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Mobfest is what's up



INDIGENOUS teacher Jason Campbell leads a hip-hop workshop during the inaugural Mobfest at Ti Tree School in the Northern Territory last week. Campbell, who is based at Mullumbimby in New South Wales, and other teachers travelled to the community 300km south of Tennant Creek to share their music and performance skills with remote area kids. The festival activities use song-writing as a way to create relevant learning resources based on local community culture.
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Mixed review



PETER YU

By DARREN COYNE



AN independent review of the Northern Territory intervention has raised the hopes of some people, and the hackles of others. The review team, led by West Australian Indigenous leader Peter Yu, delivered its report to Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin on 13 October.

After consulting throughout NT

Aboriginal communities, the review report has recommended continuing with the intervention but scrapping some of its more controversial aspects. It suggests doing away with blanket welfare quarantining, reinstating the permit system on Aboriginal land, and conforming with the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*.

Its main recommendation, however, is that the Government 'reset the relationship' with NT Aboriginal communities by entering into 'genuine consultation and partnerships'.

The report's release has been plagued by allegations of government interference and bias, with some commentators welcoming some of the measures and others questioning them.

Review leader Peter Yu told *The Koori Mail* it was now up to the Federal Government to respond to the recommendations in whatever way it saw fit.

He urged all parties to adopt a bipartisan approach to addressing the high level of disadvantage in NT Aboriginal communities.

That appears unlikely,

however, as the Federal Opposition has warned that it will resist any moves by the Rudd Government to 'water down' any aspects of the intervention, which was initiated by the Howard Government in June last year in response to allegations of widespread child sexual abuse.

Minister Macklin said the Government would now examine the report, along with other evidence, and respond 'shortly'.

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Back, from left, Tom Hookey, Wayne 'Lizard' Hogan and Kiora Hogan.
Middle, from left, Lyle Dickson, Jock Morris, Debra Link, Anne
Hookey, Peter Link and Ruth 'Sissy' Hogan. Front, from left, Keenan
Dickson, Tahleisha Dickson and Tyana Hogan.

My name is Ruth, but everyone knows me as Sissy. This is a photo of just some of my family outside my house in Deception Bay.

I've lived up here for 14 years, after growing up in Woolloomooloo (Sydney) and then moving to Tasmania for a few years when I was a teenager with my brothers and older sister.

Brother Wayne and sister Tammy still live there. They've both got kids.

My brother and his partner and their kids are up here visiting at the moment. They love catching up with their cousins – the kids all get on like a house on fire.

My dad was from Tasmania. He passed away while I was living down there, so I moved up to Brisbane with my mum and my first-born, Corey.

My mum, Anne Hookey, is from Sydney. Nan Mona Perry is from Bathurst and Pop Sam Hookey is from Lismore.

Me and my brothers and sisters grew up with aunts and uncles around NSW, except for my little sister Debra, who grew up with Mum in Margate, Queensland.

We were all raised by family. There were always big get-togethers and we'd

visit each other on weekends and school holidays; we've always been close.

Mum and her man Peter and my little sister Debra, who's not going to give me any nieces or nephews because she's gay, live with me and my family.

I've been with my man Lyle for 14 years; he's an electrician and we have two children together, Keenan and Tahleisha.

Corey is into his pushbike, Keenan plays rugby league for the Redcliffe Dolphins, where most of the Broncos players come from, and Tahleisha wants to be a ballerina.

(Laughing) I'm the only normal one out of the whole damn family! I work at an aged care facility. I do a lot of early starts and Mum's my support system, she gets the kids off to school for me.

I've got a big extended family, trust me. There are over 170 first and second cousins. Most of them live in and around Sydney, in Redfern and Waterloo and Parramatta.

We always keep in touch by phone and on the internet.

There's a few high-profile people in my

family. My cousin Lee Hookey played NRL for South Sydney and another cousin, Luke Carroll, who I grew up with, is an actor. He starred in *A Town Like Alice* and *Home and Away*.

— As told to Jillian Mundy

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OUR CHILDREN



These Darwin school children didn't hide from the Top End heat as they frolicked on a jumping castle during a community event held at the Casuarina Pool early this month by the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA). For more on AIDA's annual gathering, go to pages 46-47. — Photo by WAYNE QUILLIAM

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Golden girl Jessica shines



DIMINUTIVE Jessica Mauboy showed fine form when she performed her new single

Running Back during the 14th Annual Deadly Awards at Sydney Opera House on 9 September. She was ably supported by dancers from Brisbane's Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA). These are busy times for the down-to-earth Darwin songstress. *Running Back* is the first single from her debut album *Been Waiting*, and she's about to swap the recording studio for a film set, having landed a lead role in the film adaptation of Jimmy Chi's classic Aboriginal theatre musical *Bran Nue Dae*.

- Photo courtesy of Vibe Australia

● See our centre page spread for winners, performances, red carpet and after party action from the Deadlys.

Millions for ranger work

INDIGENOUS rangers on Australia's 'environmental front line' have been given a \$26.76 million boost to help them fight the loss of biodiversity in remote areas.

As a result, an extra 44 rangers will be employed this year and there'll be considerable support for work on 25 existing protected areas, and funds to develop up to 35 new ones.

Announcing the funding package last week under the Caring for Our Country initiative, Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett said Australia needed the rangers more than ever as it tackled threats from climate change.

"From the red deserts of the Kimberley to the coastal shrublands of the Great Australian Bight, Australia's Indigenous rangers are on the environmental front line," he said.

"Today's funding will help Indigenous people fight biodiversity loss in some of Australia's most fragile environments - protecting turtles from deadly ghost nets, fighting weeds and wildfire and controlling feral animals.

"A huge proportion of Australia's habitat is on Indigenous-owned land and much of it is incredibly remote, so we rely on the dedication and skills of Indigenous people to conserve it for all Australians."

The funds breakdown will be:
● \$21.65 million to boost the work of Indigenous rangers on Australia's 25 declared Indigenous Protected Areas (IPAs) over the next five years



Environment Minister Peter Garrett

● \$2.454 million this year to develop new IPAs

● \$2.662 million to employ up to 44 Indigenous rangers this year through eight Working on Country projects, caring for habitat, monitoring marine life and fighting invasive species.

Mr Garrett said the important work of Indigenous rangers not only benefitted all Australians but also delivered real jobs to Indigenous communities with spin-offs in health, education and social cohesion.

He said the funding package helped fulfill the Rudd Government's commitment to create an environmental rescue force of 300 Indigenous rangers and triple funding for IPAs.

Mr Garrett said Working on Country and IPAs complemented each other, with two of the Working on Country projects on IPAs. Meanwhile, the Thammarrurr Land and Sea Rangers at Wadeye has a new base.

The Government provided \$250,000 from the Aboriginals Benefit Account and \$250,000 from the Indigenous Land Corporation towards the renovation, reconstruction, fit-out and landscaping of the new premises.

Thammarrurr Land and Sea Rangers employ 15 local people to work as rangers in and around Wadeye on environmental projects.

Their new base will include a training room, workshop, office space and storage units.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Government had also provided \$200,000 for the Thammarrurr rangers to purchase a survey vessel.



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Global crisis 'must not hit gap pledge'

By KIRSTIE PARKER



INDIGENOUS lobby groups and advocates have urged the Federal Government to maintain its

commitment to closing gaps in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life expectancy, health and employment in the face of world economic woes.

They say the global downturn must not be used as an excuse to step back from related government targets.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd last Tuesday unveiled a \$10.4 billion economic stimulus package in response to what he described as 'the worst financial crisis in our lifetime'.

While Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will benefit generally from the national package, which targets pensioners, low and middle income families, and first-time home owners, they're also wondering what will happen with government Indigenous-specific spending in the critical months and years ahead.

Having secured rare bipartisan political support for closing the 17-year life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, campaigners have been counting on major increases – of between \$150 million and \$500 million a year – for Indigenous health in future Federal Budgets.

The Council of Australian Government (COAG) is due in three weeks to outline its long-term collaborative approach.

Continued financial backing of some key measures under the Northern Territory emergency response, or intervention, will also not come cheap. The Government received the contentious report of the independent review of the intervention last week but had yet to respond when *The Koori Mail* went to print.

Government departments and agencies are understood to have been told to realise considerable internal savings.

On Sunday, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin moved to assure Indigenous communities that meeting the Government's specific targets to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians remained a national priority.

"We are implementing policies aimed at closing the 17-year life-expectancy gap within a



TOM CALMA

generation; halving the gap in infant mortality, reading, writing and numeracy outcomes and employment outcomes – in the next decade," her office said on Sunday. "We are working to give all Indigenous four-year-olds access to early childhood education programs within five years and to close the gap in Year 12 attainment rates."

"The Government's approach is to set high-level targets to close the gap, identify the policy building blocks that will move us there, put in place the policy and program settings to reach our targets and then to evaluate those policies and programs to ensure they are working."

The Minister's spokeswoman said that in difficult financial times, all Australians expected their national Government to take decisive action.

"That is exactly what the Prime Minister has done – recognising that it is vital to be ahead of events taking place in the rest of the world and taking decisive action," she said, referring to the \$10.4 billion stabilisation package.

The Government is also due to unveil in a few weeks details of its shared compact with corporates to secure 50,000 Indigenous jobs in the private sector over the next two years.

The ambitious plan, led by billionaire miner Andrew Forrest and launched by Mr Rudd at the beginning of August, was hatched before the emergence of the financial crisis. Until last week when volatile markets reportedly halved his Fortescue Metals Group fortune to an estimated \$4.9 billion, Mr Forrest was Australia's richest man.



BARBARA LIVESY

However, fellow Jobs Covenant executive member Warren Mundine told *The Koori Mail* that Mr Forrest and the rest of the group still believed the jobs target was within reach, despite a slowing in employment growth and dwindling business and consumer confidence.

On Saturday, Mr Mundine and Mr Forrest met with Employment Participation Minister Brendan O'Connor and Trade Minister Simon Crean and other business leaders to determine what impact the events of the past few weeks might have on the plan.

Committed

"We're very much committed to it and we have looked at it seriously and in a financial way," Mr Mundine said afterwards.

"At the meeting we were shown some confronting figures but the conclusion was that we can still reach our target."

"Of course in the jobs market, there will be some issues because people are putting their projects on hold and you can tell that the next 18 months are going to be very tough, but we are determined to drive forward and make things happen."

Mr Mundine said the group felt that normal staff turnovers – as high as 17 per cent in some industries – meant the covenant's two per cent employment target was feasible.

Aboriginal and Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma remained cautiously optimistic about the Government's commitment to providing the resources needed to close the gap.

"That's my hope and



WARREN MUNDINE

expectation because the Prime Minister has indicated that (the financial crisis) should not affect programs about a week ago and they are still going to go ahead," he said.

"I can't be overly confident because I am outside the system but I expect that this is an issue like climate change that can't be put on the back-burner."

"We have to be serious about it. The more we delay, the worst the problem will get."

Mr Calma pointed to the findings of a recent Access Economics report commissioned by Reconciliation Australia (RA) which indicated Australia would be billions of dollars better off in 20 years if it alleviated Indigenous disadvantage now.

The project determined that a 'business case' existed to augment the widely-accepted social argument for closing the gap.

Savings generated by getting people off welfare and into productive jobs have been estimated at more than \$12,000 per person per year.

RA Chief Executive Barbara Livesey said the global situation didn't change the fact that closing the life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children was in the best interests of all Australians, socially and economically.

"Australia will be better placed to address global challenges like the current economic crisis with a strong, cohesive community in which all citizens are encouraged and supported to reach their full potential," she told *The Koori Mail*.

Ms Livesey said RA's Reconciliation Action Plan program provided an opportunity for

corporates to build a greater sense of trust by acting responsibly and in the community's long-term interests.

"Lack of trust has been a key feature of the economic downturn so I hope and expect the business sector will commit more, rather than less, towards social corporate responsibility activities," she said.

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) head Gary Highland said there was now an unprecedented recognition of the need for increased resources to close the gap, but such resources should not be taken for granted.

"I have a grave fear that when the Government is assessing all its political priorities, once again Aboriginal children could be last in line," he confided.

"However, there are some issues that are so serious that they need the attention of government regardless of circumstances."

"I would like to think the financial difficulties that many Australians will experience now will give them a greater empathy towards Aboriginal people. Let's not blink in the face of crisis."

The Director of the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR), Jon Altman, however, was less optimistic.

"I think it is going to be terrible," he said when asked how Indigenous Australians might fare during the crisis.

Professor Altman questioned the wisdom of the Government's plans in the midst of a labour market downturn to scrap CDEP in non-remote areas, and expressed serious doubts about the Australian Jobs Covenant's 50,000 private sector jobs target.

"If I was advising the Rudd Government, I would be telling it to grow CDEP now," he said.

Prof Altman said the general rule of 'last-hired, first-fired' would disadvantage Indigenous Australians, and said a downturn in the mining industry would reduce benefits to Indigenous people from mining and exploration agreements.

He described measures under the Government's \$10.4 billion package as 'middle-class welfare'.

"How many Indigenous people have benefited from the doubling of the first home buyer grant?" he asked.

"And Indigenous pensioners will benefit except in the Northern Territory where they will have half of (the pensioner bonus) quarantined."

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Narwan Eels did it for Alf



AN Armidale rugby league team believes the on-field death of one of their players during the recent 38th annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival spurred them to go on and win the competition.

Family, teammates and thousands of spectators watched in horror as paramedics tried to revive Narwan Eels prop Alf Atkinson during a semi-final on Monday, 6 October.

The 34-year-old had played about five minutes of the match at Kingscliff, far northern NSW, when he collapsed on the sidelines soon after being substituted.

He was pronounced dead on arrival at Tweed Heads Hospital from a suspected heart attack.

Teammates at the Armidale club were told the news just before their grand final appearance, which they went on to win 22-18 against La Perouse.

Narwan Football Club Chairman Colin Ahoy said the incident had devastated the team.

"We were officially told as a club about 45 minutes after that semi-final that he couldn't be revived and it really affected the players," Mr Ahoy said. "They played that last game with a lot of emotion."

He said Mr Atkinson's death came as a shock.



Narwan Eels players Dean Widders, left, and Dennis Moran carry the late Alf Atkinson's son Preston, 7, who is carrying his father's Knockout trophy. Photo: NAOMI MORAN

"There was no indication whatsoever that there was anything wrong with him," he said.

"(Because) Alf is a pretty big boy, we pulled him off to replace him ... and he had a drink of water and collapsed in front of our bench."

Mr Atkinson was a keen footballer and had played with several clubs, including the Uralla Football Club and the Armidale Rams. "He loved playing football," Mr Ahoy said. "Alf was pretty well known by the whole community in

Armidale ... he got on with people, he socialised with the community and he was just a good, friendly person."

A collection started following the match raised almost \$5000 for Mr Atkinson's family. - AAP

● **Editor's note:** Alf Atkinson's family asked *The Koori Mail* to publish this photo. We offer them our sincere condolences on their loss.

● **More on the Knockout** on page 42 and in sport.

Tribute to a brother

By Koori Mail columnist DEAN WIDDERS, who played for the Narwan Eels

THE tragic death of big Alf Atkinson while playing for the Narwan Eels at the Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout is something I am still coming to terms with.

He leaves behind a loving wife Karina and a much-loved family of six kids ranging from six months to 16-years-old.

Our hearts and support go out to them and a commitment from his brothers who played alongside him that he will not be forgotten.

Big Alf was my cousin, my team-mate and my brother in every sense of the world.

He lived up to the image of the loveable big bloke with the matching big heart who was a friend to all.

He loved his family, he loved life and he loved his footy.

He was a mad Manly fan and enjoyed playing, whether it was for

Dhughutti with his mates from the Bellbrook community, for Uralla in the CRL or the Narwan Eels.

When we came off the field after the game against Waterloo, we went into a state of shock because he was family to all of us.

Then his Mum, Gladys, sent a message from the family that they wanted us to play on and win.

Deep down we knew that is what the big fella would have wanted, and we made a pact to play in his memory, knowing that if we could win, his name would be always remembered when a Narwan Eels jersey was pulled on in future Knockouts.

When Karina came to the final with his shorts and jersey and his seven-year-old son Preston bravely led us on to the field draped in his Dad's jersey, we knew we had another player taking the ball up for us.

Our victory is dedicated to his memory.

His spirit lives with us forever.

No new NT outstations

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Northern Territory Government says it can no longer support the establishment of new Aboriginal outstations, or homelands. While it says it appreciates the contribution of outstations to economic, social and cultural life, it believes there'll also never be enough resources to meet outstations' complex service demands.

NT Indigenous Policy Minister Marion Scrymgour last week released a discussion paper on the issue and encouraged Territorians to provide feedback.

Ms Scrymgour announced that Indigenous leader Patrick Dodson would consult widely on the issues

raised in the discussion paper before a policy framework was finalised and endorsed by the NT Government.

She said she hoped the policy would be finalised by July next year. There was a commitment to maintain outstation funding until then.

Influencing the Territory Government's position is the NT intervention drive to lift Aboriginal education and living standards, as well as the Federal Government's refusal under a \$783 million housing agreement to provide funding to construct housing on outstations. It has also limited its support for municipal and infrastructure services on outstations to just \$20 million a year for three years.

Currently, there are about 10,000 Territorians, almost all of

them Aboriginal, living in about 450 outstations, each with populations of between 20 and 150-plus people. There is severe overcrowding and infrastructure is generally poor. About 100 of the outstations lack a power supply and almost all rely on bore water.

Ms Scrymgour said it was important that the Government develop an outstations policy to provide clear guidelines on how to address the challenge of managing them now and into the future.

Contribution

"Outstations provide the opportunity for Indigenous Territorians to live on their traditional land and we value the contribution of these people," she said.

"But there is a limit to the resources available to support

outstations, and therefore the NT Government will only support established, permanent outstations.

"Adults are in a position to understand and make decisions about the advantages and disadvantages of living on outstations, including difficulties in accessing services, but children are not in a position to make these decisions."

"The Government needs to ensure all children, including those living on outstations, have access to a quality education and other basic services."

The Laynhapuy Homelands Association, based at Yirrkala in north-east Arnhem Land, represents about 850 people on outstations. The Association's General Manager, Ric Norton, told *The Koori Mail* it was good that the Government was seeking to

establish an appropriate framework and policy around outstations, "because there really has not been one".

However, he said Laynhapuy would continue to fight for the right of Aboriginal people to live on country.

He called for a cost analysis of the health, social, environmental and cultural benefits of homeland life, arguing that health standards were often better, police were generally required far less and Aboriginal employment levels were higher in outstations.

And he said much of the Aboriginal culture upon which the Territory based its national and international tourism image came from outstations.

The outstation discussion paper can be found online at www.action.nt.gov.au

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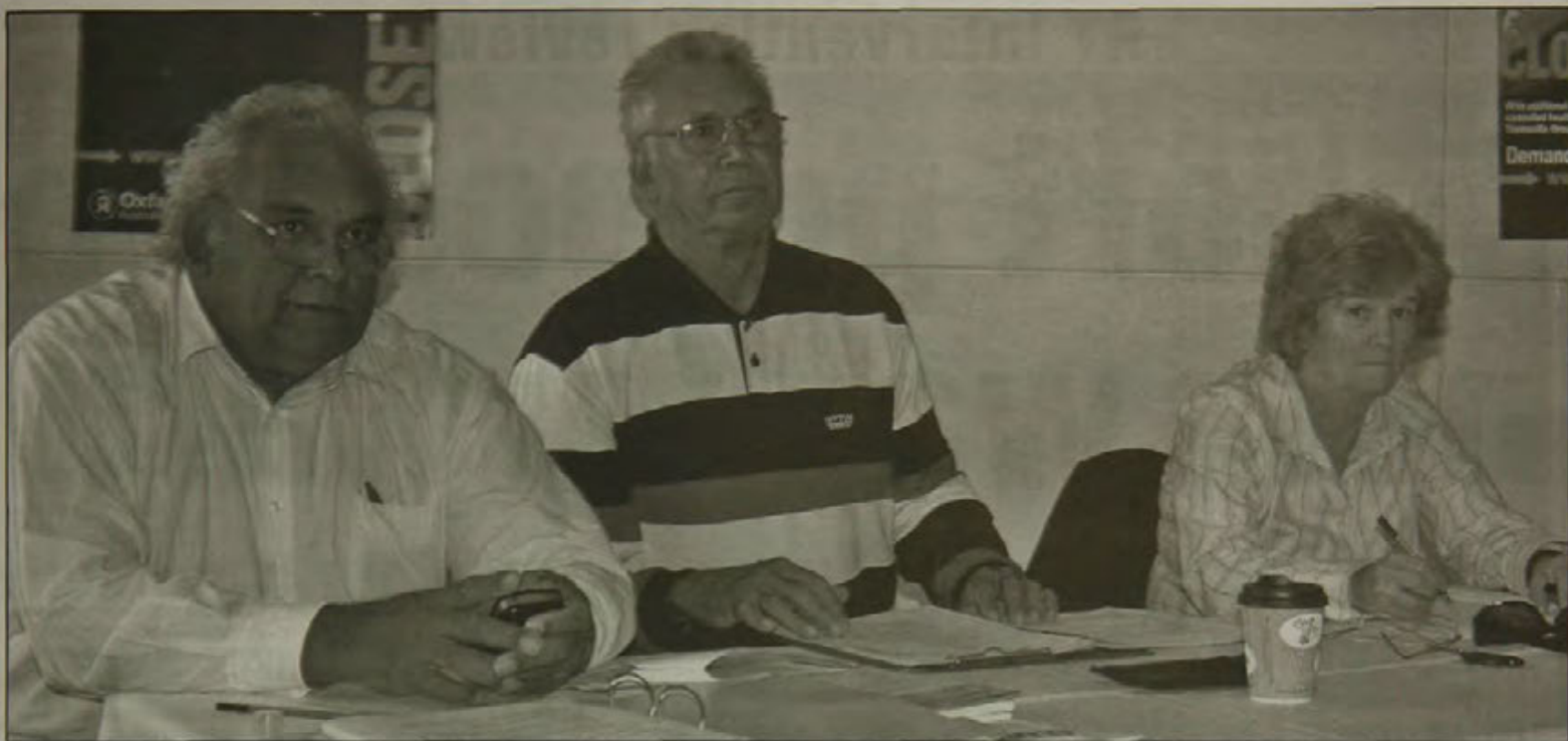
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Nyoongar Elder Arthur Slater (middle) chaired the meeting at Narrogin in the WA Wheatbelt. With him are Federal Indigenous Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma and West Australian Equal Opportunity Commissioner Yvonne Henderson.

A 'cry for help'

Narrogin in urgent need of services, says Calma

Story by KEN BOASE
Photos by ALITA BOASE



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma says the West Australian Wheatbelt community of Narrogin is in urgent need of culturally appropriate

health services to help stem a disturbing pattern of suicide in the community.

Mr Calma, who visited the town last Wednesday at the request of the Narrogin Aboriginal community, met with community members to hear first-hand about the circumstances leading up to – and the impacts of – the attempted suicides of at least four Aboriginal people in the past few weeks and the suicides of four people since April. The WA Coroner is expected to announce an inquest into the four Aboriginal and two non-Aboriginal youth suicides in the Narrogin region.

With Narrogin's Nyoongar population at just over 300, the local community was taking the deaths hard.

"What I heard today was a cry of desperation from this community for help from government," Mr Calma said after the meeting.

"People told me about difficulties with the education system, the health system, the police and the delivery of government services.

"People told me that mental health of

the community was under attack from the long-term stress of living in situations of disadvantage and racism.

"Needless to say, feelings of hurt and despair within the Narrogin Aboriginal community have come to a critical point."

Mr Calma said he would be asking the WA and Federal Governments and the local council to take urgent action and work with the Narrogin Aboriginal community to fund and develop culturally appropriate health services "before another life is lost".

He said the Close the Gap Campaign on Indigenous health inequality had proven that a lower health status, greater exposure to health risk factors resulting from socio-economic disadvantages prevalent among Indigenous people and limited access to health care meant Indigenous people in Australia did not have an equal right to adequate health care.

Currently, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians die an average of 17 years earlier than non-Indigenous Australians.

said after the meeting. He also had some criticism for various media outlets, which he said continued to demonise the Aboriginal community.

Mr Calma said that the Narrogin community was very vocal about racism which they claimed affected every aspect of their daily lives, particularly around education, employment and justice.

"I think racism is probably the issue that people felt most concerned about, and that stems from basic perceptions of racism in the school, in the delivery of health services, in relation to the police, in relation to employment," he said.

"They're serious concerns, but what is important to remember is that racism can lead to negative impacts on people's mental and physical health."

The Narrogin meeting was organised by overseas aid agency Oxfam, the first time that the organisation had responded to a crisis call within Australia, responding also with funding for a full-time mental health counsellor.

However, Oxfam Campaign Coordinator

also looking at getting a community development officer and a youth officer as well."

Ms Kickett said a breakdown in communication between government agencies in the town had echoes of complaints made during the Fitzroy Crossing inquest and many other crisis hot spots.

"There's no communication here by the government agencies to better themselves to interact with the local Nyoongar people," she said.

"There's no co-ordination where they want to acknowledge that there is a problem within their agencies and for them to acknowledge how to make it better."

"And for us meeting every month at the interagency meeting, it seems that we're doing too much talking and not enough action."

The common complaint about the racist attitudes in Narrogin included little to no access to the local employment market, a sad indictment on a bustling farming town of 5000 people.

WA Equal Opportunity Commissioner Yvonne Henderson said that any Nyoongar or other Aboriginal person applying for a job who thought they had been discriminated against should make a formal complaint.

Similarly, they should also complain if they felt they had been discriminated against by practises and policies of government agencies and departments that tend to result in worse outcomes for Aboriginal people.

The other two areas of major concern were with the police and the local high school, and the relevant departments were now being briefed.

Police have already admitted that proper procedures were not followed during the recent arrest of local Nyoongar man Warren Kickett, but so far there had not been a response by officials from the local high school.

The Narrogin Shire Council has agreed to a reconciliation program similar to one implemented in Kalgoorlie several years ago, which has been hailed a partial success.

'We're hoping to get an Aboriginal medical service here in Narrogin, Aboriginal controlled' – Priscilla Kickett



"We cannot go on any longer accepting that such a disparity in equal treatment has nothing to do with health and life expectancy," Mr Calma said.

"The Narrogin community deserves better than watching its residents die needlessly."

WA Equal Opportunity Commissioner Yvonne Henderson also attended the meeting, at which Mr Calma identified racism as a major contributor to the suicides.

"Racism is probably one of the greatest contributors, but also the feeling of worth within a person's self, and control over their lives are contributing factors," Mr Calma

Paddy Cullen said the funding was limited and would expire early next year, and it was hoped that the public meeting would inspire government agencies to respond swiftly and effectively.

Narrogin Aboriginal Reference Group Chairwoman Priscilla Kickett said the top priority for the town was culturally appropriate medical facilities for the 300 resident Nyoongar population.

"We're hoping to get an Aboriginal medical service here in Narrogin, Aboriginal controlled," Ms Kickett said.

"We would also like a men's shelter set up here for the men who are homeless and who have got problems at home, and we're

Report proposes a new way forward

By DARREN COYNE



THE FEDERAL Government has promised to respond 'shortly' to an independent review of the controversial intervention into

Northern Territory Aboriginal communities.

The review team, led by West Australian Indigenous leader Peter Yu, handed its report to the Government on 13 October after visiting 31 communities and speaking with representatives of 56 other communities.

The review team also received more than 200 written submissions.

The main conclusions?

Continue with the intervention but scrap compulsory welfare quarantining, reintroduce the permit system, conform with the Racial Discrimination Act, but most importantly ... re-engage with Aboriginal people.

Mr Yu told *The Koori Mail* that the main theme of the report was to re-build relationships with the people the intervention was supposed to help.

"The emphasis and theme of the report is about re-engaging, because the reform measures suggested won't be achieved unless they are driven by the Aboriginal communities," he said.

The NT intervention was announced on 21 June 2007 in response to *The Little Children Are Sacred* report, which prompted former Prime Minister John Howard to declare that child abuse in NT Aboriginal communities was a national emergency.

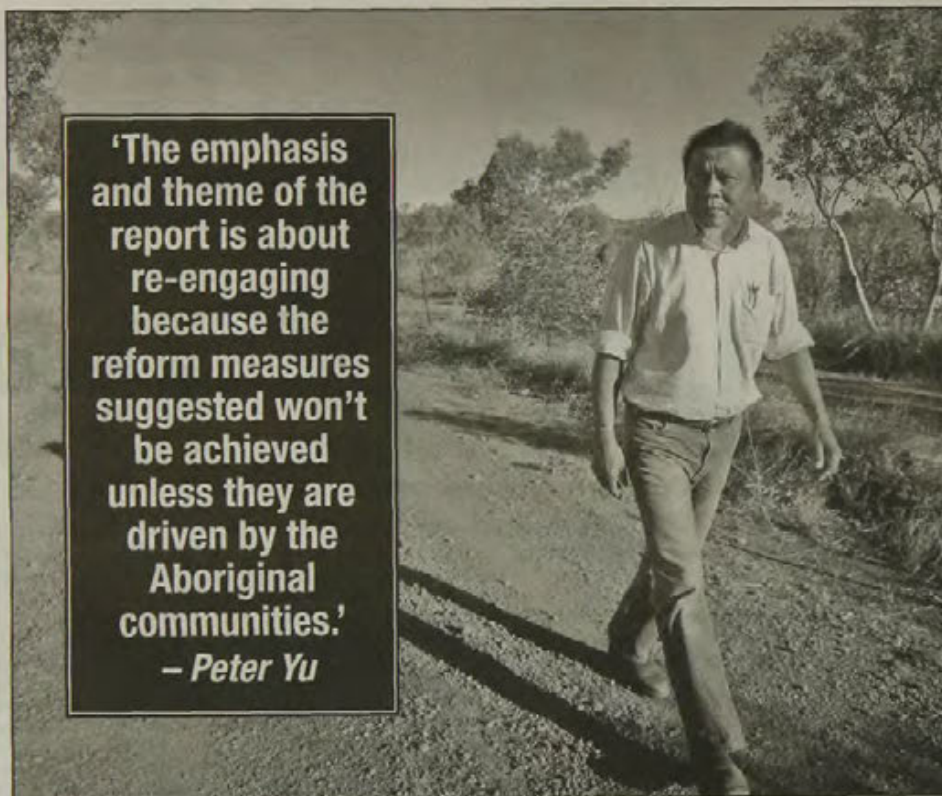
Accusations

Amid accusations of paternalism, Mr Howard banned alcohol and pornography, ordered compulsory child health checks and increased police numbers, along with the more controversial measures of blanket welfare quarantining, the axing of the permit system, and the suspension of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*.

After taking office, the Rudd Government, which had offered bipartisan support for the intervention, announced that an independent review would examine its successes and failures after 12 months.

In its report lodged last week, the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) Review Board found 'widespread if qualified support' in Indigenous communities for many of the measures such as more police, health checks and improved housing, but continued opposition to measures relating to welfare, permits and land tenure.

"The intervention diminished its own effectiveness through its



'The emphasis and theme of the report is about re-engaging because the reform measures suggested won't be achieved unless they are driven by the Aboriginal communities.'

— Peter Yu

failure to engage constructively with the Aboriginal people it was intended to help," the report said.

"Experiences of racial discrimination and humiliation as a result (of the intervention) were told with such passion and such regularity that the board felt compelled to advise the Minister ... that such widespread Aboriginal hostility to the Australian Government's actions should be regarded as a matter of serious concern."

The assessment has received a mixed response, with the Federal Opposition vowing to resist any attempts to water down the intervention, while the Australian Greens called on the Rudd Government to act immediately to end the 'racist policies' of the Howard Government.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, along with numerous Aboriginal groups and organisations, has urged the Government to adopt the overarching recommendations of the review.

"No one wants to see children abused, families destroyed and communities ripped apart," he said. "Efforts to improve safety for families and children in remote Indigenous communities must be done in collaboration with Aboriginal people and in a manner that treats Aboriginal people with dignity and respect — it really is that simple."

"I implore the Government to take note of the Review Board's key observation that respect for human rights is critical to building and maintaining sustainable, healthy and safe remote Indigenous communities."

Mr Calma said he was particularly pleased the Review Board had called for the intervention to be made consistent with the Racial Discrimination Act (RDA) and for its protections to be re-instated immediately.

But Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Tony Abbott warned that if Labor followed the Review Board's recommendations it would 'fatally undermine the intervention'.

"The Review Board wants quarantine reformed because it thinks it's a collective imposition based on race," Mr Abbott said in a statement.

"Wrong. It was based on the circumstances of remote NT townships. Those circumstances could be expected in any welfare-dependent settlements regardless of the culture or ethnicity of their inhabitants."

Extend quarantining

"If the Government wanted to stop Indigenous people feeling 'singled out' it should extend welfare quarantine arrangements to all welfare dependent families."

Organisations representing Aboriginal traditional owners disagreed.

Central Land Council Director

David Ross said the report shared many of the CLC's own findings about the impact of the intervention.

"In our region, people are feeling very demoralised. While there are some positive components of the emergency response, there are many punitive elements in it that people feel are unjust and unfair," he said.

Mr Ross said he supported the report's call for a more integrated approach and a re-engagement between Government and Aboriginal people.

Further north, the chairman of the Northern Land Council Wali Wunungmurra also welcomed the report, saying the NLC supported a number of its recommendations — particularly regarding the reinstatement of the permit system and RDA.

"As I have said before, permits give Aboriginal people a right to say who can enter their land, their private property — just like any other land owner," Mr Wunungmurra said.

"I hope the Australian Government listens to this."

He also took a swipe, saying the report exposed the intervention as an 'amateurish, ill-considered, and badly planned government policy'.

Not surprisingly, the architect of the intervention, former Howard Government Minister Mal Brough shrugged off such assessments.

Mr Brough said any watering down of compulsory welfare

quarantining would be dangerous for children.

"We could end up with children being underfed, poorly clothed, and a major step backwards," he said.

The most strident criticisms of the review have appeared in the pages of *The Australian* newspaper.

Indigenous academic Marcia Langton, in an opinion piece, argued that the RDA should remain suspended, and that communities be allowed to choose whether to take part in welfare quarantining.

She also suggested that the Federal Government could adopt a model similar to the Family Responsibilities Commission operating as a trial in four communities in Cape York.

Mr Yu said the review provided room for the Government to implement such ideas.

Another to express outrage was ALP powerbroker Warren Mundine, who said the report weakened the attack on welfare dependency in Aboriginal communities.

"This is just the touchy-feely nonsense that's been going on for decades in Aboriginal communities and I'm quite surprised that such a report has been written. It's a joke," he said.

Mr Mundine said people who were not in favour of the intervention's radical principles wrote the report.

Politicking

Mr Yu responded saying such comments amounted to little more than politicking on an extremely important issue.

"It's not about me or the board, it's about families and communities in the Northern Territory. That is the focus of the report," he said.

"It's unfortunate because the nature of the reform and change has to occur at a bipartisan level. Politicking has been detrimental to Aboriginal people because those in a disadvantaged position quite often don't have a voice."

"The whole emphasis is that the Government has to take the lead in terms of engagement to deal with such things as the infrastructure backlog," he said.

"We've tried to put up signposts and say this is the way forward to get the carriage back on the track."

Barbara Shaw, from the Alice Springs Intervention Rollback Action Group, said the review outlined what her group had been saying all along.

She said the quarantining of welfare payments was fostering racism and hurting Aboriginal people on prescribed communities.

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It is recommended that ...

OVERARCHING

- The Australian and Northern Territory Governments should continue to address the disadvantage and social dislocation of Aboriginal Australians living in remote communities throughout the Northern Territory.

- The relationship with Aboriginal people be reset, based on genuine consultation, engagement and partnership.

- Government actions affecting Aboriginal communities should conform with the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

WELFARE

Income management

- The current blanket application of compulsory income management in the NT should end.

- Income management should be available on a voluntary basis.

- Compulsory income management should only apply on the basis of child protection, school enrolment and attendance and other relevant triggers.

- All welfare recipients have access to external merits review.

COMMUNITY STORES

- Community store licensing continue, with an audit every six months to ensure there is good quality food, health standards and governance.

- The Australian Government examine ways to address the unacceptably high prices at community stores.

EMPLOYMENT

- The Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program be reformed in tandem with an overhaul of training.

- Community Employment Brokers focus on training support and coordinate activities between education and training providers and Job Network Providers.

LAW AND ORDER

Alcohol, drugs and pornography

- The NTER laws prohibiting the possession and transportation of alcohol on prescribed lands be maintained.

- Alcohol supply demand and harm reduction strategies be implemented.

- Comprehensive alcohol management plans be finalized.

- Measures be strengthened to



address illicit drug use in remote Aboriginal communities and associated mental health issues.

- Current signage advising about alcohol and pornography restrictions should be modified in consultation with communities.

POLICE

- The overall number of police in NT Aboriginal communities be significantly increased with more permanent stations.

- Governments agree to a standard for policing levels in remote communities which delivers effective and equitable police numbers within an agreed timeframe.

- There should be quality community policing with appropriate cultural training.

- Additional legal services for Indigenous Australians.

- Sufficient courthouses and other essential legal services.

INTERPRETER SERVICES

- Government agencies use interpreters on a fee for service basis.

- A strategy to increase the number of Aboriginal people employed as interpreters.

- The NT Government consider transferring responsibility for the Aboriginal Interpreter Service to the Department of the Chief Minister.

ENHANCING EDUCATION

- Address the serious crisis in education in remote communities.

SUPPORTING FAMILIES

- The NT Government engage immediately with Aboriginal communities to strengthen child protection arrangements and deal with reported cases of child abuse.

- Funding for an improved child and community safety system.

- Community agreement about the operation of safe houses.

IMPROVING CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH

- The intergovernmental funding agreement - Expanding Health Service Delivery Initiative - be made a permanent feature of health funding to the Northern Territory.

- The Expanding Health Service Delivery Initiative be expanded to include Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) and mental health funding.

- Urgent priority be given to the ongoing treatment of children with health issues identified in the Child Health Checks with a particular focus on dental treatment.

HOUSING AND LAND REFORM

Five-year leases

- Aboriginal landowners be paid for the acquisition and use of their property without their consent from the date of the original acquisition.

- The Australian Government pay rent to the Aboriginal owners of the land subject to the five-year leases.

PERMITS

- The permit system to control general public access to townships on Aboriginal land be reinstated.

COORDINATION

- An Operations Centre continue under civilian management with the necessary authority and delegation from the Prime Minister and Chief Minister.

- The senior government officials at the community level report directly and be accountable to the Operations Centre.

- The title of the community-based senior government official be changed from Government Business Manager (GBM) to Community Development Manager.

RE-ENGAGEMENT

- Governments endorse the need to reset the relationship with Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory.

- Both governments commit to reform of the machinery and culture of government.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

- Unmet service needs and infrastructure in remote Aboriginal communities be addressed.

- The Australian Government's Indigenous-specific expenditure to the Northern Territory be excluded from the Commonwealth Grants Commission's assessments of the distribution of GST revenues.

- Local government financial assistance from the Commonwealth be reformed.

- Service delivery outcomes from new regional and local partnership agreements be maximised.

GOVERNANCE, AGREEMENT MAKING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- Aboriginal governance bodies at local and regional levels are enhanced to enable communities to achieve their cultural, political, economic and social development goals.

DATA and EVALUATION

- Government establish an authoritative database to measure outcomes of all government agencies.

* recommendations have been edited for length

Recommendations prompt mixed reactions

From previous page

"Marcia Langton and Warren Mundine say this system is good for us. Jenny Macklin says the new BasicsCard system is working well. Why don't they all try lining up in segregated queues and do their shopping on this card? We need our full entitlements in cash. I still am restricted from buying what my family needs."

Valerie Martin, from Yuendumu, and a member of the Prescribed Area People's Alliance (PAPA) which was formed in Alice Springs on 29 September, agreed, saying:

"It's good they are talking about restoring some of our rights. But why do they want to take away our land?"

But Pat Turner of the Combined Aboriginal Organisations of the NT, welcomed the recommendation to compensate Aboriginal land owners on just terms for compulsory leases over their land. However, Ms Turner opposed the recommendation for alcohol bans to remain.

She said alcohol was not going to go away and bans should be replaced by a massive campaign on living responsibly with alcohol.

Those sentiments were echoed by the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT), which was also critical of recommendations to continue with the forced prohibition of alcohol in prescribed communities.

Outcomes

AMSANT executive officer John Paterson said more effective outcomes could be achieved by addressing the significant problem of the supply of take-away alcohol from regional centres.

He said forced prohibition was in conflict with the many voluntary dry communities and innovative

strategies developed in the Northern Territory.

Meanwhile, ANTaR National Director Gary Highland attempted to provide a conciliatory voice in the debate, describing the report as comprehensive and balanced, while recognising the origins of the intervention.

"The Report confirms that the former Minister Mal Brough was correct in assessing the situation confronting Aboriginal children in NT communities as a national emergency," Mr Highland said.

He said the report also pointed to improvements in policing, housing and education resulting

from a number of the intervention's measures.

Arnhem Land leader Galarwuy Yunupingu was not convinced. He weighed in saying the review had failed to provide any real direction other than to say the intervention should continue.

"You can't have a two-ways bet on something as important as the future of the children."

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Government would give the report 'careful and thorough consideration' but said the Government remained committed to the intervention.

Toy gun sparks town camp raid

By DARREN COYNE

NT A FORMAL complaint has been lodged against police after a 'terrorist-style' raid on a town

camp in Alice Springs. Residents of Kunoth Town Camp told *The Koori Mail* they were terrified when 'more than a dozen' armed police stormed their camp on 9 October searching for a suspected illegal gun.

It's understood the raid was sparked after a toy gun was earlier seen on the dashboard of a car driven by the nephew of a camp resident.

Donald Kunoth, Vice President of the camp, said residents were sitting around watching a report on television about a death in Arnhem Land, which also sparked allegations of over-the-top policing.

"My aunty was making a cup of tea and she walked outside and seen police there, suited up like a riot squad, wearing bullet proof vests," he said.

"They came to see my nephew and they were asking 'where are the guns you've got the guns' ... but he didn't have any guns."

Mr Kunoth said the police searched the camp, kicking a door in on one house and shaking a humpy where a young girl was asleep.



Eva Kunoth and Valerie Martin with toy gun that sparked the raid

"They shook a little humpy where Robby and his wife were stopping. They shook it and kicked a blanket off the little girl who's about six-years-old. She's opened her eyes and seen a big mob of police. This has frightened all the kids. My kids are having nightmares."

Eva Kunoth, another

resident, said she was still shaking days after the raid. "It was my grandson the police were hassling," she said.

Terrified

"The young fella was terrified, saying all I've got is a toy gun, a little toy plastic gun. In the end I burst into tears.

"The police are supposed to protect women and children and the community, but they're treating us like this just because of our colour. I've lived in Alice Springs for nearly all of my life and I can tell you the racism is getting worse with the cops."

During the raid police

allegedly had weapons drawn, and at one point a taser was trained on one man's chest.

Residents of the camp gathered at the Alice Springs Police Station a few days later to protest at the police action and lodge a formal complaint.

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert asked questions about the raid in Parliament on 14 October, to Senator Chris Evans, but Senator Evans said he had no details of the raid.

She also told the Senate of a similar incident a week earlier when a woman playing cards was allegedly tasered by police during a raid at the Trucking Yards Camp.

Senator Evans took the questions on notice.

Meanwhile, spokesman for the Northern Territory Police Association Vince Kelly denied that recent police incidents were heavy-handed.

"The Northern Territory police are required to enforce the law," he told ABC radio.

"We try and do that in an even handed manner."

"We try and take cultural sensitivities into consideration."

"However, in some circumstances, we simply have to act."

"And to suggest that police officers can simply ignore sexual offences or offences involving firearms is completely ridiculous."

Justice agency blasts policy



THE North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency Ltd (NAAJA) has labelled the

death of a 22-year-old Indigenous male from a small central Arnhem Land community a few weeks ago, as an avoidable tragedy that appeared to have been a direct result of poor and misguided policy.

"NAAJA has repeatedly warned about the consequences of the NT Emergency Response measures," NAAJA Principal Legal Officer Glen Dooley said.

"Specifically, we have not seen an increase in prosecutions of paedophiles - the whole reason given for the measures."

"Instead, NAAJA has witnessed increased prosecutions of young Aboriginal people in relationships where the age difference between the two people is not large and the younger person has consented to the relationship. Many of these relationships are also set in the background of Indigenous cultural practices relating to marriage, which have been maintained for thousands of years."

"Rather than dealing with these under-age sexual relationships as a complex social and medical problem, the intervention has turned it solely into a criminal issue for Aboriginal Territorians."

"These cases are now seen as being the same as those involving pedophiles and sexual predators."

"Of major concern is the different manner in which Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory are being treated due to the intervention and its suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975."

"The death of this young man, who escaped police custody after being arrested for breaching bail conditions related to charges over his relationship with his under-aged girlfriend, was the type of unintended tragedy NAAJA has feared."

"NAAJA understands the officers involved were newly arrived from the Federal Police, had not been through appropriate training or handover with those previously stationed at the community, and subsequently exhibited a major lack of cultural understanding and sensitivity," he said.

Review independence questioned

By DARREN COYNE



THE release of an independent review into the Northern Territory intervention has prompted a storm of controversy, but the head of the review

team Peter Yu is sticking by the report.

Amid allegations of political interference in the final review report, accusations of bias, and questions over the report's recommendations, Mr Yu said the 'politicising' threatened to derail the main theme of the report, which was to re-engage with disenfranchised Aboriginal communities.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin commissioned the report on 6 June, saying the Government wanted an independent assessment of measures introduced by the

Howard Government to combat child sex abuse in Aboriginal communities.

Mr Yu believes his team, which included former chair of the NSW Aboriginal Child Sexual Assault Taskforce, Marcia Ella Duncan, and former Australian Electoral Commissioner Bill Gray, fulfilled its mission.

The Australian newspaper, which obtained what it said was a draft version of the final report, accused the Review Board of bowing to pressure from the Government to tone down some of its key recommendations.

Indigenous academic Marcia Langton went so far as to suggest that Mr Yu had leaked the earlier, more critical draft, a charge Mr Yu strenuously denied.

"For an intelligent person Marcia says some silly things sometimes," Mr Yu told *The Koori Mail*.

He said a number of drafts

prepared by board researchers had been circulated before the three-person board sat down and wrote the final document.

"That is normal editing in the circumstances, but what appeared in the final report was a unanimous view," he said.

The claims of political interference were also denied by a spokesperson for Ms Macklin, and then by the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

'Not interfered'

Mr Rudd said Cabinet had not interfered with the board's report or asked for it to be rewritten.

"Cabinet provided no such instruction at all," he told journalists at the National Press Club in Canberra.

Mr Rudd said the Government would 'embrace all those things that have worked in the intervention'.

while improving on its shortcomings.

Adding to the controversy, a member of the review team's expert panel of advisers broke ranks to criticise the final report.

Vicki Gillick, coordinator of the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council, urged the Government to ignore the report, saying it was based on emotion.

Ms Gillick told the ABC's *Lateline* program that the review had failed to address whether the intervention could be regarded as a 'special measure' under the Racial Discrimination Act and was therefore not discriminatory.

Mr Yu said Ms Gillick 'underestimates the experience of the board and she underestimates the nature of the sophistication of the understanding of the communities themselves to express their point of view in that regard'.

Chopping down wrong trees a costly mistake



THE Federal Government has ordered a logging company to pay up to \$3 million for chopping down the wrong forests on the Northern Territory's Tiwi Islands.

Sylvatech has permission to chop down some of the islands' native forests and replace them with tropical acacia plantations, which are used to make paper.

However, from 2004 to 2006 the company cleared trees that were supposed to provide a buffer for rainforests and wetlands.

Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett last Thursday ordered Sylvatech to pay up to \$2 million to repair the damage.

The company must also post a \$1 million bond to ensure it completes the remediation works and pay \$1.35 million towards Indigenous rangers who work on the islands, who are controlling feral pigs and weeds.

"Any action which impacts on a matter of national environmental significance ... is something which I take very seriously," Mr Garrett said.

He said his department had investigated the breaches, and the company then owned up to it.

Federal Member for Lingiari Warren Snowden said it was a positive outcome for the people of the Tiwi Islands.

"This extra commitment of funds will help the Tiwi Land Council to manage the environment, and will

ensure that jobs will stay," he said.

Company spokesman David Ikin was reported on the ABC on Thursday as saying there was no evidence of harm to matters of environmental significance, but Melville Island Elder Marjorie Liddy said the cleared land was sacred.

"We had a beautiful waterfall and that just about got wrecked this year, and now they're planning to knock more trees," she said.

The Australian Wilderness Society called for a commitment from the company and the Australian and NT Governments that there would be no further land clearing on the islands, but welcomed Minister Garrett's decision.

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Scrymgour gives order for lessons in English

By KIRSTIE PARKER



NT Minister Marion Scrymgour

NORTHERN Territory Education Minister Marion Scrymgour has ordered a departmental restructure in an attempt to improve educational outcomes amongst bush students, with a greater focus on teaching English.

The NT has the lowest retention rate and participation of all jurisdictions. More than 2000 school-age students are not currently enrolled and about a third of all students consistently fail to meet national minimum standards in reading, writing, numeracy and spelling.

While results are reasonable in Darwin, Alice Springs and larger regional centres, those in remote areas were still unacceptable, the Minister said.

Ms Scrymgour, a Tiwi woman, last week took the unusual step of insisting that the first four hours of the school day be conducted in English.

She conceded the

measure was likely to be contentious, but said children needed to be proficient in English to fully participate in society.

"I support preserving our Indigenous languages and culture – but our Indigenous children need to be given the best possible chance to learn English," Ms Scrymgour said last Tuesday.

The measure has already drawn criticism, including from the NT Education Union, which labelled it 'a stunt', but the Minister is pushing ahead.

Ms Scrymgour said the

restructure, to be completed by the end of the year, would help the Department of Education and Training to support teachers to improve results in urban, regional and remote schools. It would assess the current model under which remote schools were managed as groups; assess teaching and learning programs, particularly in remote schools; evaluate the department's support to schools; and identify priority areas for extra support.

Last week, the Minister dodged claims she had forced

the sacking of her departmental head, Margaret Banks, over poor educational outcomes.

Ms Scrymgour said the department would consult with teachers, parents, and key organisations on the latest restructure, but Australian Education Union NT Secretary Adam Lampe said the Government would be best off providing more specialist staff and resources.

And he said the departmental restructure was really a diversion tactic, designed to deflect attention from Ms Banks' departure.

Aboriginal Resource and Development Services (ARDS) Chief Executive Officer Richard Trudgen agreed that the remote Indigenous education results were 'totally unacceptable', but said it should be remembered that English was a fifth or even sixth language for Indigenous people like the Yolngu of north-east Arnhem Land.

"By giving our Indigenous children the best possible chance to learn, it's imperative we have constructed English lessons – not forcing children to sit there for four hours listening to a language they cannot understand," he said.

"This strategy can only increase the failure syndrome that many Indigenous children now experience in NT schools."

Bilingual education was formally scrapped in the Territory in 1999 by the then-Country Liberal Party Government.



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Some of the community volunteers who have been fighting the cane toad near the WA border for the past three years.

Toad busters hopping to it

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



THE Kimberley Toad Busters (KTB) group has employed a full-time community co-ordinator to help fight the noxious cane toad which is threatening to enter the pristine wetlands of the north-east Kimberley.

Cane toads have spread throughout Queensland, northern New South Wales and the Northern Territory since being introduced to Australia in the 1930s to fight a beetle which was threatening sugar cane fields in north Queensland.

The noxious pest got to within 80km of the WA border near Kununurra and Lake Argyle in 2005, but a huge effort by the KTB group has so far held them on the NT side of the border.

Tens of thousands of cane toads have been picked up by dozens of volunteers since the program began in early 2005, giving scientists a better understanding of their breeding and migration habits.

Gurindji woman Maryanne Winton, who was a volunteer with the group when it started, has been employed to co-ordinate local community efforts and also educate communities about the dangers of cane toads.

"I visit the communities with my Elders who speak four or five languages and so we can communicate with all the communities on both sides of the border," Ms Winton said. "It's really important because the bush tucker and all the wildlife is being threatened and the community people don't really have an understanding of how poisonous the cane toads are to bush food and water holes and fish."

"Some of the old people have told me that they're not seeing goannas around anymore and some water birds have been dead around the water holes as well."

"They also get an understanding of the toads and then they educate their communities while they're working."

Ms Winton said the upside of the toad-busting effort has been one of reconciliation and understanding between the cultures.

"It opens the door to Indigenous and



KTB Community Co-ordinator Maryanne Winton on a toad busting outing recently ... "The bush tucker and all the wildlife is being threatened and the community people don't really have an understanding of how poisonous the cane toads are."

non-Indigenous people working together and the communities are coming on board because they can be employed under CDEP to bust toads and that's really good because they're doing something useful for their community," she said.

KTB Managing Director Lee Scott Virtue said the early start to the wet season this year has brought the toads to within 20km of the WA/NT border.

Breeding

"Unfortunately, because it's also been incredibly humid we're already seeing evidence of breeding. And I think the rain that we've had recently will certainly accelerate that," Ms Scott Virtue said.

"At present, the closest corridor is about

18km from the border in a straight line, and if rain washes them into the Matilda Hicks system in the next couple of weeks that will bring that corridor to probably less than 10km from the border."

Ms Winton said she's confident the involvement of the communities will be helpful in thinning out the toads, but she's more hesitant about whether their efforts will eradicate them altogether.

"They're just like other feral pest invasions like wild pigs which we haven't been able to stop. But we can keep the numbers down," she said.

The KTB group has called for more resources to fight cane toads, and government officials are due to visit the area soon to see what's needed.

Plans get stranded kids back to school



STUDENTS from remote communities in the Torres Strait left stranded by the grounding of airline Aero-Tropics have been able to resume the

fourth school term after emergency plans were put in place by the Federal Government.

Human Services Minister Joe Ludwig and Member for Leichhardt Jim Turnour praised Centrelink's response to the unexpected disruption to air services affecting ABSTUDY boarding school students in the Torres Strait.

"Providing students from remote Torres Strait communities with access to quality education is a priority for the Rudd Government," Senator Ludwig said. "Centrelink, with Qantas, acted swiftly to ensure all students affected by the disruption to Aero-Tropics flights have been provided with other options to return to boarding school from their remote communities."

ABSTUDY provides travel for up to 600 students from the Torres Strait each term. Of these, 249 students across various islands were affected by the grounding of Aero-Tropics by Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).

Apology

Meanwhile, the Cairns-based Aero-Tropics has apologised to customers following its second forced grounding by the airline regulator. CASA suspended the operations of Lip Air Pty Ltd, which trades as Aero Tropics Air Services (ATAS), following two incidents earlier this month.

The first happened during take-off and the second mid-flight on the same nine-passenger aircraft. A CASA spokeswoman said concerns with ATAS focused on the training, checking and supervision of the company's pilots, which the regulator believed risked safety.

ATAS has been monitored by CASA since September 2007 and had its air operator's certificate suspended on 27 June.

The Federal Court lifted that suspension on 2 July after imposing conditions on ATAS's operations.

The following day, CASA Deputy Chief Executive Shane Carmody told a Senate inquiry ATAS had "horrifying" parallels with Transair, which operated the plane that crashed into a hillside, close to Lockhart River, in 2005.

Mr Turnour said Centrelink was doing a great job and local central and northern Queensland-based staff should be congratulated on their efforts.

"Centrelink has been able to use its connections throughout this part of the world to come to the aid of these students," he said. "Qantas, who is contracted by Centrelink to provide travel services for ABSTUDY students, has been working on alternative charter arrangements to reschedule affected students."

"It's regrettable the disruption to services coincided with the start of the fourth school term for boarding students, but Centrelink's swift response has ensured no students will be left stranded."

Palm riot trial starts



ALLEGED rioter Lex Wotton turned the water supply off after setting fire to the Palm Island police station to prevent fire crews rescuing the building, a Brisbane court has heard.

Wotton has pleaded not guilty to one count of rioting with destruction over the 26 November 2004 incident, which resulted in the destruction of the police station, the courthouse and an officer's residence on the island off Townsville.

A witness to the 2004 riot, Lindsay Malone, told the Brisbane District Court on Friday that she saw the accused tipping what appeared to be petrol from a water bottle on the side of the police station and setting fire to it.

She said Wotton laughed when fire crews arrived a short time later and set up their hoses, only to find no water coming out.

However, defence lawyer Clive Steirn accused Ms Malone of 'making things up as you go along' because she did not like Wotton.

He pointed to what he said were inconsistencies between her current account of events and previous versions given in court and to police, such as the colour of the liquid in the water bottle and the weapons allegedly used by Wotton during the incident.

But Ms Malone denied the claim and said she was being truthful.

Custody death

The court has heard the riot erupted after the findings of a post-mortem examination on the body of island resident Mulrunji Doomadgee, who died in police custody a week earlier, were read out at a town meeting. Sgt Chris Hurley was later cleared of causing the death.

During the opening address on 7 October, prosecutor Michael Cowen told the court Wotton was part of a crowd that had gathered outside the Palm Island council chambers to hear the autopsy results.

Mr Cowen said Wotton was so enraged by the results that he grabbed a microphone and told the crowd: "Things are going to burn. We do not accept this."

It's alleged Wotton then armed himself with a shovel and a metal pipe and went to confront the police at the nearby station.

The court was told Wotton and the crowd made repeated threats to kill the officers and to burn the station.

Mr Cowen said the crowd then set the police station and the adjoining courthouse alight. The court was told police officers had rocks thrown at them as they hid under nearby barracks.

"Mr Wotton gave police the ultimatum to get off the island within an hour or they were going to die," Mr Cowen told the court.

The court was told police reinforcements eventually arrived and the crowd dispersed.

On day two of Wotton's trial, Wotton's niece Tiana Friday told the court she felt

Wotton turned off water supply before blaze, court is told



Lex Wotton (centre) leaves the Brisbane district court with supporters during a morning court hearing in Brisbane on Monday 6 October. - AAP Image

pressured to give evidence against her uncle when she was interviewed two days after the riot.

Prosecutor Michael Cowen read out in court the statement that Ms Friday gave police about her uncle's alleged involvement.

"After they set fire to the police station, I heard Uncle Lex say that one of the petrol tins was empty and that someone should get the other one," the statement said.

'Grapevine rumour'

Ms Friday agreed she made this statement, but told the court she had 'probably not' heard her uncle say that, but had instead heard it from other Palm Island residents as a rumour 'on the grapevine'.

