Abilities: Should be a team player with strong organisational and analytical skills. Should possess strong administration skills and good motivation.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 6 October 2008

Housing Officer

North West Queensland Area Office

(Two positions available)

Housing

Salary: \$46 120 - \$51 432 p.a.

Location: Mount Isa

REF: QLD/HO7166/08

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: Alice Weeks (07) 4747 2129

or E-Mail: jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 29 September 2008

Housing Officer

Brisbane North Area Office, Client Services

Housing

Salary: \$46 120 - \$51 432 p.a.

Location: Chermide

REF: QLD/HO7168/08

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: Alan Broad (07) 3896 9962 or

E-Mail: jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 29 September 2008

Housing Officer

South West Queensland Area Office

Housing

Salary: \$46 120 - \$51 432 p.a.

Location: Toowoomba

REF: QLD/HO7208/08

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: Tania Sheppard (07) 4615 3687 or

E-Mail: jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 6 October 2008

Conference Support Officer

(Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Two permanent part-time (36.25hrs/ft) position available. Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Communities

Salary: \$23 060 - \$25 716 p.a.

Location: Logan and Ipswich

REF: QLD/COM8168/08

Key Duties: Provide information and support for young people, victims and their respective families within the conference process as well as enhancing the involvement of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in the youth justice conferencing program.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 6 October 2008

Case Worker (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(One permanent part-time (36.25hrs/ft) position available. Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Salary: \$23 036 - \$33 824 p.a.

Location: Cleveland

REF: QLD/COM8180/08

Key Duties: Deliver statutory casework services; Prepare and present information and evidence to the Children's Court; Undertake record and information management tasks; Participate in training and professional development activities; Participate in the good governance and objectives of the department.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 6 October 2008

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Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council

The **Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council** is the peak Aboriginal health organisation in NSW representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

- Vocational Educator and Assessor** (Various), Aboriginal Health College – located at Little Bay, Sydney
A number of positions are available in various key subject/discipline area(s) to facilitate and support learning and education outcomes.
- Team Leader**, Vocational Education and Assessment, Aboriginal Health College – located at Little Bay, Sydney
The Team Leader will be required to lead and motivate a team of educators and assessors.
- Business Manager**, Aboriginal Health College – located at Little Bay, Sydney.
The Business Manager will provide high level financial, administrative and promotional management to the Aboriginal Health College.
- Project Officer** (Medical Workforce) – located in Surry Hills, Sydney.
This position will develop and implement strategies to increase the number and skills of GPs, GP registrars and other medical staff.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications for this position should be received by the AH&MRC on Friday, 10 October 2008.

For further information on these positions or other positions within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector in NSW, visit: www.ahmrc.org.au/employment.htm



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
31/273-4 & 31/285	Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd	2553.74ha	115km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°01' Long 122°20'	Menzies
31/286	Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd	549.05ha	116km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°59' Long 122°18'	Menzies
37/1294	Mazzelli Holdings Pty Ltd	19.41ha	31km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°40' Long 121°32'	Leonora
70/1236-9	Hedges Gold Pty Ltd	3578.17ha	40km NE'ly of Waroona	Lat 32°42' Long 116°18'	Boddington
80/546	Timespan Holdings Pty Ltd	28.15ha	122km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat 16°48' Long 128°21'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/549	Timespan Holdings Pty Ltd	22.51ha	124km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat 16°50' Long 128°23'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/550	Timespan Holdings Pty Ltd	46.73ha	120km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat 16°48' Long 128°26'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/551	Timespan Holdings Pty Ltd	25.09ha	121km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat 16°49' Long 128°28'	Wyndham & East Kimberley

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: 24 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 **24 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. 24 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.



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GENERAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICES GROUP, CANBERRA

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APS Level 6 | \$62,239-\$69,507 | Ref no: KS2285

IT Project Development Officer

APS Level 6 | \$62,239-\$69,507 (several positions) | Ref no: KS2284

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Contact Officers:

Please refer to the relevant Ref no. to obtain the relevant position description available through the DEEWR website.

How to Apply

Applications close: 9 October 2008

Position descriptions and applicant kits including eligibility information, are available on our website at www.deewr.gov.au/jobs



