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### Now, that's an athlete's foot



# Progress at risk

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Federal Government has been warned it will lose the good will generated from the national apology

unless it improves the way it engages with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over its ambitious reform agenda. Delivering the final speech in his Essentials for Social Justice series entitled 'The Future' in Adelaide last Thursday, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma described Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology as 'a spectacular start', and said 'real steps' had been taken towards creating equal life chances for Indigenous children

But Mr Calma said the Government was sending mixed



messages on matters such as its

independent review of the Northern Territory intervention, and had not acted in other key areas such as further response to the Stolen Generations.

the Stolen Generations.

"Approaching the first
anniversary of the government
and it still seems that some policy
is being done to Indigenous
peoples rather than in
partnership with them "he said

partnership' with them," he said. He said things would improve if the Prime Minister's offer of a new partnership was turned into a reality, there was an Indigenous representative voice and a human rights-based approach was taken.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin rejected Mr Calma's criticisms, saying the Government understood that consultation, engagement and partnership were essential for closing the gap.

closing the gap.

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## INSIDE MY FAMILY MARIE MOSBY - Thursday Island



Marie Mosby (centre) with her sons and some of her grandchildren. Back, from left, are Morrison, Danny, Laurie and Thec (holding Terence). In front, from left, are Hagiga, Theophilia, Teriza and Motifah.

FEEL a very proud mother being here on Thursday Island having watched tour of my five sons play in the winning team the Kaiwalagal Stingers at the Zenadth Kes football carnival. My boys are Theo, 35, Laurie, 34, Danny, 33, and Morrison, 18, whom I call 'my They were in the team and this has been

so good.

I am 55-years-old but I feel younger.

I have 21 grandchildren and many of them are here celebrating with us after we beat Arkai Brothers from Kubin in the grand final.

My other son, James, lives in Townsville and couldn't be here at the carnival because he

was with his wife down in Brisbane at the time.

I am sure that their father, my late husband Bishop Ted Mosby, who died in 2000, would be so proud of them as I am today.

Ted was a great rugby league player who represented North Queensland in his favourite position of fullback. So many people knew Ted, who was such a great man and father. who was such a great man and father

This has been a real family affair and there

are so many people who have been here watching the football.

In the Arkai Brothers team was another family member in cousin Billo Mosby, whose

late dad Richard would have also been proud.
I was born on Thursday Island and my family is from nearby Hammond Island. My husband was from Yorke Island (Masig) and we have relatives all around the Torres Strait and North Queensland.

Ted trained the boys from when they were at primary school and they are so like him in so many ways. His ability shows up in them and they are very good people. Many say that when the boys play it reminds them of their father, which makes me feel very good and brings back wonderful memories.

For me this has been a really special day. I am going to celebrate into the night with my sons and grandchildren. I haven't celebrated like this for a long time.

- As told to ALF WILSON on Thursday Island

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Taliah Nirikai Waters, of St George in Queensland. This photo was taken during the St George State Primary School NAIDOC Week celebrations on 18 September. The school kids got their faces painted, learnt how to throw a boomerang, and played games. The photo was submitted by Taliah's mother Donna.

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## Kids rapt as Snoop drops in

Photo by LISA HOGBEN

E may be one of the biggest recording artists on the planet, but American rapper Snoop Dogg wasn't above spending time with some of his youngest Australian fans earlier this month

Snoop, aka Cordozar Calvin Broadus Jr, and his entourage visited the Redfern Community Centre, pictured, in the lead-up to his Sydney concert and shared some of his hip-hop wisdom with local kids as well as boxing champ Anthony Mundine and some Indigenous footballers. The Grammy Award winner, who has sold more than 17 million records, lifted spirits by signing autographs before his super-sized minders spirited him back to his hotel

Joined by fellow rappers Ice
Cube and Bone Thugs n Harmony,
Snoop took the 'West Coast
Originals' tour to huge audiences in
Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne,
Addelaide and Perth after immigration authorities relented on an earlier decision based on character concerns, and granted

Actor and co-owner of the South Sydney Rabbitohs Russell Crowe spoke in support of Snoop's visa application, and Snoop repaid the favour by donning a Rabbitohs outfit while in Sydney and undertaking engagements in support of at-risk youth.



## Predators targeted

By DARREN COYNE



is being offered to catch sexual predators preying on young

The reward is a joint initiative of the NSW Police Force, Crime Stoppers and the NSW Aboriginal Lands Council.

The initiative is in response to reports in March that truck drivers were offering cash or drugs for sex along major roadways in regional and rural

The reward announcement was due to be made on Monday

NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) Chair Bev Manton said the initiative aimed to protect children from sexual

predators.
"We all know sexual predators exist," Ms Manton said. "Rarely, fortunately, do we personally have to confront the utter tragedy and ongoing effects that are caused by such

"The act itself may be short-lived but the effects last

forever. They hurt everyone. Many Aboriginal families – too many – have to confront and deal with such tragedies." NSW Police Western Region

Commander Assistant Commissioner Stephen Bradshaw said the reward scheme was a timely reminder to the community that police take child exploitation extremely

seriously.
"Police need the community's help to drive down these

#### 'If even only one perpetrator is caught it will be worthwhile'

abhorrent crimes," he said.

"I appeal to anyone with information about a location; an incident; or persons involved in the sexual exploitation of

Aboriginal minors.

"Police will continue to proactively target offenders who think they can fall under the radar and exploit children in

regional and rural communities I urge people to be vigilant

along major roadways and trucking routes and to come forward and report.

"I remind members of the public that the sexual exploitation of children is an insipid crime that affects whole communities All children need to be protected, and vulnerable children need our protection even more.

"I urge anyone with information relating to the sexual exploitation of an Aboriginal child to contact Crime Stoppers on

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council has committed \$30,000 towards the reward scheme, a commitment that has been matched by the NSW

Government.
Ms Manton congratulated the police and the Government for

"If even only one perpetrator is caught it will be worthwhile," she said. "What the reward and its associated media exposure does is create increased awareness. It makes everyone

"Working in partnership with police, we will do what needs to Aboriginal kids are our future."





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By MAHALA STROHFELDT



INDIGENOUS Australians are heavily represented in the finalists for

the 2009 Australian of the Year Awards, to be announced on 25

Already, two Aboriginal men rights campaigner Professor Mick Dodson and reconciliation advocate Ivan Copley - have been named winners in the Australian Capital Territory and South Australian awards respectively.

And another ten Indigenous people in other States and Territories are still awaiting announcements for the categories of Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year and Australia's Local Hero.

Mr Copley, a community worker with Peramangk (SA), Kaurna (SA) and Minang (WA) heritage, was named SA's Australian of

the Year last Wednesday, He received his award from SA Governor Kevin Scarce and Education Minister Dr Jane Lomax-Smith at a ceremony in Adelaide which began with a welcome to country by Frank Wanganeen.

A co-founder of the Campbelltown Council
Reconciliation Committee, Mr Copley has worked with Rotary, having raised the funds to establish the first clean drinking water purifier in the Aboriginal community of Leigh Creek.
During his time at the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), he arranged for computers to be

installed in Aboriginal communities without computer

More recently he established an Aboriginal funeral fund to assist family members to travel to services, raising the fund money through sales of merchandise in his spare time.

Prof Mick Dodson was named the ACT's Australian of the Year in Canberra on Thursday.

A Yawuru man from Broome in Western Australia's

Professor Mick Dodson, the ACT Australian of the Year for 2009.

Kimberley region, Prof Dodson is currently Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at the Australian National University

He represents Indigenous people of the Pacific region on the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous issues, and has been a mentor of up-and-coming young Indigenous leaders

Unable to attend the awards

ceremony, Prof Dodson sent a message affirming his hopes about the future of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"I am sure we can do it. There are huge numbers of decent, fair-minded Australians across the whole community said the Reconciliation Australia

(RA) Co-chair.

"I have every faith that together we will leave to future generations a reconciled Australia that honours, respects

and celebrates the place of the First Australians." RA's Mark Leibler described his co-chair as 'a generous, brave and humble leader' who had spent all of his adult life working to 'explain to people why and how they could contribute to improving the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians'

Other Indigenous State and Territory finalists in the

national awards are: Australian of the Year; Geoffrey Gurrumul

Yunupingu (NT) and Paul Briggs (Victoria). Senior Australian of the Year; Lorraine Peeters (NSW), Aunty Phyllis Pitchford (Tas), Patrick Dodson (WA) and John Schnaars (Western

Young Australian of the Year; Ngaree Ah Kit (NT), Craig Ashby (NSW) and David Wirrpanda (WA).

Australia's Local Hero: Basma Ganalarritj (NT). Previous Indigenous finalists in the Australian of the Year Yunupingu, Tanya Major, Nova Peris-Kneebone and Cathy

## TI anger over higher cost of groceries



HIGH grocery prices on the Torres Strait administrative capital of Thursday Island (TI) are having a big impact

on residents, with an average basket of groceries costing up to \$150 more than on the mainland

Long-time TI resident Robert Sagigi said early this month that there was 'invisible poverty' on the island because food costs were much higher than other areas even when freight costs were

even when freight costs were taken into account.

The Koori Mail spoke to about 50 people on TI, all of whom said the cost of food was becoming difficult to cope with, with most echoing Mr Sagigi's opinion.

This is genocide by the genocide by the taken we have the highest cost of living the same the highest cost of living.

we have the highest cost of living of anywhere in Australia," said Mr

Sagigi.
"There is no scale of justice and our people are dying early because they can't afford healthy food. It is \$5 for a loaf of bread

here on TI." Elder Karim Binawel, 75, and Francis Bon, 25, were also critical

"I live with my family and that is

"I live with my family and that is the only way people can survive up here with the high costs of food," Mr Binawel said. "Some parents are going without food to feed their children and I can't see it getting any better if the authorities don't do something. Petrol is more than \$2 a litre and we are lucky that lots of people catch fish and

a litre and we are locky that lots of people catch fish and other seafood."

Mr Bon agreed families were struggling to get by and that many went without healthy food.

The cost of living up here is just too high and our people are suffering," he

For most people The Koori Mail encountered over a four-day visit to the island, food prices seemed a serious concern. Some women shoppers talked freely but were not prepared to have their photo

At one shop a three-litre

At one snop a three-life
container of Dairy Farmers brand
milk was \$9, compared to \$4.79 at
a Townsville supermarket.
The IBIS supermarket on TI
had one three-life brand of milk
listed at \$6.79 whereas in

Townsville it was less than \$4.
The bakery beside The
Esplanade was selling a loaf of
bread for \$4, which was



From left, Francis Bon, Robert Sagigi and Elder Karim Binawel on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait.

considered a competitive price.

To be fair, the IBIS supermarket did have some attractive specials on fruit and vegetables.

Many residents mentioned a new survey had given Thursday Island the dubious honour of the

highest grocery prices.

The findings come from a new grocery monitoring scheme called Pricewatch, launched by Member for Leichhardt Jim Turnour.

The scheme compares prices across a variety of Coles, Woolworths and Super IGA

Shelves at a Badu Island supermarket.

Outer Torres Strait islands will be part of the price survey from this month.

supermarkets in Cairns, Port Douglas, Mossman, Cooktown, Weipa and Brisbane as well as the IBIS store on Thursday Island the only major supermarket in the

A total of 44 items typically bought by Australian households such as toiletries, dairy goods, bread, pet food, tinned goods and washing powder, are included in the survey.

However, fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh meat and deli products are not compared due to seasonal and climatic variations.

While the survey focuses on the regular, everyday cost of each item, a separate note is made of any specials on offer.

Results from the first Pricewatch survey show the cost of a typical basket of groceries on Thursday Island is around \$150

more than in Cairns.
"Thursday Island residents not only have to pay more for their groceries, they face a more limited product range, often having only one brand available," Mr Turnour

> "Thursday Island was also the only store in which no specials were recorded, whereas up to \$7 was saved at the check-out in Cairns stores and over \$15 in

Canberra to know about this significant difference in price. I intend to take this data to Canberra to highlight the everyday expense facing those living in the Cape York and Torres Strait regions."

The next Pricewatch survey will occur during the Christmas season and then quarterly throughout the year.

A second survey called ShopSmart, released by Liberal Senator Sue Boyce, revealed that during October a basket of vital groceries which cost \$64 in Cairns was \$90 on TI. From November, all outer islands will join the ShopSmart survey which can be viewed online at www.shopsmart sueboyce.com.au

## Vision set for Torres Strait



**TORRES Strait** Islander leaders have agreed on a new vision to guide the future of their region.

The vision -'Empowering our people, in our decision, in our culture, for our future' - will help guide the whole-of-government planning and program delivery in the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area (NPA). according to the Torres Strait

Regional (TSRA)

TSRA Chairman Toshie Kris said that agreeing on a vision and statement was a huge establishing a regional partnership.

Such a partnership would make sure that all levels of government worked together to build a strong future for the region, he

"It was agreed that the next step towards effective selfgovernment is to prepare an integrated regional plan

for Torres Strait and NPA that specified how different levels of government would contribute towards the goal," Mr Kris said

"We will then negotiate a regional service delivery agreement, based on our regional plan, with all government agencies

servicing our communities." Torres Shire Council Mayor Pedro Stephen said a unified

position was particularly important in light of current political and global economic challenges. Torres Strait Islands

Regional Council Mayor Fred Gela said that goals developed were based on the outcome of extensive community consultation. "Our highest priority goal is

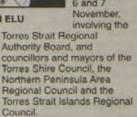
to enhance the region's wealth by creating sustainable industries and increasing employment opportunities for

our people, equivalent to Australian communities," Cr Gela said.

Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council Mayor Joseph Elu integrated planning would benefits to the

region. "We need to do this right so that our children and grandchildren will have a better future." he said.

historic outcome was achieved on Thursday Island following a forum held on 6 and 7 November involving the



The Queensland Government Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships helped co-ordinate the event.



TOSHIE KRIS



JOSEPH ELU

The Voice of Indigenous Australia





#### By MARGARET SMITH



US rights campaigne Jackson said that the

election of the first black President of the United States had taken 54 years, and Barack Obama had run the last lap.

Some might say the same for Patrick Dodson's win of the 2008 Sydney Peace Prize, coming 41 years after the 1967 Referendum, although the Sydney Peace Prize has en in existence for only 11

Previous winners of the prestigious award include Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Prime Minister (formerly East Timor President) Xanana Gusmao and the Indian writer Arundhati Roy. The only other Australian to receive it was forme Governor General Sir William Deane, who was presented with it coincidentally - by Mr

Mr Dodson received his own accolade from Prime Minister Kevin Rudd at a Sydney University dinner on 6 November

In the audience were other Indigenous luminaries including Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter, Aden Ridgeway, Mick Mundine, Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and ssor Larissa Behrendt

Mr Rudd told the large crowd the US election the day before had been 'the triumph of hope after centuries of despair

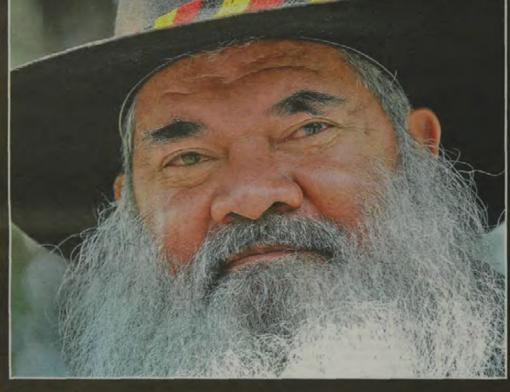
He praised Patrick Dodson for dedicating his life to reconciliation and to closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians

"Closing the gap will shape how the world sees us. The apology is only first step," the PM said.

"We need deep engagement with Aboriginal leadership based on respect. Rebuilding Aboriginal communities won't go forward without respect. Patrick Dodson is a bridge-builder, a man who understands the past and the future

Patrick Dodson made a short, gracious acceptance speech, but later in the evening in an on-stage interview he was more

When questioned about



## Man of peace and courage

opinion within Indigenous leadership ranks, he said, 'that's the strength of democracy. We live in a system where there are

different points of view He added that he felt buoyed by the election of Australia's Indigenous people to State and Territory parliaments and to local councils.

For us, customary law is about shared responsibility for country, and caring for all the people. It's not there for dophiles," he said.

The future was what really mattered and we must move forward and heal the past', he said.

"We need structures to do that... Jessie Street and Faith Bandler started the dialogue, and now the Federal Government has to pass laws for this. We need a Bill of Rights and need not be frightened by the discussion," Mr Dodson

He said Australians should 'cherish the notion of democracy, and the primacy of the human spirit'

When asked about love the audience saw a side of Patrick Dodson rarely on show in public.

"Love is a manly thing," he shared. "A love between

produce all sorts of marvellous things... But if people feel unloved - w see that in the lost kids in our society now - we can ensure that they feel treasured as they're the leaders of tomorrow.

"In Aboriginal society it's important to hold people – in customary law, people need to be held."

And of people who came to our shores seeking shelter, he said: "We need to love the people who come to our shores and we need to start by embracing the Indigenous people.'

Mr Dodson received

inding ovation

The previous night, delivering his Peace Prize lecture before a seli-out crowd at the Sydney Opera House, Mr Dodson paid tribute to those who had helped him on his own

rney. With his voice cracking and obvious emotion, he testified to the Aboriginal leaders who had gone efore in the long struggle

for Indigenous rights.

"Their days of mourning are beginning to be responded to by a nation and world that has for so long appeared disinterested in our cries for, in the words

of Archie Roach, 'a justice

ne'," he said. Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter had sung on stage to introduce Mr Dodson, who also called for the sacredness of country to be recognised, and for the nation to find peace within itself. 'to face the global, economic and ecological challenges with which we are being confronted.

Again, there was a standing ovation that swept through the concert hall.

Afterwards, NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney thanked Mr Dodson for his marvellous contribution and revealed she and her late husband Rick Farley's long friendship with Mr Dodson since the early days of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, which Mr Dodson chaired for most of its ten-year life. It was from that role that

reputation as 'the Father of Reconciliation' emerged.

"Patrick was the chair and under his leadership the work of the Council helped Australia come to understand the fundamental importance of truth-telling.

Ms Burney said.
"His dedication of his award to those that have gone before is testament to this. But to reshape the landscape there has to be a point of reference, a catalyst. Patrick Dodson is a point of reference."

Later in the evening, The Koori Mall asked Commissioner Tom Calma what he thought of Mr

"Patrick Dodson had been a champion of Indigenous affairs for a long time, it's very important," Mr Calma replied. "Aboriginal people will only advance if we work with non-Indigenous people and that's what Patrick

On Friday 7 November, Mr Dodson began his reign as the 2008 Peace Prize winner by visiting Cabramatta High School, western Sydney, where 2000 students had gathered from 33 schools and 40 different cultural backgrounds.

"These students are, in my view, the foundation, the crucible and the centre of the future of Australia," Mr

Dodson said. We search around the world for diversity and difference, and how we're going to manifest that, but e've got it here in Cabramatta.

### Return of remains overhaul urged

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL people should have the sole responsibility, care and management of their ancestors' remains. That's according to Bob Weatherall, the Chairman of the Centre for Indigenous Cultural Policy, which organised a recent workshop in Brisbane. The workshop dealt with the repatriation of human remains from overseas institutions and within Australia.

Mr Weatherall said it examined the operational policies in place, and agreed that a new way of doing things was needed. He said that although more than 1000 indigenous remains had been seturated to Australia.

'This program is about recognising Aboriginal heroes

> and bringing them home'

> > - Bob Weatherall

more than 1000
Indigenous remains had been returned to Australia over the past decade, the work required was often protracted and sometimes ended up in the courts.

This became more so during the Howard Government years, he said.

Mr Weatherall said new guidelines were needed to smooth the way for the return of ancestral remains from overseas

He said there were still many 'tens of thousands' of remains held in overseas institutions in the United Kingdom, Europe

we need an accurate register of what remains are where, he said.
He said the workshop also wanted to provide governments with a guide outlining the protocols which should be followed when repatriating remains. The summit recommended that the report from the summit be forwarded to Environment Minister Peter Garrett and Peter Garrett and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin. Mr Weatherall said no

government had given the issue of repatriation the attention it deserved

"This is about our ancestors and our heroes who fought against the invasion. They had their heads cut off and their skeletons were sent overseas to museums around the world," he said.

"This program is about recognising Aboriginal heroes and bringing them home."



Bob Weatherall pictured in London early last year, where he protested against testing by the Museum of Natural History on the bones, teeth and skulls taken from Tasmania. AAP Image

# Calma tells Govt lift your game

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Federal Government says it is doing enough to engage with Aboriginal communities in the post-Apology era. Human rights watchdog Tom Calma

rights watchdog Tom Calma respectfully disagrees.

In a diplomatic but forceful speech to the Hawke Centre in Adelaide last week, Mr Calma warmly praised as 'a spectacular start' Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's February apology to the Stolen Generations and bipartisan commitments to closing Indigenous health and life-expectancy gaps. But the Race Discrimination Commissioner and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner said there was a 'yawning chasm' of contradiction between those and the Government's 'mixed messages' on

Government's 'mixed messages' on matters such as the Northern

matters such as the Northern
Territory intervention.
Major reforms to everything from local government and representative structures, to welfare, CDEP, native title, water rights and climate change — coupled with 'very limited engagement' with communities — had left Indigenous people feeling overwhelmed, he said.

Mr Calma told The Koori Mail Mr Rudd had what it took to move forward but really needed to 'have a close look at what is happening on the ground'.

"I acknowledge that he is preoccupied with a whole lot of economic situations, but he has said the right thing, he has gained the confidence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and we need to see that now translated into real action that people can buy into," he said.

"We don't want to lose the momentum of goodwill that has been expressed out there."

Mr Calma's comments signal a growing frustration with the Government's approach, including its intention to continue the suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act (RDA) 1975 to enable aspects of the NT intervention – effectively legalising discrimination such as blanket welfare quarantining.

quarantining.
In his speech, he said a failure to act consistently with human rights standards amounts to bad policy and threatened sustainable outcomes.

"You simply cannot talk of genuine, robust partnerships without talking about respect for human rights," he said.

Mr Calma's speech last week drew a restrained response from Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, and a rebuke from other quarters.

Ms Macklin told *The Koori Mail* the

national apology was an important step in building trust and moving towards a new phase of Indigenous and non-Indigenous

"In policy decision making, we are demonstrating a new commitment to consultation and dialogue, including in areas of reform to CDEP, the establishment of a new national representative body and removing the exemption of the application of the Racial Discrimination Act to the NTER,"

and abuse of women and children without contravening the RDA.

Wesley Aird, who is working with mining magnate Andrew Forrest to put 50,000 Indigenous people into private sector jobs within two years, said Mr Calma was 'living in the past' and should focus on measures like practical employment rather than 'perpetual consultation'.

perpetual consultation.

In the past fortnight, two new reports have alternately questioned the methodology used to calculate the current 17-year life-expectancy gap and estimated that, on past performance, it will take more than 100 years to close the gap on the full range of socio-economic indicators, from health and life-expectancy to lobe and education.

life-expectancy to jobs and education.
The latter report, from the Australian National University's Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR), warned the Government that commitments to 'reducing disparities' might be a more realistic policy goal than 'closing the

points points goal than closing the gaps'.

Next week, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) will provide its official response to the

close the gap campaign.
The Close the Gap Coalition has called for an extra \$450 million to be spent on Indigenous health each year, mostly in primary health care.

But in the current economic climate, Indigenous communities are steeling themselves for possible bad news – in the form of delayed or less health funding than hoped for – from COAG and the next

Federal Budget.

Mr Calma's full speech can be viewed

with the control of the co online at www.humanrights.gov.au/about/ media/speeches/social\_justice/2008/200811 12\_future.html

'The Government agrees that consultation, engagement and partnership are essential for closing the gap'

- Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin

In his speech, Mr Calma also said the Government had been sluggish since the apology in responding further to the Stolen Generations and had ignored genuine community efforts such as an apology from Aboriginal men to Aboriginal women at a central Australian summit earlier in the year

He railed against bureaucracy that devalued or seemed to have forgotten how

to consult with Indigenous peoples.

Mr Calma said a national Indigenous representative body and a human rights-based approach were the way forward for Indigenous communities.

Ms Macklin cited Federal Cabinet's visit to Yirrkala in Arnhem Land during July as evidence that the Government was listening directly to people's needs and concerns.

"The Government agrees that consultation, engagement and partnership are essential for closing the gap," the Minister said.

In The Australian newspaper, Indigenous academic Marcia Langton suggested that instead of criticising a Minister 'run ragged delivering on very sensible commitments' Mr Calma should focus on ways to tackle alcohol abuse, pornography, grog-running

## **NLC** wants Act reinstated

By DARREN COYNE



THE Northern Land Council (NLC) has called for the immediate reinstatement of the Racial Discrimination Act (RDA) in the Northern

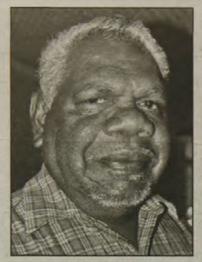
Territory.
The full council of the NLC, consisting of more than 80 Traditional Owners, met last week and urged more Aboriginal involvement in policy development as the NT intervention

After reporting widespread community disillusionment that Aboriginal affairs had reverted back to the 'bad old days' of complete government control, the council members resolved to ask Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin to attend their next meeting to clarify the Government's position on the ongoing

NLC Chairman Wali Wunungmurra said the council also wanted to see reinstatement of the permit system over towns on Aboriginal land, following its crapping at the hands of the former Howard Government,

Independent senators Nick Xenophon and Steve Fielding have opposed Government moves to reintroduce the system because they say it has helped to hide sex abuse and has held back economic development.

That refusal has now forced the Rudd Government to defer debate on its



WALI WUNUNGMURRA

reinstatement legislation and Parliament may now not deal with it until next year.

Mr Wunungmurra urged Senators Xenophon and Fielding to reconsider their opposition, and avoid 'the hype and elevant arguments' put forward by critics

of the permit system.
"It is about acknowledging our land rights and the reality that the permit system gives us real control over our communities," he said.



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The NLC's position found support from West Arnhem Shire Council Chief Executive Mark Griffion who told ABC Radio that communities in his area also wanted the permits reinstated.

"The issue is that this is Aboriginal-owned land, and just like any people who have ownership of the land, they like to be able to control the people who enter into their property." he said.
"It's not that they're leasing it or

and they should have the right to determine who enters and utilises that

Australian Greens senator Rachel Siewert said reinstating the permit system would be a step in the right direction for Indigenous communities to manage their

There has never been any evidence that abolishing the permit system would help to combat child abuse - removing the permit system was part of an agenda by

permit system was part of an agenda by the Howard Government to take control of Indigenous land," she said.

"When the Emergency Response legislation was introduced in 2007, the former Government went to great lengths to imply a relationship between the permit system and child sexual abuse in Aboricinal communities, but were unable system and child sexual access
Aboriginal communities, but were unable to give any concrete evidence.

Human Services Minister Joe Ludwig said last week that almost half of all income-managed customers in the NT were now using the BasicsCard, spending more than \$3 million in the past two

"Since the BasicsCard was introduced in Katherine on 8 September, more than 7000 cards have been issued," Senator

"That means almost half of the 15,500 Australians on income management in the NT are using the BasicsCard to access their income managed funds for purchases worth about \$100,000 each day."

## NT Govt accused of endangering culture

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Northern **Territory Government** has been accused of 'lurching from one quick fix to another' going back on its own policy and

endangering Aboriginal culture in an ill-conceived attempt to arrest a slide in educational outcomes

Several remote schools and top Indigenous educators have sought face-to-face meetings with the Territory's Education Minister and Deputy Chief Minister, Marion Scrymgour, to argue against her insistence that the first four hours of education in all NT schools be conducted in English.

Ms Scrymgour made the decree a month ago, saying it was necessary to improve attendance rates and lift the literacy and numeracy results in remote Indigenous schools

The Tiwi woman predicted the move, part of a broader restructure of the Department of Education and Training, would be contentious, but believes parents should be responsible for teaching

their children Indigenous language "I support preserving our Indigenous languages and culture - but our Indigenous children need to be given the best possible

chance to learn English," she said Now, the Territory's nine remaining bilingual schools

letter-writing campaign and calls for community support.

Language is generally accepted as a key contributor to cultural identity, and its loss seen as a pre-cursor to the loss of land.

Respected educator Yalmay Yunupingu has written to Ms Scrymgour pleading for the Minister to reconsider her position. Ms Yunupingu, her husband fellow educator Mandawuy Yunupingu, and late sister-in-law Dr Marika have been instrumental in teaching language at Yirrkala School in Arnhem Land, one of just nine remote schools of 60 left with accreditation for 'two-way learning' since the then-CLP Government gutted funding for bilingual programs a decade ago.

Dozens of concerned teachers, parents, grandparents and ex-students from the remote community of Areyonga, 130km south-west of Alice Springs, are also opposing

the new policy. And they're being backed by the Association for Teachers of English as a Second Language (ATESOL) of the NT, which says children in English-only schools perform no better and 'lurching from one quick fix to another without a comprehensive languages policy informed by credible evidence from



MARION SCRYMGOUR

long-standing international and local research' won't help.

Ms Yunupingu wants Ms Scrymgour to justify her position given that just a few years ago the Government threw its support behind two-way learning, declaring in Parliament that it was 'putting bilingual education back on the

"It is another important teaching methodology, with some initial evidence that results from bilingual appeared generally better than

other like schools," former Education Minister Sid Stirling said in Hansard from 24

August 2005. Ms Yunupingu, a teacher for 32 years, says children in Yolngu communities do better in reading and writing if they arn in their own language

"Using Yolngu matha (language) helps children understand difficult ideas in English, this helps them learn English concepts better," Ms Yunupingu has written to Ms Scrymgour. "Yolngu language is our power, our foundation, our root and everything that holds us together. (It) gives us strength; language is our identity, who we are. Yolngu language gives us pride. Language is our law and

justice."
Ms Yunupingu said it was unfair that Aboriginal children were tested against English-speaking children when

they are very young.
"I think it is your job to stand up for our children, to acknowledge their Yolngu skills and knowledge and not to keep saying they are failing," she wrote to Ms

Scrymgour. Ms Yunupingu said the bilingual program at Numbulwar was actually a language revitalisation program instigated because 'all the children there were speaking

only Kriol', or Aboriginal English.

"Surely you do not want this to happen to all our communities, as an Indigenous person yourself, she wrote.

The Areyonga community is adamant that their children learn better when taught in Pitjantjatjara, than English, by the school's qualified Anangu teachers. "Our children who are good at

reading and writing in Pitjantjatjara are also the same ones who are good at reading and writing in English," they wrote to the Minister last week.

.. How can you tell us the teachers must use only English even if the children don't

understand what they are saying?
"It is not right for you to make an important decision like this without speaking to us first. We would like you to come to Areyonga and talk to us. As an Aboriginal person, you should be supporting us to keep teaching our children our own languages." Teacher in charge of curriculum

at Areyonga School, Leonard Freeman, said there had been no debate about the issue, 'nor any opportunity for communities to have their voices heard'.

A spokeswoman for Ms Srymgour told *The Koori Mail* the Minister met last week with teachers and community members at Yirrkala School and would also be prepared to meet with those at

## Ex-Governor to lead WA board



JOHN SANDERSON

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



THE West Australian the appointment of former State Governor Lieutenant-General John Sanderson to head a new Indigenous board to work for better outcomes

for Aboriginal people across the State. Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim Hames said last week the new board would work with Government, non-government agencies and business organisations to assist Indigenous people and their communities.

"A business-as-usual approach to Indigenous Affairs is both unsustainable and untenable as in the past this approach has been largely ineffective," Dr Hames said. "General Sanderson has the knowledge, experience and commitment to fundamentally rethink the way we address the entrenched disadvantage of many Aboriginal people in WA.

"We need to engage properly with Aboriginal people and get things done that



'General Sanderson has the knowledge, experience and commitment to fundamentally rethink the way we address the entrenched disadvantage of many Aboriginal people in WA'

> - Western Australia's Indigenous Affairs Minister, Kim Hames

the lives of Indigenous Western Australians."

General Sanderson told The Koori Mail he would be working hard to get communities and individuals involved in the process, otherwise it would not work

"One of the most serious issues is a lack of trust and a lack of commitment to government policy, and I think that's

expressed in various forms of outcomes, one of which is a sense of hopelessness and despair in Aboriginal communities," he

"You see the symptoms in poor health, alcoholism, violence, abuse and all of those sorts of thing, so building that confidence and that trust is a critical part of this whole

The issues of law and order in

complex, and the issue of alcoholism and abuse that goes with it... these things have to be managed at that level and by the forces that are already out there." General Sanderson said he was

ncouraged by the success of the Fitzroy Crossing community which had turned around a long era of alcohol abuse and associated physical and sexual abuse.

"We're still crisis managing," he said. "We run from one community to another trying to sort of hit these problems on the head rather than going to the deep causes and we've been doing that for a very long

"And the Fitzroy Crossing mob, I think they saw with some clarity the need to get at the fundamental issues, the causes rather than just the symptoms of these problems.

General Sanderson is supportive of regional governing bodies as the most effective way of co-ordinating government services and preventing wasteful duplication and a lack of accountability from government departments and agencies.

## Intervention ruled out

By DARREN COYNE



THE West Australian Government has rejected calls for a Northern Territory-style intervention into troubled Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley.

The calls came on the eve of a total ban on alcohol in the remote Kimberley community of Oombulgurri, the focus of an inquest by WA Coroner Alistair

Hope this year.
They also followed the recent arrests of five people on child sex charges, which prompted former Howard Government minister Mal Brough to call for an NT-style

ntervention.

But WA Indigenous Affairs

Minister Kim Hames rejected Mr

Brough's argument, as did WA

Aboriginal leader Peter Yu.

Instead, Dr Hames announced a new body to be led by Lieutenant-General John Sanderson (see separate story) to work alongside the Government, non-Government organisations and business organisations, to assist Indigenous people and their communities.

The Kimberley Land Council (KLC) welcomed the rejection of an NT-style intervention in the

Kimberley.
\*Minister Hames has shown a good understanding of the good understanding of the complexities involved in advancing the well-being of Kimberley Aboriginal people by ruling out the heavy handed and unproductive intervention approach," said KLC Chief Executive Officer Wayne

Bergmann.
"It is time for us all to properly



'To bring in alcohol restrictions without rehabilitation, support, trauma counselling, mental health support, suicide prevention, safe houses for the women, support for the families, is inhumane. We wouldn't do it to a dog.'

- Professor Fiona Stanley

address underlying causes in order to deliver sustainable long-term solutions. The quick-fix approach can't do this.

"We know there are many problems in our communities, and it is Kimberley Aboriginal people who are suffering. We are also the ones proposing many practical approaches to addressing these

"Improved housing, education and health, and real engagement in the economy, are the paths to improving our people's lives over

"Intervening in our independence, reducing our rights. and removing our responsible are the very things that have led to our current position."

Peter Yu, who headed an independent review in the NT intervention, echoed those sentiments. He said that while there was some legitimacy for an intervention in terms of additional resources, it would fail without the co-operation of communities

He said the NT review report



PETER YU

had been clear in stating the importance of a co-operative approach to dealing with entrenched problems of disadvantage in communities which had been neglected for decades.

A total ban on alcohol came into effect at Combulgurri on Saturday, 8 November

WA Racing and Gaming Minister Terry Waldron said after reviewing the consultation undertaken by the previous government, he was convinced the strategy represented the best way forward for the troubled community.

"I believe the Oombulgurri Council has been given every opportunity to agree on a revised alcohol management plan, but this has not occurred and I am not convinced the council has the will to voluntarily embrace the changes in alcohol management needed to achieve a healthy environment for its people." Mr Waldron said. He said Coroner Hope's recent report into five Aboriginal deaths at

Oombulgurri highlighted the dreadful circumstances that women and children were forced to endure in a community ravaged by alcohol

"I am hopeful that by removing the alcohol, the residents of Oombulgurri might have some chance for a better quality of life,"

The Minister said the regulation

would initially run for 12 months, with an extension beyond this period subject to further consultation.

I expect that some residents of Oombulgurri will be opposed to an alcohol ban, but I am convinced protect the most vulnerable members of that community," he

Combulgurri will be the second Kimberley community to have alcohol banned under these provisions, the first being the Wangkatjunka Community, south of

Fitzroy Crossing. Former Australian of the Year Fiona Stanley said, however, that a total ban on alcohol without providing services for trauma counselling and suicide prevention was 'inhumane

Prof Stanley, a child health expert who delivered the 2008 Hawke lecture in Adelaide on 5 November, said alcohol removal could help in some instances, but not if the proper support network was not in place.

"To bring in alcohol restrictions without rehabilitation, support, trauma counselling, mental health support, suicide prevention, safe houses for the women, support for the families, is inhumane," she

"We wouldn't do it to a dog." Prof Stanley said alcohol restrictions had worked in the Kimberley town of Fitzroy Crossing because it was part of a broader response after the alcohol and drug-related deaths of 22 people. But she said bans like that announced for Oombulgurri could create other problems if done in isolation.

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### Protests, song greet PM in Tassie

Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



Kevin Rudd and his Ministers were greeted by a variety of Tasmanian

Aboriginal voices when they visited Launceston for the latest in the round of so-called Community Cabinet meetings

While outside the meeting a group of about 100 Aboriginal eople protested against the Northern Territory intervention, suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act, the Federal Government's refusal to compensate Stolen Generations and celebration of 'Invasion Day' inside a contingent of five local Aborigines joined the formalities

In stark contrast to the barrage of placards and chants such as 'Rudd the racist', 'Rudd and Macklin go back home leave our pakana kids alone' and 'Stop the intervention, human rights for all' Ronnie Summers offered the Cabinet a more mellow welcome

in the form of a song.

Mr Summers sang The Songlines of the Moonbird,



written by his wife Dyan. Mrs Summers, who was at the meeting with her husband and three other Aboriginal people, said she had knocked back an invitation to give a welcome to country for the meeting.

"I declined, for two reasons one, the time allocation, and two. I knew there was a protest

planned," she said.
"I think we all agreed with the protest, let me tell you that, but my decision was already made.
"My husband is the first

Tasmanian Aboriginal person to ever sing for a Prime Minister of this country. Ronnie took it as a great honour and I take it as a

great honour too and so does my daughter, who was present."

Earlier in the day, newly-appointed State Secretary of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) Nala Mansell-McKenna and TAC Legal Field Officer Trudy Maluga met with Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin. Ms Mansell-McKenna said she

had put in a request three weeks earlier to meet with the Minister and the PM while they were in Tasmania. However, she said Ms Macklin agreed to meet only after media reported plans for a protest, and the Prime Minister 'had ignored requests'.

At the meeting, Ms Mansell-

McKenna asked Ms Macklin why the Government continued to refuse Stolen Generations compensation while supporting compensation for those abused while in State care and those sexually abused by Catholic

priests.
"Macklin was urged to follow in the footsteps of the Tasmanian Government who led Tasmania to become the only State to compensate members of the Stolen Generation," she said. "(The Minister) said 'we've

made it quite clear we will not be providing compensation'."
Ms Mansell-McKenna said Ms

Macklin also said the Government

would not change the date of Australia's national day, on 26

January.
"If she had been willing to work toward any outcomes in relation to our requests, we would have spoken to the Aboriginal community to see if they felt the protest was still necessary or not," the activist said. "It's all

about clever politics."

Ms Mansell-McKenna said the Minister had promised the intervention would not be introduced to Tasmania, but Tasmanian Aborigines would continue to support those calling for an abolition of the intervention

## Another blow for Narrogin



Priscilla Kickett ... Families in a state of trauma

#### By KEN BOASE



THERE have been five more suicide attempts in the West Australian Wheatbelt town of Narrogin, despite ongoing counselling and a recommendation for a Reconciliation Action Plan

being adopted by the town council The recommendation was made at a public meeting last month with Indigenous Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, who said that racism had

contributed to four Nyoongar

youth suicides early this year. Overseas aid agency Oxfam had secured funding for an Aboriginal psychologist to be employed in the town and a number of people had been counselled or were due to meet

with the psychologist. Narrogin Reference Group Chairperson Priscilla Kickett

said her group was discussing the news of three suicide attempts and were shocked to learn from other residents that two others had also shown suicidal tendencies and all had sought medical help

"We were told in a meeting that there was another two but we're glad that the guys went up to the hospital and said they need help instead of just going ahead and killing themselves," she said.

Ms Kickett said almost all Nyoongar families were in a state of trauma, often father as a trauma that was a constant threat to the mental well-being of her own

The Reconciliation Action Plan agreed to by the local council is similar to one formally adopted by the Goldfields City of Kalgoorlie Boulder last year after two years of discussions and forums.

Goldfields Land and Sea Council Executive Officer Brian Wyatt said racism years, and the community had been divided

between black and white

There was denial on all fronts,

"There also seemed to be some

were not going to school, there was

downturn in the local economy where people were blaming juvenile crime, kids

vandalism, breaking-and-entering crime and people were blaming Aboriginal kids in the

accusations made by one side against the other," he said.

outside contractors would formulate the plan in her town, but she denied that the town had a racial problem, even though almost no Aboriginal people were employed in private businesses.

"Probably if you walked down the main street of Narrogin it would be hard to find an Aboriginal working in a shop, but local government does not have any jurisdiction over private businesses," Mayor Higgins

said.
"All local governments are being asked

'You'd have to say there has been steps taken

and that it's had some positive outcome, but

of course there's a long way to go'

- Goldfields Land and Sea Council leader Brian Wyatt on an

to adopt this reconciliation action plan.

large Aboriginal population here, that it's in our interest to have that plan in place and to

me that's just good governance of a town "The Aboriginals are part of this community. I respect them greatly and I

action plan in Kalgoorlie, similar to one adopted for Narrogin

because many of the town's officials and political and business leaders refused to admit that the city had a racial problem.

He said the problems facing Narrogin appeared similar to those in the Goldfields. "One part of the community cannot keep

blaming the other part knowing full well that all the things are uneven," he said. "Do the people have jobs? Do all the

kids go to school? Are they involved in local

Reconciliation Plan was still a work in progress, but the relationship

non-Aboriginal communities had

"You'd have to say there has been steps taken and that it's had some positive outcome, but of course there's a long way to go," he said.

"You can't measure short term-long term success in any way to say things are better or not better, so I think what you

say is things are progressing.

"We're not in the debate and the intensity of those issues that we were in four or five years ago, so in that sense you'd have to say there has been some improvement."

The Narrogin Town Council is working with the WA Department of Indigenous Affairs in Perth and private cultural awareness and reconciliation practitioners to implement the plan.

have a lot of very good friends who are Aborigines Mr Wyatt said the early stages of the

Kalgoorlie Boulder plan had been difficult

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#### Judge critical of police mishandling of communication over death in custody, but says riot cannot be accepted as an appropriate response





By Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON, with AAP



GERALD Wotton walked out of the Townsville District Court where his brother Lex had just been sentenced to six years' jail and raised his arms in triumph.

"I am the happiest man on earth," he said. "I am very glad we have just been inside the courtroom with Lex and he told us to stay strong.

Several hours earlier, Gerald had left the courtroom for a short period with tears running down his cheeks, worried his sibling – a father and grandfather – could be given ten years or even life in jail. Lex Wotton was sentenced on 7

November, two weeks after being convicted by jury of a charge of rioting, in relation to events on Palm Island in

northern Queensland in November 2004. The island's police station, courthouse and police barracks were razed when residents learned, at a public meeting, the nature and extent of fatal injuries suffered by fellow Palm Islander Mulrunji Doomadgee prior to his death in custody a

A Townsville Supreme Court jury last year acquitted Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley of manslaughter over Mr

Doomadgee's death. However, the police officer admitted accidentally causing the fatal injuries – Mulrunji's liver was cleaved in two and he suffered broken ribs and a burst portal vein - by falling on top of him with his knee

The sentence handed down to Lex Wotton by Judge Michael Shanahan means the plumber will be eligible for

parole in July 2010. Judge Shanahan told the court that police and authorities had mishandled communication with locals in the days after Mulrunji's death in police custody

Many Palm Islanders believed the death in custody would not be properly dealt with, despite a number of investigations being launched, including one by the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC),

"Whatever the justification, society cannot accept that this (riot) was an appropriate response," Judge Shanahan

Outside the court, a big media scrum

## Relief as Wotton gets only six years

waited for Wotton family members and supporters, some of whom took part in

Some of the protestors sang out that Lex was a 'resistance fighter' and 'warrior'. Some were part of a strong contingent of Palm Islanders who'd caught the fern

One officer wore a blue wristband stamped with '6747', Snr Sgt Hurley's police number.

The officer would not comment about the wristband which was one of 12,000 sold last year to help fund Snr Sgt Hurley's

Lex Wotton's brother Gerald jubilant outside Townsville District Court ... "I am very glad we have just been inside the courtroom with Lex and he told us to stay strong."

Mike Revnolds, who described Wotton as

an agent for change on Palm Island. Wotton was sentenced at 1.15pm, three hours after he'd been summonsed to the court. Before being taken away, he was allowed to spend about 10 minutes with family and hugged them tightly.

Like Gerald, many of the Wotton family were relieved at the sentence. Lex's wife Cecilia said the main message from her

new husband was to be strong "It will be hard as Lex is the bread-winner but I have to go with the flow

as there is nothing I can do about it," she said.

"Lex said to look after everybody and told me we would celebrate when he gets out. He makes me strong." Besieged by

media, Lex's mother

Agnes said she was satisfied with the

"He shouldn't be there in the first place but at least now I can have a decent sleep

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'We can all move on and heal. Our brother Lex could have got life today with the poor track record we've had here for 220 years. We will continue to fight for justice but this week we have made history' - Gracelyn Smallwood, on behalf of the Wotton family

across that morning

Only a limited number of family and supporters were allowed into the courtroom and the only noticeable police presence were two uniformed officers who

Inside the court, Aboriginal activist Associate Professor Gracelyn Smallwood was allowed to give a character reference on behalf of Lex. The court was also read

a letter from the Speaker of the

National Black Armband Day proposal – see the next page

## **Push on for National** Black Armband Day



THE Townsville Indigenous Human Rights Group (TIHRG) is moving to establish an annual National

Black Armband Day commemorating the death of Mulrunji Doornadgee and all other black deaths in custody.

The day would be observed on today's date.