When cross-examined, Ms Friday said she had also felt extremely pressured to give the police information.

She told the court that police arrived at her home about 9am and spent the day driving her around to family members' homes in search of a homemade video of the riot, which she had helped film.

Ms Friday told the court that police searched her family members' homes without warrants, and that they did not offer her any food all day, even though she was four months pregnant at the time.

She said she had not read the statement

she gave to police before signing it, and that she had offered information in the hope she would be allowed to return to her home.

"You would have told them anything to get out of there?" defence barrister Clive Steirn asked.

"Pretty much," Ms Friday replied.

The following day, another witness Hal Walsh told the court that Wotton twice told youths to stop throwing rocks during the riot and even tried to organise transport to safely take police to the island's airport.

On Tuesday, the court was told police officers used a taser, or stun gun, on Wotton before he was taken to the makeshift police station for questioning.

Detective Sergeant Darren Robinson said officers arrived at Wotton's home and wrestled him to the ground before using the taser on him.

He said Wotton, who was unarmed at the time, was considered a 'high risk and dangerous person'.

The day before that evidence was heard, however, Wotton's defence barrister Clive Steirn attacked Sgt Robinson's credibility.

The court was told Sgt Robinson

and Sgt Hurley had known each other for about two years prior to the alleged riot through their work on the island.

Under cross-examination, Sgt Robinson agreed he had previously been asked to investigate unrelated allegations Sgt Hurley had run over the foot of a Palm Island resident in his police car.

Failings admitted

Sgt Robinson said he failed to interview two independent witnesses or obtain medical reports about the woman's injuries, but denied that he deliberately concealed this evidence to protect his friend.

Sgt Hurley was cleared of any wrongdoing over the incident.

On Wednesday, another witness Terrence Kidner, told the court that Wotton ordered him to 'burn up' Sgt Hurley's house and that he had obeyed because he had been frightened by Wotton.

The day before the trial before Judge Michael Shanahan began, a large and vocal contingent of protesters, waving placards and banners, gathered outside the court to support Wotton. The trial was expected to continue this week.

- Compiled from AAP reports



Detective Sergeant Darren Robinson leaves the Brisbane Magistrates court on Thursday 9 October after giving evidence in the Lex Wotton trial. - AAP Image



Australian Government
Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

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The new Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (the CATSI Act) has changed the way corporations have to report.

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Former public servant fined, but remains... Defiant over leaks



A FORMER Commonwealth public servant who leaked classified information about sexual abuse in the Northern Territory insists she was acting morally, but an ACT Supreme Court judge was not convinced.

Tjanara Goreng Goreng, 50, has been placed on a three-year good behaviour bond and ordered to pay a \$2000 fine, but escaped a formal sentence over the 2006 leaking of five confidential emails.

The ex-Federal Indigenous policy adviser was found guilty in August of emailing information about Government

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

Justice Richard Refshauge said on 14 October that Goreng Goreng had not disseminated the material for high-minded purposes but rather 'unacceptable motives'.

He said she had not whole-heartedly accepted the seriousness of what she had done.

"The conduct must be denounced, making light of it cannot be countenanced," Justice Refshauge said.

But Goreng Goreng maintains

she's done nothing wrong.

"I did one small thing to help my community," she told reporters outside the court.

"It's come to be shown that the Northern Territory intervention has been a huge imposition on us.

"People much higher than me in political life leak documents from Cabinet levels and do they ever get charged?"

Goreng Goreng said she was trying to help the Mutitjulu community.

"I thought my role as a public servant was to actually support that community and the things they were trying to do," she said.

"When you're a public servant in

Indigenous affairs, sometimes you get to the point where you have to make a moral decision."

Sensational allegations of sex slavery and girls being offered petrol for sex rocked the Mutitjulu people, guardians of Uluru, and led eventually to the Federal intervention in the Territory's Indigenous communities last year.

A Supreme Court jury found Goreng Goreng, a Canberra resident, guilty of five counts of leaking confidential material in August.

A further charge was dismissed and another will be heard later this year after the jury failed to agree on a verdict. —AAP

\$500,000 funding for fire protection grates at aged-care centres



THE Federal Government will provide \$500,000 to install campfire protection

grates at Indigenous aged-care centres after the death of a resident at a Northern Territory centre last year. Dulcie Brumby, 70, fell into an open pit fire at the Docker River Flexible Aged Care service on 14 June 2007.

It took nine hours to transport her to Alice Springs Hospital for treatment where she died five hours later.

The Government recently launched an inquiry into Ms Brumby's death, and will start conducting safety audits at each of the 30 Indigenous aged care sites to improve their level of care, safety and staffing.

The quality site visits will examine the level of care services, overall safety, appropriateness of staffing levels and governance.

Early next year, the Department of Health and Ageing will work with each service to implement a building and maintenance action plan — funded through the \$46.2 million Indigenous Aged Care Plan.

The plan includes the development of a set of quality benchmarks applied to flexible Aboriginal aged care services in remote and very remote communities, as well as improved facilities and support for staff.

"This plan is about providing proper care for older Indigenous people while still being respectful to their cultural needs," Ageing Minister Justine Elliot said.

A spokeswoman for Mrs Elliot said the fire protection device — which would enclose an open fire in a metal grate to

reduce the risk of injury — was in its prototype phase, and would be installed next year at the conclusion of the audits.

The announcement of the site visits follows a bipartisan visit to the Northern Territory on 9 October.

Mrs Elliot and Federal Opposition Spokeswoman for Ageing Margaret May undertook a visit to the Kalano Flexible Aged Care Service near Katherine and a respite aged-care service run by Frontier Services at Mutitjulu, near Uluru, to get a first-hand view of Indigenous aged care.

After the visit, Mrs May and

Mrs Elliot said in a joint statement that they had agreed to take a bipartisan approach to Indigenous aged care.

"It is also about listening, and seeing the unique circumstances first-hand," they said.

National Aboriginal Community-Controlled Health Organisation Chairman Mick Adams said last month that old people's care in remote communities shouldn't be compromised by the under funding of services, worn out facilities and worn out staff.

— With AAP



A prototype of the camp fire protection grate.



Mutitjulu resident Bob Randall and Federal Ageing Minister Justine Elliot inspect an open fire pit at an aged care facility at Mutitjulu, near Uluru. — Photos courtesy of the Department of Health and Ageing

Concern at child death rate

By KIRSTIE PARKER



INDIGENOUS children are heavily over-represented in the number of children who died in New South Wales last year and were known to the Department of Community Services (DoCS).

Community Services Minister Linda Burney revealed last week that 156 of the 601 children who died in the State in 2007 had been reported to the department, or had a sibling reported, within the previous three years. This made them what is referred to as 'reviewable deaths'.

Forty of those 156 children were Indigenous, or 25 per cent – a percentage well above the NSW State Indigenous population figure of 2.1 per cent.

However, the percentage of Indigenous cases amongst reviewable deaths was still slightly down on 2006 when Indigenous children made up 27 per cent of such deaths. The year before, the figure was 26 per cent.

Ms Burney told a Parliamentary Estimates Committee on Wednesday that she, like the whole of the community, was very disturbed by a significant increase in last year's overall figures.

"I know how seriously our community views the number of child deaths in NSW, with stories of some of the deaths last year permanently etched in our memories," she said.

One such death is likely to be that of Aboriginal toddler Dean Shillingsworth, whose body was retrieved from a lake in western Sydney almost exactly a year ago. The two-year-old, whose mother was charged with his murder, was known to DoCS.

Ms Burney said all 156 deaths had been, or were being, examined by the NSW Ombudsman, who would report on the results of his investigations in his annual Reviewable Child Deaths Report.

The Government is also awaiting the outcome of Justice James Wood's Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW, due to report by 31 December.

Deaths

The 156 reviewable deaths in 2007 included:

- 72 from natural causes, including prematurity
- 18 from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
- Eight from suicide or extreme risk-taking behaviour
- Three died of drug overdoses
- Four from fatal physical assault
- Eight from motor vehicle accidents
- Five from drowning and three as a result of fire.

Ms Burney said NSW had tougher rules on reviewable deaths than other States. More than 340,000 children in NSW were currently known to DoCS, or 22 per cent of the State's

children. "Every child who is reported to the Helpline is, and will always be, 'known to DoCS', even if no action needs to be taken, or the topic of the report is resolved," Ms Burney said.

The Minister also released new statistics showing that domestic violence and parental substance abuse were issues in about 55 per cent of the 156 reviewable deaths. Concerns about parental mental health were present in about 24 per cent of reviewable death cases.

The 2008 State Budget allocated an extra \$22.9 million over four years to help combat child sexual abuse, but the Government has been criticised for not doing enough in response to the *Breaking the Silence* inquiry, which found that Aboriginal child sexual assault was up to four times the rate of the general population.

Ms Burney said all recommendations of the Ombudsman were taken very seriously, and the Government had a fundamental commitment to improving child protection.

She said DoCS was implementing strategies around such issues as early intervention, better caseworker training, a parental drug testing trial and domestic violence.

"But the social problems and the poverty, neglect and abuse facing families are issues we are all responsible for and which need to be grappled with by society as a whole," she said.



NSW Minister Linda Burney ... "I know how seriously our community views the number of child deaths in NSW, with stories of some of the deaths last year permanently etched in our memories."

Govt selling plans for CDEP revamp

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Federal Government has begun selling its plans for the future of the

Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) scheme to Indigenous communities.

Earlier this month, the Government announced a model it said would benefit Indigenous job-seekers, communities and employers. It released a discussion paper proposing to:

- Scrap the 30-year work-for-the-dole scheme in non-remote locations, with the new Universal Employment Service (UES) to become the primary provider of employment services, and
- Restructure the scheme in remote, emerging and limited economy

communities with renewed focus on work readiness skills and community development to support priority projects, community engagement and capacity building.

A new Community Support Program is proposed for urban and regional locations with significant Indigenous populations to help people access information and services. The changes are planned for 1 July next year.

Indigenous community sentiment on CDEP is decidedly mixed, with some people saying the scheme is 'dead-end' and limits opportunities for participants, while others believe it to be an important contributor to community cohesion.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Employment Participation Minister Brendan O'Connor said the Government's



JENNY MACKLIN

reforms were a key element to meeting its target of halving the employment gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a decade.

"Meeting our target means that an additional 100,000 Indigenous Australians will need to find and keep jobs over the next 10 years, requiring major reforms to Indigenous and mainstream employment services," the Ministers said



BRENDAN O'CONNOR

in a statement.

"Employment strongly contributes to personal, social and economic development. Indigenous employment programs must be geared towards creating opportunities and giving Indigenous people the skills and training needed to get and keep a job."

The differing approaches in remote and non-remote locations reflected the Government's recognition

that greatly differing conditions demanded new solutions adapted to local needs and local economies, they said.

Earlier this week, information sessions on the planned reforms were held in Melbourne, Brisbane, Broome, Adelaide, Canberra, Port Augusta, Darwin, Derby, Sydney and Ti Tree. Today, they'll occur in Morwell, Townsville, Kununurra, Tamworth and Elliott.

At this stage, the information sessions will continue until 5 November and written submissions will close on Friday 7 November.

Also under the proposed reforms, CDEP positions that have supported the delivery of government services would be converted to properly paid jobs, new CDEP participants would be paid income support, and existing participants would continue to be able to access

wages until 31 March 2010.

The Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce (AICC) applauded the Government's plans.

"We support the Government's moves to assist Indigenous Australians to find real jobs and move away from welfare dependency," said its chairman, Warren Mundine.

"These initiatives have the potential to profoundly improve the lives of Indigenous communities."

"In addition, the proposals will assist (mining billionaire) Andrew Forrest's ambitious plan to find jobs for thousands of Aboriginals and with Reconciliation Australia's reconciliation action plans. These reforms are a positive step forward."

The discussion paper and details of upcoming information sessions can be obtained online at www.indigenous.gov.au

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Likely site for gas hub



WEST Australian Premier Colin Barnett has earmarked a whale migration area near an Aboriginal reserve as the likely location for a gas infrastructure project off the pristine Kimberley coast.

Releasing the Northern Development Taskforce report, which shortlisted the four possible sites, the Premier said last week the role of the taskforce, set up by the former Government, would be scaled back.

Public comment period

The four short-listed sites would now be subject to a 28-day public comment period, but North Head, 26km north of the Aboriginal community of Beagle Bay, was the most attractive, Mr Barnett said on Wednesday.

He said he was keen to proceed with the 1000-hectare hub, offering shared facilities to companies keen to exploit the Browse Basin and Ichthys gas fields.

The Government-owned project would include a shipping channel, worker accommodation, a township, possible sharing of power and water supply and road access, but not gas processing.

The Premier also revealed that he would scrap the right of veto promised to the traditional owners of the land by the former Carpenter Government.

"I respect and welcome the full involvement of Aboriginal people, but no group in our community will be given a legal right above the rest of the community," he said.

Mr Barnett said delays caused by the right of veto had contributed to WA losing the \$25 billion Inpex plant to Darwin last month. But he said there was a 'glimmer of hope' the project could be saved.

The State Government would attempt to acquire the land at North Head, part of an Aboriginal reserve, by negotiation. But it could be determined in the courts.

Opposition Leader Eric Ripper warned Mr Barnett against the compulsory acquisition of traditional lands, saying negotiation and consultation would deliver a faster outcome.

"Indigenous people in the Kimberley are supporters of development," he said. "If the minority Liberal Government goes down the path of compulsory acquisition, they open themselves up to prolonged delays, division and tortuous legal action."

Kimberley Land Council Chief Executive Wayne Bergmann urged Mr Barnett to ensure Aboriginal people were not marginalised and said development must deliver lasting benefits.

"Traditional owners will support development that brings lasting economic benefits, while balancing environmental and cultural values," Mr Bergmann said.

"The Liberal-National Government has the opportunity to make sure the resource boom delivers benefits to the wider community."

"But to do that there must be meaningful economic participation for traditional owners and Aboriginal communities in gas development in the Kimberley."

Mr Ripper also said Mr Barnett's decision to name his preferred site was irresponsible and ran the risk of jeopardising the public consultation process.

Woodside Chief Executive Don Voelte said he supported North Head as the preferred site, and a spokesman for Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett said the Rudd Government welcomed the opportunity to continue to work with the State Government through the joint strategic assessment framework.



WA Premier Colin Barnett

Issues with each site

The four sites earmarked as having best met the criteria are Gourdon Bay, south of Broome, James Price Point and North Head, both on the Dampier Peninsula, and Anjo Peninsula, on the far north Kimberley coast.

Mr Barnett said each site had issues which would need to be addressed by government, but the necessary work would be done to see the final site confirmed as quickly as possible.

The Premier acknowledged the commitment and effort of the Aboriginal community in helping identify the sites in a constructive and timely manner.

Public submissions on the site options can be made until 11 November. — *With AAP*



Australian Government

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

National Disability Strategy 2008

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT A NATIONAL DISABILITY STRATEGY

We would like to hear from those with an interest in creating a more inclusive society for all Australians.

A series of public consultation workshops will be held across Australia from October to November to assist the Australian, State and Territory Governments to develop a National Disability Strategy.

A National Disability Strategy will assist governments to address barriers that are faced by Australians with disability and to promote the inclusion of people with disability and their carers in Australian society. A discussion paper is available with more information on what a National Disability Strategy for Australia might look like. You can attend one of the consultation workshops being held around Australia or you can provide written comment by 5:00pm AEST Monday 1 December 2008. RSVP for consultations is essential.

To find out more about the Strategy, to RSVP for a consultation, or to obtain a copy of the discussion paper, phone 1800 077 765 or visit www.fahcsia.gov.au

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Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2010

Applications are now invited from parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2010.

For Government school students the application package will be available in their own schools from 27 October 2008. Parents of non-Government school students may pick up a package from any selective high school, group education offices and some state office locations after 27 October 2008. Application information is also available on the Internet at: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/selectiveschools.php>.

Applicants may apply for a total of any four selective high schools, regardless of their location.

For 2010 Year 7 entry, there are 600 additional places in the newly-established partially selective high schools and up to 30 places in a virtual selective class provision for students in Western NSW Region.

There are now 17 fully selective, 24 partially selective, a virtual selective class provision (Western NSW Region) and 4 selective agricultural high schools in NSW offering places in Year 7.

Residential places are available at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (boys only), Hurlstone Agricultural High School (co-educational) and Yanco Agricultural High School (co-educational).

A complete list of selective high schools is available at:

http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs_ahs_details.php.

Completed application forms should be lodged with the principal of the student's current primary school by 14 November 2008.

All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2010 will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 19 March 2009.

Enquiries

Enquiries about application procedures should be directed to the Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement Unit, email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone on (02) 9707 6262. Enquiries relating to individual school matters should be directed to the schools concerned.

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Tribute to Aunty Hilda Muir



NORTHERN Territory Chief Minister Paul Henderson has paid tribute to Aunty Hilda Muir, who passed away

last week.

"It is with great regret and sadness that I learned of the death of Hilda Muir — 'Aunty' to generations of Territorians," Mr Henderson said last Monday.

"Born near Borroloola in what she described as a 'proper bush birth' to a Yanyuwa woman in 1920, Hilda Muir's life sums up for all of us the tragedy and hope that so many Aboriginal Territorians have experienced over the last century."

"Despite everything that life threw at her, she had an incredible optimism and deep love for family, friends

and community."

"I knew Aunty Hilda for many years — and I will miss her as will all those who knew her."

Mr Henderson said he was proud 'to be part of the Government which said sorry to the Stolen Generations in a motion to the Legislative Assembly in 2001'.

"It was one of the highlights of my career in Parliament to be able to tell Hilda's story in that debate with Aunty in the gallery," he said.

"On behalf of the Northern Territory Government, I extend our condolences to family and friends of this wonderful woman — who touched the lives of many hundreds of Territorians."

Removed from her mother and family by police, Hilda was taken by horseback to Mataranka, then train to Darwin and an uncertain life as an

inmate of the old Kahlin Compound.

Despite great hardships, she grew up at Kahlin and married the love of her life, Billy Muir.

Amid the pressures of a growing family, she was evacuated to Brisbane in World War II, and she was to face — many years later — the devastation of Cyclone Tracy.

In 1995, Hilda Muir was one of the people who attempted in the High Court to seek restitution for having been one of the Stolen Generations. The Court rejected the bid in 1997.

In 2000, Hilda 'Jarman' Muir returned to Borroloola, and was accepted by her Yanyuwa people as an owner and custodian of Yanyuwa Lands.

In 2005 she published her autobiography, *Very Big Journey, My Life as I Remember it*.

John Pat: 25 years on

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



COMMEMORATION ceremonies were held in Perth and Roebourne on 10 October to mark the 25th anniversary of the Aboriginal death in custody that sparked the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC).

Young Aboriginal man John Pat died in police custody in September 1983 in Roebourne, Western Australia, shortly after being arrested.

Five police officers were charged in connection with his death, but all were acquitted at trial.

Nyoongar Elder Ben Taylor, who gave the Welcome to Country address at the Perth commemoration, said he still felt angry when he thought about the circumstances of John Pat's death and the death of other young Aboriginal men in police custody or in jail.

"As I stand here on this Nyoongar Dreaming Track, I think of all our young people who have died and the troubles recently in Narrogin and the never-ending funerals," Mr Taylor said.

"I remind people when I go to schools

that white Australia has a black history and I tell them what really took place.

"As we mourn this young boy's anniversary, I think about the Injibandi people up there and the Kooris and Murris who have all lost loved ones to the police and justice system. It's time we stood up together or we're going to lose another generation of young people."

Nyoongar Elder Albert Corunna also spoke passionately urging people to keep fighting injustice and criticising the original investigation into John Pat's death in September 1983. He said he would never accept the acquittal of the four police officers involved.

"We must not accept the excuses given for the mistreatment of our people and never accept what they say. When we know it's wrong, we say it's wrong."

Nyoongar Elder and Uniting Church Minister Sealin Garlett called for the



Nyoongar leader Daniel Garlett played the didgeridoo at this year's John Pat commemoration. • INSET: Nyoongar Elder Ben Taylor welcomed attendees to country at the Perth memorial.

Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (DICWC) to expand its numbers and its work because of WA Government plans to build another maximum-security prison.

"If you think that the Aboriginal

population in prison at the moment is sky high, then I say to you that there will be an explosion in Aboriginal prison numbers in the next couple of years and the prison system will have the majority of our young people in custody," Rev Garlett said.

He urged people to join the Deaths in Custody's Watch Committee, which he thanked for 'doing a good job'.

"We all need to stand with them now and help them to educate our young people and help them to help our people stay out of the prisons," he said.

DICWC Chairman Marc Newhouse said the RCIADIC recommendations had still been largely

ignored in the past 12 months.

"How many deaths in custody do we have to endure before the Royal Commission recommendations are taken seriously and practises are improved?" he asked. "We've got a long way to go."

Call for 'outside' monitors

Watch committee fights for funds

By ELIZABETH MURRAY

THE current spike in prison and prisoner transport-related deaths in Western Australia has occurred at the same time the State's deaths in custody group is fighting for funds to survive.

The recent memorial for John Pat saw the head of the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (DICWC) of WA Marc Newhouse issue a plea for government to fund the independent body.

Mr Newhouse said the memorial highlighted the strong public support for the group and 'the need to have an independent organisation on the outside looking in'.

He said the services of an independent body were essential to monitor 'what the police do and what happens in our prisons and places where people are detained'.

"We are currently not funded by either State or Federal government and there's clearly a need to do that," he said.

"It is the responsibility of the State to do that, it's in the Government's interests to have an organisation like the watch committee around."

Despite the Rudd Government's apology to the Stolen Generations, there has been little public examination of funding for the watch

committees which once existed in every State as a result of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC).

Federal funding for the groups was reallocated to legal services which – according to Mr Newhouse – could not deliver the same kind of support as watch committees in terms of advocacy to prevent social exclusion and helping grieving families.

The reallocation came soon after the submission of Australia's first torture report to the United Nations.

The watch committee's independence is hailed as a pivotal factor in its ability to provide a service to the community absent of fear or favour or departmental influence.

Mr Newhouse said he was optimistic the WA group would be able to lobby the Government to keep the group going.

"Hopefully we'll be able to... place pressure on the Federal Government and make an approach to them and the State Government. Often, it's a problem of getting past the bureaucrats," he said.



MARC NEWHOUSE

Razorwire still encloses the yards of Fremantle Prison, decommissioned 17 years ago. The Aboriginal artwork from various artists stands as a reminder of some of those who spent time within the prison walls.



He said that since the loss of funding in 2005, some watch committees around the country had disbanded whilst others changed focus.

"We've had those discussions here and overwhelmingly the community and people involved want to retain that name and retain that focus," he said.

He described the continuing high rate of incarceration of Aboriginal people as disturbing, and said a recent report by the Inspector of Custodial Services Professor Richard Harding indicated 'there's black prisons and there's white prisons, and the resources and nature of those prisons, where there's a predominance of Aboriginal people, is clearly deficient'.

Speaking with *The Koori Mail* this week, head of the WA Police Deaths in Custody Investigation

Unit Superintendent Fred Zagami said deaths in police presence had dropped this year.

Since January, there have been two such deaths in police presence – and four over the past year. This compared with ten deaths in prison custody, seven of them Aboriginal people, over the past year.

Supt Zagami said this could indicate a growing awareness by police of the complexities when dealing with people at high risk, such as disturbances involving persons suffering from mental illness and psycho-stimulant related overdose and psychosis.

The findings of Assistant Coroner Evelyn Vicker in the 2007 inquest of Noongar man Carl Woods highlighted the heightened risk posed by positional asphyxia, and cardiac arrhythmia from physical

exertion after stimulant use, and recommended more comprehensive training for police officers.



Berona Winmar, whose son Carl Woods died in 2006 while being arrested by police. Ms Winmar has become a strong advocate for DICWC.

Indigenous Family Violence Strategy Community Initiative Fund 2008 - 2009

As part of the Indigenous Family Violence Strategy Community Initiative Fund, the Department of Human Services invites applications from Victorian Indigenous organisations and Indigenous community groups for funding for projects that support the priorities identified in Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group Plans. This Fund is for projects that prevent, reduce and respond to family violence in Indigenous communities. Further information including Guidelines, Application Forms and Regional Action Plan priorities are available from the following staff at Department of Human Services regional offices:

Barwon South Western	Tania Jones	5561 9475
Eastern Metropolitan	Violet Harrison	9843 6163
Gippsland (Central)	Margaret Oates	5177 2504
Gippsland (East)	Sandra Patten	5150 4514
Gippsland West	Pat Phair	5624 0639
Grampians	Deb Milera	5333 6993
Hume	Melissa Hamilton	0407884687
Loddon Mallee (South)	Ann Spittles	5434 5558
Loddon Mallee (North)	Trudy Hunt	5022 3111
North and West Metropolitan	Helena Gonebale	9412 5390
Southern Metropolitan	Megan Stanton	9213 2461

Applications close on 26 November 2008.

Law firm plans action



CORPORATE law firm Gilbert & Tobin has launched a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) called Growing Together. The RAP aims to provide a framework to strengthen the ties between business and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Gilbert & Tobin's Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, Jane Stratton, said the RAP was an important step for the firm to improve retention of Indigenous employees. The RAP would also engage more formally with high school students and university students and continue to foster mutual awareness and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultures in the workplace, she said.

Pro Bono (legal work done at a substantially reduced rate or at no cost) Partner Michelle Hannon said that acting for Indigenous people had long been a significant part of the firm's practice.

"At Gilbert & Tobin we pioneered a pro bono

legal practice that has been dedicated to assisting marginalised and disadvantaged people," she said. "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations have always been a focus of our pro bono practice - they are about a third of our pro bono client base. It makes sense then that our community programs should be similarly oriented."

Reconciliation Australia Director Sam Mostyn, a former Gilbert & Tobin employee, said the launch brought the total number of RAPs to 95, with participation from large corporate organisations like Qantas, ANZ and BHP Billiton, government agencies, sporting bodies, hospitals and schools.

Gilbert & Tobin is the first Sydney-based law firm, and the second in Australia, to develop a RAP.

The programs include an Indigenous Employment Strategy for lawyers and operations staff; and a youth program targeted at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students delivered in conjunction with Tranby Aboriginal College and UTS Education.



Australian Government

Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

Appointments to the ABC and SBS Boards — Expressions of Interest

The Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Stephen Conroy is calling for expressions of interest from individuals who have the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to contribute to the governance of either the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) or Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) as a non-executive Director. Each Board has two (2) vacancies.

Applications for Board appointment will be assessed under a merit-based selection process by an independent Nomination Panel. The Panel will assess the comparative suitability of candidates and provide Senator Conroy with a shortlist.

Successful candidates will have demonstrated high-level leadership and vision, and the ability to articulate a clear direction for a public organisation engaged in the provision of broadcasting services. They will possess a commitment to public sector governance and the highest standards of professional and personal integrity.

Candidates with a past record of effective participation on boards or a demonstrated interest in Australian cultural or public life are encouraged to apply.

The principles of equal opportunity and diversity will be followed throughout the selection process. Consideration will be given to ensuring that the membership of the Boards encompasses diversity in gender and geographical representation.

Information about submitting an expression of interest can be downloaded from www.dbcde.gov.au/abcsbsboards. Further enquiries can be made to Moiya Ford or Jeff Kelly on (02) 6260 8788 or by emailing canberra@fordkelly.com.au

Please note that current or former members of the Commonwealth Parliament or state/territory parliaments or legislative assemblies, and current or former senior political staff are not eligible for appointment to either the ABC or the SBS Board.

All appointments to the ABC and SBS Boards are made by the Governor General, acting on advice of the Federal Executive Council.

Applications close on Friday, 7 November 2008.

www.dbcde.gov.au

Warning on growth in population

By ELIZABETH MURRAY in Perth



AN increase in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population compounds

difficulties in measuring the extent of the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous health and life expectancy, according to an adviser to the Close the Gap Coalition.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) recently reported the country's Indigenous population at more than half a million, bringing it to 2.5 per cent of the national population.

Professor Ian Ring, of Perth, says the changing population effectively shifts the goal posts in efforts to close the gap.

Professor Ring told *The Koori Mail* the growing figure stemmed from two things: a genuine increase in population; and a greater, more accurate identification of people as Aboriginal.

"One is that there are actually more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people because they're a younger population that tends to have larger family sizes, so the population is growing," he said.

"The other thing is that the official numbers of Aboriginal people are also increasing because of increasing identification of people as Aboriginal. Some Aboriginal people have not previously been identified as such."

Professor Ring said population changes could make measurement issues more difficult. "The genuine population growth isn't so much of an issue in deciding if the gap is closing or not, but the changing proportion



IAN RING

of people. If more people identify as Indigenous in the Census and in death records then you need to be able to say whether the gap is truly closing," he said.

"Given the Prime Minister's commitment to report in Parliament each year on the extent to which the gap is closed, I think what we're saying is there needs to be greater effort in ensuring the data is accurate."

"In part we need to redouble the efforts being made to ensure the Census is accurate, the identification of people in health records, including birth and death records, are accurate and we need a much greater emphasis on improving those statistics to make sure the data is accurate."

Professor Ring said several key strategies needed to be implemented to close the gap, such as creating 'genuine partnerships' between health services and Aboriginal people, and ensuring adequate services and staff are available and the necessary infrastructure is provided.

He said in dealing with the

two leading contributing factors to the gap - chronic illness and poor health in mothers and babies - those community health services needed to look at primary issues of early diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation from chronic disease. Targets for social determinants such as housing, education, living conditions, and the social and political issues affecting Aboriginal people, were still 'a work in progress', he said.

"We've done pretty detailed work in... partnerships, health status, health services and the infrastructure," he said.

"We're working on the social determinants, and basically we now want to work very closely with government on the development of a funded long-term action plan to get some agreement about what's going to happen."

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Government was conscious of the substantial demographic changes in the Indigenous population.

"Birth rates are high and increasing," she said.

"The demographic profile of Indigenous Australians is much younger than the non-Indigenous population and Indigenous people die 17 years earlier than other Australians."

"The Government is committed to addressing Indigenous disadvantage and ensuring its policy is tailored towards the specific demographic characteristics of the Indigenous population."

She said the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) recently agreed to a national partnership with joint funding of about \$547.2 million over six years to address the early needs of Indigenous children.

Cape warming to FRC, says chief

By Cairns Correspondent
CHRISTINE HOWES



WHILE debate continues about blanket welfare quarantining under the Northern Territory intervention, those behind Queensland's Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) say the new body is gradually winning over four Cape York communities trialling welfare reform.

Commissioner David Glasgow says that in its first nine weeks of operation the FRC held 21 days of conferences involving local commissioners and community members, with all but one of them conducted in the local Wik language. These resulted in more than 50 decisions and agreements aimed at improving the lives of children and families, ranging from an obligatory visit to a school liaison officer through to welfare payment quarantining.

The FRC was enacted on 1 July 2008, and conferences began in the communities of Aurukun, Coen, Hopevale and Mossman Gorge on 11 August under a package of reforms in partnership with Commonwealth and Queensland governments and the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership.

The outcome indicates progress since two months ago when Mr Glasgow conceded to *The Koori Mail* that take-up of the reform agenda in Hopevale had been marred by a community suspicion borne from a lack of communication and understanding about the FRC.

But the former magistrate said last week that in Hopevale alone there had been 14 conferences across his last two-day visit, as well as a community meeting which he called to try to dispel some of the misunderstanding.



Hopevale FRC
Co-ordinator Priscilla
Gibson with
Commissioner
David Glasgow.

"We're really getting stuck into (the conferences) now," he said. "I'm spending time at various conferences and talking to people who still have some concerns about the wider welfare reforms picture, and some about the FRC."

"I found out there were a number of people who had expressed concerns about welfare reform so we sent them personal invitations to come to the meeting."

"We advertised that fairly widely and met for a couple of hours with about 30 people."

"(We) went through all the issues they'd raised and a number of other associated things came about like 'how come people aren't employed here?', 'why aren't there

any jobs here?', the state of the education system and 'why aren't there any Aboriginal teachers?'."

"Well, if you don't educate your children to a standard where they can become Aboriginal teachers, how are you going to say there are no Indigenous teachers?"

However, Mr Glasgow said some concerns about consultation 'had some legitimacy' and, as a result, he had undertaken to make time to see people, either individually or in groups, after conferences every fortnight.

He said that while some concerns with welfare reform continued, he didn't believe people had 'too much against' the FRC.

"A lot of (the concern) is linked to the Alcohol Management Plan," he said. "And I say 'I wasn't part of the process that established the AMP. That was a fait accompli and given to me, I have an obligation to enforce the law'."

"I can see some consequences which are a bit unfair, but I said 'what do you have against the Commission if the Commission is going to try and deal with people who are not looking after their children, not sending them to school, not feeding them properly and not protecting them? Because that's really what I'm here to do and if all of you are doing those things then you've got nothing to fear from me as a Commissioner'."

Mr Glasgow said he believed residents felt they'd been given a fair hearing and received a reasonable explanation for various things.

Hopevale Commissioner Estelle Bowen backed Mr Glasgow, describing his approach and the process as 'really good'.

"What we're trying to say to people is we're not there to be a police officer, we're there to help them," she said.

"I find FRC is better because at least it gives you a chance to work with the family."

Mr Glasgow said the other Cape communities were also working through the concept.

"In Coen, they've basically embraced it all. In Aurukun, I'm very impressed with the commissioners there. They are working this through quietly and persistently and they're seeing changes being made."

Mr Glasgow said the Wik language was the participants' conversational language, 'so the only person who really doesn't understand the process is me. The people are explaining it to me as they go'.

"That's going very well and there are a lot of people, particularly our commissioners, who are determined to make some changes - not authoritative changes (but) getting people to make changes as we go."

Research Grants Program 2009 CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS



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Australian Institute of Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander Studies

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) is calling for applications for the Research Grants Program 2009.

The Program will fund research into a wide range of areas in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, such as history (including family and community history), politics, law, public policy, health (social, cultural and environmental aspects), biological sciences, education, Indigenous knowledge systems, linguistics, social anthropology, archaeology and the arts.

Applications in the special emphasis categories of 'Relations with Government', 'Economic Sustainability' and 'Knowledge About and Caring for Country' are particularly invited.

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GPO Box 553, CANBERRA ACT 2601
Email: grants@aiatsis.gov.au
Telephone: 02 6246 1145

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Applicants are strongly advised to contact AIATSIS well before submitting applications in order to ensure the eligibility of their topics and to receive constructive feedback from Research staff. All applicants will be informed of the success or otherwise of their grant applications in June 2009. Funding for successful applicants will be available from July 2009.

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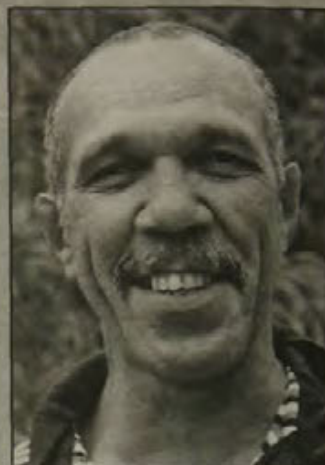
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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Arnold Murray

Malanda, North Qld

What do you do?
Labourer for a construction company in Cairns.

Favourite Bush Tucker?
Turkey eggs.

Favourite other food?
Haven't really got another favourite, probably pizza.

Favourite drink?
XXXX Gold.

Favourite music?
Anything that's not head-banging or heavy metal.

Favourite sport/leisure?
Rugby league and touch football.

Favourite movies?
Anything based on a true story.

Favourite holiday destination?
Anywhere where family is.

What are you reading?
Just the local paper.

What are you watching?
Rugby league.

What is your greatest highlight in life?
My kids.

What do you like in life?
Anything to do with our country in Malanda, and work is probably one of the things I like best.

What do you dislike?
Ignorant people, no matter what colour or race they are.

Who would you most like to meet and why?

The (NRL) Parramatta side of the '80s because we used to watch them when we were kids in Malanda and we used to be called the Malanda Eels.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
All the brothers and cousins, to sit down and have a yarn.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Islander people?
Something that would employ our own people, and then later on not just our own people, but bring all different people together to try and stop some of the ignorance, especially about peoples' country, and teach them about sharing and belonging.

Quote



'Deep down we knew that is what the big fella would have wanted, and we made a pact to play in his memory knowing that if we could win, his name would be always remembered when a Narwan Eels jersey was pulled on in future Knockouts'

— *NRL and Narwan Eels rugby league player Dean Widders in a tribute to the late Alf Atkinson*

● See Page 6

● More on the Knockout in sport

Unquote

Optimistic but alert

THEY say attitude is everything, and certainly optimism makes for a happier day-to-day existence. But optimism should not be blind to threats, both perceived and real.

It is crucial that Indigenous community organisations, campaigners and advocates pay attention right now to the possible impacts of the global financial crisis.

Not just those that will be felt by all Australians but also those particular to us as Indigenous Australians, by virtue of our demographics and vulnerable circumstances.

While relations between the Federal Government and Close The Gap campaigners such as Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma are helpfully collegiate, the campaigners should now ramp up their highly-principled approach to ensuring that governments don't get away with shirking their responsibilities.

While there is nothing concrete to suggest the Government will step back from commitments to its own specific targets to close life expectancy and health gaps, the range of expected future Budget increases for Indigenous health — anywhere between \$150 million and \$500 million annually — leaves a lot of room to move, including downwards.

We'll know more in a few weeks

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when COAG announces its planned long-term approach to closing the gap.

Of course this year's record \$22 billion Federal Budget surplus has softened the blow of the current crisis. Stockpiling nuts for winter is always a good approach.

The Government is urging the Australian people to keep spending to ensure the metabolism of the economy keeps ticking over. The same principle can be applied to spending on Indigenous health.

As a recent Access Economics report suggests, closing the gap as soon as possible could create billions in savings 20 years down the track.

Lastly, the Optimists of the Year award must surely go to Warren Mundine and Andrew Forrest for holding firm to the Australian Jobs Covenant target of 50,000 Indigenous jobs in the private sector within two years.

Doubling — as that would — the current number of Indigenous jobs in the private sector, that'd be a fine thing.

Koori Mail — 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

Robert Byrne (b. 1928) New York columnist once said: *The purpose of life is a life of purpose.*

EARLY this year I sought out a multi-purpose gym set to place in my garage as part of my fitness program. I don't know what possessed me, but I thought the gym apparatus that I viewed in the sports store would be delivered to my home fully assembled.

But to my surprise, the courier delivered it a couple of hours later neatly packaged in an unrecognisable condensed version. I was aghast at the task at hand as I am totally inept at anything associated with mechanical and technical processes involving nuts, bolts or chords.

The upside of this experience was that my 12-year-old daughter Jayde, who was the only one home with me at the time, volunteered to assemble the gym for me. Two hours later the gym materialised before my eyes and such was my elation at the unforeseen skill level demonstrated by my young daughter in putting it together, that I rang my wife Rhonda immediately to share the news.

After working her way through pages of complex diagrams and countless nuts and bolts, Jayde managed, with me irrelevantly holding on to heavy objects like a compliant minion, something that I thought would take skilled adults hours to assemble.

I heaped praise on Jayde to all family members and friends and intriguingly asked her some time later if she ever thought of pursuing a career as an engineer.

Previously, her aspirational goals changed with every incremental advance in school years, from wanting to be a school teacher, to a desire of being a nurse and more recently a high goal of a profession as a medical practitioner.

But not once did she allude to an occupation as an engineer.

"Not sure Dad - it's not something that I've thought about," she said.

Blank mind

I wished in that instant that I could have named an indigenous woman working in that field to hold up as a role model, but my mind went blank and words momentarily escaped me.

I knew personally of two indigenous men - Paul Martin, from Toowoomba, and Dennis Jose, from Innisfail - who have carved out impressive careers as engineers around Queensland, but I was unfamiliar with any indigenous woman who had taken up that male bastion of vocations.

That was until recently when my work colleague Ron Davis introduced me to his daughter Karen, who was visiting Toowoomba from Melbourne.

When I asked Karen what field of work she was involved in, she promptly informed me that she was an engineer, but prefers to be called a civil engineering designer.

As we chatted, I knew this was a story that I just had to record, especially as I was cognisant of the dearth of indigenous female engineers around the nation that young girls like Jayde could emulate.

When I asked Karen to name me the most important project she has worked on - nothing like cutting the chase - she listed the Eastlink Tollway in Melbourne.

"The most significant engineering project I've worked on

Breaking the glass ceiling



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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has been Eastlink which is a 39km tollway which runs from Mitcham, in Melbourne's north, to Frankston, in the south-east," she said in a humble tone.

"I worked on that project during 2005/06 and at the time it was the largest civil infrastructure project ever in Australian history (\$3.8 billion). I loved working on the Eastlink project as my work was varied. I not only worked in my usual road design area, but also helped model a wetlands area and also creek realignments.

"Also, I got to work with some great people who came from all over the world to work on the project. Eastlink opened in June 2008."

And, by the way, Karen has also worked on the \$2.3 billion Goodna Bypass concept design, west of Brisbane, and the Windsor Road duplication project in Sydney's north-west, as well as dozens of other engineering projects of national significance.

Talk about a modest Murri.

Karen told me that she made an inauspicious start to her working career. Having not received a

Tertiary Entrance (TE) score from her studies at Tully High in north Queensland, Karen said she worked at odd jobs around town before doing a Certificate in Tertiary Preparation at Innisfail TAFE College.

From Innisfail, she was accepted into the University of Southern Queensland to study a two-year Associate Diploma in Civil Engineering before doing extra studies to receive her Bachelor of Technology (Civic) and Graduate Diploma in Engineering (Environment).

In addition to seeking responses on her success in the highly competitive world of engineering, I was also fascinated to peer into the window of her cultural past.

Karen reflected on her childhood of growing up near Tully at Mt Mackay and Mt Tyson during the wet season. She especially loved watching the low cumulus clouds that hung over the imposing mountains.

Doting memories were also aroused on the childhood topic of hearing the constant low hum of the sugar mill during the cane season and seeing the bright yellow of the cane fires at night illuminating the evening darkness.

Karen had fond memories of going swimming with her siblings on a hot summer's day after school with her mother, Val (nee Brooks, Jidabal woman from Millaa Millaa) who always ensured her picnic basket was full of mangoes, lychees and watermelon to satisfy their mounting appetite.

Karen recalls the excitement of visiting her father, Ron (Kuku Yalanji man from Mossman) at the railway station and of him finding time in his busy schedule to give her and her siblings a ride on the baggage trolleys up and down the platform.

She said her father had a range of jobs on the railway that took him all over the State. In fact, she and her siblings were born in different locations due to her father's work transfers: Rona (Cloncurry), Ron Jnr (Maryborough), Karen (Babinda) and Kirstine (Goondiwindi).

The one constant in Karen's story is the importance of family in her life that she sees as 'my basic unit of support and whose views I respect and value.' Although she is an engineer and her brother Ron is a lawyer (also based in Melbourne), she said they never forgot their cultural roots and humble beginnings.

Karen remembers being fascinated hearing her grandmother and great-grandmother speaking



● LEFT: Indigenous civil engineering designer Karen Davis and her parents Val and Ron Davis.

language to each other. While she never learnt the language, she and her siblings, like most indigenous people around the nation, acquired a healthy vocabulary of individual words which she still uses around family members today.

Great-grandmother Nanna Weare (Jidabal Elder) featured prominently in Karen's cultural reminiscence and it was during visits to her Innit Hot Springs humble abode that she was taught how to pan for tin. Karen said her great-grandmother would retreat from time to time further into the bush to escape town life where she sought refuge in her little humpy.

The amazing childhood adventure for Karen resonated with me in her words from those years: "When we stayed with Nanna Weare in the bush, it would be pitch black except for the light of the campfire."

Identity

Karen's passionate lineage recollection in essence defines her traditional roots: "It determines who I am and where I've come from and it gives me an identity."

When I asked her of the best advice her parents gave her as a teenager, Karen said it was that 'coming first wasn't important, but giving 100 per cent of my effort was'.

It wasn't until years later that she put that saying into practice: Firstly, when working as a tracer for an engineering company in Cairns, and secondly as a mature-age student at university when she chose engineering as her preferred course to 'reacquainting myself with drafting work'.

Karen, who has achieved many amazing things in her chosen career, loves to unwind away from work in Melbourne by eating out at restaurants and cooking at home for family and friends. She especially loves trying new flavours and tastes from her parsley, thyme, rosemary, chilli, chives, mint and lavender patch that she tenderly

nurtures in her backyard garden. When she eats out, Karen prefers Japanese, especially gyoza (pan fried pork dumplings), yaki soba (pan fried noodles) and soyo ramen (noodle soup).

Books are a passion for Karen and she informs me that she is on track to achieve her goal of reading six books in six months - mostly achieved through commuting to and from work in busy Melbourne. She is currently reading *Princess Masako: Prisoner of the Chrysanthemum Throne*, written by Australian journalist Ben Hills.

Serendipitously, Karen enlightened me on her fascination with brewing her own beer.

"I'm almost onto my fourth brew which will be a European Lager, but I've also brewed Amber Ale and a Canadian Blonde. With each brew, I change something slightly, and record the results so I can discover the perfect brew," Karen explained with fervour only a home brewer could appreciate.

Karen said she loved the musical *Billy Elliott* and her favourite actor was Dame Judi Dench and she never tired of holidaying in Vancouver, which she referred to as 'a bustling metropolis with a wilderness at its doorstep'.

An interesting mix of politician Maxine McKew, indigenous criminologist Tanya Major and Getaway reporter Sorrel Wilby were the responses from Karen on the question of what three famous Australians she'd invite to her house for dinner if she could.

On the question of what advice would she give to young indigenous girls wanting to get into her field of work, Karen says: "Go for it! Engineering may be a bit intimidating, but always remember your contribution is valuable."

And as I reflect on the remarkable life of Karen and the possible career path and purpose in life for my daughter Jayde, I think of the famous words of Robert Byrne when he said: *The purpose of life is a life of purpose.*



Koori Mail columnist Dixie Crawford presented the Storm's Greg Inglis with the Deadly for Outstanding Achievement in Rugby League.

Deadlys simply the very best

Gee, what a last couple of weeks Aboriginal Australia has had. What a great time to be a blackfella!

I'm really quite excited writing this column, having only just landed back in Broken Hill from a massive celebration in Sydney with the 2008 Deadlys, and it was fantastic.

For those of you who didn't watch the Deadlys on the box, I'm here to tell you they are the business; they're simply the best.

I can tell you that I was pretty nervous waiting for the call to go on stage with the ever-so-talented, skilled and spunky Greg Inglis. I looked around that room and thought 'what an honour to be here presenting an award to some incredible, hard-working, proud Aboriginal person'.

It's so funny sitting here now writing of the ceremony and after-party. I have to keep myself from giggling and smiling about how much fun I had celebrating the achievements of my people.

The night was filled with performances from talented musicians, dancers and comedians, which made the ceremony delightful and a joy to watch and participate in.

I would like to make a special mention of all the staff who worked countless hours behind the scenes in the lead-up to and throughout the evening.

Although the ceremony and after-party were at one of the flashiest places in this country – the Opera House – it felt like we were all just a big family in the back yard, playing music, dancing and yarning but with the big, expensive gowns and suits on.

I see the Deadlys as a time for our community to come together and celebrate and reflect upon our history, be proud of our presence in Australia and strive to achieve the best we can in every aspect of our lives.

We, as a community, are reaching fantastic heights in sport, performing arts, health and



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education. I'm honestly so proud of what so many of our mob are doing in our communities in order to improve our quality of life and place in this ever-changing society.

There are so many clearly incredible role models; a credit to family, community, friends and themselves.

Before I finish, I had better make a mention of all the football that has been played over the past two or three weeks. How fantastic that our knockouts are still alive and doing very well in our communities.

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend any of them, but I caught up on all the news and would like to say 'well done' to all the organisers for what I am sure were great events for yet another year.

On a final note on the Deadlys, congratulations to all the winners and nominees on the evening. Keep up the hard work and stay black!

I was a Deadlys virgin before last week but I'm definitely going back for more next year and I recommend that you do the same if you're not busy!

Bringing parties together

NATIVE title mediation is unlike negotiation in other areas of life, where just two players may be brought together to argue their opposing views.

In native title, parties can be numerous and diverse, and relationships complex.

A claim recently settled for the Thalanyji people by the Federal Court in Onslow, in WA's Pilbara region, demonstrated this difference.

The claim involved more than 35 other parties, ranging from local, State and Commonwealth governments to representatives from the mining, pastoral, pearling, fishing and telecommunications industries.

The consent determination recognised non-exclusive rights and interests over 11,120 sq km of land and was a happy ending for the local Indigenous people, who had submitted their first claim in the area in 1999.

But it was also a positive outcome for the other parties to the claim, who for nearly 10 years had been working with the Thalanyji people to reach agreement on native title.

That number of respondent parties to native title claims is not unusual, but in fact typical. What it shows is how unusual and challenging the mediation of native title claims can be.

Unlike ordinary mediations where there might only be two parties, in native title claims, there can be hundreds. Even when they are grouped together, such as pastoralists, fishers or miners, they still have their individual concerns and approaches.

'Herding cats' is a cliché that sometimes comes to mind.

The Thalanyji case is one that illustrates how managing all these disparate interests is critical to successful outcomes.

In Thalanyji, the parties represented divergent interests, but shared a common commitment to achieving a positive outcome.

The Tribunal was able to support this commitment through its mediation process, which gives each party an opportunity to be heard – as well as to listen to the aspirations of others.

The Thalanyji determination is a reminder that native title applications aren't all the same and that they can affect many, very different players.

Other recent examples include Australia's 100th determination, for the Gunditjmara people in Victoria's western district, which involved 27 groups representing hundreds of individual parties with interests in the claimed area, including the Commonwealth Government, miners, farmers, fishers and beekeepers.

The Gunditjmara people's rights and interests were recognised over 140,000 ha of land and waters while also protecting the rights and interests of all the parties.

The Eastern Kuku Yalanyji people's claim in

Native Title and You



By National Native Title Tribunal Member Dan O'Dea

north Queensland, over 126,900 ha in the World Heritage Daintree area, was resolved in December 2007 with a consent determination.

This claim affected more than a dozen other parties, including local shire councils, miners, environmental authorities, farmers and service providers such as Telstra.

These resolutions come after many years of carefully negotiated mediations which begin after the

native title application is lodged and those with interests in the area have asked to be a party to negotiations.

The Tribunal is responsible for bringing all parties together to help them work out an outcome that benefits everyone. Our specialist expertise in native title mediation, interpretation of native title law and mapping of country helps us achieve this goal.

It is worth noting too, that the mediation of native title is different from other forms of mediation for reasons other than the number of parties. Native title mediation involves parties who usually don't know each other and haven't interacted much in the past.

Importantly, they usually haven't been in dispute with each other before and it is the claim that brings them into a potential conflict.

The starting point of the mediation is to assist the parties to gain an understanding of each other's rights and interests within the native title process and to avoid the confrontation and uncertainty of litigation, where results are imposed and many practical issues are not resolved.

Through mediation, the Tribunal is able to engender new relationships and partnerships, such as Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs), which can provide a structure for the ongoing co-management or use of the land subject to the claim.

In the Thalanyji claim, five body corporate pastoral ILUAs were to be registered after the determination hearing. In the Eastern Kuku Yalanyji claim, the determination followed the signing of 15 ILUAs which established a co-operative approach to land ownership, use and management and community development.

The Gunditjmara people and the State of Victoria reached an ILUA during the mediation of their claim, which established how they would exercise their rights and interests in the determination area.

The Tribunal's mediation process makes possible both the recognition of native title through the court's determination as well as partnerships and opportunities that arise from agreements, including ILUAs that are forged with the various parties along the way.

Unlike ordinary mediations where there might only be two parties, in native title claims, there can be hundreds.

YOUR SAY



Tasmania's Nala McKenna-Mansell (pictured) says reconciliation is in trouble if the opinion of one woman reflects the views of the majority.

● See her letter to the Editor on page 27

No complaints about waiting

THE article 'Long wait for new income management card' (*Koori Mail*, 8 October) incorrectly reported waiting times for customers to be issued with the new BasicsCard.

There have been waiting periods in Alice Springs for the issue of the BasicsCard. This reflects the strong demand for the card, in particular when it was introduced. Centrelink in Alice Springs is issuing more than 100 cards most days.

The process of issuing customers with the BasicsCard involves a 30 to 40-minute interview with a Centrelink Customer Service Adviser. This allows Centrelink to assist customers in how to use the card.

It also includes the provision of information in language.

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This process has proved extremely beneficial in ensuring the successful implementation of the card.

Across the Northern Territory, well over 3000 cards have now been issued and thousands of transactions have been processed.

Since the initial spike in demand for the BasicsCard in Alice Springs, waiting times for issue of the BasicsCard have averaged about half an hour and many customers wait much less time.

During the day of highest demand – 6 October – average waiting times were just over one hour.

I can assure readers of *The Koori Mail* that Centrelink constantly strives to streamline processes to keep waiting times to a minimum and will continue to do so.

I can advise, however, that the enthusiasm of customers to receive what they call their 'green card' has been so strong, no customers have complained about waiting times.

BARBARA CAUSON
Area Manager – North Australia
Centrelink



Respect lost for carnival

I AM coach and part of management of Wiradjuri Young Guns rugby league side which competed in the Dave Peachey knockout carnival held at Dubbo over the October long weekend.

We have lost our respect for the knockout and will not compete again or support the event in future unless major changes are made.

We had progressed to the final of the Consolation Cup on having the best for and against of the last three teams to compete. We, along with other first round losing teams, were now competing for this consolation.

We were to play the consolation before the actual final, but this never eventuated.

The situation was that Bourke had entered three teams to compete at Dubbo. Two of these sides were knocked out in the early stages of the knockout.

The third side – Farwest Warriors 2 – were the last side standing and were also competing for the Consolation Cup.

It came down to Bourke Farwest Warriors v Engonnia.

Bourke won the first game, but Engonnia protested and the committee would not make a decision on this matter, instead making them play again. This time Engonnia won, but Bourke protested.

This farce went on for at least two hours and the committee would not make a decision.

I, along with our management for Wiradjuri Young Guns, went to see the committee on numerous occasions to see when we would play for the consolation cup. We were told that it would be resolved after the protests were settled.

This never happened.

Late into the afternoon there was an announcement that the main final would be played in 20 minutes and for the respective teams to get ready. There was no announcement as to when the Consolation Cup would be played.

We went to see Dave Peachey and the committee and were told by security that the committee would come to see us.

Eventually, Irene Peachey spoke with us on the field and basically it was agreed that we receive \$1200 back, which was \$200 more than our nomination fee of \$1000.

Wiradjuri Young Guns never got to play the consolation game before the crowd and our supporters. We were waiting to play before the major final. We were not given the chance to win prizemoney.

We and the other teams that were contenders for the Consolation Cup left the grounds not knowing who was the best side at the knockout and without the major prize.

The Wiradjuri Young Guns will now look at other knockouts to support.

PAUL TOWNEY
Wiradjuri Young Guns
● Grand final abandoned
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Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

this will increase your chances of being published.

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

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

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Flashback to late last year when Mildura VCOKE students rode to Melbourne to appeal to Minister Pike to support their school.

Students must be the priority

AN open Letter to Victorian Education Minister Bronwyn Pike.

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Despite a short time frame, the community pulled together and worked really hard to support the realisation of their dream.

Since that time, we have continued to work under challenging conditions to build the school our community envisages.

We believe that this year we are very close to that dream, in a partnership with community and families.

Our school was re-opened in 2006 when the department combined four campuses into one school. Unlike every other school in Victoria, we were not under Schools Division, and instead reported to the Koorie Strategy Branch. This meant we had been able to access many programs and initiatives available to every other school.

In 2007 we underwent an external review – the first review our school had since 2003. Unlike reviews conducted for all other schools in Victoria, the external reviewer did not visit our school, look in classrooms or talk to students or staff, nor include our plans for the future and strategies for addressing identified issues.

The results of that review were made public, and plans were made to close our school.

Our students made a well-publicised ride to Melbourne to 'Save Our School', and we were given an undertaking to remain open this year, and an opportunity to finally respond to the review.

This year we have worked under enormous pressure to complete our response, and to address our literacy results.

Minister, we developed our community vision for the future, and presented that to you in March, as requested.

We also implemented a literacy program that has been a huge success, dramatically improving literacy results at our campus. The program has been so successful that it is now being promoted in Northern Metropolitan Region.

Despite the Education Department's concern at our literacy results, no-one visited our school to see what we were achieving. Had they done so, they would have seen our Prep to Year Two class explaining 'ellipses' and spelling words such as 'surprise' correctly.

They would have seen dedicated teachers inspiring students to achieve vastly improved literacy results, involving our whole school community.

They would have seen our older students celebrating their wonderful achievements and felt the sense of pride in our school.

Our school community was devastated when you announced, through a media release, that the school would be closed, students transferred out and a new school set up, to provide intensive, short-term support within a specialist school setting for Koorie students.

We were appalled that the media release was sent out while our School Council was meeting in Melbourne, so that we could not even inform our communities ourselves, nor support devastated students, staff and parents.

The School Council was not even given the respect of being informed of the media release, but had to find out from the media.

The lack of respect shown to our school had gutted our community.

This 'new' model allows other schools to continue to dump difficult Koorie students and in no way addresses the issues these students have at other schools.

The new plan is a deficit model that has been unsuccessful in previous attempts, yet is the only model the department has put forward.

The department representative quoted you is saying that you are unable to ensure that current students will not 'fall through the cracks' despite the criteria set by the department.

Any future operational model must place the interests of Koorie students, and particularly

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Students must be the first priority

NSW Govt's record is woeful

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those currently at VCOKE, above all else.

Have any teachers had input into developing this model? What educational philosophy underlies this model? Our School Council and our community reject the new model.

Minister, will you forcibly close our school, for the first time under a Labor Government?

Do the wishes and aspirations of parents and community count?

Does the Labor Party advocate a 'welfare' agenda, taking away the opportunity for parents to have meaningful input into schooling and if so, is that now Labor Party policy?

We await your response.

Committee of Management, Parents and Community Members
Victorian P-12 College of Koorie Education
Mildura campus
Mildura, Vic

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch would like me to 'acknowledge the ongoing implementation' of his Government's inter-agency plan to tackle the abuse of Aboriginal children (Your Say, *Koori Mail*, 8 October).

Unfortunately, this is impossible given the shroud of secrecy surrounding the plan.

More than 18 months after its release, the Minister has yet to publicly report on progress against the plan's 88 recommendations.

In addition, members of the Advisory Panel chosen by the Minister were made to sign confidentiality agreements preventing them making public comment on the Government's performance.