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NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence application under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1758	Hydra Aluminium Western Australia Pty Ltd	57.5km²	243km W'ly of Wyndham	Lat 14°49' Long 125°58'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
04/1791	Bauxite Australia Pty Ltd	68.6km²	69km N'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°35' Long 125°36'	Derby-West Kimberley
08/1870	Eastern Goldfields Exploration Pty Ltd	612.34km²	140km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°28' Long 116°20'	Ashburton/Upper Gascoyne
08/1871	Eastern Goldfields Exploration Pty Ltd	210.39km²	181km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°31' Long 115°56'	Ashburton/Upper Gascoyne
08/1880	Integrated Investment Group Ltd	31.43km²	150km E'ly of Coral Bay	Lat 23°28' Long 115°11'	Ashburton/Carnarvon
08/1881	Darren Bradley Wacker	16.82km²	60km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°35' Long 117°12'	Ashburton
09/1530-1	Holocene Pty Ltd	431.06km²	115km S'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 26°05' Long 115°06'	Shark Bay
15/985	South Kal Mines Pty Ltd	117.68km²	22km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°58' Long 121°25'	Kalgoorlie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/159	Herds Resources Ltd	23.67km²	41km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°22' Long 121°28'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/261	Western Copper Pty Ltd	61.75km²	41km NE'ly of Kalbarra	Lat 30°58' Long 122°00'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/396	Heron Resources Ltd	23.71km²	75km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°11' Long 121°54'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1857	Buaton Resources Pty Ltd	244.47km²	67km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat 30°47' Long 124°34'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/704	Meteorite Resources NL	105.45km²	87km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°37' Long 120°18'	Menzies
30/366-7	Michael Ernest Montgomery	5.94km²	57km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°01' Long 120°35'	Menzies
31/828	St Barbara Ltd	17.91km²	89km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°28' Long 121°56'	Menzies
31/830-3	Atrplex Ltd	757.11km²	57km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°39' Long 121°37'	Menzies
31/836	Heron Resources Ltd	41.64km²	130km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°48' Long 122°22'	Menzies
36/675	United Mining Resources Pty Ltd	48.4km²	33km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°10' Long 120°31'	Leonora
37/914	St Barbara Ltd	30.17km²	57km N'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°23' Long 121°11'	Leonora
37/915	St Barbara Ltd	6.09km²	69km N'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°23' Long 121°06'	Leonora
37/978	Encounter Resources Ltd	212.04km²	65km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°55' Long 121°39'	Leonora
38/1939	Falcon Minerals Ltd	100.73km²	124km NW'ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°02' Long 122°14'	Laverton
38/1989	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	63.66km²	52km NW'ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°47' Long 122°25'	Laverton
38/2050	Anthony Robert Frederick Maslin	18.21km²	74km NW'ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°40' Long 122°14'	Laverton
38/2051	Anthony Robert Frederick Maslin	6.06km²	72km NW'ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°44' Long 122°13'	Laverton
39/1196	Apollo Mining Pty Ltd	62.88km²	45km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°08' Long 121°41'	Leonora/Menzies
40/230	FMR Investments Pty Ltd	17.93km²	54km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°20' Long 121°32'	Menzies
40/232	Kookynie Resources Pty Ltd	11.99km²	51km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°20' Long 121°22'	Menzies
40/234	Dalrymple Resources NL	2.99km²	33km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°09' Long 121°28'	Leonora
40/235	Dalrymple Resources NL	11.98km²	21km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°04' Long 121°24'	Leonora
40/236	Dalrymple Resources NL	14.97km²	33km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°10' Long 121°21'	Menzies
40/237	Dalrymple Resources NL	5.98km²	35km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°11' Long 121°24'	Leonora/Menzies
47/1790	Hanensley Iron Pty Ltd	250.56km²	72km SE'ly of Wittenoom	Lat 22°43' Long 118°46'	Ashburton/East Pilbara
47/1800	Paltra Resources Ltd	9.56km²	40km NE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°19' Long 116°39'	Roebourne
57/765	Joseph Paul Legendre	27.22km²	21km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°07' Long 119°08'	Sandstone
63/1228	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	180.03km²	96km W'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°15' Long 120°46'	Dundas
63/1228	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	60.81km²	84km W'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°28' Long 120°57'	Dundas
63/1230	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	2.9km²	107km W'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°08' Long 120°38'	Dundas
63/1246	Peter Homoe Gasson	89.16km²	104km E'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 33°01' Long 122°45'	Exmouth
70/3118	Kenneth James Fitzgerald	54.05km²	28km SE'ly of Geraldton	Lat 28°55' Long 114°51'	Greenough
70/3217	Meteorite Resources NL	74.32km²	48km N'ly of Dalwallinu	Lat 29°51' Long 116°32'	Perenjori
70/3377	Iluka Resources Ltd	72.52km²	10km NE'ly of Bunbury	Lat 33°15' Long 115°48'	Harvey
74/417	Subsidence Resources Pty Ltd	5.78km²	88km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32°41' Long 119°48'	Kondinin
74/418	Subsidence Resources Pty Ltd	57.75km²	89km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 32°48' Long 119°53'	Kondinin/Lake Grace
80/4124	Fairfax Pty Ltd	94.55km²	109km NW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°51' Long 120°43'	Halls Creek
80/4128	Barber Exploration Pty Ltd	254.21km²	62km NW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°52' Long 120°59'	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: 24 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 **24 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 attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 24 January 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State consider 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 of Proposed Renewal of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Granty Partee																						
EPM17090 This Permit consists of four separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 35 km SW from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.18°28'S Long.143°17'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 201 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 62 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>2007</td><td>s, t, u, x</td></tr><tr><td>2008</td><td>q</td></tr><tr><td>2079</td><td>c, h, n, s, x</td></tr><tr><td>2151</td><td>c, h, n, s, t, u, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>2152</td><td>q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>2153</td><td>q, r</td></tr><tr><td>2223</td><td>c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, t, u, z</td></tr><tr><td>2295</td><td>c, k</td></tr><tr><td>2296</td><td>a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p</td></tr><tr><td>2297</td><td>b, f, g, l</td></tr></table>	Block Number	Sub-blocks	2007	s, t, u, x	2008	q	2079	c, h, n, s, x	2151	c, h, n, s, t, u, x, y, z	2152	q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	2153	q, r	2223	c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, t, u, z	2295	c, k	2296	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p	2297	b, f, g, l	Endolithic Resources Pty Ltd 128 371 817
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	Part 2: Approx. 45 km SSW from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.18°40'S Long.143°24'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area of Part 2: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>2297</td><td>x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>2298</td><td>v</td></tr><tr><td>2370</td><td>a</td></tr></table>	Block Number	Sub-blocks	2297	x, y, z	2298	v	2370	a															
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	Part 3: Approx. 41 km SSW from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.18°37'S Long.143°25'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area of Part 3: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>2297</td><td>o, p</td></tr><tr><td>2298</td><td>t</td></tr></table>	Block Number	Sub-blocks	2297	o, p	2298	t																	
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Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

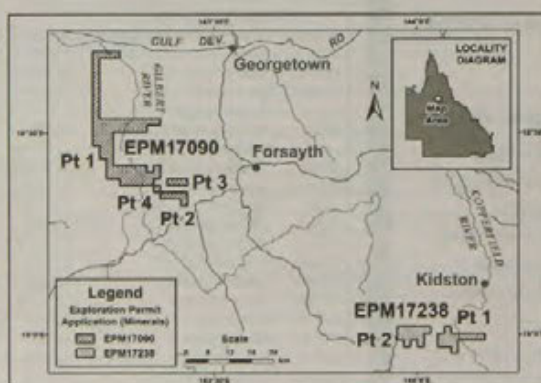
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Notification Day: 15 October 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS PORTLAND Victoria

Home to 12,000 people Portland is situated on Australia's southern coast between Melbourne and Adelaide and is surrounded by three large bays and hundreds of kilometres of beaches suitable for swimming fishing and surfing.

The Dhauwurd-Wurrung Portland and District Aboriginal Elderly Citizens Inc ("DWECH") operates a medical clinic from its Julia Street site providing a wide range of services to the local community. As a purpose built facility the clinic contains all the necessary amenities that a practitioner could ask for.

We are currently seeking the services of practitioner to work 3 - 5 days per week to complement the current services offered by the Clinic's long serving and valued practitioners. Ideally the Practitioner will be fully vocationally registered and have some procedural experience where you would be offered an attractive remuneration package, including a number of incentives and relocation expenses.

We would be eager to discuss this and a number of other opportunities which we have available in rural Victoria. For more information or to simply make a time to meet with us please e-mail David at dwenban@healthfinancial.com.au or alternatively you can contact David on (03) 8861 4026.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL

A LEADING INDIGENOUS ORGANISATION
The Central Land Council (CLC) is a Commonwealth statutory authority under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976* and a Native Title Representative Body under the *Native Title Act 1993*. CLC represents and advocates the rights and interests of Aboriginal peoples in the southern region of the Northern Territory. In accordance with its statutory functions, CLC provides legal, mining, anthropological, land management, community & economic development expertise, services and advocacy to the Aboriginal people of Central Australia.

LEGAL OFFICER (NT007)

ASO 6 - SOG C
\$56,176 - \$77,765
Located within the CLC Native Title Unit

LAWYER (LE003)

SOG C - SOG B
\$72,017 - \$94,170
Located within the CLC Legal Section

ANTHROPOLOGIST (LT009, LT011, LT012)

ASO 5 - ASO 6
\$52,012 - \$64,531
Located within the CLC Anthropology Section

REGIONAL LAND MGMT COORD (LM004)

SOG C \$72,017 - \$77,765
Located within the CLC Land Mgmt Section

COORD - COMMUNITY RANGER PRGMS

SOG C \$72,017 - \$77,765
Located within the CLC Land Mgmt Section

PROJECT OFFICER - RURAL ENTERPRISE (RE003)

ASO 4 - ASO 5
\$46,631 - \$55,152
Located within the CLC Land Mgmt Section

Employees of the CLC enjoy a wide range of benefits including:

Excellent remuneration and employment conditions, salary sacrifice arrangements, opportunities for professional development, family friendly and supportive team environment and friendly workplace

Job Description and Selection Criteria:

Visit our web site at www.clc.org.au or
E-mail: jobs@clc.org.au
Phone: (08) 8951 6325
Fax: (08) 8953 8037

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
FRIDAY 10th Oct 2008

ABORIGINAL PEOPLE ARE URGED TO APPLY

CLC reserves the right to not make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

Prison Support Officer (50d)

Web Search No: 2925

Level/Salary: 4 PSQA, \$57,192 - \$60,644 pa

The Department of Corrective Services is looking to appoint an Indigenous Prison Support Officer to work at Bandyup Women's Prison. As a Prison Support Officer you will contribute to the overall subside and self harm intervention and prevention strategy within the Prison. This will involve working in a team environment with the aim of early identification and support of prisoners at risk. If you like working in a close knit team and would like to work in a rewarding environment, then this is the opportunity that you have been looking for!