19 November.
TIHRG last week called on Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and Race Discrimination Commissioner Tom Calma, as well as the wider

community, to support the move. The day would maintain Rudd to make governments

accountable for the implementation of all 339 recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, which reported in 1990, as well as other reports relating to Indigenous health and

continue to rise as well as the rates of suicide and ongoing health issues escalate.
"The whole world is watching,

and unless the Government intervenes to put in place some real strategies to facilitate the

Human Rights Commission

without speaking with them.
Also on Thursday, the Speaker
of the Queensland Parliament
Mike Reynolds, whose electorate of Townsville includes Palm Island, tabled a petition in

Queensland Parliament with these petitions," Mr Watson told AAP. "This is a long way from over." The Queensland Police Union rejected the call for a royal commission and said it was time. commission and said it was time the matter was put to rest.

"It is disappointing that Mr Reynolds continues to act in a divisive matter and we would urge him to take the advice of his constituents and accept the fact that it is in the best interests of everyone to move on," a union

spokesman said.

However, that may be difficult while the State's Crime and Misconduct Commission awaits the report from a police internal probe into the mishandling of the investigation into Mulrunji's death.

KIRSTIE PARKER with AAP

#### 'We will be flooding the Queensland Parliament with these petitions. This is a long way from over' - Brisbane-based Aboriginal activist Sam Watson

"We have asked that the Government put in place a process that is transparent and accountable to the community," TIHRG said in a statement.

Unless this happens, the number of deaths in custody will process, justice for Australia's first people will be seen once again as an empty vessel." Commissioner Calma told *The* 

Koori Mail on Thursday that 'we support their actions' but he could not represent the views of his

Parliament calling for a royal commission into the police handling of the matter

Brisbane-based Aboriginal activist Sam Watson said the petition would be the first of many filed in Parliament.

We will be flooding the

## Wotton gets six years

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and know that his life is very strong," she told film and radio crews

"He is one child that I don't have to worry about. This is something we can take on board and handle together as a

Palm Island Elder Kath Gibson was also in the court and told The Koori Mail she was there to deliver a letter of support to Lex from the old Palm Island Justice

"The focus has gone away from the death in custody and the loss of a life," she

Another local, Manny Ross, said he didn't think Lex Wotton should have been convicted, and predicted that the sentence would anger many Indigenous people

However, Prof Smallwood later read a speech on behalf of the Wotton family, saying they regarded the sentence as a victory and wished to thank the unions churches, black and white people, and the media for their support.

#### 'Move on and heal'

"We can all move on and heal. Our brother Lex could have got life today with the poor track record we've had here for 220 years. We will continue to fight for justice but this week we have made history," she said.

"The most powerful man in the world has been elected in America and he is a black man and it has raised the self-esteem of every black oppressed person around the world.

"While we don't condone violence, it was clearly said in the court there was provocation. Please be positive because we can reconcile and move on.

Palm Island Council was represented at the sentencing by Deputy Mayor Raymond Sibley, a brother of Cecilia Wotton.

Mayor Alf Lacey remained on Palm Island but in the following days declared a chapter of the island's history closed, 'but

Cr Lacey said the four-year ordeal had made the world aware of what was happening on the Island and it was time to





Lex Wotton's mother Agnes and supporters chant 'warrior' as they march towards the Townsville court.

move on. He invited Queensland Premier Anna Bligh to talks about the community's future, social problems and

unemployment.
"What Palm Island wanted was some answers and I didn't think it was about a grudge match or certainly about holding

grudges," he told ABC Radio.

"I think what people were asking on Palm Island were some simple answers to some stuff that hasn't been questioned."

Premier Bligh welcomed the invitation "I hope that we can now put that behind us and focus on the future for Palm

Island," she said. "I certainly welcome indications from the Mayor that he's prepared to move on. I think it is time for us to put the future first.

"This community really needs leadership right now and I look forward to working with the Mayor."

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### Black man wins race for White House

ROUND the world on 4 November, people of all colours and genders – from rock stars to plumbers – wept and leapt for joy when Barack Obama became the first black man cted President of the United States of America.

The 47-year-old Democrat junior senator from Illinois achieved what few black Americans believed they'd see in their lifetimes, opening a new chapter for a country known for the slavery and persecution of

Due to be inaugurated on 20 January, Senator Obama won the election by gaining an extraordinary level of support among young people, black Americans and first-time voters. He's expected to reshape both US politics and his country's role

on the world stage, with the global financial crisis, wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and climate change amongst his immediate key challenges. Senator Obama will also be one of the world's biggest security

targets, adding white supremacists to the list of people who would wish to harm the US

symbol but as an agent of change, with a quote from Martin Luther King's I have a dream speech - which covets an America in which men and women would be judged not by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character -

Senator Obama has promised to govern for all Americans irrespective of race, but he did pledge a new dialogue with Native Americans if elected, zeroing in on affordable, accessible health care, world-class education, language preservation, jobs and economic participation for Native Americans

We need more than just a government-to-government relationship; we need a nation-to-nation relationship, and I will make sure that tribal nations have a voice in the White House," he

Australian Prime Minister
Kevin Rudd was amongst dozens
of world leaders to offer Senator
Obama their congratulations, iftly declaring the Presidentelect a 'good man' whose 'message of hope is not just for America's future but also for the world, a world which is now in any respects fearful for its

Not surprisingly, this seminal moment in world history had Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians pinching themselves too, and more than a few turned their minds to whether this country could ever do what America has done and put a

Delivering his 2008 Sydney Peace Prize lecture the same day as the US election, former Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Chairman Patrick Dodson said he hoped
Australians would be inspired by
Senator Obama's commitment to
raise the status of Native

"The American President-elect has begun his dialogue, we must begin and complete the same



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journey here in our own country," he said.

Jobs champion and former Federal President of the Australian Labor Party Warren Mundine told Rural Press he believed that Australia would have an Aboriginal PM in his lifetime, but said all political parties would first need to adopt a merit-driven approach to the selection of candidates.

"(Senator Obama's win) shows a maturity of democracy in

America that this can happen," Mr.

One of the Top End's most powerful black leaders, Northern Land Council Chairman Wali Wunungmurra, has written to the President-elect congratulating and urging him to 'maintain the dignity and spirit of inclusion he had fostered throughout his campaign'

"I was absolutely overwhelmed, astonished and very happy that the American

people voted in a Yolngu guy... He is a beacon of hope for all peoples in the world,"

Mr Wunungmurra said there were ups and downs along the way, but America's transformative election made him believe the world could change.

Tasmanian activist Michael Mansell said Senator Obama's overtures to Native American leaders signalled a radical change of approach to current President George Bush's 'neglect'.

"That has not been the case here, where Rudd keeps all Howard's policies such as the NT intervention, taking welfare monies from families and hand-picking Aboriginal advisers," Mr Mansell told *The* Koori Mail. "We need an Obama, not a Rudd."

South Australia's Aboriginal Engagement Commissioner Klynton Wanganeen said that while the US election result was inspiring, it also highlighted how far Australia had to go in achieving greater Aboriginal representation in politics

He cited his home State's inability to lay claim to 'a single Aboriginal Parliamentary representative' as evidence that it was not doing enough to encourage Aboriginal political

involvement. Last Thursday in a speech expressing frustration at the gap between Federal Government rhetoric and action, especially in its consultation of Indigenous Australians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said Senator Obama's victory was 'amazing for the feeling of unity and inclusion that

'Mr Obama has been described by a number of commentators this past week as a 'transformational' figure," Mr Calma said.

"And transformation is what we need here in Australia on issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples." Brad Welsh, a young Aboriginal man from Redfern

who just happens to be the only Aboriginal person ever to have worked in an Australian PM's office, said Senator Obama's victory 'gives us hope that one day we too will see one of our own occupy the Office of the Prime Minister right here in

"The only question is how long we have to wait," said the former assistant adviser in Kevin Rudd's media office. "Make no mistake - we have the young people who have the capacity to make this enormous step for our people. They need our support and encouragement and we need to pass the baton as they take on the daunting task of leadership. Can we one day see an Aboriginal PM. Yes we can."

If that is the case, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will need to step things up - far beyond the two previous Indigenous Federal MPs, and the 20-or-so previous and current representatives at the State and Territory level

While Senator Obama may have smashed the colour bar,

the glass ceiling encountered by women aspiring to the US top job remains

As it happens, the current most senior Indigenous political leader in the

country - Northern Territory Deputy Chief Minister and, last week, acting Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour -

See the next page for reaction to Barack Obama's historic US victory



Lucresia Willett, Yarrabah, Qld: We just need a black prime minister, a female. I've always been a proud black woman but Obama makes me even prouder



Pat Dudgeon, Academic and Bardi woman, Perth, WA: I think it's a big achievement for all the people of the world and especially people of colour



Simone Ah Mat, Darwin, NT: It's an inspiration to all Indigenous peoples. I el there will be changes made for the better.

**NSW Police Force** 

## Obama – what the people say

The views on this page were gathered by Koori Mail correspondents Christine Chowes (Cairns), Jillian Mundy (Hobart), Francine Chinn (Darwin) and Ken Boase (Perth). Jodie Patterson who was our Sydney correspondent from 2001-2004 gathered those from the US, where she currently lives and works. We asked respondents how they felt about Barack Obama's historic win.



Yaak Jurkuch American: Having a black President-elect brings out the racism



Julie Hill, Lost Boys Foundation, US: It I'm proud to be an American again



Julianne Cenac, Regent University, US: I'm excited not just that a black man has been elected but because he is an extraordinary dividual and leader who happens to be black.



Tommy Brim, Kuranda Qld: It's good to have a black person at the top.



Kim Floyd, Rolling Out Magazine, Texas, US: His victory transcended black and white.



Elleen Yeatman, Yarrabah, Old: I think it's deadly that he got in



Jordan B, 11, student, Virginia, US: It took so long to see a black president so I'm very excited about it



Darryl Tranby Gordonvale, Qld: It's a good thing ... it shows leadership to others.



Janice Ross, Margate, that he was elected. It's something to celebrate!



Lloyd Spencer Nelson, Yuendumu, NT: I feel so high. It makes me feel very proud



Jacqueline Tamarra, Innistail, Qld: In perspective, I'd love an Australian Aboriginal person to be the PM of



singer, Perth, WA: I would not like to have his job; it's up to all of us to ecome Barack Obamas and give him a hand.



LaSalle Blanks, TV News Anchor, Virginia, US: It seems colour is not so much a hang up for young people ... Obama represents the future

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## Kids benefit from mini-budget

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL children and young people in care will be among those to receive greater support from a \$40 million funding

boost announced last week in the NSW Government's mini-budget.

NSW Community Services Minister
Linda Burney said the number of children
entering out-of-home care continued to
increase, placing greater demand on
services to support those children.
Thirty per cent of the more than
13,000 children in out-of-home care are

Indigenous.
"The Government's Mini-Budget includes \$40 million extra funding for out-of-home care in 2008/09 to meet the increasing demands in this area," Ms

"Some \$19.3 million of this is new funding and \$20.7 million has been achieved through internal savings.

"This \$40 million total will be increased to \$60 million from 2009/10."

Ms Burney said that in 2006/07 there were 12,712 children in care, up from 10,623 in 2005/06 – part of a continuing trend for more children to be placed in put-of-home care as a result of reports to out-of-home care as a result of reports to

the number of frontline staff, it can undertake more cases and protect more children from neglect by placing them in a safe home," she said. "Extra funding will also help children in care to keep pace education, support and psychological and counseling services. "Children can enter care for a number of reasons, but regardless of their life

people benefit from a stable and loving

Since taking over the department, Ms Burney has been appealing for more Aboriginal people to become carers and

A recent recruitment program attracted more than 1300 Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander applicants. Meanwhile, Ms Burney said other initiatives from the package included \$1.75 million in 2008-09 to help improve the user-friendliness of the DoCS Key

Information Directory System (KiDS) that maintains all the client information.

This project assists Community Services staff to acquire and use information more efficiently, and will ultimately help them with their core business of protecting children from harm," she said.



**NSW Minister Linda Burney** 

## **Governance the** focus for book



argues

make closing the gap a pipedream unless it is

Contested Governance, launched on 10 November in Canberra, suggests resolving tensions between Western and Indigenous approaches to governance is essential to improving the social and economic standing of

Aboriginal people.
Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander Social
Justice Commissioner
Tom Calma said the book provided 'invaluable

insight' for governments.
The book details a number of studies of Indigenous groups successfully transforming their institutions, responding to new challenges and engaging in their own capacity building." Mr Calma

They, and others like them, deserve to be supported by government as a key priority." Co-editor Janet Hunt said,

however, that at present Indigenous people did not have enough say or control over the way in which programs and services were

Dr Hunt said there needed to be a greater effort to bring black and white governance

black and white governance systems together 'so they can work more effectively'.

"At the moment there's a mismatch," she said.

"We try to impose our ways of governing on Indigenous people and it's not working."

Dr Hunt said the

mainstream system needed to better accommodate



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commisioner, Tom Calma at the launch of Contested Governance in Canberra. In the background are (from left) Ngunnawal Elder Ruth Bell and book editors Diane Smith and Janet Hunt from ANU.



Indigenous ways of doing

things.
"Particularly in terms of a bit more stability in policies and longer term and more little buckets of funding," she

research sites in the Northern Territory affected by the Federal Government's intervention into Aboriginal

Dr Hunt said the policy had 'quite dramatic impacts' on

governance in those communities.

There were outsiders making decisions for Indigenous communities and really not taking account of the strength and the contribution of pre-existing Indigenous organisations in those places,"

she said.
"The intervention did undermine their governance capability.

One community in Arnhem Land was rocked when the sale of kava was banned

A community organisation which had been selling the drink in an attempt to tackle alcohol abuse suddenly lost \$1 million in income a year. Dr

Contested Governance is a collaboration between the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) at the Australian National University (ANU) Reconciliation Australia and a number of Indigenous community organisations

## ILC has role in jobs bid



THE Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) will and the Federal Government a further \$5.7 million on an

Indigenous training to employment package for rural and remote

The package, which will provide 530 certificate-level training places and employment for up to 400 Indigenous graduates in the pastoral, tourism and resource sectors and in ILC businesses, was unveiled last

the Australian 'The Government

**Employment Covenant** (AEC), a private sector initiative to create 50,000 jobs for Indigenous Australians within two years.

On Saturday, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Workforce Participation Minister Brendan O'Connor welcomed the three-

year plan, which will encompass beef cattle and sheep production, horticulture, maintenance, transport and administration

They said the Government was committed to halving the employment gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a decade and giving Indigenous people the skills and training they need to get and keep a job.

Employment contributed to personal, social and economic development and was central to the national economic interest, the Ministers said. The Government applauds all

efforts by the private sector to increase the employment of Indigenous people," they said. "The Government is working to make people job-ready so they can

benefit from employment opportunities

The ILC is participating in the AEC, which the Government is supporting. The three-year package will provide Indigenous Australians with accredited training, certificatelevel qualifications and jobs in the paid workforce through the AEC.

"An important element of this package will be the development of relationships with key mining, oil and gas industries over the next three years to broaden job choices for graduates," Ms Macklin and Mr O'Connor said

The ILC operates 14 businesses across Australia, ranging from

large cattle stations and tourism operations in the north to wool and sheep properties in the south. The new package will be delivered through training centres based on ILC-operated businesses at Roebuck Plains Station, near Broome, Home Valley Station, in the East Kimberly, Waliburru Station, in the NT, Crocodile Welcome Station, on Cape York, Urannah Station, near Townsville, and on a smaller scale through a further eight ILC businesses across Australia

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# Warning on CDEP changes

By DARREN COYNE



PROPOSED changes to the Community Development Employment Program (CDEP) could result in increased Aboriginal unemployment and lower wages, according to

Professor Jon Altman.

Prof Altman, who is the Director for the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) at the Australian National University, raised his concerns in a personal submission to the Federal

His submission to the Government's Increasing Indigenous Employment Opportunity discussion paper warns that the

global financial crisis made his concerns about proposed changes to CDEP even more pertinent.

Your proposed reforms look to abolish the CDEP program in regional Australia and to alter it in all but name in remote Australia," Prof Altman's submission read

Your fundamental changes are twofold. First, CDEP positions that support the delivery of government services would be converted to

properly paid jobs "Second, by 31 March 2010 all **CDEP** participants will receive relevant income support payments from Centrelink rather than be paid

CDEP wages by organisations or local governments that administer the CDEP

program."
Prof Altman said rather than treat CDEP as employment and participants as wage earners, the Government should treat it as welfare so as to allow administration, and

possibly quarantining, by Centrelink. He said this was happening despite numerous reviews of the program which had rarely found it wanting as an Indigenous specific program aimed at increasing

employment and improving communities Prof Altman warned that moves to convert CDEP positions that support government services into 'real jobs' could be counter-

"In the NT, for example, it is estimated that there may be 2000 jobs but nearly 8000 CDEP participants. Consequently, an

enormous gap will be created with up to 6000 participants effectively moved from work to welfare," he said.

Prof Altman said policy reform could also result in unintended and unanticipated negative outcomes, such as a decline in arts production or greater hardship for outstation residents currently supported by CDEP organisations

He concluded that the proper primary focus of Indigenous employment policy reform should be on the Indigenous unemployed; and that the process of reforming CDEP should strengthen the program to make it a central plank of closing the gap and improving the livelihoods of

Indigenous people.

To achieve this he argued measures that

should be considered included strengthening CDEP organisations. providing more capital funding for development projects, and providing more opportunity for the unemployed to engage in productive CDEP projects.

The top-up that CDEP participants can earn should be increased to \$7500 per quarter (or \$30,000 annualised) to allow them to earn up to average weekly earnings while participating in the program, he said

Prof Altman said it should be noted that a number of CDEP

transitional and other positions being offered as properly paid jobs in the government sector were offering salaries as low as \$15,000 a year, which was less than could be earned on CDEP.

Prof Altman said a fundamentally different approach was necessary for livelihoods to

be improved.
"The CDEP program has and can continue to generate success: A real response to the real problem of insufficient economic opportunity in regional and remote Australia might require real enhancement

Australia might require real enhancement rather than demonisation and demolition of the CDEP program," he said.

"Such an approach might see a better match between the goal of reducing the employment gap, CDEP reform, and a form of Indigenous affairs policy making that is prounded in lived Indigenous reality." grounded in lived Indigenous reality.



By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



THE Kimberley Land Council has renewed its calls for the West Australian Government to involve Aboriginal Traditional Owners in the establishment of a

gas hub along the North Kimberley

A submission from the peak regional body urged WA Premier Colin Barnett to consider all four options proposed by the Northern Development Taskforce (NDT), a body set up by the previous Carpenter Government to study environmental and cultural impacts on the sites suggested.

Mr Barnett's preferred site is North Head, near Beagle Bay, but the local community, led by Albert Wiggin, has staged a protest, saying they do not want the gas hub in their region and they have vowed to fight the Government on the issue.

"The Government is saying we need jobs, but this is our job, to look after country, to protect it, teach our children how to live, learn and grow in this country, this is our job, and we are very good at it," Mr Wiggin said in a statement

We still have fresh air, you can still catch a fish for a feed, you can walk and go everywhere in our country free without money, without fear of life, you can enjoy and replenish your soul and build strength in mind and body.

"The whole world is welcome to come and enjoy country, but you will never be made welcome by country and people if you wish to

KLC Executive Officer Wayne Bergman was also critical of Mr Barnett's rejection of a Traditional Owner veto over any of the sites chosen by the NDT.

"I don't think we had a veto. We had a position of having responsible development that Traditional Owners would make an informed decision based on good information," Mr Bergman said at a media conference early last week

"And people have the right to say no. Steam-rolling in and compulsorily acquiring land is not the way to deliver any development in the Kimberley in a timely manner." Mr Bergman said native title claims

were due to be lodged, or had been lodged, over several of the sites chosen

"We're in the process of lodging a native title claim over North Head," he revealed. "There is a registered native title claim on Ango in the North, James Price Point south of North Head, and there's an exclusive possession native title determination already on the Gordon Bay location.

#### Disappointed

Mr Bergman said he was very disappointed in the Federal Government for being silent on the issue when it said originally it supported the NDT and would support the process and the sites chosen

"The silence from the Commonwealth has been deafening. This would be Australia's biggest project that you could pin on just about every hope and aspiration of improving Aboriginal people's social well-being.

Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett has released a report on the Kimberley marine region that will be used to protect sea and animal life, throwing further doubt on North Head as the preferred site.

The report found there are 17 marine species listed as under threat along the Kimberley coast, and the North Head area was a nursery for humpback whales and a feeding ground for flatback turties.

'Steam-rolling in and compulsorily acquiring land is not the way to deliver any development in the Kimberley in a timely manner'

- KLC Executive Officer Wayne Bergman



Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) Professor Jon Altman

"The CDEP program has and can continue to generate success: A real response to the real problem of insufficient economic opportunity in regional and remote Australia might require real enhancement rather than demonisation

and demolition of the CDEP program.

## Post-war stories told

### **Exhibition focuses on treatment of Indigenous soldiers**



Indigenous soldier Private Alfred John Henry Lovett with his wife Sarah and their two sons in 1915

Photo courtesy of the Australian War Memorial

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



Australians who returned from war to find second-class citizens have been honoured in a national exhibition opened last week by

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. Shellshocked: Australia after

Armistice features the extraordinary story of the five Lovett brothers who served in World War I.

The National Archives of Australia, with the support of Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), has put together 15 personal and moving stories of the human toll following WWI, which for many had long-lasting and devastating

consequences – physical and emotional Curator Tracey Clarke said many Aboriginal war veterans were 'unsung

"Because they were barred from enlisting on racial grounds, we were only now starting to see a more accurate picture of how many Indigenous Australians actually served in WWI," she

To date the number is listed at around

400 and growing.
Ms Clarke says the exhibition hopes to explore the struggle and pain that

followed many of the soldiers back to their homes, and how their families learnt to cope and adjust.

Aboriginal men served on equal terms during the war and 'a mate was a mate',

However, when they returned it was a different story. Aboriginal soldiers were turned away from some veterans' clubs, struggled to access war funds and could not share a drink in the same pub

as their non-Indigenous comrades

Gary Oakley from the Australian War Memorial said all five Lovett brothers - Alfred, Leonard, Edward, Frederick and Herbert -survived WWI and four of them went on to enlist for WWII.

He said they occupied a unique place in military history. The Canberra high-rise building

that houses DVA, Lovett Tower, was named after the family in

Mr Oakley said that returned Aboriginal soldiers like the Lovetts suffered even more than their white comrades, and as soon they took their uniforms off, they were back to being second-class citizens in their own country.

However, he said there were a few exceptions to this, with one being a Returned Services League club in the 1920s lobbying for Indigenous servicemen to be permitted entry. In a *Mapping Our Anzacs* new feature

from the National Archives, families can go online and build a tribute to those who served, add a note or photograph to a scrapbook or find a service person and view their records.

The exhibition will tour nationally next



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd at the opening of the Shellshocked: Australia after Armistice last Wednesday.

#### SESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE VICTORIAN AND CIVIL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

#### **Expressions of Interest**

The Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 provides for the effective protection and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage within Victoria. The dispute resolution and appeals processes under Part 8 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act refer matters to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (the Tribunal) for decision. Aboriginal Heritage Act matters are dealt with in the Tribunal's Planning and Environment List. For the purposes of these proceedings the Tribunal is to be

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if it is constituted by two members, at least one member who has sound knowledge of, and experience in, Aboriginal cultural heritage; or
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3. Significant ties with the Victorian Aboriginal community;

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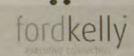
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### Report looks at helping Indigenous entrepreneurs

## **One-stop shop ur**

By DARREN COYNE



THE Federal Government should establish a 'one-stop shop' for Indigenous entrepreneurs and businesses.

Such a facility would provide case managers, similar to Austrade, to help guide any business through its establishment and stages of

The 'one-stop shop' would provide advice on grants and funding programs, mentoring, and advice on appropriate governance structures.

The recommendation is one of 17 contained in a report, Open for Business: Developing Indigenous Enterprises in Australia, that was developed by the Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

The report calls on the Australian Government to bring in initiatives that direct industry and public sector

a bid to advance their development. Other recommendations include providing micro-funding that has an emphasis on remote area enterprises, collecting data on Indigenous business, extending tax incentives and setting up Indigenous business awards and a networking model.

#### Life-expectancy gap

Chair Richard Marles said the life-expectancy gap of 17 years between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people was a critical driver of the report.

The committee was concerned that in this day and age that there is still such a large gap in life expectancy," Mr Marles

"The committee held the opinion that if the rate of Indigenous participation in small business was increased, there was likely to be a flow-on effect of employment and increased economic participation which could help

non-Indigenous people." According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, just six per cent of employed Indigenous people had their own business in 2006, compared with 17 per cent of employed non-Indigenous people.

Mr Marles said the committee also wanted to see more funding provided to the Commonwealth Science and Industry Research Organisation (CSIRO) for its work in natural resource management and carbon emission abatement in partnership with Indigenous communities

"The committee considers that the work CSIRO is currently undertaking is at the forefront of natural resource management which is an existing and emerging area of opportunity for enterprises in rural and remote Indigenous communities," Mr Marles

He also said that targeted procurement targets for government would provide an important boost for

There are some areas of government procurement that really do lend themselves to Indigenous involvement,

such as Indigenous housing and land management," he said.

"... and an Indigenous supplier development council would provide the means to connect Indigenous businesses with private procurement in the corporate

#### Adopt recommendations

Mr Marles said industry and Indigenous interest groups were keen for the Government to adopt the recommendations contained in the report in its proposed Indigenous Economic Development Strategy.
The Government proposed an IEDS in

November last year, which would focus on increasing Indigenous quality of life and economic empowerment by harnessing new, and existing infrastructure and financial assets

### **NLC** honours Indigenous employers



Council (NLC) presented its second Employer Excellence Awards in Darwin this month, recognising

and rewarding employers for 'making a 'difference'.

Held every two years, the awards acknowledge companies and individuals who create Indigenous jobs and advance careers, and those who foster partnerships under Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) which benefit all Territorians.

This year, the Top Employer of the Year award went to Tennant Creek mining operation OM (Manganese) Ltd, which runs the Bootu Creek manganese mine

#### Partnership

The mine's General Manager, Mark Laing, said the win stemmed from strong partnerships between the company, the NLC and Traditional Owners.

About 25 per cent of the mine's construction workforce and 15 per cent of the mine's 200 operational

workers are Indigenous. \*Bootu Creek has specific obligations to maximise Indigenous employment as part of agreements in place with the Northern Land Council, on behalf of the Traditional Owners," Mr Laing said.

"These agreements have requirements for Indigenous employment, training, contracting opportunities, protection of significant sites and communication and land access

NLC Chairman Wali Wunungmurra told guests at the awards ceremony that providing employment opportunities was the most reliable way of addressing the problems experienced by

Aboriginal communities.
"The NLC understands this and I am heartened that you, the employers of the Northern Territory, are prepared to work



From left, General Manager of Bootu Creek Mark Laing, NLC Deputy Chair Samuel Bush-Blanasi, NLC Manager – Jobs and Career Services David Ross, and NLC Chair Wali Wunungmurra

with us to create real and sustainable jobs for Aboriginal people," Mr Wunungmurra said.

Another key accolade, the Partnership Award, went to the Indigenous Pastoral Program (IPP) which involves the NT Cattlemen's Association (NTCA), the NLC, the Central Land Council, the Indigenous Land Corporation, Charles Darwin University, Group Training NT, the NT Department of Primary Industry and the Federal Department of Employment, Education and Workplace

NTCA Executive Director Luke Bowen said that through a partnership approach, the cattle industry has provided jobs brought land back into production. helped Aboriginal people play a greater role in land management, and increased the number of cattle being turned off land in

the Territory.
"The cattle industry believes this is just common sense, at a time of acute skills shortages in the industry, but it also fulfills a moral obligation to help Aboriginal people find work on their own

#### Long way to go

Mr Bowen said that while there had been a major increase in Aboriginal people working on properties and a strong retention rate, the industry still had a long way to go and initiatives such as the IPP needed more support

including funding for mentors.

The NLC's employer awards were developed by the NLC's Jobs and Career Service (JACS) which was set up in 2000 to aid Indigenous people to get work related to the construction of the

Adelaide to Darwin railway. By the end of 2002, the NLC

had provided nationally accredited training to more than 200 people and placed more than 150 people

into jobs related to the project. Since that time, JACS has assisted more than 800 Aboriginal people into ongoing employment through direct referral and pre-employment courses and

Referring to new national job-creation targets initiated earlier this year by Andrew Forrest of Fortescue Metals, and later made policy by the Australian Government, Mr Wunungmurra said the NLC welcomed the move, because it means the Government and employers are willing to prepare Aboriginal people for work and to create real obs for our people

He said the NLC was committed to working in partnerships with government and industry to meet the national target - some 50,000 Aboriginal

men and women into private sector jobs within two years. "Overcoming the historic underspending of successive NT and Australian governments in Indigenous education and training is critical to providing job-ready Indigenous people into the luture,"

This must be achieved through a partnership approach."

#### Correction

Astory in the 5 November Aedition of The Koori Mail titled 'Youth detention crisis -Mansell' incorrectly stated that Criminology had prepared a report on youth in Australia. the Research Alliance for Children and Youth.

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## The art of good health





the skeleton, respiratory system, blood flow and the circulatory and renal system.

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DOCTORS are using traditional Indigenous art to teach Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory about essential body systems and

good health. Australia's poorest health

expectancy between Aboriginal men and other males.

And while the Rudd Government

has committed to closing the gap, service delivery and language barriers remain ongoing hurdles.

Health professionals from Oenpelli, near Kakadu National Park, are utilising local culture to reach residents of the remote community, ensuring they have an understanding not only of basic health

but also complicated conditions.

"The paintings are a form that the local people can understand and recognise," said GP Hugh Heggle from the Oenpelli Health Clinic on 7 November.

"It is much easier to explain complicated health conditions using pictures."

people in the community - their uncles and cousins – it then encourages discussion of the body systems," Dr Heggie said. He said patients took an interest in the

painting because they were able to identify immediately that they were from the area and painted by people they know.

mainstream doctors. This was due largely to their life experience hunting animals for

food.
"Given that organ systems are generally the same in all mammals, the artists understand the basics of hearts, kidneys and blood flow," he said.

nervous system and bones." The paintings – estimated to be worth between \$10,000 and \$20,000 locally and much more interstate – have also been photographed to be printed on posters and on other health

promotion material.

"We've included messages on them encouraging our clients to stop smoking and generally look after their bodies," Dr Heggie said. - AAP

#### 'It is much easier to explain complicated health conditions using pictures' - GP Hugh Heggie

Health Department and painted by artists from the Injalak Arts and Crafts Association from the Arnhem Land community, about 300km east of Darwin.

When they realise it's been painted by

"It's a perfect starting point to build the doctor-patient relationship...
"They are a fantastic tool to encourage

health discussion and promotion.

Dr Heggie said many of the artists had a more intricate knowledge of anatomy than

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### DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



### **4 Quote**



### 'We need an Obama, not a Rudd'

Tasmania's Michael Mansell commenting on the election of US President-elect Barack Obama (see page 13)

Unquote 7

### Leadership in all its glory

HIS has been a fortnight for leadership in all its forms and all its glory. First, we saw Barack Obama's inspiring victory in the United States presidential election.

The elevation of a black man to one of the most powerful positions in the world, trusting that he'll survive it, has brought real hope to some of the world's most disenfranchised peoples.

And it has been heartwarming to see – as evidenced by NLC Chairman Wali Wunungmurra's joy that Americans had elected 'a Yolngu guy' – that the 'Cuz' principle extends beyond just our own

Then, there was recognition in the form of the 2008 Sydney Peace Prize of one of Indigenous Australia's true champions, Patrick Dodson, who it is hoped, will now re-emerge onto the national scene.

His pivotal role in the Australian Dialogue forum launched late last month would signal as much, and we will all be richer for it.

Last week, we saw Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma deliver a well-crafted, diplomatic but rigorous speech appealing to the Federal Government to lift its game on the way it engages with Indigenous Australians. Based upon the feedback The Koori

Mail continues to receive about some very big reforms, from the NT rvention and CDEP to a national reo.



body, the Government will ignore such advice at its peril.

Not surprisingly, Federal Indigenous
Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin
disagreed with Mr Calma – albeit,
again, diplomatically, And another
impressive leader, Marcia Langton, came to the Minister's defence expressing some of her own frustrations

It could look as if we're in trouble with such strong and apparently

opposing views. But, notwithstanding the personal acrimony that can sometimes creep into these things, we actually think it augurs well for our future that a variety, a cacophony sometimes, of voices can be heard in our realm.

In more ways than is sometimes acknowledged, we're probably all closer

As Patrick Dodson astutely observed when asked about such differences of opinion: 'That's the strength of democracy. We live in a system where there are different points of view'.

Viva democracy!

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### A Yarn With...



#### Lee-Ann **Buckskin**

Arts Administrator/ **Event Producer** Adelaide, SA

Your favourite bush tucker?

Your favourite other food?

Your favourite drink? Sauvignon blanc (white wine)

Your favourite music?

Your favourite song? Night Moves by Bob Seger

Your favourite sport/leisure? Spending time in the garden.

Your favourite holiday destination?

What are you reading? Blood on the Wattle, by Bruce Elder.

What are you watching? Shameless, on SBS.

What is your greatest highlight in

Working out in the APY Lands. What do you like in life?

What do you dislike?

Who would you most like to meet

(US President-elect) Barack Obama because of the journey he has taken to get where he is.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?

My sister Jo, my uncle Graham and my mum Jennifer.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples? I would make Aboriginal studies and history compulsory in all educational facilities and workplaces.



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 Bliby www.stephenhagan.net and www.ngalgawarralu publishing.com.au/

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Confucius (551 BC - 479 BC), a Chinese social philosopher, once said: The expectations of life depend upon diligence; the mechanic that would perfect his work must first sharpen his tools."

OW'S this for a probable script for an epic movie on a grand colonial adventure scale?

Locations: Seaside community on the rugged east coast of Australia, lush rural plains of Germany and a New Zealand sprawling metropolis. Scene One: Attractive white

barmaid is seen having animated discussion (hot Irish temper) with an unknown black man in a rugged

an unknown black man in a rugged Australian archetypal seaside hotel Scene Two: A German (hero No 1) and Swiss (hero No 2) hotel patrons, on work visas doing seasonal fruit picking, comfort the damsel in distress

Scene Three: The attractive barmaid leaves her husband (black man involved in scene one) and travels to Adelaide then to Germany with (hero No 1) with her two children (daughter, aged five,

and son, seven). Now have I got your attention? Scene Four: The barmaid's daughter on reaching double figures silently ponders her wonderful olive complexion in the country of her stepfather as she masters the German language with distinction but fails her oral English

Scene Five; Six years after arriving in Germany the attractive barmaid packs her worldly possessions and returns to Adelaide with her German husband and family – including another daughter born whilst abroad. Scene Six: Attractive barmaid

later meets up with and marries hero No 2 (the Swiss fruit picker) who came to her comfort at the seaside hotel many years prior, who now becomes husband No 3. Drama plus – and there's more becomes Are were still tuned in?

to come! Are you still tuned in? Scene Seven: The eldest daughter, now 13, returns to the

# Story just waiting

seaside community of her biological father and discovers the missing pieces to her perplexing olive-skin puzzle when reunited with him and his mob.

Scene Eight: The eldest daughter puts herself through university, graduating with a double major in Economics (Accounting) and shapes an impressive work résumé in the public and private

Scene Nine: The eldest daughter ascends the corporate

ladder to an executive role managing a New Zealand-based company but continues to offer her professional skills on a voluntary basis to assist her biological father's community. Guess what - this is

not a fictitious movie script, but that of the life of Jo-Anne Campbell

I had the pleasure of catching up with Jo-Anne recently, who conceded over lunch, shared with her partner Terry and my wife Rhonda, that she was from an 'eclectic family which spans across Aboriginal, German, Scottish, Irish and Spanish cultures'

I discovered early on in our dialogue that her mother Daphne Jones, from Uralla in NSW, who she describes as being 'adventurous and very multicultural', was her beacon in life as they collectively navigated uncharted

Her mum was a free spirit who Jo-Anne said 'was unlucky in love', but compensated for that by being 'an extra protective and supportive mum to all us kids'.

Jo-Anne said her parents met on her father's (Graham 'Jack' Campbell) country: North Stradbroke Island, where she was working in the kiosk at Pt Lookout At the time of the infamous hotel altercation, her parents had been drifting apart and it took the compassion of a stranger to completely alter her course in life. In fact, the tall stranger with strong Germanic features literally steered her course in the general direction of northern Europe on a ship in 1973

During her time in Germany, Jo-Anne said she experienced 'white Christmases, fishing in the river, building cubby houses in trees, digging trenches, cooking potatoes from the field, living off the land, harvesting her own vegies and fruit for winter as well as keeping up regular visits to church'

When Jo-Anne returned to Adelaide in 1979, she said she had

went swimming, fishing, crabbing, boating and four-wheel driving all over the place

These were culturally enriching times for an impressionable young teenager who had no experience or recollections of stories handed down of her Aboriginality. But on this special visit her world standpoint would take on a whole new outlook when 'Dad told us stories of when he was growing up out at the Mission and then at One Mile - this is where our family

moved to when the Myora Mission was closed in 1941

"Our people (Nunukul) were not allowed to settle at the time in the township of Dunwich," she said

It wasn't until after her mother passed away in 1999 that her connection with her father became even stronger. Jo-Anne attributes her success and her diligence in the corporate world today to her mother's uncomplicated advice offered to her in her you want to do something you will find a way - if not, you will find an excuse.

Jo-Anne took her mother's advice literally to pave a successful pathway into the South Australian Treasury and Finance Department for 11 years, after graduating from Flinders University in 1992 with a double major in Economics

(Accounting). During her years in rious finance-related jobs with the Treasury and Finance Department Jo-Anne said she attended several breakfast sessions featuring esteemed public

Jo-Anne said the most notable of the famous speakers she heard was internationally renowned author Bryce Courtney.

"He inspired me to go after what you really want to do - not what other people want you to do," she

"I admired the risks that he took when he quit his high-flying job in

marketing to write his first novel. He explained that he went bankrupt once during this time due to knock-backs from publishing companies and moved into a little flat with his wife and continued to write and eventually was signed with a publisher

"I remember him swearing a lot and it was interesting to watch the reactions of the staid accountants in the room - I left this session convinced I needed a sea change after my 11-year tenure in the

"I became passionate during this time on Indigenous housing issues and future development of the sector – my job was varied and focused more on research and developing strategic directions for

"After six years as a consultant, I became disheartened working in Indigenous-specific organisations because I just wanted to do my job and add value, not get personally involved in the local drama and

"I could never achieve this utopia. I also found it too frustrating that all my hard work and efforts were not built upon because of politics, power, bullies and constant

movement in the community.
"I also believe this is why at times organisations are not able to attract participation by the younger generation because it's just not a safe learning environment and it is sale learning environment and it is not our way to question or challenge Elders in our community: the old managing in Two Worlds." Despite her sobering views on Indigenous politics, Jo-Anne volunteers her time as secretary of

the local Aboriginal housing company on Stradbroke Island because 'the directors' actions are within my ethical and moral standards - which is extremely important to me'

Jo-Anne started with Bos Medical Australia Pty Ltd in March 2005 and in months was promoted

to an executive position.

I have managed to surround myself with experienced and motivated staff who we have empowered to be self-managing," she said.

"I really enjoy being in this position of influence and responsibility. My role now allows me to combine all my training, experience and common sense for the success of the company.

"I enjoy coming up with creative and innovative solutions to issues that give the company a competitive edge over our opposition.

The public service's loss is definitely her employer's gain. Bosco Medical are suppliers of medical products (anaesthetic consumables, surgical tourniquets, resuscitators, blood-pressure cuffs. neonatal, paediatric and obstetric etc) all over Australia and offers discounts to community-controlled health organisations.

And as we helped ourselves to a second serving of beef vindaloo during lunch, Jo-Anne looked gleefully into her partner's eyes and added: "In my new job, Terry and I get to fly to New Zealand for meetings with the owners and Christmas parties - you don't get that in community or government."

For all you budding movie producers out there, this is a story just waiting to be filmed.

And, yep, Jo-Anne's mum would be very proud her eldest daughter took her advice: "If you want to do something, you will find a way – if not, you will find an excuse." Or as Confucius once said: The expectations of life depend upon

diligence; the mechanic that would perfect his work must first sharpen



Jo-Anne Campbell and partner Terry Kapeen.

to 'learn to read and write in English all over again' such was the ease with which she dispensed with her mother's tongue at an early age

"I'm sure German will come in handy in my future vocation down the track," were the pensive words of the fluent German speaker

The life-changing event that Jo-Anne speaks about with passion was the reunion with her biological father at 13 when 'Dad flew us up from Adelaide to the Gold Coast to spend the summer break with him on Stradbroke Island where we

## New Registrar is on the job

appointment as Registrar of the National Native Title Tribunal. My statutory responsibilities as Registrar

include assessing claimant applications for registration and maintaining registers for native title applications, native title determinations and Indigenous land use

In addition, I assist the President to manage the administrative affairs of the

One of my key initial objectives is to finalise, with my colleagues, the development of the Tribunal's new Strategic

This document will establish our priorities, strategic initiatives and targets for the next three years.

The plan will focus on the achievement

of excellence in service-delivery and

agreement making.

Another of my key objectives is to strengthen the Tribunal's relationships with

#### **Native Title** and You



By National **Native Title** Tribunal Registrar STEPHANIE FRYER-SMITH

all its clients and stakeholders

I look forward to the opportunity of meeting those clients and stakeholders at the earliest possible opportunity. In this way I hope to assist my

colleagues in responding to the needs and concerns of participants in Australia's

I come to the position of Registrar from an administrative position in the academic

Formerly, I was Dean International at the Curtin Business School, at WA's Curtin University of Technology. As Dean International, I was responsible for the strategic business development of the Business School's international program portfolio.

#### Legal issues

However, I also have a long-standing interest in Indigenous people and the law and I have written on a wide variety of Indigenous legal issues for more than 10

In August 2008, the second edition of my Aboriginal Benchbook for West Australian Courts was published. The Benchbook was designed to assist judicial officers deal with accused Aboriginal persons and Aboriginal witnesses in criminal trials.

aims to give effect to recommendations contained in the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (1991) final

Between 1999 and 2003 I held appointments in the West Australian District Registry of the Federal Court of Australia, including as Deputy District Registrer and Native Title Co-ordinator.

Prior to that, I was a legal academic specialising in property law, native title and criminal law. I have also been a solicitor in general practice.

As we approach 2009, important challenges for proceedings under the Native Title Act lie ahead, including foreshadowed legislative amendments.

Against this dynamic and exciting background, I look forward to assisting all stakeholders, internal and external, to identify and implement positive, enduring solutions to native title and related

#### Our time is Looking to coming T'S that time again when end-of-year celebrations are starting to be held. I've recently attended one and, of course, I just had to tell you mob about it. believe it! So there I was with a

ELLO, back again for another column. And what an exciting two weeks it has been nationally and

I'm slowly starting to find myself reading international articles in recent months which is a bit of a change for me since I usually only really read The Koori Mail and my daily newspaper to see what time I play touch football and check the weather for the

But I have been watching and paying much attention to the United States election, which I'm sure many people in this country were - in particular the Aboriginal population.

Honestly, ten years ago who would have thought that an African American man would be elected as President of the United States of America? I certainly didn't! I was thinking the most that a black was going to get in politics was to be a senator or maybe

I feel guilty saying that, but I'm sure I was not the only person to think that, considering the social situation of African Americans at that particular time in history.

In saying that, I'm so glad that I have been proven wrong and that there is now a black man in power a black man with the final say.

However, when writing this column I thought to myself, at the end of the day is it all about power? Stupid question I guess; politics is always about



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power and who the chief is.

But as Barack Obama is now the man with the power, the final say, the Chief, what is he going to do?

With the news reports that I have seen, Senator Obama is not even in the White House and he has already got significant issues that he plans on addressing as soon as he is given the key. Obviously the global economic situation, but also the war in Iraq is high on his agenda.

I'm not going to talk too much about the future plans of the President, even though it is important. I want to discuss

history and how black people all over the world have struggled and continue to struggle but how significant Senator Obama's appointment to the highest position of power and authority is. On 5 November, as I sat with

my aunty and her friend on the front veranda with a cup of tea it was an historic day. A day for celebration, a day of relief, a day that had been coming for a long time and a day that will and should always be remembered.

I have always been an optimist in believing that equality will happen within our country. But now I am more encouraged and empowered as an Aboriginal woman in believing that equality will be achieved in my life time.

We will not have 20 years less life expectancy than non-Indigenous Australians; and we will not be incarcerated at a rate ten times higher than the general population.

Our children will not reach only Year Seven or Eight in their education. And their lives will not be dictated by domestic and family abuse, substance abuse and discrimination.

This is what we deserve. We have stood up for our rights. So many have dedicated their lives to improving our well-being and

presence in this country.

We've endured hardship and suffered horrific loss, but times are changing.

I really believe our time is coming in this country.

# a lovely '09

good friend, enjoying the free feed and catching up with ex-colleagues. I was yarning to this guy that I've known for a few years and always liked.

He is really nice, very quiet and is the kind of person who only says something when they have something important to say.

He doesn't talk for the sake of hearing his own voice. I've decided that these gems are my kind of guy quiet gems who listen to all my yarns!

Anyhoo back to my stories so there I was yarning up to this fulla 'cos I was genuinely interested in finding out about his family and community.

My friend was sitting next to me so I was including her in our conversation. You know, like saying to her 'Don't you know people down there?' and 'Isn't that project interesting?"

Eventually my friend got up to go and talk to someone else, so I was left talking with this fulla. Excellentel My chance to yarn one-on-one! No good, a few token minutes later he got up to leave ... to go and crash on my friend's conversation!

To cut a long story short, I eventually found out (using the old 'get another sista to talk to his mate' trick) that the guy was interested in my friend and he thought I was giving them a hand to hook

Hmm. I never thought you could be hooking people up without knowing it! In the future I'll try and be a bit more



obvious in my intentions and say things like 'You like bread rolls too? Wow! Just like me! So you want me or what? You

like bread rolls for breakfast?'
At least they'll know I'm
interested as they are running

for the door! Ahh, fun times. Well you mob, this is my last column of 2008. It's been last column of 2008. It's been another great and exciting year for me. I've been going out more and meeting heaps of new people even though I didn't meet The One.