This lack of transparency reached its height when Minister Lynch was asked six times by radio 2GB how many Aboriginal child sexual assault counsellors had been appointed in NSW. To the embarrassment of his Government, the Minister couldn't

or wouldn't give an answer.

Despite this woeful record, Minister Lynch is upset that I haven't in the past acknowledged new money he secured in this year's Budget for the next four years. The reason for that is simple: At less than \$6 million a year 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.

I agree with Minister Lynch that 'credit is due where progress has been made'. If, at some point between now and the 2011 election, he is able to report on genuine progress in an open and transparent way, I'll be the first to congratulate him.

Until then, the Minister will continue to get the criticism he and his Government deserve.

GARY HIGHLAND
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Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR)
Rozelle, NSW



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Let communities choose whether they want practical assistance, suggests **MARCIA LANGTON**, Professor of Australian Indigenous Studies at the University of Melbourne

THE rancorous debate about the Northern Territory emergency response emanates from two broad camps: Those who claim that several measures, particularly compulsory welfare quarantining and five-year leases to the Commonwealth over Aboriginal township areas are ineffective and racially discriminatory; and those who are not persuaded by this critique and are concerned that drastic measures are necessary to close the gap in the differential life expectancy of Indigenous Australians as against the national average.

The former includes the human rights advocates entangled in the 50-year-old abstractions and ideology of the sanctity of the individual versus the collective rights of groups. Peter Yu, Chairman of the board reviewing the Northern Territory intervention, is in this camp and this is demonstrated by the tone of the board's report.

The report consists of a compilation of contradictory policy settings and assumes that all of the initial, and even the continuing, intervention measures are racially discriminatory.

Of course this is nonsense. The fact is that a group of people who share historical, economic and social conditions – but who are also classified and defined racially – need radical measures to overcome their extreme poor health and deficiencies in education, employment and other aspects of their lives. The reduction of alcohol, drugs and pornography is the target of some of these measures, while others are aimed at ensuring that appropriate land titles exist for increasing the housing stock in Aboriginal communities.

These measures are not intended to be racially discriminating and, except for the failure to consult adequately with Aboriginal people, could constitute special measures for the benefit of a racially defined group.

On this point the review board has served a useful purpose: By recording the disgust and dissatisfaction with this failure to consult, Aboriginal people who are opposed to the measures simply on the grounds of lack of consultation have had an opportunity to be heard.

Many Aboriginal people, probably a majority of women, agree with the measures, although they have arrived at this conclusion as they have

Give the people a choice



Key intervention measures focused on the reduction of alcohol, drugs and pornography, as shown in these Federal Government issued posters.

witnessed the benefits delivered since the intervention commenced: Less drunken behaviour and violence; much lower admissions to hospital of people with alcohol-related injuries; and few alcohol-related homicides.

As leaks ooze out of Darwin about the review board report, what I am left with is that in order to appear to be loyal to his camp followers, Yu has leaked his earlier, more strident draft, so that it is clear he has been forced to compromise. It has been reported that the review board may have been persuaded to rewrite its earlier (leaked) draft and that now, rather than recommending the end of the intervention measures, the board members have compromised.

If this is true, then I take it that the review board members are not prepared to stand by what they have recommended, and this is perhaps just as well, because it is difficult to see how

what they have recommended would work in practice.

They recommend that welfare quarantining be made voluntary and triggered by several types of reportable behaviour, replacing the compulsory welfare quarantining that has been implemented in the Northern Territory.

Who pulls the trigger?

The question is, who pulls the trigger?

I suggest this should be left to the Families Responsibilities Commission, led by a judicial expert and local Elders, which should also ensure that the very people who are incapable of putting their hands up for help, for measures such as income management to ensure that children are fed, come before the commission and are assisted by court orders that integrate the relevant agencies and

government services.

It is clear that some agency must take responsibility to ensure that families have assistance, including welfare quarantining and income management, as well as a range of other services.

What the review board recommends stops well short of these practical arrangements, and like the Howard Government, cherry-picks some crowd-pleasing elements of them. There can be no disagreement with the need to consult, but action is also urgently required – not just endless consultation.

In order to overcome the apparently irreconcilably opposed stances on how to address Aboriginal poverty and disadvantage, I propose that an area-based opt-in or opt-out approach be offered to Indigenous communities, with a range of options.

Under such an arrangement, a community or group of communities with common

languages or history may choose to opt in to the program and choose from a range of policy settings aimed at encouraging healthy behaviours and discouraging unhealthy and wealth-reducing behaviours:

- Welfare quarantining and income management, the quarantining triggered by events such as child neglect, abuse, failure to send children to school, domestic and other violence, drunkenness, drug and substance abuse.

- Penalties for school truancy and incentives for school attendance (such as funding for school-based activities, dormitories, culture camps and swimming pools).

- Regular child health checks.
- Compulsory reporting of child neglect to a locally based commission, modelled on the Families Responsibilities Commission presently operating successfully in Cape York Peninsula Indigenous communities.

- Township and living area leasing and titling arrangements held by traditional owners in conjunction with government and private sector housing construction projects.

- The replacement of the Community Development Employment Program (CDEP) with job and training subsidies combined with workforce mobility incentives that ensure that the households of working men and women are not disadvantaged by periods of working away from home, such as loss of rental accommodation.

- Severe restrictions on access to alcohol and other licit substances such as kava, and pornography.

- Criminal penalties for drug and alcohol abuse-related violence, vandalism, theft, improper use of motor vehicles in relation to grog-running and affray.

Alternatively, a community or group of communities could choose to opt out of these arrangements and continue with the pre-intervention arrangements.

Communities that choose to opt out would have normal entitlements to social security payments but none of the incentives for enhanced economic and education participation of the opt-in communities. They would compete for the limited government grants for housing and community development as usual.

Give communities a choice and let's see who opts in and who opts out, who chooses better life chances and opportunities for themselves and their children over more misery and unnecessary death.

Let's see who chooses the abstract, and in critical respects woolly-headed, human rights arguments over practical assistance in reforming the dreadful circumstances in far too many Aboriginal communities.

MARCIA LANGTON is also Chairperson of the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership whose work leads the Cape York welfare reform agenda including a voluntary income management program.

● This article first appeared in *The Australian* newspaper.



Report vindicates the questioners

THE interventionists are already decrying the bias of the report by the Northern Territory Emergency Response Review Panel. Many of the intervention's harshest critics believe the report does not go far enough.

Either way, it is the first opportunity to engage the Government in a sensible discussion about what aspects are worth saving and what should be abandoned.

There was never much dispute, from either side, about the acute level of disadvantage in the Territory's Aboriginal communities, nor about the problems of substance abuse and violence – although (former Howard Government Minister) Mal Brough's claims about paedophile rings have been discredited. The real division lies in the best way to deal with those problems.

When the intervention was announced, there should have been a debate about whether the measures were adequate or effective, but it was shut down by almost hysterical accusations that anyone questioning them were 'protecting paedophiles' or 'did not care about women and children'.

The report refers to this when noting the intervention was 'fuelled, accelerated and flawed by the heightened emotion that surrounded its inception'.

The broad concerns raised by affected Aboriginal communities and experts working in the Territory – along with growing evidence that many mechanisms were failing – were met with the complacent response: 'At least they are doing something'.



A successful intervention needs less emotion and more evidence, argues LARISSA BEHRENDT, Professor of Law at the University of Technology, Sydney.

The report vindicates the questioners. It identifies problems with aspects that were questioned from the start: The abolition of the permit system and the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP); the absence of compensation for compulsory acquisition of communal land; problems with community managers; and the lack of consultation with Aborigines about policies being imposed on them. Quarantining welfare payments is

particularly controversial. There was always suspicion about a policy purporting to punish parents for their children failing to go to school, especially as evidence shows parental attitude is only one factor accounting for non-attendance; the school's culture and teaching quality can be just as influential. Chronic underfunding of Aboriginal education has also led to a lack of teachers and classrooms in many communities.

Instead of targeting parents whose children did not go to school, whole communities were subjected to welfare quarantining. Anyone on a benefit, whether their children went to school or not, whether they had children or not, whether they had been able to manage their own finances or not, was subjected to it.

The intervention removed rights of redress under the Racial Discrimination Act, the Northern Territory anti-discrimination legislation and the right to appeal to the Social Security Appeals Tribunal.

This raised questions about the effectiveness of a policy purporting to increase school attendance, and why such rights to checks and balances had to be stripped away to achieve that goal.

The Australian Indigenous Doctors Association's powerful submission noted that, 'on the whole, the response to income management has been ineffective, discriminatory, and harmful ... (and) does not take into account the size of Aboriginal families and the high cost of food in remote Aboriginal communities. Therefore many

community members reported that there is insufficient money for food and other essential items'.

It said quarantining caused family and community conflicts, and limited cash flow, curtailing cultural activities, such as funeral costs and travel for ceremony. It was seen as unfair and removing responsibility from Aborigines.

The interventionists argue suspending basic rights – such as protection from racial discrimination – doesn't matter. The child-protection ends justify the means.

Anti-interventionists will point out that quarantining has been disastrous. There is evidence that it causes hardship, and no evidence that it improves school attendance.

The review panel has taken the middle ground. It advocates the retention of the quarantining, but does not believe it should be compulsory. It recommends certain 'triggers' to set it in place, and that the policy be consistent with the Racial Discrimination Act. And it offers the Rudd Government a strategic way out of a policy quagmire.

We now have an opportunity to move beyond the simplistic and nonsensical platitudes that this is 'about the children', away from failed ideological policies to an evidence-based approach to reducing the disadvantage, violence, substance abuse faced by Aboriginal women and children.

That is the approach they deserve.
● This article first appeared in *The Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper

Reconciliation in trouble if view is popular

RAYLENE Kennedy (Launceston Examiner, 13 October) states that she is no longer sorry for the forcible removal of Aboriginal children from their families because of the sign out the front of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) that highlights the offensiveness of Australia Day celebrations to Aborigines.

If the future of reconciliation is based on views such as Raylene Kennedy's, then we're all in big trouble.

NALA MANSELL-McKENNA
State Secretary
Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre
Hobart, Tasmania



TV show made Najella homesick

AFTER watching on ABC Television's *Message Stick* program on Sunday 5 October about Ricky Maynard's story and his beautiful photographs, I felt homesick for my birthplace in Tasmania.

I hear every day, 'What? You're Tasmanian Aboriginal?' People just think there are no Indigenous people there.

Thank you Ricky for taking me back to our beautiful island, and telling stories. Thanks to *Message Stick* and ABC TV too.

All of us Aboriginal people have stories to share, whether it be through photography, music, yarning etc.

What better way to spend my birthday than to be taken back to my beloved island.

NAJELLA GREEN
Palm Beach, Qld

Just as surprised as anyone else

THE story 'Boost for Stolen Gens' (*Koori Mail*, 24 September) concentrates one column each on the Indigenous Affairs Minister, Jenny Macklin, and on the Northern Territory.

However, it contains no news from NSW, Qld, WA, Tasmania, SA, ACT or Victoria, as if there are no Stolen Generations of importance in the rest of Australia.

It is essential to healing that everyone is included and that no-one be excluded.

The National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) is effectively but sadly divided across Australia, with it opting, unconstitutionally in my view, to recruit new delegates from a few areas.

The accompanying story 'From the Umpire' was no justification for this partial denial of the voices of the unheard, nor was there any justification for implying that I personally orchestrated the general meeting to remove Helen Moran from the Chair of the NSDC.

I was just as surprised as anyone else when I was nominated and voted on as the

new Chair of the NSDC by what I believe to have been a constitutionally valid general meeting of the NSDC recognised by the ACT Registrar-General.

I believe the vote of no confidence in the current chair, Ms Moran, that was passed at the meeting was in accordance with all the rules of the NSDC Constitution.

The Registrar-General wrote that the register should stay unchanged with regards to the NSDC because his office has no capacity under the Act to take action to register a replacement Executive.

I am of the view that the NSDC may properly reject the published view that the Registrar-General 'was unable to accept documents which are competing but on the face appear correct'.

JOHN BROWNE
Norwood, SA

EDITOR: These issues have been well-aided in *The Koori Mail*. Correspondence on them is now closed, pending further developments.

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The purpose of the national register is not to endorse or provide accreditation to any particular training provider/s but to assemble a list of organisations offering these services.

Interested parties and applicants wishing to register must provide the following information in the format provided on the website www.reconciliation.org.au

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- History of training experience.
- Training format (including experiential training opportunities for participants).
- Area/s of expertise.
- Connection to the local Indigenous community and collaboration with local expertise in training provision.
- Participant feedback/evaluation of previous training provided and
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Admired in many quarters

It may have been coincidental, but it seemed fitting that the unveiling of a tombstone in memory of the late and great Monty Prior was held on Father's Day in September.

Deacon William Joseph Prior, widely known as Monty, was born at Palm Island on 22 June 1922 and died in Townsville on 8 August 2007. He was a good father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

His tombstone at Townsville's Belgian Gardens cemetery was unveiled on Father's Day, 7 September. Earlier, a church service was held in his memory and afterwards a feast at St Teresa's Church in Garbutt.

A large number of family and friends gathered for the unveiling, before which his daughter Cilla Prior made a moving speech.

"We are still coming to grips with Dad's passing and it will take time," Cilla said. "Our father had no favourites, each of us in the family experienced all of his great love."

"That love extended to both sides of our family as we always had a house full of our cousins living with us at some stage of our lives."

Catholic Priest Father Mick Peters blessed the tombstone, declaring that Monty had a 'beautiful eternal smile', and Monty's nephew Trevor Prior strummed his guitar and sang a song entitled *Sweet Bye and Bye*.

Cilla told *The Koori Mail* that she had not planned to have the ceremony on Father's Day.

"We had delays as the stone came from China and it just happened that day," she said.

Her dad Monty moved to Townsville in 1945 as a builders' labourer and a boxer. Doris had



The Aboriginal flag over 'Monty' Prior's grave before the unveiling.

TRIBUTE

Deacon William Joseph 'Monty' Prior

moved to Townsville from Ayr earlier and lived with her sister Gladys and brother-in-law Bill Thompson.

She and Monty married on 4 October 1947, moving to the suburb of Garbutt, where they lived all their married life and where their 11 children attended primary school.

Monty and Doris helped form the Garbutt Magpies Aussie Rules Club in the early 1950s, and played in a local family and community band.

Monty worked for the PMG, as well as a builders' labourer, groundsman and on construction sites such as the Townsville Airport. He also worked as a plastering contractor for RC Schrock.

Ordained

In 1982 Monty was ordained as deacon into the Catholic Church and even after his retirement, continued to serve the Church with dedication and commitment.

Doris was always a strong supporter of Monty's work as a deacon and together they worked to establish the first Aboriginal parish in Garbutt through the Aboriginal and Islander Catholic Council - 'Santa Teresa'.

Monty and Doris represented their people as directors on numerous boards. One of their biggest highlights was their involvement with

TAIMA/4K1G which they were involved with from the very beginning.

Monty became a member of the Central Queensland Land Council and served as Chairman from 1991 to 2003.

He also visited Britain in 1990 with two other Aboriginal Elders to retrieve three Aboriginal skeletal remains taken to the UK for medical research in 1893. These were returned to country and put to rest.

He and Doris were also involved in Indigenous Juvenile Justice in the Townsville area and the Indigenous Elders Advisory Group.

— By ALF WILSON
in Townsville



Back row, from left, Fiona Thomson, Kristina Ugle, Jacqui Spurling, Julie Wynne, Nadine Dymock; front row, Vivienne Little, Brenda Dolby, Isobel Winmar.

More teachers to keep West Aust languages alive



Western Australia

State Education Minister Liz Constable said more government school students were learning Aboriginal languages than ever before.

"In 1995, we only had eight schools across the State where Aboriginal languages were offered as a study option - that number has now grown to 75," Dr Constable said.

"The teacher training course is a vital component in preserving these traditional languages and boosting students' cultural pride. It is also creating more employment opportunities for Indigenous

Australians in education."

During their training, all graduates spent at least one hour each week teaching a language class. They also undertook four weeks of theoretical training in resource development, planning, teaching and assessment.

One of the latest graduates, Nadine Dymock, from West Busselton Primary School, teaches the Noongar language and also Wardandi, the traditional language of the Indigenous people of Busselton.

"It is important to preserve Aboriginal languages because we are in danger of losing them and they are a vital part of our heritage and culture," Ms Dymock said.

"Students who learn these languages benefit from a better understanding of Aboriginal people in their area and a

greater knowledge of their own culture."

"The course has widened my own language and teaching skills and I'm looking forward to continuing to teach the Noongar language."

Since the training program began in 1998, 99 Aboriginal people have graduated.

The 2008 graduates are Nadine Dymock (West Busselton PS, Noongar and Wardandi languages), Vivienne Little (Medina PS, Noongar), Fiona Thomson (Dunsborough PS, Noongar), Kristina Ugle (Amaroo PS, Noongar), Isobel Winmar (Riverside PS, Noongar), Julie Wynne (Avonvale PS, Noongar), Brenda Dolby (Bayulu Remote Community School, Gooniyandi) and Jacqueline Spurling (Kalgoorlie Boulder Community High School, Wangkatha).

Elders' stories recorded



Western Australia

STORIES from West Australian Indigenous Elders and their communities will be digitally recorded to preserve them for future generations.

They are among the first round of projects selected for funding through the Indigenous Community Stories initiative.

Six projects reflecting the diverse and unique history of Western Australia's Indigenous people have been selected.

Each project will receive funding to record their community stories using high-definition digital equipment.

ScreenWest Chief Executive Ian Booth said the significance of the need to conserve Indigenous community stories from WA was highlighted by the first projects selected for funding.

"Many of these stories have never even been heard outside of their local community, and more than one are at threat of being lost forever," Mr Booth said.

"The result of this initiative will be that

younger members of these communities can continue to enjoy and benefit from the inspiring and significant stories of their people."

The six projects include stories from the Malgana saltwater people of Shark Bay, oral history from young Aboriginal women who sought refuge in Fremantle, and the story of the traditional Noongar walking trail from Esperance to Albany.

Indigenous Community Stories is a joint initiative between ScreenWest and the Film and Television Institute (FTI), and supported by Lotterywest and the Department of Local Government and Regional Development.

FTI CEO Graeme Sward said it was the start of a major project to record the Indigenous cultural history of Western Australia.

A second round selection for Indigenous Community Stories is scheduled to close on 17 November. Indigenous individuals and communities that have a strong desire to record their stories at professional broadcast-quality are encouraged to apply.

● For more information visit www.screenwest.com.au



Teacher Matt Hill with the Alyawarra mob from Mulga Bore.



Traditional dancing during the opening ceremony at Mobfest, held at Ti Tree School, about 200km north of Alice Springs. Students from a wide area of Central Australia were there.



Laramba School students doing the Mob News at Mobfest.



Drum Atweme mob from Yipirinye with Natalie of the band Blue King Brown.



Ti Tree middle years students Jacinta Glenn, Tatianna Glenn, and Cecania Nelson.

Mobfest is music to their ears

By DARREN COYNE



A GATHERING of kids has been making plenty of music in the centre of Australia at the inaugural Mobfest.

About 200 students from remote schools converged on the Ti Tree School for three days of workshops and performances.

Mobfest has been organised by the Music Outback Foundation, which has been sending musicians to remote communities for six years to support teachers with musical education.

Organiser Steve Berry, of Mullumbimby in northern NSW, described the turnout of students, parents, and volunteers to Mobfest as fantastic.

Mr Berry is the founder of the Music Outback Foundation, which had its origins in 2001 after he conducted a week-long music workshop at M'bunghara, in remote Central Australia.

His time there left him inspired to return to the Northern Territory to provide regular music education opportunities to remote Indigenous schools.

In September 2002 he visited four more schools, conducting workshops at each location, and

the success of those visits resulted in an invitation to expand his program to a large number of remote schools in Central Australia.

In order to meet the demand, he began to introduce other musicians to the program. Many of those teachers still return year after year to share their music and performance skills.

That program has culminated in Mobfest, which has been supported by Federal Government grants.

community culture. Students at Mobfest took part in Indigenous language song-writing workshops, instrument making, video and photography, hip-hop and break-dancing, animation and visual art.

Hip-hop teacher Jason Campbell, an Indigenous teacher based at Mullumbimby, told *The Koori Mail* it was a pleasure taking part in the festival, and seeing the skills of the children develop.

"The kids out here are so talented. It takes a bit extra to encourage and loosen them up, but they step up to it," he said.

"It's a great opportunity for them. They are learning drumming, acoustics, and keyboards. They are writing music and learning

hip-hop and beat-boxing.

"It was a bit hot but I loved it... It's like a tent city around the school and everyone had a great time."

And although the festival finished last week, the students have one more performance to look forward to this year.

On 4 December they will all travel to Alice Springs to share their new songs and skills at a concert that will feature a special guest artist who also knows a thing or two about making music — Jimmy Little.

'The kids out here are so talented. It takes a bit extra to encourage and loosen them up, but they step up to it'

"The kids absolutely love it and the people from government offices can't believe what they're seeing," Mr Berry told *The Koori Mail*.

"We're running 12 classes simultaneously ... we've taken over every room in the school including the storerooms."

Mr Berry said the festival activities expanded on Music Outback's established school-based programs that use song-writing as a means of creating relevant learning resources based on local

'Oldies' saddle up



Sam Murray II, Bowman Davidson, Steven Priestley, Coby Bond, Trevor Davidson Jr, Ralph Gyemore, Barry Dinduck, Bow Button, Hayden Boney, Tristan and Jordaci Murray enjoyed the Cherbourg gathering.



The Muddy Flat Band, from left, Bevan Costello, Sam Murray II, Rory Boney, Shamus Cobbo, Robert (Rocko) Langton, Harold Chapman Jr.



MOTOR car may have been the preferred mode of travel, but perhaps attendees at this year's

Cherbourg Golden Oldies should have saddled up, given the event's Country and Western theme.

Every year, locals are joined by former locals and friends and family at the popular gathering and 2008 saw more than 200 people honour Cherbourg's great rodeo riders and stockmen of yesteryear.

Special tribute was paid to Cherbourg boys who sang country songs day and night and lived at a place that was dubbed 'Melody Ranch', especially Elders Jack Moffatt and Howard Saltner.

Cr Bert Button welcomed everyone on behalf of the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council before paying tribute to all the old Aboriginal stockmen and rodeo riders and introducing the younger ones who paraded to loud applause.

The Muddy Flat Band played music to suit the occasion, and there was plenty of 'bootscootin' and old-time dance in the old community hall.

"It was a most enjoyable and successful event. It's good to see the oldies reminisce and enjoy themselves," said event co-ordinator Sandra Morgan.

"People are already asking what the theme for Golden Oldies will be next year, with some bets on rock 'n' roll.



Howdy ma'ams! Lorraine Murray, Annie Moffatt and Jackie Kyle.



ABOVE: Tristan Murray was at the Cherbourg gathering with his Nanna, Bessie Bond.



LEFT: Rodeo riders and volunteers Jeffrey Dynevor and Sam Chambers Snr joined in the Golden Oldies.

Focus on language



THE NSW Government says it is taking a national lead in revitalising and protecting Aboriginal languages.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister

Paul Lynch told State Parliament that language was a key part of tackling Aboriginal disadvantage.

Before the arrival of Europeans, at least 70 Aboriginal languages and dialects were spoken in the area now called New South Wales. In 2008 – the United Nations International Year of Languages – there are only about 20 distinct Aboriginal languages used in the State.

"Two years ago the Census found there were only 804 Aboriginal people in New South Wales who identified as speaking an Indigenous language," Mr Lynch said.

He told Parliament NSW was taking the lead to revitalise languages through school programs, grants and interactive resources like DVDs and CD-ROMs.

The Minister said NSW was the first Government in Australia to adopt a



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– Minister Paul Lynch

formal Indigenous language policy.

Since 2003, the State Government had invested more than \$1 million on community language projects, he said.

"Last month, I visited Wilcannia Central School where the teaching of the Paakantji language is helping improve numeracy and

literacy and to improve school attendance rates," the Minister said.

Rob Malcolm, who was acting principal at the school at the time of the Minister's visit, told ABC Radio the work was 'extremely exciting and interesting on a range of levels'.

"They're even starting to work on words for 20th century objects like DVD player," he said.

The Government says support has also been provided for the revitalisation of the following languages:

- Dharug, western Sydney
- Gamilaraay, north-western NSW
- Gumbaynggir, North Coast
- Wiradjuri, Central West
- Dharawal, Wollongong region
- Murrawarri, western NSW
- Ngiyampaa, western NSW
- Yuwaalayaay, north-western NSW
- Dhanggati, Mid-North Coast region
- Kattang, north of Newcastle

Mr Lynch said the NSW Government recognised the crucial role played by NSW Aboriginal people in revitalising language.

"Language is an important part of culture and Australia's Aboriginal people have the longest living culture in the world," he said.

"As an Aboriginal Elder has said to me: 'You can't have a culture without a language'."

\$1.5m for projects



THE Australian Government has allocated \$1.55 million for 18 small-scale Northern Territory community projects, including more than \$600,000 for two capital projects in Wadeye, the NT's largest Indigenous community.

Wadeye, with a population of around 2500, will receive funding for the construction of a

gymnasium next to the sport and recreation hall as well as a new ablutions block at the community's main oval.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the projects would provide ongoing work during the wet season for local Indigenous trainees at the community's tilt-up concrete slab factory and will support the community to build up a skilled labour force for future construction projects.

The new gymnasium would be an important community resource and would provide new sport and recreation opportunities for Indigenous people, she said.

Improvements

An additional \$900,000 would be provided for 16 additional projects that would deliver immediate improvements for remote Indigenous communities in the NT, the Minister said.

Ms Macklin said all of the

projects would provide new work and training opportunities for Indigenous Australians.

In Kintore, \$140,000 would be provided to renovate a house to be used as a two-bed renal dialysis unit for dialysis patients so local people could receive treatment on country rather than having to make the long trip to Alice Springs.

Approved for Western Arnhem was \$230,000 to construct new freezer and chiller facilities and

upgrade existing facilities to improve the range and availability of healthy food for the Waruwi community.

Other projects included dust suppression and control in Mt Leibig; home cleaning packs to support the delivery of a home living skills program in Harts Range; and upgrades to the Tjupi Art Centre in Papunya.

All projects were nominated by communities in conjunction with government business managers.

WomenSpeak up in Toowoomba



JO WILLMOT



WOMEN from across Australia joined together in southern Queensland earlier this month to strip away

myths, colour barriers and find solutions to help all females in the last WomenSpeak forum for the year.

A year ago, Dot Henry was the only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander woman on the WomenSpeak committee.

Now, five events have brought more than 1000 Indigenous and non-Indigenous women together at similar events in Adelaide, Perth, Sydney and Canberra.

The 150 delegates at Queensland's only gathering, in Toowoomba, were encouraged to work from 'a basis of mutual respect' by guest speaker Jo Willmot, originally from Cherbourg and now working with Relationships Australia in South Australia.

Resolutions from the day will be collated and forwarded by the YWCA Downs and South West to the Federal Government for consideration in policy making.

"Pretending to be optimistic, in my experience, does nothing to ignite positive directions," Ms Willmot said, talking about whiteness and how Aborigines feel like the 'other' in their own land.

"This is not about romanticising past Aboriginal culture. Our difference is not about being exotic or primitive. Aboriginal culture is not the stereotype of natives with no clothes and spears and coolamons."

Ms Willmot said Aboriginal culture 'can operate today, in

Forum is part of national network

Western clothes and houses'.

"It is about a relationship and duty of care to the land and all that exists, which is not based on Western ideas of consumption and ownership and progress," she said.

"It is time for a new song, a singing up of country where the voices of both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians sing and move together."

Organising committee member Sorita McGrane, a Torres Strait Islander woman, said 'astounding feedback' from the day and a spirit of 'collectively finding solutions'

organised through the YWCA Downs and South West Queensland office, which is a registered training organisation based in Toowoomba and provides programs such as Get Set for Work, Job Placement and Employment Training, youth and women's projects.

This year, it opened a community housing wing after a refurbishment project that provides hostel accommodation for women, with extension plans under way to further provide for young people in need.

The organisation also has an office in nearby Dalby. The WomenSpeak Network is one of four, non-government National Women's Secretariats funded by the Commonwealth Office for Women to act as a conduit for

the exchange of information between the Government and the women's sector and provide representative advice on policy issues affecting women.

The WomenSpeak Network provides the Federal Office for Women with significant input on issues affecting women in Australia, including childcare, women's health, women's leadership, young women, the role of men and boys in gender equity, and violence against women.

'This is a unique opportunity to share as a group and meet women from across the country'

— Sorita McGrane



made the event a success.

"Toowoomba, sitting on the land of the Gaibal and Jarowair people, is traditionally a meeting place, and the conference built on this, welcoming all women to discuss priorities and identify solutions," she said.

"This is a unique opportunity to share as a group and meet women from across the country, with a contingent from Canberra coming to the event."

The gathering was



Kathy Thompson and Judith Standen discuss how to effect change for all women, especially Indigenous women, by working together.



Issues around health and motherhood are imminent in Sharlene Smith's life as she listens to Liz Doyle's comments.



Rhyl Dearden takes notes on Cassandra Taylor's comments.

Boys to men journey is highlighted

By ALF WILSON in Townsville

A CEREMONY in Townsville has charted the 'Boys to Men' journey of a Garbutt Magpies under-17 Australian football team who visited Melbourne 25 years ago.

The Garbutt Magpies Sporting Association was formed in 1955 and joined the Townsville Australian Football League competition a year later. It folded in 1989 but in its heyday consisted mostly of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families living in the Townsville suburb of Garbutt.

At various times the club had men and women and juniors involved in Australian football, cricket, soccer, basketball, rugby league, baseball, darts, netball, softball and vigoro.

Dr Brian McCoy, who is now living in Melbourne, coached the under-17 Aussie rules side that played three games in 1983 in Melbourne and was managed by Alec Illin Snr and the late Pat Pryor.

Players raised their own funds for the once-in-a-lifetime trip, and got to watch the 1983 VFL grand final.

Players included Alec Illin Jnr, Brett Ross, Calvin Stanley, Craig Chirgwin, Craig Jehn, Duane Stanley, George Akee, Philip Pryor, Randall Ross, Stephen McDonald (all now living Townsville), Alan Chirgwin (Singapore), Dean Murphy (Seisia), Dennis Saylor and Francis 'Tommy T' Tapim (Brisbane), John Levi (St Pauls, Torres Strait), Mal Mabo (Palm Island), Ned Pedro (Atherton), Doug Tapim (Western Australia) and Ogal Akee (Rockhampton).

Players of Torres Strait Islander origin who made the tour included Brett Ross, Dennis Saylor, Douglas Tapim, Francis 'Tommy T' Tapim, George Akee, Mal Mabo, Ned Pedro, Ogal Akee and Randall Ross.

The Melbourne trip has now



At the ceremony were, from left, Alec Illin Jnr, Randall Ross, Dr Brian McCoy, George Akee, Brett Ross (in wheelchair), Calvin Stanley, Doug Tapim and Dennis Saylor. Dr McCoy was coach in 1983 and the others were players.



The 1983 Garbutt Magpies touring team.

been credited with having a positive effect on the players' lives, with research indicating they fared better in house ownership, income, health and standard of living when compared with other Indigenous people.

Leading the project as researchers were Randall Ross (principal researcher and a member of the 1983 team), Associate Professor Jacinta Elston and Dr Brian McCoy. There was also a research advisory reference group including Alec Illin Snr, Calvin Stanley, Alec Illin Jnr and Duane Stanley.

The researchers and reference group looked at old photos, newspaper clippings and reminisced with family and friends. They compiled

information from player questionnaires, interviews and workshops.

Many of the players, their families and friends attended the recent ceremony, including Murray Islander Doug Tapim who travelled from Port Hedland, Western Australia.

Guests were welcomed to country by Garbutt Magpies' Angie Akee.

The research project, through James Cook University, sought to better understand the experiences of the young men who formed the under-17 team, their contemporaries, their families and the wider north Queensland Indigenous and non-Indigenous community at that time.

The project began in April 2007 and concluded this month.

NT community tuned in

NORTHERN Territory community broadcasters can boast some of the most popular radio stations in Australia, with 42 per cent of people in the NT listening to community radio each week – more than any other State or Territory.

The 2008 national survey of community radio listeners reveals a 10 per cent increase in the number of people listening across the country in an average month.

The independent survey, released last Tuesday, showed that many people were choosing to tune into their local community radio station for the localised content, specialist

programs and Australian music that was on offer. In the NT, nine per cent of people listen exclusively to community radio.

Many NT community radio stations were Indigenous-run, highlighting the role of community radio in Indigenous communities.

And many broadcast to remote and regional locations where information communicated in the first language of listeners is critical, and local community radio is the only form of radio accessible.

"These listener figures show just how much Indigenous communities value services that speak their language," said Australian Indigenous Communications Association Chair Jim Remedio.

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Reopening of the Indigenous wages and savings reparations offer

In 2002, the Queensland Government created the Indigenous wages and savings reparation scheme to offer payments to Indigenous Queenslanders who had their wages and savings controlled by past governments.

The reparation scheme is now being reopened to eligible Indigenous Queenslanders who chose not to accept the original offer, or for Indigenous Queenslanders who did not apply.

If you have already received a reparation payment, you will not be able to apply for the new offer.

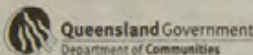
The new reparation payments of \$3500 or \$7000 are subject to the same criteria as the original offer. These are that a person was:

- alive on 9 May 2002, and
- subject to government controls over their wages and savings, and
- born on or before 31 December 1951, or
- born between 1 January 1952 and 31 December 1956.

The offer is being made to ensure that as many eligible Indigenous Queenslanders as possible have the opportunity to apply for the scheme.

Applications are now open and will close 31 January 2009 for Australian residents or 30 April 2009 for people in Papua New Guinea.

For more information contact the Reparations Team:
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25 years on, classic film still shocks

By MARGARET SMITH
in Sydney



THE classic Aboriginal film *Lousy Little Sixpence* has just turned

25-years-old, but it still shocks viewers with its stories of stolen children, stolen wages and systemic discrimination.

Even today, it remains one of Ronin Films' best sellers.

The film screened recently at the Campbelltown Art Centre in a festival organised by curator Dion Mundine to celebrate Indigenous artists.

Five stolen children – Margaret Tucker, Bill Reid, Geraldine Briggs, Flo Caldwell and Violet Shaw – told their stories in the documentary, narrated by Chicka Dixon. It depicts how a servant class was created on Aboriginal reserves with little regard for human rights.

The film starts in 1900 and chronicles personal and bigger-picture histories until the 1970s. It includes the impact of wars, the Depression and the Aboriginal protest movements.

Film producers Gerry Bostock and Alec Morgan were present at the screening and answered questions from the audience. They described how they travelled through Victoria and New South Wales looking for archival evidence such as newspaper stories, photographs and newsreel footage, most of which had never been seen by the general public. The film took three years to research and produce.

"Many of the archives were kept in boxes because no-one had looked at them. In those days archival footage was only \$40 a minute, but now they charge by the second," said Mr Bostock.

The pair found disturbing images of Indigenous children lining up for their rations from white mission managers, absurd servant work practices, Aboriginal farming enterprises, and strong protest leaders and large rallies, to name just a few.

The research wasn't funded and they had to stay in caravans because they were mainly on unemployment benefits. They wanted the stories of their live interviewees to be backed up by archives, "but even then we were accused of fabricating the evidence", Mr Bostock said. "When they made the film,



An image from *Lousy Little Sixpence*.

they had small investors from various sources such as the Nurses Union, and the Australian Film Commission.

They needed \$10,000 to finish the film, so when Bob Hawke was elected Prime Minister of a new Labor Government, they and Chika Dixon set up a meeting with the new Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Clive Holding.

"The Labor Party needed to show they were on side with

Sixpence came out in 1983, and showed for six weeks at Sydney's Dendy Cinema.

"It was the same time that Henry Reynolds' book, *The Other Side of the Frontier*, was released, and there was a hunger in the wider community to learn more about Aboriginal people, as nothing was out there," he said.

But their troubles didn't end there. ABC-TV wasn't interested in screening the film, so they had to get a petition to convince the broadcaster. The film was then taken up by Linda Burney when she headed the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, and it became a text for schools.

"(Author) John Pilger even told us that he'd seen it being projected in a remote NT Aboriginal community," Mr Bostock said.

Mr Morgan explained that back then, there was no word or term for the Stolen Generations.

"So the film was very significant in bringing this whole issue to the public. Later it influenced Phillip Noyce's film *Rabbit Proof Fence*," he said.

"It took 25 years after the release of *Lousy Little Sixpence* for the Prime Minister of Australia to formally apologise to the Stolen Generations."

The festival continues at the Campbelltown Art Centre.



An image from the classic Aboriginal film *Lousy Little Sixpence*.

Aboriginal people. We were euphoric when we got the money and Clive Holding took us to dinner," Mr Bostock recalled.

Alec Morgan said it was a phenomenon when *Lousy Little*

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Artists to get home



A GRANT of almost \$1.3 million from the Aboriginal Benefit Account will fund the building of an art centre for town camp artists in Alice Springs.

Tangentyere Council has received approval from Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin for the grant that will fund the centre.

The art centre will be built on a block of land in Fogarty Street that has been bought by the Indigenous Land Corporation for Tangentyere Artists.

Tangentyere Artists have sought their own art centre to house a workshop and studio, gallery, offices, processing

and storage rooms. The group has been housed in a small office space at Tangentyere Council, but the organisation's growth in the past three years has led to the expansion.

Tangentyere Council Director William Tilmouth said the new centre would give camp artists some much-needed stability for the future.

"Town centre artists are frequently in exploitative relationships with unethical commercial interests or reduced to street sales, exchanging art for cash, grog or drugs, undercutting their own works, undercutting the legitimate market," said art co-ordinator Liesl Rockchild.

Ms Rockchild said town camp residents were among

the most disadvantaged people in Australia, living in the most challenging physical and social conditions.

Mr Tilmouth said the new centre for town camp artists would help Tangentyere Council meet its objective of relieving poverty and destitution of Aboriginal people in the town.

He said a major benefit of Tangentyere artists was the provision of culturally relevant activities for people in town camps, which brought social and economic benefits to the artists and the broader community.

A website is also being developed by Tangentyere Artists to promote online sales.

Smiles at Cherbourg



THE south eastern Queensland community of Cherbourg rolled out the welcome mat for State

Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Premier Phil Reeves when he rolled up last week with a big cheque for its local museum.

The \$590,000 boost will enable upgrading and refurbishment of the Ration Shed Museum and corroboree ring in the Cherbourg Historical Precinct.

"This is the warmest welcome I have received in my travels around Queensland presenting these cheques," Mr Reeves told those gathered.

"In previous times people, including governments, weren't much interested in hearing what was happening in places like Cherbourg. Now everyone is keen to know. That's why what you are doing is so important."

The funds, part of the Queensland Government's Q150 Infrastructure Program, which celebrates 150 years of independence from New South Wales, are being used to create an educational, cultural and historical centre to tell the story of what life was like for Aboriginal people under the Aboriginal Protection Act.

The cheque was received by Cherbourg Historical Precinct Group President Sandra Morgan and Cr Bert Button of the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council.

Cr Button told of his personal experiences growing up in the Boys' Dormitory, working on the Beetle Gang and handing out rations at the Ration Shed.



Cherbourg Councillor Bert Button and Sandra Morgan receive a large cheque from Parliamentary Secretary Phil Reeves on behalf of the Q150 project.



Ada Simpson and Sandra Morgan show Parliamentary Secretary Phil Reeves MP and other guests a display in the Boys' Dormitory at Cherbourg.

Mrs Morgan and Project Director Michael Aird showed the guests around the Precinct – the Ration Shed, the Boys' Dormitory, the Superintendent's Office and the site of the sculpture park and corroboree ring. This was followed by a performance of the Junior Wakka Dancers.

"Our motto is 'Preserving our

History,'" said Mrs Morgan. "We want people to come and see what we lived through, to understand what life was like on an Aboriginal mission."

"But we also want people to join us in celebrating what we have achieved as a community. It's as much about looking to the future as it is about keeping hold of the past."

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Email: projects@mcgregorprojects.com.au

The forum will be held at Arrawarra from 17-19 November, 2008
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Department of
Industry and Resources

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS OPEN: NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT TASKFORCE SITE EVALUATION REPORT

The Northern Development Taskforce has released its Site Evaluation Report outlining four potential locations for a liquefied natural gas processing precinct for Browse Basin gas projects.

Public submissions on the site options are now invited.

The four sites that best meet the criteria set against 11 short listed sites are:

- Gourdon Bay south of Broome;
- James Price Point on the Dampier Peninsula;
- North Head on the Dampier Peninsula; and
- Anjo Peninsula on the far north Kimberley coast.

Public submissions will be considered as part of the final selection of a preferred site or sites.

Advice on a final site recommendation to the Taskforce will be provided through a joint process by the Environment Protection Authority and the Commonwealth Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

Copies of the Report can be downloaded from the Department of Industry and Resources website at www.doir.wa.gov.au/ndt. The Report is available on CD by contacting the Northern Development Taskforce on 9222 0963 or 9222 0568.

Send submissions to: Site evaluation submissions
Northern Development Taskforce
Department of Industry and Resources
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Footy gear drive promotes health

REMOTE Northern Territory communities are being urged to adopt more healthy and active lifestyles through a Centrelink staff initiative which was launched on 13 October.

Federal Human Services Minister Joe Ludwig said the 'Kicking Goals for the NT' Footy Gear Drive would see Centrelink staff across the country collect gear from all football codes.

Toll Logistics had donated its services to transport gear to Centrelink offices in Darwin and Alice Springs next month, where it will then be distributed to communities.

He said the idea for the drive came from Centrelink staff who regularly visited remote communities throughout the NT. "Initiatives like this give staff the chance to engage more deeply in the community," he said.

Department of
Victoria Education and
Early Childhood Development

Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs (LNSLN) Programme: Capital Grants for Non-Government Centres Support 2008 Funding Round

The Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is inviting applications for the Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs (LNSLN) Programme: Capital Grants for Non-Government Centres Support.

This program is funded by the Commonwealth Government and was previously known as the Special Education Programme (SEP).

The LNSLN capital grants are awarded to non-government centres that have programs designed to improve the educational opportunities, learning outcomes and personal development of children with disabilities.

Funding is offered for capital projects that align with the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments' policy objectives and priorities for children with disabilities at non-government centres. These projects will support learning and educational development opportunities for children with disabilities who are below school age for integration into regular pre-schools.

The department is now inviting applications for the 2008 funding round.

Application guidelines and forms can be downloaded from
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/ecsmanagement/funding/lnslnprogramme.htm>

Applications close 5.00pm Friday 7 November 2008

Further information about the grant can be obtained from Children and Youth Services Managers in the following DEECD regional offices:

Barwon South Western	Annie O'Loughlin	(03) 5226-4933
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Hume	Marjorie Earl	(03) 5832-1501
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Eastern Metropolitan	Tina Martin	9265-2500
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Page MP
Janelle Saffin
with Green
Corps
participants

Richmond youth on track for future



A GREEN Corps crew that includes four Indigenous young people is working to restore parts of the Richmond River catchment in the Kyogle area.

The project will concentrate on natural resource management of Fawcetts Creek at Kyogle, including tree planting, track maintenance and weed eradication.

There will also be weed

eradication work undertaken near the footbridge across the Richmond River at Casino.

The project was kick-started by Githabal man, Keith Close, who was born in Kyogle but raised in Casino.

Mr Close, who is a Senior Field Officer with the National Parks and Wildlife Service in the Urbenville Area, said the experience would help participants find work in the future.

At a launch of the project on 8 October, Page MP

Janelle Saffin praised the 10 young people taking part, saying the project would help them develop real skills for the future.

"Most people who go through Green Corps projects end up securing sustainable jobs within three months of graduating, so the project has a very good success rate."

Kyogle mayor Cr Ross Brown and new councillors Janet Wilson and John O'Reilly also attended the launch.

One in five 'alarming'



NEARLY one in five people contacting the NSW Department of Community

Services helpline in 2006/07 were reporting drug and/or alcohol abuse, new figures have shown.

NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney said this was an 'alarming increase of more than 24 per cent from the previous financial year'.

"With this continued rise of substance abuse in our community, we can expect increases in the number of children removed from their homes and placed with foster carers," Ms Burney said.

She said the impact of substance abuse on our communities, families and especially children was devastating.

"Children of drug abusing parents are at risk of harm in so many ways - they may be born

drug dependent, or with Foetal Alcohol Syndrome; they are often subject to aggression in the home, and they can suffer trauma as they witness overdoses and binge-drinking sessions.

"Statistics in the United States indicate that between 30 and 40 per cent of all reported US cases of child sexual assault involve an alcoholic parent."

Primary issue

Ms Burney said that alcohol or drug abuse often underpins the most common primary issue in reports to the helpline - domestic violence - which currently accounts for one in four reports to the helpline.

"This creates a vicious circle, as victims of domestic violence are more likely to abuse alcohol," she said.

"This deadly concoction of violence and substance abuse in homes poses a serious

threat to children's safety, as well as their psychological, cognitive and social development.

"Children of alcoholics, for example, face a higher risk than other children to develop alcoholism later in life which impedes their ability to complete education, find employment or secure accommodation."

Describing it as 'a battle', Ms Burney said the Department of Community Services is doing everything it can to address the issues.

"We are focusing on five key strategies, including a comprehensive early intervention program, better training for caseworkers, a parental drug testing trial, the establishment of a Drug and Alcohol Expertise Unit and a protocol with NSW Health for sharing information on parents receiving methadone treatment."



Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

NATIONAL RESPITE FOR CARERS PROGRAM 2008 FUNDING ROUND TO ENHANCE, EXPAND OR ESTABLISH NEW RESPITE SERVICES TO CARERS OF FRAIL OLDER AUSTRALIANS

The National Respite for Carers Program (NRCP) helps support and maintain caring relationships between carers and their dependent family members by providing respite care, facilitating access to information and providing other support for carers. Respite care is provided in a variety of community-based settings including the home, day centres, in the community and overnight cottages. The NRCP currently funds over 600 community based respite services, as well as 54 Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres.

The Department of Health and Ageing is holding an open and competitive grant application round in 2008 for NRCP grant funding to enhance, expand or establish new respite facilities across Australia. The grant application round is now open with over \$12 million available over 2.5 years.

Applications that meet the selection criteria and comply with the Administrative and Funding Guidelines for Respite Funded Services under the NRCP will be considered for grant funding for up to 2.5 years, with priority given to proposals offering services in regions of need.

Application documentation providing further details on the application and assessment process is available for downloading after completing the Applicants' Register on the Department of Health and Ageing web site at <http://www.health.gov.au/tenders>.

All enquiries for information or clarification by potential applicants should be emailed to nrcp_mailbox@health.gov.au

Teaching goes off with a bang

By GLEN MORGAN*



TEACHERS from Ngaanyatjarra Lands campuses in the far east of Western Australia converged recently on Warburton to spend three days learning to play drums – courtesy of Drumbeat, an agency of the care group Holyoake.

The idea was to empower teachers with the ability to teach drum-playing to their students. The instruments used were African Djembe drums.

Event Co-ordinator Simon Faulkner, the manager and initiator of Drumbeat, was quick to point out the benefits of the program to the teachers.

"There are valuable lessons of teamwork, co-operation and achievement to be learnt for young people, especially if they feel marginalised in any way," he said.

The program, which began five years ago, does more than simply teach students how to play drums.

"Kids come to us from all sorts of backgrounds. Each is unique – some may be shy or bossy, loud or quiet, serious or funny," said Mr Faulkner.

"Our challenge is to encourage each of these different personalities to contribute musically in a group process."

"In so doing, the program promotes a sense of belonging. This in turn boosts self-esteem and provides a sense of status for participants who perform not only in front of their peers, but



The group of Ngaanyatjarra Lands teachers who've been learning to play drums so they, in turn, can teach their students.

eventually at community events."

Executive Principal of the Ngaanyatjarra School Anne Napolitano was responsible for bringing Drumbeat to the Lands. Her goal was to boost the

also be an inhibiting factor to learning," she said. "Some students are reluctant to speak up, or finish school work, for fear of being made to look foolish in front of their classmates."

concentration, perseverance and commitment – all essential ingredients, together with our concentration on Aboriginal literacy strategies, to a happy and fulfilling life."

Goldfields Aboriginal Liaison Officer Kevin Dorizzi spoke on behalf of the teachers at the end of the course, saying he loved the three-day immersion in music.

More importantly, he saw many instances where the course could apply to the teaching of Indigenous youth.

"For example, it was emphasised how important it is to maintain rhythm during drum performances. But if you lose your rhythm you've got someone playing next to you to help find it again – that's teamwork, which is the way successful societies operate," he said.

"And I think of the bass drum being the core instrument of the group; it maintains the beat throughout the performance."

"It reminds me of how communities provide the stability, the foundation – the steady beat for young people to follow."

"I also think of respect and care for the musical instrument, and how this needs to transfer to respecting families, and the people we interact with. In this way, direct links can be drawn

between musical harmony and what is required to maintain social harmony in everyday life."

"Glen Morgan works as a teacher in the remote WA Aboriginal community of Warakurna."

'It reminds me of how communities provide the stability, the foundation – the steady beat for young people to follow' – Kevin Dorizzi



confidence and sense of achievement in Indigenous youth, and she said that a lack of confidence in students was sometimes a difficulty teachers faced.

"For many students, shame can

"The idea of getting them to play drums is to have fun – but at the same time to see that it is okay to make mistakes, for that is a fundamental process to all learning."

"By playing music the students improve their levels of

Apology leads to website



A WEBSITE for workplaces, schools and individual Australians has been developed

to meet the post-apology demand for information about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their history and culture.

Reconciliation Australia developed the resource to coincide with the first episode of SBS TV's series *The First Australians*, which went to air on 12 October.

Share Our Pride is a cultural awareness website which brings together facts and figures, answers to common questions and stories to help build respectful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

The site – www.shareourpride.org.au – was developed with funding from the Westpac Foundation and Coles Group Community Fund.

Users can follow the content step-by-step from start to finish, or they can dip in and out of the site looking for information when they need it. They will have ongoing, free-of-charge access to the site.

To use the site, go to www.shareourpride.org.au and register.

"Knowledge and understanding is the first step in the reconciliation journey and encouraging it makes people and their organisation part of the national effort to close the 17-year life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children," said Reconciliation Australia CEO Barbara Livesey.

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The Antonia during its working days in the Torres Strait.

Grim outlook for historic pearl lugger

Story and photos by
ALF WILSON



HISTORIC
Torres Strait
Islands pearl
lugger the
Antonia
sank in
Townsville's

Ross Creek for the second time in less than three years in September, and its future as an educational vessel is in doubt.

Antonia was built in Brisbane during 1954 and worked the Torres Strait Islands between 1956 and 2000. It was a pearler, fishing vessel, supply and passenger carrier and often brought in trochus shells.

When she was retired, Antonia was given to the Townsville Museum of Tropical Queensland, which then donated it to the Townsville Wooden Boat Association.

In June 2006, Antonia was vandalised and spent nine days under water in Ross Creek beside the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Cultural Centre.

The latest sinking left indigenous people in Townsville in disbelief.

Manny Ross, who has descendants on Darnley Island and Palm Island, said he was shattered.

"My uncle Francis Sabatino, from Hammond Island, was once the skipper of Antonia and I think he still holds the record for the biggest tonnage it ever brought in," said Mr Ross, who is



Sad sight ... Ana Patterson who phoned authorities about the sunken Antonia.

also of Aboriginal descent.

Antonia was due to feature in a movie called Beneath Hill 60 about World War I next year, he said.

When The Koori Mail arrived at the site about 9.30am, many people were looking at the sunken vessel.

The Townsville Port Authority provided a barge and a large crane, while Pacific Marine helped out with divers.

Cost

The estimated cost of full repairs once Antonia was floated was between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Ana Patterson was working at the Cultural Centre on the day of the sinking.

"I think it was a real loss for the owners of the Antonia. When it started to sink, I had this no-good feeling in my stomach just watching it go down before

my eyes, and not being able to do anything about it," she said.

On September 9, Townsville Wooden Boat Association volunteer Geoff Fawcner said the vessel's bilge pump had been the problem, adding that no vandalism had taken place this time.

He said that Antonia had extreme sentimental and emotional value to people from the Torres Strait.

"It is very important to them and they sing songs about Antonia. It is the last of the pearling luggers," he said.

Mr Fawcner said that a dedicated band of volunteers tended to Antonia often requiring them to take days off work with leave.

"Unless we get some big money donated from Government or business, Antonia doesn't have a future," he said.

Young to have say at summit



DOES
MTV
influence
your
style? Has

the internet brought you closer to Indigenous youth around the world? Has BEBO or MySpace affected your community relations?

These issues will be discussed when emerging Indigenous leaders, budding artists and inspirational youth discuss 'Maintaining Culture in the Global Environment' at Rod Laver Arena, Melbourne, on 10 December.

The WIPCE Emerging Leaders' Summit will be hosted by young Victorian Koories eager to share their world views and cultural traditions with interstate and international delegates of the World Indigenous People's Conference: Education (WIPCE).

Organisers say today's youth have grown up in a media-saturated society.

"From Botswana to Bangladesh, they watch the same American programming," the organisers said.

"Through the World Wide Web we are all digital neighbours and grassroots initiatives rely on technology to survive.

"But what does this mean for cultural diversity? Does the mass media promote a mono-cultural norm? Or has technological advancement made way for an increase in independent, culturally diverse media?"

Local Koori writer, arts curator and media consultant Jirra Lulla Harvey will introduce the day's theme, followed by a keynote address from Amynio David Rarua Seresere, a 25-year-old man from Vanuatu who works with the Vanuatu Young People's Project and the Vanuatu Cultural Centre. He has been a leader in the development of a KASTOM School, which aims to strengthen young people through the conservation and regeneration of culture in the face of increasing Westernisation.

Tennis champion and Indigenous role model Evonne Goolagong Cawley will then share her



VIYAC Co-ordinator Jade Colgan with VIYAC member Emily Fien.



Tjimba and the Yung Warriors, Cappa and Nikki Ashby will perform at the summit.



VIYAC member Keira Martin will be there.

own journey.

Yarning Circles will provide an opportunity to discuss the Indigenous education-movement from a youth perspective, to look at what the National Apology means to future leaders or to yarn about race and gender representation in hip-hop culture, with rising hip-hop stars.

The afternoon will be

about fun and networking. Participants could learn how to play the didgeridoo, practise shake a leg, play some traditional Indigenous sports or workshop a performance for the WIPCE closing ceremony, expected to attract 4000 people.

An afternoon performance chronicles country to blues to hip-hop.

The Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Ltd (VACSAL) is partnering with the Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory Council (VIYAC) to present The WIPCE Emerging Leaders' Summit. It is free for all registered WIPCE delegates and individual day registration is available at the reduced rate of \$220. For more information or to register, visit www.wipce2008.com

● The Koori Mail is the official Indigenous newspaper of WIPCE

Program is leading the way

By LINDSAY HAYES



A FLEDGLING leadership program is helping Aboriginal youth at Narrandera to take control of their lives and map out a brighter future. The driver is young Wiradjuri mother-of-two Kristy Greedy, who after just six months in the job of Youth Leadership Program Co-ordinator for the Narrandera Community Working Party, is already chalking up successes with the assistance of Aboriginal role models and government agencies.

The Indigenous Co-ordination Centre (ICC) at Wagga Wagga and other bodies fund the program. Open to all young people between the ages of 12 and 25, it is attracting mainly Aboriginal youth.

"The target group is Aboriginal and low socio-economic young people," Ms Greedy told *The Koori Mail*.

"We are trying to build awareness of the problems and break the inter-generational cycle of drug and alcohol abuse and domestic violence.

"We have young people engaged in school and others at risk of offending, and we're trying to show them there's another way; that just because they come from a home where there is drug and alcohol abuse, they don't have to do the same."

Ms Greedy said the key was to equip youth with the knowledge to confront the major social issues, and the practical and life skills to overcome them.

No topic is taboo. Social awareness-oriented courses have focused on substance abuse, domestic violence and safe sex practices, while practical skills training has covered young motherhood and committee membership, budgeting and responsibilities.

Attendance at training courses to date has been high, with upwards of 18



A group of young adventurers and their mentors about to head off on a 24km canoe trip down the Murrumbidgee River as part of the leadership program.

participants. Wiradjuri culture, arts and crafts and building relationships are covered in leadership activities.

The broad age range of the courses requires ingenuity in planning.

"What suits a 20-year-old girl, would not interest a 12-year-old boy," said Ms Greedy.

"The boys are the hardest for me to keep engaged and I have male mentors who assist me - my uncle Hank Lyons, who is an Aboriginal Police Liaison Officer, Neville Bamblett of the Sport and Recreation Department and tutor Richard Gilbert."

The willing collaboration of Kristy, mentors and their agencies was illustrated recently when 10 young boys helped the mentors unload provisions on the Murrumbidgee riverbank in readiness for a two-day canoe trip.

"It's about male bonding and getting

back to nature," Mr Lyons said. "Even though these kids live in Narrandera, they haven't had the chance to go out on the river."

Camping under the stars, fishing, Indigenous games and 'a bit of culture' were on the agenda.

Training

While the great outdoors was the ideal venue in this case, most of Ms Greedy's leadership training takes place at the local TAFE campus or at the Riverina Foundation, a staunch supporter of the program.

"I co-ordinate the courses and pull in facilitators to run them. The government agencies are very supportive," she said.

"We work with young mothers and we ran a course for teen mothers in partnership with the Community Health Service, which was popular."



Youth Leadership Program co-ordinator Kristy Greedy is committed to helping Wiradjuri youth.

Besides imparting pointers on baby care, the course bolstered the young mums' confidence and enabled them to share experiences.

Ms Greedy tries to involve senior members of the Indigenous community as she did for a recent 'Relaxation and Pamper Day' designed for girls, their mothers and grandmothers.

The pampering, which included massage and eyebrow and facial waxing, incorporated with advice on skin care and general well-being, proved a big drawcard.

Ms Greedy said the ultimate aim was for the leadership program participants to pass on the skills they had learned to other youngsters and plan their own youth events.

This will start to happen from next year, but already one event is on the table - a Wiradjuri Cultural Ball next September.

Focus on future

Historic meeting in Bunya Mountains



FOR the first time in more than 120 years, Aboriginal people from a number of nations have sat down together in the Bunya Mountains, south-east Queensland, to honour the spirits of the ancestors and talk about the role of the traditional custodians in the future of the mountains' physical and cultural environment.