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Gai Della Torre on (08) 9374 8763.

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: Monday, 6 October 2008 at 4:30pm.

COORDINATOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROGRAM

Permanent 35 hours per week
Grade 11, \$913.55 - \$1050.55 per week

Aged and Disability Services at QCC seeks the service of a suitably experienced person to fill a permanent vacancy as the Coordinator of Community Transport. The Coordinator is responsible for the coordination and day to day management of the Community Transport Service which provides transport to people who are frail aged, people who experience a disability and their carers. Transport is provided to enhance and facilitate independent living within the community.

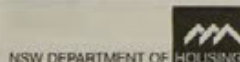
Roles include assessing the needs of eligible members of the community; coordinating service provision; conducting risk assessments; liaising with service providers, government organisations and the local community; managing the fleet of transport vehicles; recruiting and supervising both volunteer drivers and paid staff.

The person we seek must have; at least two years experience in transport or a community service program; knowledge and understanding of the specific needs of frail aged people and/or younger people with a disability, their carers and other special need groups; demonstrated ability to problem solve and act independently; experience networking with service providers to ensure appropriate referrals for service; high level communication skills, both oral and written; organisational and administration skills; ability to work as part of a team; computer skills and a current drivers licence.

Intending applicants must obtain an information package from the Human Resources section, located at 263 Crawford Street, or alternatively by contacting the 24 hour answering service on (02) 6298 4504, or by Email to: recruit@qcc.nsw.gov.au. The information package may also be obtained from Council's website at www.qcc.nsw.gov.au. For further information contact Amanda Charles on 02 62980281. Applications close 5.00pm Monday 29th September 2008.

Gary Chapman
General Manager

Queanbeyan City Council is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from Multicultural and Aboriginal people. Council employees enjoy free parking and a dynamic, safe and healthy working environment.



HOUSING NSW CLIENT LIAISON OFFICER

Clerk Grade 3/4
Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division
Asset Management Unit
Wollongong
Temporary Part-Time (14 hpw)
Position No: DOH-06-15677

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,570 per annum (Salary: \$51,784 pa - \$56,701 pa). Full time salary quoted includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate: \$28.36 ph - \$31.05 ph.

Job Description: The primary focus of this role is to improve service delivery by contractors through the timely resolution of access or related issues as well as the provision of other administrative support.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Experience in client service.
- Organisational skills.
- Computer literacy and ability to use software to deliver local components of asset management programs, including Excel.
- Experience in managing expectations of clients with diverse and complex needs.
- Ability to communicate sensitively with others coming from diverse backgrounds.

Job Notes: This is a temporary part time position for 14 hours per week (working Thursday & Friday) for a period of up to 12 months under the terms of Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Peter Kyriacou (02) 4224 5811
Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers/ or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6200 5820

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 3 October 2008

North Coast Institute

Have you got the skills we need?

Want to work in a flexible and professional environment?

The North Coast Institute encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for our vacant positions.

Check our website on: www.nci.tafensw.au/staff/employmentvacancies/default.htm

JOIN OUR TEAM



Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16932	Approx. 98 km WNW from Pentland Centred at approximate Lat.20°04'S Long.144°40'E Local Government Area: Flinders Shire Council and Charters Towers Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 126 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont and Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 39 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Clermont 8 a, f, l, q, v 80 a, f, l, q, r, s, t, u, z 81 q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z 153 a, b, c, d, e Townsville 3392 n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Eastern Uranium Pty Ltd 124 088 857
EPM16933	Part 1: Approx. 30 km WNW from Pentland Centred at approximate Lat.20°21'S Long.145°10'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 9 km NW from Pentland Centred at approximate Lat.20°27'S Long.145°21'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 106 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 33 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 229 u 230 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 302 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 303 a, b, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, z Area of Part 2: 26 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 376 n, o, p 377 l, m, n, o, p	Eastern Uranium Pty Ltd 124 088 857
EPM17068	Approx. 67 km NNE from Pentland Centred at approximate Lat.20°02'S Long.145°46'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 232 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont and Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 72 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Clermont 21 e, k, p, u, v, w, x, y, z 22 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 23 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 93 a, b, c, d, e 94 a, b, c, d, e 95 a, b Townsville 3405 u, z 3406 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3407 q, r, v, w	Ausgold Exploration Pty Ltd 078 093 606

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Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)

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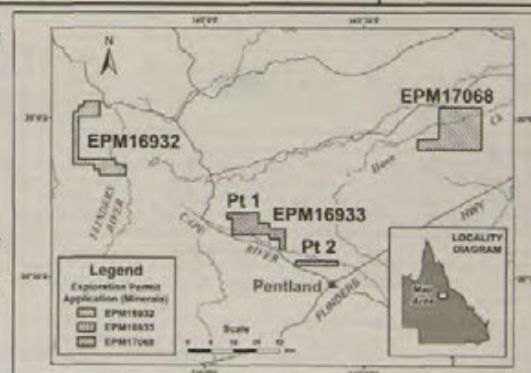
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Notification Day: 15 October 2008



Puranyangu-Rangka Kerrem (Aboriginal Radio) Aboriginal Corporation - 6PRK

RADIO STATION MANAGER

6PRK is looking for a permanent full time Station Manager to manage its broadcasting operation in Halls Creek (Kimberley WA) and across other Indigenous radio networks.

This is an opportunity for a self-starting, motivated person who has the relevant managerial and financial experience to run a full time Aboriginal radio station.

The manager will be responsible for the financial management, general management of the station,

supervision of staff and volunteers, marketing the radio station, and implementing culturally appropriate radio programming as directed by the Board of Directors.

Salary and conditions equal to Manager Level 1 of the Indigenous Media Organizations Award 2001 (negotiable according to experience)

Available: on-site accommodation, station work vehicle

Applicants must address the selection criteria

Selection criteria and further information is available by email: edkprice@bigpond.com or phone: 08 9102 7627.