I'll continue to get out more and put my tender little heart on the line 'cos you never.

on the line 'cos you never know what's gonna happen. 2009 may be the year. Gotta live in hope or crawl into a corner, hey! So here's to 2009. I hope

it's the year I meet my nice, quiet, hard-working, kind, generous, no children, under 35-years-old, car licence-holding, bread roll eating, independent blackfulla

love of my life!

And I'll keep you all updated about my travels in

my columns, you lucky things.
Have a safe, happy and
love-filled holiday season.
Be kind and see you in

February '09.

## YOUR SAY

On the subject of NT invervention, Sharon Livermore, of Kempsey, writes on Page 24: "It would seem, having gained control of the land, silenced the communities, and destroyed their fragile economic bases, we will tarry in ignorance until the greatest shame of a nation becomes history and another chapter of black armband history is revealed."

## No confidence in Queensland judicial system

THE recent sentencing of Lex Wotton for inciting a riot on Palm Island to seven years imprisonment can only lead to a total lack of confidence in the Queensland justice system by anyone with a concern for Justice.

There is not even a glimmer of concern from the Queensland Government for the outcome. The offender is black – jail. The

police are white - medals for bravery. Which

State-supported racism is alive and well in Queensiand, but statesmanship is a word from a foreign language.

"Whatever the justification, society cannot accept that this (riot) was an appropriate response," the judge said. Some of us prefer to disagree.

COL FRIEL



A protester at a rally in Brisbane on 1 November. Protesters called for Indigenous justice and the release of Lex Wotton.

Picture: David Williams

#### **POETRY**

#### We are Aboriginal

We are Aboriginal It not only comes from the colour of our skin

It not only comes from the shape

Or it not only comes from the size of our families

It comes from within Within our hearts Within the spirit inside of us

As long as we have our people, To keep us strong and connected As long as we have our mother

The reason we are here, to maintain and protect her, As long as we have the sun, The one that gives us life, We will forever exist.

We are the oldest living culture How can anyone take that away? As long as you have that spirit strong inside, As long as you maintain and protect our mother

We were taught to respect, We were taught to listen We were taught to love All part of being Aboriginal, Proud, strong and knowledgeable All skills our Elders possess.

No one can take that away?

The times we spend together Our spirits unite as one Keep the spirit alive, Keep the culture alive Keep who we are Alive Strong, proud Aboriginal people

> **DIANNA NEWMAN** Blackalls Park, NSW

#### Sunrise at Sea

Shafts of sunlight Explode through the grey I tremble with astonishment At the birth of this day,

From the southern seas Scars my face With its honesty

I whisper my gratitude And hope it is heard Then move my attention To the flight of a bird.

A lone seagull floats Atop the breeze Looking down at the world

Shimmering seas Majestic mountains Cloaked in green.

Why do we destroy What's given for free? is a question that Eternally puzzles me.

> JONATHAN HILL Old Erowal Bay, NSW

### Overseas support for Lex Wotton

PARTICIPANTS travelled from near and far to attend Radical Women's 41st anniversary conference 'The Persistent Power of Socialist Feminism' held in San Francisco earlier this month. I was one of them. We came from Australia, Costa Rica, Mexico and right across the US.

Ranging in age from 18 to 87, we all shared a sense of urgent responsibility to reverse the misery enveloping humanity worldwide

We convened in the midst of the imploding economic crisis. The result – concrete action plans to strengthen women's leadership in the social movements, to build united fronts with other committed activists, and to foster solidarity among working people across the globe.

International perspectives reverberated throughout the conference. Greetings from workers, feminist and youth groups came from Argentina, Guatemala, El Salvador, Brazil, Costa Rico, Mexico and Cuba. The Young Unionists Network and the Indigenous Socialist Justice Association were amongst those sending greetings from



Chicana-Apache woman Christina Lopez addresses the recent Radical Women's 41st anniversary conference in San Francisco, where letter-writer Alison Thorne says support was expressed for Lex Wotton. Photo by Alison Thorne

Seattle Radical Women president Christina López motivated immigrant women to light the fires of resistance, a major policy resolution of the conference.

A Chicana-Apache, López exposed the harsh impact of US immigration policies on women and children and heralded the leadership of migrant women fighting for the right to survive

around the world. Radical Women members voted unanimously to step up defence of immigrants and to send López on a speaking tour to address these critical issues.

A panel of Asian American, Black and Chicana/Latina

members spoke on the galvanising impact of multiracial organising in a society divided by racism.

New York City president of Radical Women, Emily Woo Yamasaki emphasised that the group, since its founding in 1967, has fiercely defended its fundamental political position that there could be no revolutionary change without the leadership of women of colour. How to teach and practice this made for riveting discussion.

The conference agreed to send resolutions of support and solidarity to political prisoners including Mumia Abu-Jamal, Marilyn Buck, and Leonard Peltier in the United States, and Lex Wotton here in Australia. I was proud to move the resolution in support of Lex Wotton.

Participants applauded activists from all around Australia who were protesting outside the court that weekend to demand all charges against Wotton be dropped. The conference has since sent a message of support to Lex Wotton and an urgent appeal to Queensland Premier, Anna Bligh, demanding Wotton be freed.

In solidarity

**ALISON THORNE** Radical Women Melbourne, Vic

### **Keeping Your Say short and sweet**

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this will increase your chances of being published

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## Greatest shame POETRY of this country

THE fatal flaw of the Northern Territory invasion was the flimsy justification for this action. We had been led to believe that the Little Children are Sacred report was an alert to a nation of wholesale paedophilia rings which were going on unchecked and which required immediate intervention from

Intervention took the form of invasion of Aboriginal lands and the suspension of the permit system.

The subsequent quarantining of incomes, thereby increasing control of any small economic power the people had seemed to raise no eyebrows among the moral majority who tut-tutted all the way to wherever, thanking God for a government that

It would seem whenever government becomes involved in the rights of children, the only ones who suffer are the children. The record of the Department of Community Services (DoCS) and similar organisations bears witness to the ineptitude and ulterior motives of any form of government involving itself in family life.

As a whole, families are seldom supported and generally, to the contrary, they are simply torn apart. The state of families is the direct result of poor government. While saying sorry and feeling sorry is all very well, at the end of the day recognition that these perpetrators, many of whom are still alive today were criminals, is still to come. There is no evidence to suggest that tanks would ever roll onto their

The state of the Territory settlements and camps is a reproach to the white Australian Government who punished the descendants of Wave Hill and similar stations for daring to want to be paid for their labour by unceremoniously doing away with their services.

As many of their homelands were very obviously now stations that became run by family groups who worked for - guess what - nothing. Unless the family farm was turning over a profit, the backbone of the industry found itself in camps as always on the 'tip edges' of townships that dared to declare them 'satellite suburbs'

At least even on the stations there were living quarters for the men. There has never been sufficient details released to the general public over the Territory invasion and updates etc are minimal.

It would seem, having gained control of the land, silenced the communities, and destroyed their fragile economic bases, we will tarry in ignorance until the greatest shame of a nation becomes history and another chapter of black armband history is

Any nation could declare war on its own people who were in reality a handful of old men and women and children and disillusioned and drug-soaked teens is an atrocity of the highest order.

Australia had better wake up soon and realise that all life is sacred and that little children are after all the dreaming and promise for the future of the real victims here, the adults who now have lost control of their own lives.

> SHARON LIVERMORE Kempsey, NSW

#### Poem

She sits, just so Watching a solitary fly crawl on the edges of the eyes of her child.

The men in the camouflage jackets are checking teeth today.

She draws circles in the dust And wonders when there will

To tell the little ones A story.

There is no money for milk today And the shop is too far away The one that takes the vouchers And the tea is gone

Young man is still Sneaking off to sniff his glue, And the baby is sniffing too With a head cold

The clinic lady saw her vesterday But she still had a cold. No one will take her bush For medicine

The tourists don't come much Anymore to buy Beads and her yarns So there is no money For petrol

She worries about her dreaming place And the place where she Was born on a cold Desert night

She heard a yarn that they wanted To put poison there But no one spoke in lingo And the old people Didn't understand

The old people worry too. They put their mark On a piece of paper given by the white man But that was moons ago And now!

Someone said that this meant they could and would destroy her birthing place, But that's not what was said When she made her mark.

She would like to paint this story So others would know how she feels But who will buy the painting If the tourists don't return.

She's singing now, an old

song On the summer breeze An old song with new words And all the time she's singing She hopes there are people

Somewhere, anywhere, that still listen when you sing.

Can anybody hear the cry?

SHARON LIVERMORE Kempsey, NSW

#### **Tribute to Kevin** 'Mogo Man' Smith

It was on a flight My first plane ride A journey to Cairns It was my first meeting, with cousins and friends I was a shy boy, only nineteen, travelling alone.

#### (CHORUS)

Mogo Man, the Mogo Man, he has travelled a lot in this land, hard and honest, gentle and kind, known to all miss you a lot, the Mogo Man, now he rests on Mogo hill, in his plot.

This hard faced man, introduced

My name is Kevin and what's your

I told I'm here for the games then I told him my name I'm pleased to meet you with a smile on his face, Put out his hand. You're right with

Where are you from, was what he

The North Coast is where I hail Who's your people he wanted to

Bene Roberts my mum, brother he Your mother and mine are old

drinking friends You're right with me follow my way With that smile on his face You're here to stay.

#### Chorus

He acted and sang, entertained us

Whoever crossed him, would surely fall. He opened doors, open my life,

opened my eyes Gave me sight, this hard man was my brother for life, the Mogo Man

was a tricky sight. Kevin could charm a woman, on

any side of town Thou he never boasted, they were always smellin' around He could speak like Shakespeare Words of a poetic clown Roared like a lion, you knew he wasn't messing around Senses sharp as razors, Smithy

would knock 'em down.

He loved a drink and smoke and always a new joke. Walking tall head held high, no one could fill his shoes When he dressed up for a night on He could dazzle Sinatra to silly

Oh black ass we miss you still will come and see you up on

I remember when the smack came Kevin met them and slapped them

Black ass said we don't need this, we are already down We don't need Harry in our town

Kevin was hard Meant what he said Told the truth, always had a bed Now he's gone, we miss him a lot He now rests on his Mogo Plot.

LEE COMBO West Kempsey, NSW



Protesters at a rally calling for an end to the intervention in the Northern Territory. Sharon Livermore writes that the intervention was an invasion of Aboriginal lands. She says that any nation that declares war on its own people... is an atrocity of the highest order.

### Government hypocrisy over invasion

THE Howard Government started the Northern Territory invasion and Rudd is continuing to intervene in the lives of Aboriginal communities in the NT, but they failed to call white families who abused their children.

Does this course of action suggest that white people do not abuse children? Or is the abuse simply to be treated as acceptable because they are white? Do white people have rights over their children that Aboriginal people are not entitled to?

We've heard so much about 'high numbers' of child abuse in NT Aboriginal communities. I wonder about the reality of how the statistics compare for sexual abuse for white people, including church groups and misconduct of teachers abusing their power with students?

It is probable there will be another apology in the future. We'll have to fight for that too. Aborigines continue to being treated like second-class citizens on our own land due to race.

It's 2008 and Aborigines are trying to survive another invasion.

SARA MAYNARD Tasmania

## Youth behaviour going wrong way

Aboriginal readers of The Koori Mail, as they and myself view the many stories on the television and in newspapers that relate to our youth

rampages, violence and bad behaviour. They, as well as myself, must remember those many Aboriginal church conferences run by dear Pastor Frank Roberts Snr, of Lismore, which he, as the evangelist preached, up and down the east coast of NSW to many of our large Aboriginal populated areas, when hundreds flocked to hear this great preacher of his day. Uncle Frank, as many of us younger folk called him, reminded me of another great evangelist – Martin Luther King of

Both these great men had more or less talked of things to come in our time. Martin Luther King said the American Negro folk would overcome one day. Now we've seen an American Negro win the leadership of America.

When Pastor Frank Roberts spoke about the trouble times, was he talking about our troubled youth of today?

these highly respected coloured men, as I view the situation of our young folk

Pastor Roberts often referred to the Scripture when he spoke about violence that he said would take place

Was he predicting that we would one day see the outbreak of violence, such as what is happening?

I believe he was quoting scripture that had been recorded ages ago, as those writers had perhaps witnessed

such violence in their day.

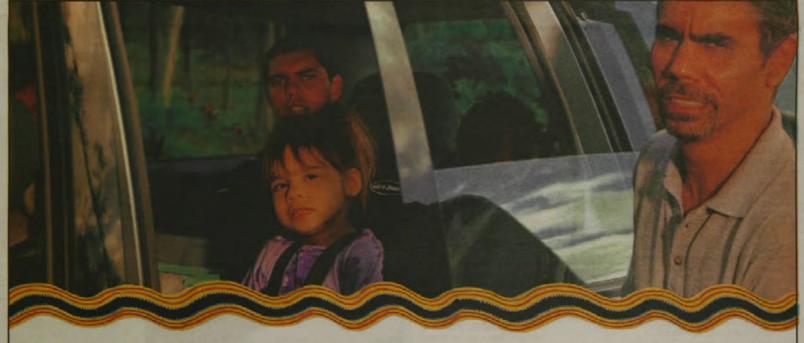
Can we expect much more to come as folk go on a rampage – destroying other folks' property? I ask myself: Are we at the end time that Pastor Roberts ked about in his many talks?

I hope these few thoughts will in some way help our young folk to stop awhile before entering into such a dangerous area. Outrage or lack of discipline can cause heartbreak for the parents and relatives who love ther

> LES RIDGEWAY **Bonney Hills, NSW**



LES RIDGEWAY



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I Elaroo Avenue

La Perouse NSW 2036

**Bring the mob home safely** 



## No recognition POETRY Untitled of forced labour

SOLOMON Islanders were 'black-birded' and brought to Australia in chains to work in the cane fields in far north Queensland and yet there has not been any recognition of their forced labour. There is no housing or communal hall for

them to get together and yet all the other black

migrants who come to Australia are able to get

This is a black injustice and I want people to know these facts because my grandmother Charlotte Olives was from the Malayta family of Ayr, in far north Queensland.

descendants of these people, let your voices be

**CLAIRRENCE GROGAN** 

### **Politicians** must pull together

AFTER regularly watching Federal Parliamentary Question Time on ABC TV, I often feel uncomfortably embarrassed by the conflicting nature of the interplay between members of the Government and members of the Opposition. I'm concerned that many politicians are

losing respect from the wider community through the kinds of behaviour that are being demonstrated at times in Parliament

I strongly propose that both the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition, along with their teams, set a better example for everyone, and co-operate to change the name and intent of the Opposition Party to Co-operation Party.

Opposition' breeds confrontation, fighting, hostility, resistance, quarreling, bitterness, spite, win/lose results, animosity, disharmony, wastefulness and disunity whereas 'co-operation' enhances goodwill, constructive debate, trust, support, oneness, consensus, collaboration, compatibility, co-ordination, win/win results, harmony, unity and good

This positive, optimistic approach will help bring about a significant attitude improvement, leading to better government and more creative and productive management of our human and natural resources. It will help us all deal more effectively with solving the many and various social, environmental and economic problems in our world today.

One of the results that we can reasonably expect from this change in attitude and philosophy would be a restored respect for each and every

With intelligence from enlightened political scientists, combined with full community participation, an improved system of government for Australia's State, Territory and Federal parliaments could be developed, based on unity and co-operation instead of opposition. Please Prime Minister and Opposition

Leader, be bold and enlightened 'now-age' co-operators and ensure that this innovative proposal be adopted and developed for legislation and

implementation as soon as possible.

If and when this idea is implemented, it would be an excellent example for other nations to follow towards increasing global co-operation, world unity, peace, and better

FRANKLIN M C SCARF

### Alison Page's jewellery range a collaboration

CONGRATULATIONS on the inspirational story on Aboriginal architect Alison Page and her current interest in precious jewellery (Koori Mail, 5 November 2008).

Alison's personal success and her story are undoubtedly the type of positive, life-affirming pieces which should be seen more often in newspapers everywhere, rather than the constant doom and gloom which causes despair rather than hope.

However, I would like to point out an error of omission in the story

The Diamond Dreaming range of wellery is not, in fact, Alison's range but a collaboration between Alison and our company, Mondial Neuman

Knowing Alison as I do and having heard her talk about the range on numerous occasions, I would be surprised if she did not make this clear during conversation with your journalist. As such, you have a full page article,

featuring our jewellery without ever once mentioning our name, or crediting us in

Alison has always said that the collaboration between her Indigenous culture and our non-Indigenous business is such an important aspect of the range, and in fact, part of the inspirational message she wants to get out to other Kooris

Could you correct this error of omission in an otherwise excellent

MICHAEL NEUMAN **Mondial Neuman Jewellers** Sydney, NSW

 EDITOR'S NOTE: The omission of Mondial Neuman Jewellers' integral involvement in the 'Diamond Dreaming' range of jewellery was unintentional. We apologise for this oversight.



#### HAVE YOU HAD A POEM PUBLISHED IN THE KOORI MAIL?

Have you published a poem in The Koori Mail?

If you have been published in The Koori Mail then it will have been indexed in the AustLit database:

www.austlit.edu.au
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you can't yet be listed in the Black Words: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Writers and Storytellers subset until AustLit receives more

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Please email your details to
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- Date of birth
- Please specify if
   Aboriginal and / or Torres
   Strait Islander
- Aboriginal nation /
  language group (if known)
   A brief biography of yourself including your

professional information and

professional information and your interest in writing

A digital photo of yourself for the website would also be appreciated

To have a look at AustLit and Black Words go to www.austlit.edu.au and when prompted use the following prompted use the following access details: User name: bwkm

Password: guest And keep on writing!

#### Untitled

I'M an old man now, but remember 42 years ago. The Prime Minister of Australia Kevin Rudd said sorry to our nation. I will be moving to sky and become a pelican flying across our nation's coasts. My grandson has learned all I have to teach him and his Elders have and wisdom. He is ready to go through law and become a powerful Indigenous man. They will be back soon with a feed for an old fella like me. I have put my order in with the lads and can just taste that snapper

I'm too old to fish now, but the boys know these waters well. The ocean is alive with fish and I have never seen so many fish caught (just like in the old people's days). I have to make sure my better half and the girls have harvested enough abalone and lobster from the rock pools at low tide

The fishery is alive again from Aboriginal management and restocking; now it looks after itself again supplying our people with culture and food. Take that basket and we'll harvest some pippies and I'll tell you a story.... (The old man laughs but you can see time has weakened his physical strength).

Don't you smoke young'un. I will pass young on, I will pass young compared to all our old people living over 100, We eat seafood all week which we know keeps our mob healthy. Even if the ocean is angry, mum can make a pippi curry when we get bags of them at low tide. It is funny that non-Indigenous Australian calls me Uncle in respect respected even by the supermarket checkout girls at Woolworths. I wish the old people that have passed could have felt so welcome and valued in their country.

We are now united together as one people. with our nation, land waterways and sea only to advance our Indigenous landscape in Australia. Our future through traditional culture has brought the nations together as one people.

The old man passed away, but every time I fish, I feed the pelican's

ADAM BRADY

## **Church restored**



ITS façade is immortalised on the Australian \$50 note, alongside the smiling profile of one of Aboriginal Australia's most revered sons.

David Unaipon.
Now the historic church in the
South Australian community of
Raukkan has had a facelift – and one that honours the local

one that noncors the local Ngarrindjeri people. The Aborigines Friends Association built the church in 1868 when Raukkan was the former Point McLeay Aboriginal Mission, but it had deteriorated to a point where it could no longer be used where it could no longer be used safely for services or other community events such as weddings, funerals, baptisms and Anzac Day memorials.

However, the limestone and timber church was re-opened on 31 October after extensive conservation works, including a

conservation works, including a new roof, windows, replacement wiring, stonemasonry, drainage work and restoration of the bell wer, skirting and pews. A feature of the work was the replication of a stained glass window installed in

1925 in memory of four Ngarrindjeri Anzacs from Raukkan. Community Elder Liz Rigney cut the ribbon at the re-opening, and declared herself honoured to be

"I was born here, I was christened in this church, I was married in this church and I hope one day this is where I'm gonna be put to rest," she later told ABC TV.

put to rest," she later told ABC TV.
Federal Indigenous Affairs
Minister Jenny Macklin and
Environment and Heritage Minister
Peter Garrett congratulated the
local community on the re-opening.
Ms Macklin said the church had
an important place in Australia's
history, particularly for its
connection to Indigenous
Australians.

Australians

The church is not only an historical icon in the community, it is also significant to the people of Raukkan for its presence during the years of the Aboriginal Mission and as a memorial for local Ngarrindjeri Anzacs," she said.

#### Importance

In recognition of its importance to Australia's heritage, the Australian Government contributed almost \$240,000 towards the amost \$240,000 towards the restoration of the church, with almost \$180,000 coming from the Indigenous Heritage Program under a Shared Responsibility Agreement (SRA) with the community.

Mr Garrett said the restoration project was an example of the

project was an example of 'the positive results that can be achieved through this program, which encourages communities, local organisations and governments to work together to

preserve our important heritage'.
Ngarrindjeri man David Unaipon,
who invented an improved handpiece for shearing and a centrifugal
motor, came from Raukkan.



Raukkan's historic community church, before (above) and after its recent makeover. Photos courtesy of FaHCSIA



#### Oxford Uni is offering two scholarships

DRESTIGIOUS Oxford University post-graduate scholarships to Indigenous Australians in the hope of inspiring new Aboriginal leaders. Oxford Chancellor Lord Chris

Pattern announced on 7 November that the university would offer the two scholarships from 2010.

Oxford, which has undertaken a \$2.9 billion worldwide fundraising drive, is working with the Charlie Perkins Trust for Children and Students to develop the post-graduate

Mr Perkins, an activist and former head of the Commonwealth Department of Aboriginal Affairs, was the first Indigenous Australian to graduate from university.

Lord Patten said Oxford had a responsibility to encourage diversity in its student body.

Former Australian prime ministers John Gorton, Malcolm Fraser and Bob Hawke were Oxford graduates.

Hawke were Oxford graduates.
Victorious 1999 Australian World
Cup Rugby Union player and Oxford
graduate Joe Roff said it was critical
Indigenous Australians had role
models from every field.
"This scholarship is going to allow
Aboriginal students ... a chance to do
what (US President-elect) Barack
Obama has just done," he said.
"We've seen with (Prime Minister)

"We've seen with (Prime Minister) Kevin Rudd that we're just taking the first steps in really embracing and being proud of our Indigenous culture, which is the oldest living culture in the world." - AAP



### Song, Dance and Ceremony from Across the World .....

#### **Traditional Welcome to Country Ceremony**

Aborigines Advancement League, 2 Watt Street Thornbury, Sunday 7 December, 10am – 7,30pm

Café, Food Stalls and an Indigenous Market

Traditional Welcome by Representatives of the Kulin Nation

International Delegate Responses

Tjimba and the Yung Warriors

Peter Rotumah

Lou Bennett and the Sweet Cheeks

#### **Closing Ceremony Concert**

Rod Laver Arena

Thursday 11 December, 7pm - 11.30pm

World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education

\$15 Single and \$30 Family ticket, available through Ticketek

Hosted by Sean Choolbura

One Fire Dancers' Handover Ceremony

**Kev Carmody** 

Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter

Illana Atkinson

Tjimba and the Yung Warriors





Uncle Jim Stanley and school Principal Leon Stanley.

## **Great start for kids**

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



A FATHER-and-son team at Kaurna Plains School in South Australia is working to ensure local Aboriginal kids receive a healthy and filling start to their day.

The school, in the northern suburb of Elizabeth, has run a breakfast club for its students for some years but recently became the first metropolitan Indigenous school in SA to have its program backed by the Australian Red Cross.

Local Elder and breakfast club convenor Uncle Jim Stanley and school Principal Leon Stanley - who happens to be Jim's son - say an average of 50 children take part in the breakfast club

each morning.
The initiative, which has a focus on healthy eating and good old-fashioned manners, was officially launched last Wednesday through the aid agency's community nutrition program

### Breakfast club helping aurna Plains students

The idea is to provide breakfast for children who might otherwise go without, while at the same time encouraging good social skills and pointers for healthy

Students are not only directly involved in the preparation of their breakfast, they take responsibility for the cleaning up afterwards and, as an added incentive, receive reward tickets for their good behaviour during the morning and throughout their school day.

Uncle Jim, who has spent much of the past 20 years in education and worked with the late Charlie Perkins around the time of the 1965 Freedom Ride, says he

has noticed a great change in the students since the program's inception.

"It's their behaviour and attitude to each other and teachers," he said. "When first came here, the kids would all be fighting, but I've seen that really quieten down. They respect each other.

"And they'd get tired. Some would have to go to the sick bay to go to sleep but that has slowed down too."

The children's respect and cheeky fondness for Uncle Jim is clearly evident throughout the morning breakfast rush, where lines of students eagerly await their turn and share jokes with him before rushing back to the playground

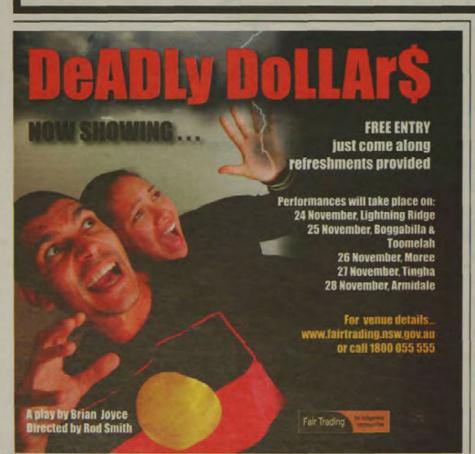
Some local parents recently completed training in kitchen and food preparation and occupational health and safety, and these volunteers will assist Jim co-ordinate the busy breakfast club.

With Jim's own brood of six children, 35 grandchildren, six great grandchildren and another on the way, he'll surely be

grateful for the support.
Principal Stanley says he has also
noticed a new eagerness in the students since they started preparing their own

breakfast with their peers.
It is estimated that up to 40 per cent of It is estimated that up to 40 per cent of Australian children go to school each day without breakfast, with figures likely to be higher in some Indigenous communities. Skipping this meal greatly affects the concentration and energy levels of students during class and is linked to obesity in children.

Red Cross financial and training support has given the Kauma Plains School program long-term viability. The agency hopes its success can be repeated throughout the State





#### Correction – Violet Shea

IN our 22 October edition, a story on a recent screening of the historic film Lousy Little Sixpence at the Campbelltown Art Centre in Sydney referred incorrectly to

Violet Shea as Violet Shaw, Violet was one of five stolen children who told their stories in this important documentary. We apologise for this error

## Muru Mittigar celebrates its

By MAHALA STROHFEDLT



MURU MITTIGAR'S cultural co-ordinator Rav Hammond has seen a lot of changes in his six years at the Aboriginal

cultural centre in western Sydney's

Castlereagh.

But by far the most significant and, he says, rewarding are the contributions the centre is making in providing a glimpse into Darug culture and being able to effect change in people through increased understanding of Aboriginal

This month Muru Mittigar celebrates ten years of service to the Indigenous and non-Indigenous community and Mr Hammond says its success has come largely from the dedication of the 36 employees who take pride and ownership in their work for the community, with a large percentage of the centre's workforce being Aboriginal

Mr Hammond said numerous employment opportunities had been created by and at the centre since its establishment, which benefitted local Aboriginal families in Western Sydney. The centre runs the local Community

Development Employment Program (CDEP) and attempts to create a more culturally friendly and supportive environment for its participants

Other diverse ventures include a native plant nursery of rare and endangered species, bush tucker and wetland plants

#### Played large role

Mr Hammond said the centre had played a large role in rejuvenating the land from environmental damage and aimed to provide culturally appropriate bushland management strategies. He said community members had

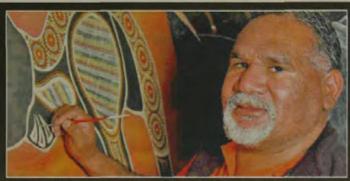
the opportunity to reconnect to the land and care for country through the centre's program, with a focus on training local people with relevant skills.

Aboriginal cultural tours and

educational activities are yet another important aspect of the centre's business, and their success in this area was recognised with their win in the 2006 NSW Tourism Awards for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism and again in the same year with the Qantas Australian Tourism Award

For now, though, it's time for the team at Muru Mittigar to let their hair down and celebrate their achievements with the community. An art exhibition last week featuring works by John Boney and other artists kickstarted the

## success





 ABOVE: Artist John Boney is one of the featured artists in an art exhibition opened at Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural Centre last week.

- LEFT: Didgeridoos hand-crafted and painted by artists at Muru Mittigar.
- BELOW: Hand-made Indigenous artefacts at Muru Mittigar



anniversary celebrations.
This will be followed by a free community open day this Sunday 23 November and will include a full line-up of family-friendly events like bush tucker tours, traditional weapon making and boomerang throwing.

Muru Mittigar Café will be serving up

a special menu of treats, including

kangaroo and emu snags. Mr Hammond said Muru Mittigar hopes to continue to support the community and foster understanding of culture as long as there is a need, and perhaps be around to celebrate its twentieth anniversary in ten year's time.

### Home near home for children



set up in north to house

Aboriginal children while abuse claims

children while abuse claims are being investigated.
Queensland Child Safety Minister Margaret Keech said that child protection group ACT for Kids had been granted \$3.53 million a year for the next three

years to run the centres.

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The centres – at
Aurukun, Kowanyama,
Pormpuraaw and Weipa –
would provide residential
care and professional
therapy and support for
children while authorities
investigated child safety
concerns in their families.
Until now, children from
the remote communities

the remote communitie have had to be sent to

The SafeKIDS centres

will provide temporary protection and support until it is either safe to return to the family or long-term care can be arranged.

House parents will be employed from within local communities and offered

training.

Local Indigenous Elders will be invited to be role

**ACT for Kids Chief** Executive Len Bytheway said he was confident the

"It was the Traditional Owners who called for these facilities to be built, and they stand side-by-side

and they stand side-by-side with us as equal partners in this project," he said. The buildings, which are being constructed off-site, are expected to arrive in the communities in mid-2009. mid-2009.

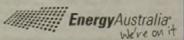
But parts of the project will start in the next few months. -AAP

#### Notice of Aboriginal Consultation at Kurri Kurri

An Aboriginal heritage assessment is proposed for an electricity easement to the north of Kurri Kurri.

Local Aboriginal parties wishing to be consulted for this assessment are invited to register a written expression of their interest by Wednesday 3 December 2008 by fax to (02) 9320 6428, by email to

Christopher.Langeluddecke@austmus.gov.au or by post to: Attn: Christopher Langeluddecke Australian Museum Business Services (AMBS)6 College Street, Sydney NSW 2010



#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We invite applications from people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools. These positions are available only to Aboriginal people.

Vacancies currently exist at the following schools:

#### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lightning Ridge Central School

#### SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER

- Chifley College Mount Druitt Campus
- · Lightning Ridge Central School

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au

Closing date for applications is Friday 5 December 2008.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be





centennial park moore park queens park

#### Call for Nominations for Centennial Parklands

#### **Community Consultative Committee**

The Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust is required to operate a Community Consultative Committee. The Committee's role is to represent the community by providing advice on visitor services policy and prospective new services, as well as assisting in the development and evaluation of service standards.

Applicants for this committee must be able to

- a strong commitment to Centennial Parklands;
   an ability to communicate with a variety of community groups and individuals that have an interest in Centennial
- Parklands; and a commitment to Centennial Parklands' diversity of values and stakeholder views.

Nominations are sought from suitable candidates to fill three vacancies on the Committee. Indigenous people with a recognised affinity with Centennial Parklands are encouraged to apply.

For more information on the Community Consultative Committee and to obtain an application form or contact

- by phone: (02) 9339 6699;
- by email: coc@centennistparklands.com.au:
   in person: Parklands Office in Centennial Park (behind the Café) between 8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to
- or visit www.centennialparklands.com.au/ccc

Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday

### **Volumes offer new hope for languages**



publishers hope to make meaningful contributions to Aboriginal

language research and revitalisation with the launch of three volumes of work, funded by the NSW Government

Muurrbay Aboriginal Language and Culture Co-operative and Many Rivers Aboriginal Language Centre have launched Steve Morelli's Gumbaynggirr Bijaarr

Jandaygam, Ngaawa Gugaarrigam: Gumbaynggirr Dictionary and Learner's Grammar, and Barriyala: Let's Work. Gumbaynggirr Language Student Work Books by Julie

A handbook of Aboriginal Languages of NSW and the Australian Capital Territory by Jim Wafer, Amanda Lissarrague and Jean Harkins is the final offering to come from the group of traditional language enthusiasts.

The handbook cites NSW as the first part of Australia to be colonised and, as a consequence, written records of the State's Indigenous languages date over 200 years. The body of linguistic information that has accumulated over that period is considerable, and the handbook attempts to distil this information in a way that makes it more accessible to the community.

According to the NSW Aboriginal Languages Research and Resource Centre, language is fundamental in ensuring culture is maintained and communities are strengthened.

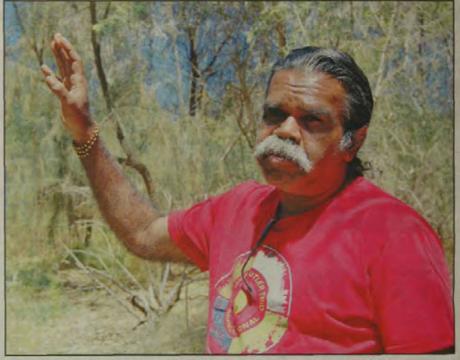
It has been estimated that more than 70 languages were spoken in NSW alone before 1788. Today, only ten languages are considered 'healthy' enough to be included in school curriculums.

Peak body the Federation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages (FATSIL) has created an Indigenous languages

petition that asks the Federal Government to develop a national Indigenous languages policy and a national Indigenous languages

FATSIL hopes these will support the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, the documentation and development of language and development of educational programs and provision of interpreting and translation services

## Where Kaurna culture thrives



Living Kaurna Cultural Centre's Steve Goldsmith yarning about bush tucker.

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



STEVE Goldsmith is a passionate advocate of 'showing off' - not his own considerable talents. but Aboriginal culture. The Kaurna

man believes that Australia's identity should embrace and own the true heritage of our country.

Mr Goldsmith works as a cultural education officer at the Living Kaurna Cultural Centre at Warriparinga, nestled amidst wetlands, a business industry park and recreation centre in the Adelaide suburb of Marion.

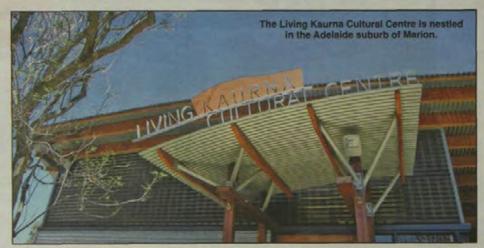
The centre began life as what the Kaurna people call a 'conciliation project', in a process which involved Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people 'walking together for the first time as genuinely equal partners in a

shared future'. It receives considerable support from the Marion City Council.

Mr Goldsmith, who is also a noted performer, believes an important part of his role is to give culture back to Aboriginal fam

"It's all about empowerment for our people and education for others," he says. "And bringing culture back to our communities."

Traditionally a revered ceremonial meeting place – Warriparinga means 'windy place by the river' – the centre was specifically built on that particular site to ensure the Kaurna culture, and the Tjilbruke dreaming story of the land, would be passed on from generation to generation



An example of the centre's important work in conserving and renewing Kaurna culture and heritage has been the developme of sympathy and other cards in traditional language, with an attached list of common words

However, conciliation between Kaurna, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities, remains at the forefront of all the work done at the centre, along with instilling some shared cultural pride into everyone who visits.

On average, about 12,000 students visit the centre each year and participate in school programs Mr Goldsmith hopes will inspire and influence young people in learning and celebrating Aboriginal

With schools making up about 50 per cent of Warriparinga's trade,

education is clearly important, but the centre also runs programs focusing on the arts and the

Elders' meetings are often held at the purpose-built complex, as well as traditional language classes, weaving groups that bring Elders and youth together, youth art graffiti projects and, most recently, the development of an exclusive Warriparinga wine.

The site is home to some of the oldest vines in South Australia which result in the production of 1000 bottles of wine each year.

The centre staff stay busy by offering group tours of the Warriparinga area with Kaurna cultural guides, heritage displays, art exhibitions as well as artists-inresidence and cultural workshops, performances and events



The 'supermarket tree' at the centre, aptly named for its multitude of uses including food, shelter and clothing.

#### We come together in peace...

Onsite educational material reads: 'Ngadlu Kaurna meyunna, kumarta yaitya meyunna, pinde meyunna kuma, banbabanbalyarnendi yerra tampirendi. Ngadlu yaitya meyunna, pinde meyunna banba-banbalyarnendi yerra tampirendi, nguya nguya wondatitya, Nepungga ngadlu marra yunggondi. Tindogadlangga ngadlu paltitya taikuringga

bilyorningga budnandi'. Translated from Kaurna into English, this means 'We Kaurna people and other Indigenous peoples meet together here and recognise each other. We Indigenous people and non-Indigenous people meet together in order to lay aside the wrongs of the past, and recognise each other. We give our hand in friendship. We come together in peace for the palti (dance/ceremony), under the sun'

PEOPLE living in and around Taree in New South Wales can now get free legal advice

now get free legal advice through a new weekly clinic run by the local legal aid service.

The clinic is a joint project of Manning Support Services, Legal Aid NSW, Hunter Community Legal Centre and other agencies working together to ensure disadvantaged people in Taree have regular access to a free legal service.

legal service.

"People in Taree can now get free advice on issues such as phone contracts, what to do about the kids if they're separating, or

lawyer Sarah Burke.

She said many people often didn't realise that their problem with a service provider or institution had a legal element.

The aim of the clinic is to increase individuals' understanding of their situation

and their options and, in some cases, to assist people pursue their rights and entitlements. The clinics will start tomorrow, and will be

held every Thursday from 10.30-12.30 at Manning Support Services, 78 Wynter Street, Taree. Appointments are essential and can be made by calling (02) 6551 5665.



Indigenous lawyer and consultant Terri Janke (fourth from left) with ILALC councillors Eoin Peters, James Bell, Ken Davies, Chairperson Roy Dootch Kennedy, CEO Sharralyn Robinson, Peter Button, Tina McGhie, Rhonda Cruse, William (Billy) Henry and Colleen McClelland.

## nd counc gets down to business



THE Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council (ILALC) is

about to embark on a five-year community land and business planning process and wants its constituents to have a say. A five-page community survey has been circulated and workshops for community consultation will be held this month at Coomaditchie, Windang, Bellambi and Dapto.

Indigenous lawyer and consultant Terri Janke has

been engaged to facilitate the workshops and assist with the writing of the plan.

"The tough bit will be setting priorities. What comes first? These are community decisions," Ms Janke said.

Chief Executive Sharralyn Robinson said the land council was excited with the

council was excited with the planning process.
"Consultation is very important," she said. "To help our community and make it stronger we need to hear from as many people as we possibly can." possibly can.

**ILALC** is financially supported through an annual allocation of funding from the NSW Aboriginal Land Council and generates further income from the leasing of property and the provision of consulting advice to property developers and archaeologists.

Run by volunteers and one full-time staff member, it provides housing for the elderly and those most in need, and a community bus for transport to cultural events

### **Broncos stars fined**



Broncos have fined Karmichael Hunt, Darius Boyd and Sam Thaiday \$20,000 each for

bringing the club into disrepute, despite police finding there was insufficient evidence to charge the NRL

stars with sexual assault A team of 12 police investigators probed allegations of sexual assault on a 24-year-old woman in a Brisbane

nightclub toilet on 13 September. Last Monday, police cleared the three Queensland State of Origin representatives over the

declined to lay charges over a subsequent drug allegation

But Broncos Chief Executive Bruno Cullen said the club had fined the players \$20,000 each, and would force them to undergo behaviour counselling.

He said their actions in relation to the sexual assault allegations breached the club's code of conduct and also their NRL contracts by damaging the reputation of the game. Mr Cullen said the three

players would also miss out on third-party sponsorships, costing them up to \$60,000. The

\$20,000 fines would be spent on counselling and any money left over would be donated to charity. The three Broncos players were expected to issue a public apology.

An internal investigation conducted by the club concluded that the players should not have been in that position in the first place, and the entire Broncos squad was on notice over behaviour

Police Deputy Commissioner Ian Stewart said the woman who made the allegations had accepted the findings and had been offered support. - AAA



#### Victorian Masters/PhD Scholarships in Public **Health for Indigenous Australians**

Are you, or do you know a Victorian Indigenous person interested in postgraduate level study in public health in a Victorian university?

The Victorian Department of Human Services is now calling for applicants for the Masters/PhD Scholarship Program beginning Semester 1, 2009

The Masters/PhD Scholarships in Public Health are offered by the Department's Public Health Branch. Since July 2002, a total of 25 Indigenous students have been awarded Public Health Masters scholarships, and two students have been awarded PhD Scholarships

Applicants must reside in Victoria and be enrolled to study at a Victorian university in a relevant course. Eligible applicants for scholarships are sought each semester and the scholarships provide a living allowance of \$12,735 to \$25,470 per annum.

The closing date for applications for semester 1, 2009 is 30 January 2009.

Copies of the Guidelines and Application Forms are available from our website at: http://www.health.vic.gov.au/researchprograms/

For more information on eligibility criteria, guidelines or how to apply, please contact Lee Barclay on 03 9096 0351 or email: Lee Barclay@dhs vic.gov.au

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If you have any enquires or would like to know more about this position please do not hesitate to contact. Malesa Williams on 9678 7577 or email her at melesa williams@uws edu.au. If this sounds like the opportunity you are looking for and would like to apply, please forward your resume today to: Human Resources UWS College PO Box 406

PO Box 4vb Email: jobs.uvsc@uws.edu.au Westmead NSW 2145 Applications closer 7th December 2008 The University of Western Sydney considers that being an Indigenous Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

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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

If you have already received a reparation payment, you will not be able to apply for the new offer

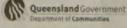
The new reparation payments of \$3500 or \$7000 are subject to the same criteria as the original offer. These are that a person was:

- · 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

For more information contact the Reparations Team: telephone: 1800 809 097 email: reparations@communities.qld.gov.au



The Aboriginal Child, Family & Community Care Secretariat of NSW (AbSec)

#### AGM & Election of Office Bearers on Friday 12 December, 2008

at Level 7, 104 Bathurst Street, Sydney at 11 am.

The agenda will include a special resolution to accept the new constitution of AbSec. Copies of the new constitution can be obtained by phoning (02) 9264 0088 or by emailing Accounts⊜absec.org.au

All members welcome.

#### Public Notice Annual General Meeting

**Aboriginal Corporation for Homeless** and Rehabilitation Community Services

Friday 12th December 2008, 11.00 am at Georges River Sailing Club Sanoni Ave. Dolls Point 2219

AGENDA

2. Previous Minutes

3. Audit Reports

Elections of Office bearers

5. General Business

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#### **Aboriginal Land Management** Framework for NSW

Healthy Country, Healthy Communities

The NSW Government acknowledges the role that connections to land - or 'Country' - play in the spiritual, cultural and economic wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

We are now asking you to have your say on how the connections can be strengthened. The Aboriginal Land Management Framework project is taking a fresh look at access, use and co-management of public land by Aboriginal people and government services for Aboriginal landowners.

To find out more, grab a copy of the disc free call 131 555 or download it from the web at www environment.nsw.gov.au/nswcultureheritage/almf

Come along to a workshop in February-March 2009: details at the above web address

Any questions email: almf@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing date for your ideas 31 March 2009

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#### **Ballina** bypass

This project is jointly funded by the Federal and New South Wales parentments

#### Community information session

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has formed an alliance with Leighton Contractors, Maunsell AECOM, SMEC and Coffey Geotechnics to design and construct the Ballina bypass.

The project will provide 12.4 kilometres of dual carriageway, extending from south of Ballina at the intersection of the Bruxner and Pacific highways to north of Ballina at the intersection of Ross Lane

#### Community information session

The community is invited to attend a community information session on Wednesday 3 December 2008 from 6:30pm

The information session will be held at the Ballina Bypass Alliance Teven Road compound, corner of Teven Road and Pacific Highway, West Ballina.



For more information contact the project information line on 1800 209 484 (toll free), email community.enquiries@ballina.incite.com.au or visit the website www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific (click on Ballina bypass),

## Map holds key to 57 legends



By DARREN COYNE



A TOURIST map that details significant Aboriginal sites in the Bundjalung nation is now available in the Northern Rivers area.

The map was printed with the ermission of the Bundjalung Elders Council Aboriginal Corporation, after the artist – a non-Indigenous man named

Michael Smith approached them. Elder Gwen Hickling of Casino, pictured, said Mr Smith had researched the stories of the Bundjalung nation, and then sought the approval of the council.

"It was seen as appropriate and much needed so we sealed it with our approval Mrs Hickling said. "It's particularly good for schools and visitors to the area."

The map tells the various legends of 57 sites in the Bundjalung nation, including the stories associated with popular tourist attractions such as Wollumbin (Mt Warning), Julian Rocks at Byron Bay, and Nimbin Rocks.

#### Sacred place

According to the map, Wollumbin, is a sacred place for men, and the sacred spirit is gungunguddaba, the scrub turkey

One legend tells of when a scrub turkey was speared in the head by a warrior, with the wound reducing the turkey's ability to fly great distances as it once had.

Some say Wollumbin is the name of a great warrior, while others say it means cloud-catcher.

The map also tells the legend of how Julian Rocks at Byron Bay was formed when a jealous husband hurled a spear at a canoe, which contained his wife and her lover.

The canoe broke in half and sank, with each end stuck out of the water, creating the rock formations 2.5km offshore.

Nimbin Rocks is listed as the place where the clever men (we-angali) were buried, and the little spirit warrior Nimbungie still guards the master's teaching place.

Around the rocks is where the clever men learnt to throw their spears, talk to the wind and other elements, and levitate.

The map was printed by Lismore City Council and costs \$10 which will raise money for the Bundjalung Elders Council. Contact Mrs Hickling on 6662 2111, or visit the Lismore Visitors Centre.