They came from across southern Queensland and into New South Wales, from the Wakka Wakka, Wullu Wullu, Jarowair, Gooreng Gooreng, Djaku-Nde, Butchulla, Githabul, Kabi Kabi, Bigambul, Yuggera, Giabul and Quandamooka nations.

The group met for the first time in August and again early this month. They spoke about bringing back transitional fire management of the region.



The traditional custodians and other stakeholders at the Bunya Fire Forum last August.

A highlight of the two-day August workshop was a walk through the forest, where climbing scars could be seen on the bark of several massive Bunya trees.

There, in the shadows of the forest giants, through traditional song, the Elders passed on their respect and acknowledgement of the ancestral spirits.

The Bunya Mountains are roughly half-way between Kingaroy and Dalby.

The coming together of people on country provided plenty of opportunities to explore family connections, and many stories were shared between family groups. There were also many stories from scientists, park rangers and other natural resource managers about the changing plant and animal communities in the mountains due to changes in the use of fire.

At the lookout at Mt Mowbullan

(Mahooballan), once a 'bald hill', the eucalyptus and acacia woodland has nearly covered the peak. The extent of changes to the country since the end of Aboriginal management practices could be seen from old photographs.

The August meeting was the first of two aimed at getting Murrumbidgee and Gooris back on country and working in natural resource and cultural heritage management.

As well as traditional

custodians, a range of government and non-government organisations were invited to the second meeting in early October to work together towards the following goals:

- Reintroducing traditional fire management regimes to the Bunya Mountains to protect the grassland and associated forest communities
- Encouraging Indigenous participation in land management activities in the Bunya Mountains
- Investing in direct research, and centralising the body of knowledge on the Bunyas to enable informed decision-making processes and effective fire management activities
- Investigating opportunities for cultural maintenance and cultural renewal through land management projects in the Bunya Mountains.

FOOTNOTE: The Bunya Mountains were traditionally the centre for huge gatherings of people for the 'bonye bonye' festival - a time of feasting, ceremony, law-making, trading and the settling of disputes. In years when there were heavy crops of the nutritious bunya nuts, invitations went out to groups towards the coast and to people as far away as the Clarence River, in northern NSW, and the Maranoa River, over 350km to the west. Festivals took place from December to March, and the last big gathering was in the 1880s.

NLC backs Mirrar



MIRRAR traditional owners in Kakadu National Park have won the support of the Northern Land Council (NLC) regarding unauthorised development in Jabiru by the West Arnhem Shire Council (WASC).
"The NLC supports the Mirrar people and we share their

'Cavalier' Jabiru projects come under attack

concerns over the cavalier actions of the WASC which appears to be engaged in land clearing and construction in violation of the planning processes at Jabiru and the spirit of negotiation required to settle the Jabiru native title claim," NLC Chief Executive Kim Hill said.

"Being part of Kakadu National Park, Jabiru is in a World Heritage-protected area which is listed for its natural and cultural values.

"The NLC condemns the WASC's lack of co-operation and consultation with the provisions of the development process at Jabiru.

"The NLC calls on the Australian and Northern Territory governments to intervene immediately in this matter.

"All construction should be ceased forthwith and the traditional owners provided with an opportunity to participate in a

proper planning process.
"This is a significant problem with many shires where proper consultation didn't occur before the first of July and they're now operating without proper agreements on Aboriginal land.
"What's required is a proper agreement between the Government and the traditional owners, and the NLC is prepared to assist in resolving these issues."

Minister returns to TSI, NPA

By ALF WILSON



QUEENSLAND Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr took a whirlwind two-day tour of the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area communities last week.

During a visit to the region last June, Ms Nelson-Carr undertook to return as soon as she could to spend more time with regional councils, Elders and community leaders.
Ms Nelson-Carr's tour last Tuesday and Wednesday took in Horn, Badu, Saibai and Thursday Islands, as well as the mainland communities of



Lindy Nelson-Carr presented long-time New Mapoon Nai-Beguta Agama Aboriginal Corporation workers Josephine Lifu and Margaret Mark with certificates to recognise their achievements.

Bamaga and New Mapoon.

She said the Qld Government was committed to creating positive and sustainable change

by building strong partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"This includes our efforts to

work closely with Indigenous communities across the State to tackle alcohol misuse and its associated concerns," she said.

Badu Island Councillor Wayne Guivarra told *The Koori Mail* that it was good to see Ms Nelson-Carr visiting remote islands.

During her tour, the Minister officially opened a new child care centre in New Mapoon, on the mainland.

"This popular children's activity service in New Mapoon has moved to bigger and better premises, to provide the best possible learning and development opportunities for local children," she said.

The Department of Communities provided almost \$200,000 towards the building cost and the Federal Government contributed \$100,000.

Ms Nelson-Carr said the centre offered high-quality

after-school hours and vacation care for local children and organised playgroup sessions for very young members of the community and their parents.

"The Nai-Beguta Agama Aboriginal Corporation had been providing children's activities for the New Mapoon community since the early 1990s, in buildings which had outlived their usefulness," she said.

"In the safe, caring environment of the new facility, parents are encouraged to develop friendships and share parenting skills while their young children play and learn together.

"Importantly too, greater stability and comfort is offered to staff and parents and their children in this wonderful new building."

The centre can cater for up to 30 school-aged children at a time.



Chairperson Appointments to the Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) and the Victorian Catchment Management Council (VCMC)

Contribute your skills and help to protect and enhance Victoria's natural resources.

The Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Gavin Jennings MLC is seeking expressions of interest for Chairperson positions on the following entities.

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Do you have experience and knowledge in strategic or business planning, financial management, environment and natural resources management, primary industry, land management, water resources management and the water industry or waterway management?

There are ten catchment management authorities (CMAs) in Victoria and each is responsible for a region and its land, biodiversity and water resources. Each board has 9 members, including a Chairperson. CMA Boards are responsible for strategic planning, evaluating effectiveness, monitoring progress and advising the Minister for Environment and Climate Change of their CMA region's priorities for natural resources. CMAs consult with the community, raise awareness of the sustainable use, conservation and rehabilitation of land and water resources and promote the cooperation of people and bodies involved in catchment management.

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Do you have experience in land protection, primary industry, environmental protection and conservation and local government?

The VCMC consists of up to 10 board members, appointed for a term of up to three years. One VCMC member is appointed Chairperson. The VCMC is independent of the CMAs and is the state's peak advisory body on catchment management.

VCMC board members are appointed by the Governor in Council on the basis of their experience and knowledge of land protection, primary industry, environmental protection and conservation and local government.

Detailed information and application forms for chairperson appointments are now open and are available at: www.dse.vic.gov.au then select 'What's New?' or call DSE's Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

Expressions of Interest for chairperson appointments close Wednesday 5 November 2008.

If you are interested in a board member position, these positions will be advertised in late November 2008.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that the diversity of our boards represents the diversity of our communities. Women, indigenous persons, people with a disability, young persons and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

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Ernie shares his path



MORE than 200 people gathered at the Anglicare Ashmont

Community Resource Centre in Wagga Wagga late last month to hear Aboriginal actor and TV personality Ernie Dingo speak about his passions, motivations and life experience.

Anglicare's Gateway 2 Employment Program, which aims to support people into sustainable work, invited Mr Dingo to talk and inspire the community of Ashmont.

Guests listened intently to Mr Dingo who spoke about 'leading, not following', how individuals chose the right path for themselves, made choices and found inner strength.

The event was opened by Elder Aunty Isabel Reid, who conducted a Welcome to Country, and Mayor Kerry Pascoe, who offered a welcome to the special guest.

After the speech, guests moved to the nearby shopping centre for the unveiling of new Ashmont Mall Murals. The murals were created and supported by Holy Trinity Catholic School, Ashmont Public School, Anglicare Ashmont Community Resource Centre and local Aboriginal artist David O'Neill.



● ABOVE: Ernie Dingo and Aunty Isabel Reid opening the Ashmont Mall Murals

● BELOW: From left, Joshua Trindall, Lewis Niki, Ernie Dingo, Clifford Morris and Ross Grayson at the Ashmont Mall during the mural opening.



Deadly days on the north coast



Trae a rising star



THE Wagga Wagga RSL under 14s cricket team competed

in the fourth annual Kookaburra Cup Twenty20 carnival held at Canberra earlier this month.

The Wagga side proved to be extremely competitive, finishing second to Gregory Terrace College, of Brisbane, in the 14 plate division, winning three games and losing two on the last ball of the match.

With some great individual performances from Wagga RSL, Trae O'Neil (pictured) was outstanding with the bat, scoring 144 runs at an impressive average of 72.

Along with his powerful batting performance, Trae also captured eight wickets at an average of just 10.

To cap off his fantastic week, Trae also took out the Player of the Tournament Award, which was announced in front of 1000 spectators at Manuka Oval.

Mining may end poverty



A MINING boom could almost wipe out Aboriginal poverty in South Australia, the State's Aboriginal Engagement

Commissioner says.

Commissioner Klynton Wanganeen called for more of SA's Indigenous population to be employed in the State's burgeoning mining sector.

Similar mining booms in Western Australia and Queensland had resulted in benefits for Aboriginal communities, he said.

"They are employing them within their operations or as contractors in associated industries ... providing jobs and addressing the skills shortage," Mr Wanganeen said today in a statement.

"Now is the time for us to prepare to take advantage of the mining boom that is coming." - AAP



MORE than a thousand young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their families and other community members are expected to attend three Deadly Days Festivals in northern New South Wales this and next week.

The first of the festivals, which aim to encourage school attendance, retention and healthy lifestyles - especially amongst Indigenous students, will be held today at Wollongbar TAFE Campus, near Lismore.

The others will be held in Coffs Harbour and Taree next Wednesday and Thursday.

North Coast Aboriginal Learning Partnerships (NCALP) and North Coast TAFE are also expecting more than 150 employment, education, training, healthy living, sporting and cultural exhibitors.



● The New Inventors' Alison Page will MC the Wollongbar Deadly Days Festival.

● Troy Cassar-Daly will also be performing.



The festivals will feature sport, health and culture activities, mini-expos and stalls displaying information from Aboriginal, education and health organisations and Indigenous cultural activities like yarnning circles.

There'll be hip-hop workshops, Reptiles Down Under and a range of interactive demonstrations, including 'Bush to BBQ' cooking, arts and language workshops.

Aboriginal architect Alison Page from ABC's New Inventors

Program will MC the festivals and other mentors and icons such as country music star Troy Cassar-Daly and rugby league first graders David Peachey and George Rose will make appearances. Bundjalung Elder Aunty Bertha Kapeen and Lismore City Council Mayor Jenny Dowell will attend the Wollongbar event.

Deadly Days Festivals are part of the Australian Commonwealth Government's Community Festivals for Education

Engagement initiative. The NSW Government last week confirmed \$11,000 in funding support for the three north coast festivals.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said the Deadly Days played an important role in building community resilience among Aboriginal communities.

"Deadly Days promote positive engagement with education and show people pathways to jobs and training," he said. "They also encourage healthy lifestyles and incorporate arts, music, performance and sporting activities."

The Coffs Harbour Deadly Days festival will be held at TAFE Coffs Harbour Education Campus (CHEC) on Wednesday 29 October and the Taree festival will be held at Taree TAFE Campus on Thursday 30 October. Gates open at 9am. For further information, phone (02) 6620 4758.



Members of the Lane Cove Council and Lane Cove Residents for Reconciliation at the launch of the DVD *Journey of the Spirit*.

Truth of Lane Cove's history



WHILE *The First Australians* series on SBS Television has stimulated interest, the Lane Cove Residents for Reconciliation and the

Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council launched their grassroots DVD and Study Guide *Journey of the Spirit*.

The DVD was launched at a Lane Cove Council meeting on 14 October.

Lane Cove Residents for Reconciliation is a local, voluntary reconciliation group.

Journey of the Spirit captures the positive community spirit surrounding the unveiling of the Reconciliation Memorial Plaque in Lane Cove's Woodford Bay in 2004, which recognised the local Aboriginal resistance to British invasion.

The plaque is thought to be the first of its kind in Australia and came to fruition through the initiative of Lane Cove Residents for Reconciliation in partnership with the

Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, Lane Cove Council and Lane Cove Historical Society.

Lane Cove Residents for Reconciliation Convenor Kerrie McKenzie said the DVD and study guide documented the landmark 2004 memorial ceremony and framed it in a national context of invasion, dispossession and Aboriginal resistance.

"*Journey of the Spirit*...highlights the truth about Aboriginal resistance in Cameraygal country, on Sydney's lower north shore, a part of history often absent from our history books," Ms McKenzie said.

"Acknowledging the truths of our shared black and white history is fundamental to reconciliation, to social justice and to a truly united Australia."

Ms McKenzie said the DVD, along with the study guide, was an educational resource that could assist local councils, community groups, schools, businesses and faith groups in taking

local action to begin or further their journeys of reconciliation."

Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council Chairman Rob Welsh said "we need courage to face up to the truth of local history".

"The launch of *Journey of the Spirit* couldn't have come at a better time; we can't forget these events, because the past lives on in all of us," Mr Welsh said.

"There is still potential to build a bridge between our peoples, and resources like this DVD and study guide can help us cross that bridge together."

The *Journey of the Spirit* DVD and study guide pack is endorsed by the NSW Reconciliation Council, Tranby Aboriginal College in Sydney and the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group.

The DVD (33min) and Study Guide (20pp insert) pack is on sale for \$30 (including postage and handling) and can be purchased by calling (02) 9427 2055 or (02) 9428 1197.



Young fellas from Kempsey, on the north coast of New South Wales. Photos by NAOMI MORAN



NSW Minister Linda Burney with Alinta Hippl from the Casino team which won the Knockout women's final.



West's Tigers NRL player Dane Laurie, left, with Country Energy's John Hayes.



Doug and Chris Williams, of La Perouse.

League of their own

NSW THERE was more than just great rugby league at this year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout. The thousands of people who turned out for the four-day carnival in Kingscliff earlier this month also enjoyed a host of other activities. While the focus was on league, there were stalls, live entertainment and, of course, the chance for a catch up and good yarn.

The carnival atmosphere was dampened by the tragic passing on the final day of Narwan Eels player Alf Atkinson, who collapsed and died soon after being substituted early in the first half of the semi-final.

But in a show of great courage, his family asked for the football to continue, and an emotional Eels side went on to win this year's event.

A public collection following the match raised almost

\$5000 for Mr Atkinson's family.

Organisers from the Wollumbin Warriors club were more than pleased with all other aspects of the event, and praised the behaviour of spectators and the support from sponsors, including *The Koori Mail*.

The Armidale-based Eels now have the right to host next year's Knockout.

● Full report, pictures in sport section
● Tribute, page 6



From Cairns were Karl Munro and Allan Woodley.



Mick Bayles at his One Mob stall.



Knockout fans from Casino in northern NSW, from left, Debbie Caldwell, Rebekah Torrens and Kathy Donnelly.



All smiles at the Knockout were local girls, from left, Brittany, Elva and Tylah.

\$4.8m boost for literacy, numeracy



AN additional \$4.8 million has been allocated to help close the gap in literacy and numeracy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students over the next decade.

Announcing the funding, Federal Education Minister Julia Gillard said the Australian Government was working with the States and Territories to reach

this target. She said strategies were being developed with Indigenous communities, education providers and corporate and philanthropic organisations to develop resources for individual learning plans for students and intensive literacy and numeracy approaches.

The Exodus Foundation will receive \$2.23 million over 2008-10 for intensive literacy tuition for more than 540

disadvantaged Indigenous children across Australia.

A total of \$1.1 million will be provided to the Alan Duff Charitable Foundation for Books in Homes Australia to continue the Books in Homes Program to give children from low socio-economic backgrounds greater access to books.

Another \$1 million will be provided to Ian Thorpe's Fountain for Youth Trust to

continue strategies that focus on health, education and skills training of young Indigenous Australians.

Up to \$572,930 will be provided to Vibe Australia to continue the distribution of the *Deadly Vibe* magazine to every Australian school with Indigenous enrolments, to inform students and their families, particularly those in remote areas, about educational programs and issues.



Kristy-Lee Silvester (centre) with her team preparing to make a hot water system from their pizza box.



Heather Moller, Chair of GAMSET and head of Science at Tannum Sands High School, demonstrates how hot air rises using a giant solar bag.

Qld campers go hi-tech

Photos by TONY CURRAN, Department of Education, Training and the Arts



A FIVE-DAY camp in central Queensland has given 40 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

access to science and technology, while ensuring that traditional Indigenous technology was not forgotten.

Students from Year 6 to 8 from 14 schools took part in the Akaltje Gladstone Program at Tannum Sands, Gladstone, during their recent school holidays.

The camp at Tanyalla Conference Centre used problem-solving skills, teamwork and communication activities to link scientific practices with Indigenous traditional technologies.

Queensland Education and Training Minister Rod Welford said he hoped that the camp would inspire more young Indigenous students to pursue a career in science or technology.

"These are the fields of study that have the greatest potential to open doors into the dynamic new industries of the 21st century," the Minister said.

'These are the fields of study that have the greatest potential to open doors into the dynamic new industries of the 21st century' – Minister Rod Welford

Camp Co-ordinator Annette Rutherford, the Indigenous Education Adviser at the Education Department's Central Coast District Office, said attendance at this year's camp had doubled from last year.

"We have had fantastic support from many people,

including our major sponsor Rio Tinto Alcan," Ms Rutherford said.

The Akaltje Gladstone Program derives its name from the Central Australian Arrernte word meaning 'opportunity to learn'. It was the second year the camp had been held, and many of the students who attended in 2007 returned this year.

The camp was supported by Indigenous Education Workers and the Gladstone Area Maths, Science and Engineering Teachers group (GAMSET).

Mr Welford said the camp was a tribute to the local community, small business and industry.

"I congratulate all involved in organising this event because I strongly believe that fostering a love of science and technology in students is very important," he said.



Georgia McManus captures energy from the sun to run her pizza box hot water system.

An eye-opener

NT

MORE than 60 remote Arnhem Land students are better informed on career options after participating in a two-day careers camp in Katherine last month.

Students from the Jilkminggan, Barunga, Wugularr, Bulman and Urapunga communities attended the camp, co-ordinated by Rivers Region Youth Development Services (RRYDS) and Katherine Group School.

"It was hugely successful," said RRYDS Co-ordinator Fiona Smith.

"After the first day, over dinner, students were telling their principal about their ideas for the future, which was just great."

Industry representatives from the Katherine district made presentations for the students, including Indigenous Health, NT Police, Night Patrol, NORFORCE, retail, media, arts organisations and PowerWater. Nitmiluk Tours, a wholly-owned and operated Indigenous tourism operation, showcased five career pathways within its organisation.

The students all undertook a career mapping quiz and a treasure-hunt style 'Amazing

Career Race'. They also made their own 'Careers Camp' T-shirts.

Katherine Group School Principal Stuart Dwyer said the camp enabled students to see first-hand what sort of careers they could aim towards.

"Many of the students are aware of options in their immediate area but do not have many opportunities to see and ask questions about jobs outside their home environment."

"Students asked great questions to the different presenters and they came away with a good sense of what they need to learn at school in order to pursue some of the careers featured during the camp."

Rivers Region Youth Development Service is hoping to make this an annual event and work with Katherine Group School to extend the number of schools that will have the opportunity to participate.

"The camp started many students thinking about what their future could look like and how school can assist them to learn the skills needed to work in their chosen field. It was a great catalyst for conversations around 'why are we going to school' that so many middle years students struggle with," said Mr Dwyer.



Corporal Cecil Black from NORFORCE Darwin Squadron and students from Katherine Group School set their sights on the future.

Pat Dodson guest of honour at high school celebration

NSW

A SYDNEY high school will reinforce its commitment to peace and

multiculturalism next month by celebrating the achievement of the 2008 Sydney Peace Prize winner Patrick Dodson.

Cabramatta High School will hold its third annual Peace Day 'Circle of Peace' on Friday 7 November, and Mr Dodson will be the guest of honour.

The day's celebrations will

focus on Indigenous culture, including a smoking ceremony and didgeridoo performances.

Students from a number of schools will be involved in performances on the day, celebrating the diverse cultural groups within the local community.

Patrick Dodson is the second Australian recipient of the Sydney Peace Prize, which is Australia's only international prize for peace.

He was awarded the 2008 prize

for his 'courageous advocacy of the human rights of Indigenous people, for distinguished leadership of the reconciliation movement and for a lifetime of commitment to peace with justice through dialogue and many other expressions of non-violence'.

Mr Dodson will give the City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture in the Sydney Opera House on 5 November. On 6 November, he will receive the 2008 Sydney Peace Prize in the Great Hall of Sydney University.

Mining company chips in with scholarships

WA

AN Indigenous scholarship program has been launched to encourage more people in Western

Australia to enrol in tertiary education.

The program is a partnership between Curtin University of Technology and BHP Billiton Iron Ore.

The scholarship program offers a range of assistance to fund books and equipment, living allowance, and accommodation.

A full-scholarship valued at \$16,000 per year is also available covering all three areas of books and equipment, living allowance, and accommodation.

These scholarships are available to students in all years of study. Scholarships are available from 2009 and will be awarded based on financial need, living arrangements, locality and area of study.

Students from the Pilbara region and those studying a degree relevant to BHP Billiton Iron Ore operations will be given preference.

Curtin Vice-Chancellor Professor Jeanette Hackett said there was a definite need for such a program.

"We are very pleased to be able to work with BHP Billiton Iron Ore on this important and timely initiative which comes at a time when the percentage of Indigenous tertiary students in all states and territories across Australia is extremely low,"

Priority given to Pilbara students

Professor Hackett said.

"Our partnership in the Indigenous Scholarship Program will be an effective way to help students to see university as a real option and to put in place the support mechanisms to enable them to succeed."

BHP Billiton Iron Ore Vice-President Human Resources Murray Smith said the initiative was an important step forward in providing educational and professional opportunities for local Indigenous people.

"We are extremely pleased to be embarking on this opportunity with Curtin. We look forward to being involved in a partnership that will deliver sustainable benefits to the communities in which we operate," he said.

Professor Hackett said the program also went beyond monetary support for students and would incorporate valuable work experience while still studying.

"All scholarship holders will receive mentoring and access to additional support services, and be granted the opportunity to participate in vacation work with BHP Billiton Iron Ore either in Perth or in the Pilbara," she said.

2008 Sydney Peace Prize winner Patrick Dodson.



Honour for trail-blazer



● Education icon Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik is presented with her Emeritus Professorship from CDU. Her doctoral thesis from Harvard University is regarded as the first detailed analysis of Aboriginal higher education by an Aboriginal Australian.

NT THE first Aboriginal person to be employed full-time in the Australian Aboriginal higher education sector has been honoured with an Emeritus Professorship from a Northern Territory university.

The former Dean of Indigenous Research and Education at Charles Darwin University, Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik, was recognised for her long-serving commitment and contribution to the university and to Indigenous participation within the higher education sector.

An Indigenous woman from

the Djaru Clan of the east Kimberley region, Professor Bin-Sallik helped to influence government education and equity policies for Indigenous Australians through her involvement with government, university and community advisory and review groups.

Prior to taking up her position at CDU, she was Dean of the College of Indigenous Education and Research at the University of South Australia in Adelaide.

Her doctoral thesis from Harvard University is entitled 'Aboriginal Tertiary Education in Australia' and outlines the developments of the Aboriginal higher education sector.

A visiting lecturer at several overseas universities, Professor Bin-Sallik has published extensively in international literature, and has been invited to deliver papers and keynote addresses at international conferences in the USA, Germany, Norway, Mexico, England, and Brazil.

In 2000, she was awarded the Centenary Medal in recognition of her achievement in being the first Indigenous Australian to be employed full-time in higher education.

During her tenure at CDU, Professor Bin-Sallik was instrumental in establishing various Indigenous support programs for students and staff.

Mobile and learning in the Central Desert

NT A NEW Northern Territory shire is boosting learning capacity using an innovative truck-delivered mobile active learning classroom from Charles Darwin University (CDU). A group of 30 Indigenous men and women from Engawala, 70km north of Alice Springs, is completing the introductory vocational education course (IVEC) using the facilities of CDU's mobile adult learning unit (MALU).

The newly-formed Central Desert Shire Council and Charles Darwin University (CDU) developed a relationship leading to multiple learning programs across traditional trades.

CDU's three MALUs are



The community of Engawala, is the latest to benefit from mobile classroom technology

deployed across the Territory teaching a wide range of traditional trades and pathway courses developed in consultation with the local community.

Three CDU IVEC students from the Engawala community are intending to complete

further studies in training and assessment so they can teach other community members.

CDU Alice Springs Campus Administrator David Reilly has just returned from Engawala and said the students were keen to take up positions in the new shire.

"Local people can see the opportunities to shape future decisions at the shire and this is motivating them to access new skills through CDU," he said.

The new program sees many of the men take active roles in the community administration building and store while they study.

"It's important for them to see the link between what they're learning and how it is applied in their workplace," he said.

Indigenous scholarships

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New scholarships are available for Indigenous persons committed to obtaining a degree in applied sciences relevant to the primary industry, fisheries or minerals and energy sectors.

The scholarship will take the form of a \$12 000 per annum stipend for the period normally required to complete the approved course on a full time or part time basis.

Scholarship recipients will also be provided with:

- a mentor for the period of the scholarship
- employment with the NT government during the long vacations

To apply, send an application containing:

- details of the course to be undertaken
- personal academic history, and
- the reasons why the department should fund your application.

Terms and conditions applying to the scholarships can be found at www.nt.gov.au/work4us

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Lowitja O'Donoghue presenting AIDA Fellows of medical colleges with framed stethoscopes. Back, from left, Associate Professor Noel Hayman, Dr Anita Watts, Dr David Brockman, Dr Alison Lavelle, Dr Jaqui Hughes, Dr Ray Warner, Dr Tanya Shram, Dr Kelvin Kong. Front, from left, Dr Marlene Kong, Dr Marilyn Clarke, Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue, Associate Professor Peter O'Mara and Associate Professor Helen Milroy.



AIDA member Dr Shane Turner sported a deadly painted stethoscope.



AIDA member (and Australia's only Indigenous obstetrician/gynaecologist) Dr Marilyn Clarke and daughter Phoebe.



From left, Dr Tamara Mackean, Dr Latisha Petterson, Bilawara Lee, Dr Aleeta Fejo, Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue, NT Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour, and a local well-wisher. During the symposium, Professor O'Donoghue was acknowledged for her support for and patronage of AIDA.



The symposium provided an opportunity for delegates to workshop ideas and catch up on new data.



AIDA President Dr Tamara Mackean and Professor Allan Carmichael, President of the Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand signing a Collaboration Agreement.



The Kenbi Dance Group performed at the AIDA Symposium.



AIDA Chief Executive Officer Romlie Mokak with Peter Pinnington.



AIDA student member Samarra Toby and Board member Dr Shannon Springer talking to local school children about how the body works.



AIDA student member Amanda Richards at the symposium in Darwin.

What's up, doc?

Indigenous medicos celebrate

Photos by WAYNE QUILLIAM



THE Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) has celebrated its first 10 years with recognition of the growing number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medicos.

The inspiring organisation, which now has 125 doctors as members, held its annual symposium in Darwin on 4 October.

The yearly gathering involved presentations and speeches – some reflecting upon the tumultuous first year of the Northern Territory intervention – and several community events where AIDA members got to mix with Top End locals.

At Casuarina Pool, AIDA doctors and students talked to local children about what it takes to become a doctor.

AIDA has become a key member of the Close the Gap Coalition striving to address the 17-year difference between Indigenous and non-Indigenous life expectancy, and its submission to the 12-month review of the NT intervention has been influential.

The theme of this year's Symposium was 'Our Culture, Our Kids, Our Future'. "For me, this theme is about being empowered by the strength of our culture to reclaim our social norms that provide for our children's health and well-being and gives us a future of hope and possibility," AIDA president Dr Tamara Mackean said. Dr Mackean also spoke about how, in the face of adversity, strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture can halt ongoing distress and promote health and well-being.

● Due to space constraints, a new monthly column from the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) will start in our next edition.



The newly-elected AIDA Board, from left, Dr Stephanie Trust, Associate Professor Peter O'Mara, Dr Dennis Bonney, Dr Tammy Kimpton, Dr David Brockman, Dr Latisha Petterson, Ms Danielle Arabena, Dr Marilyn Clarke, Dr Shannon Springer, and Dr Tamara Mackean (President).



From left, AIDA President Dr Tamara Mackean, Ngangkari (traditional healers of Central Australia) Andy Tjilari and Rupert Peter, entertainer Mary G and Laney Mackean.



AIDA doctors Simone Raye and Jaqui Hughes with Judy Lirrinyin, Iris Raye and Colleen Hayes.

Research works better 'in Koori Hands'



A REPORT launched in Melbourne earlier this month argues that research into

Aboriginal health will be improved and made more relevant to Koori communities and health practitioners if Aboriginal people themselves control the research agenda.

The new report, *We Can Like Research... In Koori Hands*, has been produced by Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit at the University of Melbourne. It builds on Onemda's 1999 report, *We Don't like*

Research... But in Koori Hands It Could Make A Difference by helping to further Onemda's core research, teaching and community development agenda of 'by Koori people, for Koori people'.

The latest report presents findings from a series of community workshops about Koori health research run with Koori Elders, researchers and community representatives around Victoria.

Elder Aunty Melva Johnson, of the Njemda Aboriginal Corporation in Echuca, reflected the views of the workshop participants when she said:

"Research is fine as long it's handled by our people."

Onemda Research Development Officer Paul Stewart said 'workshop participants want Koori health research to be controlled by Kooris'.

"For this to happen, Aboriginal community organisations need to play a key role in research and in its dissemination, implementation and evaluation, and need to be resourced to do this," he said.

"High-quality health research is vital if the Government is to achieve its commitment to closing the life-expectancy gap between

Aboriginal and other Australians."

Many Koori people feel that health research and its applications have not benefitted them. They remain suspicious about mainstream research, its intentions, and impact on communities and populations.

The new report offers 'a momentum for positive change' for the future, as long as Koori people have the resources, research capacity and leadership roles in driving the health research agenda.

We Can Like Research... In Koori Hands was launched on 7 October at the Koori Heritage Trust.

Doctorate result of remote study



DR TRICIA NAGEL has been awarded a PhD doctorate for research into mental health care in remote Northern Territory communities.

As a medical doctor and psychiatrist she has helped Indigenous clients develop the tools to 'self-manage' their mental health, and along the way developed strategies that work in remote settings.

She says her motivation has been to return dignity and stability to remote Indigenous people dealing with mental illness.

Dr Nagel's thesis involved research conducted in three remote NT communities, where assessment, education, and care-planning resources were developed with local Aboriginal mental health workers.

The study then implemented a 'randomised' trial of a brief intervention which incorporated these resources. Client outcomes were assessed over 18 months.

Dr Nagel said the relationships and understanding she developed with Indigenous leaders, health-care workers and mental health specialists gave her immense satisfaction.

"Developing workable tools for the Aboriginal health-care workers and in turn seeing their clients less stressed, happier and self-assured showed me I was making a valued difference," she said.

Dr Nagel said many hours in the health clinics, with patients and the offices of specialists were critical to the success of her project.

"It's about getting to know the people who are at the coal-face of health care, gaining knowledge and using creative means to build a better model for patient care," she said.

The PhD builds upon Dr Nagel's contribution to NT health. Since arriving in Darwin in the early 1980s, she has worked as district medical officer, GP, hospital medical officer at Nhulunbuy and, most recently, as a visiting psychiatrist.



Dr Tricia Nagel ... "Developing workable tools for the Aboriginal health-care workers and in turn seeing their clients less stressed, happier and self-assured showed me I was making a difference."

Dr Nagel said her studies provided a fresh approach to improving Indigenous health outcomes and she called on others in the industry to branch into research.

"Higher education research is very much a hands-on role that allows you to step back from the health-care system and contribute

your passion to building a better, more culturally appropriate response to health concerns," she said.

Dr Nagel's PhD was undertaken through Charles Darwin University's Menzies School of Health Research, the Institute of Advanced Studies and the School for Social and Policy Research.

Health college targets the gap



THE NSW Government says a new Aboriginal health college

in Sydney's south, set to open early next year, will play an important role in helping close the gap in Indigenous communities.

State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch, Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW CEO Sandra Bailey and International Centre for Eye Care Education Aboriginal Director Prof Brian Layland recently inspected the college.

The college, to be run by the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW, is recruiting a pool of Aboriginal health staff.

Mr Lynch said it would pave the way for new generations of health-care professionals to work in their own communities.

"To make serious inroads into improving the health standards of Aboriginal people, it's vital we train Aboriginal health professionals to work in communities," he said.

The NSW Government has provided \$7.9 million towards the Aboriginal Health College, built on the old Prince Henry Hospital site at Little Bay.

Ms Bailey said the state-of-the-art college would provide health-care training.

"Once trained, students will be qualified in crucial health-care skills and be able to go back to their communities as health workers," she said.

The Government says it is working with Aboriginal people to improve the health, education and social outcomes. Aboriginal people remain disadvantaged in health outcomes with the life-expectancy gap at 17 years.

But the Government says data in its *Two Ways Together* report highlighted the following improvements:

- Infant mortality rate decreased by 23 per cent between 1999 and 2005 from 10.9 per 1000 live births to 8.4
- A 19 per cent increase in the first antenatal visit to a mother-and-babies clinic before 20 weeks' gestation between 1994 and 2005
- More children aged under 15 being treated for symptoms associated with the ear complaint otitis media, from 25 per 100,000 in 2004-05 to 50.

Steve Ella, a former Parramatta NRL star and now a specialist alcohol and other drug work educator at college, said it was 'fantastic that we now have a dedicated college to train Aboriginal students - designed specifically to assist with the health problems of our communities'.

2008 Deadly Awards



The finale in the Sydney Opera House of Indigenous Australia's deadliest night of the year.

Spotlight on our deadliest

By KIRSTIE PARKER

CAMERA flashes popped, television crews stalked and microphones were wielded about when some of our most humble achievers finally became stars at the 14th Annual Deadly Awards in Sydney earlier this month.

A virtual who's who of black Australia dazzled on the red carpet before joining hundreds of excited audience members in the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall for the annual celebration of Indigenous excellence in music, sport, entertainment and community achievement.

Hosted by AFI award-winning actor Luke Carroll, the Deadlys 2008 were opened by the angelic voice of Gurrumul Yunupingu who continued his domination of the Australian music scene.

Adding to the ARIA he won last month, the modest Yolngu singer/songwriter won Deadlys for the Artist of the Year category, Song of the Year for his track *History (I Was Born Blind)*, and Album of the Year for *Gurrumul*.

A video package reminded the audience of the big news in Indigenous affairs during the year, with footage of February's national apology to the Stolen Generations drawing enthusiastic applause.

Milestones recognised during the ceremony included 100 years of NRL, 150 years of AFL and 25 years of the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act.

Other winners included the Black Arm Band for Deadly Band of the Year, country singer Adam James for Most Promising New



Former Australian Idol star Jessica Mauboy's dress drew gasps from the Deadlys crowd.

Talent in Music, Rohanee Cox for Female Sportsperson of the Year, and Hawthorn's Lance 'Buddy' Franklin for Outstanding Achievement in AFL.

The Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

went to Dr Noel Hayman, from Brisbane's Inala Indigenous Health Service, and Nhulundu Wooribah Indigenous Health Organisation's maverick 22-year-old Chief Executive Officer Matthew Cooke won Young Leader of the Year.

Some like Actor of the Year Leah Purcell had done it all before, while others such as Broadcaster of the Year 98.9FM's Uncle Peter Hill, and Trevor Jamieson and Scott Rankin of theatre production Ngapartji Ngapartji, were Deadly first-timers.

Ongoing achievement was also recognised, including that of warbler Auriel Andrew who scored the Jimmy Little Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music.

Four-decade music veteran Andrew declared that she'd learned her craft 'ATCF: around the camp fire'.

Also wowing the crowds with their vocals on the night were the captivating Jessica Mauboy and glamorous new mum Ursula Yovich, while the legendary Jimmy Little also showed Australia he's still got it with a medley topped off with his original hit, *Royal Telephone*.

The show was broadcast live on NITV and in edited form on SBS. Amidst the buzz after the ceremony were suggestions that it could be time to take the awards 'on the road', giving new audiences elsewhere in the country a chance to experience the Deadlys in person. We'll have to wait and see.

● **Photos on these and following pages by BEN SYMONS, THERESA DALTON and KIRSTIE PARKER**



Microwave Jenny's Brendan Boney shares style tips on the red carpet at the Deadlys.



Actors Lillian Crombie and Clarence John Ryan ham it up on stage.



Singer Dan Sultan and Likaya Bradford, from Melbourne.



Actor and singer Ursula Yovich with partner Stewart O'Connell and two-week-old daughter Djarla O'Connell.



Trevor Jamieson and Scott Rankin, left, of Ngapartji Ngapartji won the Deadly for Outstanding Achievement for Film, TV, Theatre.

2008 Deadly Awards



Koori Mail columnist and former *Big Brother* contestant Dixie Crawford, and Bianca Williams, of Sydney.



NITV Chairperson Larissa Behrendt (left) and CEO Pat Turner (right) with NSWALC CEO Geoff Scott.



Cairns sisters Sabine Creed and Jodie Cockatoo-Creed.



Willie Kickett and Nathan Lovett-Murray presented several awards.



Georgia Corowa hit a soulful note.



Ursula Yovich performed a tribute to Indigenous NRL and AFL players.



George Negus and Karla Grant presented the award for Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment. Bangarra Artistic Director Stephen Page won but was in London for the dance company's tour of *Rites*.



Paralympian Tahlia Rotumah (centre) with her Nan Desrae Rotumah and photographer Amanda James.



NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton with her sister Trina Brown, from Lightning Ridge.



Vibe Australia's Mayrah Butt (centre) with Stephen Woodlands and South Australian MP Frances Bedford.



Sporting siblings Glen Ella-Duncan and Marcia Ella-Duncan with Gary's daughter Jessica Ella (left) and Marcia's daughter Lauren Ella-Duncan (right), all from Matraville in Sydney.



ACPA Dancers during a tribute performance marking 25 years of the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act.



Olympic discus thrower Ben Harradine and Leah Purcell, who won a Deadly for Actor of the Year.



LEFT: Descendence performed during the welcome to country ceremony by Gadigal Elder Alan Madden.

RIGHT: Former Australian Idol Casey Donovan on the red carpet.



SBS Radio's Lola Forester was there.

2008 Deadly Awards

And the winners are ...

Music

Most Promising New Talent in Music:
Adam James

Single of the Year: *History (I Was Born Blind)* – Gurrumul Yunupingu

Album of the Year: *Gurrumul* – Gurrumul Yunupingu

Band of the Year: The Black Arm Band

Artist of the Year: Gurrumul Yunupingu

Jimmy Little Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music:
Auriel Andrew

APRA Song of the Year: Jodie Cockatoo-Creed and Andrew Farris – *Never Let You Go*

Sport

Most Promising New Talent in Sport:
Chris Sandow

Outstanding Achievement in AFL:
Lance Franklin

Outstanding Achievement in Rugby League: Greg Inglis

Female Sportsperson of the Year:
Rohanee Cox

Male Sportsperson of the Year:
Patrick Mills

The Ella Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sport:
Michael Long

The Arts

Dancer of the Year: Sermsah Bin Saad (aka Suri)

Outstanding Achievement in Film, TV or Theatre: Trevor Jamieson and Scott Rankin, Ngapartji Ngapartji

Outstanding Achievement in Literature: Anita Heiss and Peter Minter – *Macquarie PEN Anthology of Aboriginal Literature*

Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment: Steven Page – Bangarra Dance Theatre

Actor of the Year: Leah Purcell

Visual Artist of the Year: Michael Cook

Community

Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education: Paul Djolpa McKenzie – Maningrida CEC School

Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health: Dr Noel Hayman – Inala Indigenous Health Service

Broadcaster of the Year: 'Uncle' Peter Hill – The Shout Out Show, 98.9FM, Queensland

Young Leader of the Year: Matthew Cooke – Nhulundu Wooribah Indigenous Health Organisation, Queensland



NT Minister Karl Hampton (left) and NSW Minister Linda Burney with Matthew Cooke, who won the Deadly for Young Leader of the Year.



Gurrumul Yunupingu opened the awards show before picking up three awards.



Most Promising New Talent in Music, Adam James.



Dr Noel Hayman, of the Inala Indigenous Health Service, won for Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health.



Michael Long won the The Ella Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sport.



● ABOVE: Jimmy Little presents Auriel Andrew with the Jimmy Little Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Music.

● RIGHT: Greg Inglis showed his Deadly for Outstanding Achievement in Rugby League to dancers backstage.



Chris Sandow, left, and Dean Widders presented the Deadly for Artist of the Year. Rabbitoh Sandow later walked away with the Deadly of his own for Most Promising New Talent in Sport.



Dancer of the Year Sermsah (Suri) Bin Saad.



Paul Djolpa McKenzie, of Maningrida CEC School, was recognised for Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education.

2008 Deadlys – After Party



Buddies Terrilee Amatto and Alyce Davison, from Canberra.



Garigarra Mundine, from Dubbo, and Alesha Bhan, from Marrickville.



Michael Bani, from the NRL's Manly Sea Eagles, with Deanne Lees.



Living Black host Karla Grant (left) and Midi Stormont, both from SBS.



Olympic basketballer Rohanee Cox and fiancé Aaron Thomas, both of Townsville.



Terri, Hilton and Krystal Donovan.



This happy group took a breather from dancing at the after party.

Great vibe as crowd hits party

THE next day might have been all about aching feet, sore heads and early finishes, but that didn't stop award winners, their families and supporters, organisers and sponsors dancing up a storm at the Deadlys After Party. As well as boogeying to some

old school funk and R 'n' B, guests caught up with old friends and yarned into the wee hours.

The Koori Mail's THERESA DALTON and KIRSTIE PARKER scored tickets into the hottest party in town and captured these revellers in all their glory.



From left, Lyn Riley, from Sydney University, Anne Ndaba, from Tranby College, Sheryl Connors, from the Australian Museum, and Sherrie Connors, from the Australian Museum.



South Sydney NRL player Dean Widders with Toni Widders, and Cecileigh and Olivia Patten.



Adelaide's Kevin Kropinyeri (left) and partner Sandra Kropinyeri (right) with friend Sarah Campbell.



Aaron Burarrwanga, from Yirrkala, and singer Emma Donovan, from Sydney.



Sydney pals Karen Mundine and Craig Greene were there.



Qantas colleagues Alan Carney, Tracey Williams and pilot Andrew Bishop.



Robyn Macdonald, Melissa Macdonald and Lingi Tauasa, all of Sydney.



From left, Cheryl Koop, from Bourke, Tyson Yunkaporta, from Cape York, SA, and Samantha Bell and Nadia Gavin, from Bourke.



Gurrumul Yunupingu performs at the 'Ochre – supporting Indigenous health through art' auction in Melbourne.



TV personality Ray Martin was MC for the event at South Yarra's Mossgreen Auctions.

Healthy result

Ochre art auction raises \$250,000



ARTWORKS by some of Australia's most sought-after Indigenous

artists have been sold in a charity art auction which has raised more than a quarter of a million dollars for research into Indigenous health.

Highlights of 'Ochre – supporting Indigenous health through art' included the sale of a piece by 2008 Telstra Award winner Makintji Napanangka which went for \$18,500, a stand-out piece by finalist in the 2008 Western Australian Premier's Award Rita Simpson, which raised \$24,000, and a superb work by one of the hottest Indigenous artists of recent times, Regina Wilson, which sold for \$40,000.

Over \$250,000 was raised from the sale of 14 artworks, with all proceeds going to Indigenous child health research at the Darwin based Menzies School of Health Research.

The evening also included a performance from multi-ARIA nominee and Indigenous singer Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu. Speaking after the auction, event ambassador David

Smorgon described the evening as 'inspirational'.

"Hearing the experts from the Menzies School of Health Research speak at the event and being able to meet some wonderful people from remote Indigenous communities certainly made the night very special," he said. "The art was superb, the entertainment was spectacular and the audience was extremely generous."

"We all have a responsibility to do what we can to help

night, Menzies School of Health Research Director Professor Jonathan Carapetis said that he was 'blown away' by people's generosity and support.

"With this level of support we will really be able to make a difference to the lives of Indigenous kids," he said.

"For example, \$250,000 will allow us to visit remote communities to check young kids for debilitating scabies and skin sores and to help them learn how to treat themselves and their families."

"It will allow us to train local people to be able to work as health workers in their communities."

"It will allow us to screen kids for rheumatic heart disease and prevent them from dying young due to an undiagnosed heart condition."

"And it will help us to vaccinate pregnant women to protect their unborn children from contracting ear disease in the first few weeks of life."

● All artworks sold at the auction were bought from community art centres thanks to sponsorship from some of Australia's wealthiest and most successful families.

– Photos by Tatjana Plitt

'The art was superb, the entertainment was spectacular and the audience was extremely generous'

– Event ambassador David Smorgon

discover ways to break the cycle of ill-health faced by Indigenous Australians. Too many Indigenous people are dying prematurely and too many Indigenous kids face an unhealthy and uncertain future.

"By supporting Ochre, this is our chance to try to make a difference to the lives of Indigenous kids."

Thanking all supporters and donors who contributed on the



A small section of the crowd on hand in South Yarra for the auction. Some of Australia's wealthiest and most prominent people attended.



At the auction were City of Port Phillip Indigenous Arts Officer Bo Svoronos, Melbourne resident Laurel Fisher (centre) and Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation member Rosemary Rule.

Canada date for NT films



THE Northern Territory's Indigenous Short Film Initiative, *Yarning Up*, is continuing to find success with two of its films.

One River All Rivers, directed by Tom E Lewis, and *Yolngu Guya Djamamirr*, directed by Frank Djirrimbilwuy, were selected to screen at the ImagiNATIVE Film Festival in Toronto this month.

The ImagiNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival is an international event that celebrates the latest works by Indigenous peoples on the forefront of innovation in film, video, radio, and new media.

One River All Rivers and *Yolngu Guya Djamamirr* were produced by Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association (TEABBA) in the first series of the NT Film Office/ABC/Screen Australia/NT Department of Education, Employment and Training initiative, *Yarning Up*.

One River All Rivers is a short

documentary story about Arnhem Land lawman Roy Ashley Moyngumbi who receives a message from the Crow Spirit to stop the destruction and drainage of the river system. With time against him, he creates a Letter Stick and hangs it as a prayer on the tree in the hope it will be found.

Yolngu Guya Djamamirr is a film about the Chooky Dancers from Galiwinku. Since uploading the Chooky Dancers performance of *Zorba the Greek - Yolngu Style*, to YouTube, it has become a sensation. This is the story behind the dance.

Workshops

The *Yarning Up* short documentaries were made by first-time Indigenous directors who participated in film production workshops held at TEABBA and on-the-job training.

All four films were created in local Indigenous languages and shot in each of the directors' communities. Once the films were completed, they were

broadcast on the ABC's *Message Stick* program. These films have also been screened at the United Nations in New York City, the Natural History Museum also in New York, the International Indigenous Cultural and Bio-Diversity Film Festival in France, Winnipeg Film Festival in Canada, Message Sticks Film Festival in Sydney, First Full of Films in Darwin, Darwin Festival and the Garma Festival.

Yarning Up aims to provide training to further develop the skills and opportunities for Top End Australian Indigenous writers and directors, by developing and funding the production of short documentary films.

Top End first-time Indigenous filmmakers will have another chance to tell their short stories on film, with the commissioning of the second series of *Yarning Up*. Applications for *Yarning Up* 2 close on 1 November.

For more information about writing a submission, phone TEABBA on (08) 8939 0400.



Nutwood Downs Station artist Angelina George with her painting *Far Away Places*, 2008.

Photo courtesy the artist and Karen Brown Gallery

Some top artworks, by George



AN exhibition by the winner of the 2007 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award General Painting category, Angelina George, has opened in Perth.

Dry Season Long Time was officially opened at the Randell Lane Fine Art Gallery in Mt Lawley on Friday.

Darwin-based art dealer Karen Brown said that the artist, from Nutwood Downs Station, surprised the viewer with her vision and reminded them of the 'secrets, mystery and intensity of the land - the inspiration of her work'.

"*Dry Season* is a body of works so translucent the colours flow over each other as the light plays on the country and the memory of country is revealed," said Brown.

"...we are journeying through the landscape with Angelina George and reflecting with her on the beauty and grandness of the country."

"Angelina's technical confidence as a painter shimmers across these canvases ... a palette of light, dry, season colour against rough scratches of deep reds and brown."

Highly commended

The exhibition features George's work *Far Away Places*, which was highly commended in this year's Telstra award.

"I used to walk through the valleys, creeks and billabongs, across the rivers; we had to find our own tucker and we knew where to go hunting," Ms George said in August of the area featured in her painting.

"Bushflowers, animals, trees, beautiful rocks - it was wonderful, I was happy then. When I look at places or imagine them, I remember I was walking there, or collecting sugarbag, it makes me sad - a tear comes to my eye and it reminds me of when I used to walk around with my brothers and sisters, or my mother."

Randell Lane Fine Art is at 5/567 Beaufort St in Mt Lawley. The gallery is open: Tuesday to Saturday, from 11am - 5pm. *Dry Season Long Time* will run until 5 November.

Dance in the dust

By SAMANTHA DEAN



AN exhibition celebrating the culturally complex art of Indigenous dance featured at the Queensland Performing Arts

Centre has concluded a successful three-month showing at the venue.

The exhibition, titled *Kicking Up Dust: From Grassroots to Centre Stage*, and featuring the work of Cairns-based photographer Kerry Trapnell, paid homage to the Laura Aboriginal Dance and Cultural Festival, a gathering dedicated to celebrating local dance and arts from across the Cape York region.

Consultant curator Elverina Johnson, a Kungunji woman from Yarrabah, said the aim of the exhibition was to increase awareness of the complex nature of the art of Indigenous dance in the wider community.

"Indigenous dance isn't just Indigenous dance - it's a map in itself, a directory of the culture behind the dance," Ms Johnson said.

"It's an important way to identify people through their different cultures and the story they are telling through their movement."

Ms Johnson was one of four finalists in the category of Community Innovation in this year's Queensland 'Smart Women - Smart State' awards, receiving a highly commended for her work on the *Kicking Up Dust* exhibition.

In addition to photographic images



One of the images from the *Kicking Up Dust* exhibition.

Photos by KERRY TRAPNELL

depicting scenes of Indigenous dance, the exhibition also featured traditional artefacts gathered from in and around the Cape York region.

The Laura Aboriginal Dance and Cultural Festival, established in the early 1980s and evolving into one of the most well-established and vibrant festivals in Australia, provides a unique opportunity for showcasing Indigenous culture to the wider community.

Kerry Trapnell has been attending the festival since the early 1990s.

"What has struck me in recent years is the strong and growing presence of young dancers," he said in a written explanation of the subject matter of the exhibition.

"The energy and enthusiasm of

these young dancers is uplifting and along with the age-old sounds of traditional music, confirms that another generation is connecting with their culture."

A DVD documenting the talents of Indigenous communities such as those from Yarrabah, Woorabinda, Lockhart River, Cherbourg and the Torres Strait was also shown during the exhibition, featuring their performances of traditional music, songs and dance.

Ms Johnson said there were hopes the *Kicking Up Dust* exhibition could be shown at other venues.

"There are a number of possibilities," she said.

"We are open to anyone who is interested in having it."

All ready for Yarnballa Festival



THE band *No Fixed Address* will play their first South Australian show in more than two decades to headline the Yarnballa Festival, to be held in Port Augusta next week.

The rock reggae band broke up in the late 1980s after a career that left Aboriginal Australia with the black rights anthem *We Have Survived*, which can still be heard on Aboriginal radio stations around the country.

"We're ecstatic to be able to present *No Fixed Address* at the Yarnballa Concert," said Yarnballa Artistic Director Diat Alferink, who last week revealed the

calendar of events for the festival. "They reformed especially to play at this festival after a request from our steering committee was passed on to lead singer Bart Willoughby.

"Their music has stood the test of time and they are still as popular today as they were 20 years ago."

Events in the four-day festival, from 23-26 October, will feature traditional and contemporary dance, visual arts, music, comedy and film.

Other highlights include the contemporary dance show *Petroglyphs - Signs of Life*, a collaboration between Leigh Warren and Dancers and former Bangarra dancer Gina Rings.



Yarnballa Artistic Director Diat Alferink.

Rings, who grew up in Port Augusta, will also choreograph the opening ceremony where dozens

of dancers from Port Augusta, Adelaide and Point Pearce will join with school children and residents to celebrate the opening of the festival on the Port Augusta Foreshore.

The visual arts exhibition *Ripples In The Sand* features the work of local artists largely created during a series of workshops held in the lead-up to the festival.

Established artists from the region undertook training in new artforms such as glass work and sculpture to create a unique exhibition, which will be on show at the Yarta Purlti Cultural Centre from tomorrow for two weeks.

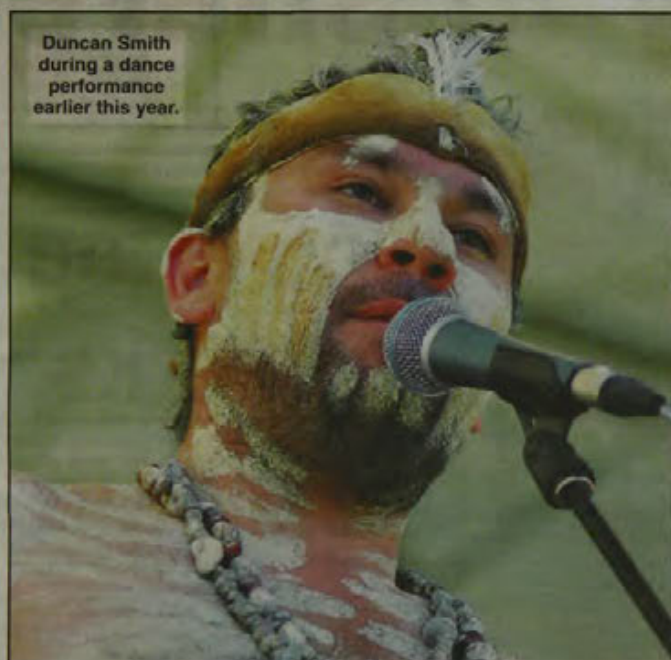
"This is the most exciting line-up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts events

you could wish for," said Alferink.

"We truly have something for everybody at Yarnballa, from local musicians and comedians performing at the Wild Cat Club, poets and storytellers at the family day and live music with an all-day concert featuring the biggest line-up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists ever seen in this State."

Umeewarra Media Director Vince Coulthard thanked the sponsors, including Port Augusta City Council, Arts SA and the Federal Government as well as all the supporters in the local community.

The full festival program is available at the website www.yarnballa.com



Duncan Smith during a dance performance earlier this year.

It's Back to Country for Wiradjuri man



DUNCAN Smith is known around Canberra for his painting and performances, as well as teaching local school children about his culture. Now the Wiradjuri man and ambassador for Canteen is branching out into new territory.

Smith was one of three artists involved in the 2007 PhotoAccess Indigenous Digital Storytelling project.

Last week, his labour in the project bore fruit with the opening of his *Back to Country* exhibition at the Huw Davies Gallery in Canberra.

The exhibition features 10 detailed ochre paintings and 20 digital works in which Smith's paintings have been layered with his photographs to create tapestry-like images.

Smith said the *Back to Country* project and exhibition were about the importance of connection to land and culture, and the importance of water to everything.

The emerging visual artist revisited his cultural homeland this year to develop the work. His journey took him, with his family, to Wellington and Dubbo in the Orana region of NSW.

"I travelled back home to Wellington and Dubbo, as travelling back home was an opportunity to show my kids about culture and family," Smith said before the launch.

"I also travelled back home to photograph landmarks and the surroundings of sacred sites, where I was taught my culture as a kid. Some of the pictures in this exhibition are of the bush surrounding sacred sites."

Performance

The opening of *Back to Country* last Thursday was followed by a performance by the Wiradjuri Echoes dancers.

Back to Country was supported by the ACT Government through the ACT Arts Fund, by PhotoAccess through its artists in residence program and by ACT Indigenous Arts Officer Neville O'Neill. The exhibition continues until 2 November. PhotoAccess and the Huw Davies Gallery are in the Manuka Arts Centre, corner Manuka Circle and NSW Crescent (near Manuka Oval), Griffith.

Smith will present a free artist talk at PhotoAccess this Sunday 26 October at 2pm.



VICTORIAN Arts Minister Lynne Kosky has announced the shortlist for the State's 2008 Indigenous Art Awards. A total of 24 artworks were shortlisted across six categories, with a total prize pool of \$47,000.

"The Victorian Indigenous Art Awards is the richest Indigenous art award program in the country, and one of the most diverse," Ms Kosky said. "Our Indigenous artists work across a range of traditional and contemporary styles and mediums. The shortlisted works range from oil on canvas to basket weaving, photography, installations and textiles."

"More than half of the shortlisted artists are from regional areas which demonstrates the strength of Indigenous art right across the State."

Ms Kosky said the shortlist was selected from 110 entries by a panel of judges including NGV Indigenous Art Curator Stephen Gilchrist, Koorie Heritage Trust Curatorial Manager Maroo Clarke and freelance writer, curator and advocate for Indigenous issues Jirra Harvey.

She said the Victorian Indigenous Art Awards were initiated by the Victorian Government to showcase and celebrate the diversity of Victorian Indigenous art and to raise the profile of the state's Indigenous artists.

The award categories include the Deadly Art Award open to two and three dimensional works; the Koorie Heritage Trust Acquisition Award; the Lin Onus Award for artists aged 30 years and under; the Boscia Galleries Award for Photography; and the Victorian Cultural Heritage Award for a work which is the result of research and/or oral history into cultural heritage, customs, ceremonies and/or events relating to Aboriginal people in Victoria.