Applications close:

C.O.B - 24TH October 2008

by Email: edkprice@bigpond.com

or

The Chairperson, PRK Radio
PO Box 538 Broome WA 6725

(NOTE: Amended closing date
Re-advertised Position)

Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mineral Development Licence

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies:

Mineral Development Licence Number	Location of Mineral Development Licence (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN
MDL234	Approx. 57 km South South East of Gladstone Local Government Areas within the area: Gladstone Regional Council	<p>Current Land Tenures:</p> <p>Lot 291 on plan CL40109 - Freehold Lot 24 on plan CL40297 - Freehold Lot 67 on plan CTN1079 - Camping and Water Reserve - also held as TL0/200766 Lot 201 on plan CTN1292 - Freehold Lot 125 on plan CTN1447 - Freehold Lot 206 on plan CTN1513 - Camping Reserve - also held as SL19/52718 Lot 1 on plan CTN175 - Freehold Lot 2 on plan CTN180 - Railway (Gladstone Monto Branch) Lot 212 on plan CTN1844 - GHPL19/2833 Lot 217 on plan CTN1929 - GHPL19/2837 Lot 3 on plan CTN236 - Railway (Gladstone Monto Branch) Lot 1 on plan CTN31 - Freehold Lot 54 on plan CTN33 - Water Reserve - also held as SL19/52741 Lot 4 on plan CTN431 - Freehold Lots 54, 55, 56 and 58 on plan CTN445 - Freehold Lot 145 on plan CTN450 - Freehold Lots 106, 107, 108, 109 and 124 on plan CTN454 - Freehold Lots 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 126, 127, 128, 186 and 188 on plan CTN455 - Freehold Lots 117, 118, 119 and 183 on plan CTN456 - Freehold Lots 158, 159, 160, 161 and 162 on plan CTN458 - Freehold Lot 10 on plan CTN461 - Freehold Lot 12, 13, 14 on plan CTN464 - Freehold Lots 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12 and 59 on plan CTN506 - Freehold Lots 168, 169, 171 and 172 on plan CTN507 - Freehold Lot 175 on plan CTN536 - Freehold Lots 173 and 174 on plan CTN539 - Freehold Lot 170 and 190 on plan CTN557 - Freehold Lot 163 on plan CTN559 - Freehold Lot 176 and 177 on plan CTN573 - Freehold Lot 33 on plan CTN853 - GHPL19/2811 Lot 116 on plan CTN857 - Freehold Lot 57 on plan CTN876 - Freehold Lot 204 on plan CTN902 - Freehold Lot 583 on plan PTY1595 - Wietalaba State Forest Lot 1 on plan MPH23017 - Freehold Lots 1 and 2 on plan MPH23063 - Freehold Lots 1 and 2 on plan MPH23068 - Freehold Lot 1 and 2 on plan MPH2711 - Freehold Lot 2 on plan RP601229 - Freehold Lot 1 on plan RP601243 - Freehold Lot 3 on plan RP601568 - Freehold Lots 4, 5 and 6 on plan RP607868 - Freehold Lot 1 and 2 on plan RP614919 - Freehold Lot 4 on plan RP615616 - Freehold Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on plan RP616416 - Freehold Lot 16 on plan SP183316 - Freehold Boyne River and Dogalgi Creek - Unallocated State Land Road Reserves</p>	<p>Central Pacific Minerals NL 008 460 651 (25%)</p> <p>Esperance Minerals NL 009 815 605 (25%)</p> <p>Greenvale Mining NL 000 743 555 (25%)</p> <p>Southern Pacific Petroleum NL 008 460 366 (25%)</p>
Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 6773.27 ha			

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years, and also subject to General Conditions Version 1, 1 March, 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 1.1(b), 9 November, 2005 pursuant to s. 194(1)(g) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 and s. 194AAA of that Act.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that each individual Mineral Development Licence be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, Qld 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of each individual Mineral Development Licence, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mineral Development Licence application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216 and the Office of the Mining Registrar, Rockhampton Mining District, 209 Bolsover Road, Rockhampton, 4700, Telephone: (07) 49384122.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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.

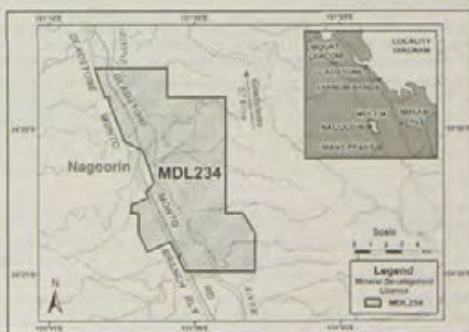
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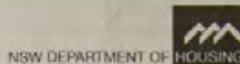
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Notification Day: 15 October 2008



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Closing date - 3/10/08

DA1-70064



Department
of Ageing,
Disability &
Home Care

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

SENIOR POLICY OFFICER

Clerk Grade 9/10

Cultural Diversity, Evaluation, Monitoring & Reporting Branch
Aboriginal & Diversity Strategy Directorate
Central Office, Clarence Street, Sydney

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-08-15669

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: This position exists to undertake research, evaluation and monitoring to inform DADHC's innovative policy responses to ensure the contemporary needs of culturally diverse clients and their communities.

Selection Criteria:

- Capacity to develop effective human services policy and practical initiatives which meet the needs of people from diverse backgrounds and their communities.
- Experience in conducting evaluations, monitoring and reporting in a human service context.
- High-level project management skills including a thorough understanding of the principles of project management from inception to finalisation.
- High level analytical, conceptual and strategic thinking skills.
- High level oral and written communication skills.
- Proven ability to develop and participate in strategic policy and initiatives that involve collaborative work with multiple stakeholders who have competing perspectives.
- Capacity to be flexible, adaptable and contribute in change environments.
- Tertiary or post-graduate qualifications in a relevant area such as Public Policy, Government or Social Sciences, or equivalent knowledge and experience.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

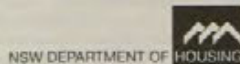
Inquiries: Chitrita Mukerjee, Manager, Cultural Diversity, Evaluation, Monitoring and Reporting Branch (02) 8270 2138 or email: chitrita.mukerjee@dahc.nsw.gov.au

Information Package: www.dahc.nsw.gov.au/dahc/careers or 1800 185 466

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 3 October 2008.

DA1-70024



HOUSING NSW

TECHNICAL OFFICER - ASSET OPERATIONS

Clerk Grade 5/6

Western Area, Dubbo
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-15572

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 OH&S 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: Further information about this position 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 (02) 6392 8250

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 3 October 2008

DA1-70068



Aboriginal Student Liaison Officer, St Peters Temporary Full-Time Position Number 123425 Salary package to: \$83,151 pa.

Inquiries: Ros Trussler
Phone (02) 9582 5810

To apply for this position, please visit our website:
www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT COURT SERVICES

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disabilities and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

CLERK, VARIOUS (ATSI IDENTIFIED)

Clerk, Grade 1-2, Various, Various, Position Number AG08/907. Total remuneration package valued to: \$55,567 p.a. (\$46,320-\$50,356) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provide a range of general, clerical, administrative support and client services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include customer enquiries, daily correspondence, data entry, records management and assistance in the court rooms.

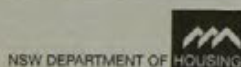
Selection Criteria: Aboriginality; Well developed clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation and follow procedures; Strong commitment to client service; Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people; Ability to apply initiative to quickly solve problems; Willingness to carry out different activities in a variety of work environments; Ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards; Current NSW Driver's Licence.

Notes: This is a permanent part-time identified position under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Employment Strategy, working 17.5 hours per week. Currently there is one permanent part time position at Bourke and one permanent part time position at Walgett. An e-list may be created to fill future permanent, temporary, full time and part time positions as they arise. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement.