## Plan to improve lives



A SOCIAL plan to improve Aboriginal people living in

northern Sydney has received a \$25,000 funding boost. NSW Minister for

Community Services Linda Burney said the funding would be used to implement the plan, which aims to make it easier for Aboriginal people to

She said the Northern Sydney Aboriginal Social Plan would benefit almost 2000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Hornsby, Hunters Hill,

Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Manly, Mosman, North Sydney, Pittwater, Ryde, Warringah and Willoughby. "The social and health

conditions for Indigenous people living in Northern Sydney are poorer than those from non-Indigenous backgrounds, as is the case for Indigenous communities across the country; that is why a local plan like this is essential," Ms Burney said.

"The average income of Indigenous people aged 15 years and over in Northern Sydney is 25 per cent lower than the overall average for the area

number of Indigenous households living in caravans, cabins, houseboats or in improvised housing is 17 times that of non-Indigenous households. Aboriginal people have shorter life spans and reach far lower educational levels than non-Indigenous

Ms Burney said the plan has been developed and funded by the Northern Sydney Aboriginal Social Planning Working Group. which is made up of the Department of Community Services and local councils

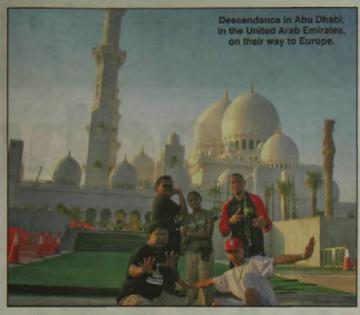
The plan aims to improve

coordination and relationships with government on Aborigina issues and improve sharing and cooperation between individuals, groups and agencies in the area," she

"It includes a range of strategies to make it easier for Aboriginal people to access

The plan makes a number of recommendations in the areas of collaboration and cooperation, health and well-being, education and training, housing, employment, Stolen Generations, and culture and heritage.

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Performer Ryka Satrick shakes a leg.

## Descendance's Bulgarian visit

**ESCENDANCE** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dance Theatre's love affair with Eastern Europe continued with their tour of Bulgaria last month.

The group has now toured almost every

country in the region.
In Bulgaria, Descendance members gave theatre performances in the main cities of Sofia, Plovdiv and Varna and enjoyed standing ovations and strong media

Six major national TV spots reached an estimated four million viewers, including an interview and performance with Bulgarian personality Aziz on his top-rating show.

#### New look

Not even a 36-hour marathon journey to reach the destination, including an overnight stay in Abu Dhabi in the Middle East, could dampen the enthusiasm of the new-look Descendance, which included youngsters Ryka Satrick and Darren Compton, mixed in with performance veterans Ronaldo Guivarra, Vivian Anderson and Jason Sandy, as well as Beatrice Sailor and Barbra

The tour was produced by Australian Terry Douglas, who now lives in Bulgaria. Descendance Producer Jose Calarco

composed a music score, a traditional folk



Jose Calarco, Beatrice Sailor and Ronaldo Guivarra sing a song for the media.

standard titled Yankin Brat, for Bulgarian folk

singer Silvia Entcheva.
The song was blended with didgeridoo and modern arrangements, and is gaining interest in Bulgaria

Watch some of Descendance's Bulgarian television appearances on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0w7aVqCxTc and www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sar



Barbra Drummond paints up for a media performance





ABOVE: Beatrice Sailor in a reflective mood before a show.

LEFT: Barbra Drummond and Beatrice Sailor with translators during the Bulgarian tour.

### Tourism plan for Cape, Strait regions



tourist action plan has been developed for the Cape York and the Torres Strait areas.

Queensland Tourism Minister Desley Boyle said the plan would draw 'these relatively undiscovered tropical North Queensland areas to the attention of nature and experiential tourists who are among some of the fastest-growing tourism markets'

"With vast national parks incorporating forests, savannah lands and wild rivers, escarpments adorned with ancient rock art and uninhabited islands, the areas offer visitors a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"An important element of the action plan is sustainability, to ensure these experiences will be

there for future generations."

Ms Boyle said developing tourism in the Cape and Torres Strait would provide a new hook for the Queensland tourism industry while offering local communities economic, social and environmental benefits.

#### Culture

"The idea is to support locally-owned and managed tourism businesses and investigate partnerships with existing tourism operators, while preserving and protecting local culture," she said.

"One of the actions of the plan has been to develop and implement camping and national park tourism infrastructure on the

Cape.

\*The Queensland Government will spend \$200,000 developing a new camping ground at historic Somerset, on the eastern tip of Cape York.

Somerset is a culturally sensitive location that was once a government military and commercial trading post. It has archaeological sites, significant Aboriginal story places and historic European settlement

"Significant progress has already been made including the completion of a site survey and

Ms Boyle said the plan had been developed by Tourism Queensland in partnership with the Department of Tourism. Regional Development and Industry, working closely with local communities and industry.

The plan has been a long time in the works but it was essential to get all the key stakeholders consulted and involved," she said.

This means the action plan I am releasing provides a co-ordinated direction and lists actions to guide the future growth of tourism in these areas."

To view the plan, visit www.tq.com.au/capeyorkandtorre sstraitactionplan

## Thursday Island packed

These three mates enjoyed the Zenadth Kes Cup rugby league carnival final on Thursday Island.





A little piece of paradise ... Carnival spectators under a coconut palm on Thursday Island.



# Footy fever hits T

Story and photos by ALF WILSON

IT is one of the biggest events on the Torres Strait Islands sporting and social calendar and it had the

turn out to prove it. This year's Zenadth Kes Cup rugby league carnival, held at Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island (TI) from 31 October to 2 November, attracted families from throughout the Torres Strait as well as the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) Cape York, Cairns

and Townsville Many braved rough seas and high fuel prices to travel by powered dinghy to attend the

carnival. The Koori Mail was at the three-day event for the duration, and found plenty of atmosphere, great competition and camaraderie

Many of the people attending hadn't seen family and friends for some time. All available accommodation was taken up, with visitors billeted with family, and others in motels and hostels.

The Kaiwalagal Stingers, from TI, beat Kubin side Arkai Brothers in the final, with Mabuiag side Wagadagam Storm and Mulga Tigers, from Badu, reaching the semi-finals.

around the Torres Strait by Radio

North Queensland Cowboys star Travis Burns and under 20s player Ben Henaway were guests at the carnival.

There was some unexpected fun during the ladies match, which saw the Pioneer Maidens

beat Panthers by two points. A cheeky Henaway had been on the bench for Panthers, dressed as a woman in a Panthers jumper, complete with padded chest ready to run onto the field as a ring-in.

However the referee wouldn't have it and quickly sent off Henaway, prompting laughter around the ground as MC

and ground Wayne Guivarra quipped the referee has sent Benita Henaway off' More than

1500 people final day of the carnival, Before Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancers and musicians performed to generous applause

After the games, many spectators walked down to the beach out from the

oval and got into dinghies to motor home

Amongst them were members of the Dau family, from nearby Horn Island, a group of WS Warriors team members from mainland Bamaga and Peter Baira, from Badu.

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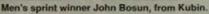
Carnival official

Harry Cook speaks at the presentation

ceremony.

## for major footy carnival













WS Brothers players ready to leave by dinghy for Bamaga on the mainland.



A medic gives a player some attention.



Lots of colour ... Mer (Murray) Island entertainers ready for their performance before the men's final.

### **Indigenous tourism boost for the NT**



TWO Northern Territory organisations will host tourism hubs to help boost Indigenous tourism businesses

During a visit to the Northern Territory this month, Federal **Employment Participation Minister** Brendan O'Connor said Darwin

Regional CDEP Inc would host the Darwin Indigenous Tourism Hub, while the Central Australian Alice Springs Indigenous Tourism Hub would be hosted by Discovery Ecotours Australia

The Federal Government nounced in June it was providing \$800,000, through the Emerging Indigenous Entrepreneurs Initiative (EIEI) to fund Tourism NT to

manage the establishment of the tourism hubs. The Government already supports an emerging Indigenous tourism hub operating in Nhulunbuy.

Mr O'Connor said the hubs would provide a wide range of services including a shopfront as a focal point for tourists, booking reservations, financial administration and marketing, as

well as business mentoring and access to further training and

Tourism is a major employer of Indigenous Australians, however increased business and administrative support as well as access to further training will see the further development of the Indigenous Northern Territory tourism industry and create more

jobs and business opportunities,"

he said.
"The tourism hubs provide a wide range of support and referral services and will play a key role in the development of a viable

Indigenous tourism industry."
Member for Lingiari Warren
Snowdon and Member for
Solomon Damian Hale welcomed



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#### **Orica Mining Services Technology** Park, Richmond Vale

Orica Australia Pty Ltd (Orica) invites Aboriginal stakeholder groups or individuals wishing to be consulted in relation to cultural heritage projects at Orica's Mining Services Technology Park, George Booth Drive, Richmond Vale to register their interest (in writing) by 2 December 2008.

The projects will involve survey and assessment at the Orica site and may result in applications for Section 87/Section 90 consent under Part 6 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act

Registrations of Interest should be provided to: Kym McNamara Archaeologist Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited PO Box 838 Toronto NSW 22 Fax 02 4950 5737

HAWKESBURY-NEFEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Aboriginal Community Meeting 4th December 2008

The Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority, invites all Aboriginal community members to discuss a range of natural resource issues in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment

The Aboriginal community meeting will run between 10am to 12 noon at Springwood Civic Centre, 106-108 Macquarie Road Springwood Lunch will be provided

RSVP to John Lennis on (02) 4587 0059

#### Cr Pat Dixon Memorial Scholarship

item 2: 2009 Cr Pat Dixon Memorial Scholarship Call for Applications

Call for Applications

The Associations are calling for applications for the Cr
Pat Dixon Memorial Tertiary Scholarship for 2009.

Applications close 19 December 2008. Aboriginal council staff and councillors are encouraged to apply.

The Cr Pat Dixon Memorial Scholarship is for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Local Government councillor, or community development/liaison worker to undertake part-lime studies at the University of New England, Armidale NSW. The scholarship is open for either a Bachelor of Social Studies or any relevant course where the applicant can develop their community development, political, or professional career education through the study of politics, political science, or governance.

The late Cr Pat Dixon was a role model for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were either employed in Local Government or interested in serving on councils. Cr Dixon was the first Aboriginal Vice President of

Government Association.

In recognition of the significant role played by Cr Dixon, the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW (LGSA) established a Memorial Tertiary Scholarship in her honour. The Memorial Scholarship was established in 2002 with contributions from Local Government councils and support from the NSW State Government. The Scholarship is managed by LGSA which acts as Trustee of the fund, on behalf of the Scholarship Fund Committee.

Application forms can be downloaded from the LGSA website

Contact: For further information on the scholarship, please contact the Associations' Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Constance Chatfield on 02 9242 4085, constance chatfield@lgsa.org.au visit the website www.lgsa.org.au

## More officers is the target





A PROGRAM aimed at Aboriginal people with the skills required to take up jobs

in the West Australian Department of Corrective Services has been launched in Perth.

The department says its Aboriginal Pre-Employment Program partly addresses criticisms that it does not have enough Indigenous

Eighteen new positions

program for six prison officers, three community corrections officers, three juvenile justice officers and six juvenile custodial officers.

nine weeks at Challenger TAFE before moving to a four-week work placement in prisons, juvenile detention centres and community justice services centres

They will work toward a Certificate I in Leadership Development, focusing on practical skills such as interview techniques, report writing and computing skills, fitness meets entry level requirements for working in a correctional facility.

Trainees who complete the course and meet the selection process for their relevant areas will begin at the Corrective Services Training Academy in February 2009, progressing towards Certificate III in Correctional Practices and furthering their careers in the department.

Assistant Commissioner Corporate Support Graeme Doyle said the program was culturally appropriate and an

"One of the criticisms the department has received in the past is that it needs more Aboriginal staff members," he said

"We have taken that criticism on board and are working proactively to encourage Aboriginal people to join what is a very exciting department to work for."

Developed by the department in conjunction with Challenger TAFE, the 13-week program is partly funded by the Federal Department of Education **Employment and Workplace** 

### Memorial for the 'Lake Angel'



A STONE memorial and plaque, newly planted native trees and a buried time capsule filled with gifted toys

will be the long-term reminders of two-year-old Aboriginal toddler Dean Shillingsworth. Members of the toddler's paternal family, from

Brewarrina in western New South Wales, joined residents of the Sydney suburb of Ambarvale at the beginning of the month for the memorial dedication along with a smoking

ceremony.

Tiny Dean was dubbed 'the Lake Angel' in the days following the discovery of his body inside a

suitcase submerged in a pond at Mandurama Reserve on 17 October last year. The memorial bears the same photo as a headstone on Dean's

grave at Brewarrina. The toddler's mother, Rachel Pfitzner, has been charged with his murder and is due to appear in court early next month.

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# **Celebration for Tharawal**



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THARAWAL Aboriginal
Corporation (TAC) has
celebrated its 25th
anniversary, with the
University of Western
Sydney (UWS) marking the occasion by
handing over a special class of history

handing over a special piece of history. Former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam opened TAC in Airds, near Campbelltown,

ogether with a community Elder Mrs

Connolly, in 1983.

A quarter of a century on, at the end of last month, the university presented a series of framed photos from the event, signed by Mr Whitlam, to Mrs Connolly's family and the TAC.

The photos are of Mrs Connolly and Mr Whitlam raising the flag at the official ceremony. The images were taken by UWS staff member Kim Leevers, from the

Office of University Engagement, who worked with TAC.

TAC is a community health organisation owned and run by the local Indigenous community. It provides health and social services to the Indigenous community of south-west Sydney – one of the largest in Australia. Over 25 years, it has grown from a small referral service to a comprehensive health centre that provides a wide range of primary health-care programs and

These include general practitioners, women's health initiatives, the 'Brighter Futures' program, a paediatric clinic, the Indigenous children's program called "Mums and Bubs", a maternal health team, dental service, hearing and eye health screenings, diabetes education, a pre-school (Oorunga Wandarra, children's meeting place), and an immunisation

TAC was recently named the winner of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) National General



At the celebation were, from left, Joe Connolly, Director of the Whitlam Institute within the University of Western Sydney Eric Sidoti, photographer Kim Leevers, Grace Connolly, UWS School of Medicine Indigenous Program Officer Christine Carriage and Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation Chairperson Alison Croall.

Practice of the Year Award for 2008.

Director of the Whitlam Institute within the University of Western Sydney Eric Sidoti made the presentation on behalf of

the university.

Three generations of the Connolly family were present to accept the photographs at the handover event.

"The opening of Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation and other bodies like it

represents a significant milestone in our nation's history with respect to the rights of Indigenous Australians," Mr Sidoti said.

The important groundwork to enable Aboriginal groups and communities to incorporate for the conduct of their own affairs was laid during the Whitlam era during the early 1970s. "The Whitlam Government introduced

sweeping reforms and pioneered

legislation that championed the rights of Aboriginal people and restored their lost power to self-determine their own economic, social and political futures

"The success of Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation is a testament to those principles and to the inspirational work and commitment of the local Indigenous community to make a difference to the health and well-being of its people.

# NT programs get millions



THE Federal Government will spend \$11.5 million on programs to tackle sexual assault and renal disease in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities.

The funds will be used to expand sexual assault counselling rvices and improve access to renal

dialysis in remote areas. Health Minister Nicola Roxon, Lingiari MP Warren Snowdon and Solomon MP

MP Warren Snowdon and Solomon MP
Damian Hale announced the funding in a
statement on 30 October.

They said statistics from the Australian
Institute of Health and Welfare's annual
report Child Protection Australia 2006-07
showed Indigenous children were more
than five times more likely than other
children to be the subject of children to be the subject of substantiations of notifications of child abuse and neglect.

They said small teams of professionally qualified counsellors and Aboriginal sexual assault workers would provide culturally safe outreach services to children, families and communities in remote NT communities from regionally based sexual assault referral centres in Tennant Creek, Darwin, Katherine and



WARREN SNOWDON

The Mobile Outreach Service teams would assess and treat the needs of children and young people who had been sexually abused or displayed problem sexual behavior, and would raise awareness of these issues in families and

Services will be provided in communities where possible, and in partnership with Indigenous people and their community councils, Traditional Owners, respected Elders and others as

well as key service providers.

Mr Hale said: "I am pleased to be part of a Government that is committed to helping the most vulnerable in our community who find themselves in this awful situation."

He said the new service built on a new project the NT Government began delivering to children and service providers in communities in April under the Northern Territory Emergency Response – Improving Child and Family Health measure

The new funding of \$5.3 million over five years would improve access to renal dialysis services for remote communities in the NT, which would assist in reducing the pressure on existing renal services,

Indigenous people have an incidence of end-stage renal disease 17 times higher than that of non-Indigenous Australians in the NT.

Member for Lingiari Warren Snowdon said increasing the capacity of renal services and taking them to the people was an important investment in the health and well-being of people.

# Support for changes to native title



YAMATJI Marlpa Barna Maaja Aboriginal Corporation (YMBBMAC) has supported changes to the native title system under which the Federal Court assumes a more active role in the

The Geraldton-based corporation said that while it was not yet certain about the specifics of the changes announced last month by Federal Attorney-General Robert McLelland and how they would be implemented, it would welcome more flexibility and expediency to the process, when it was introduced to Parliament

next year. Chief Executive Officer Simon Hawkins said the organisation hoped the new system would encourage more negotiated settlements, in which the court would determine which claims should be referred for mediation, what body should mediate and the time frames for this.

"Many claims have now been in the system for up to 15 years and YMBBMAC supports any initiative that will see native title resolved more efficiently," he said.

"We hope the Federal Court's new role in mediating claims will encourage the State and other respondents to move towards consent determinations at a faster rate.

Minister McClelland said the change would contribute to the Government's vision for a native title system that was more flexible and one that gave broad benefits to Indigenous people and certainty to stakeholders.

Negotiated agreements are the key to

achieving practical outcomes in native title,"

# **Culture shared** at NSW camp



people attended the Living Country Culture Camp at Dunns Swamp in

Wollemi National Park, New South Wales, last week

The people of the six language groups of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area – the Darkinjung, Darug, Dharawal, Gundungurra, Wiradjuri and Wanaruah - hosted the camp which celebrated culture and shared stories

The local Aboriginal community was joined by 50 people involved in land management of World Heritage Areas around Australia. all members of the Aboriginal World Heritage Indigenous Network (AWHIN). The Camp at Dunns Swamp, or

Ganguddy in the Wiradjuri language, was held to coincide with the annual AWHIN On Country conference

Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area Advisory Committee Chair Joan Domicelj was enthusiastic about the

There we were in this beautiful spot 200 of us, celebrating connection to country," she said.

"Eucalypts, boulders, mini-tents, fire to gossip around, great food, kayaks on the water among reeds, toddlers and Traditional Owners."

Ms Domicelj said it was 'a privilege to be amongst so much Indigenous wisdom from across this continent - and brilliant parks management, too'. Entertainment at the camp included music, song, dance and stories all day and late into the night around the campfire.



Some of the AWHIN delegates during a visit to Echo Point in the Blue Mountains.

National Parks Discovery rangers led natural features of the park, and ran a range of children's activities.

Evening walks and canoe tours spotlighting native animals were well-received.

#### Meeting

Meanwhile, Traditional Owners from World Heritage properties across Australia, members of the Aboriginal World Heritage Indigenous Network (AWHIN), met in the Blue Mountains city of Katoomba last week

Delegates were welcomed on Thursday night at a dinner with local Aboriginal Elders and invited guests

They spent Friday and Monday information and experiences relating to management of Australian World Heritage

NPWS Executive Director Bob Conrov said that the network meeting was an excellent opportunity for Aboriginal people to share stories and ideas with the six language groups of the Blue Mountains

The network spent valuable time looking at future arrangements for Aboriginal co-management of our World Heritage legacy," Mr Conroy said.

**AWHIN** comprises two Traditional Owners or Indigenous representatives from each of the 15 Australian World Heritage properties listed for natural and/or Indigenous cultural values

Additional Indigenous representatives and executive officers attend AWHIN meetings as observers at the invitation of their own AWHIN representatives.

# Resource will help to keep children safe



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people develop child-safe communities has been

released. The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander.
Child Care Inc (SNAICC) developed the kit.
SNAICC already has distributed 600 Through Young Black Eyes workshop kits free around the

Secretariat Chairperson Muriel Bamblett said the SNAICC Resource Service had developed the resource to help concerned people and service providers run workshops on developing child-safe communities.

Mrs Bamblett said the kits would assist communities to take local action to prevent child abuse, neglect and family violence and proposed six steps to develop a child-safe community. "This national release is timely in relation to the recent Report of the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) Review Board," she said.

"A key recommendation of this was to develop community child and family safety plans linking key government services with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait community

organisations and community members.

"(Federal Indigenous Affairs) Minister Jenny Macklin said in response to the report that there will be an immediate, renewed emphasis on

community engagement to build the foundations for more lasting change.

"SNAICC supports the Minister in this and we urge all communities to take up this new source and the challenge of protecting

The kit includes information and activity sheets, posters, pamphlets, short films, support services directory and a workshop facilitators guide, all of which can be adapted to suit local needs. The material is available in hard copy or can be downloaded online from

www.snaicc.asn.au
The SNAICC Resource Service is funded by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) under the Stronger Families and



# AMA

#### **Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship 2009**

For the assistance and encouragement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders studying for a medical degree at an Australian University.

Applications are now sought for the Australian Medical Association (AMA) Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship for 2009. Applicants must be people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.

Applicants must be eligible for ABSTUDY. A scholarship will not be awarded to an applicant who already holds any other substantial scholarship. To be eligible, the applicant must be currently enrolled at an Australian Medical School and completing at least their first year of

The scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of an advisory committee appointed by the AMA. The value of any scholarship given in 2009 will be \$9,000 per annum.

The scholarship will be awarded for a full course of study, subjet to review at the end of each year. A scholarship may be award part-way through a year to apply to the remainder of the year's study. Applications close Friday 30 January 2009.

To receive further information and an application package, please contact Mrs Sophia Habib, Administration Officer, AMA on 02 6270 5452 or by e-mail shabib@ama.com.au An application package can also be downloaded from the AMA website www.ama.com.au

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The Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship Trust Fund has been
established with a contribution from the Australian Government. The
Trust is administered by the Australian Medical
Association, with the help of an advisory
committee appointed by the Board of Trustees.
The Australian Medical Association would like
to acknowledge the Reuben Pelerman
Benevolent Foundation for their support of the
Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship.



MARY DAY

# Mary – woman with an employment mission

mission - to get

Mrs Day was recently appointed to

UnitingCare NSW.ACT's newly created

Indigenous Employment Officer position, which she describes as 'very busy'. In it, she'll work to ensure that two

per cent of the UnitingCare NSW.ACT workforce is Aboriginal or Torres Strait

Indigenous people working for UnitingCare in NSW and the



Islander people. "Because it's a newly created position I've been out establishing contact within the community, meeting people face to face, and pushing employment at UnitingCare," she told

Australian Capital Territory

"In the new year I am wanting to see if I can establish a traineeship or partnership with schools for aged care and children's services." Mrs Day is also keen to establish a

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cultural awareness program for all UnitingCare NSW employees, and is currently laying the groundwork for the program which she hopes will involve a

sessions for staff with different cultural

aspects focused on each session. She said she was looking forward to actively promoting Indigenous employment.

I am excited about the opportunities this role presents and look forward to the new challenges that face me," she

She says her appointment reinforces NSW.ACT to become a corporate leader in Indigenous employment, following the signing of an agreement with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) earlier in the year

Mrs Day, who is married with for children, joins UnitingCare NSW.ACT with a background in the NSW Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal and the Office of Fair Trading.

With family hailing from Damley Island in the eastern Torres Strait, she

is also the Chairperson of the Lagaw Kodo Mir Torres Strait Islander Corporation Resource and Culture Centre NSW.

# Hope Vale uses the modern to tell the ancient

HOPE VALE Elders and young people have come together to use the most modern of digital equipment to record ancient

storytelling traditions.
They did so in the idyllic setting of a month-long beach camp

program on the sands of Cape Flattery in Queensland's far north.

In an initiative driven by the Hope Vale community in partnership with an organisation called Pelican Expeditions, community members learned how to script, edit and produce their own stories and attended a bush cinema screening of the 18 stories at the end of

The program, now in its fifth year, started as a plea from a local woman who, grieving the loss from yet another suicide in the community, saw a documentary about Pelican's expedition to Bass Strait with a group of disenfranchised young people from Melbourne.

They felt something similar could help to 'inspire positivity and give back a sense of hope to the community'.

Part of a larger cultural and co

Part of a larger cultural and environmental education project, other components throughout the month led to six local trainees sailing to Cape Flattery for their coxswain certificate, for which Pelican has a purpose-built 62-foot catamaran which it uses for sail and other training ventures.

Locals joined a kayaking crew that re-traced a traditional sea route. 'Speak Out' was also invited along to hold music and dance workshops as young locals gained confidence with performance.

#### Forefront

Elders Des and Estelle Bowen have remained at the forefront of the project since its infancy, with digital storytelling co-ordinators Natalie Davey, from Pelican Expeditions, and University of Old Indigenous health lecturer Samia Goudie encouraging people to tell their stories in their own way. They were supported by trainers James Leech, from the State Library of Queensland, and Toni-Jayne Northcott.

Ms Goudie's work with the community has

helped to inform her PhD proposal (through Southern Cross University) titled Stories of hope and resilience: using new media and storytelling to facilitate wellness in Indigenous communities.

She said she was particularly interested in the way telling stories could be used to promote social and emotional well-being and to assist the recovery from trauma.

One of the most important aspects, she said, was to ensure the stories were handed back to the community, and this would be achieved when they were archived at the Indigenous Knowledge and Technology Centre, which is connected to State Library's Keeping Cultures Strong project.

"It created a platform for young people to interact with community Elders," Ms Goudie said of the camp. "The digital medium is a wonderful way to bring old ways and new ways together for our future generations.

Through digital storytelling training, the Guugu Yimithirr people now have the skills to tell their own stories in their own words and

document their own history.

\*Digital storytelling offers communities a contemporary means to collect and archive oral histories, cultural heritage and stories and develop self-determined cultural safe-keeping of Indigenous knowledge



University of Old Indigenous health lecturer Samia Goudie with Caralyne Bowen.



Hope Vale youngster Brodie interviews Joseph Palmer for a digital story.



Estelle Bowen has a yarn with Caralyne and Brodie.



# Health the topic for **NT Oration**



Australia Chief Executive the Costello. pictured, will deliver this

year's Menzies School of Health Research (MSHR) Oration in Darwin next week. Mr Costello's focus will be

the socio-economics and health problems of Indigenous Australians. MSHR Director Professor

Jonathon Carapetis said most government programs aimed at improving socio-economic conditions were focused on education and employment.
"But socio-economic

status in Australia is also status in Australia is also underpinned by home ownership, personal savings, community engagement and political representation," he said.

"These dimensions generally sit beyond the mandate of health professionals, but unless we understand their effects, gains in Indigenous health will be limited." The 2008 Menzies

Oration will be held on Tuesday 25 November from 5.30pm - 7pm at the Darwin Convention Centre. Contact Yvonne Coleman on (08) 8922 8982 or yvonne. coleman@menzies.edu.au to register attendance.

## **Nathan Foley** leaving HI-5



member Nathan Foley has become the last original member of children's

entertainment group to quit. Foley, who has Aboriginal

heritage, announced last Wednesday that he would depart the group at the end of the year after 10 years.

"I'll always love Hi-5 and I'm very proud to be one of the original cast members, but after 10 years in the group it's time for me to move on and explore other opportunities," Foley, 29, said in a statement

It comes just a couple weeks after his ex-fiance and fellow original member, Kellie Crawford, announced she'd also leave at the end of 2008 to pursue an acting career.

They'll both perform together with Hi-5 for the last time at the Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve in Melbourne. - AAP

# Alex is ready to manage traineeship



Queens lander Alex Gary's star is on the rise after scoring an events

management traineeship

The traineeship is with the Brisbane Multicultural Arts Centre's (BEMAC) Bridgeworks plan, which offers assistance to Indigenous people interested in the events

industry. Mr Gary, who is of Torres Strait and Puerto Rican background, has wanted to work in the arts since he was young.

to be an actor. I studied for a Bachelor of Creative Industries at QUT, majoring in drama, but now I definitely want to get into events management, especially with community

based events," he said. Mr Gary's mother is the curator of Brisbane's Footsteps Gallery so he has a sensitivity to the importance of ethnic

"Multiculturalism has been a big thing for me all my life, it's one of my passions," Mr Gary said

"It's so hard for people to migrate to another



Alex Gary ... "I want to get into events management."

country and society and not have their own culture

"For all of us, our culture is such a big part of our identity and it's the

storytelling, the dance, the music and songs that keep it going. I'm so pleased to be working to that end in the peaceful and supportive environment at BEMAC."

**BEMAC Executive** Producer Bronte Morris said the centre had an ongoing policy of taking trainees for six-month placements, usually under the auspices of the Multicultural Development Association.

She welcomed the opportunity to offer the same opportunity to Mr Gary under the Bridgeworks plan.

"I am delighted to be able to mentor a young person who has identified a dream to become involved in events

management," she said.
"I think Alex has the potential to become a great director or producer and I'm pleased to have the opportunity to help him on his path.

One of Mr Gary's first tasks was working on the BEMAC GALA! concert, a multicultural extravaganza held on Monday to celebrate BEMAC's 21 years of history as Brisbane's home of multicultural arts.

# Sky high plan for more jobs



A MAJOR push is under way to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

working in the airline industry with Brisbane playing a central role in the campaign.

The Salvation Army Employment Plus (TSAEP) is working with Co-operative Change, Qantas, Jetstar and Spotless (which has airport catering, cleaning and security contracts) to attract more Indigenous Australians into the aviation and airport sectors.

"Indigenous Australians represent a great talent pool but willing workers are often held back by one or two hurdles, for example a lack of access to transport or lack of

access to information," said TSAEP's Kirrilee Trist.

"We approached these great companies because we knew they were looking for staff and now, working together, we're removing some of those hurdles to really open up these opportunities - which will benefit both the individuals and companies.

#### Potential jobs

Potential jobs include administration, cabin crew, trade apprentices, drivers, call centre staff, baristas, security guards, telephone sales consultants, retail staff and

The list isn't limited. If we could uncover a pilot that would be fantastic," Ms Trist said. At the end of October,

TSAEP brought Indigenous job

candidates from across south-east Queensland to a special briefing session at Brisbane International Airport, where Qantas, Jetstar and Spotless outlined the training and employment opportunities they offer. The session was held at

Aviation Australia, which provides specific training for a range of airline and airport positions.

Positions at Brisbane Maroochydore, Gold Coast and Rockhampton airports are covered by the initiative, which is being trialled in Queensland before being rolled out into other States and Territories

Already, eight or nine of the candidates are understood to have secured positions with Spotless as a result of their



Candidate Barry Cora with a recruitment



opportunities at Qantas and Jetstar.

# **Victoria** has two

# more parks

hectares of forest



western Victoria has been declared national parkland. The Cobboboonee National Park and Cobboboonee Forest Park near Portland cover 27,000

hectares of forest The two new national parks will cater for recreational activities including walking, camping, horse riding, vehicle touring and motorcycling.

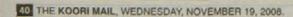
The 8700 hectare Cobboboonee Forest Park would also be used for sustainable harvesting of firewood, Environment and Climate Change Minister Gavin Jennings said on 9 November.

The larger Cobboboonee National Park, covering 18,500 hectares, contains many threatened plant and animal species, including large forest owls and several small marsupials.

The Gunditimara Aboriginal people are the traditional owners and native title holders of the Cobboboonee forest

"I am confident that with the ongoing commitment of this dedicated local community and the partnership with the Gunditjmara people that the two parks will be special places for the community," Mr Jennings said in a statement.

He said a management plan would be prepared and a local firewood strategy developed. Cultural heritage surveys would also be carried out. - AAP



# Praise for Aunty Flo



bidgee Catchment Management

Authority (CMA) has paid tribute to retiring member Aunty Flo Grant (pictured). The Wiradjuri Elder recently completed her membership on the CMA board. "Aunty Flo has been an asset," said Murrumbidgee

CMA Chair Lee O'Brien

"Her extensive experience in working with government and the local community brought valuable insights to our discussions.

She has been an advocate for encouraging young people to become involved in natural resource

management." Aunty Flo said her role had provided opportunities to 'link contemporary natural resource management with the thousands of years of experience the Wiradjuri

Over the past three years, 390 hectares of creeks and Murrumbidgee River banks have been enhanced and rehabilitated by Indigenous trainees overseen by the Murrumbidgee CMA

Aunty Flo was instrumental in developing the vision for the successful Yindyamarra Showcase, the 2008 conference celebrating Indigenous environmental projects from CMAs and other organisations across the Murrumbidgee, Murray and Lachlan catchments.

She will continue her roles as a member of the Wiradjuri Council of Elders and caretaker of 'Yalbalinga da', a property owned by the Wiradjuri Christian Development Ministries, where she co-ordinates programs and seminars in cultural heritage and living skills.



# Initiative fits bill for desert people



enabling desert people of South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands to access basic

services such as renewing a driver's licence is being trialled by Anangu-owned PY Media and the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre (DKCRC).

Six rural transaction centres will allow locals to access a range of government, commercial and private services within the one centre. They include Centrelink financial services, Internet kiosk and other administrative support and training and employment

The centres are based in the

communities of Iwantja (Indulkana), Mimili, Kalijiti (Fregon), Amata, Pipalyatjara/Kalka and Watarru. PY Media is currently negotiating with the Department of Premier and Cabinet and Service SA for further expansion to include Electoral Commission services, driver's licence and vehicle registration renewals, firearms licence and registrations renewals, court fine payments and a new banking

General Manager Peg Nicholls -said the centres were linking Anangu (Aboriginal) staff and community members with training



TAFE class being held in the conference room at the Kaltjiti (Fregon) PY Ku.

programs such as TAFE's Certificate of Business and have

received positive feedback from the

community.
"PY Media is strongly committed

to the development of an Aboriginal workforce throughout the PY Ku

Network and is the community's gateway to self-governance," Ms Nicholls said.

Endorsed by the Australian Council of Governments in 2003, the Indigenous trial initiative aimed

to provide essential services to the

remote community through training and employment of the local

Aboriginal people, and have

People at the official opening of Pipalyatjara PY Ku in the north of South Australia. employed about a dozen part-time

DKCRC core project leader Steve Fisher said most people take basic services for granted, but paying bills, accessing phone and Internet – even printing documents – could be problematic in remote

### 'Huge cost'

"You sometimes have to drive hundreds of kilometres, at a huge cost in wear-and-tear to your car not to mention fuel, just to pay a

bill," he said. "The burden of bureaucracy, which we all share, falls particularly heavily on desert people

One of the most exciting things is the way the transaction centres will also be used to link up with relatives and business partners. For example we're exploring how video-links at the PY Ku centres can enable people to keep in touch with kids who are away at school and enable 'virtual' meetings.

DKCRC recently started a three ear action research evaluation of PY Ku, aimed at providing a working document series and final report, and also tap into the 'Desert Services that Work' project.

# **\$3m in** grants aid WA groups



EIGHT Indigenous community organisations will share \$3 million in grants from the

Australian Government. WA Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls said the funds would be used for infrastructure development

Projects in regional WA.

These projects will help regional Indigenous communities develop new or improve existing enterprises that can provide additional income and employment for their communities," he said.

"The funds will not only be a major benefit to particular groups but also enhance the

growth and sustainability of their wider communities." In Goldfields-Esperance, \$500,000 will go to the Wanarn Community Aboriginal Corporation to build a new community store to enable storage of sufficient stocks of fresh food in between deliveries, with a focus on healthy products. In the Kimberley:

 \$499,499 to the Ngnowar Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation to upgrade accommodation, recreation facilities and access to the Seven Mile Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre in Wyndham

 \$176,082 to the Mimbi Aboriginal Inc to assist with construction of camping accommodation at Mimbi Caves, including a caretaker's cabin, two eco-tents, an ablution block and supporting infrastructure

• \$500,000 to the Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service to construct a health education unit, co-located with its existing offices in Kununurra. The unit will provide space for health education programs to be delivered to the community and accommodation for allied health professionals

• \$335,652 to the Mirima Council Aboriginal Corporation to extend its language and cultural centre in Kununurra to include a fireproof archive, soundproof recording room and additional office and meeting

 \$304,046 to the Chile Creek Aboriginal Corporation to construct tourist camping accommodation on the Dampier

• \$120,000 to the Kalumburu Aboriginal Corporation to build toilet and shower blocks at the Kalumburu Recreation Centre

In the Pilbara, \$250,000 will go to the Pilbara Development Commission on behalf of the Rose Nowers Child Care Centre Committee to extend and refurbish the existing

child-care centre Mr Grylls said the State Government would continue to work with regional communities to encourage sustainable development

# Retailer moves to new Act



ABORIGINAL-OWNED and controlled retailer Arnhem Land Progress Association (ALPA) has transferred its operations from the Associations Act 2003 (NT) to the Corporations (Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSLACT)

Set up in 1972 as a co-operative of community stores in Arnhem Land communities. ALPA has expanded its activities to become one of the largest financially-independent Indigenous employers in Australia and the third largest retailer in the Northern Territory. It now has an annual turnover of \$29 million.

ALPA Chairman Rev Dr Djiniyini Gondarra said the retailer believed the CATSI Act was a good fit for its organisation because it allowed it to set up a corporate structure that suited its needs.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven welcomed ALPA's application to register as a corporation. describing it as a 'thriving organisation that proved that economic success and cultural obligations could work together in

"They deserve praise for their good corporate governance practices by making sure directors and members understand their business and legal obligations," Mr

Most of ALPA's members do not speak English as their first language. The body employs an interpreter and uses visual aids during meetings to convey financial matters, legal requirements, organisational information and other governance issues

# Registrar's Yearbook is released



REGISTRAR of Indigenous Corporations Anthon Beven has released his 2008-09 yearbook, and says his office has worked over the past year to help

Indigenous corporations make the transition to the new Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)

"In the last year we have devoted a lot of resources to increasing the level of reporting compliance and delivering the appropriate training and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations on a wide range of corporate and governance issues," Mr Beven said.

"I am particularly pleased that the percentage of corporations that are compliant with the CATSI Act has exceeded our target of 55 per cent to reach 59 per cent by the end of the financial year.

Mr Beven said the increased compliance trend had continued into the present financial year.

The yearbook, Mr Beven's first since he took office last October, also outlines the challenges ahead. In 2008 the Registrar completed an organisational review to better align resources and systems within the office to deal with these new challenges and to set it up to achieve greater regulatory impact and improve internal efficiency

"We are well positioned to tackle the high, but achievable aims we have set ourselves," Mr Beven said.



Author and film-maker Stephen Hagan (second from left) with (from left) ACT NAIDOC Chair Maurice Walker, Director of the University of Canberra's Ngunnawal Centre Dr Kay Price, UC Indigenous Student Equity Officer Terry Williams, UC Vice-Chancellor Stephen Parker and ANU Law Faculty Research Fellow Ernst Willheim.

# Speaker urges end to apathy



AUTHOR and film-maker Stephen Hagan wants politicians to help stamp out apathy towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

people and for all tertiary courses to include units on Indigenous history. Mr Hagan delivered the 2008

Ngunnawal Lecture at the University of Canberra recently, with a speech titled 'Isn't our knowledge, our cultures, our world views enough?"

The Toowoomba-based academic accused successive governments of being complicit in allowing community apathy towards Indigenous people to fester resulting in resurgence in right-wing activity - especially in rural communities

He was scathing of the average Australian's understanding of Indigenous history and issues.

"Mum and Dad - let's call them Mr and Mrs Australia - had never learnt anything at school that remotely resembled a balanced historical perspective on the First Australians," Mr Hagan said. "And don't worry about their next-door

neighbours, who generally have an opinion about everything, because they're as much topic as the president of the Young

"And the knock-about fellow across the street sprinkling his lawn during water restrictions? Well, he's as useful on the topic of First Australian history as an ashtray on a motorbike.

"Whether it's the street's handymen chatting whilst offering neighbourly help to erect a patio for Mr Australia or housewives arranging a floral spread with Mrs Australia for her Tupperware party – everyone, it seems, has a view about the worth or otherwise of the First Australian; he is either the best ruckman since Polly Farmer or she is faster than Cathy Freeman at the same age or they are no-hopers like the rest of them down the riverbank drinking as if there is no tomorrow.

#### Curriculum

Mr Hagan said politicians had failed to address the issues of embedding a standardised Indigenous curriculum into all schools and the lack of resources for Indigenous students to successfully complete all levels of their educational journey from pre-school to tertiary studies.

leaders to start to act and think smart and invest in the education of it citizens starting first with the inclusive teaching at all levels of Indigenous studies," he said. "All tertiary education centres must

have as a minimum starting point a core unit of 13 weeks entirely devoted to the history of Indigenous Australians, past and

"All educators who have not enjoyed this experience must get paid leave to complete the same 13-week course. Principals and education bureaucrats must undertake advanced training on Indigenous studies and be assessed on their administrative effectiveness, on an annual basis

"If we are to create the utopia in Australia we all aspire to – where all the races can peacefully co-exist as contributing members of society – then the Government must take from their Futures Fund and invest now into the smart country on an Indigenous education revolution that will precipitate mutual respect and valuing of the first Australians. "To do nothing is to condone the status

quo of our education system."

Stephen Hagan is a Koori Mail

# esert knowledge increased

By PETER PURDON



THE 2008 Desert Knowledge Symposium and Business Showcase held in Alice Springs earlier this month drew experts from around the world. Hosted by Desert Knowledge Australia, the

Desert Peoples' Centre and the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre, the symposium aimed to show how business innovators, researchers and educators were working in partnership with communities, industry and governments to develop a body of desert knowledge that will help sustain communities around the

Australian and international speakers presented topics covering many areas of concern, from climate change and carbon trading to new approaches to Indigenous

education and regional independence. Leader of the Bush Products program for the Desert Knowledge CRC Jenny Cleary spoke of a surge in interest and demand for Australian desert bush foods such as wattle seed and bush tomato where demand far exceeded supply.

"This is an industry founded primarily on traditional Aboriginal knowledge about the collection, preparation and uses of desert plants and other foods – but so far there are not many Aboriginal commercial ventures operating successfully in the area," she said.

"Our research aims to find out how to help them to participate. In order to have more Aboriginal participation we need to ensure development links very closely with Aboriginal aspirations, where Aboriginal people are consulted and part of the drive

"For example, we know of one group of women who only want to harvest, and another who want to be involved in horticulture.

Ms Cleary predicted the emerging bush foods industry would gradually develop two supply streams – commercial horticultural harvesting of bush produce on a regular basis in areas where water supplies are reliable, and the low-volume, wild harvesting of high-value produce sought by discerning consumers

# **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

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 schoots in the USA. Details: Richard Young on (0422) 866 201 or email id@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: Annaliesse Monaro on (02) 9660 3444 or 1800 601 988 email a.monaro@tranby.edu.au visit www.tranby.edu.au

Ongoing: The Aboriginal Heritage 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.

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 debbie.evans@ w.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 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 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

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 renge 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

# Night markets will showcase Koorie culture



Aboriginal and Torres Islander

community members have a new event to add to their community calendar – the Koorie Night Market. The next market will be

held on 17 December from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Northcote Town Hall

March attracted 6000 visitors over three nights.

The evenings celebrate Koorie culture, with a festival atmosphere that includes 50 stallholders selling locally-made products and services, as well as free performances by leading Koorle musicians and dancers.

A new majority

organisation, Koorie Night Market Incorporated, has been formed to oversee the

markets.
One of the main aims of the market is to showcase the Victorian communities talents, particularly those from Darebin, where the markets are located.

We want to show the world Victorian Koorie

culture that is unique to this part of the country," said Eva-Jo Edwards, one of the market co-ordinators.

Project partners include DATSICC, Darebin Council, Stallholders, WISE Employment and the **Darebin Enterprise Centre** Ltd.

Northcote Town Hall is located at 189 High Street, Northcote.



A previous Koorie market.

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 23 November: Australasian World Music Expo 08. Showcasing traditional and 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

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-29 November: Fiona Omeenyo New Beginning and Ikunti 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

Until 3 December: The Tangerine Circle is a discussion, social, support and meditation group for women of colour, and is open to all sexualities. Held every first Wednesday of each month at the Women's Library 8-10 Brown St, Newtown, Sydney from 6.30pm. Details: Uma on (0405) 509 751 or email kalg08@yahoo.com.au

Until 6 December: Yanoonggoo (New/Fresh) Art Exhibition. This is Janangoo Butcher Cherel's ninth exhibition with Brigitte Braun who has been representing him since 1992. All welcome. Held at Brigitte Braun Gallery, White Street, Windsor. Details: Brigitte Braun on (03) 95212324 or (0417) 184 260 or email artplace@iinet.net.au or visit www.artplace.com.au

Until 6 December: Brownyn's Exhibition 'A Woman's World'. These paintings attempt to express the interweaving of the intricacies of life and its journey for me as an Aboriginal woman, a mother, a daughter, a niece, a cousin, an aunt, a sister and a friend. All welcome. Held at Vivien Anderson Gallery, 470 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North, Victoria. Details: (03) 9509 0255 or email info@vivienandersongallery.com or visit www.vivienandersongallery.com/exhibitions

Until 7 December: Pukurlarrima-La! 'Let Us Celebrate' Art Exhibition. This exhibition os 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 Wati-Kutjarra (two men), the Seven Sisters, Pukara (a waterhole) and llurrpa (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: Lives of the Papunya Tula Artists Art Exhibition. This is a complimentary exhibition of contemporary Papunya Tula artworks. All welcome. Held at the Tjilbruke Gallery, Tandanya. Details: Kel Rankine on (08) 8224 3216 or email kellyr@tandanya.com.au or Cate Gaston on (08) 8224 3202 or visit www.tandanya.