The shortlistees for the 2008 Victorian Indigenous Art Awards are:

- Brian Birch, *Celebration of Survival*, Brunswick
- Megan Cadd, *Post Colonisation Remedies*, Doncaster

- Karen Clarke-Edwards, 1987, Mildura
- Bindu Cole, *How to be a Domestic Goddess*, Altona North
- John Duggan, *Beneath our Feet*, South Morang
- The late Arthur Dawes, *Gunai/Kurnai tribe shields*, Morwell
- Jennifer Dunne, *Kirrae Wurrung Blood Lip language*, Mill Park
- Ronald Edwards, *Boron and Tuck*, Morwell
- Jo-Anne Egan, *Elements of Survival*, Mildura
- Jonathan Harradine, *Smoken Free Zone*, Euston
- Jonathan Harradine, *Love*, Euston
- Eileen Harrison, *The children of Jackson's Track*, Warragul
- Ivan Johnson, *Walking on the Landscape*, Mildura
- Kahli Luttrell, *Life*, Reservoir
- Gayle Maddigan, *Distant wailing of memory lines*, Mandurang
- Sharmane Maddigan, *Coloured Girl*, Mandurang
- Jennifer Mullett, *The talking dog legend*, Bairnsdale
- Marilyn Nichols, *Perception of spirit from land*, Wood Wood
- Janet Ogston, *Be hidden*, Morwell
- Wayne Quilliam, *Immaterial Perception*, Port Melbourne
- Reko Rennie-Gwaybilla, *Big Red*, Strathmore
- Annette Sax, *Nina iliam buluk' Our People, Our Place*, West Melbourne
- Peter Waples-Crowe, *HOMO TRADITIONAL*, North Melbourne
- Carol Wright, *My Dreaming Cuts Deep*, Mill Park

The winners of the Victorian Indigenous Art Awards will be announced on 28 November.

An accompanying exhibition will be open to the public from 28 November until 21 December 2008 at Boscia Galleries, Level 4, 175 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

Opportunities for Canberra-based artists



CANBERRA-BASED Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists have been invited to take advantage of new opportunities to broaden their arts practice to work in glass.

Under the ACT Strategic Indigenous Arts Development Initiative, the Canberra Glassworks will offer three residencies to Indigenous artists to learn any three of the following techniques in glass – glass blowing, bead-making, cold working, casting

and kiln-fusing. Each workshop runs over four weeks, three hours a week, or can be done as an intensive weekend workshop. Class times and start dates will be negotiated with the artists. The residencies are fully sponsored for each artist.

Also, the ACT Indigenous Textiles and Glass Artists Group (ITAG) has won funding through artsACT to sponsor a further three Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artists to do beginning workshops in all five of the following glass working techniques –

glass blowing, bead-making, cold working, casting and kiln-fusing.

Each workshop runs over four weeks, three hours a week, or can be done as an intensive weekend workshop. Class times and start dates will be negotiated with the artists. The residencies are fully sponsored for each artist.

Artists will be selected on a first-come first-served basis, so interested emerging and established artists are urged to register their interest.

Selected artists will be given a full tour of the Canberra Glassworks, incorporating explanations and examples of all glass-working techniques. Any interested artists may also visit the Canberra Glassworks, Wednesday-Sunday, 10am-4pm, to see exhibitions of glass artists' works and see artists at work in the various glass workshops areas.

To register your interest, telephone Jenni on (0423) 629 470 or email contact@kemarrearts.com.au



A work by central desert artist Betty Mbitjana, featured in 'Journeys'.

A long journey



AN exhibition of Indigenous artworks, storytelling and dancing from the Western and Central Deserts of the Northern Territory has opened in Melbourne and will continue until Thursday, 30 October.

The 'Journeys' exhibition experience is showing in the main theatre at Gasworks Arts Park in the suburb of Albert Park.

Amongst the contributors are leading Western Desert Indigenous artists Pansy Napangati and Maureen Hudson Nampitjinpa, who attended last Thursday's opening at blue door gallery @ gasworks.

The pair, from Haasts Bluff and Mt Allen near Papunya, will be painting on site until this Friday, 24 October, and people are invited to meet the artists and learn the stories and traditions of the Indigenous art culture of Central Australia.

Blue door gallery is in the Gasworks Arts Park, 21 Graham Street, Albert Park. For more information, see www.bluedoorgallery.com.au



SOME artists need solitude in order to create their best work –

but not Richmond Valley's Andrew Collard.

The artist will share his art practice – from concept to completed work – when he works 'in situ' as a guest artist at the Casino Visitor Information Centre/Platypus Art Gallery in Casino, northern NSW, during the next month.

Collard will be on site each Wednesday and Thursday from 9am-3pm from 27 October to 27 November, and will provide insights, hints and pointers in relation to his individual works on show, many of which feature native fauna including the goanna or 'Dirrawong', and the spotted frog.



Andrew Collard at work.

Platypus Art Gallery described Collard as 'a shining new artist' emerging from the youth of the local Jambama Art and Indigenous

Culture Gallery students. "Andrew paints with a natural vibrancy like no other; capturing nature and insights only available to a cultural

reservoir dating back many thousands of years," a spokesperson said.

Collard has developed his art practise through Jambama, where local Indigenous artists produce paintings on canvas, wood and silk, wood carvings, cultural handicrafts, decorated boomerangs and other crafts.

The gallery is overseen by the Buyinbin Aboriginal Corporation.

Casino Visitor Information Centre/Platypus Art Gallery is at 86 Centre Street in Casino. Opening hours are from 9am-4pm each day, Monday to Sunday, and the artworks are available for sale. For more information, call (02) 6662 3566.

Buyinbin Aboriginal Corporation is a part-owner of The Koori Mail.

NSW exhibition gives a voice to ancestors



ART and ancestral voices will intertwine in an art exhibition aimed at

introducing Indigenous artists from the central western New South Wales region to the mainstream art environment. The exhibition, to be hosted by Forbes Art Gallery and Centacare next month, will display more than 100 artworks from central western artists, including paintings, weavings, drawings, etchings and wood sculptures.

The works will show the richness of the local history, the colours of the environment and the Wiradjuri artists' skills.

The works will tell the stories of local Indigenous people and act as a recorder of history, with prominent regional artists of the ilk of Lindsay Kirby, Sauce and Bev Coe, displaying their pieces.

Exhibition curators, Centacare visiting artist Sean-James Cassidy and



'A Billabong Breakfast' by Sauce (wood etching, 2008), one of the artworks to be exhibited at Forbes and Bourke.

Forbes Art Gallery's Scott Chamney, have encouraged people to come and 'share in the art that unites a people's vision for ancestral voices'.

The exhibition will open at the Forbes Art Gallery in Sheriff Street on Thursday 6 November at 6.30pm, until 9 November. A similar exhibition will be

staged in Bourke by Centacare in conjunction with the artists and local gallery, and will be officially opened on Thursday 27 November. It will finish on Sunday 30 November.

For more information, contact Centacare on (02) 6851 1991, or Forbes Art Gallery on (02) 6851 2600.



Australian Government
Department of the Environment,
Water, Heritage and the Arts

Funding for performing arts tours

We invite performing arts companies, producers, tour organisers and Australian musicians to apply for Australian Government funding. Mark these closing dates in your calendar!

Playing Australia funds the touring of performing arts, such as theatre, music, opera, dance and circus; particularly to regional and remote Australia.
★ Closing 15 December 2008

The Contemporary Music Touring Program funds Australian musicians to develop tours and build audiences across Australia, with additional funding for tours to remote areas.
★ Closing 5 February 2009

For details, including application forms and guidelines visit www.arts.gov.au or phone 1800 819 461 (toll free).

www.arts.gov.au

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.simplicitycrm.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

Ongoing: Goori Women's Yarnin' Circle. The Yarnin Circle is a time of sharing, listening and learning for Aboriginal Mothers, Aunties and Sisters. The Circle will enable us to support each other in our parenting and make the things happen that we value and strive for as Aboriginal Parents. All welcome with morning tea provided. Transport can be provided. Held every Wednesday at the YWCA, 101a Rous Road, Goonellabah from 10am-12.30pm. Details: Chrissy Franks (02) 6625 5804 or (0450) 840 179 or email chrissy@ywcansw.com.au or visit www.ywcansw.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

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



Respected Bundjalung artist Digby Moran has produced a range of digital images on canvas and they will be on display at ACE North Coast Community College, 59 Magellan Street, Lismore, until 20 November.

from 11am-12.30pm. Please RSVP by 29th September. Details: Marc on (0415) 074 602 or email newbone@bigpond.com or Sandi on (0407) 998 316 or email sandi@westlink.net.au

Until 12 October: The Couzens Family Exhibition. This exhibition showcases paintings, photos, sculptures and artifacts revealing the unique, collective story of four generations of the Couzens family clan, an Indigenous family from the Western District of Victoria. Held at Melbourne Museum, Carlton from 10am-5pm. Details: (03) 8341 7141 or email bunjilakarsvp@museum.vic.gov.au or visit www.museumvictoria.com.au

Until 12 October: 2008 Xstrata Coal Emerging Indigenous Art Awards. An initiative of the Queensland Art Gallery in partnership with Xstrata Coal, the art awards is an acquisitive prize of \$30,000 awarded to an emerging Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander artist. The associated exhibition presents the work of the ten short-listed artists from across Australia. Held at the Gallery of Modern Arts, South Bank. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or (07) 3840 7038 or visit www.qag.qld.gov.au/exhibitions

Until 14 October: Indigenous Small Grants calling for applicants for projects that enhance youth participation or create opportunities for the development of Indigenous young people aged 12-25 years. Grants of \$5000. Details: (03) 9670 5436 or 1800 252 316 or email tya@youngaustralians.org

Until 16 October: Mungowm Ngarraknari 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 Jawajji 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 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

Until 26 October: 'Art and About' Arts Festival. This event will showcase the talents of emerging and established Australian and international artists will be displayed in a series of vibrant exhibitions and events in the streets, public spaces and galleries across the City of Sydney. Details and locations: (02) 9265 9333 or visit www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or www.artandabout.com.au

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: Tiwi Footy-Yiloga Photographic Exhibition. This is a series of photographs showcasing a new book, Tiwi Footy-Yiloga, by Monica Napper and Peter Eve. This book features 256 pages of photojournalistic images of everything to do with grand final day taken over a period of four years, from the church blessing, to the teams preparing for the match, through to the game itself and its emotional aftermath. Held at the Northern Territory Library from 6.30pm onwards. Details: Jo McGill on (08) 8999 5562 or Monica Napper on (0408) 280 761 or visit www.f11.com.au or www.ntl.nt.gov.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@australiacouncil.gov.au or visit www.australiacouncil.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@australiacouncil.gov.au or visit www.australiacouncil.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@australiacouncil.gov.au or visit www.australiacouncil.gov.au

Until 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

Until 12 November: Tjukurpa Kutjupa: 'Other Stories' Art Exhibition - From Ninuku Arts and Tjanpi Desert Weavers. This exhibition is a beautiful showcase of work from the Central and Western Deserts. All welcome. Held at Short Street Gallery, 2 Short Street, Broome. Details: (08) 9192 2658 or email enquiries@shortstgallery.com or visit www.shortstgallery.com

Until 14 November: Chopped Liver Australian tour. Black comedy play informing about hepatitis C. Details: on event locations, call (03) 9212 4777 or email info@ilbijerri.org.au or visit www.ilbijerri.org.au

Until 14 November: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. The exhibition features more than 1000 black and white photographs, documenting more than 47 years of the former Aboriginal Welfare Board which controlled every aspect of Aboriginal people's lives between 1883 and 1969. Held at the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Centre, Quirindi. For details call Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (0438) 938 809 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

Until 20 November: Vibe Alive. This is a two day festival for young Australians of all backgrounds and offers students the chance to sing, dance, play, create and learn in an environment that allows them to express themselves, share their talents and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. Held at Kalgoorlie on 5-6 November, Mildura

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on 12-13 November, and Rockhampton on 19-20 November. Details: Alison Turner on (02) 9361 0140 or (0400) 385 984 or email alison@vibe.com.au or visit www.vibealive.com.au

Until 20 November: Digby Moran's Art Exhibition. Digby Moran is a respected Bundjalung Elder who has made a name for himself as a visual artist. Digby has produced a range of digital images on canvas of his original paintings, many of which have sold overseas and here in Australia. Held at ACE North Coast Community College, 59 Magellan St, Lismore. Details: Jan or Kathleen on (02) 6622 1903.

Until 23 November: Burst of Nature Art Exhibition. The Cairns Regional Gallery is hosting the Tropical North Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander TAFE's student exhibition. Guest speaker: Wayne Licciardello. Held at Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns. All welcome. Details: (07) 4046 4800 or email info@cairnsregionalgallery.com.au or visit www.cairnsregionalgallery.com.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 6.30pm. Details: Uma on (0405) 509 751 or email kalgo8@yahoo.com.au

Until 7 December: Pukurrarrima-Lal! 'Let Us Celebrate' art exhibition. This exhibition will show Papulankutja artists who paint their country and depict some of the important stories of their region such as the Wali Kutjarra (two men), the Seven Sisters, Pukara (a waterhole) and Ilurpa (another waterhole). Held at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or email tandanya@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

Until 11 December: Breast Screening Mobile Unit. These are free mammogram screenings. It is important that all women over the age of 40 receive mammograms (breast x-rays) every two years. Appointments only take about 10 minutes and they could save your life. There is an open session at each venue where appointments are not needed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. Dates and venues: 13-14 October Bonalbo, 15-16 October Urbenville, 20-30 October Kyogle, 3-4 November Uki and 5 November-11 December Mullumbimby. There is also all year round screenings at Tweed Heads, Lismore, Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie. Details: 13 20 50 or Melissa Rahmate on 66211206 or (0417) 040 803 or visit www.bsnsnsw.org.au

Until 13 December: Vibe 3on3. The Vibe 3on3 brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous people for a fun day of basketball, dancing, music, health and culture. The event encourages sportsmanship, teaches new skills and builds self-esteem as well as promoting reconciliation at a grassroots level. Held at Ceduna 6 December and Sydney 13 December. Details: Alison Turner on (02) 9361 0140 or (0400) 385 984 or email alison@vibe.com.au or visit www.vibe.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 playing.australia@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 4 January 2009: '380,000 km of Art' Exhibition. This exhibition displays a range of styles, including the traditional Anghem Land and Tanami Desert styles, contemporary art from Rivers region, the eastern areas of the NT and the distinctive style of renowned artist Bill Harney from Menzies, also known as Innisville Station. All welcome. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or email tandanya@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.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 magnl@nt.gov.au or visit www.magnl.nt.gov.au

Until 31 January 2009: *In Living Memory* NSW Tour is an exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. Held at State Records Gallery in The Rocks, Sydney from 9am-5pm. Free entry. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660.

Until 30 June 2009: Indigenous Leadership Program 09. This program leads Indigenous people to bigger actions and opportunities. Details: 1800 249 873 or email indigenousleadership@fahcsia.gov.au or visit www.fahcsia.gov.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.

22 October-15 November: Art and Healing: the paintings of Shane Pickett - Art Exhibition. His latest body of work explores

the role of Indigenous knowledge in the healing process. For Pickett, this is a process of spiritual, physical and cultural regeneration. Through the power of the Dreaming, he offers a vision of healing and hope for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians based upon mutual respect and understanding. Details: (03) 9417 6694 or email collingwood@mossensongalleries.com.au or visit www.indigenart.com.au

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

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

24 October-4 January 09: Anangu Tjuta Tjangu Warkarinyi - Many Anangu Working Together art exhibition. This is an exhibition which celebrates the successful collaboration between Mimili Maku Arts and Crafts and Iwantja Arts. Held at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or email tandanya@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

26 October: Danks Street Festival. This all-day street festival will include live music, an art market featuring works by local artists, roving entertainers, gourmet food stalls, children's craft area and a fresh produce market in one of Sydney's most exciting food and art hubs. Held at Danks Street, Waterloo from 11am-4pm. Details: (02) 9265 9333 or email council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or visit www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

27 October: Family Drug Support. Do you have a family member or loved one with drug and alcohol problems? This support group offers a place to talk and listen with others struggling with similar problems. Held at Guide Hall, Carlyle St, Byron Bay, from 7-9pm. Details: Jenny Bird on (0423) 635

320 or David Morgan on (02) 6624 3254 or Margaret on (0427) 857 092.

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: Candice Sheehan on (02) 9080 4035 or Harvey on (02) 9080 4067 or email info@iir.com.au or visit www.iir.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

29 October-29 November: Fiona Omeenyo 'New Beginning' and Ikuntji Artists NT 'Yungkiya and Kulunypa - Old and New' Art Exhibition. Held at Hogarth Galleries, 7 Walker Lane, Paddington from 6-8pm. Details: (02) 9360 6839 or email info@hogarthgalleries.com or visit www.aboriginalartcentres.com

30 October: Deadly Days Festival with the aim of encouraging school attendance.

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The Vibe 3on3 is coming to Ceduna, South Australia, on 6 December and Sydney on 13 December. It brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous people for a day of basketball, dancing, health and culture. This picture was taken at Ceduna last year.



Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities



Hotels jobs boost



THE demand from domestic and international tourists looking for an Indigenous cultural experience

has prompted Australia's major hotels to boost their Indigenous employee numbers.

Major hotels (four- and five-star) across the country are set to take on at least 100 Indigenous people within the next 18 months as part of the HOSTPLUS Indigenous Hotel Management Traineeship Program. The Program launch was conducted in Canberra by Federal Tourism Minister Martin Ferguson.

Australian Hotels Association (AHA) CEO Bill Healey said employees of Australia's major hotels were in a prime position to promote all that Australia had to offer to their guests, including local Aboriginal culture.

"The HOSTPLUS Indigenous Hotel Management Traineeship Program is an important response to a burgeoning market in which overseas and domestic visitors have expressed interest in engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and learning more about their cultures," Mr Healey said.

Indigenous experience

It is predicted that an Indigenous cultural experience will be one of the most important factors for visiting Australia for more than 200,000 international visitors by 2016.

The Indigenous tourism market is set to get a further boost from the November release of Baz Luhrmann's movie *Australia*, which promises to ignite domestic and international tourism with its portrayal of Australia's unique landscapes and its celebration of outback adventure and local Aboriginal culture.

"The program is aiming to secure the interest and support of every four- and five-star hotel in the country, even those with their

'Indigenous experience' drives employment push



Rydges Southbank AFL SportsReady trainees, middle from left, Kathleen Baira, Kathleen Thomas, Kathryn Button and Richard Hopkins with Rydges Southbank management Katharine Millar and Tony Scrivener.

own Indigenous employment programs," Mr Healey said.

"It is also our hope that it will help soften the impact of the skills shortage currently being experienced across the industry.

"We're confident that AFL SportsReady can emulate the success it has enjoyed in the sport and recreation industry over the past six years. We are particularly excited about the prospect of moving beyond the Hospitality Certificate III, by working with the major hotels to create a range of career advancement opportunities for any young Indigenous Australians looking to take up a career in the hotels industry.

"The AFL SportsReady program is designed to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait people to become exceptional members of a team.

"This requires more than

screening and recruiting candidates – it depends on pre-employment training and cultural awareness training for trainees as well as hotel staff."

The HOSTPLUS Indigenous Hotel Management Traineeship Program will be developed and delivered by a range of registered training organisations, including The Mint Group. The Mint Group has a long history of providing tailored training and human resource solutions in community and commercial programs.

It will provide young Indigenous Australians with the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge that it is hoped will ultimately see them in roles in the hospitality and tourism industry that will enable them to provide guidance and access to Australia's unique and diverse Indigenous heritage and culture.



Trainee Kathleen Thomas and AFL's Sam Mostyn.

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the Koori Mail's Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish hundreds of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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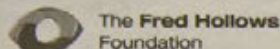
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Development Coordinator Make a difference!

The Fred Hollows Foundation is an agent for development; we focus on blindness prevention and Australian Indigenous health. The Fred Hollows Foundation works for a world where no one is needlessly blind and Indigenous Australians enjoy the same health and life expectancy as other Australians.

This is a full time position in the Darwin office. This role is responsible for a diverse range of community capacity building and development projects including support for community festivals. We are seeking an enthusiastic and diligent person who has –

- The ability to articulate the concepts of and be committed to Indigenous community control and management

- Exceptional written and verbal communication skills
- Be able to demonstrate a sound knowledge and understanding of remote Aboriginal communities
- Have substantial program coordination experience (preferably including direct field work) in Indigenous community development

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply for this position.

Application process

For further details and full selection criteria go to www.hollows.org.au/employment or call Gemina Corpus on (08)8941-5145.

Send applications to: hfh@hollows.org by COB Monday 27 October 2008.

OFFICE MANAGER

The Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria (FVPLS Victoria) provides legal assistance, counselling, support, information and referral services to Aboriginal victims/survivors of family violence and sexual assault. The FVPLS Victoria's head office is based in Melbourne with three regional offices.

We are seeking to appoint a motivated, multi-skilled person with excellent interpersonal and organisational skills to our Melbourne office.

For a copy of the position description, email melbourneoffice@fvpls.org.

Position closes 7 November.

Phone 03 9654 3111 or visit www.fvpls.org



Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited

Cook

Sydney

Tony Mundine Hostel

APS Level 1

\$30,034 - \$35,163 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel whilst ensuring a high level of cleanliness

Want to know more?

Contact Tony 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 7 November 2008.

This is a Tertiary Education and Training hostel.

Relief Night Attendant

Sydney

Tony Mundine Hostel

APS Level 1

\$151.51 - \$177.38 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 10 hours per week
- Responsible for the general security of the hostel and its occupants
- Checking in late arrivals

Want to know more?

Contact Tony Greer on 02 9310 2777.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.

How to Apply

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Closing date

By 5pm 7 November 2008.

This is a Tertiary Education and Training hostel

Cook/Domestic

Newcastle

Kirinari Hostel

APS Level 1

\$30,034 - \$35,163 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel
- Ensure that a high level of cleanliness is maintained throughout all areas of the hostel, which includes preparation of all rooms, stock control of all linen including the changing and washing

Want to know more?

Contact Tony Greer on 02 9310 2777.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.

How to Apply

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Closing date

By 5pm 7 November 2008.

This is a Secondary Education hostel.

Weekend Cook/Domestic

Sydney

Chicka Dixon Hostel

APS Level 1

\$151.51 - \$177.38 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 10 hours per week
- Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel
- Ensure that a high level of cleanliness is maintained throughout all areas of the hostel, which includes preparation of all rooms, stock control of all linen including the changing and washing

Want to know more?

Contact Tony Greer on 02 9310 2777.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.

How to Apply

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Closing date

By 5pm 7 November 2008.

This is a Transient hostel.

House Manager

Dubbo

Dubbo IYMP Hostel

APS Level 3

\$41,231 - \$47,323 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Manage a safe and supportive residential environment
- Provision of nutritious meals
- Provide mentoring and support to young Indigenous persons
- Work closely with the IYMP Training Provider
- Maintain records relevant to the management of the house including financial transactions

Want to know more?

Contact Rebecca Greer on 02 9310 2777.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.

How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012.

Closing date

By 5pm 7 November 2008.

This is an Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) hostel.

Hostel Manager

Melbourne

Kevin Coombs 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
- The successful applicant will be required to hold a valid Working With Children Check card

Want to know more?

Contact Rita Stewart on 03 9642 2775.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Jamone Maynard on 03 9642 2775.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G MELBOURNE VIC 3001.

Closing date

By 5pm 7 November 2008.

This is a Medical Transient 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.

These are identified positions.

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THE CENTRE FOR ABORIGINAL INDEPENDENCE AND ENTERPRISE

'Indigenous Media consultant' to work on our commercial media project.

The successful person will need to liaise with channel 7 Television and Austereo Radio in Brisbane regarding our historic agreement for Indigenous employment within these major media organizations.

The person will also need to continue our research project with all commercial media in Queensland and the other elements of this project: the cultural awareness framework and the mentorship program.

The successful person needs a good understanding of Indigenous cultural protocol and sensitivities, good knowledge and understanding of the media and good negotiation and communication skills.

The position is from October 2008 to October 2009. The person needs to be based in SEQ or needs to relocate. A consultancy fee to be negotiated.

Please contact Wayne Coolwell at the CAIE on 07 34253989 or e-mail wayne.coolwell@caie.com.au.

www.dhs.vic.gov.au



Children's Koori Court Advice Worker - Criminal Division

North and West Metropolitan Region
Community Care, Youth Justice
\$58,235 - \$65,506 (+ Superannuation)
Full Time, Ongoing

Are you

- Experienced in providing culturally based services and interventions to young Koori people and their families?
- Able to work effectively in the criminal justice system and Koori community to assist young Koori people to address their offending behaviour, thus reducing Koori over-representation?

This position provides court advice and support to the Melbourne Children's Koori Court, in addition to innovative culturally based support, assessment and casework for young Koori people that will assist individual child offenders to comply with the completion of sentencing orders and to address their presenting issues. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Eva West on (03) 9470-0379. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies. Please quote reference DHS/NWR/76309

Closing date for applications is Sunday 9 November 2008
Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.
www.careers.vic.gov.au



Department of Corrective Services
Government of Western Australia

Resource Manager (50d)

Web Search No: 007873

Level/ Salary: 6 P5GA, \$74,036 - \$81,983 pa

The Aboriginal Visitors Scheme (AVS) seeks a Resource Manager to coordinate key functions of the Directorate. This position provides support for Aboriginal detainees and prisoners in prisons, juvenile detention centres and police lockups throughout Western Australia.

The role of the Resource Manager is to ensure that financial and legislative requirements are complied with whilst assisting management with strategic initiatives to further the objectives of the Directorate.

Aboriginality is an occupational requirement for this position under Section 50D of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984.

For further job related information: Please contact Laurel Sellers on (08) 9220 9401.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Web Search No: Into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 3 November 2008 at 4.30pm

NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

Trainee Aboriginal Mental Health Worker

Perm Full Time Position No: 60434
Enquiries: Gail Stevens, (02) 6592 9549.

Administrative Assistant

Population Health Planning & Performance, Newcastle
Perm Full Time Position No: 61063
To ensure the provision of efficient administrative support to service delivery programs, clinicians and senior staff.

This position is part of a team of administrative assistants supporting integrated service delivery responsible for effective population health programs in the Hunter New England Area Health Service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Enquiries: Maree Neate, (02) 4924 6492, maree.neate@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

FOR BOTH POSITIONS:

- These positions are designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander roles. Exemption is claimed under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date for both positions: 7 November 2008

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

FREE COURSES FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Available now!

Would you like to study a nationally accredited course this year?

The Central Coast Community College (NSW) has funding to offer Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students the chance to undertake an accredited course of study by December 2008.

Courses range from first aid to beauty and small business management

Some courses available by distance

Take the opportunity to gain skills towards further study or employment

Visit www.cccc.nsw.edu.au

or call

(02) 4348 4300

to apply



Central Coast Community College

Child and Family Therapist: Get a career that matters.

Full time and part time positions (based in Parramatta, Fairfield, Penrith, Campbelltown, and Newcastle)

These positions provide therapeutic services and group work for children, adolescents and their families following separation. This is a new and innovative program funded by the Federal Attorney-General's Department as part of the Supporting Children After Separation program.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

Applicants will require:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications (Psychology, Social Work, Counselling)
- Commitment and experience working with children and adolescents in a therapeutic setting, preferably within a Family Law context

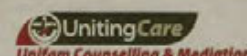
APPLICATIONS CLOSE

29 October 2008

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Call Jocelyn Flower on (02) 9768 5848 or to find out more about the program call Megan Solomon on (02) 8830 0777

We will accept a "Working with Children Check" under the Commonwealth for Children and Young People Act 1999. It is illegal for prohibited persons to supply. We are an EO Employer and are committed to principles of diversity.



Bring your culture on board

Part-time Opportunities - Sydney International Airport

Qantas is currently recruiting for Customer Service Agents, Ramp and Baggage Operators and Cabin Cleaning roles to join our teams based in Sydney. Qantas is one of the largest employers in Australia and supports the Indigenous community through the Qantas Reconciliation Action Plan.

We currently have a range of part-time positions available at Sydney International Airport. Weekly hours will extend to approximately 25 hours per week and involve shift work on a 7-day rotational roster.

Customer Service Agents - Reference 000498

Ramp & Baggage Operators - Reference 000755

Airline Services Operators, Cabin Cleaning - Reference 000520

Visit <http://careers.qantas.com.au> and locate the Job Search Reference number to find out more

If you would like assistance with your application please call Qantas Indigenous Programs on 1300 788 460

Applicants must be permanent residents of Australia. As part of the recruitment process all candidates will be required to undertake a pre-employment occupational health assessment, a drug and alcohol test and a full security clearance check.

Equal Employment Opportunity and smoke-free workplaces are Qantas policies.

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Full-time Opportunities - Bus Drivers

As a part of our Transport Operations department, Qantas has Bus Driver positions responsible for transporting Flight and Cabin crew to the airport in time to meet their flights and providing regular shuttle services for Qantas staff. Working with a fleet of 27 buses seating between 12 and 70 passengers on a 7-day rotating roster you will work 5 to 6 shifts per week.

You must possess a current non-restrictive driver's licence. Holding a Heavy Rigid licence will be an advantage, however, we are willing to provide all required training (including HR licence) to the right candidates.

Bus Drivers - Reference 001623

Visit <http://careers.qantas.com.au> and locate the Job Search Reference number to find out more



World Vision

Indigenous Project Officer

World Vision is Australia's largest overseas aid and humanitarian organisation. As well as our work internationally, we work on long-term development projects with communities in Australia. Our mission is to improve social inclusion of Indigenous people.

We are seeking to appoint an Indigenous Project Officer as part of our Policy and Programs group. This role will be working within the Australia Programs team and will be based in our National office in East Burwood, Melbourne. The role exists to effectively manage a portfolio of community development projects in the Melbourne metropolitan area.

Specifically you will be responsible for:

- Developing and managing WVA's relationship and programming with the Melbourne Koori community
- Contributing to the development and implementation of WVA's Indigenous Employment Strategy and Reconciliation Action Plan
- Contributing to the development of policy and advocacy strategies of the Australia Program
- Effective project management including financial and administrative systems

You must have:

- Experience with working with Indigenous communities, in particular the Melbourne Koori community
 - A commitment to achieving practical outcomes for Indigenous people
 - Office administration and computer skills
 - Experience working within the development sector and/or not-for-profit organisations would be highly regarded
- To obtain information about our core values and to obtain a copy of the full position description, visit the employment page of our website: www.worldvision.com.au

We strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to apply.

If you believe you have the requisite knowledge, skills and experience and are also supportive of the core values of the organisation, we would encourage you to apply. Please send a resume, with a covering letter addressing these criteria, to Paul Dimond at: careers@worldvision.com.au

Applications close: Friday 14th November 2007

World Vision Australia is a Christian overseas aid agency that pursues freedom, opportunity, justice and peace for everyone in the world.



Police Liaison Officer

Central Region
Queensland Police Service
 Salary: \$39 804 - \$42 672 p.a. (\$73 204 - \$75 077 p.a. if under 21 years of age)
 Location: Gladstone
 REF: PO435/08
 Enquiries: Craig White (07) 4971 3240
 Closing Date: Monday, 3 November 2008

Mentor and Program

Support Officer (Specified)
Roads Business Group, Regional Operations
 (Temporary for 12 months with a possibility of extension. Specified - Applicants will need to supply a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)
 Main Roads
 Salary: \$53 543 - \$58 810 p.a.
 Location: Brisbane
 REF: QLD/RR0441/08
 Key Duties: Mentor Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees to achieve successful completion of traineeship by providing culturally appropriate on-the-job and off-the-job coaching which will aid them in completing the traineeship and their progression to sustainable employment. Support the initiation and implementation of the Program and ensure the Program objectives are achieved efficiently and effectively.
 Enquiries: (07) 3006 7672
 Closing Date: Monday, 3 November 2008

Project Officer (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: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.
 Location: Toowoomba
 REF: QLD/COM0610/08
 Key Duties: Coordinate projects to support policy and program outcomes, improved coordination of government services, and the development of solutions to regional issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and provide relevant input into policies, programs, projects and initiatives.
 Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675
 Closing Date: Monday, 10 November 2008

Senior Service Support Officer
Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland
 (One full-time temporary position available until 30 November 2009)
 Communities
 Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.
 Location: Cairns
 REF: QLD/COM08514/08
 Key Duties: Undertake culturally appropriate assessments and interventions including developing and conducting programs and services for young people subject to youth justice intervention.
 Skills and Abilities: Ability to implement culturally appropriate case plans through intervention strategies and linking young people to the services they require.
 Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675
 Closing Date: Monday, 27 October 2008

Project Officer

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland
 (One temporary full-time position available until 31 December 2009)
 Communities
 Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.
 Location: Townsville
 REF: QLD/COM0512/08
 Key Duties: To facilitate and coordinate partnership processes with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
 Skills and Abilities: Demonstrated oral and written skills in communicating with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and government agencies in determining community priorities and responses.
 Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675
 Closing Date: Monday, 27 October 2008

Service Development and Integration Officer (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland
 (Four full-time temporary positions available until 30 November 2009 with possible extension. Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)
 Communities
 Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.
 Location: Aurukun, Kowanyama, Yarrabah, Hopevale
 REF: QLD/COM08614/08
 Key Duties: Provide leadership and coordination for local alcohol reform projects and leadership of cross agency project teams where required. Monitor trends and provide advice in regard to alcohol and welfare reform processes.
 Skills and Abilities: Demonstrated ability in developing and managing initiatives within community and individual support and alcohol diversion. Ability to supervise and support staff in a direct service delivery environment.
 Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675
 Closing Date: Monday, 3 November 2008

Principal Program Officer

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland
 (One full-time temporary position available until December 2010)
 Communities
 Salary: \$81 140 - \$87 005 p.a.
 Location: Brisbane
 REF: QLD/COM08540/08
 Skills and Abilities: Do you seek to use your evaluation and program development skills to improve services for vulnerable people at risk of harm due to intoxication? Do you have the skills to provide strategic advice to government about appropriate responses for target communities? If you possess well developed stakeholder management skills, this is an opportunity for you to lead a strategic project.
 Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675
 Closing Date: Wednesday, 5 November 2008

Smart jobs in Queensland
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Indigenous apprenticeships

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Join our mob at the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources. We have apprenticeships available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Darwin and Alice Springs.

As well as gaining valuable on-the-job skills, apprentices will learn to become part of a team of multi-skilled professionals within the NT Government. We offer a supportive learning environment, including specific Indigenous programs such as a culturally focused induction program and trained mentors to guide and support our future Indigenous leaders through their training.

Successful applicants will be employed for 12 months and have the opportunity to gain a nationally recognised qualification.

Apprenticeships are offered in the following areas:

- Business Cert III
- Horticulture Cert II
- Seafood (Aquaculture) Cert II
- Seafood (Fishing Operations) Cert III
- Lab Skills Cert III

For more information and an application form visit our web site www.nt.gov.au/work4us

Applications close
Friday 31 October

If you need assistance completing the application form contact Human Resources

phone (08) 8999 5159

email humanresources.dpifm@nt.gov.au

Send your application to
Lisa Dodds

email Lisa.Dodds@gtnt.com.au

fax (08) 8980 0695

by hand 38 Woods Street, Darwin



www.nt.gov.au/work4us

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
 PRIMARY INDUSTRY, FISHERIES AND RESOURCES



ACT Department of Education and Training

Indigenous Education Officer

Education

Indigenous Education and Early Years Learning

Indigenous Policy and Organisational Practice

Indigenous Education Officer

Administrative Services Officer Class 4

Salary Range: \$51,554-\$55,974 (PN: 01498, several)

The Indigenous Education and Early Years Learning Directorate is seeking applications from Indigenous people for the positions of Indigenous Education Officer. The successful applicants will be responsible for working as a member of a team to provide support for ACT government schools and their Indigenous students. Applicants must have knowledge of the educational issues, programs and initiatives relating to the education of Indigenous students.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: A Drivers licence is essential.

Note: These are Indigenous identified positions. A current working knowledge and understanding of Indigenous peoples' cultures and issues and an ability to effectively communicate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is required.

Contact Officer: Ginibi Robinson (02) 6205 9195 ginibi.robinson@act.gov.au

Selection documentation and mandatory application cover sheet may be downloaded from <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au/> Applications can be sent via email to: jobs@act.gov.au or by post to Shared Services Centre, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158, Canberra City ACT 2601

Applications close: 30 October 2008

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The ACT Public Service is an equal opportunity employer. Legislation prohibits unlawful discrimination and provides equality of access to employment. The ACT Public Service strongly supports, recognises and values the diversity of cultures within the Australian community. Indigenous Australians, people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with a disability are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be either Australian citizens or have permanent resident status.

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PROJECT OFFICER KOORI COURTS

Grade 4, MC2194

Ongoing \$62,116 - \$70,477

Koori Court division of the Magistrates Court

The Koori Court is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement and was initially established as a division of the Magistrates Courts in Victoria.

The Koori Courts currently sits at Shepparton, Broadmeadows, Warrnambool, Mildura, La Trobe Valley, Bairnsdale and Swan Hill Magistrates Courts. The Children's Koori Court is based at the Children's Court in Melbourne and Mildura.

We are looking for a person with well developed analytical, research and conceptual abilities together with creative problem solving skills including interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to consult and negotiate particularly in the context of managing relationships with a diverse range of people, including senior management, project teams and key stakeholders; ability to promote the Koori Court by identifying, developing and enhancing key relationships and linkages with internal and external stakeholders; provide support to project activities in project planning and management as well as sourcing or preparing relevant documents; ability to prepare well-informed, accurate and timely reports, briefs and papers on complex matters relating to Koori Courts; ability to manage ongoing project work regarding the Koori Courts.

You will have a demonstrated knowledge of Victorian Aboriginal culture and society and an ability to communicate effectively with Victorian Aboriginal people. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

The Koori Court provides a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and other security checks.

For further information contact Mason Atkinson, Manager of Koori Courts on (03) 9603 9415.

To obtain a position description and apply online please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close on 31 October 2008.

Post Ref: 21181-8



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (Parramatta)

Attractive Remuneration Package, Benefits and Salary Packaging options.

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is seeking applications from qualified and motivated people interested in undertaking this challenging role of Training & Development Officer.

Reporting to the Director of Training and Development, the position holder will be part of a small team responsible for the provision of an extensive range of training and development services to a broad and diverse network.

The position requires the capacity to identify training needs, develop and deliver training schedules, assist with the preparation of various training documents and the evaluation of training against agreed outcomes.

To be successful in this role you will possess a minimum of Cert IV in Workplace Training & Assessment together with Training & Development experience, strong computer skills, and good interpersonal, influencing, communication, negotiation and facilitation skills. An understanding of Aboriginal issues and a willingness to travel are also 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 Geoff Binns by email: geoff.binns@alc.org.au or on (02) 9639 4406.

Applications can be forwarded to geoff.binns@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Coordinator
NSW Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1125
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Applications close Monday 3 November 2008

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply



home and community care
A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATION AND FULL MEMBER OF THE
NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HACC REFERENCE GROUP

Expression of Interest National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Home and Community Care (HACC) Reference Group

Applications are invited for membership on the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HACC Reference Group as the NSW Community Representative.

Representing the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander frail older people, people with a disability, carers and service providers, the successful nominee will work closely with the NSW Government Representative to inform, contribute and initiate developments and innovations in service delivery to Aboriginal target groups in NSW.

The successful candidate will be appointed as an individual rather than as a representative of an existing organisation or peak body.

The NSW Community Representative is appointed for a term of three-years. Sitting fees and travel expenses are payable in accordance with NSW Premier's Department's "Guidelines for NSW Board and Committee Members: Appointments and Remuneration".

Applications to:

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander HACC Reference Group
NSW Selection Panel
C/- NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care
HACC and Community Care Branch
Level 6, 83 Clarence Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Or email christina.griffiths@dadhc.nsw.gov.au writing Reference Group Application in the subject heading

For further information refer to "Information Package & Guidelines for Applying for Membership" on the DADHC website (www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au) or contact Ms Karen Connor on: (02) 8270 2183 (karen.connor@dadhc.nsw.gov.au).

Applications close: 5pm Friday 24 October 2008



Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited



Hostel Manager

Katherine

Corroboree Hostel

APS Level 5

\$44,629 - \$51,225 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 Alisa Lew Fatt on 08 8981 4388.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Jacqueline Kyle on 08 8981 4388.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 3820 DARWIN NT 0801.

Closing date

By 5pm 31 October 2008.

This is a Transient hostel.

Hostel Manager

Adelaide

Gladys Elphick 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 Rob Leidig on 08 8342 6950.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Trish Howson on 08 8342 6950.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 536, PROSPECT EAST SA 5082.

Closing date

By 5pm 7 November 2008.

This is a Transient hostel.

House Manager

Adelaide

Allan Bell IYMP Hostel

APS Level 3

\$41,231 - \$47,323 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Manage a safe and supportive residential environment
- Provision of nutritious meals
- Provide mentoring and support to young Indigenous persons
- Work closely with the IYMP Training Provider
- Maintain records relevant to the management of the house including financial transactions.

Want to know more?

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Application Documents

From our website or telephone Trish Howson on 08 8342 6950.

How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 536, PROSPECT EAST SA 5082.

Closing date

By 5pm 7 November 2008.

This is an Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) 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.

These are identified positions.

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Social and Emotional Well Being Officer

The Derby Aboriginal Health Service (DAHS) is a dynamic Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service in the magnificent Kimberley region of Western Australia.

We are seeking employment for a Social and Emotional Wellbeing Officer, who is an experienced Counsellor/Social Worker, to join our Social and Emotional Wellbeing team. DAHS provides primary health care to Derby and surrounding communities with support from RFD. DAHS is also a part of a Kimberley network of Aboriginal Health Services with professional support services.

An excellent package is offered which includes some of the following: 5 weeks Annual Leave, Annual Leave fare and Salary Packaging.

For a Duty Statement of the position please contact:

Vicki O'Donnell - email: Vicki@dahs.org.au
or phone (08) 9193 1090, mobile 0407 931 042

Tammy Prouse - email: Tammy@dahs.org.au
or phone (08) 9193 1090, mobile 0439 931099

Application close: COB Monday 3rd November 2008

Applications:

CEO (Derby Aboriginal Health Service)

PMB 1155

DERBY WA 6728

Ph (08) 9193 1090 Fax (08) 9193 1903

ABORIGINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WOMENS SUPPORT WORKER

35 hrs pw

Essential:

Drivers licence, access to reliable vehicle, available to participate in on call roster involving after hours and week-end call backs. Good communication and computer skills. Knowledge of Domestic Violence issues.

Information Packages:

Contact:

02 9389 4431.

Applications close:

4th November, 2008

Being female and Aboriginal is a genuine requirement under Sections 31 & 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.



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The Fred Hollows Foundation

Development Coordinator

Make a difference!

The Fred Hollows Foundation is an agent for development; we focus on blindness prevention and Australian Indigenous health. The Fred Hollows Foundation works for a world where no one is needlessly blind and Indigenous Australians enjoy the same health and life expectancy as other Australians.

This is a full time position in the Darwin office. This role is responsible for a diverse range of community capacity building and development projects including support for community festivals. We are seeking an enthusiastic and diligent person who has -

- The ability to articulate the concepts of and be committed to Indigenous community control and management
- Exceptional written and verbal communication skills
- Be able to demonstrate a sound knowledge and understanding of remote Aboriginal communities
- Have substantial program coordination experience (preferably including direct field work) in Indigenous community development

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply for this position.

Application process

For further details and full selection criteria go to www.hollows.org.au/employment or call Gemina Corpus on (08)8941-5145.

Send applications to hfh@hollows.org by COB Monday 27 October 2008.

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manager (student support & development)

Woolyungah Indigenous Centre

Woolyungah Indigenous Centre (WIC) is the University of Wollongong's Centre of learning, research and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. We are seeking an enthusiastic and energetic person who will work in close cooperation with the Director, to implement policies, processes and procedures for the efficient and effective administration of the Centre.

The Manager (Student Support and Development) will be primarily responsible for developing and implementing initiatives that increase Indigenous student access to and participation in University study; developing and monitoring effective Indigenous student support mechanisms; and strengthening partnerships with internal and external stakeholders, particularly Aboriginal communities and organisations in the region, to achieve enhanced interaction between the communities and the University. Pursuant to Section (14)d of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, Aboriginality is considered to be an essential requirement for the performance of duties for this position.

The successful applicant will have a relevant University qualification, managerial experience in a customer service environment and be strongly committed to improved Indigenous student access to and outcomes in higher education. Candidates must address the selection criteria specified in the Position Description which is available from the University website. For further information, please contact: Professor Kathleen Clapham on (02) 4221 3776 or email kclapham@uow.edu.au

Applications Close 2 November 2008

Quote Ref No: 23209

how to apply: Please go to our website <http://employment.uow.edu.au/> to submit your application online & for more information about the position and UOW.



University of Wollongong



Administrative Assistant

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

HE03 Salary Range \$39 607 to \$43 002 (full time)

REF 8239 The Administrative Assistant will provide administrative support to the Director and administrative, training and research staff in the Flinders Human Behaviour and Health Research Unit (FHBHRU). FHBHRU provides a range of research, education and training programs in chronic disease self management.

The appointment is part time (0.6) until 30 June 2009 in the first instance.

Closes: Monday, 10 November 2008

Applications must address the specified selection criteria. Detailed position information (including selection criteria) and essential information for intending applicants are available via the Jobs@Flinders website: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment>

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Office of Multicultural, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

Manager

Senior Officer Grade B

Salary Range: \$92,202 - \$104,583 (PN: 04758)

Duties: Manage the workflow of the Office, develop and coordinate high-level policy and responses to issues of concern to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in the ACT, prepare briefs, cabinet submissions and speeches as required by the Minister and Senior Executives. Provide high-level policy support to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body and the United Ngungunwal Elders Council.

Contact Officer: Nic Manikis (02) 6205 0522 nic.manikis@act.gov.au

Selection documentation and mandatory application cover sheet may be downloaded from <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au/> Applications can be sent via email to: jobs@act.gov.au or by post to Shared Services Centre, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158, Canberra City ACT 2601

Applications close: 30 October 2008

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Department of Corrective Services
Government of Western Australia

Coordinator Aboriginal Visitors (50d)

Web Search No: 2708

Level/ Salary: 4 P5GA, \$57,192 - \$60,444 pa

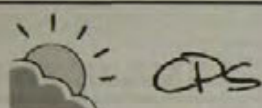
The Coordinator Aboriginal Visitors provides supervision and guidance to a team of Aboriginal Visitors who provide support and counselling to Aboriginal detainees in prisons, juvenile detention centres and police lockups throughout Western Australia.

This position also assists with the recruitment and training of Visitors involved in the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme and liaises with prison / detention centre staff, legal support services, police and the Aboriginal community in matters relating to the operation of the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme. Aboriginality is an occupational requirement for this position under Section 50D of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984.

For further job related information: Please contact Laurel Sallers on (08) 9220 9401.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Web Search No. into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 3 Nov 2008 at 4.30pm



Providing Child & Parent Services

ABORIGINAL COUNSELLOR AND LIAISON COORDINATOR 1.0 FTE

Want to work in a professionally supportive non government organisation in the northern suburbs of Melbourne with a strong reputation in practice leadership in child welfare?

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Remuneration based on SW3 or SW4 level of SACS Award, dependent on knowledge, skills and experience, with generous salary packaging provision.

Applicants should obtain a copy of the position description from www.cps.org.au/employment or by contacting 9450 0900. For further information please contact Andrew Rush, Team Leader Men and Fathers Support Service on 9450 0911 or arush@cps.org.au.

Applications in writing, marked Private and Confidential, addressing each of the key selection criteria and listing the names of two referees, should be forwarded to:

Andrew Rush
Children's Protection Society
Team Leader Men and Fathers Support Program
70 Altona St
West Heidelberg Vic 3081

Or via email to: arush@cps.org.au

Applications close Monday 27th October 2008

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



MANAGER, CLIENT POLICY & STRATEGY

Senior Officer Grade 1
Operations Division
Client Service Strategy Branch
Central Office, Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-16414

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: This role manages operational policy implementation and review programs within the Branch to support effective & efficient public housing client services. It contributes to a framework for service delivery improvement across the Branch and Division.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Extensive experience in development and implementation of operational policies and procedures, co-ordination of human services programs or service delivery.
- High level influencing, networking and negotiation skills.
- Strong leadership skills including capacity to drive strategic initiatives.
- Proven track record in developing innovative solutions that deliver work programs within tight business or resource constraints.
- Strong conceptual and analytical skills in relation to analysis of complex strategic issues and development of operational policy systems and solutions.
- Proven ability to identify risk, develop appropriate risk strategies and mitigate risk in a complex multi-layered environment.
- Extensive high level experience in managing project teams, including team building strategies and management of staff resource issues.
- A commitment to the ethos of public service and accountability for the effective use of government resources to deliver services to the community.

Job Notes: This is a re-advertised position. Previous applicants will need to re-apply. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Catherine Stuart (02) 8753 8784

Information Package:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing date: Friday 31 October 2008

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ACT Department of Education and Training

Indigenous Education Worker

Education

Indigenous Education and Early Years Learning

Indigenous Policy and Organisational Practice

Indigenous Education Worker

School Assistant 3

Salary Range: \$39,331-\$42,449 (PN: 16036)

Duties are to provide support to Indigenous students in the school environment and to work with the school community to raise awareness of Indigenous issues and perspectives. Work with the school community to maintain effective relationships with parents/caregivers and to assist teachers in matters affecting the progress and programmes about Indigenous studies.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Indigenous people are encouraged to apply. Year 10 Certificate or above is essential. Drivers licence essential.

Contact Officer: Ginibi Robinson (02) 6205 9195 ginibi.robinson@act.gov.au

Selection documentation and mandatory application cover sheet may be downloaded from <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au>. Applications can be sent via email to: jobs@act.gov.au or by post to Shared Services Centre, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158, Canberra City ACT 2601

Applications close: 30 October 2008

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Magistrates' Court
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ABORIGINAL ELDERS or RESPECTED PERSONS Koori Court division of the Magistrates' Court of Victoria Warrnambool/Portland/Hamilton

VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL JUSTICE AGREEMENT

The Department of Justice in conjunction with the Magistrates' Court of Victoria invites expressions of interest from members of the Aboriginal Community who wish to sit as Aboriginal Elders or Respected Persons in the Warrnambool Koori Court Division of the Magistrates' Court of Victoria (encompassing Portland and Hamilton).

What is an Aboriginal Elder or Respected Person under the Magistrates' Court Act 1989?

An Aboriginal Elder or Respected Person is someone who is appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Justice under the Magistrates' Court Act 1989. The primary function of the Aboriginal Elder or Respected Person is to provide information to the Magistrate in the Koori Court Division during the sentencing hearing.

Aboriginal Elders or Respected Persons will serve the Koori Court Division of the Magistrates Court in Warrnambool /Portland /Hamilton on an on call basis and shall be remunerated by way of a sitting fee.

What do I have to do to apply to sit as an Aboriginal Elder or Respected person?

You have to be an outstanding member of the Koori Community. A training course will be provided to successful applicants.

Who is eligible to apply?

The following criteria is considered:

1. You are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (Section 17A of the Magistrates' Court Act 1989 gives statutory authority for the appointment of members of the Aboriginal community exclusively to this position).
2. You have significant ties with the Aboriginal community in the court location.
3. This position requires personal maturity and life experience.
4. No specific educational background is required.

How do I find out more?

An Information Session will be held at a venue and date to be confirmed. For further information, contact Mr Mason Atkinson, Koori Court Unit, Magistrates Court, telephone (03) 9603 9415 or 0448 520 654.

Closing date: 31 October 2008.

This is a designated Indigenous Position which requires no exemption under the Equal Opportunity Act 1995. The Magistrates' Court is a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and other security checks

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INDIGENOUS RESEARCH ACADEMIC

Vacancy No. 1064

Are you passionate about improving the health and well-being of Indigenous communities within the Northern New South Wales area? Are you looking for a rewarding job where you can make a difference? If so, then this is the job for you!

Working closely with the Indigenous Health Education Officers and other University Department of Rural Health (UDRH) and Rural Clinical School (RCS) staff, you will be responsible for liaising with local Aboriginal communities and health services about programs and research conducted by the UDRH/RCS. In addition, you will provide cultural support and guidance for all research staff in the UDRH/RCS and work with existing research staff to assist the further development and growth of research activities in the department.

This position is based in Tamworth and is available on a full-time fixed term basis to 30 June 2011.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 of the NSW Anti-discrimination Act 1977.

Academic Level B/C - \$69,043 to \$87,525

Salary range within this level will be dependent on the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate.

Applications close: Sunday 9 November 2008

To apply, please refer to additional information about the position, selection criteria and application process at www.newcastle.edu.au/service/employment

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Community Sector Multi Business Agreement
(Australian Capital Territory)
Grade 4 - 5.2

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(Australian Capital Territory)
Grade 4 Level 1

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Being female is a genuine occupational requirement and is authorised under Section 31 of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977. Successful applicants will be required to undergo a "working with children's" check and a Police criminal record check.

An information package including details on how to apply is available by phoning (02) 6247 5689
Applications close: 8th November, 2008

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The Ngarara Wilim Indigenous Centre is a specialist centre at RMIT University, which through case management approaches provides assistance and support to Indigenous students to enhance achievement of their academic goals and success in their courses/programs.

An opportunity has arisen for a passionate and supportive Project Officer to join the centre in this maternity leave contract, where the successful candidate will primarily be involved in student case management, in addition to the overall coordination and administration, including compliance and reporting of the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) made available to all Indigenous students.

A demonstrated knowledge of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander networks and an understanding and appreciation of community needs, with a particular emphasis on the educational and personal support needs of Indigenous students will be considered essential.

RMIT University values the contribution of all staff and offers flexible working conditions, reduced public transport costs, onsite gymnasium facilities, additional holidays and a generous superannuation contribution, and subsidised child care.

For further information please contact Stuart McFarlane on +61 3 9925 4885, or to apply please visit our website at www.rmit.edu.au/yourcareer.

Job Number: 475194

Applications close 2 November, 2008.

Please note previous applicants need not apply.

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Successful applicants must hold Australian Citizenship before appointment, successfully complete a health check and a police records clearance. A six month probationary period will apply to all successful applicants for ongoing employment.

Applications must address the selection criteria and include a resume with 2 referees. Selection will be based on applicants' suitability against the specified selection criteria.

Apply to: Recruitment Officer, Centrelink, GPO Box 481, Adelaide SA 5001

Selection Documentation and further information can be obtained by emailing recruitment.sa@centrelink.gov.au

Closing date: Friday 24 October 2008

Contact Officer: Steven Rodda (08) 8306 2163

Centrelink is committed to workplace diversity and encourages applications from Indigenous Australians, people of non-English speaking background and people with disability.

For selection documentation and more information about working at Centrelink, visit www.centrelink.gov.au and click on Careers



SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

A unique opportunity exists to fulfil a critical role in assisting the road safety of school students who use school crossings.

A casual vacancy exists at the following Local Government Area:

Eden Public School

A Part Time Casual vacancy exists at:

Nowra Public School
2.30pm to 3.30pm
Monday to Friday

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and hold Australian Citizenship or Permanent Residency. Relevant criminal record checks will apply. School Crossing Supervisors are required to perform their duties between 8.00am - 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm. A base salary rate of \$16.87 per hour applies.

Applicants must obtain an information package from Crystal Lenane (02) 4221 2584 or download from www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Applicants can apply online or by mail to Recruitment Services, PO BOX 973, Parramatta CBD NSW 2124.

Applications close: 24 October 2008.



Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service Inc.
Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service is a community controlled health service providing holistic health care to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of the ACT and surrounding areas. The Service manages approximately 30 programs through various funding agreements and employs more than 60 staff offering salary sacrifice pursuant to tax office regulations and organisational policy. We are looking for highly motivated and experienced people for a number of positions.

Otitis Media Officer

The role of the Otitis Media Officer is to ensure that hearing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children up to Class 6 and clients at Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service has been assessed and appropriate management and referrals for clients is undertaken. The successful applicant will have extensive experience in hearing screening and the ability to provide ongoing opportunistic education on ear health, a current drivers licence is essential.

Social Health Worker

Bringing Them Home Program

We are seeking a fulltime experienced male Bringing Them Home Social Health Worker to work within our Social Health Team. The role of the Bringing Them Home Health Worker is to ensure that the programs objectives are met whilst under the supervision and direction of the Social Health Team Manager. The successful applicant would need to have the ability to problem solve effectively on a day to day basis and in crisis situations, liaise with medical staff and negotiate complex issues with clients and their families.

The successful applicant should have excellent interpersonal and communication skills and extensive counselling experience and a demonstrated capacity to work effectively, positively and collaboratively within a multi-disciplinary team.

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for these positions and is authorized under section 42 of the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT) and 58 of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)

Finance Officer

The finance officer will have experience in assisting with pay rolls and salary sacrifice, using MYOB, Microsoft Excel and Word. The skills required include excellent communication and interpersonal and organisational skills.

Workforce Implementation Policy Officer

We are seeking a Workforce Policy Officer to implement the ACT's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce implementation plan. The successful applicant will demonstrate previous experience in Aboriginal Health workforce issues and project management. The successful applicant will require excellent communication, interpersonal and organisational skills.

The salary package for these positions will be negotiated commensurate with qualifications and experience. All positions are fulltime 35hrs/w.

Applicants must obtain a copy of the selection criteria and address all criteria.

A copy of the position description and selection criteria may be obtained by calling Roseanne Longford on 62846259 or email Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au

All applications should be addressed and mailed to Julie Tong, CEO, Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service 63 Boolimba Cres Narrabundah ACT 2604 or by email to Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au

Applications close Friday 14th November 2008.

Successful applicants will be required to undertake a mandatory Criminal Records Check as part of Winnunga's Child Protection Policy.



OAK VALLEY (MARALINGA) INC
Oak Valley (Maralinga) Inc is a community organisation situated at Oak Valley on the Maralinga Tjarutja Lands 540km North West of Ceduna in South Australia. Oak Valley (Maralinga) Inc services the Aboriginal community of Oak Valley with management and administrative connections to the Maralinga Tjarutja Office located in Ceduna.

Community Manager

SALARY PACKAGE - \$90,000 per annum plus remote area allowance of \$5,000

The Community Manager is a senior position in the organisation. The Community Manager will work closely with the Governing Council of both Oak Valley (Maralinga) Inc and Maralinga Tjarutja and the Senior Management team.

The Community Manager is responsible for the day to day management of effective operations at Oak Valley Community. The responsibilities include staff management, the coordination of infrastructure and services at Oak Valley, consultation with Community Leadership, Oak Valley (Maralinga) Inc and Maralinga Tjarutja Councils and overseeing administrative services at the Oak Valley community.

Management skills, computer literacy, an understanding of Aboriginal culture and ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal people are desirable for this position. Experience in living in a remote Aboriginal community is preferable.

As the position is based in the Oak Valley Community the preferred candidate will be required to visit Oak Valley and undertake a community interview as part of the recruitment process.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

All employment positions at Oak Valley (Maralinga) Inc are grant funding dependent. The position will be offered as a contract to 30th June 2009 initially and then as a one year contract thereafter, subject to funding and satisfactory performance in the role. A three month probationary period will apply.