Inquiries: Barry Rogers (02) 6828 1031 Email: barry_rogers@agd.nsw.gov.au. Information Packages: Barry Rogers (02) 6828 1031.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au or by post to the Recruitment Services Unit, Attorney General's Department, Locked Bag 5111, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 10 October 2008



HOUSING NSW

CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 2/4

Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division
Western Area, Dubbo

Temporary Full-Time (2 Positions)

Position No: DOH-00-15689

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,570 per annum (Salary: \$49,012 pa - \$56,701 pa). Includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: These positions are responsible for the effective delivery of a range of housing services and products to clients in need. You will work in a team environment to ensure good service is provided to our clients and appropriate outcomes are achieved.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Ability to communicate information orally and in writing (including reports and submissions) in a style appropriate to the intended audience.
- Skills in interviewing, negotiation, conflict resolution and decision-making.
- Ability to respond to the needs of a variety of people and capacity to problem-solve and exercise initiative.
- Understanding and responsiveness to the needs of people with special circumstances, including Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds and people with disabilities.
- Ability to prioritise and carry out a range of tasks under competing demands and demonstrated capacity to be an effective team member.
- Computer literacy and capacity to manage computer-based information systems.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: There are two (2) temporary full-time positions available for a period of up to 30 June 2009 with possibility of extension, under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Further information about these positions is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria. People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Inquiries: Kerry McDermott (02) 6885 7111

Information package:
www.housing.nsw.gov.au/AboutUs/Careers or NSW Businesslink (02) 6392 8250

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 3 October 2008

Aboriginal Transport Development Officer

Designated Aboriginal position advertised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act. Full time position.

Hastings Macleay Community Transport provides transport to the frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers in the Port Macquarie/Hastings and Kempsey/Macleay areas.

We require a suitable person to develop and improve transport services to the Aboriginal communities in both areas.

Essential Criteria:

- Aboriginality,
- Demonstrated ability to effectively communicate and consult with the Aboriginal community,
- Experience in planning of services to the Aboriginal communities,
- Well developed communication, writing and computer skills.

- Ability to work independently, as a team member and is self motivated
- Current NSW driver's licence.

Desirable:

- knowledge of the Home and Community Care program,
- understanding of OH&S issues,
- knowledge of local ATSI Communities and services.

For job description, criteria and further information: Please phone Mr McQueen on (02) 6583 8644

Please send application with resume, referees and addressed criteria to: The Secretary Hastings Macleay Community Transport Service Inc. PO Box 1796 Port Macquarie NSW 2444

Applications close Friday 10 October 2008

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17028	Approx. 145 km WNW from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat.15°38'S Long.142°47'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council and Carpentaria Shire Council	Area: 185 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 56 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3081 u, z 3082 q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 3151 d, e, j, k, o, p, u, z 3154 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 3225 e 3226 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, r, s, t	Gulf Gold Pty Ltd 128 380 807
EPM17029	Approx. 91 km W from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat.15°54'S Long.143°14'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 253 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River and Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 77 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Mitchell River 3304 r, s, w, x 3375 u, v, w, x, y, z 3376 b, c, g, h, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 3377 l 3446 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, p, u, z 3447 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3448 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, q, r, s Normanton 62 e 63 a	Gulf Gold Pty Ltd 128 380 807
EPM17036	Approx. 67 km W from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat.16°0'S Long.143°27'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council and Tablelands Regional Council	Area: 329 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River and Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Mitchell River 3379 v 3449 c, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3450 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3451 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y Normanton 65 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z 66 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, k, l, q, v 67 a, b, f, g, i, m, r, w 137 d, e, j, k 138 a, f	Gulf Gold Pty Ltd 128 380 807

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Native title acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

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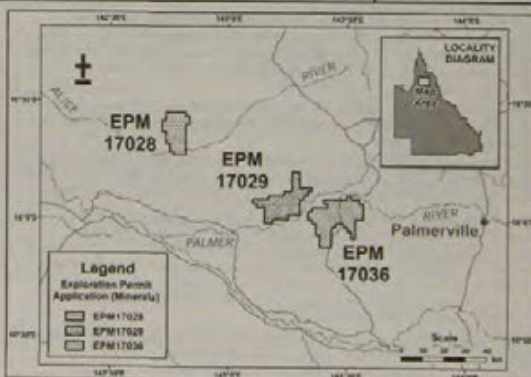
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Notification Day: 15 October 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION
**SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER
ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS**

Environment Officer Class 9, Hurstville, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-387. Total remuneration package valued to: \$93,478 p.a. (\$76,042-\$84,711) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Project manage and coordinate a broad range of Aboriginal affairs projects and contribute to strategic Aboriginal affairs planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting in-line with the Department's State Plan and Two Ways Together obligations. **Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated in depth understanding and knowledge of Aboriginal affairs issues, principles and trends, including knowledge of relevant legislation and Government policy. High level written communication skills, demonstrated experience in development of reports, submissions and briefings with experience in or an ability to develop reporting frameworks for a range of programs. High level achievement in project management, with experience in the review of policy, procedures and guidelines, sound

organisational and coordination skills, and capacity to work within critical time constraints. High level initiative, conceptual and analytical skills with demonstrated ability to analyse issues and formulate and coordinate responses taking into account relevant issues. Demonstrated effective communication and interpersonal skills and ability to liaise effectively at all levels, including with senior executive. Ability to establish and maintain networks, and build and maintain relationships internal and external to the Department. Ability to work independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team and to work constructively with staff across a decentralised organisation and across government.

Notes: Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Kellyanne Sheargold (02) 9585 6004 0419 460 376 Email: kellyanne.sheargold@environment.nsw.gov.au. **Information Packages:** (02) 9585 6004 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 03 October 2008.

DAH/090608



Caseworker (Identified)

Youth Justice Services, Logan

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Department of Communities

Salary: \$46 071 - \$67 647 p.a.

Location: Woodridge

REF: QLD/COM8131/08

Your role will be to provide culturally appropriate and well planned services to young people to assist with their compliance with court orders and their reintegration into the community.

You will need the ability to engage and communicate effectively with disadvantaged and marginalised young people from diverse cultural backgrounds.

For further information please contact:

Leanne Rooney on (07) 3386 6700 or by email: leanne.rooney@communities.qld.gov.au.

A position description for the role of Caseworker is available at www.jobs.qld.gov.au.

Closing Date: Monday, 6 October 2008

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EPM17053 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 98 km SW from McKinlay Centred at approximate Lat.21°46'S Long.140°31'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 94 km SW from McKinlay Centred at approximate Lat.21°44'S Long.140°32'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 1543 a, f, i Area of Part 2: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 1471 w, x	Pegmont Mines Limited 003 331 682
EPM17062	Approx. 89 km SW from McKinlay Centred at approximate Lat.21°53'S Long.140°44'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 1617 t, u	Global Resources Corporation Pty Ltd 116 777 765
EPM17085	Approx. 86 km SW from McKinlay Centred at approximate Lat.21°49'S Long.140°43'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 1545 x	Global Resources Corporation Pty Ltd 116 777 765
EPM17111	Approx. 67 km SSW from McKinlay Centred at approximate Lat.21°51'S Long.141°05'E Local Government Area: McKinlay Shire Council	Area: 57 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 18 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 1549 x, y, z 1550 v 1621 b, c, d, e, h 1622 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684
EPM17155	Approx. 79 km W from McKinlay Centred at approximate Lat.21°11'S Long.140°33'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 1039 c, d, g, h, n	Deep Yellow Limited 006 391 948

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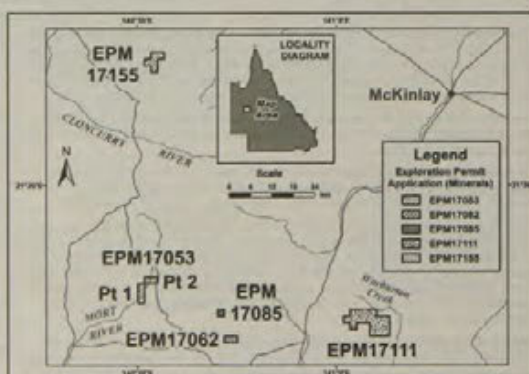
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Notification Day: 15 October 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



Cultural Diversity Coordinator

Salary: \$77,789 per annum

The Cultural Diversity Coordinator will be a self-managing professional with very well developed experience and understanding of multicultural issues within the context of social policy and planning (preferably in a local government context).