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.bsnsw.org.au

Until 12 December: Spinifex Artists Recent Works Art exhibition. Featuring an array of exciting works by the likes of Angelina Woods, Mark Anderson, Cryni Thomas, Byron Brookes, Lawrence Pennington, Simon Hogan, Anne Hogan, Bill Anderson, Elaine Thomas and many more. All welcome and is free. Held at Short St Gallery, Broom. Details: (08) 9192 2658 or email enquiries@shortstgallery.com or visit www.shortstgallery.com.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 Kempsey 18 October, 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 16 December: Introduction to Music Recording. If you are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and want to record your own

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CD you can learn how to record and produce your own music in a music studio with other Aboriginal musicians such as Michael Donovan and more. All welcome. Held at Miller TAFE Campus from 9am-3pm. Details: Jody Lively on (02) 9825 7429 or Romina Figuerola on (02)

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 Macquaire 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 09: '380,000 km2 of Art' Exhibition. This exhibition displays a range of styles, including the traditional Arnhem 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 Menngen, also known as Innisvale Station. All welcome. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or email tandanya@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

Until-4 January 09: Anangu Tjuta Tgungu Warkarinyi - Many Anangu Working Together art exhibition. This is an exhibition which celebrates the successful collaboration between Mimili Maku Arts and Crafts and Iwantia 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

Until 19 January 09: Arafura Craft Exchange. The Arafura Craft Exchange introduces audiences to remarkable examples of contemporary craft from Indonesia and Australia This exhibition is of stunning contemporary ceramic practice featuring wild colours, emotive forms, elaborate concepts and sometimes comical themes. All welcome. Held at the Arts NT Office, Darwin. Details: (08) 8999 8101 or (08) 8999 8264 or email magnt@nt.gov.au or visit www.magnt.nt.gov.au

Until 30 June 09: Indigenous Leadership Program 09. This program leads Indigenous people to bigger actions and opportunities. Details: 1800 249 873 or email indigenousleadership@fahcsia.gov.au or visit www.fahcsia.gov.au

Until-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

Until 25 July 2010: In Living Memory NSW Tour. This is an exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. Dates and venues: 22 November 08-30 January 09 held at the Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place, Armidale, 5 February-1 March 09 held at the Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina, 12 March-2 April 09 held at Kempsey Shire Library, 11 April-28 June 09 held at the Regional Gallery, Penrith, 9 July-24 September 09 held at St George Regional Museum, Hurstville, 30 September-7 November 09 held at the University of Newcastle, 1-16 December 09 held at the Mechanics Institute, Moruya, 6-18 April 2010 held at the Museum of the Riverina, Wagga Wagga, 22 April-6 May 2010 held at Cootamundra Library, 15 May-25 July 2010 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

20-28 November: Eora Art Exhibition. There will be on display sculptures, paintings, prints, ceramics from emerging Indigenous art students and more. Including a Music concert on the 20th with a flim screening on 27th showcasing original short drams and documentaries. All welcome and is free. Held at Eora College, 333 Abercrombie St, Chippendale. Details: (02) 9217 4878 or visit www.sit.nsw.edu.au/eora

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: Annaliesse Monaro on (02) 9660 3444 or 1800 601 988 email a.monaro @tranby.edu.au visit www.tranby.edu.au

25-29 November: Thr3e Feats Exhibition. Thr3e Feast brings together pioneering duos taking Queer Aussie Circus to the edge of theatre, dance, music and installation art with all the guts and glam of Circus, the cheek and beauty of buriesque, the physicality and theatrics of story telling with eye popping imagery. Running time 90 minutes. Held at Tandanya Theatre, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide from 7.30pn onwards. Details: Cate Gaston on 100, 2024, 2020, as a marili. (08) 8224 3200 or email marketing@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

26 November: Murriajabree Kids Challenge Day 2008. This local event gives the local indigenous children a sense of their culture and traditions which may not always be available at homes or schools. Activities include spear throwing, didj playing for the boys, indigenous sports, art workshops, dance workshops, beading workshops, boomerang painting and much more. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. All welcome and free entry. Held at the Library Park, Deception Bay 9am-2pm. Details: (07) 3293 1539 or email Murriajabree@ gmail.com

26-27 November: Back by Popular Demand-Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu Performance. Geoffrey's breathtaking live performances are a rare treat that should not be missed. Adapting the songs and stories of his Gumatj clan into beautiful contemporary music, his solo excursions highlight his amazing talent as a singer songwriter. Cost involved. Held at Enmore Theatre, Sydney from7.30pm onwards. Details: Chryss Carr (0417) 800 869 or call (02) 9550 3666 or visit www.ticketek.com.au or visit www.enmoretheatre.com.au

28 November: Queer Gifted and Blak 2. This one-off performance event celebrating the artistic strengths of South Australia's queer indigenous community. Artists performing include Sista Func, Combee, Kaboobie, Damien Raiphs and Deon Hastie. Held at Tandanya from 9.30pm onwards. Cost \$25 Adult and \$15 concession. Details: 132 246 or visit

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

29 November: NSW country Indigenous Youth Swimming Carnival 2008. This Carnival will help to improve opportunities for country kids to be able to participate in sport and develop sport and recreation skills. Aboriginal young people have the potential and ability to become elite athletes. Beginners can enter 15m or 25m events only. Free entry, Ages from beginners to 18 years. Held at Lake Talbot Swimming Pool, Lake Drive, Narrandera from 10am onwards. Details: (02) 6928 4300 or visit www.dsr.

2 December: Music concert. This is a concert of original songs and favourites performed by certificate and diploma music graduates from the Eora College. All welcome. Held at Eora College, 333 Abercromble St, Chippendale from 6pm onwards. Details: (02) 9217 4878 or visit www.sit.nsw.edu.au/eora

3 December: The Charcoal Club's fifth Birthday Celebration. The support act for the night will be Kavisha Mazzella who has performed regularly with the Charcoal Club recently also featuring songs from their new CD Hearts Full of Rust that is due out in 2009.

Tickets \$12 per person. Held at the East Brunswick Club, 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick from 7.30 onwards. Details: John Foss (0408) 386 812 or call (03) 9388 2777 or visit www.eastbrunswickclub.com or www.charcoalclub.com.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 ent. 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.

4 December: Music concert. This is a concert of original songs and favourites performed by certificate and diploma music graduates from the Eora College. All welcome. Held at Landsdowne Hotel, City Road, Broadway from 4.30-8.30pm. Details: (02) 9217 4878 or visit www.sit.nsw.edu.au/eora

7-11 December: The World Indigenous Peoples Conference, Education (WIPC:E) Emerging Leaders Summit, theme 'Maintaining Culture in the Global Environment'. This is a triennial conference 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. Cost involved. Details: Jirra Harvey on (03) 9486 1599 or (0408) 335 379 or email jirra@ wipce2008.com or visit www.wipce2008.com

26 December 2008-4 January 2009: Ten Days Holy Ghost Camp Meeting 2008. What to bring: sleeping gear, cutlery, bathers, pen, paper, gifts, talents and your community. Held at Taree Basketball Stadium, Taree from 5pm onwards. Accommodation in the hall only or book yourself into a motel. All welcome. Details: Brian Booker on (02) 6550 0086 or (0428) 597 397 or call John Andrews on (07) 4039 4012 or (0431) 049 188.

6-8 March 2009: WOMAdelaide 09. WOMADelaide returns to Adelaide with a magnificent program of music, arts and dance from across the globe. Performances feature across seven stages and throughout the park with workshops for adults and children, visual arts, street theatre program and a KidZone. The 2009 line-up features artists from Argentina, Cuba, Senegal, UK, Nigeria and more. All welcome. Held at Botanic Park, Adelaide, SA. Details: Danika Gael-Krieg on (02) 6684 7907 or (0408) 804 504 or email danikagk@ bigpond.com or visit www.womadelaide.com.au

21-22 March 2009: Yarrawarra Women's Gathering. This is a spiritual and cultural retreat for women. Activities include: basket weaving, bush tucker cooking, beach activities and screen printing. You will be able to take home your own personally screen printed t-shirt and a water urn you have weaved. Women from all Dancing and stories around the campfire. A variety of packages are on offer including accommodation with meals, camping and participation without accommodation. Held a Corindi Beach. Details: Sally on (0409) 824 803 or email yarrawarra\_womens\_network@

Until 6 April 09: Austswim Courses Austswim accreditation provides participants with the knowledge and skills needed to instruct learn to swim and water safety programs. The Austswim certificate is valid for three years and includes both theory and practical sessions. Participants must be 16 year and over. For details on the locations, dates, times and costs call Deb Grant on (02) 6618 0400 or deb.grant@dsr.nsw.gov.au or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

27-29 May 09; Yulkuum-Jerrang; The 2nd Indigenous Economic Development Conference 'Growing Out Future'. This unique Conference will provide hey stakeholders with an opportunity to share perspectives, increase business and create employment opportunities. Featuring international and local speakers, Indigenous youth forum, business and social networking opportunities, gala dinner and more. Held in Melbourne. Details: (03) 9870 2611 or email events@conferenceworks.net.au or visit www.kbconference.vic.gov.a

# Widjabul take the lead in looking after Country

By DARREN COYNE

IDJABUL people are inviting the broader River area of northern New South Wales to join forces to take care of

A series of workshops, with the theme Reconnecting to Country are about to be held in the area to gather ideas for

projects.
The workshops will be held between 19 and 25 November, and will discuss the best ways to spend \$180,000 on various projects which would improve the health of the Wilsons River

The workshops, facilitated by Sustainable Futures Australia and Rous Water, are being held to introduce the project and the widgabul custodians to the community and discuss the process of working together as Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in caring for our country. They will also explore the natural and cultural values held.

by the local community; identify sustainability issues important to the community; build ideas for potential local projects and form a local 'working group' to develop those ideas into a community based sustainability

project.

"Reconnecting to Country is an exciting opportunity for community members to develop and implement practical on-the-ground projects to improve catchment health and promote reconsiliation in the Milenes." reconciliation in the Wilsons River area," said Kyme Lavelle Rous Water General Manager

Four local environmental and cultural projects in the Wilsons River catchment will be receiving support as part of the Reconnecting to Country project funded by the NSW Environmental Trust.

These local projects, to be developed by community volunteers and Widjabul custodians, will receive a combined total of \$180,000 for on-the-ground works including materials and technical support from Rous Water staff and specialist environmental consultants; plus project facilitation by Sustainable Futures Australia.

Widjabul man Roy Gordon Jnr told The Koori Mail that the whole focus of the Reconnecting to Country program was about consultation and engagement

consultation and engagement with the wider community. The meetings will be held at the Wilsons Creek Hall on 19 November, Corndale Hall on 20 November, Lismore City Hall on 24 November and at the Bangalow Anglican Hall on 25

To register for one of the workshops or find out more about the Reconnecting to Country project, contact Emily at Sustainable Futures Australia on (02) 6685 7198 or email com.au Information about the project is also available on



Members of the Edwards family receiving the Uncle Jack Charles Award for Best Achievement for the production Songlines of a Mutti Mutti Man.



Performers on stage, from left, Caleena, Kamahi and Nikki Ashby.

# Victoria's best hit red carpet

Story by KERRI-LEE HARDING Photos by STEVEN RHALL



THE red carpet was rolled out at the Melbourne Arts Centre recently for an

VIC

awards night full of comedy, dance and cabaret-style performances in praise of Victoria's finest performing artists.

The 2008 Victorian Indigenous Performing Arts Awards, or VIPA Awards as they are commonly known, are held annually to celebrate and loses the post of the State's celebrate and toast the best of the State's black performing artists. This year's awards were announced and presented earlier this

month at the Spiegeltent.
Tammy Anderson, a stand-up comedian and actor with the Ilbijerri Theatre
Co-operative, hosted the awards. Koorie performers Peter Rotumah and Kutcha

Edwards were also on hand and belted out a few tunes for the glammed-up crowd.

Ilbijerri Artistic Director Rachel Maza Long told *The Koori Mail* she was pleased with the event. "I'm extremely happy with the evening and how it highlighted just how important it is, being part of the Victorian theatre industry and to have an opportunity to dress up and acknowledge and celebrate our achievements together," Ms Maza Long said.

Three awards were handed out during the

The recipient of the Aunty Eleanor Harding Memorial Award – Recognising Encouragement and Support of Victorian Indigenous Theatre went to actor, puppeteer and dancer Jacob Boehme, whose cousin



Comedian Mia Standford

Elke Smirl accepted the award on his behalf.

It was a dramatic moment when Uncle Jack Charles took to the stage to present the award named in his honour. He explained to the audience he was in an accident on his scooter earlier that afternoon and was lucky to make it to the VIPA awards, albeit with a

limp.
"But I would not have missed this for the

Uncle Jack presented the Uncle Jack Charles Award for Best Achievement to the Edwards family collective for the production Songlines of a Mutti Mutti Man. on hand to see the talented Naretha Williams take home an award named after their father the Uncle Bob Maza Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution.
 Ms Maza Long said all of this year's VIPA

award-winners were highly deserving. The actor and now theatre manager clearly finds her role as Ilbijerri Artistic
Director rewarding and satisfying, and there
was much talk at the awards of the
co-operative's 2008-09 season.
"We continue to tour Chopped Liver
nationally and Head Hunter is set to tour the

Northern Territory and Western Australia,

Comedy is also in the wind for libijerri, and she is excited about a new show being written for the 2009 Melbourne International Comedy Festival

She said next year should be hectic for the co-operative, especially as it prepares for a Koorie youth-focused project titled What Do

"The youth production will explore the use of technology by our youth of today and how we can incorporate this technology into the theatre to give our Indigenous youth a voice and a feeling of empowerment in their lives," said Ms Maza Long, who has joined forces with her sister for the project.

"It is the telling of a contemporary story of two sisters and their journey back home to country. The trip will take them back home to Murray Island in the Torres Strait Islands, she said, revealing the work-in-progress would have a strong musical and dance



Ilbijerri Artistic Director Rachel Maza Long.



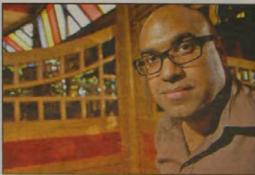
Stan Yarramunua entertains guests as they arrive on the red carpet.



Kutcha Edwards entertained the crowd.



Lisa Maza looks on as Naretha Williams accepts the Uncle Bob Maza Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution.



Ilbijerri General Manager John Harvey.

# Students' artworks Koori Mail Books inspired by apology



justice for Australia's Stolen Generations is by no means over

the Federal Parliament's apology to the Stolen Generations in February has undoubtedly had a big impact on many Australians young and old.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 12 from Sydney public schools recently used art to express their increased understanding and appreciation

of reconciliation in the The exhibition, The Apology: first steps, was part of a broader initiative by the Department of

Education and Training called 'Koori Art Expressions

Opened by Dr Phil Lambert, Director of the department's Sydney region, it was shown at the Pine Street Creative Arts



Centre in Chippendale from 5-15

Departmental sources said the theme of the project captured the spirit of reconciliation and provided the stimulus for students from Aboriginal and



non-Aboriginal backgrounds to reflect on what the apology meant

There are plans for the Koori Art Expressions initiative to become an annual event.

 Pictured left: Joining Hands, by Sophie in Year 4.

Pictured above: Moving forward on Boondi, by Sarah and Aisha in Year 6. The title of this work makes reference to an Aboriginal word 'Boondi', said to translate as 'the sound of the waves hitting the sand'.



From left, Melba Gunjarrwanga, Denise Quall, Isaiah Nagurrgurrba, Ros Moriarty, Ian Kew, Techy Masero and Jo Woolner cut the ribbon on an expanded arts precinct at Darwin

# Darwin airport gets fresh art



public art precinct has been opened at the Darwin Airport to give travellers

residents and other visitors to the airport a taste of the Northern Territory's artistic diversity. The project, which was 18 months in the planning and production stage, was a collaboration with the Jumbana Group's Balarinji studio in

The range includes paintings

on corrugated iron canopies at the entrance to the terminal by Indigenous artists Gordon Landsen Milyindirri (Water Lillies and Two Boys Country). Isaiah Nagurrgurrba (Walaroo Hunting, Night Gliders, Saltwater Crocodile, Long Necked Turtle and Echidna, River Dreaming) and Denise Quali (Saltwater Barramundi, To Hunt and Gather).

Another collection inspired by wood, wire and stainless steel, the Mimih Forest brings together artists from Maningrida, Amhem Land, in

association with Darwin artist Techy Masero and Perrin Sculpture Foundary.

Contemporary sculptures by Rex Maxwell and Jo Woolner also feature in the art precinct. Woolner says her latest work was inspired by the creatures of the Top End. Maxwell uses locally fallen ironwood in his pieces and wants his work to reflect his passion for the NT.

The Australian and NT governments provided funding for the new artwork, which will complement the existing Tiwi Pukamani poles at the airport

# A chronicle of an art phenomenon

Lives of the Papunya **Tula Artists** 

By Vivien Johnson Published by IAD Press ISBN 9781864650907 RRP \$99.95

his book chronicles the beginnings of the Western Desert art movement and the phenomenal development of its founding art company over four

comprehensive researched more than 200 men and women. balanced between first contact and

record auction prices

In the early 1970s, a small group of Western Desert 'painting men' at Papunya in Centra Australia seized the opportunity to experiment with new techniques and materials, producing vibrant and innovative works that give enduring expression to their powerful tjukurrpa (Dreamings).

In the years since, Papunya Tula Artists Pty Ltd has made a profound contribution to the

international contemporary art.
Over 25 years in the making,
Lives of the Papunya Tula Artists
celebrates the individual lives of the artists and their co-operative endeavour. It showcases the Family and country, significant sites, tjukurrpa and life histories

Illustrated with candid photographs and key artworks, the book charts the historical landscape of the Papunya Tula artists, revealing a collective creative

rare genius. "Lives of the Papunya Tula Artists is a very different kind of publication, with

being a record of all contributors to the movement," said Museum Victoria's John

● The National Aboriginal Cultural Institute – Tandanya in Adelaide hosted the South Australian launch of Lives of the

Papunya Tula Artists last week. In conjunction with the release of the book, a small exhibition of contemporary Papunya Tula artworks, supplied by AP Bond Art Dealer, will be on display for sale in the Tjilbruke Gallery at Tandanya until 1 December.

# The latest works by old masters

New Beginnings: Classic Paintings from the Corrigan Collection of 21st Century Aboriginal Art

Published by McCulloch & McCulloch Australian Art Books

156 pages ISBN 978 0 9804494 4 0 RRP \$79.95

HIS sumptuously illustrated book features the latest in Aboriginal painting by some of Australia's oldest artists who have

NEW

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talents to canvas alongside the work modern painters

Brisbane last week by Therese Rein wife of Prime Rudd, the book is collection of arts

Patrick Corngan.
Corrigan said he was moved by the strength of contemporary.
Aboriginal painting.
"I fell in love with this work when I first saw paintings by the older artists of Blackstone and Wingellina (Irrunytju) and other art from around that region in 2000, said Corrigan

"During the 1980s and 90s hen artists such as Emily when artists such as Emily
Kngwarreye and Rover Thomas
were coming up I'd been focussed
on other collecting, especially
contemporary photography. But
this art, with its colour and power,
completely bowled me over.
"I'd never seen anything like it
and it started me looking at other
contemporary Aboriginal painting
as it seemed to have entered a

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Featured from the collection are modern masters of the Western Desert, Kimberley and Top End such as

Tommy Watson. Bill Whiskey Naata Nungurrayi Napanangka, Patju Presley, George

well as a large and cohesive range

of other equally powerful paintings The book features a preface by National Museum of Australia's Margo Neale and an extensive essay by University of Sydney Professor of Contemporary Arts Ross Gibson, on the aesthetics of the collection and Aboriginal art.

# Music extravaganza

# Indigenous performers to be well represented at World Expo



**INDIGENOUS** performers when musicians from the southern region of the world gather in Melbourne this

They will be taking part in the inaugural sian World Music Expo, which runs from 20 to 23 November.

Performers from Australia include Archie

Roach, Lou Bennett, Kutcha Edwards and Yilila, as well as Aria award winner Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, and many others. The expo will showcase everything

from traditional Aboriginal dance and Jamaican-style dancehall, to New Zealand

dub and haunting West Papuan balladry, with performances each evening at the Melbourne Arts Centre, Hamer Hall, The Spiegeltent and Transit Bar

As well the Arts Centre and APRA will host a series of daytime forums on Friday 21 and Saturday 22 November, with topics that range from Festival and Europe to Indigenous



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Culture, Songwriters Speak, and Marketing and Touring Your Product in North America.

Organisers said the expo would present music from Australia and the wider region to potential buyers across all areas of the industry from the

local and international music market

"The Expo will have two distinct but very connected elements that will include an industry development component and a

general public festival component," organisers said.

The primary emphasis of the event is to provide a platform to foster stronger relationships with music industry associates both nationally and from

interested in product from this region

For full program and ticketing details, including the full international delegate list and forum session topics, visit

www.awme.com.au. Major sponsors for the Australasian World Music Expo include the Australia Council for the Arts, Arts Victoria, APRA, the Arts Centre, the City of Melbourne and

# Redfern CD to show diversity of artists

"HE Redfern Community Centre will launch its new CD, Songbird Calling, next week. The CD is a compilation of new songs from

artists living and working around Redfern who have been making good use of the centre's recording studio since it opened adjacent to 'The Block' in 2005.

The CD highlights the diverse talent of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander singers and songwriters, new and well-known. These artists, some collaborating with each other, have worked with sound engineers at the centre to produce great recordings of their original. to produce great recordings of their original

and styles (hip-hop, funk, country rock) and includes artists Wire MC, Dave Quinlan, Lawrence Barlow (Lollipop), Nadeena Dixon, Bryan Wymarra and Rhubee Neale.

Songbird Calling will be launched with live performances at Redfern Community Centre in Hugo Street, Redfern on Friday 28 November at 600. The centre invites everyone to come.

6pm. The centre invites everyone to come along to support local talent, enjoy the entertainment and be in the running for CD giveaways. Refreshments will be provided



A jam session at Redfern Community Centre last month.



Wire MC, seen here with young muso Reegan, is amongst those involved with the centre's recording studio

# **AFL** star launches own record label

By KERRI-LEE HARDING



NATHAN Lovett-Murray (pictured below) has made a name for

himself on the footy field, but he has records of another kind on

The Essendon AFL player recently launched his own music label - Payback Records - to address what he saw as a lack of support for young Koori hip-hop artists in Victoria.

Payback Records' official launch was held in Melbourne last month during the weekend of the Victorian Aboriginal Football and Netball Carnival and was attended by about 500 people.

"It was a great night, comedian Sean Choolburra was MC and US hip-hop outfit Outlawz also performed," Lovett-Murray told The Koori Mail.

"It was great to see our deadly hip-hop artists perform and to see the crowd's reaction to them... it was

#### Global outlook

Lovett-Murray hopes his hip-hop artists will soon be heard on a global scale

"I want to get our Aboriginal hip-hop music out to rest of the world, I want people in such places as South Africa, Japan, the United States and Europe to be hearing our music and to experience the culture we have to offer," he said.

The label already represents Victoria's hottest new hip-hop talents including Tjimba and the Yung Warriors Tjimba, Naqrjic, and Tjimba's cousin, Danny n(D-Boy), Alter Egoz which was started by Casey Atkinson, and Kappa AK.

Loyett-Murray, said the Jaynoth of the

Lovett-Murray said the launch of the label was about much more than music.



"At the end of the day it's not a record label, it is a place where us mob come together and we learn and help one another out, we are like one big family coming together to make music," he told The Koori Mail.

Payback Records also scored the right to host the official after-party for US hip-hop stars Snoop Dog and Ice Cube after they rocked audiences at Melbourne's Rod Laver Arena on 2 November.

"Hip-hop and rap artists like Snoop Dog and Ice Cube were the artists we looked up to when we were young," said Lovett-Murray. "So to be hosting their after-party here with our Payback artists here in Melbourne, it was just such an amazing buzz

"I know once these American artists see and hear what we are doing here in Victoria, then they are going to support and

love the sounds we are producing.
"We're the black people of this country
and they are going to relate to us, our cultural expression and our music.



NATHAN LOVETT-MURRAY





VICTORIAN band The Charcoal Club, pictured, will celebrate its fifth birthday early next month with a special Melbourne

gig featuring songs from their impending album *Hearts Full of Rust*. Made up of Aboriginal singer/songwriter Richard Frankland,

Andy Baylor, Monica Weightman, Aurora Kurth, Andrew O'Grady and Harry Lye, the band will play the East Brunswick Club in Lygon Street, East Brunswick, on the evening of Wednesday 3 December, supported by Kavisha Mazzella. "The Charcoal Club is about burnt-out blacks and singed whites. It's about me you and the bloke down the

road, it's about songs and memories and having a bit of a dance and having a bit

of fun," said Frankland.
This has been a big year for
Frankland and the band. Frankland
recently put the finishing touches to his
debut feature film, which features a number of songs by The Charcoal Club on the soundtrack. The band has also

en recording new tracks for their new

Club box office, by phoning (03) 9388

2777 or via www.eastbrunswickclub.com The Charcoal Club has its own website too: www.charcoalclub.

# Perth display paves the way

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



AN art exhibition in Perth has been credited with paving the way for more recognition of new Indigenous talent and progressive styles of art. The Revealed exhibition held at Perth TAFE during

October and November is showcasing the work of emerging artists from Western Australia's Aboriginal art centre

State Culture and the Arts Minister John Day commended the exhibition as an important partnership between the department, Central TAFE and the Department of Industry and Resources' Aboriginal Economic Development Division. Mr Day said the arts industry lent itself to the Department of the central industry lent itself

to the promotion of established or older artists, which drew attention away from emerging artists, but he applauded Revealed for bringing together the work of promising new talent.

#### **Breaking away**

WA Artsource Regional and Indigenous Programs Manager Ron Bradfield said Revealed displayed a range of new and emerging artists who were breaking away from the common themes typically seen in Indigenous art shows.

He said the opening night was great and the 'comfortable atmosphere at the launch was indicative of the nature of the collection, which had allowed new artists to expand on traditional boundaries in Aboriginal art'

"I really liked the broad range of it all coming from art centres," he said

Mr Bradfield said having such a showcase gave artists the opportunity to follow their own choices rather than having



Wandjinas and Unguds by Kirsty Burgu



Pilbara Landscape by Jack Alexander



Untitled by Jill Churnside, of Roebourne Art Group.



WA Artsource Regional and Manager Ron Bradfield.

to conform to the needs of the 'usual

market' for Aboriginal art.
"I feel art centres can get caught between a rock and hard place on that issue, because they've got to be commercially viable," he said.

"The artists then wear that by feeling constrained in some sense about what they can pursue artistically for themselves Revealed Co-ordinator Tim Acker said the exhibition had also broken new ground by offering emerging artists a chance to collaborate in the actual production of the event, and that it was the first of many projects connecting regional art workers

and curators with national opportunities.

# Students to show best at Eora fest



SYDNEY-BASED emerging visual and performing student artists will showcase their talents over the next two weeks as part

of the 2008 Eora Indigenous Art, Music and Film Festival.

Starting tomorrow and running until 4 December, TAFE NSW - Sydney Institute, Eora College will open its doors to the public for what it says is an extravaganza of Indigenous contemporary culture.

This is a tremendous opportunity for the Aboriginal and wider community to see quality works by emerging visual and performing student artists," said Eora College Director Darryl Griffen. "This festival is a great way for Eora

students to share not only the Aboriginal culture, but culture of the arts.

Those attending can meet the artists, hear their stories, enjoy complementary

food and entertainment at the launch. Eora college graduates include artists Roy Kennedy, Elaine Russell and Harry Wedge, up-and-coming multimedia artist Willurei Kirkbright-Burney, music graduates The Stiff Gins and many more.

The festival is free, family friendly and open to the public.

 Art Exhibition: Opening on Thursday,
 November, from 12.30pm-4.30pm. The exhibition will run 10am-4pm weekdays from tomorrow until Friday, 28

 Music Concerts: Thursday, 20 November, 1pm-4.30pm and Tuesday, 2 December, 6pm-9pm at Eora; and Thursday, 4 December, 4.30pm-8.30pm at the Landsdowne Hotel.

 Film Screening: Thursday, 27 November, from 6pm

Eora College is at 333 Abercrombie Street, Chippendale, in inner Sydney. For more information on the festival, call (02)

# Museum exhibition celebrates fibre art



AN exhibition exploring the influences underpinning changes to contemporary Indigenous fibre art has opened at the National

Museum of Australia in Sydney. ReCoil: Change and Exchange in iled Fibre Art profiles the work of 12 Indigenous and three non-Indigenous textile artists who have all worked together. It will be on show at the museum until

mid-June next year, after which it will go to the Caloundra Regional Gallery and the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern

Organised by Artback NT: Arts Development and Touring, ReCoil features a wide range of conventional baskets to quirky, two and three-dimensional, sculptures, including a smaller version of the Grass Toyota than won a section at the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander Art Award in 2005. It explores coiled basketry technique and the way it has spread and diversified, establishing new fibre movements in a range of remote Aboriginal communities. This basketry technique was traditionally practised by Aboriginal people of south-east Australia, and was transplanted to Arnhem Land by missionaries.

More recently, coiled basketry technique was introduced via workshops to Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia.

rapidly along lines of kinship and through skills exchanges.

It is now practised throughout the remote regions of the NT, WA and South Australia.

As the weavers travel, the influence of coiling keeps expanding.

# Sarah sings her way to national student honour

By Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



**TALENTED Tasmanian** Aboriginal teenager Sarah Everett, pictured, has not only earned herself first place in a

national student story-singing contest, but has shared wih her community the positive light it has brought. The 15-year-old from Bridgewater, in southern Tasmania, was encouraged by staff at Bridgewater High School to enter the secondary story-singing section of Country Wakakirri 2008 competition. Her DVD recording of

herself performing Anyhow beat 26 other

She had penned the song herself about the aftermath of a fire which burnt down

her high school. Following the October 2007 fire there was speculation that the high school would not be rebuilt, causing amongst the Bridgewater High School community. A year later it was announced that a new school would be built on the same site, ready for the 2011

school year. "I wrote the song before I found out about the competition, I wrote it for other students," Sarah said.

students," Sarah said.
"When you're going
through a tough time it's not
always the end, there's always
the light at the other end," she said
about the weeks following the fire.
"We were all worried about sticking with
our friends, it was scary."
While the competition has given her
national exposure, Sarah appears just
as happy with the positive exposure

it has bought her local community.

'It was just so great to put Bridgewater in the paper for something other than crime," she said.

"It's a great community to live in. It can be hard, though, when people who don't live here put you down because you live here. The other students were stoked."

John Klug, the Community Liaison officer at Brighton Municipal Council, of which Bridgewater is part, sang Sarah's praises.

"She's not only a good role model for the Indigenous community but for everyone -she lifts the whole community," he said. Sarah attributes her musical ability to her father, Adrian Everett, who she first performed on stage with when she was

only seven. Her voice and songwriting abilities have been recognised amongst the Tasmanian Aboriginal community for several years now, as a result of her regular performances at the annual Putalina

Festival. News of her success has already spread, and since winning the story-singing contest she has performed at a community health expo in Tasmania. Sarah says she loves performing and has her mind set on succeeding as a

solo performing artist.
"I want people to sit down and be able to enjoy my music like I enjoy writing it and playing it to them," she told

Sarah's award-winning performance can be enjoyed online at www.wakakirri.com/ default\_student\_sec.htm

# People to have choice



INDIGENOUS art buffs can play art critic by casting a vote for the People's Choice award in Australia's richest Indigenous

contemporary art award. The main winners of the new Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards were announced at a gala elebration at the Art Gallery of WA (AGWA) in Perth on 31 October

Taking out the \$50,000 top prize and a further \$10,000 prize were Western Desert artist Patrick Tjungurrayi and Warburton Ranges' June Walkutjukurr

The \$5000 People's Choice Award, however, will be given to an artist in the awards exhibition whose work receives the highest number of visitor votes. It won't be announced until 6 January, the week before the exhibition of works from the awards closes at the AGWA

The free exhibition features works by 15 artists and an artists' group. The The People's Choice Award will simultaneously celebrate an artist's

achievements as well as reveal the values, tastes and interests of gallery

WA Premier Colin Barnett congratulated Mr Tjungurrayi and Ms



Day said the awards exhibition was 'a wonderfully varied and dynamic snapshot

"These awards recognise the outstanding contribution Indigenous artists make to the cultural life of the nation," he said. "Mr Tjungurrayi

was nominated for a group of ambitious paintings that build upon the traditions of the classical Papunya style of from the Central and Western Desert. Mr Tjungurrayi is from the Western

Desert at Yalangerri (near Jupiter Well). June Walkutjukurr Richards from Mirlimtjarra (Warburton Ranges) won her award for a body of work that features text-based pieces and pictographic scenes of people coming into her community.

This award is for a WA artist who

is acknowledged as currently creating significant work



Patrick Tjungurrayi's untitled 2007

June Walkutjukurr Richards' 2006

acrylic work The Policeman took out the \$10,000 prize.

ch won the \$50,000 prize.

# Course to focus on screen industries



developed to train and prepare Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders for building careers and businesses in the screen industry.

Brisbane company QPIX will deliver the 'Black Pearls' course, believed to be the first of its type in the country, over five months from early next year

Graduates will receive a Certificate IV in Screen and Media.

QPIX says those taking part will work in rolling sets of teams and participate in, and also sometimes direct, the making of short dramas, documentaries and family histories, television commercials for actual businesses, and music video clips for working bands. They will also be provided with small budgets on some of the productions

production. We know the more films people make, the better they learn," QPIX's Lisa Andersen. "Students will also be taught some business skills through creating their own business plans (with budgets), and be introduced to new media platforms and the ways they link with filmmaking." Ms Anderson said the course would

suit anyone who wanted to make

cinema, have their say, tell their stories tell the stories of their family, and learn about the business of making a living as

Funded by the Qld Department of Employment, Education and Training, the heavily subsidised course will start

on 23 February and end on 19 June. For more information, contact QPIX on phone (07) 3392 2633 or email



# The others hit Noumea

The Welcome to Country by Drubea Kapone traditional owner Leonard Kate and Tjibaou Centre Staff in Noumea

GROUP exhibition of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian-based Polynesian, Melanesian and Asian conceptual artworks recently opened at the Tjibaou Cultural Centre on the Kanaky/French South Pacific Island of New Caledonia.

The exhibition, supported by Arts Queensland and featuring as part of the Tjibaou centre's 10th anniversary celebration, will be open until 8

At the opening celebration on 28 October were Murri Aboriginal artists Madeline Hodge, Jenny Fraser and Lez Beckett, along with Samoan artists Chantal Fraser and Ann Fuata, and Filipino artist Maia.

The Tjibaou centre, near Noumea, is New Caledonia's primary agency for the development of Kanak culture and it hosted 'the others' in the Komwi and Kavitara galleries, with a Welcome to Country by Drubea Kapone traditional owner Leonard Kate, Tjibaou Director

Emmanuel Kasarhérou, Christine Aita and Head of Visual Arts Pétélo Tuilalo.

Curated by Jenny Fraser, 'the others'

or 'les autres' in French – is the
touring name of 'the other APT', a multi-artform exhibition originally produced to coincide with the Queensland Art Gallery's Asia Pacific Triennial, which Aboriginal curator Djon Mundine and others have criticised for a lack of Aboriginal and other Australian-based Asia-Pacific perspectives.

#### 'Hybrid mix'

Ms Fraser said 'the other APT' had a similar focus - of art within the Asia-Pacific region. However, 'in the interest of protocol, best practice and inclusiveness', artworks were sought more locally, from Brisbane and beyond, to highlight the fact that Australian coastal areas had 'an interesting hybrid mix of artists and were also in dialogue with the First People of Australia

She said the primary curatorial premise of 'the others / les autres', first realised at Raw Space Galleries in Brisbane, was to show works from Indigenous Australian artists, as well as meaningful works from other artists that might constitute them as 'a friend in culture and good visitor to our country, in meaningful dialogue and otherwise

"In other words, Aboriginal people actively engaging with each other, and those from other cultural backgrounds – Torres Strait Islander, Melanesian, Samoan, Maori, Japanese, Filipino and others from outside the Asia-Pacific rim, providing a true survey, commenting on individual and shared experience," Ms

The other APT was selected for inclusion in the 2008 Biennale of Sydney's Online Venue earlier this year, the theme of which focused on the different ways artists have revolutionised contemporary art.

# Art a path to her healing

Story and photo by SAMANTHA DEAN



THE healing process involved for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people forcibly removed from their families

and homes during the Stolen Generations era is indisputably

On her own unique path of healing is Aunty Rhonda Collard, who has channelled her experiences and pain into art, joining forces with her Stolen Generations counsellor and long-term friend Muriel Simmons to produce a

reconciliation-themed art exhibition Yung at Art. Running for four days at Brisbane's Circle Gallery in West End, the exhibition opened on 31 October and featured individual and joint works of art by the two friends

The pair met at Kambu Medical Centre in Ipswich where Ms Simmons was working as a counsellor as part of the Bringing Them Home program, where they ran a joint art workshop for the community

"Rhonda was the artist and I'd drive the bus," Ms Simmons

A victim of removal policies, Ms Collard was a fourth-generation inhabitant of Western Australia's notorious Moore River Settlement, Her mother, grandmother and great-grandmother were all residents of the notoriously

The heartbreak of being displaced from her family is



Aunty Rhonda Collard with two of her works.

evident in many of the paintings, with a handful of the images political in tone and

One such painting, Black Madonna, is particularly provocative, featuring a weeping black woman surrounded by the words of the

"Black Madonna is about the forced-feeding of a new religion to a people and a culture that's been here for 40,000 years or more," Ms Collard said.

"It's about hearing someone else's stories, singing someone else's songs, eating someone else's food. Even through all of this, we are still here. Ms Collard's trip to

Canberra to hear Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology speech in February was also represented within a work Apology, which Ms Collard described as 'very emotional'

#### 'Wept'

"For the first time in my sister's life she wept in front of the TV while she was watching Kevin say sorry. All these years she and I had held the pain, she said.

The exhibition also featured some art that dealt with somewhat lighter themes

The joint works created by Ms Collard and Ms Simmons, which Ms Collard described as being about 'trusting and letting go', depicted the duo's shared love of belly-dancing and

dressing up.
The two friends also perform as a musical duo called Water-lily Waifs, writing and singing songs together

Ms Collard said she was surprised to learn that her previously unknown family members were also artistic. saying she definitely planned to continue her painting in the future. "I surprised myself with all this," she said.



# **Debut CD** launch for 'uin man



AN audience of more than 90 people enjoyed the launch last month of the debut CD of Yuin (NSW

South coast) man Warren Foster. The launch of the *Dreamtime* CD in Central Tilba, on Yuin country, was supported by local musicians Jacqui Howarth, Uncle CJ and Jen Noble, before

Howarth, Uncle CJ and Jen Noble, before the Indigenous hip-hop artist himself took to the stage.
Foster was awarded an Australia Council grant to produce the CD. This followed a Music NSW grant, which enabled him to produce his EP.
His CD is believed to be the first for

an Indigenous artist from the area.
"My desire is to bring unity within the black and white community across Australia through my music," Foster said at the launch.

To buy a copy of the CD, call Mandy Foster on 0448 917 156.

# Wilson Prize designed to highlight emerging talent



**EMERGING** Australian artists have less than two weeks to enter what has been described

as one of Australia's most exciting art competitions - the Wilson National Art Prize.

Wilson National Art Prize.
Launched in 2007, the
Wilson HTM National Art Prize
is an acquisitive art award open
to emerging Australian-based
visual artists practising in any
media. Supported by Wilson
HTM Investment Group and
managed by cultural managed by cultural development agency Artworkers, the award was devised with the aim of

acknowledging the difficulties faced by artists in getting national and international recognition for achievement and achieving long-term financial stability.

Encouraging entries from all media, the art prize aims to shine a light on the efforts and talents of emerging Australian

In order to be considered as an emerging artist, an entrant must have been exhibiting as a professional artists for no more than five years after completion of any relevant training or study. Entrants are still considered eligible if they are represented by a commercial gallery.

The prizes for the 2009 ward include an acquisitive \$10,000 primary prize (a \$5000 cash payment and an investment portfolio to the value of \$5000), a \$1500 non-acquisitive highly commended runners-up prize, and a \$1000 Wilson HTM Encouragement Award. Up to 12 finalists will be

chosen by the judges to feature in an exhibition. The winners will be announced next year in Brisbane.

Entries in the competition close at 5pm next Friday 28 November. For the full terms and conditions and to enter online visit www.artworkers.org



Government of Western Australia

#### Money for Artists with Disabilities

The Grants for Artists with Disabilities is a new funding program that can provide money to professional or emerging artists to help them achieve their creative dreams.

Artists with disabilities can make an application to the Department of Culture and

- \* making artwork
- . showing work, or
- · learning creative skills

Your application may be for dance, music, theatre, multi-media, designer fashion, visual arts or a combination. The closing date for grant applications is 30 January 2009 for projects starting 1st May 2009.

There is an information session to find out more about Grants for Artists with Disabilities. Date: Thursday, 27 November 2008

Where: Disability and the Arts, Disadvantage and the Arts (DADAA) - Fremantle Time: 11am - 1pm.

To book your place, please contact the DAII Officer on (08) 9224 7382 / freecall regional callers 1800 199 090 or email daii@dca.wa.gov.su Visit our website www.dca.wa.gov.au for more information about the grants.

The Grants for Artists with Disabilities are delivered in partnership with the Disability



Dee Turner, Vanessa Thompson and Anne Fitzgerald, who co-ordinated and collated the recipe book.

# Book a guide to healthy eating



IT was the death of a friend that inspired Vanessa Thompson to develop a healthy

eating recipe book for students at a school in Lismore, northern New South Wales.

Ms Thompson, who is the Aboriginal Education Co-ordinator at Lismore Heights Public School (LHPS), said the death of Jesso Barker, an old school friend, at just 33 years of age, made her angry that 'another Aboriginal person's life was cut short

So I decided a healthy eating recipe book would be the way to go. There would be three criteria for recipes - they had to be cheap, healthy and easy to prepare," she said.

Ms Thompson said she also wanted the book to be an initiative of the whole school, with a strong Indigenous focus

After having a funding application rejected, Ms Thompson and Dee Turner, a parent and member of the Aboriginal Education Committee, walked the streets of Lismore seeking support from everybody and anyone that would listen'

Ms Thompson also kept in contact with Mr Barker's family to ensure the final book was acceptable to the family

She thanked everyone involved when the book was launched recently.

"A big thank you also needs to go to the staff of LHPS who

have embraced the project, to the students that researched at home for healthy recipes, to the many parents that bought in other



At the recipe book launch were, from left, Dee Turner, Vanessa Thompson (Aboriginal Education Coordinator), Anne Fitzgerald, Uncle Mick Roberts, Dre' Barker, Troye Barker, Dhinawan Dreaming, Isalah Barker, Dontay Brown, Laquisa Khan, Aaliyah Khan, Sarah McKie and Zaichic Turner.

recipe books, which other schools have put together previously, to give us ideas," Ms Thompson

She also thanked celebrities

donation to assist with the production of this book, as did the Green Garage in Byron Bay, Rekindling the Spirit and Lismore People for Reconciliation," she

'I decided that there would be three criteria for recipes - they had to be cheap, healthy and easy-to-prepare'

> who had contributed recipes, and groups which helped fund the project. "Ian Thorpe's Foundation for Youth made a generous

Ms Thompson said many local Lismore businesses had donated items to be raffled. The book was

launched at the school

on 7 November

For more information on how to get a copy go to the website www.livewelllivelong.org

# Cancer link to weight



overweight increases the risk of developing cancer by up to 50 per cent,

according to one of the world's foremost researchers on cancer

Professor Elio Riboli, of the Imperial College London, co-ordinates the European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition (EPIC) study, the largest-ever study on diet and cancer risk which collects statistical data from half a million people across 10 European countries

Speaking at the Cancer Council Western

Australia's State Cancer Conference in Perth, Prof Riboli said research from EPIC showed that avoiding excessive weight gain, eating a balanced diet and exercising regularly were the three most important factors in reducing cancer

risk. "The best is to be lean and physically active and the worst is to be overweight and inactive," he

"Those who have an unhealthy diet and a more sedentary lifestyle have a clearly increased risk of developing a number of different types of

The EPIC group has also looked extensively at the health impacts of varying levels of physical activity on different

population groups.
"We've found that people who

are less physically active increase their risk of developing cancer by up to 50 per cent."

Prof Riboli said. He said a major concern was the health inequities that would emerge in society because of unhealthy diets and declining levels of physical activity.

His research team found increasing evidence about the links between eating red meat more than once a week and increased risk of colorectal and stomach cancer.

Excessive consumption of salt and salt-preserved food has also been found to increase the risk of cancer of the digestive

> Conversely, a balanced and varied diet rich in vegetables, fruit and fish has been found to reduce cancer risk and is also the best diet for maintaining a healthy body weight In Australia,

obesity is linked to 11 per cent of colon cancers and nine per cent of

ost-menopausal breast cancers Obesity is also associated with endometrial, oesophageal, kidney and gall bladder cancer.
There is emerging evidence that
obesity is linked with increased
risk of cancers of the pancreas
and liver, and multiple myeloma and non-Hodgkin lymphoma. It's estimated that there will

be a 30 per cent increase in cancer every decade until the middle of this century - and this does not take into account the rising rates of obesity in

# Internships on off

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ARE you interested in health, need a job and want to get some hands-on experience?

Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit, the Co-operative Research Centre Aboriginal Health (CRCAH) and Melbourne University's Indigenous

Employment Strategy are partnering in the development of an internship program for Indigenous students.

Two internships are on offer. Working over an eight-week period and interning with Onemda will allow the successful applicant to explore a career in Indigenous health and community development while working side by side with Onemda staff.

Onemda's intern program targets students who are interested in a career in research. It is primarily aimed at students undertaking studies in health and/or community development at TAFE or

University level For more information, contact Onemda on phone (03) 8344 0813 or email onemda-info@unimelb.edu.au

# Townsville focus on diabetes



Awareness Week at the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service (TAIHS)

with several hundred people turning up in the first two days. Registered Nurse Jeremy Clarke said there was an excellent turnout on the first day.

"There was people everywhere,"

TAIHS workers Nathaniel Prior and Manny Ross were near the door at the registration desk when The Koori Mail visited on 12.

Sam Sailor and his son Steadman were eager to get a check-up and to hear about diabetes. Sam had his blood pressure and general screening done by TAIHS Health Worker Valmai Smallwood.