All positions at Oak Valley (Maralinga) Inc are awarded on merit; however people of Aboriginal descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

APPLICATION LODGEMENT

The job and person specification can be obtained from Ms Tanya Darke at the Maralinga Tjarutja Office in Ceduna on (08) 8625 2946. Signed applications addressing all of the position objectives and key result areas and the contact details of three referees must be lodged with:

Mr Jeff Scott
Maralinga Tjarutja, PO Box 435, CEDUNA SA 5690

By 5:00pm (CST) on Wednesday 5th November 2008.

Electronic applications (in Word document form) can be lodged by email to maraltjar@bigpond.com however, electronic applications must be followed by a hard copy signed application that should be POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN Wednesday 5th November 2008.



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Allied Health/Clinical Support

Health Worker Advanced (Indigenous Client Care Coordinator) - Home and Community Care and Community Aged Care, Bayside, Wymann, Metro South Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$61 766 p.a., comprising salary between \$49 095 - \$54 135 p.a., employee contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (005) (Applicants will remain current for 12 months)

JAR: H08BQ10169. Duties/Abilities: The Home and Community Care Program (HACC) provides a range of services to eligible clients and their carers aimed at enhancing the independence of clients who are at risk of premature or inappropriate long-term residential care. Client Care Coordination is a new service type used to provide services to special needs groups, for example, Indigenous. Focus on coordination activities to facilitate access to Home and Community Care (HACC) services for HACC eligible Indigenous clients and their carers who reside within the Bayside area and require assistance to gain access to more than one service. The position is community based and required to work collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team setting to promote, maintain and improve the health and well-being of the Indigenous population in accordance with professional standards, ethics, and the philosophy and goals of the Brisbane South Health Service District. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Linda Danvers 0448 848 896.

Application Kit: (07) 3121 1411 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforce

Closing Date: Monday, 10 November 2008.

Health Worker Advanced (Nutrition Promotion Officer) - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health - Tropical Population Health Services, Population Health Queensland, Mount Isa and Gulf area. Remuneration value up to \$54 530 p.a., comprising salary between \$43 449 - \$47 793 p.a., employee contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applicants will remain current for 12 months) H08BQ1062. **Duties/Abilities:** Contribute to the improvement of the nutrition status of the North Queensland population, with emphasis on the nutrition status of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. In particular, the person working in this position will work in partnership with the Public Health Nutritionist to support the development, implementation and evaluation of nutrition promotion programs which aim to improve the health and nutrition status of people in the Mount Isa and Gulf area. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Margaret Daly (07) 4968 6618.

Application Kit: (07) 4750 6773 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforce

Closing Date: Monday, 10 November 2008.

You can apply online at

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A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-working policy applies in Queensland Government buildings, offices and other vehicles.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW

CONSTRUCTION SUPERINTENDENT

Clerk Grade 11/12
Building & Asset Services
Resources Division
RESITECH
Head Office, Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-16437

Total remuneration package valued up to \$116,886 per annum (Salary: \$91,589 pa - \$105,923 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The Construction Superintendent manages the Construction Services Team to deliver contract administration and supervision services to residential construction and upgrading projects to achieve high quality built outcomes.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Qualifications and experience in Building, Architecture, Engineering or similar discipline to provide expert leadership and professional advice in construction and contract administration.
- Demonstrated recent experience in the provision of technical expertise in the contract administration of building projects.
- Demonstrated excellent leadership capacity to develop and foster a team of technical specialists focused on superior customer service and continuous improvement in business processes through practice management.
- Extensive experience in managing contractual and business risks related to construction activities as well as experience in negotiations and contractual dispute resolution.
- Demonstrated high level of interpersonal skills, sufficient to support change management in a team combining employees and external contractors.
- Demonstrated analytical and problem solving skills with the ability to analyse and interpret complex information and provide strategic advice on matters arising in construction and contract administration.
- Sound oral and written communication skills with proven ability to answer ad hoc questions and accurately interpret information to meet business needs as well as a current Driver's Licence.
- Sound computer literacy with experience in the use of applications such as Microsoft Excel, Word, project management tools and time recording systems.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Ray Goodall (02) 8753 8020

Information Packages:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers

Apply on-line at: As per link in the Information Package

Closing date: Friday 31 October 2008

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NSW HEALTH

SYDNEY SOUTH WEST

AREA HEALTH SERVICE

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Ref: 562002. Salary: \$38,878-\$56,313 pa. F/T or P/T at Campbelltown Community Health. Enq: Erika Lehner (02) 4640 3515.

Closing Date: 21 November 2008. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Female Aboriginal Health Worker (HEO Non-Grad)

Ref: 55758/1. Salary: \$38,878-\$56,313 pa. F/T at Campbelltown, Enq: Tracey Taylor, (02) 9515 9731. Closing Date: 7 November 2008.

Aboriginality and being female are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under Section 14(d) and Section 31(2h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

MENTAL HEALTH

Trainee Aboriginal Mental Health Worker (HEO)

Ref: 56495/1. Salary: \$38,878-\$56,313 pa. F/T at Liverpool, Campbelltown, Campersdown or Canterbury/Bankstown. Enq: Shai Marshall, (02) 9616 4250.

Closing Date: 7 November 2008. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Apply online at: www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au

or email application quoting Ref No. to: jobs@sswahs.nsw.gov.au or send application to: Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 7050, Liverpool NSW 1501.

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Manager, Capacity Building

Salary \$87,910 to \$117,642 (plus superannuation)

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Reporting to the Senior Project Manager, Aboriginal Affairs, this is an exciting opportunity to lead the Department in supporting the ongoing capacity of Aboriginal organisations to deliver health and community services. Your conceptual skills, problem solving orientation and strategic collaboration with a range of stakeholders across the department, organisations and government will be the key to excelling in this role.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Daniel James on (03) 9096 0511. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies.

Please quote reference no DHS/PS/155068

Closing Date: Sunday 26 October 2008

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Department of Aboriginal Affairs is implementing a reform program to deliver NSW Government policy on Aboriginal affairs.

Senior Policy Officer,

Clerk Grade 9/10, Surry Hills, Temporary Full-Time,
Job Reference No DAA08/263.

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.

Work closely with the Principal Policy Officers on projects relating to Two Ways Together and other Aboriginal specific issues.

Selection Criteria: High-level ability to engage with Aboriginal people and communities and superior understanding and sensitivity to Aboriginal culture and issues impacting on Aboriginal people. Sound understanding of State and Commonwealth Government policy, direction, objectives and service delivery functions, particularly in relation to Aboriginal programs, and relevant legislation, policies and issues across Government. High-level communication skills including the preparation of complex submissions and reports. Demonstrated project management, research, policy analysis, development and reporting skills.

Experience in developing appropriate systems and reporting. Experience representing an organisation at conferences, seminars and community consultations at a senior level. Commitment and capacity to implement Government policies such as EEO, OH&S, cultural diversity and ethical practice. Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or the equivalent demonstrated work experience.

Notes: This is a full-time temporary position for a period up to 30 April 2009.

Inquiries: Ingrid Giles (02) 9219 0761.

Information Packages: Reception (02) 9219 0700 or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' 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: Friday 31 October 2008.



Environment and Recreation

Sustainability Programs and Projects

Natural Resources Management Programs

NRM Facilitator (Aboriginal Communities)

Administrative Services Officer Class 6
Salary Range: \$62,099-\$71,335 (PN: 16097)

The Natural Resource Management Facilitator (Aboriginal Communities) will foster strong relationships between ACT Aboriginal people and the ACT NRM Council, and its partners; facilitate the delivery of activities which support improved understanding, skills and capacity of ACT Aboriginal communities to contribute to natural resource management; and work with the ACT government, NGO's and business to maximise opportunities for Aboriginal participation in natural resource management in the ACT.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Relevant qualifications or experience in natural resource management are desirable.

Note: This is an Identified position and applicants from an Indigenous background are encouraged to apply.

Contact Officer: Anna Van Dugteren (02) 6205 2914
Anna.VanDugteren@act.gov.au

Applicants should note that a Joint Selection Committee (JSC) established in accordance with the collective agreement provisions will assess all applications for this position. Selection documentation and mandatory application cover sheet may be downloaded from: <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au/> Applications can be sent via email to: jobs@act.gov.au or by post to: Shared Services Centre, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158 Canberra City ACT 2601

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DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST GRADE 1

Community Access
Metro North Region

Parramatta, Penrith, Hornsby & Chatswood
Permanent & Temporary, Full-Time & Part-Time (various positions)

Position No: DADHC-08-16375

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,537 per annum (Salary: \$46,320 pa - \$64,827 pa). Full-time salary quoted includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate: \$23.36 ph - \$32.69 ph

Job Description: Provide therapy services in the areas of communication and dysphagia to people with intellectual disabilities and their families. All staff on Community Support Teams may be involved in providing a service co-ordination role.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Current understanding of the issues, trends and approaches underpinning the provision of services to people with a disability and their families and carers.
- Recognised Degree/Diploma in Speech Pathology and eligibility for membership to professional association.
- Experience in, or the ability to provide the provision of speech pathology services to people with a disability with a range of needs.
- Demonstrated analytical and problem solving skills.
- High level oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively as a member of multidisciplinary teams and in partnership with other services.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: There are Permanent Full-Time positions available at Penrith & Chatswood & a Permanent Part-Time position available at Hornsby. Temporary Full-Time & Part-Time positions are available at Parramatta, Penrith, Hornsby & Chatswood from 3 to 12 months under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Applicants must specify their preferred location/s. New graduates are encouraged to apply. An eligibility list will be created for any unfilled positions & may be used if a new vacancy occurs across the region (Chatswood, Hornsby, Parramatta or Penrith offices) within 12 months.

An information session will be run for Speech Pathologists interested in working for DADHC. This will be held at 5:30pm on Thursday 23 October at 295 High Street, Penrith. Please contact Melissa Klobucar on (02) 4734 9517 to register for the Information Session.

Further information about these positions is available on line & you must address the full selection criteria & complete the forms.

Inquiries: Melissa Klobucar (02) 4734 9517

Information Package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or 1800 185 466

Apply on-line: As per link given in Information Package

Closing date: Sunday 2 November 2008

GA-779686



NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
45/180 Search for groundwater & taking water	CBH Sulphur Springs Pty Ltd	1057.54ha	53km NW of Marble Bar	Lat 20°57' Long 119°17'	East Pilbara
45/181 Search for groundwater & taking water	CBH Sulphur Springs Pty Ltd	900ha	47km W of Marble Bar	Lat 21°00' Long 119°19'	East Pilbara

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: 22 October 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 **22 January 2009**. 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. **22 February 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 EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
09/1869	Northern Phosphate Ltd	368.74km ²	98km E of Coral Bay	Lat 33°12' Long 114°42'	Ashburton/Carnarvon/Esmerald
20/672	Spark Energy Pty Ltd	213.19km ²	25km NE of Cue	Lat 27°18' Long 118°05'	Cue
20/673-4	State Resources Pty Ltd	259.14km ²	44km NW of Cue	Lat 27°10' Long 117°32'	Cue
20/675	State Resources Pty Ltd	18.31km ²	48km NW of Cue	Lat 27°02' Long 117°39'	Cue
20/681	Standard Mining Investments Pty Ltd	149.26km ²	51km E of Cue	Lat 27°17' Long 118°22'	Cue
21/735	Haydon Enterprises Pty Ltd	6.07km ²	26km SE of Cue	Lat 27°36' Long 118°03'	Cue
24/144	Maincoast Pty Ltd	27.01km ²	68km NW of Coolgardie	Lat 30°25' Long 120°51'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/380	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	2.99km ²	45km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°45'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1859	Perinola Minerals Ltd	85.82km ²	97km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°18' Long 122°20'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/708	Montrose Resources Ltd	210.82km ²	80km S of Leinster	Lat 28°37' Long 120°32'	Menzies
30/368	Heron Resources Ltd	125.61km ²	129km W of Menzies	Lat 29°30' Long 119°44'	Menzies
31/786	Heron Resources Ltd	20.88km ²	87km E of Menzies	Lat 29°30' Long 121°54'	Menzies
31/829	Gryphon Minerals Ltd	97.88km ²	103km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°07' Long 122°15'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/Menzies
31/835	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	35.84km ²	74km SE of Leonora	Lat 29°25' Long 121°47'	Menzies
31/837	Heron Resources Ltd	208.1km ²	89km E of Menzies	Lat 29°53' Long 121°55'	Menzies
36/678	Peter Romeo Gianni	63.76km ²	39km E of Leinster	Lat 28°02' Long 121°04'	Leonora
38/2121	JML Resources Pty Ltd	33.01km ²	29km S of Laverton	Lat 28°52' Long 122°29'	Laverton
38/2162	Possidon Nickel Ltd	60.41km ²	75km NE of Laverton	Lat 28°12' Long 121°48'	Leonora
38/2170	Mark Gareth Cressy	51.96km ²	145km NW of Laverton	Lat 26°51' Long 122°10'	Laverton/Wiluna
38/2177	South Boulder Mines Ltd	24.14km ²	38km N of Laverton	Lat 28°17' Long 122°22'	Laverton
38/2199	JML Resources Pty Ltd	9.1km ²	76km NW of Laverton	Lat 27°38' Long 122°14'	Laverton
45/2756	Wix Pty Ltd	153.38km ²	10km SW of Marble Bar	Lat 21°14' Long 119°41'	East Pilbara
51/1280-1	William Robert Richmond	485.59km ²	75km E of Meekatharra	Lat 26°22' Long 119°13'	Meekatharra
52/2196	Jupiter Mines Ltd	3.14km ²	7km SE of Newman	Lat 23°24' Long 119°46'	East Pilbara
52/2241	Boldjet Pty Ltd	56.37km ²	87km SW of Newman	Lat 24°01' Long 119°16'	Meekatharra
52/2246	Western Australian Resources Ltd	40.80km ²	45km S of Newman	Lat 23°45' Long 119°37'	Meekatharra
52/2247	Western Australian Resources Ltd	84.81km ²	53km SE of Newman	Lat 23°45' Long 120°01'	Meekatharra
52/2248	Western Australian Resources Ltd	134.96km ²	64km SE of Newman	Lat 23°51' Long 120°03'	Meekatharra
53/1304	Audax Resources Ltd	64.53km ²	78km E of Wiluna	Lat 26°20' Long 120°57'	Wiluna
53/1305	Audax Resources Ltd	55.24km ²	74km E of Wiluna	Lat 26°29' Long 120°57'	Wiluna
53/1396	Apex Gold Pty Ltd	12.25km ²	91km SE of Meekatharra	Lat 26°55' Long 119°20'	Meekatharra/Wiluna
53/1411	Wayne Richard Jones	12.26km ²	64km SE of Wiluna	Lat 26°55' Long 120°49'	Wiluna
53/1415	RMC Iron Pty Ltd	214.11km ²	56km SW of Wiluna	Lat 27°01' Long 119°54'	Wiluna
53/1418	Venture Minerals Ltd	15.3km ²	91km SE of Wiluna	Lat 27°06' Long 120°56'	Wiluna
58/369	Leahy Haulage Pty Ltd	39.52km ²	19km E of Mount Magnet	Lat 29°07' Long 118°02'	Mount Magnet
58/371	Maximus Resources Ltd	96.79km ²	67km W of Sandstone	Lat 28°06' Long 118°37'	Mount Magnet/Sandstone
58/372	Maximus Resources Ltd	45.35km ²	41km E of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°06' Long 118°15'	Mount Magnet
59/1403	Prosperity Resources (Mt Gibson) Pty Ltd	208.59km ²	50km SW of Paynes Find	Lat 29°37' Long 117°22'	Yalgoo
59/1409	Multiple Resources Pty Ltd	210.76km ²	59km S of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°33' Long 117°37'	Mount Magnet/Yalgoo
59/1410	Multiple Resources Pty Ltd	131.96km ²	39km NW of Paynes Find	Lat 28°57' Long 117°28'	Yalgoo
59/1411	Multiple Resources Pty Ltd	107.63km ²	28km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°16' Long 117°25'	Yalgoo
59/1437	Australasian Mining And Exploration Pty Ltd	211.09km ²	21km W of Yalgoo	Lat 28°23' Long 116°28'	Yalgoo
59/1448	State Resources Pty Ltd	181.58km ²	43km NE of Yalgoo	Lat 28°01' Long 116°56'	Yalgoo
59/1494	Silver Lake Resources Limited	14.94km ²	81km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°17' Long 118°51'	Perenjri
70/3452	Scaddan Energy Pty Ltd	597.49km ²	24km N of Mullewa	Lat 26°19' Long 115°34'	Chapman Valley/Mullewa
77/1507	David John Ferts	62.45km ²	98km W of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°52' Long 119°20'	Menzies/Yilgarn
77/1513	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	5.8km ²	70km E of Hyden	Lat 32°20' Long 119°42'	Kondinin
77/1514	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	2.9km ²	75km E of Hyden	Lat 32°22' Long 119°42'	Kondinin
77/1528	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	53.9km ²	145km S of Sandstone	Lat 29°16' Long 119°36'	Menzies
77/1533	Julian Matthew Unkovich	2.97km ²	96km W of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°00' Long 119°10'	Yilgarn
77/1534	Julian Matthew Unkovich	5.94km ²	100km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°57' Long 119°12'	Yilgarn
80/4150	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	22.72km ²	82km SE of Pitaru Crossing	Lat 18°45' Long 120°04'	Derby-West Kimberley/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: 22 October 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 **22 January 2009**. 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



COMMUNICATIONS ADVISER

Indigenous Issues Unit

Grade 4, \$62,116 - \$70,477

Position No: DJ6487

The Indigenous Issues Unit, within the Department of Justice's Community Operations and Strategy Branch, is responsible for coordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA).

We are seeking a Communication Adviser to develop and implement an effective Indigenous-related communications strategy with the aim of promoting AJA initiatives across government and Indigenous community stakeholders.

As this is an Identified Position, it requires the occupant to have an understanding of the issues affecting the Indigenous community and the ability to communicate sensitively with the Indigenous community.

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Bauxite Project Office Coordinator

Aurukun based / 1 year contract

Ngan Aak Kunch Aboriginal Corporation (the Wik PBC), the Wik and Wik Way #2 Native Title Claim Group, Chalco Australia Pty Ltd (CHALCO Australia), Aurukun Shire Council (the ASC) and the Queensland Government have commenced a feasibility study for a bauxite mine near Aurukun in Western Cape York in Far Northern Queensland.

Following the recent resignation of the existing appointee, a Bauxite Project Office (BPO) Coordinator is now needed to continue to plan, co-ordinate and implement a program of activities associated with a 2 year feasibility study which has, as its key objective, the sustainable, economic, cultural and social development of the Aurukun community and Wik and Wik Way Peoples. Specific responsibilities include:

- manage and coordinate the day-to-day functions of the BPO;
- manage, together with the ASC, the access protocols relating to the Project;
- ensure the effective communication of key aspects of the Project to the Wik and Wik Way Peoples and the Aurukun community, and
- work with Queensland Government staff to ensure the feasibility study supports Queensland Government initiatives in relation to business development and employment and training.

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate the following knowledge and skills:

- experience working with Indigenous communities and in achieving sustainable community social and economic development;
- experience implementing effective consultation and communication processes within Indigenous communities and acting in accordance with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consultation and negotiation protocols;
- proven ability to negotiate and coordinate service delivery involving State and Commonwealth Government departments and a wide range of stakeholders;
- proven ability to work within tight time and budget parameters, and
- excellent management skills, a strong desire to add value and absolute integrity in all dealings.

An attractive remuneration package together with accommodation, relocation and travel benefits applies. The successful candidate will ideally be based in Aurukun during the feasibility study.

To apply, please submit a 2 page statement outlining the extent to which you possess the knowledge and skills outlined above in addition to your resume. You also need to provide details of 2 work related referees from the past 2 years and a personal reference from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation or person. Applications close **31 October 2008**.

Applications should be addressed to: Mel Nolan, HR Manager, CHALCO Australia, Level 5, 410 Ann Street, (West Tower) Brisbane 4000.

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Policy Analyst (Political)

(Identified Position)

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The Old Coalition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Human Services is recruiting a Policy Analyst to join this private sector organisation. This is a new position and an opportunity to join an exciting new initiative. Founded in July 2008 the Coalition will seek to influence public policy, on the basis of evidence and research and to improve outcomes for Indigenous peoples across Queensland.

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The policy analyst will assist on written work, including policy papers and op-ed columns; utilise extensive research; analyse budget and policy data; write briefing memos for speeches and media appearances; and assist in the coordination of the Coalition's projects and events. The successful candidate will have policy experience from the private or public sector, excellent research and analytical skills, excellent written and communication skills and the ability to maintain effective working relationships.

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Closing date: 24 October 2008



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO.	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
38/1535	South Boulder Mines Ltd	300593	2.4ha	50km Nly of Laverton	Lat 28°10' Long 122°58'	Laverton
30/3563	Pulsar Resources Pty Ltd	258444	5.01ha	16km NWly of Halls Creek	Lat 16°10' Long 121°33'	Halls Creek

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 22 October 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 22 January 2009. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 22 February 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

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



NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/4143	Australian Gold Resources Pty Ltd	120.55ha	30km S'ly of Widgeemooltha	Lat 31°45' Long 121°39'	Coogardie
15/5239-40	David John Power	137.12ha	34km S'ly of Widgeemooltha	Lat 31°41' Long 121°51'	Coogardie
	Albert Douglas Flematt				
	Christopher Graeme Hill				
15/5245	David John Power	65.85ha	31km S'ly of Widgeemooltha	Lat 31°41' Long 121°48'	Coogardie
15/5258	David Charles Lyons	6.11ha	13km W'ly of Coogardie	Lat 30°57' Long 121°01'	Coogardie
15/5260	Australian Gold Resources Pty Ltd	17.41ha	26km S'ly of Widgeemooltha	Lat 31°42' Long 121°42'	Coogardie
15/5263	David Charles Lyons	145.63ha	13km NW'ly of Coogardie	Lat 30°52' Long 121°03'	Coogardie
15/5265	Heron Resources Ltd	54.43ha	35km E'ly of Widgeemooltha	Lat 31°32' Long 121°56'	Coogardie
15/5281-2	Bama Resources Ltd	392.58ha	20km SW'ly of Coogardie	Lat 31°06' Long 121°03'	Coogardie
15/5287	Geoffrey Michael Kempthorne	190.97ha	27km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°59' Long 121°30'	Coogardie/Kalgoorlie Boulder City
15/5297	Glenn Alan Haythornwaite	27.39ha	19km SW'ly of Coogardie	Lat 31°06' Long 121°04'	Coogardie
16/2183	Siberia Mining Corporation Pty Ltd	65.04ha	70km NW'ly of Coogardie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°08'	Coogardie
16/2238-9	Cazaly Resources Ltd	381.36ha	27km N'ly of Coogardie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°08'	Coogardie
24/4389	Paul Richard Martin	122.33ha	54km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°24' Long 121°03'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/2082	Robert James McAllan	164ha	14km S'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°46' Long 121°08'	Menzies
	Charles Lindsay McAllan				
	Francis George McAllan				
	Aldo Julio Battaglia				
31/1801	Jackson Minerals Ltd	139.15ha	132km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°52' Long 122°24'	Menzies
36/1710	Montrose Resources Ltd	19.96ha	39km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°11' Long 120°26'	Leonora
36/1711	Montrose Resources Ltd	16.17ha	41km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°12' Long 120°26'	Leonora
36/1712	Russell Geoffrey McKnight	193.32ha	31km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°49' Long 120°59'	Leonora
36/1713	Linger & Die Pty Ltd	178.44ha	66km N'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°21' Long 120°55'	Leonora
37/7225	Bruce Robert Legendre	199.54ha	32km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 121°39'	Leonora
37/7654	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	130.92ha	34km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°51' Long 121°40'	Leonora
37/7655	Mazzei Holdings Pty Ltd	28.81ha	37km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°37' Long 121°34'	Leonora
37/7656	Mazzei Holdings Pty Ltd	126.59ha	37km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°38' Long 121°35'	Leonora
37/7657-8	Mazzei Holdings Pty Ltd	368.26ha	36km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°38' Long 121°34'	Leonora
37/7659-66	Mazzei Holdings Pty Ltd	1519.38ha	33km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°42' Long 121°35'	Leonora
37/7661-72	Mazzei Holdings Pty Ltd	1051.15ha	33km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°45' Long 121°37'	Leonora
37/7673	Mazzei Holdings Pty Ltd	59.62ha	32km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°46' Long 121°38'	Leonora
37/7674-5	Mazzei Holdings Pty Ltd	368.76ha	35km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°46' Long 121°39'	Leonora
37/7676	Trevor John Dixon	196.86ha	39km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°43'	Leonora
37/7677-81	Fritz Culpers	988.69ha	14km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°56' Long 121°42'	Leonora
37/7682	Petra Wasse	9.71ha	34km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 121°40'	Leonora
37/7683	Xstrata Nickel Australasia Operations Pty Ltd	147.93ha	48km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°38' Long 120°56'	Leonora
38/3799	A1 Minerals Ltd	13.81ha	55km W'ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°58' Long 122°20'	Laverton
38/3800	A1 Minerals Ltd	136.34ha	53km W'ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°05' Long 122°22'	Laverton
38/3801	A1 Minerals Ltd	50.58ha	52km W'ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°01' Long 122°21'	Laverton
38/3802	JML Resources Pty Ltd	121.27ha	68km NW'ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°42' Long 122°17'	Laverton
38/3803-4	JML Resources Pty Ltd	289.59ha	68km NW'ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°42' Long 122°16'	Laverton
38/3805	JML Resources Pty Ltd	72.53ha	75km NW'ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°39' Long 122°14'	Laverton
38/3806-7	JML Resources Pty Ltd	372.15ha	69km NW'ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°41' Long 122°16'	Laverton
38/3808-12	Crescent Gold Ltd	830.06ha	35km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°58' Long 122°21'	Laverton
39/4843-59	Boldet Pty Ltd	3362.48ha	32km W'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°41' Long 122°05'	Laverton
39/4860	Trevor John Dixon	186.2ha	49km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°43' Long 121°47'	Leonora
39/4861	Trevor John Dixon	188.93ha	47km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°43' Long 121°46'	Leonora
39/4862-3	John Robert Winn Money	376.21ha	57km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°58' Long 121°54'	Leonora
39/4864-5	Stuart Leslie Hooper	330.8ha	83km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°27' Long 122°19'	Menzies
	Roger Michael Lindley				
39/4866-8	Lloyd Anthony Steffenmeier	354.9ha	60km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°00' Long 121°57'	Laverton
	Virgil John Clark				
	Malcolm Duane Kimble				
39/4869	Douglas Daniel Wolfe	84.67ha	61km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°00' Long 121°56'	Leonora
39/4870	Brian George Alexander Ross	24.8ha	60km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°00' Long 121°55'	Leonora
39/4871	Golden Cliffs NL	44.2ha	37km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°50' Long 122°06'	Laverton
39/4872	Golden Cliffs NL	39.7ha	36km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°50' Long 122°07'	Laverton
40/1246	Peter Andrew Wiltshire	197.54ha	30km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°13' Long 121°22'	Menzies
40/1247	David Charles Lyons	17.51ha	47km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°24' Long 121°23'	Menzies
47/1431	Murchison Metals Ltd	40.45ha	51km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°44' Long 117°18'	Ashterton
47/1436	Murchison Metals Ltd	22.89ha	57km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°45' Long 117°14'	Ashterton
52/1297	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	49.33ha	118km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°58' Long 117°35'	Meekatharra
53/1511-2	Almar Resources Ltd	323.99ha	90km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 27°04' Long 120°57'	Wiluna
53/1513	Peter Romeo Gianni	81.32ha	68km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 27°08' Long 120°32'	Wiluna
58/1452	Steven Ross Arts	181.4ha	8km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 26°07' Long 117°49'	Mount Magnet

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: 22 October 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 22 January 2009. 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. 22 February 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.



Australian Nurse Family Partnership



EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES IN INDIGENOUS PRIMARY HEALTH

The Australian NFP Program (ANFP) is a new approach to nurse home visiting services to support child and maternal health in indigenous settings. The ANFP is seeking experienced professionals for the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC), Alice Springs and the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, (VAHS) Melbourne to commence the rollout of this pivotal program:

NURSE SUPERVISOR

HOME VISITING NURSE (2)

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER (part-time)

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY WORKER (2 positions for the CAAC)

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP WORKER (2 positions for the VAHS)

- The Nurse Supervisor will be a registered nurse and will lead the Home Visiting Team.
- The Home Visiting Nurses will be registered nurses with a strong ability to build relationships with the families that they visit.
- The Aboriginal Community Worker/ Family Partnerships Worker will have a good knowledge of local Indigenous Culture. They will develop skills in family well-being and community development.
- The Administration Officer will support the Home Visiting team with a broad range of administrative duties.

The ANFP will provide opportunities for successful candidates to gain experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care, and to receive systematic and on-going training in home visiting and child health while working in some of the leading Indigenous Primary Health Care organisations in the country. Staff will be encouraged to work independently with a high degree of autonomy but will be well supported in a team environment. Nursing staff will be able to utilise their nursing judgment and at the same time receive ongoing clinical supervision and support. It is expected that ANFP staff will develop long-term relationships with their client group.

Interested persons should contact the Identified officers for a Position Description and an information pack:

- Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, Alice Springs, Darrelle Windsor, Recruitment Officer (08) 89514414
- Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, Melbourne, Susan Hedges, Manager, Women and Children's Unit (03) 94193000

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of NSW

Notification day: 22 October 2008



National
Native Title
Tribunal

This notice was first published on 8 October 2008. The application area was incorrectly described as 1.6 hectares. This has now been corrected.

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest in the area (which is not a native title interest), set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights

and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 21 January 2009. After 21 January 2009, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before 21 January 2009, the area may be subject to protection under section 24 FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.



Applicant's name: Deni Play on the Plains Festival Ltd

Non-native title interest: Crown Licence 406978 for the purpose of Festival (Deni Ute Muster)

Federal Court File No: NSD1380/2008

Location: The area subject to this application is located north east of Deniliquin between Conargo and Moonee Swamp Roads and covers about 135 hectares as shown on the locality map.

The application covers Lot 7002 and Part of Lot 7001 on Plan DP1118719 in the Parish of North Deniliquin, County of Townsend and falls within the Local Government Area of Deniliquin.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Lands (NSW).

For assistance or further information contact Tom O'Reilly on
freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of NSW

Notification day: 5 November 2008



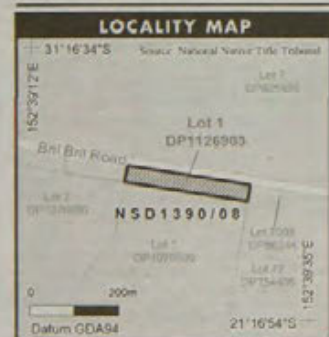
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Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 4 February 2009. After 4 February 2009, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before 4 February 2009, the area may be subject to protection under section 24 FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.



Applicant's name: Melody Sarmiento Hartog & Joanne Hartog

Non-native title interest: Grazing & Access Licence - LI 385967

Federal Court File No: NSD1309/2008

Location: The area subject to this application covers about 1 hectare and falls entirely within Lot 1 DP1126903 as shown on the locality map. It is located approximately 30km north-west of Port Macquarie.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Port Macquarie - Hastings Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Lands (NSW).

For assistance or further information contact Carissa Kok on freecall
1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

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For inquiries: Najette or Megan (02) 9226 4949

Applications Marked 'Confidential' and quoting Job Reference No: TREA08/286 to the Human Resources Officer (Recruitment), ServiceFirst, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000.

Closing date: 24 October 2008



ACT Department of Education and Training

Student Services
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Indigenous Liaison Officer

Administrative Services Officer Class 4
Salary Range: \$51,554-\$55,974 (PN: 12227)

We are seeking an enthusiastic person to work as part of the collaborative team at the Murrumbidgee Education and Training Centre at the Bimberi Youth Justice Centre to support education and transition programs for Indigenous students.

Note: This position is part-time at 18.22 hours per week. This is an Indigenous identified position.

Contact Officer: Richard Manning (02) 6205 9314
richard.manning@act.gov.au

Selection documentation and mandatory application cover sheet may be downloaded from <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au/>. Applications can be sent via email to: jobs@act.gov.au or by post to Shared Services Centre, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158, Canberra City ACT 2601

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Participatory Action Research Coordinator: Yorta Yorta Nation

Coordinate a participatory research project with Yorta Yorta people to further define their aspirations for Working on Country and partnering government in natural resource management.

Based in Northern Victoria, this project is a collaboration between Friends of the Earth and Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation.

- 9 month FT contract
- \$48,188.92 pa
- relocation assistance available
- possibility of extension



Applications due 10th November
www.melbourne.foe.org.au ph:0402 904 251



NSW Government
Department of Water & Energy

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY, SENIOR INSPECTOR WATER AND SEWERAGE (3 POSITIONS)

Clerk Grade 7/8, Albury/Tamworth/Orange, Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No DWE2008/133. Total remuneration package valued to: \$84,855 p.a. (\$69,468-\$76,896).

Oversighting the operation of Local Water Utility (LWU) water and sewage treatment works and the water supply and sewerage services for Aboriginal communities in the Albury, Orange & Tamworth Regions. Provide leadership and guidance to LWU. **Selection Criteria:** Extensive knowledge of best-practice in the operation and maintenance of water supply and sewerage systems combined with in-depth knowledge of auditing methods, inspection and reporting of water and sewerage treatment processes and their merits. Sound knowledge of liquid trade waste, water quality, environmental legislation and regulations and environmental management of water supply and sewerage systems. Knowledge of sampling and analytical methods including laboratory and in-situ testing with experience using portable water and sewage samplers. Demonstrated ability to effectively train and mentor LWU operators. Well developed analytical and problem solving skills demonstrating ability to act with initiative, and to think and act flexibly. Well developed report writing and oral communication skills to support sound negotiation and conflict resolution skills. Sound computer skills particularly using Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point. Current class C driver's licence.

Notes: Position holder is required to work with minimal supervision and in isolated locations.

Inquiries: Sam Samra (02) 8281 7435 0438 466 426.
Information Packages: dwe.infopack@dnr.nsw.gov.au with 133 in subject.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Services, ServiceFirst, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 24 October 2008.

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Consultant Indigenous Engagement and Quality Teaching

Senior Education Officer 2 (ETS), St. Peters, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 137587. Total remuneration package valued to: \$112,286 p.a. (\$101,754-\$101,754) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing high level support to the Indigenous Engagement Quality Education Team at State Office and in Regions. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience. Experience and commitment in implementing effective education for Aboriginal students in schools including managing innovative projects. Relevant skills and experience related to one or more of the following: Quality teaching and assessment, Aboriginal studies. Prior to school and/or the early years of schooling, Aboriginal languages, Literacy and numeracy. Demonstrated ability to work effectively within teams to achieve agreed outcomes. Relevant experience in consulting and working effectively in partnerships with Aboriginal communities. Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. This is a temporary appointment from 27 January 2009 up to 26 January 2012. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Administrative hours and conditions apply. Recent school-based experience is that which has been undertaken within the last three years. Recent school-based experience may include experience in providing direct classroom support to teachers and students in schools.

Enquiries: Doug Cole (02) 9582 2800
Email: doug.cole@det.nsw.edu.au
Information Packages: Erica Hancock (02) 9582 2822.

Applications marked 'Confidential' to: Ms Erica Hancock, Sydney Region Department of Education and Training, Cnr Segenhoe and Avenel Streets, Arncliffe NSW 2205.

Closing Date: Friday 07 November 2008 785273

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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
EPM16836	Approx. 81 km SE from Croydon Centred at approximate Lat.18°40'S Long.142°51'E Local Government Area: Croydon Shire Council and Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 325 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2290 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 2291 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 2292 a, f, l 2362 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2363 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, z 2434 b, c, d, e 2435 a	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd 122 727 342
EPM17259	Approx. 46 km E from Croydon Centred at approximate Lat.18°14'S Long.142°41'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 104 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 32 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1928 m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 1929 l, m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 2000 c, d, e 2001 a, b, c, d, e 2002 a	Nottum Pty Ltd 123 515 560
EPM17360	Approx. 61 km NW from Croydon Centred at approximate Lat.17°46'S Long.141°54'E Local Government Area: Croydon Shire Council	Area: 160 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 49 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1415 z 1416 v, w 1487 e, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 1488 a, f, l, q, v 1559 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 1560 a, f, l, q, v 1631 c, d, e, h, j, k, p 1632 a, f, l	Gold Finance & Exploration Pty Ltd 112 075 484
EPM17363	Part 1: Approx. 101 km WSW from Croydon Centred at approximate Lat.18°30'S Long.141°21'E Local Government Area: Croydon Shire Council and Carpentaria Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 108 km WSW from Croydon Centred at approximate Lat.18°27'S Long.141°16'E Local Government Area: Carpentaria Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 325 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1983 x, y, z 2055 c, d, e, k, p 2056 a, f, g, l, m, q, r, s, w, x, y, z 2057 v, w, x 2128 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2129 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2201 c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, u 2202 f, g, l, m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2274 b, c, d, g, h, j, n, o, s, t, x, y 2346 c, d, h, j, n, o Area of Part 2: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2128 l	Rommark Resources Pty Ltd 129 719 606

* 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.

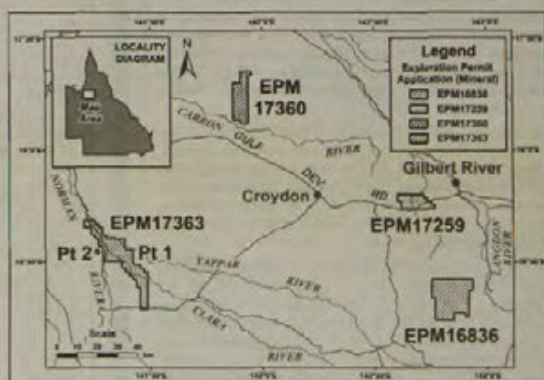
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1190 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 12 November 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

Environment Officer Class 9, Hurstville, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-439. 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:** Aboriginality. 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: 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 12 months. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Kellyanne Sheargold (02) 9585 6593 Email: kellyanne.sheargold@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Vesna Cukar (02) 9585 6593 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 31 October 2008.

GA1 79623



Two Project Officers Out Reach Positions

(Full-Time)

Muuji Regional Centre for Social and Emotional Wellbeing for Canberra, Wagga Wagga and Narooma.

A consortium of 3 Aboriginal Community Controlled Medical Services support Muuji Regional Centre. They are Winnunga Nimmitjiah Aboriginal Health Service, Canberra, Riverina Medical and Dental Aboriginal Corporation, Wagga Wagga and Katungal Aboriginal Corporation and Community Medical Services, Narooma.

Muuji Regional Centre is made up of a small team of 3 Project Officers and a Program Manager all of whom will be based in Canberra. The aim of the program is to provide opportunities for professional support, and continuing development and training to the Social and Emotional Wellbeing workforce based on the needs of the workforce and the Aboriginal communities across the region.

We are currently seeking two motivated professional people to fill the project officer positions. The positions will be responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating program priorities across the Riverina and Canberra. The successful applicants will work in close consultation with Winnunga Nimmitjiah Aboriginal Health Service and Riverina Medical and Dental in the delivery of program priorities. Furthermore, the successful applicants will have experience with Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing issues and an understanding of Aboriginal Community Control. The skills required include the ability to liaise and network effectively with stakeholders at various levels, excellent communication, interpersonal skills, organizational skills and computer skills. Availability for frequent travel is essential.

The salary package for these positions will be negotiated commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applicants must obtain a copy of the selection criteria and address all criteria in their application.

For more information and/or a copy of the position description and selection criteria please call Roseanne Longford on 6284 6259 or email Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au

All applications should be addressed and mailed to Julie Tonge, CEO, Winnunga Nimmitjiah Aboriginal Health Service 63 Boolimba Crescent, Narrabundah ACT 2604 or by email to Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au

Applications Close COB 7th November 2008

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for this position and is authorized under section 42 of the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT) and S8 of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)

Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land into Authority to Prospect and Grant Of Authority to Prospect Applications

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Government party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to Authority to Prospect 613 (shown below) under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld). The Authority to Prospect currently excludes land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Current Holder has applied under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect.

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Authorities to Prospect shown below under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld).

Authority to Prospect (to add Excluded Land) to which this notice applies:

Authority to Prospect Number	Location of Authority to Prospect (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holder ACN
ATP613	Location of Excluded Land Approx. 6 km South East from Howard Centred at approximate Lat.25°22'30"S Long.152°35'E Local Government Area: Fraser Coast Regional Council Bundaberg Regional Council	Area of Authority to Prospect including Excluded Land Area: 619 km ² Block Identification Map: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 200 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number 1110 - 1111 inclusive 1182 - 1183 inclusive 1254 - 1257 inclusive	Magellan Petroleum (Eastern) Pty Ltd 053 726 711

Authority to Prospect Applications to which this notice applies:

Authority to Prospect Number	Location of Authority to Prospect (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holder ACN
ATP674 This application consists of five (5) separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 24 km West from Maryborough Centred at approximate Lat.25°32'30"S Long.152°27'30"E Local Government Area: Fraser Coast Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 5 km West from Childers Centred at approximate Lat.25°12'30"S Long.152°17'30"E Local Government Area: Fraser Coast Regional Council Bundaberg Regional Council North Burnett Regional Council Part 3: Approx. 16 km East from Burrum Heads Centred at approximate Lat.25°12'30"S Long.152°45'E Local Government Area: Fraser Coast Regional Council Bundaberg Regional Council Part 4: Approx. 12 km South East from Bundaberg Centred at approximate Lat.25°55'S Long.152°27'30"E Local Government Area: Bundaberg Regional Council Part 5: Approx. 27 km South East from Bundaberg Centred at approximate Lat.25°02'30"S Long.152°32'30"E Local Government Area: Bundaberg Regional Council	Area of part 1: 464 km ² Block Identification Map: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 150 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number 1253 1325 - 1326 inclusive 1397 - 1399 inclusive Area of Part 2: 388 km ² Block Identification Map: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 125 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number 892 964 1036 1108 1180 Area of Part 3: 466 km ² Block Identification Map: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 150 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number 968 1040 1112 - 1115 inclusive Area of Part 4: 154 km ² Block Identification Map: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 50 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number 750 822 Area of Part 5: 78 km ² Block Identification Map: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number 895	Magellan Petroleum (Eastern) Pty Ltd 053 726 711
ATP733 This application consists of four (4) separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 28 km South from Bundaberg Centred at approximate Lat.25°07'30"S Long.152°22'30"E Local Government Area: Bundaberg Regional Council Fraser Coast Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 5 km South from Maryborough Centred at approximate Lat.25°35'S Long.152°42'30"E Local Government Area: Fraser Coast Regional Council Part 3: Approx. 18 km North North West from Maryborough Centred at approximate Lat.25°22'30"S Long.152°40'E Local Government Area: Fraser Coast Regional Council Part 4: Approx. 35 km South East from Bundaberg Centred at approximate Lat.25°07'30"S Long.152°32'30"E Local Government Area: Bundaberg Regional Council	Area of part 1: 777 km ² Block Identification Map: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 250 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number 748 - 749 inclusive 820 - 821 inclusive 893 - 894 inclusive 965 1037 1109 1181 Area of Part 2: 309 km ² Block Identification Map: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number 1330 1400 - 1402 inclusive Area of Part 3: 155 km ² Block Identification Map: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 50 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number 1184 - 1185 inclusive Area of Part 4: 78 km ² Block Identification Map: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number 967	Magellan Petroleum (Eastern) Pty Ltd 053 726 711

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Regional Oral Health Promotion Coordinator

RURAL NEW SOUTH WALES

Are you interested in improving the oral health of Indigenous people in rural New South Wales?

We have a vacancy for a Regional Oral Health Promotion Coordinator based in Dubbo, and working with regional communities in western NSW.

This is an exciting new position, in partnership with Bala Muji Inc, representing Aboriginal Health Services in western NSW, and the Greater Western Area Health Service.

The Regional Oral Health Promotion Coordinator will work with communities and relevant agencies to coordinate the development and implementation of activities identified in the Bala Muji oral health promotion plan.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Diploma or equivalent in Health Promotion and/or Oral Health Promotion, and/or
- Qualification in Oral Health Therapy, Dental Therapy, Dental Hygiene or equivalent.

- Experience in community based oral health promotion.
- Current driver's licence.
- Good communication skills.
- Capacity to work collaboratively as part of a team.

Desirable criteria:

- Person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Previous work with Aboriginal communities.
- Previous experience or knowledge of working in rural communities.
- Understanding of primary health care principles.

Closing date for applications: 21 November 2008

For enquiries please contact:

Ms Jenni Floyd, tel 02 6841 2343, email jennifer.floyd@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au or
Dr Sandra Meihubers, email sm495@ozemail.com.au



THE CENTRE FOR ABORIGINAL INDEPENDENCE AND ENTERPRISE

is seeking an

'Indigenous Media consultant'

to work on our commercial media project.

The successful person will need to liaise with channel 7 Television and Austereo Radio in Brisbane regarding our historic agreement for Indigenous employment within these major media organisations.

The person will also need to continue our research project with all commercial media in Queensland and the other elements of this project: the cultural awareness framework and the mentorship program.

The successful person needs a good understanding of Indigenous cultural protocol and sensitivities, good knowledge and understanding of the media and good negotiation and communication skills.

The position is from October 2008 to October 2009. The person needs to be based in SEQ or needs to relocate. A consultancy fee to be negotiated.

Please contact Wayne Coolwell at the CAIE on 07 34253989 or e-mail wayne.coolwell@cae.com.au.



NSW Government

Department of Water & Energy

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

The supply of water and energy is essential for the economic and social wellbeing of New South Wales. The Department of Water and Energy delivers the NSW Government's policy and reform agenda for the water and energy sectors in this state.

ENGINEERING GRADUATE

(UP TO 3 POSITIONS)

Departmental Professional Officer Grade 1, CBD/Parra/North/South/Coastal/Central, Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No. E2008/083. Total remuneration package valued to: \$68,197 p.a. (\$46,320-\$61,801) Normal starting salary point for graduates is \$48,143 per annum.

Graduates will be offered the opportunity to work on a range of engineering projects and programs across the department, in the critical areas of energy and water research, analysis and policy. **Selection Criteria:** You have obtained in the last 3 years, or will obtain by the end of 2008, a university qualification in one or more of the following disciplines: civil, mechanical, electrical, environmental or chemical engineering.

Notes: Graduates will be exposed to three or four different areas of the department over a 2 year period. Positions would be ideal for those with a keen interest in energy and water issues and/or an interest in working in Government. To apply applicants must complete the "Engineering" Graduate Application Form which is contained in the information package available at graduate recruitment: www.dwe.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Neil England or Chris Ribbons (02) 6721 9822 or (02) 9895 7955. Information Packages: Are at graduate recruitment: www.dwo.nsw.gov

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Services, Service First, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124 OR Email to: applications@dnr.nsw.gov.au quoting "DWE2008/083" in the subject heading.

Closing Date: Friday 31 October 2008.

GA1-798208

BULGARR NGARU MEDICAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Alcohol & Other Drugs Worker

Bulgarr Ngaru is seeking a motivated person with experience and commitment to Aboriginal Health to work as an Alcohol & Other Drugs worker.

Essential Criteria:

- Aboriginality: This position is identified as Aboriginal and applicants are asked to include a Letter of Recognition from their local Land Council with their application.
- Demonstrated understanding of current alcohol and drug issues affecting local Indigenous communities.
- Qualifications in Alcohol & Other Drugs interventions.
- Well developed communication skills with people from a range of backgrounds and age groups.
- Ability to write reports and submissions.
- Knowledge of Indigenous communities, organisations and departments.
- Knowledge of Aboriginal Community Justice Groups and their function.
- Demonstrated understanding of the principles of primary care.
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team environment.

Other Requirements:

- Current NSW Drivers Licence
- Current First Aid Certificate.
- The successful applicant will be required to undergo a criminal record check.
- Prospective employees are advised that they must have their "Working with Children Check" done as part of a condition of employment.

Applicants to address the key selection criteria and provide two referees who may be contacted about your application. At least one must be a respected member of a local Aboriginal community.

Applications close: 24th October 2008 at 4pm.

Applications should be marked confidential and addressed to: Scott Monaghan

Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 1256, Grafton NSW 2460



Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

PROJECT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 7/8

Performance and Quality Improvement
Planning and Access
Metro South Region
Burwood

Permanent Full-Time, Position No: DADHC-08-16371

Total remuneration package valued up to \$84,855 per annum (Salary: \$69,468 pa - \$76,896 pa) Includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Implement policy, undertake activities & projects related to planning & delivery of services to departmental clients, provide advice reflecting contemporary needs for older people and people with a disability and their carers.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Skills and experience in policy and project implementation.
- A solid working knowledge and contemporary understanding of human services and key issues for departmental clients (ageing and disability) and stakeholders.
- Analytical/problem solving and data analysis skills and the ability to interpret and apply legislation and policy.
- Experience in undertaking financial and costing analysis within a government framework.
- High level interpersonal skills and ability to communicate effectively and build relationships and consult with a range of external stakeholders and present a case in group settings.
- High level of written communication skills and competence in use of keyboard and standard PC software programs.
- Demonstrated commitment to teamwork and a willingness to show initiative and flexibility and reliability in meeting deadlines.

Job Notes: An eligibility list may be created for future reference. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms. **Inquiries:** Lyn Black (02) 9334 3700.

Information package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or 1800 185 466

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871.

Closing date: Friday 31 October 2008.

GA1-798208

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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* Authorities to Prospect are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) and the number of Sub-blocks (the Sub-block Code) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude. The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: It is proposed to grant the application to add the Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004 (Qld). On the granting of the application the Excluded Land is included in the existing Authority to Prospect. This authorises the holder to explore for petroleum on the Excluded Land for the current term of the Authority to Prospect.

Grant of an Authority to Prospect under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for petroleum for a period not exceeding twelve (12) years. Under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) a holder of an Authority to Prospect is entitled to apply for a Petroleum Lease over land that is the subject of the Authority to Prospect. A Petroleum Lease entitles the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of petroleum.

It should be noted that this land will not be granted over a National Park (Scientific), National Park (Aboriginal Land), National Park (Torres Strait Islander Land), National Park (Recovery) or Conservation Park that are in existence on the date of effect of the tenure.

Name and address of person doing acts: The application to add Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect and the grant of Authority to Prospect Applications under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) will be granted by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

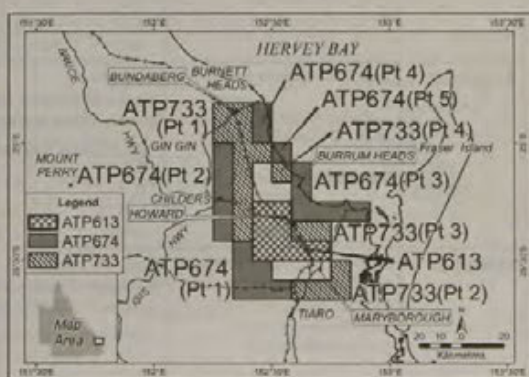
Further Information: Further information about the proposed future acts, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the application for the addition of excluded land in the Authority to Prospect and the grant of the Authorities to Prospect and the Petroleum Leases. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, 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.

Notification Day: 12 November 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



VACCHO
Improving Care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Patients (ICAP)

Project Officer

The Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Inc. was established in 1996 and is recognised by the community as well as the State and Commonwealth Governments as the peak body to co-ordinate and represents Aboriginal health organisations and community views in Victoria.

VACCHO's primary principles of operation are community control and self-determination of health service provision to Aboriginal people in Victoria.

The ICAP program aims to ensure that accessible and sensitive health care for Aboriginal patients is a whole health service responsibility.

This position is located in Fitzroy is a 12 month fixed term position with possible further opportunities. Salary and commencement is negotiable.

Your application should include:

- Statement of skills or experience addressing each key selection capability or criterion. Please read carefully the details in the Job Description before lodging your application.
- General resume/C.V.
- Copies of any formal qualification certificates mandatory for the role.
- 2 nominated referees preferably including your current supervisor if you are currently working.

Please mark applications to:

Helen Kennedy,
Health Programs Manager - VACCHO,
PO Box 1328, Collingwood 3068.

Electronic applications can be submitted c/o email address: helenk@vaccho.com.au

CLOSING DATE: Friday 28th November 2008

For a copy of the PD please visit www.vaccho.org.au

Participatory Action Research Coordinator: Yorta Yorta Nation

Coordinate a participatory research project with Yorta Yorta people to further define their aspirations for Working on Country and partnering government in natural resource management.

Based in Northern Victoria, this project is a collaboration between Friends of the Earth and Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation.

- 9 month FT contract
- \$48,188.92 pa
- relocation assistance available
- possibility of extension



Applications due 10th November
www.melbourne.foe.org.au ph:0402 904 251

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW

SENIOR HOUSING ANALYST

Clerk Grade 9/10

Economics & Financial Analysis Team

Housing Analysis and Research

Head Office, Ashfield

Permanent Full-Time

Position No. DOH-08-16399

Total remuneration package is 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: To undertake economic and financial analysis of housing data and related information to assess the impact of policies, product and service delivery initiatives and to support asset decision making.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated experience in developing financial and economic models.
- Experience in applying skills in economics and financial assessment methods to a corporate environment.
- Understanding of the NSW housing market and socio-economic issues impacting on the provision of housing assistance.
- High level written and oral communication skills.
- Excellent analytical and problem solving skills, with an ability to think at a strategic level.
- Proven track record in working collaboratively with others.
- Ability to meet deadlines and balance competing priorities.
- Tertiary qualifications in Economics/Finance or a related discipline.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria:

Inquiries: Max Perumal (02) 8753 8237 or max.perumal@housing.nsw.gov.au

Information Package:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package.

Closing Date: Friday 31 October 2008

0401-795889

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Old).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17145	Approx. 28 km N from Noccundra Centred at approximate Lat.27°35'S Long.142°35'E Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council	Area: 304 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 3079 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 3080 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 3151 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 3152 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	TC Development Corporation Pty Ltd 125 748 101
EPM17146	Approx. 65 km NW from Noccundra Centred at approximate Lat.27°25'S Long.142°05'E Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council	Area: 304 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2929 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 2930 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 3001 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 3002 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	TC Development Corporation Pty Ltd 125 748 101
EPM17260	Approx. 114 km NW from Noccundra Centred at approximate Lat.27°05'S Long.141°45'E Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council	Area: 306 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2637 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 2638 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 2709 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 2710 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	TC Development Corporation Pty Ltd 125 748 101
EPM17261	Approx. 104 km NW from Noccundra Centred at approximate Lat.27°05'S Long.141°55'E Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council	Area: 306 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2639 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 2640 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 2711 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 2712 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	TC Development Corporation Pty Ltd 125 748 101
EPM17262	Approx. 54 km NNW from Noccundra Centred at approximate Lat.27°25'S Long.142°15'E Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council	Area: 304 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2931 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 2932 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 3003 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 3004 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	TC Development Corporation Pty Ltd 125 748 101
EPM17263	Approx. 108 km WNW from Noccundra Centred at approximate Lat.27°15'S Long.141°40'E Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council	Area: 306 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2780 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 2781 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 2852 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 2853 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	TC Development Corporation Pty Ltd 125 748 101
EPM17266	Approx. 30 km NNW from Noccundra Centred at approximate Lat.27°35'S Long.142°25'E Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council	Area: 304 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 3077 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 3078 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 3149 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 3150 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	TC Development Corporation Pty Ltd 125 748 101
EPM17340	Approx. 11 km N from Noccundra Centred at approximate Lat.27°45'S Long.142°35'E Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council	Area: 304 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 3223 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 3224 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 3295 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 3296 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	TC Development Corporation Pty Ltd 125 748 101
EPM17341	Approx. 35 km NNE from Noccundra Centred at approximate Lat.27°35'S Long.142°45'E Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council	Area: 304 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 3081 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 3082 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 3153 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 3154 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	TC Development Corporation Pty Ltd 125 748 101
EPM17342	Approx. 23 km ENE from Noccundra Centred at approximate Lat.27°45'S Long.142°45'E Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council	Area: 304 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 3225 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 3226 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 3297 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 3298 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	TC Development Corporation Pty Ltd 125 748 101

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PROJECT OFFICER-TRANSPORT

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)

Ngangana Aboriginal Branch

Brewarrina

Permanent Full-Time

(2 positions combined, 1 x 21 hpw & 1 x 14 hpw)

Position No: HCS-08-16308

Full time salary package quoted valued up to \$63,028 pa includes a salary range \$51,784 pa to \$57,117 pa leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation. Hourly rate: \$28.36 ph - \$31.28 ph.

Job Description: The position case manages & brokers community support jointly with a multidisciplinary hospital team and delivers transport service to attend to medical related appointments within the boundaries of the service.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Experience in case management including comprehensive assessment and brokerage or in a similar community service organisation and qualifications in the nursing and/or social science and/or experience in a similar role.
- Knowledge of and experience in dealing with culturally appropriate services to the Aboriginal community.
- Knowledge of the community care needs and commitment to improve quality of life for frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers.
- Experience in monitoring and managing a budget and basic knowledge of accounting practices.
- A focus on customer service and good oral and written communication skills.
- Computer literacy and ability to roster staff work on a computerised roster system. Sound organisational skills and administrative/record keeping skills.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: Permanent Full-Time position, this is two positions combined (1 x 21 hours per week & 1 x 14 hours per week). Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains further details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

Inquiries & Information Packages: Dubbo Office on (02) 6841 1570 or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications to: Branch Manager, Home Care Service, PO Box 1310, Dubbo NSW 2830 or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: Friday 24 October 2008

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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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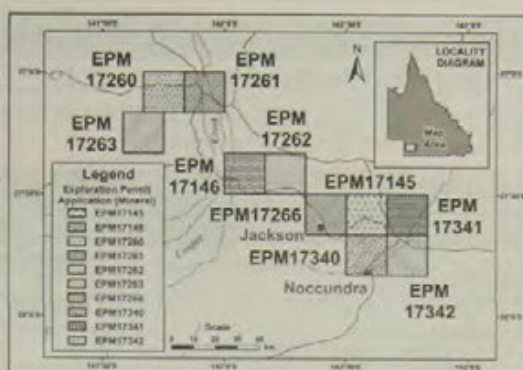
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Notification Day: 12 November 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17350	Approx. 23 km WNW from Childers. Centred at approximate Lat.25°09' S Long.152°05' E Local Government Area: Bundaberg Regional Council	Area: 304 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 98 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 889 a, l, u, x, y, z 890 q, t, v, w, x, y 961 c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 962 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 1033 c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1034 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	Los Americas Pty Ltd 095 105 730 (50%) Seaports Australia Pty Ltd 106 939 637 (50%)

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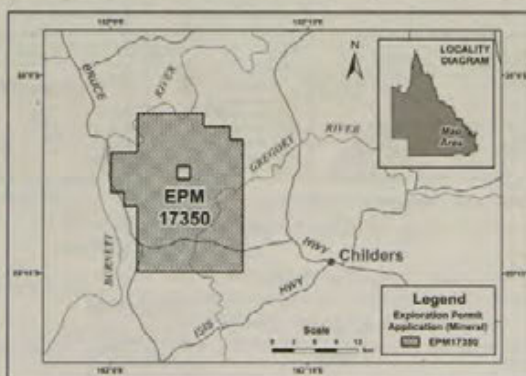
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Notification Day: 12 November 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



Department of Corrective Services
Government of Western Australia

Coordinator Aboriginal Visitors (50d)

Web Search No: 2708

Level/ Salary: 4 PSGA, \$57,192 - \$60,444 pa

The Coordinator Aboriginal Visitors provides supervision and guidance to a team of Aboriginal Visitors who provide support and counselling to Aboriginal detainees in prison, juvenile detention centres and police lockups throughout Western Australia.