You will possess appropriate qualifications, preferably at post graduate level, and a demonstrated and diverse record of achievement including delivery of successful projects and establishment of effective networking both internal and with counterparts in other organisations.

Enquiries should be directed to John Smith, Manager, Social Inclusion and Diversity on (03) 8470 8464. For a position description contact Shelley Dowden on (03) 8470 9545 or visit www.darebin.vic.gov.au. Applications, quoting position no 322000, must address the Key Selection Criteria outlined in the position description.

Applications close on Friday 3 October 2008 at 4.00pm and should be addressed to:

Manager Organisation Development, City of Darebin
PO Box 91, PRESTON VIC 3072
or e-mail to: applicants@darebin.vic.gov.au

The City of Darebin is an Equal Opportunity Employer and safety screening processes 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.

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE TRAINING COORDINATOR

Environment Officer Class 9, Hurstville, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-376. Total remuneration package valued to: \$83,478 p.a. (\$76,042-\$84,711) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Provide essential and consistent learning and development training & organisation development services to managers & staff of DECC along with stakeholders regarding Site Awareness Training and Rock Art Training in partnership with other CHD trainers. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Thorough knowledge of adult learning principles and current issues in learning and development and organisation development. Demonstrated ability to interpret and apply legislation, policies and procedures; and knowledge of relevant legislation and policies such as requirements under Part 6 of the National Parks and Wildlife ACT 1974, and National Training Agenda. High level communication including negotiation, written and verbal, presentation, facilitation, customer service and computer skills. Expertise in the development, delivery and evaluation of learning and development programs and activities policy and experience in providing a service to a wide range of clients with diverse cross cultural needs. Experience as a learning and development consultant to management and successful delivery of training outcomes to Aboriginal participants. Ability to work independently as well as part of a small team, work in a team environment with an understanding of Aboriginal Community protocols. Planning skills, financial management skills, project management and time management skills are essential.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. This position is only available to permanent employees of a NSW public service agency or local government authority under Section 88 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. This is a temporary position for the period to 30 October 2009. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Teresa Gay (02) 9585 6514 or 0408 164 264 Email: teresa.gay@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 9585 6514 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 03 October 2008.



ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER EQUITY & YOUTH STRATEGY UNIT MILLER COLLEGE

Job Reference No: SWS08/221
Salary: \$89,988 - \$92,216

Please note that this is an Aboriginal identified position in accordance with section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

For more information please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Intending applicants must obtain an Information Package from the Recruitment Officer by calling:

(02) 9609 9254 or (02) 9609 9250
Closing Date: 3 October 2008



Project Co-ordinator Konnnect Program

Position based at 1 Hoddle Street, Richmond, Victoria
1.0 FTE

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply

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

This position is under the SACS Award with a Salary of \$55 K depending on qualifications and experience. Conditions include motor vehicle and attractive salary packaging.
Please contact Annie Trainor for further information and a position description on: 9413 7000 or 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 3rd October, 2008

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16854	Approx. 27 km WSW from Cracow Centred at approximate Lat.25°21'S Long.150°03'E Local Government Area: Banana Shire Council	Area: 192 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 62 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Brisbane 1081 a, b, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1152 a, b, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1154 f, l, m, q, r, v, w, x Charleville 1152 c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, t, u, z 1224 o, p, t, u, x, y, z 1296 c, d, e, h, j, k, p	Ridge Exploration Pty Ltd 127 215 132
EPM16855	Approx. 27 km NE from Cracow Centred at approximate Lat.24°59'S Long.151°0'E Local Government Area: North Burnett Regional Council	Area: 171 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 55 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 732 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 804 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, z 805 a, f, l, q, v 877 a, b, g, m, r, w, x 949 c, h, n, o, s, t	Ridge Exploration Pty Ltd 127 215 132
EPM16859	Approx. 80 km SSE from Cracow Centred at approximate Lat.26°0'S Long.150°25'E Local Government Area: Dalby Regional Council	Area: 154 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 50 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1660 e 1661 a, b, f, g, h, m, r, w, x, y, z 1662 f, y, z 1663 v, w 1733 d, e, k 1734 d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1735 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v 1806 c, d, e	Ridge Exploration Pty Ltd 127 215 132

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

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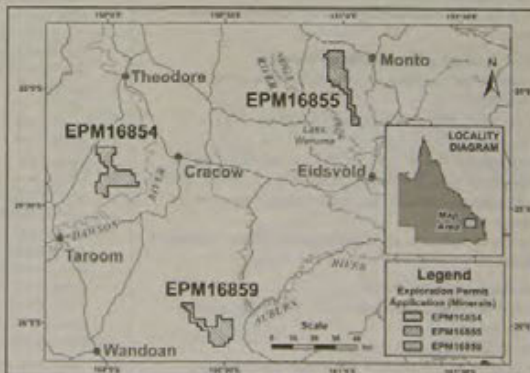
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Please call Daniel or Claire Today on
(08) 9421 3499
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**Aboriginal Health Council
of South Australia Inc**

"Our health, our choice, our way"

Statewide Aboriginal Tobacco Coordinator

Salary range: \$66,302 - \$70,369
Full Time Contract to June 2011

Located in Adelaide, the Aboriginal Health Council of SA Inc (AHCSA) is the peak body representing Aboriginal community controlled health, substance misuse services and Aboriginal Health Advisory Committees in South Australia. AHCSA is seeking applications for a Statewide Aboriginal Tobacco Control Coordinator. Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, the successful applicant will cover the duties of and operate from the principles of the Aboriginal Community Controlled philosophy.

The Coordinator will be required to manage and coordinate a complex project, develop a sound knowledge of tobacco control initiatives, including awareness of current research evidence and how it may apply to South Australia. The Coordinator will develop strong relationships with key stakeholders of the project and will be required to promote and deliver training.

Knowledge of Aboriginal culture and health, and experience in working with Aboriginal people is essential, as are strong project management skills.

A three month probationary period will apply. A current driver's licence is essential. Some out of hours work including intra and interstate travel will be required.

Applicants are required to address the Job and Person Specification which can be obtained from <http://www.ahcsa.org.au/careers> or by contacting Angela Francisco on (08) 81326700. All position enquiries to Alwin Chong on (08) 81326700.

Applications addressing the selection criteria and nominating three current referees, marked "confidential", should be sent to:

Angela Francisco
Executive Senior Administration Officer
Aboriginal Health Council of SA
PO Box 787
Kent Town SA 5071
or e-mail to angela.franco@ahcsa.org.au

AHCSA has an EBA. Salary sacrificing is available to all staff after completion of probationary period.