TAIHS Dental Unit Manager Tina Sangla was on hand to co-ordinate dental checks, while Early Intervention Manager Raylene Oui was kept busy registering clients as they arrived.

Chef Nic Dick gave demonstrations of healthy food preparation and cooking. Social Health Workers Genevieve



TAIHS Social Health Worker Genevieve Meldrum prepares food.

Meldrum and Kataraina Tehira

"A total of 620 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our area have diabetes," said Ms Meldrum.

"About 20 per cent are in the high category group and





workers, from left, Tina Sangla, Theresa Illin, Samantha Pushpa Karut.

LEFT: TAIHS vorkers Nathaniel Prior and Manny Ross and, registering for the week's activities, Sam Sailor and Steadman Sailor.

"We will continue to have ongoing screening and treatment here," she said.

treatment of diseases.

"And in January we will be focusing on health education for children returning to school.



Chef Nic Dick with food

# Dementia a problem in WA - study



**DEMENTIA** rates among Indigenous West Australians are among the worst in the world and more than five times higher than

non-Indigenous Australians, according to new research. The Western Australian

Centre for Health and Ageing (WACHA), based at the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research (WAIMR), has reported that 12.4 per cent of older Indigenous people in WA's Kimberley region have dementia. The current rate of dementia Australia-wide for people over the age of 45 years is 2.4 per cent.

WACHA Director and University of Western Australia Professor Leon Flicker said the first-of-their-kind statistics, gathered using a new assessment tool, would provide a basis for further studies into

appropriate services and care.
"Using a new culturally-

appropriate test our team has developed, we've discovered the prevalence of dementia among Indigenous people aged over 45 living in the Kimberley is very high," Prof Flicker said. "We believe the prevalence

of dementia in the Kimberley Indigenous population is one of the highest we've seen among all other studied populations throughout the world.

#### Outlook

"With this understanding, we are now taking our work to the next level and looking into developing health services for people with dementia in remote Indigenous communities, and how best these services can be provided to improve the outlook for older Indigenous Australians.

The results have been ublished in the journal

as part of the National Health and Medical Research

Council-funded Kimberley Indigenous Cognitive Assessment investigations and involved 363 participants from in the region.
"The first phase of the KICA

regular exercise it can be

controlled and even beaten." TAIHS Acting Assistant CEO

study in April 2003 saw us develop a culturally-appropriate tool to assess dementia, which meant we could test and document participant cognition levels more accurately than before," Prof Flicker said. "Age is the major risk factor

for dementia, but the overall health risks the Indigenous population faces may also be contributing, because the same risk factors for cardiovascular disease are linked to dementia."

The success of the study was made possible by collaboration with many organisations including
Kimberley Aged Care Services,
the Kimberley Aboriginal
Medical Services Council and
the National Ageing Research Advertisement



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# Dubbo Elders join in

Aboriginal Elders' groups came together for the first time recently in an

initiative designed to utilise their leadership expertise in promoting the importance of education not only for their grandchildren but the

entire community.
Elders from Buninyong, Allira
and Thubbo met with staff from the
Delroy Campus of Dubbo College
and local families in what Delroy Principal Peter Bray described as a 'ground-breaking meeting' and signalled the start of a link between the Department of Education and the Aboriginal

community "Delroy is one of several schools throughout the State undertaking the program to increase understanding and support for education in the local Indigenous community," Mr Bray

"Education today is vastly different from 50 or 60 years ago with technology playing a pivotal role in learning.

"We believe we need to familiarise Elders with the new technology so they can talk with



Aboriginal Elders Aunty Una Lake, Aunty Bev Peschka, Aunty Jean Milgate Aunty Betty Rankmore, Aunty Grace Toomey and Aunty Levenia Howey, with local Aboriginal education consultant Yvonne Hill (centre back).

younger generations about their school education, as well as promoting the importance of education in their communities.

Buninyong Elder Gloria Toomey said it was critical that families worked together to ensure children and young people were supported in achieving education goals

"We want our grandchildren and future generations to value their education so we will all leave here and talk with our families.

Aboriginal education consultant Yvonne Hill said the day had been a success for the Aboriginal and school community



Delroy Campus of Dubbo College parents Heather and Michael Bonser with Principal Peter Bray during the 'ground-breaking meeting'

"To generate healthy partnerships we first need to establish a relationship between Delroy school staff and the

Aboriginal community," she said.
"There's a process of getting to
know each other that must come build mutual trust and respect.

"To be successful at school, children need the support of their relatives. Aboriginal people hold their Elders in great esteem so once the Elders feel happy with the school-community relationship we expect their support of education to flow on to other family

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The Glebe-based college also provides staff development training to Indigenous and non-Indigenous organisations and government

Many former students and staff are expected to attend the dinner, along with other VIPs. Comedian Sean Choolburra will MC the event and there'll be performances by Buddy Knox and his Blues Band and Freshwater. For tickets or more information,

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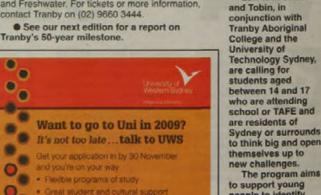
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## Education



Students Bryson, Shaun and Travance at Parliament House, Canberra, next to a portrait of the late Senator Neville Bonner, the first Aboriginal Federal parliamentarian.



# Big trip for a little school



Martina on a merry-go-round in Canberra.

UPPER primary and middle year students from tiny Ti Tree School in the Northern

Tree School in the Northern Territory were wide-eyed when they took in the sights of Sydney and Canberra earlier this month.

It took the group a full day to travel to and from Sydney for the excursion dubbed the 'Big Trip', but by all accounts it was well worth the effort.

In Sydney, the students had dinner at Circular Quay, the boys visited Trinity Grammar for a game of basketball and the girls had a tour of Meriden School with their old classmate Shamayla Presley. their old classmate Shamayla Presley, who is now a Meriden student. The students went to the beach with

Jack Manning Bancroft and Paul Sinclair trom the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME), as well as having a harbour cruise and barbecue fish dinner on the Tribal Warrior

On their arrival in Canberra, the Ti Tree mob had a welcome to country from, and lunch with, local Ngunnawal Traditional Owners at the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

The students then had a tour of the Australian War Memorial and placed a poppy next to the name of Edward Castles, the first recorded Aboriginal man to die in World War I.

They went on to investigate Aboriginal weapons, hunting tools and more at the National Museum of Australia with Aboriginal education officer Deborah Frederick, and to discover art work at the National Art Gallery from communities

close to their own.
This was followed by a trip to the Parliament House office of Federal



The Ti Tree mob at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy after a good hour of sharing stories and hanging out.

Minister Warren Snowdon, who is their local Federal Member of Parliament, and

local Federal Member of Parliament, and a visit to the Aboriginal Tent Embassy.

The students also enjoyed ice skating, the botanic gardens, the circus, the Australian Institute of Sport, shopping and rides on a merry-go-round in the central mall. Another highlight, given that the students are currently reading the book Charlotte's Web, was a visit to a farm near Yass, about 60km from the national capital, where the more game students had a go at riding sheep. For the record,

Tiara Charles managed to stay on the

Upper primary class teacher Erin Greenhalgh, who co-ordinated the trip, said the students, teachers and their supporters had a great time. "The students should be proud of their efforts at school this year and also their outstanding efforts in Sydney and Canberra," she said The trip was supported by Centrecorp,

Australian Choice, Anmatyerr Council, Tree Roadhouse and Tanami Group



Tiara riding a sheep at a farm near Yass.



Tiara enjoys the view from the big chair of the kids' Federal MP, Warren Snowdon, while Anthea, Alethea and Bryson look on.



# **Employment**

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Team leader Shane Wilson (left) and fellow member Corey Prior are pleased with the Sandhills Riparian Restoration Project's progress.



A plaque describes the creation of the Totem Garden at Koori

# Skills at Sandhills

By LINDSAY HAYES



An Aboriginal work crew involved in an extensive river rehabilitation project at Narrandera is on a roll.

The crew's contract has been extended and their achievements recognised by a Keep Australia Beautiful Council (KABC) Award.

The Koori Mail reported on the Sandhills Riparian Restoration Project launch

in September last year.

Since then the objectives of the authorities involved, the Federal Government, Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority and Narrandera Shire Council – to equip young Wiradjuri people with work skills while restoring a degraded weed-infested stretch of the

Murrumbidgee River - have been met. The training is conducted in conjunction with the Riverina Institute of TAFE Narrandera campus.

One of the stand-out successes is young father-of-two Corey Prior, who signed on at the outset with a commitment to gain qualifications to improve his employment options

Team leader Shane Wilson said just like most young blokes Corey was formerly 'a

little wild' but he now had a clear goal and was doing extremely well. Besides getting his own life on track, Corey is a role model for Wiradjuri youngsters and acting as a mentor for new

"I am rapt in the work. I like working outdoors," Corey said. "I've got my Certificate II in Conservation and Land

get into a TAFE course in North Wagga.
"I think we are going to roll-over to
Certificate IV (in conservation and land
management). It looks like being an on-

going program," he said.
"If not, I'll look for a job in conservation.
I'm qualified now to work in the National Parks and Wildlife Service."

The river and its environs are steeped in Wiradjuri culture and the trainees have made some interesting discoveries

Shane and fellow team-member Belinda Williams received the award on behalt of Narrandera at this month's gala presentation ceremony hosted by Dorrigo.

Another recent highlight was co-hosting an afternoon tea for the Narrandera-born Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, at the project's showpiece, Koori Beach a former blackberry-infested and littered wasteland, rehabilitated to its natural state

Professor Bashir complimented the riparian team on their achievements during a guided tour of the improvements and recal her happy childhood days at the

unofficial rubbish dump into a beautiful totem garden with native grasses and shrubs and made nest boxes to

attract forest birds.

They have fenced the beach off from livestock and planted thousands of river red gums along the banks to control erosion and for koalas. The trees are the favoured food source of Narrandera's free-ranging koala colony. Meanwhile, hand-made red gum tables and seats have turned the area into a pleasant picnic spot for the town.

## 'We've found a few sacred trees, some were from coolamons, some were canoes and some were battle shields' - trainee Corey Prior

Management and I'm now studying for my Certificate III.

En route Corey has also obtained licences to operate a bobcat, backhoe, excavator and chainsaw and gained native plant, weed eradication, pesticide application

The training has also touched on arboriculture, a field which interests Corey

and first aid skills.

"I am not actually qualified, but I hope to

"We've found a few sacred trees, some were from coolamons, some were canoes and some were battle shields," Corey said

One of his proudest achievements finishing in the top three of this year's NSW Trainee of the Year Award.

He shared his work mates' jubilation at bagging the Wildlife Corridors and Habitat ard for the riparian project in the KABC's annual Tidy Towns Competition

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  Job Notes: Further information about this position is available

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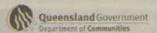
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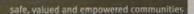
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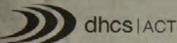
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Senior Officer Grade B

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The occupant will be responsible for the provision of high-level advice on issues relating to the effective delivery of OOHC services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, they will manage the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Kinship and Foster Care Service and a supported accommodation service for young Indigenous males. The successful applicant will provide high-level representation across DHCS and the community sector, particularly the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Tertiary qualification in a human services or policy discipline are highly desirable. Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Contact Officer: Neil Harwood (02) 6207 0497 neil.harwood@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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The CEO (Principal) will be appointed for up to five years, and is responsible for the operational leadership and management of the Institute under the direction of the Council of the Institute.

Comprehensive knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and issues affecting Indigenous Australians today and a commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies are also required.

This is a statutory appointment made under the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Act 1998.

Please consult the AIATSIS web site www.aiatsis.gov.au/jobs to obtain the selection documentation for this position. For those without access to the internet, selection documentation can be obtained from Kylie Robinson on (02) 6246 1128.

If after reading the selection documentation you require further information, contact Mr Steve Larkin on Ph:02-62461118, email: steve.larkin@aiatsis.gov.au or Professor Mick Dodson AM on Ph: 02-61256708 e-mail: mick.dodson@anu.edu.au .

Please read the information for Applicants before submitting your application. Applications must include

- \* A statement of claims addressing the selection criteria
- . An application cover sheet
- . A current resume or curriculum vitae
- . Contact details of three referees

Send your application to:

Human Resources
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
GPO Box 553

Or email: HRTeam@alatsis.gov.au

Closing Date: COB Friday 21 November 2008

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lease note: All applications MUST address the 'Essential Qualifications'

- Ability to communicate effectively.
- Effective oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrated experience in, and commitment to the delivery of high quality customer service
- \* Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- \* Previous experience in security industry is an advantage

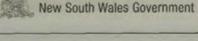
A completed 'Ministerial Employee' application form with attachments is also required. Subsequent assessment also scludes aptitude and conduct, as comp onents of merit based selection.

APPLICATIONS AND INFORMATION PACKAGE:

vailable from the Ministerial Recruitment Officer - NSW Police Force Recruitment Branch.

Phone: (02) 8835 9881 or 1800 222 122

CLOSING DATE: 15 December 2008



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The successful applicant will need to have

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Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander people, people with disabilities and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

#### COORDINATOR, ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY JUSTICE GROUP

Clerk, Grade 3-4, Walgett, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG08/1024. Total remuneration package valued to: \$65,072 p.a. (\$53,855-\$58,969) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. The Aboriginal Community Justice Group Coordinator (ACJGC) supports and facilitates the activities of the local Aboriginal Community Justice Group.

Aboriginal Community Justice Group.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality and extensive knowledge of Aboriginal culture, particularly the culture of those communities of New South Wales; Knowledge of the New South Wales justice system; Ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally with people of all backgrounds; Experience in negotiating with community organisations, particularly Aboriginal communities; Experience in organising and presenting information sessions, workshops and other educational forums; Ability to manage projects; Current NSW Drivers Licence.

Notes: This position is identified under the control of the c

Notes: This position is identified under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement.

Inquiries: Bradley Webb phone (02) 8688 7580 Email: bradley\_webb@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Bradley Webb (02) 8698 7580.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agrecrutment@agd.nsw.gov.au or by post to the Recrutment Services Unit, Attorney General's Department, Locked Bag 5111, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.

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Closing Date: Monday, 1 December 2008

#### Manager (Identified)

Office for ATSI Partnerships

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Salary: \$89 898 - \$95 082 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

Key Duties: Provide high level secretariat coordination and operational support to the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council, which is responsible for providing advice to the Government. Skills and Abilities: Develop, manage systems,

processes for allocation and coordination of requests and responses, Government and Council briefings and similar requirements, including compliance with protocols, to facilitate the efficient and effective

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Closing Date: Monday, 1 December 2008

#### Manager - Program and Service Coordination (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland (One full-time temporary position from 5 January 2009

8 February 2010, Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or forces Strait Islander Community)

Salary: \$81 140 - \$87 005 p.a

REF- OLD/COM8907/08

Key Duties: Assist the Regional Director in leading the ordination of activities and programs delivered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and provide leadership to staff and multi-disciplinary

Skills and Abilities: Able to coordinate and manage projects to meet organisational requirem applying best practice principals and quality processes Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

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State Negotiator

State Negotiator
Indigenous Services, Calim Resolution
(Two positions available)
Natural Resources and Water
Salary: 531-140 - 587-205-p.a.
Location: Woolbouragable
REF: OLD/NRW8842/08
Key Duties: Undertaking complex negotiations in the
neclation of stative title claims and Indigenous Land Use
Agreements (ILUAs). Providing high level advice and
information through submissions, briefs, and reports to
management on native title and related issues. Liaising with
and maintaining effective relationships with Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander communities, agents, land councils and
State/Commonwealth departments.
Enquiries: Kevin Murphy (07) 3406-2272.
Closing Date: Monday, 24 November 2008

Senior 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

Islandor Communities

Salary: \$72.515 - \$77.504 p.a.

Location: Rockhampton

REF: (U.D)/COM8909/08

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Closing Date: Monday, 1 December 2008

#### Senior Project Officer

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland Communities
Salary: \$72.515 - \$77.584 p.a.
Location: Woorabinsta
REF; QLD/COM8911/08
Key Duties: Manage negotiation table processes
including the monitoring and reporting of action
and outcomes. Collect and analyse data to inform
the development and impetementation of whole of
government service delivery responses.
Skills and Abilities: Coordinate and manage projects,
with the ability to act strategically with a broad range
of groups, to achieve timely and effective outcomes.
Demonstrated research, analytical and problem
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solving skills. Enquiries: (07) 3006-7675 Closing Date: Monday. 1 December 2008

#### Local Area Coordinator (Specified)

Service Delivery.

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REF (QLD/DSQ8729/08 Key Duties: Develop relationships with people with disabilities, their families and/or committed others to facilitate the identification of immediate and long term needs and the planning for supports and services that are responsive to individual need. Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689 Closing Date: Monday, 1 December 2008

**Program Officer** 

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Brishane REF: QLD/H07615/08

Key Duties: This position requires the delivery of analyses, risk assessments and compliance and review activities for Registered Providers funded under the

Housing Improvement Program.

Skills and Abilities: Provide advice on corrective action for program issues arising from grants admini-Enquiries: Val Nullet (07) 3247 9131 or E-Mail:

johvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au Closing Date: Monday, 24 November 2008

## Child Safety Support Officer

Child Safety Services Division

(Two permanent full time positions available. Financial incentives may apply. Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Mander descent)

Child Safety

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 969 p.a. Location: Cairns and Weipa

REF: OLD/CHS8966/08

REF: QLD/CH58966/08

Key Dutles: To provide high quality, culturally appropriate, child protection services to children and families by the Child Safety Service Centre which are consistent with departmental policies, procedures and practices and provide appropriate advice to departmental staff to enhance service delivery

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693 Closing Date: Monday, 1 December 2008

## Program Support Officer (Identified) Office for ATSI Partnerships (Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 969 p.a.

REF: QLD/CQM9017/08

required and provide general administrative support to ensure the efficient functioning of the Secretarial functions of the Council. Co-ordinate the timely preparation of briefing notes, correspondence, agenda papers, explanatory memoranda and other reports. Enquiries: (07) 3006-7675

Closing Date: Monday, 1 December 2008

## **Senior Housing Officer**

Housing Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 968 p.a.

REF: QLD/H07688/08 Key Duties: Support the delivery of quality service to

circuits in housing need and supervise a small feam.

Skills and Abilities: Ability to organise and deliver integrated services to a diverse range of clients. Strong communication, feam work and problem solving skills.

Enquiries: Wendy Masterton (07) 4615-3556 or E-Mail.

jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au Closing Date: Monday, 1 December 2008

#### Native Title Research Officer

Indigenous Services, Claim Resolution (Temporary until 20 November 2009) Natural Resources and Water

Key Duties: Provide research support and advice to senior officers involved in negotiating the resolution of native title claims and associated matters. Undertake research, analysis and interpretation of tenure and claim information relating to

the State's response to these matter Enquiries: Damian Roc (07) 3406 2277 Closing Date: Monday, 24 November 2008

#### Child Safety Support Officer

Child Safety Services Division Child Safety Salary: \$46-121 - \$51-432 p.a. Location: Cooktown REF: QLD/CHS9000/08

Key Duties: To provide high quality, culturally key bottoes: To provide migh quanty, culturally appropriate, child protection services to children and families by the Child Safety Service Centre which are consistent with departmental policies, procedures and practices and provide appropriate advice to departmental staff to enhance service delivery.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693 Closing Date: Monday, 1 December 2008

#### Executive Secretary (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland (Specified – Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Turies Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Communities
Salary: \$46 121 - \$51 432 p.a.
Location: Rockhampton
REF: QLD/COMm313/08

Key Duties: Provide high quality and confidential secretarial support to the Regional Director, including executive correspondency. Skills and Abilities: Demonstrated high levels in word

processing. Ability to meet deadlines. Effective written interpersonal communication skills.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 1 December 2008

Senior Housing Officer
South West Queensland Area Office
(Temporary part-time (0.5) for a period a 12 months with possible extension)

Housing
Salary: \$27,267 - \$29,984 p.a.
Location: Toowoomba
REF: QLD/HO7689/08

REF: QUD/HO7689/08
Key Dutles: Support the delivery of quality service to
clients in housing need and supervise a small team.
Skills and Abilities: Ability to organise and deliver
integrated services to a diverse range of clients. Strong
communication, team work and problem solving skills.
Enquiries: Wendy Masters (07) 4615-3556 or E-Mail:
Johvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au
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Provide high quality legal advice & representation to clients, mainly in state child care and protection matters; contribute to the implementation of the Commission's mission to deliver high quality legal services to clients.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Hold or eligible to hold current NSW Practising Certificate Issued by the Law Society of NSW and eligible for admission to the High Court. Knowledge of family law including care and protection law Strong interpersonal skills and an ability to provide quality ner service in a high volume work environment and undertake advocacy role in court. Proven capacity to identify and understand legal and cross cultural issues facing socially and economically disadvantaged people. Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to conduct community legal education and to prepare court documents, correspondence, submissions and other written materials. Ability to meet deadlines, work without close supervision and to manage a diverse workload. Demonstrated computer skills and class C drivers licence

Notes: This position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. This position is subject to a Disclosure under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 and will be subject to employment screening. The successful applicant will need to have a willingness to drive in metropolitan and country locations as well as a willingness to travel by plane and stay overnight or longer to undertake outreach work or

Inquiries: Deborah De Fina 02 9891 1600.

Information Packages: Kathy Trajkovski 02 9219 5884.

plications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Reso Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket NSW 1238; online at www.jobs.nsw.g or by small at employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 28 November 2008



#### Indigenous Employment Project Officer

The Queensland tourism Industry Council is the peak body for employers in the tourism industry. As a non-profit, membership based organisation, we have a small and dedicated team of professionals who work energetically with a wide range of partners to support the growth and sustainability of this dynamic tourism industry.

We are seeking an experienced professional with a passion to supporting main stream tourism operators' improved understanding of the benefits of increased participation of indigenous peoples within their business.

Your role will be diverse. You will assist in the creation of a Network of Business Champions, develop a range of support educational and promotional materials, facilitate Employer Forums and network across a wide range of related agencies and government departments.

and government opparaments. You will need to demonstrate success in a similar role. You have excellent communication skills including written and training materials, knowledge of the tourism industry, strong organisational skills and are confident to communicate and negotiate with private sector organisations and Indigenous communities. Intrastate travel is a requirement of this role and a driving licence is essential.

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This position is contract up to end of August 2009 and is negotiable 4 - 5 days per week.

Please forward your resume and application addressing the Primary Duties and Job Specific Capabilities to: info@qtic.com.au by Friday 28th November 2008.

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Classification:

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Employment Type:

Ongoing Part time (60.8 hours per fortnight)

Salary:

\$71,671 pro rata + superannuation

Further information:

Kinsie Hope

Phone:

(03) 9843 6724

Closing Date:

2 December 2008











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You will need to be able to travel to remote communities, which may at times involve light aircraft. A driver's licence is essential

In addition to the generous salary package you will receive a remote locality assistance allowance. Housing may also be available.

If you would like more information on the advertised area you can visit http://wa.gov.au/aboutwa/allaboutwa/

#### How to apply

For further information contact Doug Clements, ICC Manager, on (08) 9193 2599, visit 'Careers in FaHCSIA' at www.fahcsia.gov.au or contact our Recruitment 24-hour answering machine on (o2) 6244 6036

We welcome applications from Indigenous Australians, people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with a disability.

People with hearing or speech impairment may obtain selection documents via the department's TTY number on 1800 260 402.

To be eligible for engagement applicants must be Australian citizens or willing to apply for Australian citizenship.

Applications close COB on Friday 28 November 2008



### Make a difference with vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in the ACT

Integrated Service Delivery to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People Project Team Leader Senior Officer Grade C/Health Professional Grade 4 Position number: P 15636 Salary range: \$78,627-\$84,777

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We are looking for a skilled professional to lead a team of senior case coordinators to be part of a newly created team to work with vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in the ACT accessing health, education and family support services

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The team leader will manage the team, and develop and maintain productive working relationships across government and the community sector - particularly with the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Applicants will have a knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in contemporary Australian society. Tertiary qualifications in a human services discipline are desirable.

This project is an initiative of ACT Health, ACT Department of Education and ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services.

For more information contact: Neil Harwood Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services 02 6207 0497

#### Closing date: 3 December 2008

Selection documentation may be downloaded from www.jobs.act.gov.au

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#### (1) PROGRAM COORDINATOR / **EDUCATOR**

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#### (2) MIDWIFE

(non identified position)

Qualified and experienced midwife to increase access to ante natal care for young Aboriginal mums, providing support, education and advice in a community health setting.

#### **DRUG & ALCOHOL CASE** WORKER

We also have a new position for an appropriately experienced Aboriginal drug and alcohol case worker to work with youth (prevention and education), families (family counselling) and clients with substance abuse

Phone Glynis at Human Resource Consultants on 49408700 for an Information Kit and selection criteria Closing Date: 5 December 2008.

> 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

#### Aboriginal Education Consultant

Senior Education Officer 1 (ETS), Newcastle, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 123397. Total remuneration package valued to: \$103,600 p.a. (\$86,716-\$93,883) Including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing advice and support to schools across the region on the organisation and implementation of Aboriginal education policies and programs. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience. Demonstrated ability to develop and implement programs and initiatives that contribute to improving Aboriginal student learning outcomes. Experience in implementing Aboriginal education/studies, professional development activities and providing support to personnel in schools and across the region. Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team, effective communication and interpersonal skills. Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: This is a temporary appointment commencing 27 January 2009 up to 26 January 2012. Administrative hours and conditions apply. 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. NOTE: Recent school-based experience which has been undertaken within the last three years. Recent school-based experience may include experience in providing direct classroom s teachers and students in schools. SPECIAL NOTE: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qua and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Inquiries: Amanda McLaughlan (02) 4924 9946 Email: amanda.mclaughlan@det.nsw.edu.au. Information Packages: Annette Reidsema (02) 4924 9929.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:

Ms Amanda McLaughlan, School Development Officer, Newcastle Regional Office, Level 1, 117 Bull Street, NEWCASTLE WEST NSW 2302

Closing Date: Friday 05 December 2008.



### *©ELDRIDGE*

#### Chief Executive Officer

**DURRI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEDICAL SERVICE** This is an Aboriginal and Torres Streit Islander Identified Position

Applications are invited for the position of Chief Executive Officer with Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service (ACMS) located in Kempsey, New South Wales.

controlled organisations.

Have the ability to think strategically and experience is development and implementation of strategic and business.

- Have the abolity to trinks strategically and expensence in the development and implementation of strategic and business planning processes.

- Have the ability to communicate and consult with all levets of stakeholders both internal and external to the organisation.

- Have proven experience in cost effectively managing a large number of diverse programs and projects.

- Have a proven ability to secure and manage funding for health and community development initiatives.

- Have demonstrated knowledge and experience in human and financial resource management.

- Have the ability to build and number relationships particularly in respect to workplace health and safety and code of conduct policies.

- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of legislation impacting on Aboriginal Medical Services.

- Have knowledge and understanding of computerised accounting and office administration systems.

The position reports directly to the Durri ACMS Board of

The position reports directly to the Durri ACMS Board of Directors (elected members) and a package in the vicinity of \$140,000 - \$160,000 will be negoniated with the successful applicant subject to qualifications and experience.

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Applicants must address the selection criteria and provide a resume outlining qualifications and expenence. The selection documentation, conditions of employment, and further information in relation to the position can be obtained by contacting Ms Rebecca Mathews on (02) 8921 4955 or by email to Rebecca.Mathews on (02) 8921 4955 or by email to Rebecca.Mathews@eldridge.com.au or via the website at www.eldridge.com.au, under Careers.

Applications marked "Strictly Confidential - CEO Application" should be forwarded to:

Ms Rebecca Mathews Eldridge and Associates PO Box 1306 WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650

via email at ceodurri@eldridge.com.au

Applications close at 5.00 pm, Friday 12 December 2008



#### Indigenous Secretariat and **Administrative Officer**

\$46 775 to \$58751

Depending on qualifications and experience.

The Menzies Indigenous Development Unit (MIDU) is seeking an independent, organised administrator with experience providing secretariat support to high-level committees. In addition to secretariat support, you would also provide administrative support to the Manager of MIDU.

The successful applicant should have a proven track record in an administrative role including experience providing secretariat support. You should also have the ability to liaise effectively with people from an Indigenous background and be a good communicator who shows initiative and flexibility.

This is an identified position and Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Contact: Bilawara Lee on 08 8922 8235 or bilawara.lee@menzies.edu.au

#### Vacancy closes 28 November 2008.

Menzies is a Health Promotion Charity (HPC). HPC salary packaging arrangements can significantly increase your effective salary. Menzies also provides generous superannuation benefits, 6 weeks annual leave, and flexible

For information on how to apply for this position and to obtain the Position Description and Selection Criteria please visit www.menzies.edu.au/opportunities or phone 08 8922 7667/6914.

### Make a difference with vulnerable Aboriginal and **Torres Strait Islander families in the ACT**

Integrated Service Delivery to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People Project

#### Senior case coordinators (4 positions)

Administrative Services Officer Class 6/Health Professional Grade 3 Position numbers: 15408/15637/15638/16034 Salary range: \$62,099-\$71,335

#### We encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to apply

We are tooking for four senior case coordinators to be part of a newly created team to work with vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in the ACT accessing health. education and family support services

In this role, team members will provide input on operational and strategic issues associated with the project, and on issues relating to the delivery of services to vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

Developing and maintaining productive working relationships across government and the community sector, particularly with the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is an essential part of the role

Applicants will have a knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in contemporary Australian society. Tertiary qualifications in a human services discipline are desirable

This project is an initiative of ACT Health, ACT Department of Education and ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services

For more information contact: Neil Harwood

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services 02 6207 0497

#### Closing date: 3 December 2008

Selection documentation may be downloaded from 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 ACT 2601



#### Project Manager - Sustaining our Towns Position No SER002

The South East Regional Resource Recovery Organisation (SERRROC) has been granted funds from the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change Environment Trust for a 3 year project called 'Sustaining our Towns' starting in March 2009.

The 'Sustaining our Towns' project aims to reduce the environmental impact of individual households and small businesses in the urban centres of the SERRROC region which is made up of 12 Local Government areas in southern NSW.

A Project Manager is required to imple requires the successful candidate to: ment this project. The position

- manage and facilitate the project on behalf of SERRROC report regularly to a project Steering Committee established by
- work closely with the SERRROC Project Coordinator
   The position is:
- dministered by the Queanbeyan City Council on behalf of
- has a salary of \$84,700 plus superannuation; and use of a lease back vehicle.

The successful candidate will have tertiary qualifications in any content of the co including administration, communication, staff recruitment, budgeting

Further detailed information about the project and the position requirements can be obtained by contacting the SERRROC Project Coordinator on 6298 0272 or by email Geoffrey.Pryor@qcc.nsw.gov.au Intending applicants may obtain an information package and selection criteria from Council's website at www goc new gov au/positions/acant or request via email at recruit@cc.nsw.gov.au. Alternatively by contacting the Human Resources section located at 263 Crawford Street or the 24 hour answering service on 5298 4504.

Submissions need to submitted no later than 4.30pm, Friday December 5th 2008.

#### The Born Free Club Limited Hostel Manager/Manageress (Supervisor) Hostel Manager/Manageress

The Born Free Club Limited operates two hostels for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island community members at its Highpate Hill and West End facilities and has a vacancy for one Hostel Manager and one Supervising Hostel Manager. Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons who should have gained from personal experience an understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people including their culture and their diversity of circumstances and have the ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait (Islander people.

Dubes will cover the daily management and operations of the Highgate Hill and West End Hostels with a general overview by the Supervising Manager of the West End Hostel. Experience in the operation of a hostel or similar facility will be an advantage and will embrace the following main responsibilities which will be overseen by a Board of

- . To give full effect to the Aims, Objectives and Charter of the
- To maintain office and administrative procedures essential for the efficient operation of a hostel. Computer skills are very desirable. Experience to supervise food preparation and service.
- Experience in the upkeep, maintenance and cleaning of buildings, facilities and grounds and ability to perform minor maintenance.
   Good oral skills and the ability to effectively communicate with and build working relationships with other affiliations and network
- Proven ability to ensure and maintain a high standard of Hyglene.
  Willingness to operate within the spirit, values and objectives of the
- Willingness to participate in and promote Workplace Diversity, Industrial Democracy, Occupational Health and Safety and the observance of Privacy Laws.
- . Current Driver's Licence is essential.

Interested persons should forward their written application stating experience and full personal details in a confidential envelope to:

Born Free Club Limited 27 Brook Street, Highgate Hill Qld 4101 Applications close on 5th December 2008.

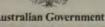














## Does your job help you keep culture strong?

## **Aboriginal and Torres Strait** Islander arts division looking for a skilled administrator

#### You will be responsible for:

- budgets, systems and organisational performance of the
- supervising our administration officer.
- logistics for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts board meetings.

#### What you can expect:

Full-time, two year contract. Central Sydney office. Starting salary is \$60,722 p/a, plus superannuation.

#### lore information:

www.australiacouncil.gov.au/employment

#### plications close:

Friday, 10 December 2008 by 5.00pm.

## Any questions?

Phil Jones

Tel: (02) 9215 9023 or toll free on 1800 226 912.

KEEPING CULTURE STRONG



### The University of Sydney

#### Lecturer in Education (Level B)

#### Koori Centre

Reference No. 144099

The Koori Centre coordinates Indigenous Studies education, research and Indigenous student support at the University of Sydney. Applications are invited from individuals who can contribute to the Koori Centre's teaching and research in Indigenous Studies, with particular emphasis on education curriculum and Indigenous Australian Studies

The successful applicant will teach in and develop undergraduate and postgraduate education and Indigenous Studies programs, and will contribute to the ongoing growth of the Koori Centre's research profile. Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply for this appointment.

The successful applicant will have experience in teaching Indigenous students, extensive secondary teaching experience; knowledge and understanding of the NSW Teachers Professional Teaching Standards; experience teaching in a tertiary setting and the ability to use information and computing technologies in teaching, research and administration. A current driver's licence and a track record of research publication and successful grant applications would be highly regarded.

For more information and to apply, please visit http://positions.usyd.edu.au/144099 Specific enquiries about the role can be directed to the Koori Centre's Director, Janet Mooney, on (02) 9351 4859 or via email: janet@koori.usyd.edu.au. General enquiries can be directed to Ugo De Gori on (02) 9036 7805.

Closing Date: 3 December 2008

#### Lecturer in Indigenous Studies (Level B)

#### **Koori Centre**

Reference No. 144101

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Applications are invited from individuals who can contribute to the Koori Centre's teaching and research in Indigenous Studies, and who have experience in the areas of history and the humanities. The appointee will teach in and develop undergraduate and postgraduate Indigenous Studies programs, and will contribute to the ongoing growth of the Koori Centre's research profile

It is essential that the successful applicant have extensive knowledge of history and Indigenous Studies, as well as experience in teaching Indigenous students in a tertiary environment. Equally important will be the ability to liaise with government and community organisations and knowledge of NSW DET Indigenous Studies curricula. Competency in the use of information and computing technologies in teaching, research and administration will also be required

For more information and to apply, please visit http://positions.usyd.edu.au/lecturer Specific enquiries about the role can be directed to the Koori Centre's Director, Janet Mooney, on (02) 9351 4859 or via email; janet@koori.usyd.edu.au. General enquiries can be directed to

Ugo De Gori on (02) 9036 7805



Closing Date: 3 December 2008

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## Senior Project Officer

- \$71,671 \$86,716 plus 9% super
- · Fulltime / Ongoing

Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (AAV) provides feadership and guides action across government to enable Indigecous communities to drive policy development and service delivery, strengthened by additional resources and capacity. Building stranger communities and effective patherships are at the centre of AAV's approach to Abarignal Affairs in achieving the government's three policy objectives of, stronger communities, reconciling the dispossession of land and culture, and building a strong economic base

Do you have exceptional skills in policy development and project this may be the role for you

As past of the Social and Strategic Projects Team, you will work across government in driving the development and implementation of a range of projects and initiatives addiessing the social, health and well-being of Victoria's Indigenous communities. You will build partnerships and ingege across government to influence future investment and achieve better out for Indigenous Victorian and will plan, develop and lead projects with

To apply and access position description and key selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

refer to position number DPCD/PACA/VC1531

Closing date for applications is Saturday 29 November 2008



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Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

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INDIGENOUS GROUP, CANBERRA

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DEEWR's new Indigenous Group is responsible for supporting the Government's commitment to closing the gap on Indigenous outcomes across education, training, employment and business development.

This is an excellent opportunity to make a contribution to this work by being part of a dynamic and enthusiastic group that promotes partnerships and innovation to achieve real results. Applications are invited for both ongoing and non-ongoing positions at the APS 5 and 6 levels in various teams across the group from people, who are flexible, self-motivated and results oriented with well-developed communication skills.

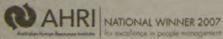
Note: Some of the positions are identified and applicants applying for those positions will need to supply a reference from an Indigenous Australian

Contact Officer: Dorothy Gibson (02) 6121 6020

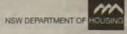
How to Apply

Applications close: 27 November 2008

Position descriptions and applicant kits including eligibility information. are available on our website at www.deewr.gov.au/jobs



www.deewr.gov.au



HOUSING NSW

#### MANAGER, ADMINISTRATIVE **OPERATIONS**

Clerk Grade 7/8
Office of the Registrar of Community Housing (ORCH)
Office of Community Housing
Ashfield (relocating to Burwood)
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-16961

Total remuneration package valued up to \$88,249 per annum (Salary: \$72,247 pa - \$79,972 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: To provide a range of administrative support services for the Office of the Registrar of Community Housing which includes business support and reporting.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

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  Demonstrated experience providing office management services and ability to assist in the set-up of a new office.

  Superior written communication skills, including the ability to write business cases and prepare briefing notes.

  Demonstrated experience analysing financial information and managing a budget.

  Demonstrated experience co-ordinating strategic activities across a work unit, such as business planning or business.
- unit reporting.

  Demonstrated experience in records management and in
- administering a document management system.

  Demonstrated experience maintaining Access databases and an ability to produce reports from them.

  Knowledge of requirements under the State Records Act, Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act, and Public Finance and Audit Act, or ability to quickly acquire that
- Superior skills in the use of Microsoft Office applications such as Access, Excel and Word, and ability to provide basic information technology support to team members.

Job Notes: This position is temporarily located in Ashfield, but will move to the newly established Office of the Registrar of Community Housing in Burwood. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full

Inquiries: Ester Agoo (02) 8753 8255

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers/

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 28 November 2008



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### MANAGER

PROGRAM COORDINATION TEAM (IDENTIFIED) SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER, STAYING HOME, LEAVING VIOLENCE

Clerk Grade 11/12 Corporate Services Head Office, Ashfield Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy No: DOCS-08-16969

Total remuneration package valued up to \$121,561 per annum (Salary: \$95,253 pa - \$110,160 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: To lead and manage a specialised team responsible for coordinating administrative policy and operational activities across the Branch to support the role of Managers and Director.

- Selection Criteria:

  Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander with a commitment to improving services for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander
- peope.

  Demonstrated experience and skills in developing trameworks for strategic initiatives, for example corporate
- policy.
  High-level project management skills including a thorough understanding of the principles of project management from inception to finalisation and experience in managing complex information needs for projects.

  Demonstrated experience in leading and managing cross-functional teams and/or specialised teams, managing large and complex projects, and delivering projects within strict deadlines and light budget constraints.

  Proven ability to lead consultative process on sensitive issues.

- Proven ability to negotiate agreed outcomes. High level analytical, conceptual and strategic thinking

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14d of the Anti- Discrimination Act 1977.

It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant criminal records checks, apprehended violence order checks, completed disciplinary proceedings checks, together with structured referee reports and prior employment checks, will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Inquiries: Simon Jordan phone (02) 9716 2354 or email: Simon Jordan@community.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package Closing Date: Friday 28 November 2008

# northcott

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For further information please call April on 0429 774 949.

Northcott encourages people from Aboriginal backgrounds to apply.

Essential pre-employment checks will be conducted. Northcott is an EEO Employer.



#### **Kurruru Youth** Performing Arts Inc

#### Company Manager

Based in Port Adelaide Kurruru is Australia's leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth performing arts company, providing a diverse artistic and cultural program for ATSI young people, their families and communities across South Australia.

Kurruru requires an experienced arts manager for the position of Company Manager. Working with the company's Director and Board of Management, the Company Manager is responsible for the management of Kurruru's program, business development, funding and finances, and our growing staff team. We are looking for someone who holds solid arts management and financial control experience, great team work skills, and an understanding of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and community sectors.

This is a full time position with competitive remuneration excellent working conditions

Applications are due by 5pm Friday 28th November and must address the Job and Person Specification. Applications will not be accepted through employment

For more information and a Job and Person Specification please contact Martin at Kurruru by phoning 08 8341 1150 or email martin@kurruru.org.au.

Applications should be addressed to

Diat Alferink, Director, Kurruru Youth Performing Arts Inc, 135 St Vincent St Port Adelaide 5015 or emailed to info@kurruru.org.au.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



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The role would suit a graduate who can demonstrate a keen interest in what's going on in the media, and an ability to work across multiple projects.

Your creative thinking will make a valuable contribution to the development and execution of communication strategies and program development for indigenous Australia.

Responsibilities in these roles will span

Project management

Providing creative input into communication strategy
Developing media angles through research
Event coordination

Community research and liaison
 Program research, development and administration
 We value good organisational skills, attention to detail and

You'll work on targe-scale projects from brief through to evaluation, and learn from experienced consultants in a close knit team environment.

Ability to work with Microsoft Excel and Word is a min requirement.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander graduates with experience or an interest in corporate social responsibility will be highly

Cox Inail offers a welcoming environment in which each to member's contribution is valued.

To express your interest please email your CV and a covering letter to fionad@coxinalitidgeway.com.au

To find out more about Cox Inall Ridgeway, please visit our website www.coxinaliridgeway.com.au



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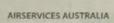
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#### Applications are open until 11pm Sunday 23rd November 2008.

For a confidential discussion please e-mail avrecruit@airservicesaustralia.com or phone

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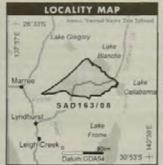
#### Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of South Australia

Notification day: 3 December 2008



A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 1350, Adelaide SA 5001, on or before 2 March 2009. After 2 March 2009, the Federal Court's permission to

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwith) there can be only Order the Native Title Act 193 (County mercean to one determination of pative title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Dieri #2

Federal Court File No: SAD163 of 2008

Date: 26 September 2008

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

Location: The area subject to this application covers about 5,370km² and is located approximately 40km east of Maree and extends easterly to the shorelines of Lake Blanche and Lake Callabonna as shown on the locality

This application falls within an Unincorporated area of South Australia.

nt application boundary compiled by NNTT

For assistance and further information contact Monica Khouri on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



#### 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
15/5286	Heron Resources Ltd	121.39ha	20km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°03' Long 120°59'	Coolgardie
15/5295	Steele Stacey	143.65ha	9km NW'ly of Widglemooths	Lat 31"25" Long 121"32"	Coolgardie
5/5305	Zetek Resources Pty Ltd	52.57ha	12km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°50' Long 121°10'	Coolgardie
	Western Resources Pty Ltd				
5/5310	Lynton James Downe	3.83ha	16km SW ty of Coolgardie	Lat 31"04' Long 121"04'	Coolgardie
5/5336-7	Lodestar Minerals Ltd	279.1ha	29km SE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°10' Long 121°19'	Coolgardie
6/2579	Seatommy Pty Ltd	159.58ha	58km N'ty of Coolgardie	Lat 30°27' Long 120°58'	Coolgardie/Kalgoortie-
	and the same of th		and the same		Boulder City
0/2030-1	Peter Andrew Wiltshire	333.79ha	5km N'ly of Cue	Lat 27°22' Long 117°52'	Cue
1/696-700	Haylae Enterprises Pty Ltd	925.3ha	26km SE'ly of Que	Lat 27°34' Long 118°04'	Cue
4/4390-2	Matsa Resources Pty Ltd	480.72ha	42km NW ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 121°13'	Kalgoorie-Boulder City
5/2019	Kalgoorlie Boulder Resources Ltd	121.2ha	35km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°50' Long 121°49'	Kalgoonie-Boulder City
7/1961	Matsa Resources Pty Ltd	135.02ha	32km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30"27" Long 121"31"	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
5/2712	Shaw River Resources Ltd	23.42ha	8 km N'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°06' Long 119°43'	East Pilbara
5/2713	Shaw River Resources Ltd	151.12ha	14 km N'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°02' Long 119°44'	East Pibara
5/2714	Shaw River Resources Ltd	74.43ha	6km NW1y of Marble Bar	LM 21°08' Long 119'42'	East Pibara
7/1485	Jamie Coppin	10ha	79km SE'ly of Roebourne	LM 21°12' Long 118°22'	Port Hedland Town
7/1486	Jamie Coppin	10ha	79km SE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 21"11" Long 118"22"	Port Hedland Town
		10/10		Lat 21"12" Long 118"21"	
7/1487 7/1488	Jamle Copplin		78km SE'ly of Roebourne		Port Hedland Town Port Hedland Town
	Jamie Coppin	10ha	77km SE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 21°13' Long 118°20'	
7/1489	Jamie Coppin	10ha	77km SE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 21°13' Long 118°19'	Port Hedland Town
7/1490	Jamle Coppin	9.99ha	77km SE'ly at Roebourne	Lat 21"14" Long 118"19"	Port Hedland Town
8/1325	Mount Magnet South NL.	126.12ha	10km SW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°08' Long 117°46'	Mount Magnet
3/1684	Lignite Pty Ltd	20.04ha	43km N'ly of Esperance	Lat 33"17" Long 121"55"	Esperance
3/1698-9	Paul Richard Martin	292.23ha	20km S'ty of Norseman	LM 32°22' Long 121°48'	Dundas
9/46	Epsilon Energy Ltd	23.26ha	112km SW ly of Balladonia	Lat 33°13' Long 123°05'	Esperance
9/54	Epsilon Energy Ltd	160.39ha	31km W1y of Balladonia	Lat 32"24" Long 123"32"	Dundas
9/56	Epsilon Energy Ltd	178.98ha	17km Wily of Balladonia	Lat 32°27' Long 123°41'	Dundas
9/57	Epsilon Energy Ltd	195.34ha	9km SW ly of Balladonia	Lat 32°29' Long 123°46"	Dundas
9/58	Epsilon Energy Ltd	43.19ha	8km SW1y of Balladonia	Lift 32°30' Long 123°49'	Dundes
7/3682	Gasgoyne Gold Mines NL. Orion Resources NL.	69.04ha	46km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31"36" Long 119"31"	Yilgam
7/3683		11.93ha	48km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Contraction Contraction of the C	Winne
	Gondwana Resources Ltd			Lat 31°37' Long 119°32'	Yilgam
7/3684	Gasgoyne Gold Mines NL	60.04ha	48km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°37' Long 119°31'	Yilgarn
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7/3685	Orion Resources NL	193.69ha	49km SETy of Southern Cross	Lat 31"37" Long 119"32"	Yilgarn
	Gasgoyne Gold Mines NL			AND ALLER OF THE PARTY.	
7/3686	Goridwaria Resources Lld	200ha	49km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°37' Long 119°33'	Yigarn
7/3687	Orion Resources NL	172.1ha	48km SETy of Southern Cross	Lat 31*36' Long 119*33'	Yilgarn
	Gasgoyne Gold Mines NL				
7/3688	Orion Resources NL	191.65ha	51km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31"39' Long 119"32'	Yigam
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7/3689	Gondwana Resources Ltd	166,23ha	51km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°38' Long 119°33'	Yilgarn
7/3690	Gondwana Resources Ltd.	160.25ha	52km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31"39" Long 119"33"	Yilgam
7/3691	Orion Resources NL	190.5ha	54km S'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°40' Long 119°32'	Vilgan
1000	Gasgoyne Gold Mines NL	20.07	200-200 M. D.		400
7/3695	Gondwana Resources Ltd	38.67ha	50km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31"38" Long 119"32"	Yilgan

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.