This position also assists with the recruitment and training of Visitors involved in the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme and liaises with prison / detention centre staff, legal support services, police and the Aboriginal community in matters relating to the operation of the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme. Aboriginality is an occupational requirement for this position under Section 50D of the Equal Opportunity Act 1994.

For further job related information: Please contact Laurel Sellers on (08) 9220 9401.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Web Search No: into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 3 Nov 2008 at 4:30pm

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT ABORIGINAL CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6, Moree, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 08567. Total remuneration package valued to: \$74,429 p.a. (\$61,128-\$67,448) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Identify and build collaborative community networks and partnerships to enhance the delivery of community based offender programs. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Broad understanding of the organisational and operational structure of the Department of Corrective Services and particularly the work of the Community Offender Services and the Probation and Parole Service. Ability to work within a case management framework with others to assist Aboriginal offenders. Well developed group work, presentation skills and computer literacy. Knowledge of Aboriginal culture and history in relation to the justice system. Well developed knowledge of, experience in and acceptance by Aboriginal communities to provide influence in community partnerships. Excellent interpersonal, conflict resolution, liaison and oral and written communication skills. Current driver's licence and a willingness/ability to drive within NSW as required.

Notes: In this position an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to 2 weeks at the commencement of their employment. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary positions within the area.

Inquiries: Andrew Wheatley (02) 6752 4088 Email: andrew.wheatley@dcs.nsw.gov.au
Information Packages: rachel.colvin@dcs.nsw.gov.au or Ph: (02) 6752 4088.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resources Officer, Community Offender Services Team, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, SYDNEY NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 31 October 2008.



NSW Government
Department of Water & Energy

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

The supply of water and energy is essential for the economic and social wellbeing of New South Wales. The Department of Water and Energy delivers the NSW Government's policy and reform agenda for the water and energy sectors in this state.

POLICY-PROGRAMS GRADUATE (UP TO 3 POSITIONS)

Departmental Professional Officer Grade 1, CBD/Parra/North/South/Coastal/Central, Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No. E2008/082. Total remuneration package valued to: \$68,197 p.a. (\$46,320-\$61,801) Normal starting salary point for graduates is \$48,143 per annum.

Graduates will be offered the opportunity to work on a range of projects and programs across the department, in the critical areas of energy and water research, analysis and policy. **Selection Criteria:** You have obtained in the last 3 years, or will obtain by the end of 2008, a university qualification in one or more of the following disciplines: Business, Law, Economics, Communications, Arts, Government, Policy or similar.

Notes: Graduates will be exposed to three or four different areas of the department over a 2 year period. Positions would be ideal for those with a keen interest in energy and water issues and/or an interest in working in Government. To apply, applicants must complete the "Policy-Programs" Graduate Application Form which is contained in the information package available at graduate recruitment: www.dwe.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Catherine Seal or Mark Harris (02) 8281 7408 or (02) 9895 7897. Information Packages: Are at graduate recruitment: www.dwe.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Services, Service First, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124 OR Email: applications@dnr.nsw.gov.au quoting "DWE2008/082" in the subject heading.

Closing Date: Friday 31 October 2008.

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EPM16929	Approx. 65 km WSW from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°19'S Long.145°43'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 196 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 61 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 236 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 237 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, u, v, w, x 238 q, r, s, t, u, y, z 308 d, e 309 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, k 310 d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p	Kagara Copper Pty Ltd 117 972 353
EPM17284	Approx. 86 km NNE from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.19°22'S Long.146°36'E Local Government Area: Townsville City Council and Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 123 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2839 h, j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2840 l, q, r, v, w 2910 t, u, y 2911 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, z 2912 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 2913 a, f, l, q, v 2983 c, k, p 2984 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2985 a, b, f, g, h, l, m	G E Resources Pty Ltd 096 473 737
EPM17309	This Application consists of four separate parts. Part 1: Approx. 51 km ESE from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°17'S Long.146°42'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 41 km ESE from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°15'S Long.146°36'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 3: Approx. 35 km ESE from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°14'S Long.146°34'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 4: Approx. 48 km ESE from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°18'S Long.146°40'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 42 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 13 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 248 j, k 249 f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, t, u 250 q Area of Part 2: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 247 e 248 a, b, c Area of Part 3: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 175 t, y Area of Part 4: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 248 u	Liontown Resources Limited 118 153 825

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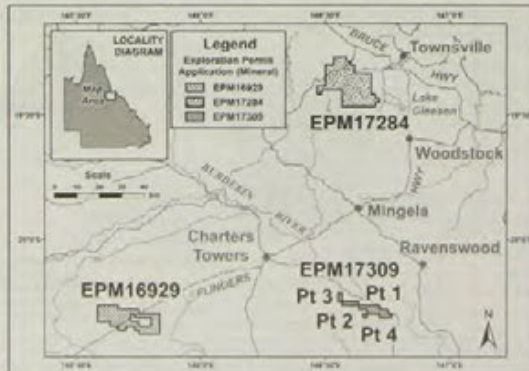
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Notification Day: 12 November 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Clerical Officer Grade 7/8
Client Relations Unit
Central Sydney Division
Sydney
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: DOH-08-16017

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: Provide high level secretarial and administrative support to a General Manager in a dynamic and busy social housing organisation, and build your own skills and career at the same time.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Commitment to the worth of fundamental outcomes, eg the delivery of better services to Housing NSW clients, and to openness and fairness in dealing with people, and empathising with a wide range of views.
- High level oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and demonstrate discretion.
- Excellent organisation, negotiation and analytical skills.
- Sound networking and liaison skills to ensure commitment to project deliverables.
- Experience in managing competing executive level priorities to ensure alignment to business needs.
- Extensive experience in the use of software packages including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access Database and TRIM.
- Ability to demonstrate flexibility and to function within a team environment.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Marie Svenoy (02) 9268 3564.

Information Packages:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package.

Closing Date: Friday 31 October 2008.

NEW SOUTH WALES
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION
AND TRAINING



The department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Maitland/Muswellbrook,
Permanent Full-Time,
Position Number 124642.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$56,584 p.a. (\$51,277-\$51,277) Including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Supporting and developing consultative links between the Aboriginal community and the department at school, regional and State Office levels.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Proven ability to work collaboratively in teams. Knowledge of Aboriginal education programs, Departmental communities and external agencies. Skills to facilitate change. Understanding of Aboriginal Education Consultative Group role. Effective interpersonal, oral and written skills. Driver's licence or willingness to obtain one. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Inquiries: John Oates (02) 4348 9122

Email: john.oates@det.nsw.edu.au

Information Packages:

Ashleigh Rogers (02) 4348 9100.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Mr John Oates, Indigenous Engagement & Quality Teaching Consultant, Department of Education and Training, Gosford Office, Level 3, 40 Mann Street, GOSFORD NSW 2250.

Closing Date: Friday 07 November 2008.



NSW Government

Department of Water & Energy

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

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(UP TO 3 POSITIONS)

Departmental Professional Officer Grade 1, CBD/Parra/North/South/Coastal/Central, Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No. E2008/081. Total remuneration package valued to: \$68,197 p.a. (\$46,320-\$61,801) Normal starting salary point for graduates is \$48,143 per annum.

Graduates will be offered the opportunity to work on a range of science projects and programs across the department, in the critical areas of energy and water research, analysis and policy. **Selection Criteria:** You have obtained in the last 3 years or will obtain by the end of 2008 a university qualification in one or more of the following disciplines: Science, Social Science, Environmental Science, Aquatic Science, Economics, Resource Economics, Water Modelling or similar.

Notes: Graduates will be exposed to three or four different areas of the department over a 2 year period. Positions would be ideal for those with a keen interest in energy and water issues and/or an interest in working in Government. To apply applicants must complete the "Science" Graduate Application Form which is contained in the information package available at graduate recruitment: www.dwe.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Bruce Cooper or Allan Raine (02) 9895 7992 or (02) 4904 2565. Information Packages: Are at graduate recruitment: www.dwe.nsw.gov.au.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Services, Service First, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124 OR Email to: applications@dnr.nsw.gov.au quoting "DWE2008/081" in the subject heading.

Closing Date: Friday 31 October 2008.

DWE 179040



Australian Government



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Centrelink - Recruitment

HR Advisory Unit

PO Box 2633

ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871

Please quote reference number ON132

For further information regarding the position contact Kerry Williams on (08) 8936 3825

Closing date is 6 November 2008

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NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE THAT ILUKA (EUCLA BASIN) PTY LTD (ACN 115 300 242) of Level 23, 140 St Georges Terrace, Perth Western Australia 6000, is the holder of five (5) mineral claims and proposes to apply in the name of ILUKA (EUCLA BASIN) PTY LTD for five (5) mining leases for the recovery of extractive minerals in respect of the land the subject of those claims (*mining leases*), and to carry out mining operations under those mining leases (including any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments or other dealings with such mining leases), such mining operations to be carried out on the following land:

DESCRIPTION OF LAND (Mineral Claim 4027-1)

Section: Allotment 100
Hundreds: DP 67929 (Out of Hundreds BARTON)
Pastoral Block: Crown Record volume 5957 folio 384
Other: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°54'09.525"S and longitude 132°08'09.046"E, thence northeast to the intersection of latitude 30°54'03.898"S and longitude 132°08'21.356"E, southeast to the intersection of latitude 30°54'17.956"S and longitude 132°08'29.998"E, southwest to the intersection of latitude 30°54'19.876"S and longitude 132°08'24.926"E, southwest to the intersection of latitude 30°54'23.583"S and longitude 132°08'17.687"E and northwest to the point of commencement.

AREA of the mining lease: approximately 17.9 hectares.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND (Mineral Claim 4028-2)

Section: Allotment 100
Hundreds: DP 67929 (Out of Hundreds BARTON)
Pastoral Block: Crown Record volume 5957 folio 384
Other: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°54'42.456"S and longitude 132°07'18.694"E, thence northeast to the intersection of latitude 30°54'37.483"S and longitude 132°07'28.409"E, southeast to the intersection of latitude 30°54'45.859"S and longitude 132°07'34.177"E, southwest to the intersection of latitude 30°54'50.832"S and longitude 132°07'24.462"E and northwest to the point of commencement.

AREA of the mining lease: approximately 9.0 hectares.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND (Mineral Claim 4029-3)

Section: Allotment 100
Hundreds: DP 67929 (Out of Hundreds BARTON)
Pastoral Block: Crown Record volume 5957 folio 384
Other: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°55'02.221"S and longitude 132°07'07.372"E, thence northeast to the intersection of latitude 30°54'57.249"S and longitude 132°07'17.088"E, southeast to the intersection of latitude 30°55'05.625"S and longitude 132°07'22.856"E, southwest to the intersection of latitude 30°55'10.598"S and longitude 132°07'13.140"E and northwest to the point of commencement.

AREA of the mining lease: approximately 9.0 hectares.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND (Mineral Claim 4030-4)

Section: Allotment 1
Hundreds: DP 26593 (Out of Hundreds BARTON)
Pastoral Block: Crown Record volume 5851 folio 202
Other: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°57'43.519"S and longitude 132°00'36.138"E, thence east to the intersection of latitude 30°57'43.148"S and longitude 132°00'47.434"E, south to the intersection of latitude 30°57'52.882"S and longitude 132°00'47.864"E, west to the intersection of latitude 30°57'53.253"S and longitude 132°00'36.568"E and north to the point of commencement.

AREA of the mining lease: approximately 9.0 hectares.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND (Mineral Claim 4031-5)

Section: Allotment 1
Hundreds: DP 26593 (Out of Hundreds BARTON)
Pastoral Block: Crown Record volume 5851 folio 202
Other: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°57'40.091"S and longitude 131°56'32.069"E, thence east to the intersection of latitude 30°57'39.727"S and longitude 131°56'43.365"E, south to the intersection of latitude 30°57'49.461"S and longitude 131°56'43.788"E, west to the intersection of latitude 30°57'49.826"S and longitude 131°56'32.492"E and north to the point of commencement.

AREA of the mining lease: approximately 9.0 hectares.

All stated latitudes and longitudes are GD94 Geographical Coordinates.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:

Topsoil and overburden stripping and stockpiling; open cut mining for the purpose of extracting mineral ore; processing and separation of minerals; earth moving and haulage of waste material and mineral products; installation, maintenance and movement of various forms of operational infrastructure; digging borrow pits to extract materials for general construction purposes including roads and air strips.

The proposed operations will be authorised by the mining leases when granted under the Mining Act 1971 (SA) for which ILUKA (EUCLA BASIN) PTY LTD is the applicant.

ILUKA (EUCLA BASIN) PTY LTD (and its successors or assigns) seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement for production under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 (SA).

If, two (2) months after notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971 (SA), there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, ILUKA (EUCLA BASIN) PTY LTD (or its successors or assigns) may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent ILUKA (EUCLA BASIN) PTY LTD as follows:

ILUKA (EUCLA BASIN) PTY LTD

c/- FINLAYSONS

81 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Telephone: (08) 8235 7452

Facsimile: (08) 8232 2944

Contact: Mr George McKenzie

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

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

ADELONG CREEK WATER SOURCE

DIANNE JUDITH DOWLING for a PUMP on Adelong Creek on a Road Reserve fronting Lot 31 DP811582, Parish WONDALGA, County WYNYARD for a water supply for STOCK purposes on Lot 18 DP757259, Lot 19 DP757259 and Lot 21 DP113608, all Parish WONDALGA, County WYNYARD. (Ref.40WA405360)
MARGARET ELLEN HASSETT for a biwash dam on an Unnamed Watercourse, Lot 167 DP757227, Lot 168 DP757227 and Lot 1 DP1094884 Parish EUADERA County WYNYARD. (Ref.40WA405351)

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

DOMENIC MICHAEL MACRI, JOSEPH MACRI and ANGELO MACRI JNR for a BORE on Lot 46 DP751681 Parish BRINGAN, County COOPER for IRRIGATION on Lot 46 DP751681 Parish BRINGAN, County COOPER. (Ref.40WA405357)

GLEN ALAN AVENTI for a bore on Lot 96 DP751686 Parish CAMAROOKA, County COOPER for IRRIGATION on Lot 96 DP751686 Parish CAMAROOKA, County COOPER. (Ref.40WA405354)

ENTI SALVESTRO for a bore on Lot 2 DP804065 Parish DJALLAH, County STURT for IRRIGATION on Lot 2 DP804065 Parish DJALLAH, County STURT. (Ref.40WA405352)

MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

IAN WILLIAM KEITH HEWSON and TROY RAYMOND PARRY for a pump on Old Man Creek, Lot 16 DP754559 Parish MIMOSA, County MITCHELL for DOMESTIC STOCK purposes. (Ref.40WA405353)

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

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

LOWER DARLING REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

GEORGE JAMES LAMBERT & JANE MURIEL LAMBERT for 1 x 200MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP at Lot 2 DP1063640 Parish BULUBULA, County WENTWORTH, for IRRIGATION of 13 hectares of pastures at Lot 2 DP1063640 Parish BULUBULA, County WENTWORTH. (Application No. 2008)

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. GA2.534379

Peter Winton, Licensing Officer

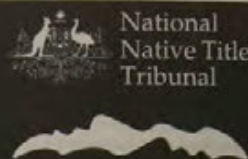
Notice of applications for determination of native title in the Northern Territory and adjoining waters where applicable

Notification day: 5 November 2008

These are applications by native title claim groups who are asking the Federal Court to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 1806, Darwin NT 0801, on or before 4 February 2009. After 4 February 2009, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.



Application name: DC05/5 Bynoe No. 2

Federal Court File No: NTD23/05

Date filed: 29 August 2005

The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, it may still proceed to mediation in the Tribunal and/or determination in the Federal Court.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 678km² and is located approximately 5km from Darwin as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Litchfield Shire and the unincorporated local government authority.



Application name: DC05/6 Labelle Downs/

Lower Reynolds-Channel Point No.2

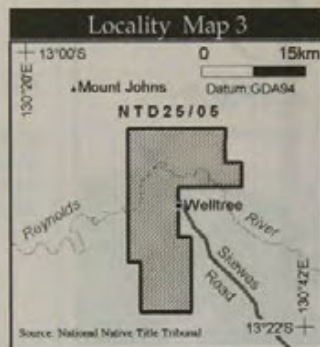
Federal Court File No: NTD22/05

Date filed: 29 August 2005

The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, it may still proceed to mediation in the Tribunal and/or determination in the Federal Court.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 627km² and is located in the vicinity of the Reynolds River approximately 80km south-west of Darwin as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the unincorporated local government authority.



Application name: DC05/7 Welltree No. 2

Federal Court File No: NTD25/05

Date filed: 30 August 2005

The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, it may still proceed to mediation in the Tribunal and/or determination in the Federal Court.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 270km² and is located in the vicinity of the Welltree homestead approximately 75km south-west of Darwin as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the unincorporated local government authority.



Application name: DC05/8 Litchfield

National Park

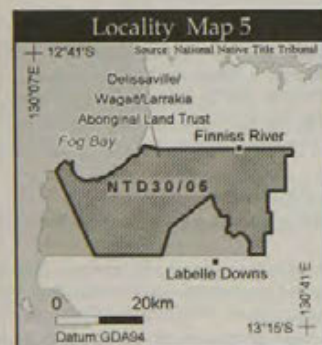
Federal Court File No: NTD24/05

Date filed: 30 August 2005

The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, it may still proceed to mediation in the Tribunal and/or determination in the Federal Court.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 1464km² and covers the entire Litchfield National Park approximately 62km south of Darwin as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the unincorporated local government authority.



Application name: DC05/9 Wagait #1

Federal Court File No: NTD30/05

Date filed: 17 October 2005

The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, it may still proceed to mediation in the Tribunal and/or determination in the Federal Court.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 882km² and falls within the Delissaville/Wagait/Larrakia Aboriginal Land Trust area approximately 50km south-west of Darwin as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the unincorporated local government authority.



Application name: DC05/10 Wagait #2

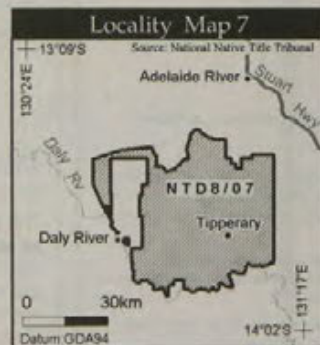
Federal Court File No: NTD31/05

Date filed: 27 October 2005

The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, it may still proceed to mediation in the Tribunal and/or determination in the Federal Court.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 236km² and mostly falls within the Gurudju and Delissaville/Wagait/Larrakia Aboriginal Land Trust areas approximately 45km south-west of Darwin as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within Local Government Authority of Coomalie Community Government Council and the unincorporated local government authority.



Application name: DC07/1 Tipperary

(KAMU)

Federal Court File No: NTD8/07

Date filed: 29 March 2007

The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, it may still proceed to mediation in the Tribunal and/or determination in the Federal Court.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 2191km² and is located in the area surrounding Tipperary homestead approximately 105km south of Darwin as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the unincorporated local government authority.

Data statement: claimant application boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal or sourced from and used with permission of the DPI and DRPIFR (NT).

For assistance and further information 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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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.

30 October-6 November: Indigenous Positive Parenting Workshop. There is childcare, morning tea and lunch provided. Please RSVP by 27 October as numbers are limited. Held at Jumbunna Community Preschool and Early Intervention Centre, Casino from 10am-2.30pm. Details: Karen Handcock on (02) 6662 2866.

30 October-6 November: Petroglyphs – Signs of Life Art Exhibition. This mesmerizing collaboration between Adelaide's own Leigh Warren plus dancers and indigenous choreographer Gina Rings explores some of the unique elements of the Australian landscape, language and people through the oldest form of visual communication, petroglyphs. Performances by indigenous and non-indigenous dancers with live music, sound composition and visual art. All welcome. Cost \$25 adults and \$18 concession and students. Held at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8212 5660 www.tandanya.com

31 October: Boorabee Women's Gathering. The Glen Innes Local Aboriginal Lands Council will be hosting a women's gathering on their property with key women and youth speakers that will discuss 25 years of Land Rights and what they see for the next 25 years for Land Rights. This is part of our Land Rights Celebrations. Drug and alcohol-free event. Please RSVP no later than the 24 October for catering purposes. Held at 'The Willows', Glen Innes from 4pm onwards. Free, all welcome and includes dinner. Details: Karen Glover on (02) 6739 0721 or (0429) 323 509.

31 October: Kalgoorlie Girls Academy Corporate Breakfast. You are invited to join Tania Major (2007 Young Australia of the Year) at the Girls Academy corporate breakfast. Featuring master of ceremonies Ricky Grace. Don't miss the auction of sports memorabilia. All welcome. Cost \$75 per person or \$700 for a table of 10. Held at Overlander Hotel, Kalgoorlie from 7-9am. Details: Honi Graf on (08) 9258 8737 or (0412) 200 619 or email honi.graf@rolemodels.com or visit www.rolemodels.com

31 October: Reclaim The Night. Meet at the Town Hall at 4.30pm to prepare to march down the main street of Moree with the placards and banners to Taylor Oval. There will be present in the march, the Mayor, Police and other dignitaries who will be marching in support of this cause. There are a limited number of shirts available for the march so get there early. There is a meeting for discussion on the 28 October at 2pm. Details: Roslyn Laws on (02) 6752 9892 or (0429) 650 922 or email rosllyn.laws@housing.nsw.gov.au

1 November: Family Day at the Block. This event is a call out to people who think unity, greatness and family is the way for our people. Come along and enjoy some quality time with your kids and family. There will be a barbecue sausage sizzle, fruit and drinks, live and deadly acts, jumping castle, face painting and more. Held at the Block, Redfern from 12.30-4pm. All welcome and is free or a gold coin donation to self continue the event. Details: Shane Phillips on (02) 9699 3491 or email Don Stuart on Don.Stewart@rwa.nsw.gov.au

1 November-11 January 09: Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards Exhibition. The exhibition will showcase outstanding works by sixteen Indigenous artists from across the nation. Each artist will be in the running to receive the non-acquisitive Western Australian Indigenous Art Award valued at \$50,000. There is also a \$10,000 as well as the \$5,000 People's Choice Award. Details: (08) 9388 2899 or email art@mossensongalleries.com.au or visit www.mossensongalleries.com.au or www.artgallery.wa.gov.au

1 November: Boorabee Festival – Celebrating 25 Years Land Rights. The Glen Innes Local Aboriginal Lands Council invites you to take part in their festivities. Opening ceremony starts at 10.30am with music and entertainment from Roger Knox and Sharon Lane that starts at noon. Includes information stalls, food stalls you can even camp out. All welcome and costs \$10 per person. Drug and alcohol-free event with kids under 16 free. Held at 'The Willows', Wellingrove

road, Glen Innes from 9am onwards. Details: Trevor Potter on (02) 67 321150.

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

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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
EPM16876	Approx. 41 km E from Nanango Centred at approximate Lat.26°41'S Long.152°25'E Local Government Area: Somerset Regional Council	Area: 55 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 18 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2261 t, u, y, z 2262 q, v, w 2333 d, e, k 2334 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r	Ridge Exploration Pty Ltd 127 215 132
EPM16882	Approx. 34 km SSE from Nanango Centred at approximate Lat.26°58'S Long.152°06'E Local Government Area: South Burnett Regional Council, Somerset Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council	Area: 202 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 99 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2473 s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2474 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2475 q, r, v, w 2544 u, z 2545 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, x, y, z 2546 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 2547 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 2617 d, e, j, k, o, p 2618 a, b, f, g, h, l, m, n, o 2619 a, h, g	Ridge Exploration Pty Ltd 127 215 132
EPM17092	Approx. 30 km ENE from Nanango Centred at approximate Lat.26°35'S Long.152°18'E Local Government Area: Somerset Regional Council and Gympie Regional Council	Area: 230 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 75 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2115 o, p, t, u, y, z 2116 m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2187 d, e, k, p 2188 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, x, y, z 2189 v 2260 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z 2261 a, f, v, w 2332 c, d, e, j, k, o, p 2333 a, b, f, g, l	Activex Limited 113 452 896

* 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) 3218 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.

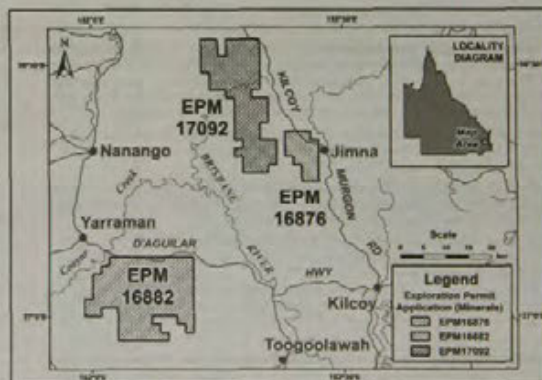
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Alice Springs Convention Centre. Details: (08) 8959 6000 or email info@desertknowledgecra.com.au or visit www.desertknowledgecra.com.au

6-23 November: Aboriginal Women's Exhibition 'The Strength of Women'. This exhibition will feature Aboriginal women artists such as Euphemia Bostock, Shirley Amos, Sally Morgan, Euraba paper artist

Aunt May Hinch and Aunt Joy Duncan as well as a formidable group of emerging artists. Held at Chrissie Cotter Gallery, Pidcock St, Camperdown. Details: Bronwyn Bancroft on (0412) 495 120 or email bronwynbancroft@hotmail.com

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 barbecue 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

11 November: Saluting Their Service. This commemoration ceremony will honour Aboriginal Ex-Servicemen from the Kamilaroi Nation. A commemoration plaque consisting of the names of those laid to rest at the Moree cemetery will be unveiled and a morning tea will follow at the Moree Services Club in Albert Street. Held at the Moree Cemetery, from 10am onwards. Details: Donna Briggs on (02) 6757 3367 or Noeline Briggs-Smith on (02) 6757 3374.

11 November: Remembrance Day. The day observed annually to honour all those, living and dead, who have served in the armed forces. This day now commemorates those who died in the two world wars and subsequent conflicts worldwide, and at 11am a two-minute silence is observed.

13 November: Walk for Life 2008. This is a fundraiser and chronic disease awareness campaign. The amazing walk from Kyogle Hospital to the Casino Hospital will have a long-term effect on you when you witness the commitment of not just adults but children and youth who are also saying 'Enough is enough' it's time for healing. Start at 8am from Kyogle Hospital. Details: (0412) 315 866.

20-23 November: Australasian World Music Expo 08. Showcasing traditional and contemporary Indigenous, roots and world music. This expo will present music from 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

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 a.monaro@tranby.edu.au visit www.tranby.edu.au

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 18s 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 or reorientingwhiteness@gmail.com or visit www.arts.monash.edu.au/historical-studies/news-and-events/reorienting-whiteness-2008

7-11 December: World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education (WIPEC) 08. This conference attracts Indigenous community members, academics, educational practitioners and students from around the globe to celebrate and share diverse cultures, traditions and knowledge with a focus on world Indigenous education. Held at Melbourne's Rod Laver Arena and Melbourne Park Function Centre. All welcome. Details: (03) 9486 1599 or call Kate Smith on (03) 9645 6311 or email kate@wsm.com.au or visit www.wipce2008.com

10 December: The World Indigenous Peoples Conference; Education (WIPEC) Emerging Leaders Summit, theme 'Maintaining Culture in the Global Environment'. This is a triennial conference

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EPM17039	Approx. 86 km WSW from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat.16°06'S Long.143°17'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council and Cook Shire Council	Area: 319 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 97 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 63 k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 64 c, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 65 a, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w, x 135 c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 136 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 137 a, b, c, f, g, h 207 d, e, j, k, p 208 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o	Gulf Gold Pty Ltd 128 380 807
EPM17050	Approx. 184 km NW from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat.14°51'S Long.142°50'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 136 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 41 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2435 m, n, r, s, w, x 2506 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2507 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x	Gulf Gold Pty Ltd 128 380 807
EPM17336 This Application consists of three separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 100 km W from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat.16°03'S Long.143°08'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 92 km W from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat.16°01'S Long.143°13'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council Part 3: Approx. 84 km W from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat.16°0'S Long.143°17'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 23 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 62 l, m, n, o, p, t 63 j Area of Part 2: 7 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 63 h, j Area of Part 3: 7 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 64 b, c	Palmer Gold NQ Pty Ltd 124 046 144

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of international significance that attracts peoples from around the globe to celebrate and share diverse cultures, traditions and knowledge with a focus on world Indigenous education. Held at Rod Laver Arena, Melbourne. Free for all registered WIPCE delegates and individual day registration are at the reduced rate of \$220. Details: Jirra Harvey on (03) 9486 1599 or (0408) 335 379 or email jirra@wipce2008.com or visit www.wipce2008.com

5 February-1 March 09: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. Northern Rivers Community Gallery, 44 Cherry Street, Ballina. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

12 March-2 April 09: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. Held at the Kempsey Shire Library. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

11 April-28 June 09: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. Held at the Regional Gallery, Penrith. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

9 July-24 September 09: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. The exhibition features more than 1000 black and white photographs, documenting more than 47 years of the former Aboriginal Welfare Board. Held at St George Regional Museum, Hurstville. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

30 September-7 November 09: In Living

Native title groups under special administration



TWO Queensland Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate (RNTBC) have been placed under special administration. They are Walmbar Aboriginal Corporation and Dhubbi Warra Aboriginal Corporation.

Last May the corporations were examined under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006. The examiner recommended placing them under special administration.

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Anthony Beven, said the examinations were carried out 'because we had concerns about how registers of members were being managed and non-members attending meetings'.

"There was also uncertainty about who the directors of each corporation were," Mr Beven said.

Walmbar Aboriginal Corporation, located at Mareeba, was set up in 1997 to hold and manage native title for Dingaal country.

Dhubbi Warra Aboriginal Corporation is based at Hopevale, in far north Queensland. It was set up in 1996 to hold and manage native title for Dhubbi Warra country.

Both corporations are registered on the National Native Title Register.

Gerry Mier and Tony Jonsson from the Cairns based firm of KPMG have been appointed as the joint special administrators of both corporations. They can be contacted on (07) 4046 8888.

"We hope that by putting the corporations under special administration, these concerns can be sorted out quickly and control of the corporation can be returned to members," Mr Beven said.

"The Registrar's power to appoint a special administrator under the CATSI Act can be used to provide a safety net against the possibility of corporate failure, especially for corporations holding land."

The CATSI Act prevents the Registrar from deregistering an RNTBC in recognition of the special position of RNTBCs under native title legislation.

Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. Held at the University Gallery, University of Newcastle. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

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5-18 April 2010: In Living Memory NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. Held at the Museum of the Riverina, Wagga Wagga. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

22 April-6 May 2010: In Living Memory

NSW Tour. An exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. Held at Cootamundra Library, Cootamundra. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

15 May-25 July 2010: In Living Memory NSW Tour. Held at Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

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EPM17242	Approx. 61 km SW from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°58'S Long.147°28'E Local Government Area: Whitsunday Regional Council	Area: 102 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 32 [each 1°lat x 1°long.] Block Number Sub-blocks 762 v 834 a, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 835 f, l 905 k, p 906 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j	Conquest Mining Limited 009 232 277
EPM17243	Approx. 81 km SSW from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.21°10'S Long.147°27'E Local Government Area: Whitsunday Regional Council	Area: 45 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 14 [each 1°lat x 1°long.] Block Number Sub-blocks 978 q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 1050 a, b, c, d, j, o	Conquest Mining Limited 009 232 277
EPM17348	Approx. 63 km WSW from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°42'S Long.147°16'E Local Government Area: Whitsunday Regional Council and Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 189 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 59 [each 1°lat x 1°long.] Block Number Sub-blocks 543 d, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 544 f, l, q, v 615 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u 616 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 688 c, d, e, k 689 a	Newmont Exploration Pty Ltd 006 306 690
EPM17354	Approx. 21 km ENE from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°31'S Long.148°03'E Local Government Area: Whitsunday Regional Council	Area: 318 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 99 [each 1°lat x 1°long.] Block Number Sub-blocks 408 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 409 a, b, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 480 a, b, c, d, e, k 481 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 482 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 554 b, c, d, g, h, j	Acapulco Mining Pty Ltd 067 983 582

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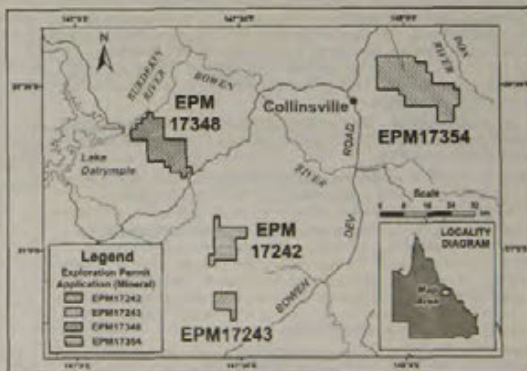
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Our first world champion

LIONEL, a documentary on the life of world champion Aboriginal boxer Lionel Rose, has premiered in Sydney.

The film opened at The Chauvel Cinema, Paddington Town Hall, on 16 October.

In 1968, a young Aboriginal boxer with a charming smile punched his way to history when he stopped Fighting

Harada in Japan over 15 rounds.

Rose was the undisputed bantamweight champion of the world. Promotional material about the documentary says Rose was welcomed back in Melbourne by a crowd of 250,000.

Wikipedia says 'a public reception at Melbourne Town Hall was witnessed by a crowd of more than 100,000'.

Wikipedia says Rose became the first

Aboriginal in boxing history to win a world title.

It says:

"Born and raised at Jackson's Track, near the Victorian town of Warragul, Rose grew up in hardship, learning to box from his father, Roy, a useful fighter on the tent-show circuit. According to the boxing historian Grantlee Kiezza, Rose 'spared with rags on his hands in a ring made

from fencing wire stretched between trees'.

"At the age of 10, Rose struck up a friendship with a press photographer, Graham Walsh, who encouraged him and bought him his first pair of gloves. Aged about 15, he came under the tutelage of Frank Oates, a Warragul trainer (whose daughter Jenny he later married). He won the Australian amateur flyweight title at age 15.

"Rose began his professional boxing career on September 9, 1964, outpointing Mario Magriss over eight rounds. This fight was in Warragul, but the majority of Rose's fights were to be held in Melbourne. Along the way he was helped by Jack and Shirley Rennie, in whose Melbourne home he stayed, training every day in their backyard gym.

After five wins in a row, on July 23, 1965, he was rematched with Singtong Por Tor, whom Rose had beaten in a 12-round decision. Por Tor inflicted Rose's first defeat, beating him on points in six rounds.

"On October 14 of the same year, he had his first fight abroad, beating Laurie Ny by a decision in ten rounds at Christchurch, New Zealand.

"Over his next nine fights, he had a record of eight wins and one loss, with one knockout. The lone loss in those nine fights was to Ray Perez, against whom Rose split a pair of bouts.

"Then, on 28 October 1966, Rose met Noel Kunde at Melbourne for the Australian bantamweight title. Rose won the title by defeating Kunde in a 15-round decision.

"He won one more bout in 1966, and eight in 1967 (including a 13th-round knockout win against Rocky Gattellari to defend his Australian championship) before challenging Fighting

Harada for the world bantamweight title on 26 February 1968, in Tokyo.

"Rose made history by becoming the first Aboriginal to be a world champion boxer when he defeated Harada in a 15-round decision.

"This win made Rose an instant national hero in

Australia, and an icon among Aborigines.

"On 2 July of that year, he returned to Tokyo to retain his title with a 15-round decision win over Takao Sakurai.

"Then, on December, he met Chucho Castillo at the Inglewood Forum in Inglewood, California. Rose beat Castillo by decision, but the points verdict in favour of him infuriated many in the pro-Castillo crowd, and a riot began: 14 fans and fight referee Dick Young were hospitalised for injuries received.

"Rose was Australian of the Year in 1968, the first Aboriginal to be awarded the honour.

"On 8 March 1969, Rose retained the title with a 15-round decision over Alan Rudkin, but five months later he returned to Inglewood, where he faced Ruben Olivares on 22 August. Rose lost the world bantamweight title to Olivares via a fifth-round knockout.

Rose continued boxing after his defeat against Olivares, but after defeats against practically unknown fighters, many believed he was done as a prime fighter.

"However, he was far from finished: He upset future world lightweight champion Itshimatsu Suzuki on 10 October 1970 in a ten-round decision, and once again, he positioned himself as a world title challenger, albeit in the lightweight division, 17 pounds over the division where he crowned himself world champion.

"Despite having lost to Jeff White for the Australian lightweight title, Rose got another world title try when he faced WBC world junior lightweight champion Yoshiaki Numata, on 30 May 1971, at Hiroshima.

"Numata beat Rose in a 15-round decision, and Rose announced his retirement soon after.

"In 1975, he came back, but after losing four of his next six bouts, including one against Rafael Limon, Rose decided to retire for good.

"Rose compiled a record of 42 wins and 11 losses as a professional boxer, with 12 wins by knockout."



Lionel Rose at the 2005 Deadly Awards.

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EPM17325 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 33 km SE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°54'S Long.140°45'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 35 km SE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°57'S Long.140°43'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 753 2 Area of Part 2: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 825 n	Mt Norma Mining Company Pty Limited 088 570 781
EPM17326	Approx. 44 km ESE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°56'S Long.140°51'E Local Government Area: McKinlay Shire Council and 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: 827 f, g	Mt Norma Mining Company Pty Limited 088 570 781
EPM17338 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 22 km NE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°35'S Long.140°41'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 25 km NE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°35'S Long.140°43'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 465 537 v a 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: 537 c, d	Exco Resources Limited 080 339 671

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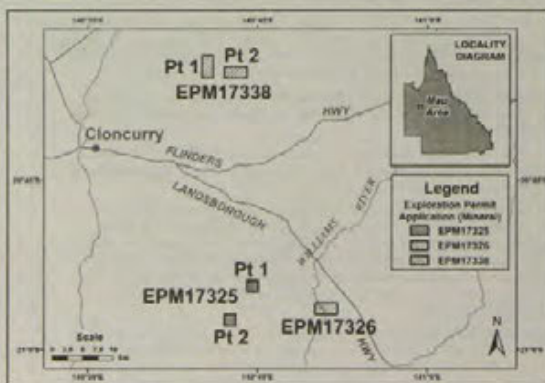
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Notification Day: 12 November 2008



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Leah Torzyn and her mother Sheila.

Terrific Torzyn

By PETER ARGENT



WILLASTON'S State League recruit and Indigenous netball champion Leah Torzyn has set the Barossa, Light and Gawler (BL&G) Netball Association alight in 2008.

At the association's medal presentation night, she collected an emphatic victory in the 2008 BL&G senior Netballer of the Year award.

Her club, which has been a perennial cellar-dweller in the competition, also progressed to the senior deciding grand final against Gawler Central.

The circle defender for the Donnybrooks dominated the count, where players received two votes for best player on court, and one vote for second best. Torzyn collected 17 votes – seven ahead of the next best netballer in the competition.

This equates to Torzyn gaining umpires' votes in more than eight of the 15 games she played in during the regular season.

In her acceptance speech, Torzyn thanked Phil Hendy for bringing her to the club, her coach Sue Brown and fellow young defenders, calling them her 'little wingmen' – Alix Stanton at wing defence and Nicole Lemke as goal keeper.

"My Mum, Sheila, is certainly my number-one supporter and it is great to have both my parents at the medal night to share this win," Torzyn said. "This competition is a lot tougher than I expected."

"I thought I was going to the country to retire, but it's not to be."

"It's definitely a lot more intense than I expected and it's good to be challenged."

Last year, the 31-year-old played in the neighbouring Adelaide Plains league for Virginia and during the previous 15 years was a star of the State League competition.

Her 2008 coach, Sue Brown, explained Torzyn had been much more than just a champion player at Willaston this year.

"Leah also has added strength and experience to our defence and has been great for the young players through the club as well," she said.



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
26/572	Kundana Gold Pty Ltd	608.72ha	11km Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°38' Long 121°25'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
31/318	Heron Resources Ltd	200ha	114km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°04' Long 122°21'	Merchies
31/335	Leonora Metals Pty Ltd	937.67ha	76km Ely of Merchies	Lat 29°31' Long 121°48'	Merchies
31/360	Avoca Resources Ltd	21.47ha	142km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°52' Long 122°40'	Merchies
38/1187	Crescent Gold Ltd	19.19ha	11km Sly of Laverton	Lat 28°43' Long 122°23'	Laverton
63/1088	Ivemia Australia Pty Ltd	614.08ha	31km Wly of Wiluna	Lat 26°35' Long 119°55'	Wiluna

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: 22 October 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 **22 January 2009**. 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. **22 February 2009**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

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

Notice of 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
EPM17134	Approx. 105 km NNE from Karumba Centred at approximate Lat. 16°39'S Long. 141°20'E Local Government Area: Carpentaria Shire Council	Area: 289 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 88 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 473 w, x, y, z 544 d, e, k, p, t, u, x, y, z 545 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 616 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 617 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	Andrews Fiveway Motors Pty Ltd 010 028 850
EPM17136	Approx. 94 km NE from Karumba Centred at approximate Lat. 16°50'S Long. 141°25'E Local Government Area: Carpentaria Shire Council	Area: 252 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 77 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 688 e, k, p, u 689 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 690 l, q, t, v, w, x, y 761 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 762 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	Andrews Fiveway Motors Pty Ltd 010 028 850

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Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROOK, QLD 4151.

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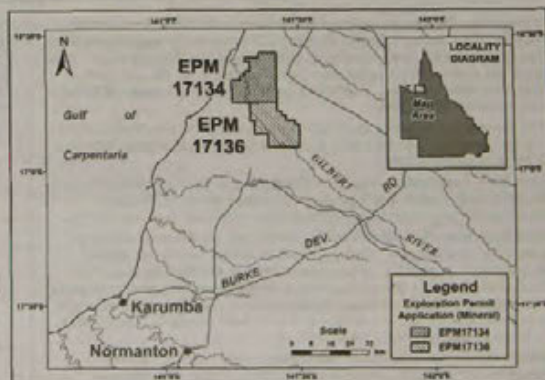
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Notification Day: 12 November 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Agius shines for South Australia

By PETER ARGENT



FRED Agius, a football journeyman for two codes, was the dominant performer in the inaugural Stratco Cup soccer interstate challenge.

South Australia downed Western Australia 3-0, with Agius, also a noted Aussie rules player, the leading player in the contest.

He had a major role in all three goals, including scoring one himself.

With a touch of class, he set up Chad Bugeja in the 18th minute.

An Agius through-ball should have set up the South Aussies' second, but Bugeja's shot rifled into the roof of the net.

After an Agius corner, Ivan Karlovic made it 2-0 at the 31-minute mark for the home team at Marden Stadium, Adelaide.

Then, 29 minutes from full-time, Agius put the result beyond doubt by netting his own goal. With virtually all his opponents parked in the penalty box, Agius was set up from 18 metres

out and guided the ball into the net.

South Australia is now in the box seat to win the challenge outright when the team travels to Western Australia for the return Stratco Cup game.

Agius, now in his mid-20s, was a member of Adelaide United's squad until he had a well-publicised falling-out with then coach John Kosmina.

He is also a talented Australian rules footballer who played in a reserves premiership with Central District.



Rohanee is all fired up

INDIGENOUS basketball star Rohanee Cox is pictured with her daughter Alyria during a Townsville Fire autograph signing session in Townsville. Cox, who won a silver medal with the Australian Opals women's basketball team at the Beijing Olympics, had just returned to Townsville after picking up a Deadly award in Sydney. Cox, 28, recently announced her engagement to Indigenous Queensland policeman Aaron Thomas. She plays with the Townsville Fire in the Women's National Basketball League. She so far is the lone confirmed player from the Beijing Olympic team to play in this year's WNBL. Fellow Opal Kristi Harrower is hoping to link with Bendigo, but has to resolve a contract problem with her former Russian club.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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EPM15413	Approx. 12 km N from Dajarra Centred at approximate Lat.21°35'S Long.139°32'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 163 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 51 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1314 J, K, O, P, T, U, Y, Z 1315 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 1386 D, E, J, K, O, P, T, U 1387 A, B, F, G, I, M, Q, R, W 1459 B	Joseph Rogers
EPM17300	Approx. 44 km NNW from Dajarra Centred at approximate Lat.21°20'S Long.139°23'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council and Boulia 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 1097 X, Y 1169 B, C, D	MM Mining Pty Ltd 121 478 993

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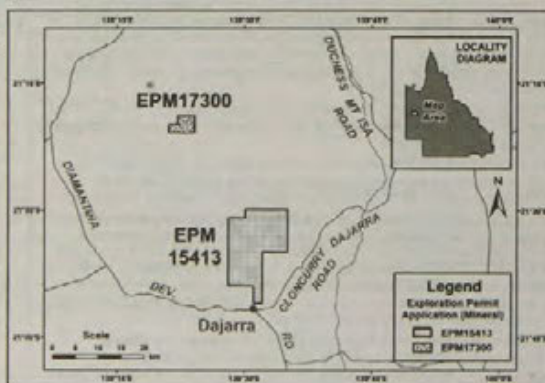
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Notification Day: 22 November 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Gundagai names its greats

THE great Indigenous rugby league players from Gundagai, southern New South Wales, have been named in a Gundagai Tigers Rugby League Club Indigenous team of the century.

The team was named to celebrate the centenary of rugby league and the 88th anniversary of rugby league in Gundagai.

The Indigenous team named was: Fullback: Paul Bulger; wingers: Mickey Russell, Chris O'Neil; centres: Peter Kennedy, Danny Armstrong; five-eighth, Cliff Lyons; halfback: Duncan Ward; lock: Pat Smith; second-row: Jacko Pearce, Tommy Reilly; front-row: Clarke Collins, Neville 'Gubba' Thorne; hooker: George Ashby; bench: Brian Dennis, Steve Jefferies, Billy Mumbler and Vince Bulger.

Gundagai Rugby League Football Club spokesman Mick Wheeler said the team contained many great players.

He said some represented at the highest levels of the game, 'and although some have passed on, I hope their families and friends will be interested in reading of the honour and esteem they are held in at Gundagai'.

Tabulam netballers all class



The Tabulam Girls team with coach Cassandra Hickling.



HOW'S this for a sporting achievement? The tiny community of Tabulam, northern NSW, entered four teams in the Casino netball competition – and all four won trophies on grand final day.

Tabulam is a small township on the Clarence River between Casino and Tenterfield.

On 13 September the Tabulam teams – Penny Turtles, Cuties, Tabulam Girls and Rio Doobs – were in action.

All of the teams reached the grand finals and did particularly well, with the Tabulam Girls winning the major and minor premierships.

Rio Doobs won the minor premiership, but were beaten in the grand final.

The Penny Turtles and Cuties teams won trophies in the round-robin competition on grand final day.

The club has paid tribute to coaches Selina Hickling, Sharon White, Cassandra Hickling and Angelina Collins.



The Tabulam Penny Turtles netball team.

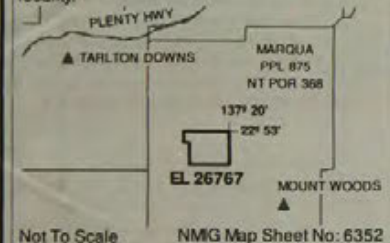
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

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.

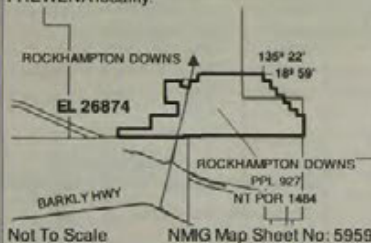
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 26767 sought by AUSQUEST LIMITED, ACN 091 542 451 over an area of 50 Blocks (159 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MARQUA locality.



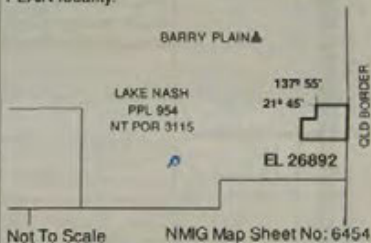
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Exploration Licence 26874 sought by CENTRAL PHOSPHATE LIMITED, ACN 125 368 925 over an area of 180 Blocks (558 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the FREWENA locality.



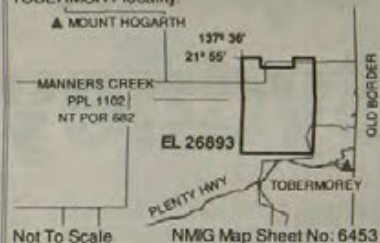
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Exploration Licence 26892 sought by CENTRAL PHOSPHATE LIMITED, ACN 125 368 925 over an area of 31 Blocks (97 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BARRY PLAIN locality.



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Exploration Licence 26893 sought by CENTRAL PHOSPHATE LIMITED, ACN 125 368 925 over an area of 271 Blocks (863 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TOBERMORY locality.



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Exploration Licence 26885 sought by CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED, ACN 077 371 165 over an area of 306 Blocks (956 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BAUHINIA DOWNS locality.



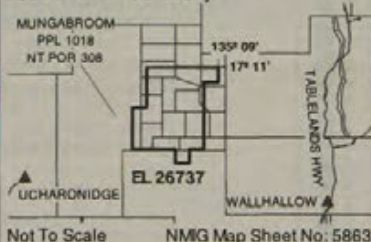
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Exploration Licence 26732 sought by EPSILON ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 089 531 082 over an area of 154 Blocks (487 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the UCHARONIDGE locality.



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Exploration Licence 26737 sought by EPSILON ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 089 531 082 over an area of 428 Blocks (1403 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BULOONUNGROO locality.



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Exploration Licence 26813 sought by GEOTECH INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD, ACN 057 668 434 over an area of 297 Blocks (962 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NEWCASTLE WATERS locality.



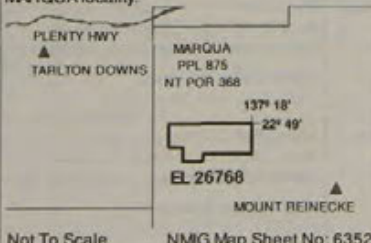
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Exploration Licence 26854 sought by NEARFIELD RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 128 806 146 over an area of 495 Blocks (1607 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the DUNMARRA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5564

Exploration Licence 26768 sought by SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD, ACN 097 904 302 over an area of 49 Blocks (155 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MARQUA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6352

Exploration Licence 26810 sought by WANBANNA PTY, LTD., ACN 008 288 300 over an area of 43 Blocks (137 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the JERVOIS RANGE locality.



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Exploration Licence 26936 sought by WANBANNA PTY, LTD., ACN 008 288 300 over an area of 9 Blocks (28 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the JERVOIS RANGE locality.



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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 Centpoint 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: 22 October 2008



Cameron Cobbo-Riley displays one of the many medals he has won.

Boxer shapes up for Sydney



PROMISING Queensland amateur boxer Cameron Cobbo-Riley is off to Perth for some serious sparring before the Australian titles in Sydney next month.

The 15-year-old from the Brisbane suburb of Boondal has just won his third Queensland Amateur Boxing Association title, beating Dillion Fairbrother in the final of the 57kg cadet (14-17-year-olds) division.

Trainer Rob Leguier has a very high opinion of the youngster and thinks he is good enough to win Commonwealth and Olympic Games selection.

The Australian Amateur Boxing Association (ABA) titles are on at Blacktown, western Sydney, from 20-22 November.

Cobbo-Riley will bypass a big Indigenous boxing tournament in Brisbane and instead fly to Sydney with manager Angelo Hyder for a training camp, followed by four days in Perth where he will spar with William Kickett and world

champion Chris Johns.

Leguier said Cobbo-Riley had been snubbed by selectors for the Queensland Development Team to go to England in December.

But he said his focus was on the Australian titles, where he expected Cobbo-Riley to firmly establish himself as the best in Australia.

Cobbo-Riley is a product of Cherbourg. He and his family moved to Brisbane so he could concentrate on boxing.

He won his first Queensland title three years ago in the 46kg cadet division.

Last year he won the 54kg cadet division.

He will still be eligible for the cadet division (14-17 years) next year.

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
EPM15913 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 74 km WNW from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat. 19°37'S Long. 139°29'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council and Cloncurry Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 77 km WNW from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat. 19°39'S Long. 139°28'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 1: 52 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 16 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3114 f, g, i, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u 3115 f, g, i, m, q Area of Part 2: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3114 v	Mt Isa Metals Ltd 120 212 017
EPM16884	Approx. 133 km NNW from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat. 18°57'S Long. 139°28'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	Area: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2538 c, h, n, s, x	Ridge Exploration Pty Ltd 127 215 132
EPM16960 This Application consists of seven separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 82 km NW from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat. 19°30'S Long. 139°30'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council, Cloncurry Shire Council and Burke Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 73 km WNW from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat. 19°40'S Long. 139°28'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council and Cloncurry Shire Council Part 3: Approx. 59 km WNW from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat. 19°44'S Long. 139°35'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council and Cloncurry Shire Council Part 4: Approx. 66 km WNW from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat. 19°49'S Long. 139°28'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 5: Approx. 94 km WNW from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat. 19°33'S Long. 139°19'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 6: Approx. 76 km WNW from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat. 19°36'S Long. 139°29'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council and Cloncurry Shire Council Part 7: Approx. 90 km NW from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat. 19°29'S Long. 139°25'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 1: 152 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 47 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2898 y, z 2899 v, w 2970 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2971 l, m, q, r 3042 c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, u, w, z 3043 a, f 3114 b Area of Part 2: 152 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 47 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3113 d, h, j, k, n, o, s, t, u, x, z 3114 q, w, x, y, z 3115 n, o, p, r, s, t, v, w, y 3185 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, k, l, n, q, v 3186 a, b, c, d, e, f, g 3187 a, d Area of Part 3: 74 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 23 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3187 x, y, z 3188 g, i, m, q, r, v, w, x 3259 b, c, f, g 3260 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j Area of Part 4: 19 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3258 o, r, s, t, x, y Area of Part 5: 11 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3040 o, p, x, t Area of Part 6: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3114 h, j, k Area of Part 7: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2969 z	Birla Mt Gordon Pty Ltd 106 396 801
EPM17061 This Application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 58 km W from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat. 19°57'S Long. 139°30'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 2: Approx. 49 km W from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat. 19°55'S Long. 139°36'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 1: 35 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 11 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3402 h, j, k, n, o, p 3403 f, g, h, l, m Area of Part 2: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3404 a, b	Birla Mt Gordon Pty Ltd 106 396 801

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Our greats featured

By PETER ARGENT



HOUSED in the Melbourne Cricket Ground, the National Sports Museum is a must see for any sports-loving Australian.

The Indigenous influence on Australian sport is strong, with the museum recognising many Indigenous sporting icons.

The museum features an eye-catching mix of sporting heritage and entertainment. It accommodates the Australian Gallery of Sport and Olympic Museum, Sport Australia Hall of Fame, Australian Cricket Hall of Fame, an Australian Football exhibition (including Australian Football Hall of Fame), along with temporary exhibition areas addressing the sporting issues and events of the day and much more.

Among the host of exhibits are dedicated focus areas, including 'Australia's Game' (Australian rules), 'Faster, Higher, Stronger' (celebrating the Olympics), 'Backyard to Baggy Green' (Australian cricket), 'Game On' (a fully interactive gallery) and 'Spirit of Sport' (honouring sportspeople who have been elevated to Sports Hall of Fame legend status).

'Australia's Game' traces the history of the game Australian football and includes a selection of the greatest VFL/AFL grand final moments; a wealth of material collected from the greats of this uniquely Australian game.

On view are hand-written notes



The National Sports Museum is within the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

outlining the rules of the game done by the founders of Australian football, Wills, Hammersley, Smith and Thompson, in 1859. The famous Nicky Winmar image which had such an impact on changing the ethical standards of the game, is also on show.

Olympics

From the early games to the present day, 'Faster, Higher, Stronger' traces Australia's involvement in the Olympics.

Items of interest include an Olympic timeline with each Olympic relay torch from Berlin in 1936 to Athens in 2004, excluding Helsinki in 1952, along with a

huge array of medals and artefacts from past and present Olympians, including 400m Aboriginal gold medalist in Sydney Cathy Freeman.

'Backyard to Baggy Green' traces the evolution of equipment used in cricket, its rules and spirit. Included in the exhibition are a list of all Australian cricketers – male and female – to wear the famous Baggy Green, including Aboriginal icon from the 1950s Faith Coulthard (Thomas).

The 'Spirit of Sport' exhibits introduces athletes and general members inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame since 1985, and honours the 27 sportspeople

who have achieved Australian sport's most esteemed honour – the Sport Australia Hall of Fame Legend Status. The exhibition showcases the careers of legends, including Aboriginal tennis champion Evonne Goolagong-Cawley.

Displays on sports including basketball, boxing, cycling, golf, tennis, soccer, netball, Paralympics, rugby union and rugby league are also featured in the National Sports Museum, together, with the interactive 'Game On' environment allowing visitors to personally experience national sporting passions first-hand.



From the section titled Australia's game – AFL star Nicky Winmar's famous gesture to the Collingwood crowd.



'Sport Australia' Hall of fame inductee in 1994, Australian tennis great Evonne Goolagong-Cawley.

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* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code e.g. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewal 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.