Closing date for applications: C.O.B. Friday, 3rd October 2008. (late applications will not be considered)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

NSW DEPARTMENT OF juvenile justice

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethno religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply. No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

JUVENILE JUSTICE OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Clerk Grade 5/6, Surry Hills, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08/156. Total remuneration package valued to: \$74,429 p.a. (\$61,128-\$67,448) Total remuneration package includes salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Responsible for the provision of effective, offending focused intervention through assessment, supervision and case management of juvenile offenders. The delivery of community based programs to minimise the re-offending of juvenile offenders.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality, knowledge and respect for Aboriginal culture. Demonstrated casework experience including demonstrated ability in assessment, report writing and case planning. Demonstrated experience in working with adolescents and/or their families. Sound negotiation, oral and written communication skills, including well-developed computer and keyboard skills. Understanding of issues relevant to juvenile offenders. Ability to work independently and as part of a team and meet tight deadlines. Current minimum Class C NSW driver's licence.

Notes: 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. An 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: Michael Setter (02) 9215 3399.

Information Packages: Libby Dixon on (02) 9215 3399.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240.

Closing Date: Friday 03 October 2008.

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2009 Summer Clerkships: opportunities for law students from an Indigenous background

What we offer

VLA offers four six-week summer clerkship positions to law students from an Indigenous background during the university summer break. In 2009 this program will commence 19 January and conclude 27 February.

Summer clerkships at VLA are different because...

- you are welcome to commence a summer clerkship at any stage of your law degree
- you are able to return in successive years until you have finished your studies
- placements are available in the Criminal Law and Family Youth & Civil Law Divisions at VLA's Melbourne office, or in a regional office
- you may also participate in VLA's community legal education and law reform activities
- we aim to accommodate your needs, regarding location and areas of interests

Addressing the selection criteria

As part of your application you will need to address the following selection criteria:

- confirmation of enrolment in a law degree
- good analytical skills combined with an understanding of legal principles and the ability to apply them to specific facts
- well developed interpersonal and communication skills with a demonstrated ability to work effectively in a team environment
- an interest in developing a career in the legal aid or community sector.

How to apply

Applications for the 2009 summer clerkship program open 26 September 2008.

You will be invited to submit your application by email, and should include:

- a statement addressing the selection criteria
- a resume including details of three referees
- a copy of your academic transcript

Salary: \$30,506 per annum (VLA1), pro rata

For further information: www.legalaid.vic.gov.au (about us / working at VLA)

Enquiries: Louise Kiley on (03) 9269 0537

Applications close: Wednesday, 15 October 2008

Applications to: jobs@vla.vic.gov.au

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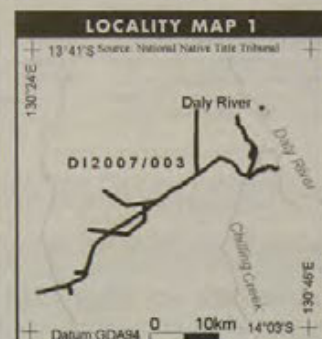
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Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Northern Territory of Australia

Notification day: 8 October 2008

National
Native Title
Tribunal



DI2007/003 BGP Fish River ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement is a 100m wide corridor, covering about 10km² in total and located approximately 145km south of Darwin, south-west of Daly River as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Victoria - Daly Shire.



DI2007/005 BGP West Ban Ban ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement is a 100m wide corridor separated into 2 segments, covering about 2km² in total, located approximately 130km south-east of Darwin in the vicinity of Ban Ban Springs as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of Victoria - Daly Shire and the un-incorporated area.



DI2007/004 BGP Douglas North ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement is a 100m wide corridor separated into 2 segments, covering about 3.4km² in total, located approximately 130km south-east of Darwin in the vicinity of Hayes Creek as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of Victoria - Daly Shire and the un-incorporated area.



DI2008/004 BGP Northern Land Council ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement is a 100m wide corridor, covering about 10.8km² in total, located approximately 140km south-east of Darwin in the vicinity of Hayes Creek and Daly River as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of Victoria - Daly Shire and the un-incorporated area.

The parties to agreement DI2007/003 and their contact addresses are:

Power and Water Corporation,
C/- Clayton Utz Lawyers, GPO Box 612, DARWIN NT 0801
BGP Tenure Holdings Pty Ltd,
C/- Minter Ellison Lawyers, Level 4, 66 Smith Street, DARWIN NT 0800
Paddy Huddleston, Margaret Foster, Kathleen Parry, Arthur Que Noy and Albert Myoung, C/- Northern Land Council, GPO Box 1222, DARWIN NT 0801
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APT Bonaparte Pty Ltd,
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Each of the agreements contain the following statements:

- Clause 4.1 To the extent that any or all of the Relevant Acts constitute or amount to a Future Act, each of the Parties consent to the doing of any or all of those Relevant Acts (without conditions) subject to the provisions of this ILUA and agree not to challenge the validity of the Relevant Acts at any time in the future.
- Clause 4.2 The right to negotiate provisions of Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA are not intended to apply to the doing of any or all of the Relevant Acts.
- Clause 4.4 The Parties acknowledge and agree that the consents in this clause 4 constitute the requisite statement of consent of the Parties for the purposes of section 24EB(1)(b)(i) and 24EBA(1)(a)(i) of the NTA to the doing of any of the Relevant Acts.
- Clause 1.1 provides the following interpretations and definitions:
- "Relevant Acts" means without limitation any or all of the following acts for the purposes of the Project in respect of the ILUA Area:
- (a) the grant and/or renewal of any assignment,

- transfer or substitution of any licence to permit the construction and commissioning of the Pipeline within the ILUA area to the Pipeline Proponent or BGPT;
- (b) the grant and/or renewal of or any assignment or transfer of any non-exclusive tenure for the operation and maintenance of the Pipeline being an area of land no more than 30 metres wide within the ILUA area to the Pipeline Proponent or BGPT;
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- (d) the grant and/or renewal of or any assignment or transfer of any exclusive tenure other than freehold, for the construction, commissioning, operation and maintenance of the Pipeline Facilities on the Pipeline Facilities Land to the Pipeline Proponent or BGPT;
- (e) the grant by the Territory of a statutory right to cross a waterway to the Pipeline Proponent or BGPT;

- (f) the grant by the Territory of a statutory right to cross a road corridor to the Pipeline Proponent or BGPT;
- (g) the grant by the Territory of any form of interest in the event that any Lease within which the ILUA Area is located is forfeited or surrendered to the Territory or compulsorily acquired by the Territory to the Pipeline Proponent or BGPT; provided that such acts have no greater effect on native title than any of the acts done in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (i) as the case may be;
- (h) the enactment or amendment of the Project Legislation; and
- (i) any and all acts necessary or incidental to any or all of the Relevant Acts or class of acts referred to in this ILUA or to the efficient implementation of the Project including the grant of all leases, licences, permits, authorities, approvals, consents, encumbrances, easements or renewals and any activities necessary or desirable to develop, operate or maintain the Project to the Pipeline Proponent or BGPT provided that such acts have no greater effect on native title than any of the acts done in accordance with paragraphs (a) to (i) and (h) as the case may be.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

These applications for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) have been certified by the Northern Land Council, the representative body for all of the ILUA areas. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of an area covered by any of the ILUAs may object in writing to the registration of these agreements if they think that the application to register these ILUAs has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of any these agreements (and you hold, or claim to hold, native title in any part of the area covered by any of these agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the relevant ILUA has not been properly certified, as required by section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make your objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Darwin NT 0801 by 8 January 2009.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application,
contact Lorna Gregory on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

National Calendar

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Jamieson, with an ensemble cast of elders and young people from his community. Held at the Alice Springs Araluen Arts Centre as part of Regional Arts Australia's art at the heart conference. Details: (08) 8951 1122 or visit www.ngapartij.org or www.artattheheart.com.au

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@mncdgp.org.au or Uncle Larry Kelly on (0427) 695 912 or (02) 6569 5912.