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 19 February 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, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perih 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. 19 March 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 Dec of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



#### NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA)

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
36/670	Hot Holdings Pty Ltd	173.16ha	67km NETy of Leinster	Lat 27°24' Long 121°03'	Feoros
77/1089	Polans Metals NL	10.59ha	16km NWIy of Bullinch	Lat 30°52' Long 119°00'	Wigam
77/1090	Polaris Metals NL	25.6ha	21km NWIy of Bullinch	Lat 30°48' Long 119°00'	Yigam
77/1094	Polaris Metals NL	59.61ha	14km NWIy of Bullfinch	Lat 30°53' Long 119°00'	Yilgam
77/1103	Polaris Metals Ni.	0.76ha	20km NWIy of Bullfinch	Lat 30°49' Long 119°00'	Yilgam
77/1148	St Barbara Ltd	40.23ha	48km SWIy of Southern Cross	tat 31°36' Long 119°05'	Vilgarn

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: 19 November 2008

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes 19 February 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. 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. 19 March 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 Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
PM17103	Approx. 52 km 5W from Mungana Centred at approximate Lat.17*18'S Long, 143°57'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Area: 464 km  Block Identification Maps: Normanton and Townsville  Number of Sub-blocks: 142 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks  Normanton  1000	Fusion Resources Limited 100 287 385

\* 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 or 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.

Beach Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code "a" to "a" 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 combinin the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to 2) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Resources Art 1989 (Old) 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 [6] years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five [6] years the proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Old) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions

Legend Mungana \* TATE 17103

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Africal Resources Act 1989 (Old) 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.

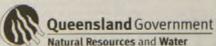
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 {Cth} any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 {Cth} persons have until three {(3) months after the Notification 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: 107) 3248-1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

tries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, leegige 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 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 10, 2.199
George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226-8200 or 1800-640-501.

Notification Day: 10 December 2008



#### Ngarrindjeri Enterprises Pty Ltd **Business Manager**

Ngarrindjeri Enterprises Pty Ltd (NEPL) based in the Murraylands, South Australia is seeking a Business Manager.

NEPL is a newly formed investment company of the Ngarrindjeri.

Nation. The successful applicant will need to have the ability to establish an investment and enterprise portfolio, identify joint venture partnerships and an ability to work independently under the direction.

Regional, intrastate, interstate and international travel may be

The position offers an attractive remuneration package including a vehicle. Flexible working conditions can be discussed.

All interest and enquiries and to obtain a copy of the Position Description please contact Clyde Rigney, crigney@murraylands.org.au or (08) 8535 7170.

Applications close: 00pm Friday 28th November 2008.





#### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

#### ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Clerical Officer Grade 3/4, Aboriginal Support and Planning Unit (ASPU), Long Bay Correctional Complex, Malabar, Temporary Full-Time.

Malabar, Temporary Full-Time.

Vacancy Number: 08634, Total remuneration package valued at \$57,790 p.a. including salary range of \$48,173 p.a. to \$52,370 p.a. Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Responsible for providing administrative support and undertaking a wide range of clerical duties to support the functions and activities of the Department's Aboriginal Support and Planning Unit.

and Planning Unit.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Sound written and verbal communication, and strong interpersonal skills. Ability to exercise initiative and sound judgement and meet deadlines. Proven ability to work as a team member. Exceptional customer service and reception skills. Proven knowledge of file management systems and expertise in the use of a variety of software applications. Ability to maintain confidentiality when dealing with sensitive issues. Demonstrated experience in accounts payable and financial management.

in accounts payable and financial management.

Note: This is a re-advertised position. Previous applicants would need to re-apply to be considered. In this position Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and authorised in terms of Section 14 of Anti Discrimination Act 1977. This is a temporary appointment/employment under the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002 for a period of up to 3 months. 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. a current or recent supervisor

Inquiries: Ms Nita Dowel, ph: (02) 9289 2627.

Email: Nita Dowel@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information packages: Ms Deneille Longbottom, phone: (02) 9289 2676.

Email: Deneille.Longbottom@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked 'Confidential' to: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney

### **Bringing Them Home** Counsellor

This is an identified position

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification, and is authorized by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1997.

Our client is a well respected Aboriginal community controlled health organisation. They are currently seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Counsellor to provide Bringing Them Home services.

This position will provide services and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People who have been affected by issues related to the Stolen Generation through a culturally safe and holistic approach. The position will aid in the facilitation of health and related services to the community by continued, effective and positive human relationships with clients, relatives, community, colleagues and other stakeholders in the field including other local Aboriginal

Qualifications in one of the following: counselling, psychology, social work, mental health or related fields will be required. Applicants with a minimum level Certificate IV qualification in appropriate fields are also encouraged to apply. A knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting the Stolen Generations and the ability to communicate effectively with the local Aboriginal community in a non discriminative and professional manner is essential. The ability to build good working relationships with public health services and private practitioners is also a requirement for this position.

Attractive salary and work conditions apply to this interesting and rewarding position.

Please contact mp personnel and training: Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285 Email: admin@mppersonnel.com.au Web: www.mppersonnel.com.au PO Box 661, Albury, NSW 2640



#### **COURSE COORDINATOR**

Temporary - January-April 2009

The successful applicant for this full-lime indigenous position will be responsible for managing NAISDA's teaching resources and relevant administrative systems during the permanent position-holder's maternity leave. No teaching involved but some experience of arts administration and working with young people assential, and dance background preferred. Certificate IV in Training and Assessment essential, relevant degree or equivalent experience desirable.

Duration: 5 January (flexible start date) to 20 April 2009 Location: NAISDA Dance College, Central Coast NSW.

Remuneration range: up to \$1086pw plus superannuation Go to www.naisda.com.au for information package or call Sue Gosson (02) 4340 3154

Applications close 5 December 2008



#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

auccessful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the MLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

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The successful applicant will be of Aboriginal decent, have demonstratable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, have some local knowledge and/or involvement with MLALCs community, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be

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 please contact the Contact Officer Mr Jason Tracy, by email: tracy@deloitte.com.au or on (02) 9322 7479.

Applications can be forwarded to jtracy@deloitte.com.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Mr Jason Tracy
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council
C/- Deloitte
PO Box N250, Grosvenor Place
SYDNEY NSW 1217

Applications close Wednesday 10 December 2008

Aboriginality is a necessary requirement of this posit exemption is claimed under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.



#### **WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL**

Woltongong, City of innovation, offers all the benefits of a major city balanced with a relaxed coastal lifestyle. Localed 80kms south of Sydney between line beaches and the magnificent illawarra Escarpnent, the city has a multi-cultural population of 185,000 residents and offers an excellent range of residential, recreational, educational and cultural opportunities.

educational and cultural opportunities.

Are you looking for an organisation which supports and encourages career development, personal and professional growth, appreciates the importance of workfille batance, recognises and rewards performance and embraces change?

Visit Council's website www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au to view all current positions vacant, selection criteria & job descriptions. Applications should be in writing, explaining clearly how you meet the Person Specification in each Job Description. Envelopes to be marked "JOB APPLICATION - PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL" and addressed to the Manager Human Resources, Locked bag 881, Wollongong NSW 2500 via email to jobs@wollongong.nsw.gov.au or faxed to 4226 9834.

Wollangong City Council is committed to the principles of employment equity and diversity.

#### **Community Development Worker Aboriginal Services**

(Permanent Part Time 28 hours peek week)
(This position is available to Aberignal and Tores Strait Islander persons
and is authorised under section 126 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

Salary up to \$1,016.96 per week (plus superennuation)
Depending upon qualifications and experience
Recruitment No: 08097

We are seeking a Community Development Worker to plan and facilitate the development of programs and services for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

To succeed in this role you will need well developed communication and interpressonal skills, a good understanding of community development and the ability to deliver identified programs and services.

For further information please contact Armando Reviglio on

itions close; 5 December 2008

## **Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits**

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld). Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17143	Approx. 67 km SW from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.21'06'S Long, 140'01'E Local Government Area; Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 13 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 961 a. b. f. g	CNW Pty Ltd 009 669 836
EPM17293 This Application consists of four peparate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 56 km SE from Cloncurry Centred at appreximate Lat.21'06'S Long.140'51'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council and McKinlay Shire Council  Part 2: Approx. 46 km SE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.21'01'S Long.140'49'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council  Part 3: Approx. 45 km SE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.21'02'S Long.140'46'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council  Part 4: Approx. 45 km SE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.21'02'S Long.140'46'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council  Part 4: Approx. 45 km SE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.21'03'S Long.140'45'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 61 km  Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 19 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 899 m, r, w 970 j, k, o, p, u 971 a, b, c, f, g, b, l, p, q, v 1043 a  Area of Part 2: 29 km  Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 898 c, d, e, g, h, j, k 899 a, f  Area of Part 3: 3 km  Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.)  Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 898  Area of Part 4: 3 km  Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.)  Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.)	Deep Yellow Limited 006 391 948
EPM17295	Approx. 23 km NNW from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat 20°30'S Long.140°27'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 237 km²  Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry  Number of Sub-blocks: 74 {coch 1 lat.x 1 long.}  Block Number Sub-blocks 389	Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually mimbered 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 'a' 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.

Rature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral
Resources Act 1989 (Qid) 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. Its proposed to grant Exploration Permits
subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qid) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 [Qid] 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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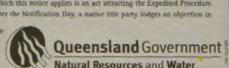
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Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal 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

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Notification Day: 10 December 2008



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#### Indigenous Disability Advocacy Service

#### **ADVOCATE**

Based in Parramatta NSW

Contact: Betty 029687 7688 betty.salvatori@idas.org.au

Applications close: December 3, 2008

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSIN

HOUSING NSW

#### FINANCIAL ANALYST

Clerk Grade 9/10
Office of the Registrar of Community Housing (ORCH)
Office of Community Housing
Ashfield (relocating to Burwood)
Temporary Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-16983

Total remuneration package valued up to \$100,147 per annum (Salary: \$82,356 pa - \$90,754 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Undertake financial assessments of Community Housing providers to determine compliance with regulation & support the work of the Office of the Registrar of Community Housing.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

- Demonstrated experience with data modelling, financial analysis and forecasting.

  Experience in developing and establishing systems and tools to enable ongoing statistical and financial analysis.

- tools to enable ongoing statistical and financial analysis, modelling and reporting.

  Experience in compliance assessment and enforcement. Knowledge of or ability to quickly acquire knowledge of the community housing sector, operations and best practice. Experience in building and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders.

  High level oral and written communication skills.

  Relevant tertiary qualifications in Business Management, Finance or a related discipline, or relevant equivalent experience.
- Advanced skills in financial software use such as Microsoft Excel and other modelling applications.

Joh Notes: This is a temporary full-lime position for a period of up to 2 years under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act, 2002. This position is temporarily located in Ashfield, but will move to the newly established Office of the Registrar of Community Housing in Burwood. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Ester Agoo (02) 8753 8255

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers/ Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 28 November 2008

#### NSW POLICE FORCE, WESTERN REGION

No smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. Applications are welcomed from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from diverse cultures and people with a disability

Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous Criminal History Record check prior to commencement. General information about the NSW Police Force can be found on our web site at www.police.nsw.gov.au

#### ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER (ACLO)

Clerk Grade 3/4, Lachlan Local Area Command, Parkes, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 08/6088. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$55,701) Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is as a member of the Local Area Command (LAC) with the responsibility for providing advice and support to Police in the management of Aboriginal issues across the LAC.

management of Aboriginal issues across the LAC.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality and a sound knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and culture. Ability to work effectively with local Aboriginal communities, service providers and Police personnel. Knowledge of the issues impacting on Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system. Effective written and oral communications skills. Experience in word processing or other computer applications. Ability to participate in the development of local community strategies. Experience in program development/management. Ability to work with minimal supervision. Prepared to work shifts on a 24hr rotational basis. Prepared to undergo further training and to attend courses appropriate to the position. Holder of a current Drivers Licence, with a clear driving record for the past 12 months.

months.

Notes: This position requires an applicant's Aboriginality as a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. All applicants must include date of birth & other supporting documentation. In accordance with the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration & the preferred applicant will be subject to the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sax offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.

The ACLO is required to wear a uniform.

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Applications are encouraged from both females & males

Inquiries: Jennifer Barrott (02) 6862 9902.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Jennifer Barrott Local Area Manager, Lachlan Local Area Command, PC Box 191, Parkes NSW 2870.

Closing Date: Friday 28 November 2008

### Looking for Work? Free Call:

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Are you an Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander and past mistakes made it hard for you to find work? BSI Learning offers a FREE & confidential program to give you the help you need. We can help you to get training and work and will keep on helping you. even after you get a job!



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#### **TAFE NSW - Hunter Institute** currently has the following vacancies.

Applicants must obtain an application package either, by logging onto the Hunter Institute website at www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au 'Employment at Hunter Institute' section or phone the Recruitment Officer on (02) 4923 7370 quoting the Job Reference Number.

#### APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5:00 PM, FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2008

- HI08/275E ABORIGINAL FACULTY & COMMUNITY PARTNER, EDUCATION OFFICER

Muswellbrook Campus - Salary: \$63,536 - \$75,352 p.a

TEMPORARY ABORIGINAL TRANSITION COORDINATOR, EDUCATION OFFICER (TEMPORARY FOR 12 MONTRS) Newcastle Campus - Salary: \$63,536 - \$75,352 p.a - HI08/239E

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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*				
EPM17337	Approx. 71 km NNE from	Area: 321	Gulf Alumina			
	Pormpuraaw		ntification Maps: Mitchell River	Pty Ltd		
	Centred at approximate Lat.14'18'S Long.141'51'E	Number o	f Sub-blocks: 97 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)	108 086 371		
	Local Government Area:		nber Sub-blocks	Con Section		
	Aurukun Shire Council,	1917	p. u, w, x, y, z			
	Cook Shire Council and	1918	l. m. n. o. q. r. s. t. v. w. x, y, z v. w			
	Pormpuraaw Shire Council	1989	b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, o, p, z	100000		
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		1991	a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z	1000		
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EPM17349	Approx. 92 km N from	Area: 332	km'	Gulf Alumina		
Et 1110/ 349	Pompuraaw	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	ntification Maps: Mitchell River	Pty Ltd		
	Centred at approximate	Number o	f Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.)	108 086 371		
	Lat.14'06'S Long.141'49'E	Block Nur	mber Sub-blocks	1		
	Local Government Area: Aurukun Shire Council	1701	s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z			
	THE COUNTY COUNTY	1702	q, r, v			
		1773	a, b, c, d, c, g, b, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z			
	The state of the s	1774	a, f, l, m, q, v h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p			
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		1918	a, b, c, d, e, k			
		1919	a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, n, o, p, u			
		1920	l, m, n			
EPM17461	Approx. 26 km NNE from Pormpuraaw Centred at approximate	Area: 331 Block Ider Number o	Iluka Resources Limited			
	Lat. 14'41'S Long. 141'44'E Local Government Area:	Block Nur	nber Sub-blocks	008 675 018		
	Pormpuraaw Shire Council	2276	t, u, y, z	100000		
		2277	q, t, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z			
		2348	m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z			
		2349	a, b, c, d, c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z			
		2350	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	-		
		2420	d, e			
	-	2421	a, b, c, d, e			
		2422	a, b, c, d, e			
EPM17462	Approx. 26 km ESE from	Area: 331	k mi'	Iluka		
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	Centred at approximate  Lat.14*59'S Long.141*51'E	Number o	f Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.)	Limited		
	Local Government Area:		nber Sub-blocks	008 675 018		
	Pormpuraaw Shire Council	2495	V.W			
		2565	d, e, j, k, o, p			
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		2640	Q.f.s. x			
EPM17464	Approx. 16 km ENE from	Area: 331	km'	Iluka		
The second second	Pormpuraaw		ntification Maps: Mitchell River	Resources		
	Centred at approximate Lat.14'50'S Long.141'46'E	Number of	f Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.)	Limited		
	Lat. 14 50 S Long. 141 46 E Local Government Area:		nber Sub-blocks	008 675 018		
	Pormpuraaw Shire Council	2420	k, p, u, z			
		2421	f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z			
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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 1456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown or a Block Identification Map.

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ts will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Old) by the Queensland Minister for Mines Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits 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.

the Title Parties: Under the Nature Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Nature Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to come native title parties in relation to this notice.

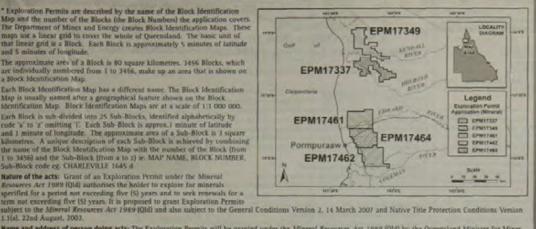
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Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Inhunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 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.

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# Shoalhaven City Council Counter Services Officer (Aboriginal) - Permanent part-time

- Salary: \$734.40 to \$826,20 per week (pro-rata), plus super (Grade 7, Band 1, Level 3)

If you possess excellent customer service skills together with the ability to communicate effectively, a position is available within Council's Counter Services Unit. Clerical and cashiering duties including the use of computers and office equipment are a component of this position.

Note: This is a permanent part-time position, 15 hours per week (3 hours per day). Shoalthaven City Council considers triat being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). Information packages are available on Council's website, or contact Cindy Holmes from Habitat Personnel on 4422 4222 (Ref No. 38867). Enquiries: Cindy Holmes 4422 4222.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSIN

### **COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**

Clerk Grade 5/6
Office of the Registrar of Community Housing (ORCH)
Office of Community Housing
Ashfield (relocating to Burwood)
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: DOH-08-16944

Total remuneration package valued up to \$77,406 per annum (Salary: \$63,573 pa - \$70,146 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Support the Senior Communications Officer by contributing to the implementation of the communications strategy for introduction of the new regulation.

- SELECTION CRITERIA:

  Demonstrated ability to research, write and edit a wide range of communication materials including newsletters, media releases and fact sheets.

  Ability to organise communications events such as information sessions and workshops.

  Ability to plan and organise a variety of communications related tasks and produce quality work on time.

  Knowledge of or ability to quickly acquire knowledge of the community housing sector.

  Relevant qualifications in Media Communications, Public Relations, Marketing, or relevant equivalent experience.

  Strong verbal and written communication skills.

  Ability to work within a new business unit and positively promote implementation of a significant change initiative.

  Ability to work within a new business via the direction and under supervision.

  Job Notes: Further information ships.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. This position is temporarily located in Ashfield, but will move to the newly established Office of the Registrar of Community

Inquiries: Ester Agoo (02) 8753 8255

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers/

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOU HOUSING NSW AREA DIRECTOR Clerk Grade 11/12 Central Sydney Housing Services Division Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-08-16867

Total remuneration package valued up to \$121,561 per annum (Salary: \$95,253 pa - \$110,160 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

the delivery of housing assistance to enhance independent organisational management and response within the Government's policy framework and take account of the housing needs/market in a specific area.

Closing Date: Friday 28 November 2008

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16959	Approx. 32 km N from Duaringa Centred at approximate Lat.2725's Long, 149''39'E Local Government Areas: Central Highlands Regional Council and Woorabinda Shire Council	Area: 189 km'  Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 60 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2876 w. x. y. 2948 b. c. d. g. h. j. m. n. o. r. s. t. u. w. x. y. z. 2949 q. r. v. w. 3020 b. c. d. e. g. h. j. k. m. n. o. p. s. s. t. u. w. x. y. x. 3021 a. b. f. g. b. m. q. r. v. w. 3092 e. k. 3093 a. b. f. g.	Ridge Exploration Pty Ltd 127 215 132

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Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources

Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1 I(a), 22 August, 2007

tame 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, OLD 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 Valture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238-3814. IN 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 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 one native title parties in relation to this notice.

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tification Day: 10 December 2008



**Queensland** Government

Natural Resources and Water

Selection Criteria

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High level business management skills and experience in all aspects of business management (eg business planning, financial, people, housing assets and risk management etc). Proven track record of working collaboratively with a range of government and non government stakeholders to develop and implement cross agency projects.

Excellent oral and written communication skills, and demonstrated ability to engage stakeholders through community consultations and briefings.

Demonstrated capacity to build and maintain relationships and partnerships with key stakeholders.

Change management skills and the ability to lead and inspire staff in the development and implementation of major relorms.

reforms.

Demonstrated ability to analyse complex problems, identify multiple pathways for resolution and identify the most appropriate response.

Commitment to achieving high level business results in the most efficient and effective manner.

Responsible for making operational decisions for own area within approved business plans and agreed resource levels.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria. Inquiries: Kathy Roll (02) 9268 3524

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package.

Closing Date: Friday 28 November 2008

#### STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

The NSW State Emergency Service is a progressive Public Sector agency and offers a range of benefits to its staff including flexible work practices, ongoing training and development and Health and Welibeing program.

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.

#### COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER (INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES)

Clerk Grade 3/4, Moree, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number SES08/25. Total remuneration package valued to: \$65,072 p.a. (\$53,855-\$58,969) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

The Community Liaison Officer promotes the SES to Indigenous communities, promotes self help strategies through participation in SES training and membership. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality and an understanding of the needs of Indigenous communities. Sound knowledge of employment and training issues for Aboriginal people and demonstrated ability to undertake a practical assessment of individual and community learning needs. Knowledge of the SES, its role and culture. Excellent organisational, communication, presentation, negotiation and influencing skills. Experience in program, finance and resource management. Understanding of and ability to apply modern people management principles. Computer proficiency in a range of applications. Ability to demonstrate enthusiasm, high levels of motivation and initiative. Current driver's bleence. Current driver's licence.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Out of hours operational activities will be required from time to time. The successful applicant must be willing to obtain the Qualification in Government within 12 months of appointment. Relevant criminal history, referee reports and prior employment checks will be conducted on the recommended applicant.

Inquiries: Steve Martin (02) 67572950.

Information Packages: www.ses.nsw.gov.au & www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resources Officer-Staff & Volunteers, P.O.Box 6126, Wollongong NSW 2500.

Closing Date: Friday 28 November 2008.



#### Koori Hospital Liaison Officer (KHLO)

- A fantastic role which seeks to make a difference in Aboriginal health Opportunity to work with a supportive and committed

This full time position aims to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients in the acute hospital setting at St Vincent's receive culturally appropriate care.

We are seeking a suitably experienced person to work with others to deliver culturally appropriate care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients. The role works closely with a skilled Aboriginal Health team, other health professionals and

The KHLO will be responsible for:

• clinical work and consultation to other clinicians

• effective liaison with community controlled organizations

The successful applicant will have relevant tertiary qualifications and will work closely with the St. Vincent's Aboriginal Health Advisory Committee.

This is an Aboriginal-identified position. Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and VCAT exemption from provisions of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 has been obtained.

The salary range is \$46,000 - \$55,000 negotiable depending on qualifications and experience. Generous salary packaging benefits are also available.

Enquiries to: Sonia Posenelli, (03) 9288 3438

Closing Date: 28th November, 2008

### Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17140	Approx. 13 km SE from Innisfail Centred at approximate Lat.17'36'S Long.146'07'E Local Government Area: Cassowary Coast Regional Council	Area: 3 km² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1 'lat.x 1 'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1394 g	International Metals (Qld) Pty Ltd 126 370 474
EPM37144 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 3: : Approx. 33 km ESE from Mount Garnet Centred at approximate Lat.17*49'S Long.145*23'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 179 km <sup>1</sup> Block Identification Maps: Townsville  Number of Sub-blocks: 55 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks  1456 h. j. k. n., o. p. s. t. u. x. y. z  1457 f. l. q. v  1528 c. d. c. h. j. k  1529 a. h. c. f. g. h. n. o. p. s. t. u. x. y  1601 d. c. j. k. p. u  1602 f. l. m. q. r. v. w  1674 b. c. g. h. n. o	International Metals (Qld) Pty Ltd 126 370 474
	Part 2: Approx. 41 km SE from Mount Garnet Centred at approximate Lat. 17°56'S Long, 145°23'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Area of Part 2: 42 km <sup>o</sup> Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 13 (each 1"lat.x 1"long.] Block Number Sub-blocks 1601 w, x 1673 b, c, g, h, J, n, o, p, s, t, u	

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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

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Old) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further informations: 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 1991 (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] 1248-1100 or Email: qldre@@fedeourt.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, 249 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: [07] 1226-6200 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 Diff Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Ourcensland
4000, Telephone: [07] 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 10 December 2008



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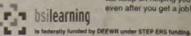
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Boolarng Nangamai Aboriginal Art & Culture Studio GERRINGONG NSW

#### **Assistant Arts Development Officer**

- Essential:
   Specialist knowledge the area of Arts or Cultural Heritage.
   Knowledge of the Aboriginal Arts Industry, Fine Art & exhibition practices.
- Excellent communication skills both written & verbal.

- Excelent communication sales both written a verbal.

  Drivers License

  Aboriginal Identified position Aboriginality is a genuina qualification for this position and is authorized under section 42 of the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT) and S8 of the Rucial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)

  Strong computer and organizational skills.

- Desirable:
   Ability in Mentoring or experience working with artists and grant writing.
   Knowledge in Small Business operations, Mac computer

systems.

Knowledge of South Coast Aboriginal Communities.

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Minimum Diploma level qualifications in either art, business, education, communication, cultural heritage

advantage of December 2006 - 5pm.

Applications close: 1 December 2008 - 5pm





### Aboriginal Education Assistant (AEA)

Full-time permanent Commence: Term 1, 2009
Gawura Is a K-6 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
campus and forms part of St Andrew's Cathedral School.
The Gawura Campus has an enrolment capacity of 25

The successful applicant must identify with and be accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and have good written, oral and computer skills. You must be motivated to help support the children's learning, their social development and the Gawura Community. The ability to work in a team, as well as reliability and professional conduct are essential attributes, along with a willingness to participate in precious professional development.

You will assist the Head of Gawura in the day to day operation of the Gawura Campus by providing:

- Teacher support

- Community and parental liaison

- Pastoral care

Written applications should follow the application instructions on the School's website, www.sacs.nsw.edu.au/hr

Applications Close: Monday 1 December 2008

It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sax offence to apply for this position.

Positions Vacant

1. Community Nurse

2 Aboriginal



Transport Officer (F/T) About

AMSWS is offering challenging employment opportunities for community minded Aboriginal people with strong communication skills, a good listener, prepared to become part of a holistic health team committed to the delivery of primary health care services to the local Aboriginal community of Western Sydney from our centre at Mt Druitt. Established in October 1986 we have been providing primary health care services to the local Aboriginal community since August 1987. AMSWS is a vibrant non-government community and organization with Public Benevotent Institution status, our main source of income comes from federal and state government grants.

In this position an applicants' race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorized by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

In this position an applicant's gender is a genuine occupation qualification and is authorized by section 31.(2), (h) and 31. (3) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

All applications will be assessed against a selection criterion that includes essential and desirable qualifying factors.

To obtain a selection criteria and statement of duties for positions please contact Jean or Joanne on 02 9832 or email Jean@arnsws.org.au

Relevant criminal record checks will be conducted on successful applicants recommended for employment or appointment to positions within the AMSWS.

Written applications should be addressed and posted to: The Chairperson, PO Box 3160, Mt Druitt Village NSW 2770

Applications close: Friday 19 December 2008.



## BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

#### Lecturer - General Construction

Position No.: 14692

3 year fixed term appointment commencing ASAP -Alice Springs, NT

Remuneration Academic Level B - \$67,006 - \$79,570

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This position is responsible for the delivery of approved Vocational Education and
Training programs in General Construction. This position requires the development
of culturally appropriate teaching and learning outcomes, student assessment and
maintenance of student fiese. Liaison with other training staff, remote Aboriginal
communities and with industry partners is also required. Travel and working
throughout the Northern Territory is an essential requirement.

#### Applications close Friday 28th November 2008

For further information, the Role Profile, Selection Criferia and "Information for Applicants" are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; ax (08) 8939 7432; or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au

The institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

Batchelor Institute has a vital national position as the only higher education institution solely for Indigenous students (AUQA report 2006). As such, BITE endeavours to be a strong employer of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. BITE strongly encourages applications for the above positions from suitably qualified and experienced Indigenous Australians.



#### NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HERBY GWES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following smalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
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38/1965 52/1750	Dissourt Gold Ltd Wannick Resources Utd	301669 302001	672.74tm 23.53tm	23km SETy of Laweton 44km SWTy of Newman	Let 120*19 Long 122*30 Let 120*13 Long 23*25	ESSENCE ESSENCE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 19 February 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. Enquiries in relation to fiting 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. Ear amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 19 March 2009), a native tit 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 Nation 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.



#### Project Officer - Indigenous Employment (12 month contract) \$62,116 - \$70,477 + 9% Super Position No: DSE 8322

This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to increasing employment opportunities for indigenous people and improving the career aspirations of DSE's indigenous staff. You will develop written material to assist with engagement of teachers, career councillors and supervisors of indigenous people and the interaction with Indigenous facilitators across DSE.

Utilise your knowledge and experience in indigenous engagement and recruitment and your excellent written and verbal communication skills in a diverse organisation offering excellent personal and professional development opportunities.

Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply and are invited to contact the Coordinator, Indigenous Employment on (03) 9637 8216 for advice and support with applications.

To apply and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit:

#### www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Sunday 7 December 2008.

www.dse.vic.gov.au Customer Service Centre 136 186



#### NOTICE TO GRANT GENERAL PURPOSE LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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

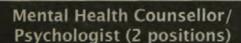
NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
47/1236	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd North Mining Ltd Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd	7262.94ha	1054m Wily of Newman	Lat 23°08' Long 118°43'	East Pilbara

The purposes for G47/1236 are: Plant, machinery, administration buildings, accommodation facilities, mineral, ore, tailing and waste stock piles and storage areas, general infrastructure including roads, railways, a transmission and distribution, gas distribution, water, waste water and severage storage and distribution facilities and any other purpose permitted pursuant to the Iron Ore (Robe River) Agreement Act 1964, includin approved proposals.

Nature of the act: Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 19 February 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: Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federa Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 5000, telephone (98) 9258 7100. The leases may be granted if, by the end of the pariod of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 19 March 2009), there is no native title party in relation to the area of the leases.

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



#### Mental health in rural and remote areas (Pilbara project)

#### Salary range \$80-\$92k

These positions involve the provision of direct mental health counselling, advocacy and therapeutic services to communities in Hedland and surrounding communities and in Newman and the Western Desert. This role will require a highly motivated and skilled person with demonstrated experience in direct mental health services in remote and rural regions. Experience in working within Aboriginal communities is essential. The position will involve:

- Regular travel through the Pilbara region
   Identify counselling and support needs of rural and remote clients
- · Provide direct counselling and therapy to clients referred under
- Develop and maintain inter-agency support networks with key mental health and Aboriginal organisations in the Pilbara region

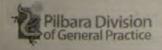
  Assist in the development of policies and procedures for the position
- · Ongoing professional and cultural supervision will also be provided.
- The candidate would ideally have a degree in psychology, social work or related mental health discipline and have a minimum of 3 years experience in direct mental health service provision. In addition to the attractive salary offered, this position comes with accommodation

support, dedicated vehicle with limited private use, mobile phone, lap

top and superannuation and professional (cultural) supervision. ABORIGINAL PEOPLE ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY

The closing date for applications is Monday 15th December 2008.

Selection criteria and general information about the role can be obtained by phoning Indigenous Psychological Services on (08) 9362 2036 or by emailing: ips@ips.linet.net.au





Department of Industry and Resources Government of Western Australia

sal To Grant Exploration Perm SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plan Street, East Parth WA 6004 may grant the following Exploration Permit application applied for under section 31 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967.

N	10.	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
	08-9	KINGSWAY OIL LIMITED	27778.1km2	The Application is located in the western part of the Great Sandy Desert between Lake Cohen and Tobin Lake. The South Western corner 123°24′55.04°S. 124°40′04.75°E – GDA94) of the application is situated at an approximate distance of 70°Cm in a South East direction from Winnecke Rock. From this point the application extends approximately 157km in a Northerty direction to the North Western corner (21°59′54.99°S, 125°10′04.68°E – GDA94) and approximately 164km in a Easterly direction to the North Eastern corner (21°59′54.96°S, 126°45′04.68°E – GDA94). From this point the application extends approximately 93km in a Southerty direction to the South Eastern corner of the application (22°49′54.96°S, 127°05′04.66°E – GDA94). The Application total area is approximately 27775.1 kirn2 or 352 blocks (5°x5°) in the Canning Basin.	Shire of East Pilbers (78,9%) Shire of Ngaanyetjamaku (21,1%)

Nature Of The Act: Grant of exploration permit/s, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further 5 years.

#### Notification Day: 19th November 2008.

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to Native 18th Pacifies: Under Secsion 30 of the Native 18th Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 18th February 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 18th Act 1993. Enquires in relation to tilling an application for either native title determination or prescribed body corporate to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day i.e. 18th March 2009), there is no native title party profes section (0) of the Addivir Title Act 1993 in relation to the area of the expeditive for permit received. under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 in relation to the area of the exploration permit

For further information about the act (including intracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum and Royalties Division, Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plan Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).



#### NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

he Stute of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, asst Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO.	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
45/3191	FMG Piloara Pty Ltd	57.48km²	99km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 21°12' Long 118°37'	Port Hedland Town
47/1809	FMG Pibara Pty Ltd	111km²	65km SETy of Pannawonica	Lat 22°06' Long 116"42'	Ashburton
47/1854	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	122.9km²	32km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23"01" Long 117"25"	Ashburton
47/1858	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	37.81km²	19km N'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23"02" Long 117"43"	Ashburton
47/1879	FMG Piloara Pty Ltd.	3.15km²	119km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°42' Long 116°18'	Astbutton
47/1923	FMG Pilbara Ply Lld	95.08km²	64km S'ty of Pannawonica	Lat 22"13' Long 116"21'	Ashourton
52/2264	PMS Pilbara Pty Ltd	122.66km²	33km SE'ly of Newman	Lat 23°34' Long 119°58'	Meekatharra
52/2265	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	9.42km²	75km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°28' Long 118°21'	Meekathama

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: 19 November 2008

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 19 February 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*. 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. I Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration licence may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 19 March 2009), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act* 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the exploration licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Departs 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

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NO:	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1673-4	Power Minerals Pty Ltd	536.67km²	61km NE'ly of Derby	Lat 16°59' Long 124'05'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1733	William Robert Richmond	46.28km²	90km N'ty of Derby	Lat 16"29" Long 123"37"	Derby-West Kimberley
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34/1772	Kimberley Abrasives	9.79km²	B4km NW1y of Fitzray Crossing	Lat 17"31" Long 125"11"	Derby-West Kimberley
	and Minerals Pty Ltd				
14/1773	Kimberley Abrasives	29.39km/	77km NW ty at Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17*32' Long 125*18'	Derby-West Kimberley
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04/1809	Matilda Minerals Ltd	160.06km²	87km NE ly of Broome	Lat 17"15" Long 122"36"	Broome
04/1810	Geotech International Pty Ltd.	149.68km²	92km SETy of Derby	Lat 18'01' Long 124'03"	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1811	Geotech International Pty Ltd	648.21km²	139km SE'ly of Broome	Lat 18*38' Long 123*20'	Broome/Derby-
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08/1799	Baraous Pty Ltd	21.99km²	56km Wily of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°24' Long 117°04'	Achburton
08/1861	Korab Resources Ltd	424.6Ekm²	76km Wily of Paraburdee	Lat 23°16' Long 116°56'	Achburton
08/1862	Korab Resources Ltd	395.86km²	52km SW1y of Paraburdoo	Lat 23"25" Long 117"13"	Ashburton
08/1863	Korab Resources Lhb	219.56km²	49km STy of Paraburdoo	Lat 23"38" Long 117"37"	Ashburton/Meekatharra
25/385	Sparkling Tenements Pty Ltd	14.68km²	45km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 51°06' Long 122°07'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
36/689	Montrose Resources Ltd	211.32km²	68km SW'ly of Lemster	Lat 28"26 Long 120"19"	Leonora/Menzies
36/691-2	Western Resources	6.08km²	42km N'ly of Leinster	Lat 27*33' Long 120*33'	Leonora
	& Exploration Pty Ltd				WELL (1842)
37/909	Scotia Nickel Pty Ltd	114,66km²	60km SE'ly of Leinster	Latt 28"23" Long 120"59"	Leonora
37/989	Poseidon Nickel Ltd	15.02km²	38km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°47" Long 121°42"	Leonora
38/2135	Atriplex Ltd	53.94km²	73km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29"02" Long 122"59"	Laverton/Mengles
39/1386	Rubicon Resources Ltd	65.66km²	92km S'ty of Laverton	Lat 29°27' Long 122°26'	Menzies
45/3289	Shaw River Resources Ltd	44,79km²	11km N'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21"05' Long 119"42'	East Pilbara
45/3293	Shaw River Resources Ltd	108.56km²	48km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°25' Long 120°07'	East Pilbara
45/3298	Atias Iron Ltd	6.39km <sup>3</sup>	51km Wily of Marble Bar	Lat 21°12' Long 119°15	East Pilbara
47/1965	Peter Romeo Gianni	88.48km²	10km NE'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22"38" Long 117"52"	Ashburton
52/2234	De Grey Mining Ltd	166.34km²	76km SW ly of Newman	Lat 23°40' Long 119°04"	Meekatharra
53/1419	Venture Minerals Ltd	3.05km²	65km SE'ly of William	Lat 27"00" Long 120"41"	Wiuna
53/1420	Spark Energy Pty Ltd	12.21km²	81km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 27°08' Long 120°47'	William
53/1421	Condor Nickel Ltd	137.55km²	109km E'ly of Wilging	Lat 26"56" Long 121"15"	Wiluna
		114.55km²	44km NE'ty of Gingin		Victoria Plains
70/2923	Washington Resources Ltd			Lat 31°05' Long 116°15'	
70/3125-6	Elisinore Nominees Pty Ltd	353.52km²	6km E'ly of Gingin	Lat 31°21' Long 115°58'	Chittering/Gingin
70/3192	Image Resources NL	207.37km²	20km NWTly of Gingin	Lat 31°13' Long 115°46'	Gingin
70/3257	A1 Minerals Ltd	120.9km²	57km E'ly of Namogin	Lat 32"56" Long 117"47"	Wickepin
70/3258	A1 Minerals Ltd	290.71km²	54km Wily of Lake Grace	Lat 32'57' Long 117'54'	Dumbleyung/Kulin/Wickepi
70/3449	Rocia Pty Ltd	5.83km²	15km N'ty of Perth	Lat 31"47" Long 115"50"	Wanneroo City
77/1537	Jindalee Resources Ltd	98.55km²	81km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32"31" Long 119"46"	Kondinin
77/1550	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	76.72km²	10km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30"46" Long 119"36"	Yilgam
77/1551	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	91.92km²	100km NW ty of Builfinch	Lat 30°10' Long 118°41'	Yilgam
77/1566	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	29.82km²	137km NTy of Koolyanobbing	Lat 20°38 Long 119°04	Monzes
77/1570	St Barbara Ltd	14.64km²	41km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31"26" Long 119"38"	Yagam
77/1574	Alan Paul Rudd	76.03kmF	41km S'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°35' Long 119°15'	Yagarn
77/1575	John Percival Otway	29.35km²	61km Ely of Southern Cross	Lat 31°19' Long 119557	Yllgam
77/1576	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	35.65km²	117km N'ly of Builtinch	Lat 29"59" Long 118"44"	Yilgam
77/1577	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	5.94km²	117km NE'ly of Bencubbin	Lat 30"00" Long 118"39"	Yilgain
77/1578	Portman iron Ore Ltd	2.96km²	114km NE'ly of Bencubbin	Lat 30°01' Long 118°37'	Yilgam
77/1579	Portman Iron One Ltd	77.16km²	110km NE'ly of Bencubbin	TW 30,02, FMB 119,38.	Yagam
77/1580	Bronze View Pty Ltd.	2.96km²	126km N'ly of Koolysnobbing	Lat 29"41" Long 119"21"	Mercies
77/1585	Portman Iron One Ltd	222.87km²	116km SE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29156 Long 118136	Yilgzarn
77/1591	Bronze View Pty Ltd	208.1km²	103km NW1y of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29"58" Long 119"04"	Monzies/Yilgam
77/1593	Bruce Robert Legendre	205.53km²	16km E'ny of Southern Cross	Lat 31"14" Long 119"29	Yilgam
77/1595	Ronald William Brown	1041.03km²	102km E'lly of Hyden	Lat 32*20' Long 119*59'	Kondinin
77/1596	Ronald William Brown	40.53km²	92km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32*34 Long 119*52	Kondinis
77/1598	Ronald William Brown	2.9km <sup>2</sup>	104km E'ly of Hyden	LM 32°20' Long 120°00	Dundus/Kondroin
77/1600	Julian Matthew Unkovich	11.88km²	94km NW1y of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30"03" Long 119"06"	Yilgam
77/1601	Portman Iron One Ltd	29.77km²	111km SE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29*46" Long 118*40"	Yilgam
77/1604	Ronald William Brown	8.71km <sup>2</sup>	102km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32*19" Long 119*50"	Kondinin
77/1605	Peter Romeo Gianni	67.87km²	41km NW1y of Bustinch	Lat 30"39" Long 118"54"	Yilgam
77/1606	Bildex Holdings Pty Ltd	73.98km²	71km NW1y of Bullfinch	Lat 30"24" Long 118"48"	Vilgam.
	Wheathalt Haldings Ptv Ltd.	73.98kmF	71km MW/kr of Builtinch	Lat 30°24' Lane 118°48'	Vilgarn

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from

Notification day: 19 November 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 19 February 2009. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the regotiation 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 (68) 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 (8.e. 19 March 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 6846, telephone (08) 9269 9700.

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

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#### Indigenous Children's Project Officer (Identified)

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Applicants will need to identify as being Aboriginal and Tores Strait Islander descent.
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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



### PROJECT OFFICER. **ENVIRONMENT**

Clerk Grade 5/6 Environment Sustainability perations Asset Performan Head Office, Ashfield Permanent Full-Time Position No: DOH-08-16962

Total remuneration package valued up to \$77,406 per annum (Salary: \$63,573 pa - \$70,146 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: To support the development and implementation of environmental sustainability policies, strategies and projects for Housing NSW and its assets, and assist social housing residents and other stakeholders adopt environmentally sustainable practices.

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  Selection Criteria:

  Demonstrated understanding of environmental sustainability, asset management and/or the built environment.

  Demonstrated ability to undertake research, analyse technical information and concoptualise and solve problems.

  Understanding of project management principles.

  Understanding or completed a degree in an environmental or asset management discipline.

  Sound written and oral communication, presentation and interpersonal skills.

  Demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a team.

  Demonstrated ability to prioritise and manage competing tasks, and meet deadlines and targets.

  Job. Notes: Further information about this position is available

Inquiries: Susanna Savolainen (02) 8753 9477

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 28 November 2008

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### PROJECT OFFICER TECHNICAL POLICY

Clerk Grade 5/6
Valuations & Technical Policy
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Head Office, Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time Position No: DOH-08-16965

Total remuneration package valued up to \$77,406 per annum (Salary: \$63,573 pa - \$70,146 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: To support the development and implementation of asset management framework strategies, policies, procedures and/or standards to improve the technical asset management of Housing NSW asset portfolio.

- Selection Criteria:

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  Demonstrated ability to prioritise and manage competing tasks and meet deadlines and targets.

  Job Notes: Further information about this position is available.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Upali Mallawaaratchy (02) 8753 8676

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

### 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 (Qtd).

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16211	Approx. 56 km NW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lai:20'18'S Long 139'11'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 10 km <sup>3</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 3 lat.x 1 long) Block Number Sub-blocks 231 L. q. v	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684
EPM16695 This Application consists of four separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 60 km SE from Mount has Centred at approximate Lat.21'06'S Long. 139'54'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 58 km²  Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 18 (each i lat.s 1 long)  Block Number Sub-blocks 887 n. s. x. z 959 c. c. h. j. k. o, p. s. t. u. x. y. z 960 i	Mount Isa Mine Limited 009 661 447
	Part 2: Approx. 52 km SE from Mount 1sa Centred at approximate Lat. 20°59 S. Lang. 139°54 E. Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council  Part 3: Approx. 58 km SE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat. 21°02°S. Long. 139°56°E. Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council  Part 4: Approx. 58 km SE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat. 21°05°Long. 139°58°E. Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 2: 16 km²  Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 815	
EPM16923	Approx. 35 km NNE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20'25'S Long. 139'37'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 157 km <sup>1</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 49 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 307	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd 122 727 342
EPM16980	Approx. 35 km N from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat 20°24°S Long, 139°13°E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area; 38 km <sup>+</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 12 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 307 l. m. q. r. s. t. u. w. x. y 308 q 379 b	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd 122 727 342
EPM17449	Approx. 53 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°51 S Long. 139°59 E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 22 km <sup>3</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloneurry Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 672 t. y 744 d. j. k. o. t	Matrix Metals Limited 082 593 235

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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 'a' omitting 'T. Each Sub-Block is approx.1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometers. 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 21 is. 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 (Jid) authories 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 (Jid) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1, 1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Oueensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

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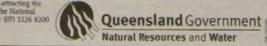
Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qurensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238-3814.