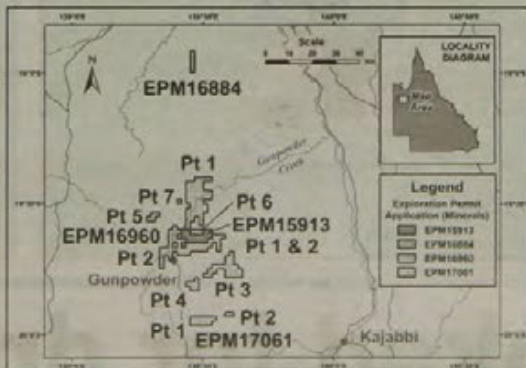
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 12 November 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



Part of the museum display on Olympic gold medalist Cathy Freeman.

Grand finalists set for merger

By ALF WILSON



A COMBINED Badu Island side, Arkai Brothers from Kubin, and Mabuiag rugby league side Wagadagam Storm will field strong sides in the Torres Cup on Thursday Island from 31

October to 2 November.

Badu Island Councillor Wayne Guivarra said powerhouse teams Kulipyam and Mulga Tigers would almost certainly combine.

Kulipyam beat Mulga Tigers 26-16 in the grand final of the Island of Origin held at Badu in August.

"The Jack Ahmat Memorial Tigers side will play at the Torres Cup," Guivarra told *The Koori Mail*.

A notable defection from that Badu side will be champion back Billo Mosby, who said he would line up with Arkai Brothers.

Mosby played a leading role for Kulipyam in that Origin win and is looking forward to playing for the Arkai Brothers, which failed to make the Origin semi-finals.

Quality forward Bruce Joseph has indicated that he will play with Wagadagam Storm at the Torres Cup.

Mosby and Joseph were team-mates in the Mabuiag Island's Goemu Bau Raiders side which won the 2007 Torres Strait Cup final.

Yorke Islander Mosby and Joseph were heroes for the Kulipyam team which won the 2007 Island of Origin Series on Badu Island.

At that event, Mosby was the leading pointscorer and Joseph named player of the carnival and they are two of the most accomplished players on the Queensland All Blacks carnival circuit.

Thursday Island-born Joseph couldn't make the 2008 Origin series because of commitments in the Gladstone competition.

They were rivals at the Bindal Sharks United All Blacks carnival in Townsville on 11-12 October when Mosby captained the Ray Aldridge Memorial side.

Forward Joseph shone for Wongai

Warriors, which lost the grand final 34-30 to Mosby's Ray Aldridge Memorial team.

Wagadagam Storm lost a qualifying semi-final in golden point at the 2008 Origin series when they had the services of former NRL star Wes Patten.

The presence of 22-year-old Joseph will boost them.

"I am really looking forward to the Torres Cup and catching up with all my mates in the TSI," Joseph said.

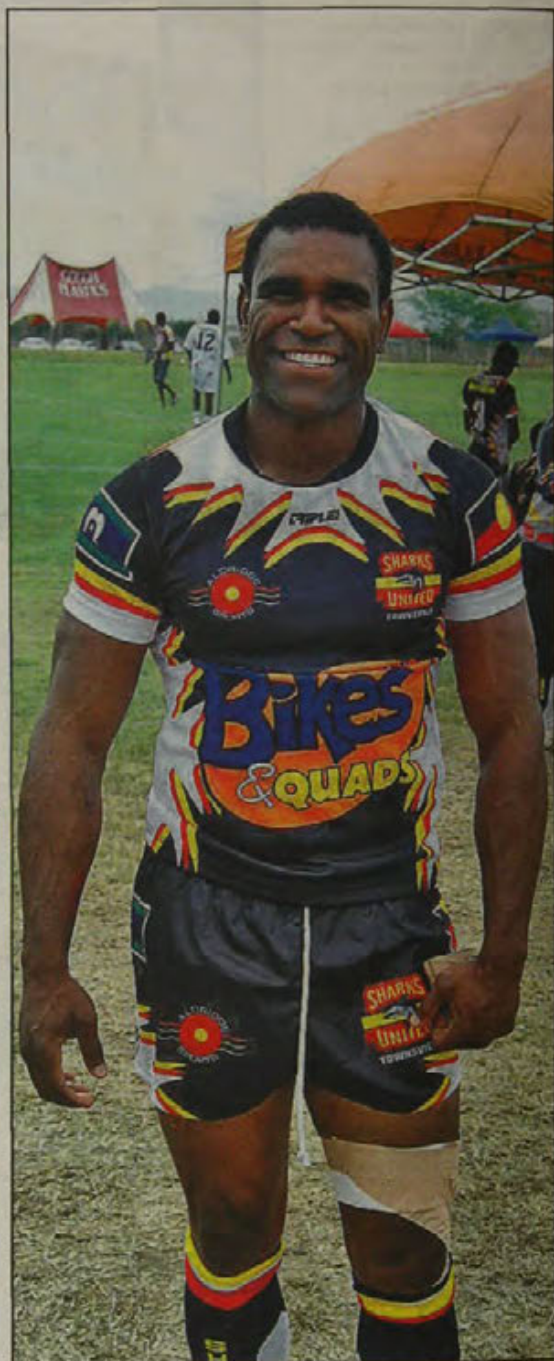
Mosby said he had been approached by a friend from Arkai Brothers and would be delighted to play for them.

"I always like going back to TI where I see lots of family and friends," Mosby said.

Both Mosby and Joseph also will compete at the Dan Ropeyarn Memorial Carnival to be held at Bamaga in mid-November.

● **RIGHT:** Billo Mosby in the Ray Aldridge Memorial team colours at the Bindal Sharks United All Blacks carnival in Townsville on 11-12 October.

● **BELOW:** Bruce Joseph warms up for Wongai Warriors at the Townsville Bindal Sharks United All Blacks carnival. He and Mosby were grand final opponents in Townsville and they will be in different teams again at the Thursday Island carnival.



Webb booked for drink-driving



THE honeymoon is over for North Queensland rugby league enforcer Carl Webb after he was arrested for drink-driving the morning after he was married in Townsville. Webb has confirmed he was caught by police about 7am on 11 October while driving back from his Jupiters Casino wedding suite to the Townsville reception site to help clean up.

"I wish to apologise to everyone involved at the Cowboys, including our sponsors and fans for putting myself in this situation," Webb said in

a statement. "In no way do I condone drink-driving and I have learnt a valuable lesson."

"In hindsight, I should have had someone else drive the car back to the reception location for the clean-up."

Cowboys Chief Executive Peter Parr was clearly disappointed that Webb had married what was supposed to be a weekend to remember for the right reasons at the club.

Apart from Webb's wedding to his partner Renee, which was attended by the entire Cowboys first grade team, including Johnathan Thurston, the NRL club also drew the curtain

on season 2008 with their presentation dinner.

"The Cowboys expect everyone involved with the club to maintain a high standard of behaviour," Parr said in a release.

"We receive wonderful support from the community and they deserve to have a club that consistently meets these standards."

"Carl is well liked and respected by everyone at the Cowboys and in the community, but on this occasion he has made a serious misjudgment and must now take responsibility for his actions."

It was a big week for Webb. He was overlooked for Australia's

World Cup campaign, but received some consolation when named Preston Campbell's deputy in the Indigenous Dreamtime team.

They will meet New Zealand Maori as a curtain-raiser to Australia's World Cup opener against New Zealand in Sydney on Sunday.

Despite earning Centenary Test selection this season, Webb missed out on the Cowboys awards night after hooker Aaron Payne scooped the pool.

At least Webb didn't have to travel far for the awards night – it was also held at Jupiters Casino.



-AAP

CARL WEBB

Student takes the highs and lows of rugby league



Matt Ross (tape around head, kneeling) with the victorious Queensland Universities State of Origin team that beat NSW Universities 48-4.

AUSTRALIAN Catholic University (ACU National) Indigenous education student Matt Ross has experienced the highs and lows of rugby league in recent times.

In May, 29-year-old Ross played a leading role as captain in Queensland's 48-4 victory over New South Wales in the Universities State of Origin rugby league match, as the curtain-raiser to the annual City v Country NRL game.

"I felt very honoured to represent Queensland and to be selected as captain. I went into the camp just wanting to lead by example with my experience to the younger players, and everything went as planned," he said.

An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) primary education student at ACU National's Brisbane campus (McAuley at Banyo), Ross was then selected again as captain in the Australian team to compete in the University Students

Rugby League World Cup in July.

To his dismay, Ross was again struck down by chronic knee pain, forcing him to withdraw from the hotly contested World Cup tournament.

Despite the absence of their chosen leader, the Australian team dominated the competition, beating England 26-16 in the final.

Ross has previously completed a Diploma in Education (ATSI) at ACU National. He hopes to continue playing rugby league for university representative teams, which he combines with his regular games for Byron Bay, in the New South Wales Northern Rivers competition, while also endeavouring to play a leadership role with young Indigenous athletes.

"I'm keen to work with Indigenous youth in sport - to work as a leader and motivator of young Indigenous people in the future," he said.

Young athletes get a jump start to London



THE Jump Start to London 2012 athletes started the season in style at the Ergon Energy Athletics North Queensland Track and Field Championships.

A squad of 21 athletes from the Jump Start to London program travelled to Townsville to kick off the domestic season in late September.

It was a great opportunity for the athletes to assess their winter preparation, and to compete in warm weather. The athletes came from five states and showed that the Jump Start to London program was unearthing a multitude of talent within the Indigenous community.

Justin Evans consolidated his earlier win in Papua New Guinea by winning the opens men's 800m in 1:54.33 and then by winning the open men's 1500m in 4:07.12. This is a great start to his season, with his 800m performance being slightly outside of his personal best.

Peter Tuccandigee is proving that the 200m might be his event in winning the open men's 200m in 21.8 seconds. Tuccandigee also won the rarely run 100 yards and was just squeezed from taking treble honours on the track by fellow Jump Start athlete Joshua Ahwong in the 400m.

Tuccandigee did claim a third gold medal by running in the 4x400m relay team.

Records tumble

All athletes competed well, with a number of ANQ records tumbling with the Jump Start (JSTL) athletes Khaele Bowen, Kertisha Thompson and the JSTL 4x400m relay squad (Tuccandigee, Evans, Peter Harrison and Ray Williams) all breaking records.

Liam Gander took out the 100m open men's title and Laura Whaler the women's. Whaler also won the John Campbell 100 yards race and the women's 200m event, with Sarah Mackaway finishing second.

Brendan Peeters completed his first decathlon, scoring over 5800 points, a fantastic effort for a first-timer.

Peeters had never attempted pole vault and after a crash course surprised himself by clearing almost three metres.

He will continue to fine-tune his technique in the ten events that make up the decathlon, and will compete in a few more decathlons hoping to qualify for the Australian National championships. The magic number of points to gain is 6200, so Peeters is well and truly capable of doing this.

Zack Raymond, Raheen Williams and Chauncy Andolfatto won the trifecta in the 15 years 100m.

Off to India

Joshua Ahwong also won the open men's 400m, a great run from him before competing in India at the Commonwealth Youth Championships.

Khaele Bowen, from Queensland, took home three gold medals in winning the 14 years boys' 100m hurdles, high jump and long jump.

Kertisha Thompson, also from Queensland, showed her versatility to win titles in the discus, triple jump, long jump and high jump.

Raheen Williams, from WA, is another young athlete who is showing that the depth of talent in the Indigenous community is high, won the 15 years high jump, 200m hurdles and 4x400m relay.

Travis Ambrum, from Mulgrave, Qld, showed great form in taking the under 18 pentathlon, javelin, hammer and discus. He was named the most outstanding senior male athlete.

The Jump Start to London 2012 athletes will be competing at a number of events during the Australian track and field season.

The program is for promising Indigenous athletes and is funded by the Australian Sports Commission and forms part of the National Talent Identification and Development (NTID) initiative.



● **ABOVE:** Justin Evans and Peter Tuccandigee competing in Townsville as part of the Jump Start to London 2012 program.



● **LEFT:** Brendan Peeters, another Jump Start to London 2012 team member, competing in the shot put at Townsville. Peeters is showing promise as a decathlon athlete, a sport that requires skill in ten disciplines.

Golfers to tee off for NAIDOC



GOLF will take centre stage as part of Toowoomba's NAIDOC celebrations.

The NAIDOC Golf Classic will be played at Toowoomba on Friday 7 November to promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, health and well-being, unity and self-determination.

Toowoomba NAIDOC Committee's Shannon Bowe said golf was a popular sport for many local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The event aims to foster an annual competition and is open to the whole community.

The Classic will be an 18-hole, two-person Ambrose event to

suit beginners and more advanced golfers.

To register for the Toowoomba NAIDOC Golf Classic at the Toowoomba City Golf Club, phone Shannon Bowe on (07) 4694 1874 or Kelli Wallace at Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE on (07) 4694 1985 or 0427 967 679 during business hours.

Registration on the day begins at 10am. The Classic starts at 11am with a shotgun start. Nominations strictly close Tuesday 4 November. Golfers and non-golfers welcome.

● **RIGHT:** Organisers of this year's NAIDOC Golf Challenge, from left, Alfred Orcher, Justin Pengilly and Shannon Bowe get in some practice on the Toowoomba City golf course.



One Knockout by next year?

By GRAHAM HUNT



THERE will be a unified Aboriginal rugby league knockout in NSW in 2009 – that's the

prediction of long-time Aboriginal rugby league co-ordinator Phillip Hall.

Mr Hall, a life member of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Committee, says it's time for the fighting to stop and for factions to come together as one.

He has called a meeting to be held in Newcastle on 1 November, where he will propose a number of initiatives.

Mr Hall said he would chair the meeting.

He says clubs wanting to come under one umbrella will be allowed to have one voting delegate at the meeting.

Dubbo league carnival ends in controversy

A PROTEST by players from the Goodooga and Enngonia rugby league sides resulted in a sudden end to the David Peachey Foundation carnival grand final on 12 October.

The on-field protest at Apex Oval saw officials forced to call off the final between Dubbo's Wiradjuri Waratahs and Peak Hill Red Dust, granting both sides a share in the title.

Founder of the knockout David Peachey said the incident came to

light when Goodooga Lake Angels accused Bourke of 'player hopping', claiming they had players from other sides competing for them.

Enngonia then entered the dispute, making the same allegations about the Bourke side. An official complaint was lodged with the Elders of the competition, but Enngonia and Lake Angels took the matter into their own hands by taking to the field just minutes after the grand final match kicked off.

Peachey said that while the matter was a disappointing end to the competition, it was also a good learning curve for the event organisers.

"We want to take away positives from the matter rather than negatives," he said.

"At least now we will know how to better deal with incidents like this for the future."

Peachey said organisers would work to ensure they were better equipped for next year.

when referees withdrew their services.

Another carnival the same weekend at Dubbo ended in controversy when players from two teams occupied the ground during the grand final between two other teams.

Officials called off the game and declared the grand finalists joint winners (See below).

Mr Hall fears that unless something is done, divisions in Aboriginal rugby league could bring about the demise of all knockouts.

"We have lost a lot of our Elders and people are losing interest because of all the trouble," he told *The Koori Mail*.

The meeting at the Newcastle suburb of Cardiff at 10.30am on 1 November will be held at the Youlue-la Indigenous Development Association, 71 Prospect Road, Garden Suburb.

He said he looked forward to feedback from the public on the tournament.

This was the third year the knockout has been run in Dubbo and in that time the number of sides competing in rugby league and netball has more than doubled.

This year 24 rugby league sides registered for the competition, but wet weather saw the cancellation of the netball.

— *Daily Liberal, Dubbo*

'Rejected' team takes out title

By ALF WILSON



JUST four months ago Indigenous brothers Levronne and Jarred Geia were part of a

protest for their Idalia Rovers side to be allowed to enter the Townsville Junior Soccer Association under 14 competition.

A week later, the association permitted the team to be affiliated and on 13 September goalkeeper Levronne, 14, and Jarred, 13, and their cousin Mislam Haines were part of the winning grand final side.

Thirteen sides competed throughout the fixtures, and in the final Idalia Rovers beat Rebel Rumbler 2-0 at the Murray Stadium grounds.

The lads are the brother of injured star North Queensland Cowboys back Obe Geia Jr, who was there to watch the win.

One parent, Mick Nemec, whose son Jordan and daughter Taylor are in the team, contacted *The Koori Mail* in May about the protest and said at the time the players were devastated that the association would not register the team.

"Some of the kids have been crying as they just want to play soccer and when their coach James O'Donnell left Annandale club, they wanted to be with him at Idalia Rovers, which has a lot of Indigenous juniors in

various teams," he said.

Mr Nemec said the association had verbally agreed to allow the side to take part in the competition even though the season started in March.

"Two days before what would have been their first game together, they said we couldn't play and that made me angry," Mr Nemec said.

Association Vice-President John Rowland told local media that the team could not play because the nomination paperwork had not been lodged.

However, five days after the players protested with signs outside the grounds, the association granted them affiliation and the rest is history.

"For a team that entered late after being told they were not wanted, to come out and win the grand final is a great effort," Nemec told *The Koori Mail* from the sideline.

But the final was by no means a one-way affair and at half-time neither team had scored.

"My side is not playing too well," coach O'Donnell said at half-time.

But after the break Idalia Rovers scored one goal and the decider with 10 minutes remaining to win their biggest game of the season.

"I am very happy and this means a lot to us," Levronne said.

Now the entire team is determined to stay together in 2009.

AFL plans tougher action on drugs



AUSTRALIAN Football League boss Andrew Demetriou (pictured) has confirmed clubs

could lose points or even a premiership if a player tests positive to drugs on match day.

Demetriou said the AFL Commission had the power to act if more than one player in a club had positive results.

"If more than one player at one club tests positive to performance enhancing drugs the league can act under rule 18 of the anti-doping code," Demetriou told *The Australian* newspaper.

The AFL was seeking to clarify the extent of the commission's powers as it assesses the conditions that would apply to the return of former West Coast player Ben Cousins to the competition.

Cousins, who was suspended for a year for bringing the game into disrepute because of his drug addiction, has applied to be re-registered so he can enter the December national draft. -AAP



Lovett says he'll turn a new page



ANDREW Lovett has embraced Australian Football League (AFL) club Essendon and is determined to make his time at the club successful

after he could not be traded, according to his manager.

The speedy winger's disciplinary problems in 2008 prompted the Bombers to seek a trade for the 25-year-old, but despite Geelong's interest, a deal could not be reached before the 10 October deadline.

Lovett's manager, Alex McDonald, said his client had realised he needed to change to make a success of himself.

"He's embraced Essendon and he understands that's going to be his workplace," McDonald said.

"So he knows he needs to put his head down, get a lot fitter and play some good footy next year.

"It's a hard one, because he understood why Essendon wanted to trade him and encouraged him to look at other options.

"But it hasn't worked out, so he needs to make a success of it now."

Essendon coach Matthew Knights said the Dons and Cats discussed trading for Lovett, but could not strike a deal.

"Now the deal hasn't been done, I think it's a good opportunity for Andrew to come back and play really good footy and I'm sure he'll be really determined to do that," Knights said.

Knights said the last month would be beneficial for Lovett in the long run as he now understood what he needed to do to make the most of his talent.

"His football talent and his ability to play is unquestioned, there's no issue there," he said.

"What Andrew and I have got to work through is making sure he keeps his dedication in check and I'm sure if he does that, he'll be a good player for us next year." -AAP



Andrew Lovett and a couple of boys from Wadeye during a visit to the remote Indigenous community near the Northern Territory's west coast.

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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Michael O'Loughlin is taking time out after another gruelling AFL season. His column will return in our next edition.

'Palm' boxers shine again

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island boxers won five gold medals, four silver and one bronze at the Sunstate Amateur League's State titles held this month in Cairns.

Ten boxers from the north Queensland Aboriginal community competed at the Cairns titles after travelling by ferry from their island and bus from Townsville.

Boxers came to the tournament from as far away as Rockhampton, Mount Isa, Townsville, Palm Island, Mackay and Woodstock.

Others travelled from Mareeba and Yungaburra, on the Atherton Tablelands, and some great boxing was seen.

Sunstate Boxing League secretary Gayle Stockham and her

husband Rod 'Cowboy' Stockham are farmers from Woodstock, near Townsville, and said the titles were great.

Palm Island coach Ray Dennis said that rising star Selwyn Seaton was judged best junior at the titles after winning it the year before.

Veteran Dennis was highly impressed with Selwyn Seaton when he beat Dylan Kelly, from Mackay, in the 63.5kg division final.

"Dennis Haines won a gold medal, defeating last year's Australian (Boxing League) champion Broughton Worth, from Babinda, in the 45kg division.

Reggie Palm Island won gold when he defeated another former Australian League champion Harley Broom, from Rockhampton.

"Reggie has only been training for five months and it was a mighty effort in the 51kg division so early in his career," Dennis said.

Palm's current Australian champion, Luke Lenoy, won gold in the 71kg division, defeating Sam Friend, from Townsville.

Anthony Bourne won his gold in the 35kg division, which took his record to five wins from as many bouts.

Peter Bonner, from Palm, won a silver in the super heavyweight division.

Nat Seaton, Patrick Clarke and Allan Walsh also won silver in their categories and Albert Gorrings took home a bronze.

The Palm Island boxing Club was assisted financially by the Cathy Freeman Foundation.

"Without financial assistance, our boxers would never get to State and Australian titles. We will have at least eight boxers at the coming Australian titles in Townsville from 27-29 November 27," Palm Island trainer Dennis said.



LUKE LENOY

United, we stand

THE death of Alf Atkinson will be forever linked to the 2008 NSW Aboriginal Knockout and, having paid my respect to my big mate elsewhere in this edition of *The Koori Mail*, I am certain he would want me to record one of the greatest wins in the history of the mighty Narwan Eels.

Let me first congratulate the Wollumbin Warriors on running what most people would agree was one of the best carnivals – certainly since I have been playing.

Let me also say that the Narwan Eels intend to host the carnival in Armidale and have accepted the offer from the Warriors to look at their plans and use them as a blueprint for our application to the ARL in early 2009 for endorsement and all the benefits that come with that.

Simple things like having a food court for people to meet, a good variety of stalls and the closeness of two fields made it a well-organised event that any organisation would be proud of.

And what about the footy! The quality of the teams made it a special honour to walk away with the trophy and I think the level of crowd behaviour was largely attributable to the quality of the play on the field.

Every game we played was a tough one.

Our first game against the Newcastle Emus was tougher than the score

DEANO'S LEAGUE



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indicated. It was a classical Aboriginal KO game as we were related to many of the blokes on the opposing side, so no quarter was given or taken.

They must have softened us up because we could quite have easily lost

the next game against the Kempsey Connection.

Little Mal Webster showed he could be an NRL star of the future and he nearly won the game for his mob.

Mal started off the year playing SG Ball for the Rabbitohs and easily made the step up to Toyota Cup – he reminds me a little bit of Preston Campbell.

Our next game against Mindaribba was our best victory because most people would have considered them the favourites when you consider they had a side that included Wes Patten, the Robinson brothers, Rod and Peter Jensen, Richie Allen and Michael Young.

Add to that the fact that the draw only gave us one game's break and it was always going to be a huge challenge.

Defence won us the game and I believe the quality of defence across the whole competition was one of the highlights of the KO.

Then came the tragic game in which we lost our mate.

We weren't fully aware of what was happening and had to focus on what was in front of us.

A Buddy Gordon try opened us up and we had to fight hard for our win, but the final beckoned us and we fought back to win.

Once we made the decision as a team and an extended family to play on in

memory of Alf, we just knew we were not going to lose.

It was no coincidence that the best two defensive sides played in the final and the fact that each side could only muster one try each in the second half at the end of the competition is a testament to the quality of the defence of both sides.

To win against a top side like La Perouse also makes the win memorable.

The Panthers are a quality organisation who are true to their mob and it was a great battle.

If I can show a little pride in my mob, that is what made the win so great.

We are all from Armidale, we are all related and we all grew up together.

That is what the knockouts are about for us.

When my Dad compared our knockout win with the team he played for in 1986, it made me feel as proud as at any moment in my football career.

The 1986 side are legends in our town – to be compared with them will hopefully inspire the coming generation to play for the Narwan Eels in many knockouts to come.

That is why I hope that we will all unite under the ARL-endorsed banner and have a truly united competition next year.

We have waited too long, so it is up to the Narwan mob to pick up the ball from Wollumbin and continue the true traditions of this great event.

Ella 7s rugby union comp aims for 36 teams

TWENTY-FOUR male and 12 female teams is the target organisers of the Ella 7s rugby union tournament at Coffs Harbour next March are aiming for.

If 24 men's teams enter, organisers will break them into eight pools of three, with teams in each pool to play each other. Pool winners will advance to knockout quarter-finals, followed by semi-finals and the grand final.

If 12 women's teams enter, they too will be divided into pools of three, with the winners advancing to knockout rounds.

The tournament will be held at the Coffs Harbour International Stadium on 9 March 2009.

It will be an alcohol and tobacco-free event.

Each team will pay an entrance



The Waterloo Storm, winners of the 2007 Ella 7s rugby union tournament. The Storm are better known in rugby league circles, but occasionally venture into rugby union.

fee of \$1000 (which will include team kit) or \$600 without a team kit. If 24 teams enter the men's competition, the winning side will receive \$10,000.

The winning women's team will receive \$5000.

There also will be prizemoney for runners-up and winners of plate and bowl competitions.

The Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team Inc will manage the tournament and

money raised will go directly to the event and the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT), which, since 1992, has assisted Aboriginal youth play rugby union throughout Australia.

Ella Management and Events will obtain a naming rights sponsor for the event.

Teams can obtain their own sponsorships.

All visiting teams must book their accommodation through the

Coffs Harbour Visitors Information Centre on 1300 369 070.

All players must be over the age of 18.

Each team can have a maximum of 12 players, including two non-Indigenous players.

There will be a maximum of five replacements a game.

Teams must have a coach and a manager. No captain-coaches will be allowed.

All games will be seven minutes

each way, except the finals in each cup, plate and bowl which will be for ten minutes each way with a two-minute break at half time.

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Elijah's third crown

By PETER ARGENT in Adelaide



IN this decade of dominance by the Central District Australian Football Club, 25-year-old Elijah Ware is now a three-times

premier league veteran of the side.

On Sunday 5 October, the Bulldogs won their seventh title from nine attempts this decade, beating Glenelg at AAMI Stadium.

In the best State League competition in the nation – the SANFL – Ware is noted for his pace, gifted skill level and accuracy in front of goal.

He started in the 2008 season decider on the interchange bench, but was an integral part of the mid-field rotations for coach Roy Laird, finishing his day with 16 disposals, including 14 kicks.

"Elijah has given us a bit of a spark and there is something special about his football," coach Laird said.

"He has tremendous leg speed and is quite evasive, giving us attributes we lack a little of."

"Being capable of doing the unexpected and the unpredictable, he adds much needed variety to our group."

Ware, who was recruited to the Bulldogs from the Port Pirie Football League, is an 181cm, 75kg footballer who was playing his 80th senior

game in the Doggies tri-colours in the 2008 grand final.

He also was on the Power list for a couple of years, but only got limited opportunities under Mark Williams, playing two senior AFL games in 2006.

Ware has played in four grand finals for the Ponderosa-based club in the northern suburbs of Adelaide, the victories of 2004 and 2007, as well as this year, along with the 2006 loss to Woodville-West Torrens.

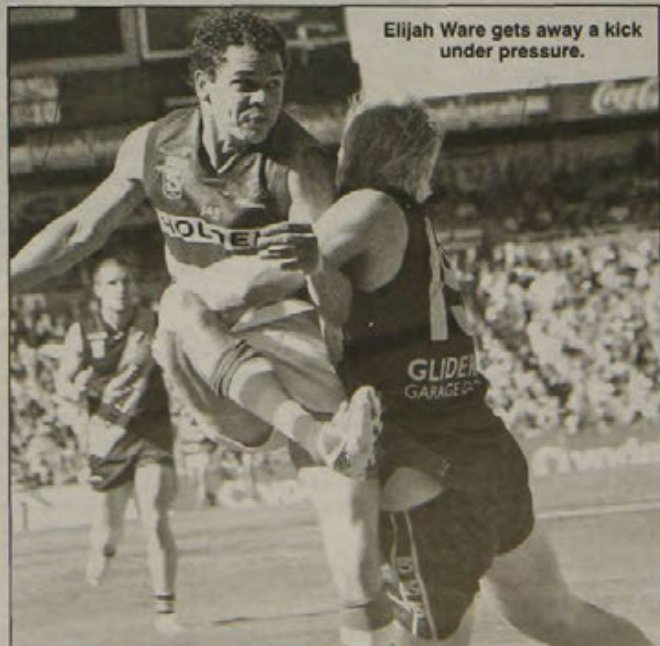
"Elijah is also in the third year of an apprenticeship with the Gowans twins, James and Chris, learning from these seven-title premiership players' work ethics," Laird explained.

In the reserves game which preceded the main match, Aboriginal footballers Jeremy Johncock and Charles Sharples were a part of the Sturt Football Club's premiership.

A key forward and football journeyman who played for Willaston in the Barossa, Light and Gawler football association, Johncock comes from the famous Mallee Park football club in Port Lincoln.

He is a cousin of Adelaide Crows footballer Graham Johncock.

Sharples has been through a roller-coaster league where he played SANFL state football (as a teenager), before being dropped to the reserves later in the season. He started the grand final on the interchange bench.



Elijah Ware gets away a kick under pressure.



Tex Wanganen crosses the finish line.



Karlo Martin during a break between events.

Focus on fun for young athletes

By PETER ARGENT



THE second annual Nunga Little Athletics day (and State championships) was a success, with a significant increase of children

participating from throughout South Australia.

It was held at the Santos Athletic Stadium on Friday 3 October.

Children from the ages of three to 15 competed in 'come and try' track-and-field events. The nine to 15-year-olds were also able to compete in championship events.

"We had 600 registered participants," Sonja Arnold, a member of the organising committee, said.

"It is not about breaking records, as we don't keep statistics for these age groups."

"But I believe from the feedback we received that many personal best times and distances were achieved."

"Doing your personal best is what Little Athletics is all about."

Other members of the organising committee included Pam Sard, from SA Little Athletics, Jeremy Johncock, from the Office of Recreation and Sport, Greg Peterson, from SALAA, and Lesley Wilson, from the Department of Education and Children's services.

Michael Yunupingu, one of the young competitors, said at the end of the day: "I wish we could do this every week."

Willis Daveson said: "It was a fun day and met heaps of kids. Great winning a silver medal. I was exhausted at the end of the day."



Krystal Rankine was a participant at the Nunga Little Athletics day at Santos Athletic Stadium, Adelaide.

5 Indigenous players in line-up to play Ireland

By PETER ARGENT and AAP



FIVE Aboriginal players are in the 2008 Toyota International Rules series 25-man Australian squad announced on 8 October to play in the two-Test hybrid game against Ireland.

They include Shaun Burgoyne and Daniel Motlop, from Port Adelaide, second-year player from North Melbourne Matt Campbell, and the mercurial Daniel Wells, along with dashing Fremantle defender Roger Hayden.

The squad will be coached by Collingwood's Mick Malthouse and will be looking to defend the Cormac McAnallen trophy, which was last won by Australia in Ireland in 2006.

After the acrimonious 2006 series, the GAA of Ireland suspended the International Rules series, so the upcoming tests is critical to the future of the game.

"The team features the next generation of Australian players," Malthouse said of the Aussie squad.

"We have gone for youth, speed, skill and agility.

"The squad consists of players who have had outstanding seasons with their clubs; 23 of the 25 have finished in the top ten of their club best and fairest.

"They all deserve the opportunity to play and win for their country.

"This year we are celebrating 150 years of Australian football and we want to finish the competitive year by winning this series for Australia – that's our primary aim."

Malthouse said he would not ask his players to rein in their natural aggression despite the future of International Rules depending on their behaviour.

He said he was mindful that the spirit in which this year's matches were played would be crucial to the hybrid game's survival.

But that did not mean Australia would shy away from seeking to exploit their physical edge against Irish players not accustomed to hard tackles and bumps.

"The coaches, the player group, will be very much aware of the fact that for this series to continue (it depends on) the way we conduct ourselves," Malthouse said.

"And also the Irish, let's not forget it takes two to tango and there's going to be two sides out there.

"We haven't gone out of our way not to pick aggressive players.

"There are rules in place that state that you can

tackle and you can bump when the opportunity arises, but you've still got to run hard at the football.

"What you don't want to do is be compromised in the mind, thinking we've got to tread very lightly, in fact you've still got to have a massive assault on the ball."

Malthouse said he could not ask players brought up on a highly physical game to suddenly rein in their aggressive instincts, although he said a reputation for sportsmanship had been a factor in the selection process.

"From five years of age when they've learned to kick it, they've learned to take a tackle and learned to lay a bump and learned how to go and get the football," he said.

"So that's not going to change overnight, we don't want that to change.

"But ... one of the reasons why I've taken the job on, I believe that we have a fundamental obligation to ensure that this series is continued because

we've played in the right spirit and we've conducted ourselves in the right manner and we've played to win."

Kangaroos champion Wells is one of five players who have previously played at the international level. He was involved in the 2003 series in Perth and Melbourne, where Australia beat Ireland, despite going down to the visitors in the second game by three points.

The squad was selected by Malthouse, along with his assistant coaches Glen Jakovich, Nathan Buckley, Matthew Lappin and AFL Football Administration Manager Rod Austin.

The squad has been training in Melbourne in preparation for the first Test at Subiaco Oval, Perth, on Friday 24 October, and the second

Test will follow at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Friday 31 October.

The squad is: Nathan Bock (Adelaide), Matthew Boyd (Western Bulldogs), Jared Brennan (Brisbane Lions), Campbell Brown (Hawthorn), Shaun Burgoyne (Port Adelaide), Matt Campbell (North Melbourne), Ryan Crowley (Fremantle), Michael Firrito (North Melbourne), Nathan Foley (Richmond), Brent Harvey (North Melbourne), Roger Hayden (Fremantle), Leigh Montagna (St Kilda), Daniel Motlop (Port Adelaide), Marc Murphy (Carlton), Michael Osborne (Hawthorn), Scott Pendlebury (Collingwood), Drew Petrie (North Melbourne), David Rodan (Port Adelaide), Max Rooke (Geelong), Brad Sewell (Hawthorn), Kade Simpson (Carlton), Adam Selwood (West Coast), Dale Thomas (Collingwood), Scott Thompson (Adelaide), Daniel Wells (North Melbourne).



LEON DAVIS

Davis slots the goal of the year

By PETER ARGENT



COLLINGWOOD star Leon Davis continues a fine tradition being created by Aboriginal

footballers, receiving the 2008 Toyota AFL Goal of the Year award.

He becomes the third Indigenous player to receive the award in the past five years, following Kangaroo Daniel Wells in 2004 and Carlton small forward Eddie Betts in 2007.

Davis' nomination came in the round 22 fixture at Subiaco against the Dockers.

Goal on the run

In a freakish piece of genius deep in the second term, after he tackled a Fremantle opponent, he then gathered the contested ball and goaled on the run from 50 metres out on the boundary line.

"To kick the winning goal in my home State of Western Australia, on a ground in which I'm very familiar, makes this award particularly memorable," the 27-year-old said.

Showing Indigenous footballers' capacity for kicking unbelievable goals, another five players – Matthew Stokes (Geelong, round 14), Daniel

Motlop (Port Adelaide, round 10), Aaron Davey (Melbourne, round 7), Cyril Rioli (Hawthorn, round 6) and Eddie Betts (Carlton, round 2) were also round winners.

It total, Indigenous footballers received 24 of the possible 66 minor-round nominations, with Davis receiving four separate nominations.

Lance Franklin added to that with a nomination in the first week of finals.

This equates to 33 per cent of the total nominations – coming from just under 10 per cent of the AFL player base.

Both the 'goal of the year' and 'mark of the year' awards were decided by the All-Australian selection committee from the pool of weekly winners as voted by footy fans at afl.com.au and the AFL's expert panel.

Davis will accept the Phil Manassa Medal and will also receive the use of a Toyota TRD Aurion for 12 months. Along with this, as part of its ongoing commitment to grassroots football, Toyota will also award \$5000 to Davis' grassroots club, the Maddington Football Club, in Western Australia.

In a change instituted this year, the award covered the complete 2008 Toyota AFL premiership season, including the finals series.

Our time to shine

WHEN the Rio Tinto Indigenous Dreamteam takes the field against our proud cousins, the New Zealand Maori, in a match televised live on Channel Nine, it will be the fulfilment of a dream for many others besides the proud players who will represent us.

No-one should feel more satisfied than Chairman of Selectors Arthur Beetson, who has championed this game since he assembled a side that played PNG in a one-off 'Test' when Dean Widders was just a young player of promise.

Along with his fellow selectors Larry Corowa and Ricky Walford, Beetson has handed coach Neil Henry a team that is balanced in terms of experience and youthful exuberance.

That the NRL Coach of the Year has offered to coach alongside Jeff Hardy is a sign of the respect this concept has in certain quarters of the game.

Henry's presence has ensured clubs are comfortable in releasing their players and will ensure the players receive the best possible preparation.

Wanted to play

It is my understanding that every player approached expressed a willingness to play, with only surgery and injury ruling out the likes of Amos Roberts, Nathan Merritt and Matt Bowen.

It matters little because we know every player selected will be willing to put his body on the line.

Three players summed up the attitude of the players.

First is the 'People's Champion' - Preston Campbell - who will captain the side in his comeback match from the broken jaw he suffered in the game against the Brisbane Broncos.

When told of his selection, the typically modest Campbell was elated.

When told he was captain, he became even more emotional.

"Winning a premiership is every player's dream, but to represent your people is an honour that all the boys are proud of," the Gold Coast Titans Player of the Year said.

"To be named as captain is something I will cherish for the rest of my life."

Presto's sentiments were echoed by a player who aspires to follow in Campbell's footsteps.

Young Rabbitohs halfback Chris Sandow should be used to collecting awards in what has been a remarkable debut year.

Speaking after being informed of his selection, Sandow could have been excused for thinking he was in dreamland as opposed to the



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Dreamtime team.

"At the start of the year, all I hoped for was an opportunity to play in the NRL," said the Rabbitohs halfback who went on to win the inaugural George Green medal and the Dally M Rookie of the Year award.

"To receive all these awards is exciting, but to be named in the Indigenous team is something special."

"Coming from an Aboriginal community like Cherbourg, I will be playing for all my mob when I run on to the field."

"It will be awesome."

Sandow was joined at the recent Deadlys by Kangaroos representative Greg Inglis, who received the NRL Player of the Year award.

Envious

You could almost feel that Inglis was more than a little envious of the young rookie.

"I would love the opportunity to play for the Dreamtime side and hope one day to play in the Aboriginal colours, but at the moment I am focusing on the World Cup," he said.

It is great to see the players are planning a number of community events, including fan days at Redfern Community Centre and the home ground of the La Perouse Panthers that will be their training base for the week.

I know that more than 600 tickets have been distributed through sponsors to community groups.

It would be great to see 'Koori Komer' grow into an army of supporters who will be there to see their team shine.

Their dream is our dream come true.

Go the brothers!

Jerseys now for sale



THERE'S only 300 of these Dreamtime Welcome to Country Indigenous footy jerseys - modelled here by Preston Campbell - for sale, so if you want one, be quick.

They are available through just two Indigenous organisations:

● Call Joe Williams at NASCA on (02) 9221 8655

or go to:

● www.wollumbin.org or call Selwyn Apanui on 0433 580 206.

They're off to the World Cup opening

FOUR Koori Mail readers each have won double passes to rugby league's World Cup opening extravaganza at the Sydney Football Stadium on Sunday.

They are:

● Dorothy Anderson, of Hermit Park, Townsville, Qld.

● Kerry Jackson, Stafford, Brisbane, Qld.

● Jason Smith, of Rutherford, NSW.

● Kobi Dennis, of Bonnyrigg, NSW.

They were among the many readers who correctly named Arthur Beetson as the Chairman of Selectors of the Australian Indigenous Dreamteam to take on New Zealand Maori in the Dreamtime match on Sunday.

It will be a curtain-raiser to the World Cup game between Australia and New Zealand.

The winners each will receive two 'Category A' tickets to the World Cup opener, courtesy of The Koori Mail. This means they will have first-class views from the Members' Stand.

The winners have been notified.



Action from the Bindal Sharks rugby Tense grand final

By ALF WILSON



THE Townsville-based Ray Aldridge Memorial team beat the Wongai Warriors 34-30 in a thrilling final of the tenth annual Bindal Sharks United All Blacks rugby league carnival in Townsville.

Sixteen teams entered the carnival on 11-12 October.

Teams were Woorabinda Knights, Kalali, Dreamcatchers (Palm Island), Charters Towers United, Birri Warriors, Cairns Desert Storm, Olkolo Jabirus, Mackay Stallions, Butler Bay Bulls (Palm Island), Ray Aldridge Memorial Team, Nicolas Anderson Memorial Sand Goannas (Hughenden), Palm Island Barracudas, Walkabouts, Skipjacks, Cannonballs, and Wongai Warriors.

Players came from as far away as northern NSW, Brisbane, Hughenden, Mount Isa, central

Queensland and the Torres Strait.

Games were at Bindal's home ground, Shark Park, and on day one some games were also played at the nearby Hermit Park Tigers Australian Rules Club oval.

Spectators walking between the two grounds faced attacks from a swooping magpie which was protective of its young in the breeding season.

Sunday's main final and losers' grand final were broadcast live on Radio 4K1G all around Queensland by callers Action Jackson, Scott Anderson and Velma Gara.

CEO Jenny Pryor said the carnival was a great success and she thanked the volunteers and workers.

"We had 20 teams wanting to play but had to knock four back," she said.

The winning team pocketed \$14,000, with second prize \$6000.

Hughenden Sand Goannas won the losers' final 50-38 over Butler Bay Bulls (Palm Island) after ten minutes' extra time when the score had been locked 38-all on

the final siren (See facing page).

The Goannas won \$3000 and Butler Bay Bulls, the recent premiers of the Palm Island domestic competition, took \$1000.

Bindal Sharks foundation members Kevin Aldridge, Noel Aldridge, Bert Doolan, Gary Doolan, Vaeella Aldridge, Andrew Nolan, Leon Pryor, Ron Body and Billy Williams were acknowledged for their work.

Aptly, Kevin Aldridge was the coach of the winning Ray Aldridge Memorial side.

Plenty of action

The *Koori Mail* was there for the two days and found lots of atmosphere and great rugby league action.

In the semi-finals, the Ray Aldridge Memorial Team beat Jabirus 28-10 and the Wongai Warriors, made up of players from mainly around Townsville and Torres Strait, defeated Charters Towers United 34-10.

The outright favourites for the

competition were the star-studded Mackay Stallions, which included a host of A grade players and young NRL Sydney Bulldogs back Ben Barba.

However Stallions were eliminated in round two by Wongai Warriors, who won with a try in the final minute. Stallions had beaten Woorabinda 42-12 in their first round-robin game.

Some players displayed enormous courage, including Jabirus halfback Zac Nogar, who lined up in the semi-final despite having 20 stitches in two facial wounds.

"I copped an elbow in an earlier game and also had a deep facial wound on the jaw but didn't want to let the boys down," Nogar said.

Jabirus official Shannon Baker said that players came from Brisbane and all over north Queensland.

"We did well considering we put the team together just before the carnival," he said.



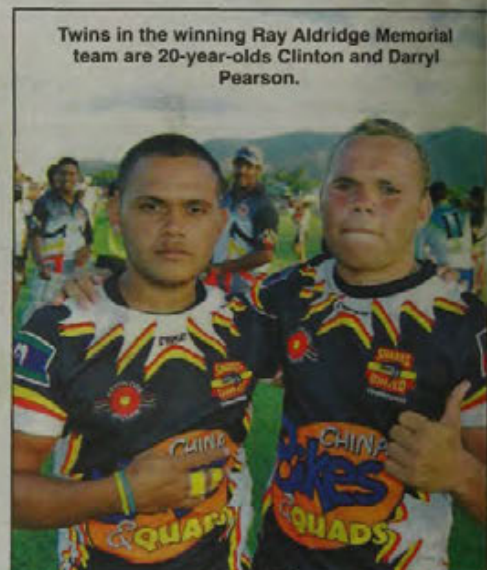
Carnival organiser Jenny Pryor



Kalali team members Danny Nuga, left, from TI, and Mike Salbron, from Cherbourg



Player of the carnival Brenton Cochrane, from Ballina, NSW, shows a finger for each of his three tries in the winning grand final team.



Twins in the winning Ray Aldridge Memorial team are 20-year-olds Clinton and Darryl Pearson.

Winners off to flying start

THE Ray Aldridge Memorial side exploded from the blocks in the grand final, with tries to Ray Mercy and Ballina visitor Brenton Cochrane and at the 12th minute quality Wongai Warriors forward Robbie Congoo burst through under the post.

At the 17th-minute mark, just-married Warriors forward Jimmy Baira scored and his team led 10-8 after the PJ Hart conversion.

Cochrane scored the second of his three tries and crafty five-eighth Jade Williams also scored a four-pointer and the Ray Aldridge Memorial side led 18-16 at half-time.

By midway through the second half, the Memorial side led 30-24 and looked to have the game safely in their keeping.

Another Jade Williams try at the 72nd minute had the Memorial side leading 34-24 margin.

However Warriors hit back with a converted try with minutes remaining and pressured until the final siren.

Best players for the winners were Cochrane, who was named player of the carnival, Jade Williams, Ray Mercy, back Trevor Wosomo, forward Lester Hero and back Billo Mosby.

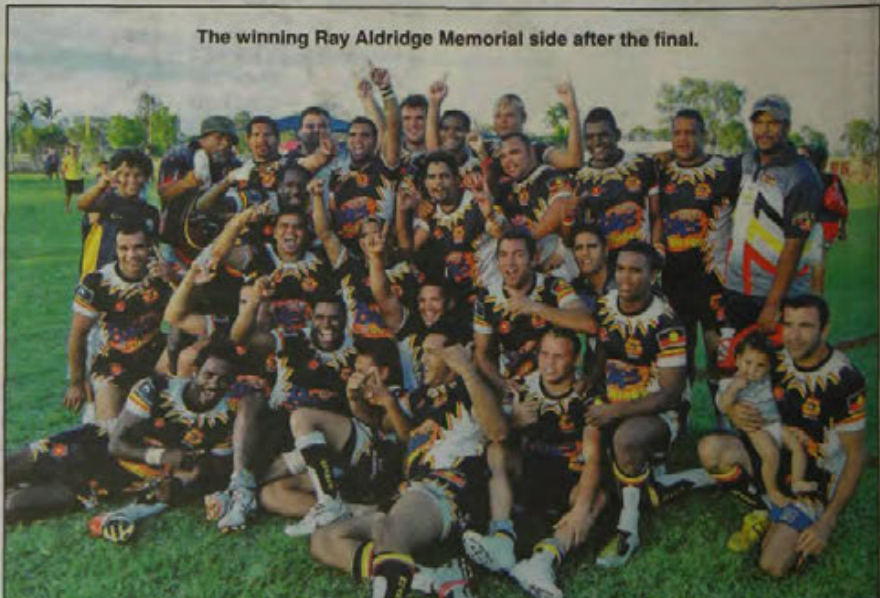
For Warriors, brothers Jimmy and Roy Baira, lock Bruce Joseph, front-rower Marvyn Reuben, Robbie Congoo and Keiji Bowie shone.

Roy Baira was named best back of the carnival while Lester Hero took out the best forward trophy.

Ray Aldridge Memorial side coach Kevin Aldridge said he expected a tough game with so many talented players in both sides.

"It was deadly to win and any opposition which has the Baira boys is always hard to beat," Aldridge said.

The winning Ray Aldridge Memorial side after the final.



league Townsville All Blacks carnival

Losers' final was a thriller

IN what was rated one of the most exciting finals for many years, Hughenden Sand Goannas won the losers' decider, beating Butler Bay Bulls, from Palm Island, by 12 points after five minutes of extra time each way.

The Bulls led 16-14 at half-time and with 18 minutes to go, it was 28-all as Bulls coach Lance Poynter made a number of changes from the bench.

With 14 minutes to go, Bulls back Brian Murgha scored and that followed another Palm Island try to see the Bulls lead 38-28.

Murgha scored three tries for the game.

But veteran Hughenden back Eddie Saunders, who also ended up with three tries, outpaced the Bulls' defence to score and the conversion left the Bulls with a six-point lead.

In the final minute another Hughenden try in the corner was

followed by a match-saving conversion in windy conditions, leaving the teams deadlocked as the siren sounded.

Players and supporters from both teams raced on to the field thinking they would share the trophy, but officials announced that under the rules, five minutes of extra time each way was to be played.

Amazing game

Hughenden scored two converted tries for the 12-point margin and official Jimmy Doolan described it as an amazing game.

"People were cheering everywhere and this has been a great victory for our boys," Doolan said.

Giant Hughenden forward Jon Kabay was named player of the finals. Kabay scored five tries in two qualifying games and was weeping openly.



Oikolo Jabirus halfback Zac Nogar required 20 stitches in two facial wounds but still played.



Giant Birri Warriors prop Thomas Pryor is airborne as he charges forward against Dreamcatchers.



Hughenden prop Jon Kabay shows five fingers for the number of tries he scored in two qualifying matches.



These Torres Strait Islander supporters were there.



The Birri Warriors team with players from Townsville, Palm Island, Yarrabah and Cairns.



Barracudas defenders wrap up a Hughenden player.

Carnival results

Round One: Birri-Gubba Warriors 30 d Palm Island Dreamcatchers 16, Walkabouts 12 v Oikolo Jabirus 12, Ray Aldridge Memorial Team 38 d Butler Bay Bulls Palm Island 16, Desert Storm Cairns and TSI 30 d Kalali 24, Wongai Warriors 26 d Barracudas Palm Island 4, Mackay Stallions 42 d Woorabinda Knights 12, Cannonballs 32 d Hughenden Nicholas Anderson Memorial Sand Goannas 18, Charters Towers United 28 d Palm Island Skipjacks 6.

Round 2, Winners Comp: Oikolo Jabirus 32 d Birra-Gubba 20, Ray Aldridge Memorial Team 58 d Desert Storm 8, Wongai Warriors 30 d Mackay Stallions 28, Charters Towers United 30 v Cannonballs 30, Round 2 Losers Comp: Walkabouts 42 d Dreamcatchers 14, Butler Bay Bulls 22 d Kalali 18, Barracudas 38 d Woorabinda Knights 18, Hughenden Sand Goannas 22 d Skipjacks 4.

Semi-finals, Losers Comp: Butler Bay Bulls 36 d Walkabouts 8, Hughenden Sand Goannas 22 d Barracudas 8, Grand final: Hughenden Sand Goannas Nicholas Anderson Memorial Team 50 d Palm Island Butler Bay Bulls 38 (38-all fulltime 5 minutes extra time played each way).

Winners Comp qualifying semi-finals: Ray Aldridge Memorial Team 28 d Oikolo Jabirus 10, Wongai Warriors 34 d Charters Towers United 10.

Grand final: Ray Aldridge Memorial Team 34 (Brenton Cochrane 3, Jade William 2, Lester Hero, Ray Mercy, Kaine Ashby tries; Kaine Ashby goal) d Wongai Warriors 30 (Robbie Congoo 2, Kelji Bowle 2, Tremaine Bowie, Jimmy Baira tries; PJ Hart 3 goals).

Carnival Awards: Player of Carnival: Brenton Cochrane, Player of the Two Finals: Jon Kabay (Hughenden). Best Forward: Lester Hero. Best back: Roy Baira.



● ABOVE LEFT: Hughenden Sand Goanna players after their losers' final win.

● ABOVE: Beaten grand finalists Wongai Warriors could still manage smiles after their defeat.

● LEFT: The Mackay Stallions team was star-studded, but failed to reach the final.

The 2009 NSW Aboriginal



Action from the Narwan Eels (in blue) and Waterloo Storm clash.



The crowd watches on as a La Perouse player charges for the line in the Knockout decider.



A heavy clash in the Muli Muli (black shorts) versus Nulla Sunrise Under-17 grand final.



Try time ... a Panthers player about to score in the clash with Narwan Eels.



More Boomerangs players in the Under-17 years division.



Crunching play in the Casino (in red) versus Waterloo Storm women's final.



Barefoot league ... little brothers in action during the under-eight years exhibition match between Redfern All Blacks and the Stingrays.



Denis Moran, the son of the late Pritchard Moran (shown on the Eels' jumpers), who was named in the Indigenous Dream Team to play New Zealand Maori in the curtain-raiser to the Rugby League World Cup opener in Sydney.

Rugby League Knockout



Hard-hitting action in the Casino versus Waterloo Storm women's Knockout grand final, won by Casino (in red). Photos by NAOMI MORAN



Narwan Eels players, surrounded by their supporters, celebrate after winning this year's Knockout, played at Kingscliff.

Eels too good

Emotional Narwan win thriller

NSW THE 2009 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout looks set to be played at Armidale after the emotionally-charged Narwan Eels beat the La Perouse Panthers 22-18 in the 2008 grand final at Kingscliff. In another grand final thriller, the Eels, who were mourning the death earlier that day of a team-mate, played with passion as they stormed to victory.

For the second year running, the La Perouse Panthers went home with the runners-up trophy. A year earlier, the Panthers were beaten by the fast-finishing Wollumbin Warriors in the grand final at Lismore.

But playing before their home crowd, the Warriors were an early casualty of the 2008 carnival at Ned Byrne Field, Kingscliff, bowing out to the BAC Walgett in the second round.

The semi-finals came down to two country teams playing Sydney sides.

The first semi-final was between the Eels and Waterloo Storm, while the second was between the Panthers and the Tingha Tigers.

Tragically, Narwan prop Alf Atkinson collapsed and died soon after being substituted early in the first half of the semi-final.

Family, team-mates and thousands of



Narwan Eels players Dean Widders (left) and Mitch Morris hold aloft the trophy. The Eel's jumpers featured a picture of Narwan stalwart the late Pritchard Moran.

spectators watched in horror as paramedics tried to revive the Eels prop on the last day of the carnival.

The 34-year-old had played about five minutes of the match when he collapsed on the sidelines soon after being substituted. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Tweed Heads Hospital from a suspected heart attack.

Team-mates were told the news just before their grand final appearance, which they went on to win in his honour.

Narwan Football Club Chairman Colin Ahoy said the team played

the grand final with a lot of emotion.

A public collection started following the match raised almost \$5000 for Mr Atkinson's family.

Carnival host committee President Selwyn Apanui said that apart from the death of the Narwan Eels player, the carnival 'went off like clockwork'.

A record 39 men's teams entered the Knockout.

"Everything came together. The facilities were excellent, the crowds were well behaved and it was a football extravaganza," Apanui said.

"The standard of football throughout the four days was unbelievable. Conditions suited Aboriginal rugby league. There was plenty of running football."

Carnival Co-ordinator Sol Belleair echoed Apanui's comments and said organisers were delighted that the carnival went so smoothly.

He said police were happy with crowd behaviour.

Mr Belleair said he had missed just five of the 38 Aboriginal knockout carnivals and he rated the Kingscliff event 'amongst the top three'.

The Cudgen Leagues Club, which provided the carnival venue, was happy and keen to see the event return to Kingscliff.

While official attendance figures were not available, Apanui and Belleair said they had been told by security people that up to 30,000 people were at the carnival over the four days.

A feature on the final day was the presentation of blazers to surviving members of the 1958 Tweed All Blacks team that won the Group 18 (Tweed) major premiership. One of the players to receive a blazer was former Aboriginal Test star Lionel Morgan.

The carnival had the backing of the Australian Rugby League and was covered by NITV. The *Koori Mail* was principal sponsor.

The player who finished the carnival with the biggest thrill was Narwan Eel Denis Moran, who was named in the Indigenous Dream Team to play New Zealand Maori in the curtain-raiser to the Rugby League World Cup opener in Sydney on Sunday.

● Footnote: This year's grand finalists - Narwan Eels and La Perouse Panthers - won the 2001 Aboriginal Knockout as a combined team. The Eels' 2008 victory was their fifth in the competition's 38-year history.

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through goal
of the year**

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Another sensational Knockout



The Narwan Eels, from Armidale, in northern NSW, are the 2008 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout winners after beating the La Perouse Panthers 22-18 in a nail-biting and emotionally-charged grand final at Ned Byrne Field, Kingscliff, on 5 October. The victory means that the Eels have won the right to host the 39th annual Knockout next year. Narwan now has won the Knockout five times.

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Captain Campbell!



THE Gold Coast's Preston Campbell will captain the Indigenous Dreamtime team against New Zealand Maori when the two sides meet as part of the Rugby League World Cup's opening ceremony on Sunday.

The Indigenous and Maori will clash in the Welcome to Country match at the Sydney Football Stadium as a curtain-raiser to the Australia-New Zealand World Cup clash.

Campbell, who will return to halfback for the game, said his appointment was the equal of any of his achievements in the game, including a premiership with Penrith in 2003.

"Winning a premiership is every player's dream, but to represent your people is an honour that all the boys are proud of," the Titans player of the year said.

"To be named as captain is something I will cherish for the rest of my life."

Daily M Coach of the Year Neil Henry has been handed a formidable side by selectors Arthur Beetson, Larry Corowa and Ricky Walford.

Campbell will reunite with his Panthers premiership-winning partner Rhys Wesser, while exciting South Sydney halfback Chris Sandow, Queensland State of Origin star Sam Thaiday and Wests Tigers giant Daine Laurie are also in the 17.

North Queensland enforcer Carl Webb will lead the forwards as vice-captain.

Cowboys-bound Henry said his role was to encourage the side to play their natural game.

"These guys are not just great athletes, they play a distinctive brand of football that all fans love to watch," Henry said.

"To call it an intuitive style does not do

justice to the ball-runners who search for the weakest link in the defence and then attack."

Former Parramatta player and Widnes half Denis Moran won automatic selection as 18th man after being named man of the series at the recent Australian Rugby League-endorsed Aboriginal Knockout carnival at Ned Byrne Field, Kingscliff.

Squad: Rhys Wesser (South Sydney), Ty Williams (North Queensland), Beau Champion (South Sydney), Jamal Idris (Bulldogs), Justin Carney (Canberra), Maurice Blair (Penrith), Preston Campbell (Gold Coast, capt), Carl Webb (North Queensland), Ian Lacey (Ipswich), George Rose (Manly), Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers), Sam Thaiday (Brisbane), Joel Thompson (Canberra), Dean Widders (South Sydney), Chris Sandow (South Sydney), Yileen Gordon (Bulldogs), Peter Jensen (CRL), Denis Moran (Narwan Eels) - AAP



It was a proud moment for Preston Campbell when he wore the NSW Country jumper in the annual match against Sydney at Dubbo in May 2006. But Campbell says it will be an even greater honour when he leads the Indigenous Dreamtime team against New Zealand Maori at the Sydney Football Stadium on Sunday.

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