3-5 October: Art at the Heart Regional Arts Australia Conference 2008. Art at the heart will provide an opportunity for artistic and cultural exchange, cross cultural collaboration and best practice approaches to working in the arts. All welcome. Held in Alice Springs, NT. Details: (08) 8951 1152 or email artattheheart@nt.gov.au or visit www.artattheheart.com.au/ah1.asp

3-5 October: The East Coast Christian Indigenous Youth Network (ECCYIN) Annual Youth Group Sports Challenge. Held at Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreational Centre, Tara Road, Lake Burrendong, NSW, from 9am onwards. Cost \$120 adults and \$90 kids. Details: Mark Naden on (0404) 233 603 or Tom Sloane on (0413) 618 097 or email germo05@aapl.net.au

4 October: Evolve Arts Festival 08. This festival will celebrate the dawning of a new species of events with every shape and form of the Arts imaginable on colourful display around 5

arenas including 3 big tops, bursting at the seams with performances and works. Featuring opera, ballet, orchestral works, comedy, visual arts, circus, short films, world music, street theatre, markets, trapeze, cabaret and more. All welcome. Tickets \$75 per person, \$35 under 17 years old and \$100 family of 4. Held at Red Devil Park, Byron Bay. Details: call (02) 6685 3195 or Georgia Moore on (0401) 951 383 or email info@evolveartsfestival.com.au or visit www.evolveartsfestival.com.au

4-6 October: 38th official annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout. Held at Ned Byrne Oval and Walter Peate Oval,

Cudgen Leagues Club, Kingscliff. Details: (07) 5534 6770 or Selwyn on (0431) 571 973 or email info@wollumbin.org or visit www.wollumbin.org

10 October: John Pat Memorial Day for Deaths in Custody. Deaths in Custody Watch Committee of WA invites you to the Ceremony of Remembrance for all who have died in police and prison custody, and police pursuits. Followed by the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee AGM from 1-2pm. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. Held at Fremantle Prison Grounds from 11am-12.30pm. Please RSVP by 29th September. Details: Marc on (0415) 074 602 or email www.wollumbin.org

bone@bigpond.com or Sandi on (0407) 998 316 or email sandi@westlink.net.au

14 October-4 November: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. Held at the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Centre, Quirindi. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

20-23 November: Australasian World Music Expo 08. Showcasing traditional and contemporary Indigenous, roots and world music. This expo will present music from

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16975 This Application consists of three separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 50 km N from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°15'S Long.140°31'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 48 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 15 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 174 u, z 175 y 246 d, e, h, j 247 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, i	Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd 108 925 284
	Part 2: Approx. 57 km N from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°12'S Long.140°32'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 2: 29 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 175 a, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, s	
	Part 3: Approx. 50 km N from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°16'S Long.140°37'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 3: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 248 g, h	
EPM17109	Approx. 74 km NNE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°06'S Long.140°47'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 26 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 34 w, x 106 b, c, g, h, m, n	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684
EPM17170	Approx. 10 km S from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°48'S Long.140°31'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 22 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 679 f, g, h, i, n, q, v	Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

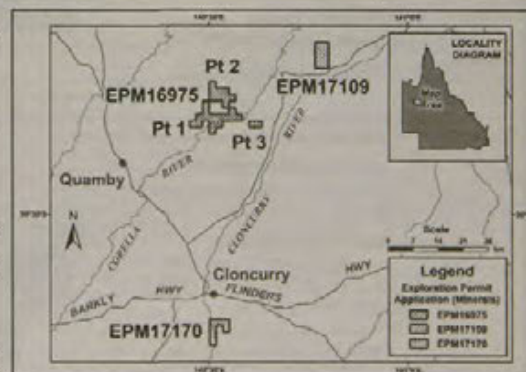
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

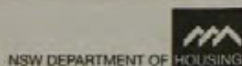
Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 15 October 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



HOUSING NSW

CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 2/4
Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division
Western Area, Lithgow
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-15639

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SELECTION CRITERIA:

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- Understanding and responsiveness to the needs of people with special circumstances, including Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds and people with disabilities.
- Ability to prioritise and carry out a range of tasks under competing demands and demonstrated capacity to be an effective team member.
- Computer literacy and capacity to manage computer-based information systems.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria. People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Inquiries: Graham Wright (02) 6332 7777

Information package:
www.housing.nsw.gov.au/AboutUs/Careers/ or NSW Businesslink (02) 6392 8250

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

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Anchor man Ben brings home the golden boys

The Australian 4x100m medley relay team after their gold medal performance at the Beijing Paralympics, from left, Matthew Cowdrey, Rick Pendleton, Indigenous swimmer Ben Austin and Peter Leek. Austin missed out on individual medals in the 50m and 100m freestyle and 100m butterfly, but winning gold in the medley and silver in the 4x100m freestyle relay made up for those disappointments.

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Entries flood in

By GRAHAM HUNT



ORGANISERS of the 38th annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival say they have been so overwhelmed by entries that they are considering using a third ground or staying with two grounds and playing into the night.

Carnival co-ordinator Selwyn Apanui said it now appeared that between 40 and 45 teams would enter next weekend's

carnival at the Cudgen Leagues Club's Ned Byrne Field at Kingscliff, on the NSW far north coast.

Apanui said that if a third ground was required, that would mean a new traffic management plan would be required because a third ground would be across the road from the other two grounds.

But such had been the co-operation from the Tweed Shire Council that organisers may prepare a last-minute amended traffic management plan.

Apanui said it was the council that had

suggested using the third ground.

While it is too early to say how many teams will enter, it does appear the Kingscliff carnival will set new benchmarks. Record entries will mean record prizemoney, because prizemoney is linked to the number of teams that enter.

Entries will be received until the close of business on Thursday 2 October – just hours before the draw is made.

Teams leaving it until the final day to enter will be accepted only if their entry fee is received by cash, money order or

electronic transfer. Cheques will not be accepted on 2 October.

Games leading up to the semi-finals will be played over 20-minute halves. If preliminary games are drawn, the team scoring the first try will be declared the winner.

The two semi-finals will be played over 30-minute halves and the final will be an 80-minute game.

The golden point rule will apply if there are deadlocks in the semi-finals and final.

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New format at Newcastle



TWENTY or 24 teams – that's how many teams Newcastle Aboriginal Rugby League Carnival organiser Phillip Hall predicts will enter the carnival to be held next weekend.

Prizemoney will depend on the number of teams that enter. The carnival is being

organised by the Newcastle All Blacks. They won the hosting rights when they won last year's knockout carnival at Kempsey.

The carnival will be held at the Newcastle Sports Ground.

It costs each team \$1500 to enter. All of that money goes towards the prize purse, with \$1000 allocated to the winners, \$250 to the runners-up, and

\$125 to the two beaten semi-finalists.

That means that if 24 teams enter the carnival, the winning team will pocket \$24,000. If 20 teams enter, the winning side will collect \$20,000.

The Newcastle carnival this year will depart from the traditional knockout format, instead breaking teams into pools. This will guarantee

teams more than one game.

Each side will play every other team in their pool. The pool winners then will advance to knockout rounds.

If 16 teams enter, there will be four pools each with four teams.

If 20 teams enter, there will be four pools of five teams and if 24 teams enter, there will be four pools of six teams.

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