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 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 1300 or Email: qidneg@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.

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### MARLBOROUGH NICKEL PROJECT INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT

under the Native Title Act, 1993 (Cth)

### **AUTHORISATION MEETINGS**

The Darumbal People, as Native Title applicants (QUD5131/98 and QUD6001/99), The Barada Barna Kabalbara & Yetimaria People as Native Title applicants (QUD6224/98) and the Jetimarala People invite persons who are members of these Parties, or who may hold native title in some other capacity, to attend ILUA Authorisation Meetings to consider two proposed ILUAs within the respective claim areas. On November 5, 2008 notice was published in the press, together with maps, of the intent to enter into these ILUAs with Mariborough Nickel Pty Ltd.

The 'Project Area No. 2 ILUA' covers those areas within the Project Area which were not included in the previous ILUA registered by the National Native Title Tribunal on July 13, 2007. The above native title parties have negotiated the proposed terms and conditions of this ILUA with Mariborough Nickel Pty Ltd and now wish to obtain the authorisation of persons who may hold native title in this same to execution the ALUA. in this area to executing the ILUA

The 'Pipeline ILUA' covers a pipeline corridor of about 106km from the Mariborough Project Area boundary through to Raglan Greek, the eastern limit of the Darumbal native title claim. The Darumbal Registered Native Title Claimants have negotiated the proposed terms and conditions of this ILUA with Mariborough Nickel Pty Ltd and now wish to obtain the authorisation of persons who may hold native title in this area to executing the ILUA

### Date and Place of Meeting

The meeting is to be held as follows

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Venue: Dreamtime Centre, Rockhampton

Commencement time: 10.00 a.m.

Assistance with travel and accommodation is not available

C/- Lot 1, Powells Road, FARLEIGH Qld 4741 Tel: 07 4959 8822 Fax: 07 4959 8387

Davina Tilberoo (Jetimarala) 251 George Close, WOORABINDA QId 4713 Tel: 0429 001 807

### 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 (Qtd).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Douglas Hatfield (Darumbal) 133 Dee Street, NORTH ROCKHAMPTON Old 4701 Tel: 07 4925 0026, Fax: 07 4925 7457

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16919	Approx. 88 km SSW from Kidston Centred at approximate Lat.19*39'S Long.143*59'E Local Government Area: Filnders Shire Council and Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 184 km*  Block Identification Maps: Normanton  Number of Sub-blocks: 57 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 3167 o. p. t. u. y. z 3168 l. m. n. o. p. q. z. s. t. u. v. w. x. y. z 3239 d. e. j. k 3240 a. b. c. d. e. f. g. h. j. k 3097 l. m. n. o. p. q. z. s. t. u. v. w. x. y 3169 a. b. c. d. f. g. h. j	Glengarry Resources Limited 009 468 099
EPM17321	Approx. 85 km ESE from Kidston Centred at approximate Lat.19°21'S Long. 144'48'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 139 km*  Block Identification Maps: Townsville  Number of Sub-blocks; 43 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks  2810 s. t. w. x. y  2819 q. r. t. u. y. w. x. y, z  2889 j. k. m. n. o. p. r. s. t. u  2890 b. c. d. c. f. g. h. j. k. 1  2891 a. b. c. d. e. j. k. o. p	Bluekebble Pty Ltd 116 988 508
EPM17359	Approx. 24 km SSE from Kidston Centred at approximate Lat.19°05'S Long.144°15'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 181 km <sup>1</sup> Block Identification Maps: Townsville  Number of Sub-blocks: 56 (each 1"lat.x 1"long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks  2595 a, b, c, f, g, m, r, s, w, x, y, z  2596 b, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z  2667 b, c, d, c, f, g, b, j, k, l, m, n, q, r, s, v  2668 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, b, j, k	OZ Minerals Australia Limited 004 074 962

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map

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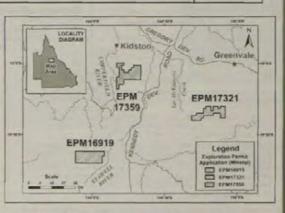
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Notification Day: 10 December 2008



Queensland Government **Natural Resources and Water** 



### TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

The Townsville City Council invites any person who claims to hold Native Title in relation to land or waters in the area and any representative Aboriginal/Tomes Strat Island body for the area to attend an Authorisation Meeting for the purposes of approving an Indigenous Land Use Agreement.

The details of the Authorisation Meeting are as follows:-

Date: 6th December 2008 Venue: Mungalia Cattle Station, Ingham QLD 4650 Time: 10:00 am

#### Agenda Item for the meeting:

An authorisation meeting for a proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement over land described as part of Lot 59 on NPW 935. Shire of Wilkie Gray, Parish of Hinchinbrook, Locality of



The site is located near Hencamp Creek and Rollingstone. The area is colloquially known as Kinduro Hill. The site is on the south-eastern side of the Paluma Range National Park with access via Collett Road. There is an existing Teistra Telecommunications tower adjacent to the site.

Please contact: Joanne Richards on (07) 4760 0131 by Monday, 1st December 2008 to confirm attendance and should you require assistance with travel.

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, PARKS AND WILDLIFE GROUP

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

### **FIELD OFFICER** (ABORIGINAL)

FIELD OFFICER
(ABORIGINAL)

Field Officer Grade 1/4, Tenterfleid, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC08-482. Total remuneration package valued to: \$60,668 p.a. (\$35,658-\$47,572) Salary package includes base salary (inclusive of annual leave loading), an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, and employer contributions to superannuation. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale.

Undertake maintenance and improvements to park infrastructure, including buildings, roads, fire traits and fencing. Operate and maintain plant and equipment. Facilitate visitor relations and law enforcement activities. Selection Criteria: This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job as well as cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities. Ability to work with the Department's stabutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources and a willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement. Ability to maintain grounds, facilities and workplaces such as buildings, essential services, roads, walking tracks, fences and recreational and accommodation facilities, including a willingness to safety undertake hygiene maintenance divies. Demonstrated ability and experience to carry out all duties safety and obtain relevant WorkCover Authority certification to appropriately operate and maintain small plant and equipment and ability and willingness to obtain a First Aid certificate. Certification and demonstrated experience, or ability to obtain, in operating a chainsaw to crosscut or simple tree felling standard, ability to operate two-way radios. Effective communication and community replation skills are required, ability to work independently and as part of a leam, administrative skills. Ability and willingness to fly in light aircraft. Current/MR licence and ability to operate 4wd webicles up to 4.5 tones/15 tonne GVM.

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Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. The position of Field Officer: including fire tighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must to obtain cartification at the appropriate level prot to undertaking fire tighting/incident control duties. Applicants must obtain 4wd certification within the probationary period (12 months). Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Hamish Reid (02) 6736 4298 0408 119 886 Em hamish reid@environment.nsw.gov.au. Information Package (02) 6736 4298 or jobs.nsw.gov.au.

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Department of Environment and Climate Change
NSW Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstvl
NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to
recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 28 November 2008.

### MINERAL RESOURCES ACT 1989 NOTICE ABOUT PROPOSED MINING LEASE NUMBER 20342 (APPLICATION NOTICE)

I John Victor Gaudion, PO Box 1836 Mareeba. Qid, 4880 in the State of Queensland hereby give notice about my proposed mining lease and advise:

- The application has been lodged and the number allocated to the mining lease is 20342
  The notification day (native title issues) is 20th Nov. 2008;
- . The closing day (native title issues) is 21st Feb. 2009.
- The proposed mining lease, if granted, will be granted by the Governor in Council;
- Registered native title parties have a right to be consulted about the proposed mining lease, a right to
  object to the granting of the proposed mining lease and a right to negotiate with a view to reaching an
  agreement about the granting of the proposed mining lease;
- A person may become a registered native title party by making application to the Federal Court in accordance with section 61 of the Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993;
- . An objection to the mining lease must be made in writing on the approved form, must be lodged with the

Mining Registrar at Mareeba at any time before a negotiated agreement is reached or the proposed mining lease referred to the Land & Resources Tribunal for a native title issues decision, and must state the facts and circumstances relied on by the registered native title party in support of the grounds for objection;

- Further information about the proposed mining lease and about the registered native title parties' rights or be obtained from myself, on 07 4060 2140, and from the Mining Registrar at Mareeba on 07 4048 4785.
- The land subject of this application is 56,2486 hectares within Lot 646 on SP 113647 Parish of Bullhead and Amy County of Banks and Solander and is situated approximately 20 km southeast of Lakeland in Queensland. A sketch can be obtained from the applicant or the Mining Registrar, and
   Mining activities will consist of a mobile and fixed alluvial operation with progressive rehabilitation, mining dams, camp spoil heaps and treatment plant. The area will be rehabilitated in accordance with the requirements of the Environment Protection Act 1994.

Dated at Mareeba on this fifth day of November 2008.

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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

Applications to which this notice applies:

over an area of 61 Blocks (200 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the KILGOUR locality -16° 58 EL 26949

Exploration Licence 26949 sought by CASTILE RESOURCES PTYLTD, ACN 124 314 085

Exploration Licence 26935 sought by CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS PTY, LTD. ACN 009 610 271 over an area of 21 Blocks (21 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NOONAMAH locality



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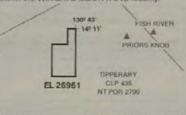
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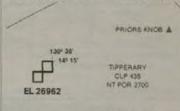
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Exploration Licence 26962 sought by CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS PTY. LTD. ACN 009 610 271 over an area of 2 Blocks (7 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years within the WINGATE MOUNTAINS locality



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VICTORIA RIVER DOWNS locality.

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Exploration Licence 26948 sought by MINERALS AUSTRALIA PTYLTD, ACN 124 475 538 & JACARANDA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 117 264 570 over an area of 77 Blocks (231 Sq. Kms)depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the KILGOUR locality

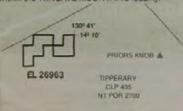
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Exploration Licence 26963 sought by CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS PTY. LTD ACN 009 610 271 over an area of 8 Blocks (27 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, ithin the WINGATE MOUNTAINS locality.

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below, for a term of 6 years, within the

**BRUNCHILLY locality** 

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(MANGANESE) LTD, ACN 097 091 506 over

an area of 167 Blocks (528 Sq Kms) depicted

PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 49 Blocks (161 Sq Kms)depicted below, for a term of 6 years

EL 26967



Exploration Licence 26908 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 2 Blocks (7 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BATTEN locality



Exploration Licence 26955 sought by THUNDELARRA EXPLORATION LTD, ACN 085 782 994 over an area of 39 Blocks (128 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years.



Exploration Licence 26957 sought by THUNDELARRA EXPLORATION LTD, ACN 085 782 994 over an area of 10 Blocks (34 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years,

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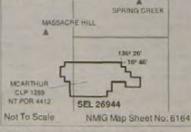
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Substitution Exploration Licence 26943 sought by MERLIN DIAMONDS PTY LTD. ACN 009 171 019 over an area of 86 Blocks (283 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 4 years, within the GLYDE locality



Substitution Exploration Licence 26944 sought by MERLIN DIAMONDS PTY LTD. ACN 009 171 019 over an area of 86 Blocks (283 Sq. Kms) depicted below, for a term of 4 years, within the GLYDE locality



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited (e) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years for exploration licences and 4 years for substitute exploration licences and to seek renewal(s) The term for which it is intended to grant the exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Regional t, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint 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 altracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this the 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 in 4 months of the notification day

Notification Day: 19 November 2008

### Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of NSW

Notification day: 3 December 2008

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest in the area (which is not a native title interest), set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) (the Act) there 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

application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 2 March 2009. After 2 March 2009, the Federal Court's permission to e a party is required.

National

Tribunal

Native Title

Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before 2 March 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 nativ

LOCALITY MAP

20 Metres

Non-native title interest: Local Government Authority

Federal Court File No: NSD1555/2008

The area subject to this application covers about 4.5 square metres and is located south of Gosford at Woy Woy and covers part of Lots 205 and 339 in Deposited Plan 755251 as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Gosford City Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Information Technology and Management, New South Wales.

For assistance or further information contact Nakari Thorpe on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

### DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

An application for a Water Supply Works & Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

#### **NSW MURRAY REGULATED** RIVER WATER SOURCE (YALLAKOOL CREEK)

IDLELOW PTY LTD for 1 x 250 mm Pump on Lot 41 DP756354, Parish Yallakool, County Townsend for irrigation. (Application No. 2096).

An application for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000,

### LOWER MURRAY **GROUNDWATER WATER**

Pierre & Lynette Muriel McNAUL for 1 x Bore on Lot 132 DP1001269, Parish Corry, County Wakool for Irrigation purposes. (Application No. 2081).

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

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer

Applications for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000. has been received from:

#### LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

ROBERT JOSEPH WISEMAN for 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 119 DP750885 Parish GIDGELL, County BOYD for IRRIGATION at/adja Lot 119 DP750885 Parish GIDGELL, County of BOYD. (Application No. 2079)

BADEN KENNETH WISEMAN for 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 127 DP750885 Parish GIDGELL, County BOYD for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 127 DP750885 Parish GIDGELL County of BOYD. (Application No.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to 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

### **Public Notice of Proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement** under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

Tarong Energy Corporation (TEC) proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (ILUA) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) (the Native Title Act) with the Wakka Wakka People, the native title claim group represented in native title determination application lodged in the Federal Court and allocated number QUD 6032/99 (the Wakka Wakka Claim).

The native title claim group in relation to the Wakka Wakka claim is described in that claim as the descendants of Jenny Lind; Nellie Princey Carlo; Stockman Bligh; Willie Bone of Nanango; Cloreen McKenzie; John Bond, Thomas Wonga Simpson; Mi Mi (excluding the descendants of Dulcie Barnes); Maggie, mother of Carrabie (Crabbie) Chapman (except for the descendants of Janet Chapman) and Henry Hart; Boubijan Cobbo: William Pickering (including descendants of Jack Hazel and Happy Hazel nee Law; Tommy Dodd of Taabinga (including the descendants of Tommy Dodd's brother, Alick Little, but excluding the descendants of Bert Doolan; Kitty of Boonara, mother of Edmund and Emily Couchie and Harry Ban Ban, the mother of Jack Bulong, and Jim Edwards Snr.

Negotiations between TEC and the applicants in the Wakka Wakka claim (the Wakka Wakka Applicants) in relation to the proposed ILUA have occurred over the year. The proposed ILUA arises out of an existing agreement between the Wakka Wakka Applicants and Rio Tinto Coal Australia (RTCA) in relation to the Tarong Coal Project. Earlier this year, TEC bought RTCA's interests in the Tarong Coal Project and has assumed RTCA's obligations under the existing agreement. TEC and the Wakka Wakka people wish to convert that agreement into an ILUA.

The proposed ILUA will deal with the grant of consent to the development and operation of TEC's coal and kaolin exploration interests within the southern area of the Wakka Wakka claim and the operation of the proposed Kunioon mine in exchange for a financial benefits package

The area which the ILUA is proposed to apply to is detailed in the map below (the ILUA Area).

If the parties reach agreement, they intend that the ILUA will be certified by Queensland South Native Title Services in accordance with sections 24CG(3)(a) and 203BE(5) of the Native Title Act in order to facilitate registration of the ILUA by the National Native Title Tribunal.

As part of the authorisation process required under the Native Title Act for the proposed ILUA, a two community meetings as the final stage of the authorisation process will be held in Mundubbera and Cherbourg. Details of those meetings are as

### Mundubbera:

9.30am

Place: Mundubbera Hall 28 Lyons Street Mundubbera QLD 462

6 December 2008

Cherbourg:

Time:

9.30am The Theatre Room Place:

Nurunderi TAFE Collins Road Cherbourg QLD 4605

Date: 7 December 2008

Those meetings are open to anyone who considers that they fall within the description of the native title claim group or that they hold or may hold native title in relation to the land or waters of the ILUA

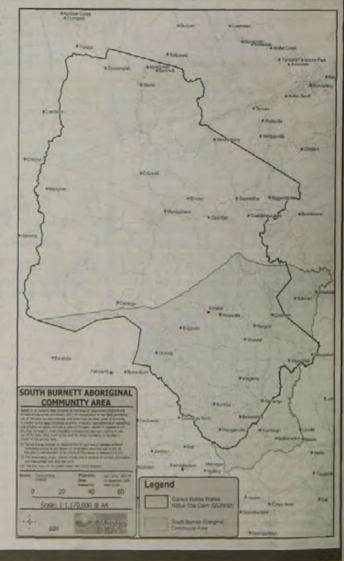
Any such persons are also invited to respond in writing to the Bunya Wakka Wakka Cultural and Heritage Aboriginal Corporation for inclusion on a the ILUA Area

Responses must be received by 1 December 2008 and should clearly set out:

- · Your name and details of how you can be
- The basis upon which you claim to hold native title in relation to the land or waters in the ILUA Area

Responses should be sent to the Bunya Wakka Wakka Cultural and Heritage Aboriginal Corporation at the following address:

Ms Lorraine Cairns Bunya Wakka Wakka Cultural and Heritage Aboriginal Corporation 106 Lamb Street Murgon Qld 4605 Phone: 07 4168 3044 Fax: 07 4168 3055



## Reconciliation on the fairways

in this year's Toowoomba NAIDOC Golf Classic, which will benefit the Whaddup program. Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE

Indigenous Business Manager and Golf Classic organising committee member Shannon Bowe said the annual event was becoming increasingly popular.

He said the golf day offered

people from throughout Queensland the opportunity to get together in the

fundraising.
The Whaddup program offers activities for people in Toowoomba, especially Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth, and has won a number of national awards.

### 'Empower'

"By supporting Whaddup in this way, we are helping empower the youth of our city, encouraging positive lifestyle choices and assisting Centacare continue this valuable program," Mr Bowe said.

this year from the community, through the Queensland Government, and especially from

Queensland Health.
Mr Bowe said other supporters included Lang O'Rourke, L J Hooker, the University of Southern Queensland, The Footy Barn and Strategix Training Group

The Toowoomba NAIDOC Golf Classic was held on 7 November at the Toowoomba City Golf Course. It was an 18-hole, two-person Ambrose



Reagan Parle, from the State Development Centre in Toowoomba. watches a putt.



Ray Nagas was all smiles as he prepared to tee off on the first hole.



Jim Jackson and Cec Cubby, from Lifeline in Toowoomba, spent some time in the tree-line before finding the green.



Noel McGrath, from Brisbane, and Greg Singh, from Nanango, at the 18th hole.





The youngest players were Clifton State High School students Hayden Gomez, left, and Dylon Burns, pictured with Cheryl Bowe, from Clifton.



Aboriginal health worker with the original Health Service in Toowoomba Alfred Orcher surveys the tenth fairway before making a club selection.



 ABOVE: Getting ready to tee off are the teams of Cyril Bligh and Craig Tomlinson, and Gordon Wragge and Craig Osborne. Cyril and Gordon travelled from Murgon to participate in the event.

 LEFT:Promoting healthy lifestyles and diets were Indigenous health workers, from left, Tristam Gadd, the Go for 2 & 5 'Vegie Man' Roslyn Foland-Wharton, and Karen Taylor.



### **Burgoyne Port's next captain?**

PETER ARGENT argues that Shaun Burgoyne has all the credentials to be the Port Adelaide AFL captain in 2009



SHAUN Burgoyne is the prime candidate to take over the on-field leadership of Australian Football League (AFL) side Port Adelaide.

The younger Burgoyne, 26, filled the role of acting captain in the final five rounds of the season just completed after incumbent Warren Tredrea was forced to undergo shoulder surgery. Tredrea, the man who held 2004

premiership cup aloft, recently announced he would stand down from the captaincy at the Power for the 2009 season.

Burgoyne was one of three vice-captains at Alberton in 2008, and he has already expressed interest in leading the club

A damaging and dangerous midfielder Burgoyne is among the elite players at Port Adelaide and in the AFL.

He has the ability to break games open. Burgoyne, who was drafted as the club's first-round selection – number 12 – back in the 2000, was a member of the Power's premiership-winning side in 2004, along with securing All-Australian honours in 2006 and being runner-up to the club's best-and-fairest award, the Jack Cahill Medal, in that season,

If selected as the Power's captain, Burgoyne will become a member of a privileged group of five Aboriginal footballers who have captained a VFL/AFL club. These include Geelong great and AFL Hall of Fame legend Graham 'Polly Farmer, who led the Cats between 1965 and 1967

Gavin Wanganeen, the Brownlow Medallist from 1993 when at Essendon and the inaugural captain of Port Adelaide, was the on-field leader of the Alberton-based club from 1997 to 2000.

### Captains

Chris Johnson - triple premiership player with the Lions after starting his career at Fitzroy- was one of five Brisbane captains in 2007.

Michael Long, an Indigenous statesman these days, was the 1993 Norm Smith Medallist and was given the reins by Kevin Sheedy at the Bombers in 1999 as well.

Not noted as a player who expresses a lot verbally, Burgoyne's style is preferring to lead by his actions rather than words.

He is still coming to terms with being heavily tagged each week, but should benefit from a fit Chad Cornes and Steve Salopek returning to the fray and possibly also the inclusion of no-nonsense on-baller and 2004 premiership player Josh Carr if the Power re-draft him.
Often the recipient of a close tag by

opposition coaches, Burgoyne has tremendous awareness in traffic, can break tackles as well as lay them, kicks a good haul of goals, has pace to burn and is a long and accurate kick, making him a top-tier player in AFL football.

These are all the criteria needed for an

## Caps off to Sheedy

### Magicos Moments



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

magic@koorimail.com

HERE is an old saying that you can't keep a good man down.

In the case of Kevin Sheedy, it is more a case of you can't even get a great man down let alone keep him there!

Revelling in his new role as ambassador for the game at large, Sheedy has once gain attracted headlines with his plan to make Indigenous players exempt from club salary caps from 2010

Sheedy is advocating for

from the salary cap to help with the AFL's likely expansion to 18 clubs.

In an attempt to negate a reduced talent pool with two new clubs set to join the League, Sheedy said clubs would be compensated for losing experienced players to the Gold Coast and western Sydney franchises.

Speaking at the launch of his latest book - Stand Your Ground Sheedy said the salary cap exemption would help bring more Indigenous players into the

He said the extra players would then be in the system for the proposed new Gold Coast and western Sydney clubs.

### New rule

"Maybe we need to look at a new rule, from about 2010 onwards, where you would be able to recruit any Indigenous player in this country and he would be on the list but his salary would not be included in the salary cap," the coaching great said.

It is unlikely Sheedy's proposal will receive AFL support.

Nevertheless, Sheedy put up a forceful case.

"Should we actually just change the rules and make sure we can encourage even more Indigenous players to come into

our game?" Sheedy asked.
"That would be a tremendous

about losing their quality players." AFL Game Development

Manager Dave Matthews said the League took Sheedy's idea seriously, but the expansion of the AFL talent pool was likely to

come from international players "It's just a typical example of the way Kevin thinks laterally about it. We've got to expand our talent pool, so we welcome any ideas that are put forward," he said, adding that the AFL was acutely aware of not treating Indigenous players separately

As much as I admire and support the work Sheedy has done for Indigenous players and Indigenous communities, I have to agree with the AFL's initial

The thing about making it at the AFL level is all about making it on the basis of merit

I fully support any Indigenous development programs and elite pathways for Indigenous athletes, but all these are aimed at assisting players understand the culture of professional sport and what is required to achieve.

It is not about lowering the bar of expectation.

It is more about providing the players with scaffolding to help then reach the bar.

If anything, the bar continues to grow higher, so the fact that up to 10 per cent of AFL players have an Indigenous heritage is a

source of pride to us all.

Any artificial assistance like a salary cap exemption would only

undermine the credibility of those who made it.

If we are to fight discrimination, then we should also be wary of systems that would allow people to suggest we received a favoured status

Not that I am suggesting that Sheedy would be unaware of these issues

Earlier in the year he used the same logic to emphatically dismiss the suggestion an all-Indigenous club should be introduced into an expanded

Sheedy, one of the prime movers in fostering Aboriginal and Islander talent in the sport, said any move towards an exclusively Indigenous club could undo much of the bridge-building AFL has achieved with the Indigenous

### Even spread

The former Essendon coach said he would rather see Aboriginal talent spread throughout all AFL clubs. including the two new franchises at the Gold Coast and western

"Why would you want to do that?" Sheedy said of creating an all-indigenous AFL club.

"The one thing that really makes our game is spreading the talent right throughout the whole nation. Otherwise it ends up becoming exactly what you don't want.

I would rather have the

spread of (Indigenous) players so we build a nation together. "That's not probably nowhere

near where the AFL would want to go. They want a spread of talent, so let's enjoy it in everybody's camp," he said. Sheedy said the skills of the Aboriginal and Islander players

had been a godsend for the competition.

"We've struck gold with the Indigenous players," he said.

"You think you're a coach and then you get some really wonderfully talented people and they actually teach you how to

"Indigenous players - they don't need a compass and a protractor. They know the angle coming into the goals."

While I don't agree with Sheedy's latest idea, we should all remember how strong an advocate for the Indigenous game - and indeed for broader indigenous issues - Sheedy has

To many he became the spiritual coach of the Indigenous

I will leave it to the great Michael Long, whose own career owed so much to Sheedy, to put it into words far more eloquent

To me he is also a father of reconciliation for what he has personally done for me and the game and for Indigenous kids," Michael said.

Until Next Time... Keep

### Dodd's Reds blown away by visiting Japanese team



Lazarus-like comeback for soccer team Adelaide United Reds last Wednesday night - and no-one felt the pain more

than Indigenous captain Travis Dodd. Japan's Gamba Osaka deservedly won the Asian Champions League final

5-0 on aggregate. The Australian side's brave bid to become Asian soccer's club champions ended with a 2-0 loss to Gamba in last

final at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, to add to their 3-0 defeat in the first leg a week earlier in Japan.

Needing to win by four clear goals to become Asia's club champions, United came into the Adelaide match knowing they had to dig themselves out of a huge hole.

Instead, their Gamba Osaka rivals arrived bearing glant shovels and no mercy to have the backfilling complete inside the first 15 minutes with two Just as they had done in the first leg, the skilful Gamba side had the ball on a

string for the first 45 minutes as United looked ponderous at the back and breaking from midfield.

Although lacking the technical proficiency of their rivals, the Reds came out fighting in the second half and came closest to scoring when Kristian Sarkies just failed to make contact with a Travis Dodd cross on 51 minutes.

Adelaide coach Aurelio Vidmar

admitted his side had been outclassed over the two legs by their Japanese

Despite Adelaide's defeat, they have still qualified for next month's Club World Cup in Japan and now play New Zealand side Waitekere United in the opening round.

If they win that, they will meet Gamba Osaka again in the next round in a tournament which also features European powerhouse Manchester

## **All Stars** to tackle Adelaide



THE 2009 Northern Territory Australian football year is scheduled to begin on 7 February when the Indigenous All Stars

take on the Adelaide Crows in

Australian Football League Northern Territory officials expect a crowd of 13,000 to watch the game. So big is the Australian football

calendar in the Northern Territory that AFLNT expects more than 52,000 spectators in the first six months of 2009.

months of 2009.

Six days after the All Stars-Crows game, a NAB Cup game between the Western Bulldogs and Essendon will be played in Darwin. It should pull a crowd of 10,000.

This will be followed by a NAB Challenge game in Alice Springs on 27 February. It usually aftereds

27 February. It usually attracts between 9000 and 11,000

The NTFL grand final will be on 21 March, the Territory team launch on Saturday 28 March and the first AFL Queensland game against Southport Sharks on Saturday 3

A premiership match between the Western Bulldogs and Port Adelaide will be played on Saturday 13 June. Two thousand people are expected to come from Melbourne for the

"Additional visitor nights are hard to predict, but we do know that these events lead to additional spending," said AFLNT Chief Executive Tony

The creation of a new Australian Football League team in the Northern Territory that will compete in AFLQ in 2009 will lead to an increase in spending and generate an additional visitor nights each

Frawley said Darwin and Alice Springs businesses would be the main beneficiaries, with more than 90 per cent of the spending benefiting organisations not directly aligned to the new Territory team. The key beneficiaries are likely to

be accommodation and tourism providers, food and beverage sinesses, fuel retail and hire cars, sport and recreation businesses taxis and local transport and retail

From 2009 onwards, the Northern Territory will host nine games a year in AFLQ.

"We were overwhelmed by the support from AFLQ and its member clubs travelling to the NT each year," Frawley said.

"Our first home game against the Southport Sharks (Queensland's largest and most successful club) will be held on Saturday 4 April at TIO Stadium.

Frawley also said the establishment of a team in the Northern Territory would also lead to further expansion of local sport infrastructure and participation and give Territorians their own team to support in a State League

### Important role

He said the team would also play an important role in fostering, implementing and supporting government strategies for the Northern Territory, as its vision was to underpin development of the code in all regional areas and provide participation opportunities for all Territorians regardless of where

Frawley said the new team would assist in taking the Northern Territory to a position of leadership in sport through reinforcing and communicating an image for the Northern Territory as a sport and tourism destination.
The team, in addition, will

enhance social welfare in the region because of its emphasis on societal values such as communities, health and sport themes," he said. "When we set out on this journey,

we wanted to prove to the Northern Territory that we would provide the foundations for a strong and successful club.

"We were equally as passionate about how a Territory team would return significant economic and social - as well as sporting benefits to the community through increased jobs, greater economic and tourist activity and greater opportunities for local families.

### Hot competition at **Heatley sports day**

By ALF WILSON



AN Indigenous sports carnival for male and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

competitors in three sports at Heatley Secondary College in Townsville has been hailed as a great success.

It was organised by Townsville City Council and its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Development Officer Shane Alley, who said sports played were mixed touch football, 3-on-3 indoor basketball and beach volleyball. "For the last two years we

have hosted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sports

carnivals. All sports included were chosen so as to let males and females compete to have a social competition encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth to compete in team sport. All events are promoted as smoke, alcohol and drug-free promoting healthy lifestyle, Alley said.

### Latest

The latest carnival was for males and females in open age group and under 18

"More than 350 individuals were involved, with teams from the Townsville and Burdekin districts and with a large number of competitors from as far away as the Northern Territory," Alley said.

In the mixed touch football

open final, Thunder Chickens defeated North Coast Dolphins, and in under 18 final, Burdekin Baywatch beat

Kirwan CIA.
The mixed beach volleyball open event was hotly contested, with South Sea

Souljahs rolling Hit Em Up in the decider, and Flowriders winning from Heatley in the

3-on-3 basketball games attracted many spectators in the sports hall, and Shalom Christian College's number-one side beat Shalom number four in the final.

In the under 18 division, Shalom number one got up over Cousins in Arms

Competitors were treated to a sausage sizzle and drinks to keep up their fluid level on a hot day



Clockwise from above: Coach Genus Passi with his Flowriders under 18 mixed touch football team.

 Coach of Baywatch 3-on-3 basketball side Gerald Henaway with his players Kazza Lammon, Isis Geas and Danella Noah.

 Organiser Shane Alley with the trophies

Touch football action.





### Imparja help needed

NORTHERN Territory Cricket is seeking volunteers for Indigenous cricket's biggest event, the Imparja Cup, to be held in Alice Springs from 9-14 February. Alice Springs-based volunteers

are preferred.

Positions are available for ground managers, scorers, umpires, canteen attendants, gate

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

keeping, scoreboard and sightscreen attendants.

People interested in applying should fill out the volunte information form available at www.ntcricket.com.au

It should be returned to NT Cricket (details on form). For more information, contact NT Cricket on (08) 8981 1677.

## **Indigenous Sport Queensland**

# Rohanee triumphs



THE accolades just keep on coming for Rohanee Cox, the Townsville-based **Beijing Olympics** basketball silver medallist.

co-captain was named winner of the 2008 Oz Minerals Queensland Indigenous Sport Awards Eddie Gilbert Medal at Cairns on

Rugby league superstar Jonathan Thurston was the inaugural Eddie Gilbert Medal recipient in 2007

The medal is presented to a person who has made a strong and lasting contribution to the profile of not only their own sport, but sport in general within their

Cox was the first Indigenous woman to represent Australia in Olympic basketball.

She comes from Broome, in Western Australia.

Her basketballing talents were identified during her early teens and led to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in Canberra, where she had valuable training time with the likes of Lauren Jackson. Penny Taylor and Suzy Batkovic

Cox's basketball career was put on hold when she fell pregnant with her daughter Alyriah, now seven, and suffered a major setback a few years ago when she had a knee reconstruction

But she bounced back and was named the Townville Fire's Most Valuable Player for season 2007/08 and is a role model for Indigenous and under-privileged children in the greater Townsville

community and Gulf area. She was also named the Female Sportsperson of the Year at this year's Deadly Awards and was a nominee for the Mazda/Courier-Mail Queensland

Sportswoman of the Year. She won the Eddie Gilbert Medal ahead of other regional winners such as NBL player Nathan Jawai (far north Queensland), hockey volunteer Roneece Cuppitt (south-east Queensland), athlete Joshua Ah Wong (central Queensland), Rabbitohs player Chris Sandow (south-west), touch footballer Patrick Tamwoy (Torres Strait) and Normanton Stingers Rugby

League Team member Phillip Harrison (north-west Queensland)

Her first hurdle on her way to winning the medal was to beat a very strong nomination from North Queensland Cowboys player Ty Williams in the north Queensland regional award. He received glowing tributes for his courageous comeback from injury

Williams attended the Caims dinner at the Sofitel Hotel and presented awards to the local young Indigenous athletes who had represented the Peninsula region in school sport in 2008. Students presented awards on the night were Shannaiya Ferns-Tatipata (hockey), Dalijah Martens (track and field) and

Travis Ambrum (track and field). Joel Hagan, 12, was awarded the Leigh-Anne Goodwin Youth Award for his achievements in rugby league, Australian rules football and athletics.

This year he was named in the Under 12 Queensland teams for rugby league and Aussie rules, and was also a member of the Queensland athletics team

He was presented with the award by former champion jockey Darby McCarthy.

Joel also won the Robbie Williams Encouragement Award as an emerging Indigenous sports

person who is likely to go on to achieve great things in sport. The award is presented in honour of Robbie Williams, who passed away in 2007. Mr Williams, through his role as ATSIC commissioner, provided a strong voice and was at the forefront of advancing Indigenous

He created the annual First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival in Brisbane, which is now its 15th year, and was integral in First Contact's Regional Sports Program which now provides assistance to more than 7000 individuals, communities, clubs and teams annually across more than 50 sporting codes.
A number of special guests

and past and present Indigenous sportspeople attended the awards night, including Cairns Mayor Val Schier, ISQ Patron and former jockey Darby McCarthy, Western Bulldogs AFL player

AFL player Darryl White. Eddie Gilbert Medal – final vote count:

Rohanee Cox (north Queensland) 42 points Chris Sandow (south-west Queensland) 34 points

Nathan Jawai (far north Queensland) 30 points Roneece Cuppitt (south-east Queensland) 29 points Joshua AhWong (central Queensland) 26 points Phillip Harrison (north-west Queensland) 18 points

Patock Tamwoy (Torres Strait)

 ABOVE: Darby McCarthy presented the Eddie Gilbert Medal, accepted on Rohanee Cox's behalf by Cairns Basketb Director Joel Khalu.

 CENTRE LEFT: A recent picture of Rohanee Cox and her daughter Alyria.



LEFT: Cairns Mayor Val Schler with North Queensland league star Ty Williams at the ISQ awards night.



First Contact Chief Executive Trish Williams with Joel Hagan and Joel's father, Lawrence. Ms Williams presented Joel with the Robbie Williams Encouragement Award for an emerging Indigenous sportsperson.

## **Eddie Gilbert Medal Awards**



Indigenous Sport Queensland awards night organiser Cameron Costello with Amy
Clarke and Raylene Baker.

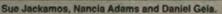


Legendary jockey Darby McCarthy congratulates Joel Hagan, of Toowooml after presenting Joel with the Leigh-Anne Goodwin Youth Award for his achievements in rugby league, Australian rules football and athletics.

McCarthy, also from Toowoomba, is a Patron of Indigenous Sport Queensland (ISQ).















- ABOVE LEFT: Former AFL star and Faye Law
- ABOVE RIGHT: Valerie Ahwong and her nephew Joshua.
  - LEFT: Dinto, Vickie and Patock Tamwoy.
- RIGHT: First Contact Chief Executive Officer Trish Williams and her sister-in-law Denise Rogers.

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### Mundine eyes world middleweight crown



dominated another outgunned opponent and remained on course for a middleweight boxing world title fight with a unanimous

10-round points win over Uruguayan Rafael Sosa Pintos in Sydney last Wednesday night.

The 33-year-old Sydneysider controlled the bout with his faster hands and was rarely troubled by the South American.

The three judges gave Mundine the win

by scores of 99-91, 100-91 and 100-88.

Pintos, who had won 31 of his previous 33 fights, offered little in offence through the early rounds, although he did appear to wobble Mundine in the sixth.

The Australian produced a number of

his trademark combinations through the fight, but the tough Uruguayan absorbed the blows and sometimes beckoned Mundine to have another go.

Mundine slipped to the canvas early in the tenth round, but it wasn't the result of a punch from the durable South American

who ended the fight marked under the

left eye.
Mundine is the second ranked contender to Germany's WBA middleweight world champion Felix Sturm.

#### Praise

Mundine praised his game opponent for his defence and said that was one of the reasons why he chose Pintos. "I hit him with a few good uppercuts and stuff but I just couldn't get them

through to the sweet spot," he said. He said he wasn't disappointed at not

stopping his opponent.
"At the end he was starting to get

"At the end he was starting to get desperate and desperate guys do desperate things. When I'm in the firing range, you might get tagged yourself, so you've got to be smart." he said.

Mundine said his intention was to reign in the middleweight division and fight some of the best in the world, and thought his latest bout would hold him in good stead for the bigger contests. -AAP

## Malanda too good

By ALF WILSON



MALANDA Eels took out the annual Rainforest Gup cricket camival at Tully on 8-9 November, beating the Cooktown Crocs in the

Malanda (10/132) defeated Cooktown (9/109) in the grand final of the carnival played under the Twenty/20 format for Indigenous cricketers.

Organiser Stan Lenoy said Mick Mason (Cooktown) won the player of the carnival and best batsmen awards.

"Young Jayden Smallwood picked up the best young talent award and best bowler awards while Cooktown's Geoffrey Kulka was the player of the final," Lenoy said. The other sides were Tully, Mt

Garnet, Innisfail and Jumbun, and games were played on turf wickets at two Tully ovals

Many of the Malanda Eels players hail from the sugar cane farming town of Ingham and have heritage on the Atherton Tablelands.

In the early games on Sunday, Tully defeated Mt Garnet and Innisfail rolled Jumbun.

In the semi-finals Malanda heat Innistail and Cooktown defeated

"It was a great carnival and was a non-alcohol event," Lenoy said. Townsville cricketing identity Noe!

Gertz played a major part in organising the carnival and Larry Budd, the chairman of the Indigenous Cricket Advisory Committee Queensland, was a special guest

Budd, who reckoned he had

seen just about everything there was to see in cricket, had a new experience at Tully - Australia's banana capital and arguably Australia's wettest town

Budd was scoring at the Aerodrome Oval on day one when a skydiver landed on the outlield. The skydiver then took his position in the field.

"The umpire took a camera out of his pocket and snapped a photo. How do you score that... only at the Rainforest Cup," Budd said.

Budd said curator Mick Miller had prepared 'perfect' wickets - 'better than many I have seen in Brisbane'

### Plenty of incentive

He said players were aware of the opportunity to impress for selection in the 2009 Imparja Cup squad and it was great to see quality grade players in the ranks of most sides and some extremely promising prospects.

One such prospect was Malanda's Jayden Smallwood, who won the awards of bowler of the carnival, bowler of the final, best young talent. He is under the watchful eye of Queensland Cricket's Eddie Gilbert Talent Identification Squad," Budd said.

Budd praised carnival organisers and officials and said he would ecommend to Game Development Manager Mark McLatchey that the

carnival remain in Tully for 2009. He said the carnival would be the benchmark for the South-East Indigenous Cricket carnival, which he is hopeful of implementing within the next two years.

From there, Budd wants to have Queensland's very own Indigenous cricket championships.

 LEFT and BELOW: These pictures show why Tully's annual Indigenous cricket carnival is called the Rainforest Cup.





 LEFT: The Cooktown team, beaten in the grand final.

 ABOVE: The victorious Malanda team.



· LEFT: The Redbacks Rainforest Cup

BELOW: Sport and Recreation Officer Pauline job displaying her barbecue









## Presto's crowning glory

### DEANOS LEAGUE



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N the space of two weeks, Preston

Campbell has been on the podium collecting awards and being recognised for the true champion he is.

The first was when he lifted the trophy after our memorable victory over the New Zealand Maori, and then last week he was helps applicated as he cannot a was being applauded as he capped a stellar season after being presented with the Telstra Ken Stephen Medal, which is the NRL's highest accolade for outstanding service to the game on and off the field.

As captain of the Rio Tinto Indigenous Dreamtime team, he embodied what the team was about.

During the whole week and during a typically courageous performance on the field, he let his actions speak for

On the field his passion and pride is there for all to see and the way he puts his body on the line inspires all those

But his passion and pride is equally obvious off the field, where he does not let a single fan down when it comes to a request for an autograph or a photo. At every public session Preston was invariably the last to leave.

This was not only a testimony to Presto's popularity, but it also underlined his belief that everybody who wanted to speak to him deserved the respect of Preston giving them his time.

Preston has the rare talent of making every person he speaks to feel as if they are the most important person in the world to him at that moment.

And they are.
I remember Preston telling me once that every time he was being served somewhere like a petrol station, he made a point of being positive and asking the person how they were going.

His reason?

Simply to try to bring a smile to the face of a person who has to put up with people impatient to be served and on

It is a simple act that would make our world a far better place if everybody had that same attitude.

But that is the humility of the man who dedicated his Ken Stephen award to his beloved home community of Tingha.

In his speech he remembered the happiness of his life growing up in a community where people did things for each other without expecting anything in

In a gesture that reflects his belief that it is his duty to give back to the community, Campbell has donated his prize to assist in the building of a drop-in centre for youth in his home community.

It reflects why he was awarded the honour given his tireless work with Indigenous communities over the years.

Preston said he was honoured to receive the award and paid special tribute to former Indigenous NRL star David Peachey, who was a previous winner of the Ken Stephen Medal.

The 'Peach' inspired me. To be able to have my name up next his is a real honour," said Campbell.

"It obviously means a lot coming from where I've come from. I feel like I'm in a position to change a few things for the

Campbell continued his commitment to the community in 2008, making 38 appearances, including visits to Coffs Harbour and Lismore for NAIDOC Week celebrations.

He also participated in a video conference at Griffith University, which enabled him to talk to students at six different regional schools from far western

Campbell also had a significant impact on a visit to Princess Alexandra Hospital, in Brisbane, earlier this year where he met Patrick Dillon, an Aboriginal man of a similar age who became a paraplegic after a swimming accident.

The pair shared a common goal in wanting to become Aboriginal youth counsellors and Campbell later returned for another visit during the season where he presented Dillon with a signed Titans jersey and \$1000 donated by the club.

The honour capped a fruitful season for the NRL veteran, who also claimed the Paul Broughton Medal as the Jetstar Titans' player of the year in 2008.

"Preston's work has made a significant difference to Indigenous communities and to the rugby league community as a whole," said NRL Chief Executive David

He is a wonderful ambassador for our game, as are all the volunteers and officials that we are honouring here

tonight.
\*Their contribution to the game should never be underestimated and these awards will continue to ensure they know how much we value their efforts for years to come

#### Last to leave

Before he left. Preston made sure that he had congratulated every other award winner and nominee before he left.

As always, he was among the last to

As he walked away, the Opera House and Harbour Bridge formed an impressive

But you could imagine Preston being just as proud as if he was walking home down the main drag of Tingha.

And that's the main reason why we are

### Passion, pride key to World Cup

HEN you read this article, there is little doubt that the Kangaroos will have beaten Fiji by a comfortable score and will be preparing to play the Kwis or the Poms in the World Cup final.

But Fiji's 'Bati' embody all that has been good about the World

It is about players playing with pride and passion and not being worried about the financial

It is about players connecting with their cultural roots and discovering aspects of their identity that they may have abandoned or forgotten.

It is about giving their people a reason to celebrate and a focal point for their community to come

All too briefly we were able to experience that as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders when

and lorres Strat Islanders when the Dreamtime team played in the Welcome to Country' game as part of the world Cup opening. The pride we all felt to see a representative Indigenous team take the world stage is still being

expressed.

The experience of the Fijians further reflects the importance of the game more fully embracing the cultures of the players who

take the field.

Before the game, halfback Aaron Groom revealed the Fijlans' secret attitude to success "It's not really about going out there and trying to play good

your mates and the people you're with," said Groom

"It's nothing like (NRL). For me personally, I'm going into it a lot more calm and not so nervous and I can get back to just playing footy and not having my mind on other things

"A few of us boys who play in the NRL, we were having a chat the other day and saying how this is like just playing park footy with

There is nothing else to it. You play because you love to play and you're playing with your buddies and I think that is what I put (our success) down to.

"The boys aren't intimidated or anything about the fact we're excited actually and keen for the challenge.

### Fringe player

Groom, a fringe first grader at the Bulldogs, has been a star for Fiji, winning the man of the match awards in both their World Cup

He credits his team-mates for his own burst in form, adding their confidence in his ability has given him the nerve to back himself and try things he'd never do in the

"I don't think twice before doing things really and I know the boys back me and there is not that pressure," he said.

You're not thinking in the back



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of your mind that if I do something I shouldn't, I'm going to get

"It is quite enjoyable actually."

A more startling transformation has been the change of attitude of Parramatta star Jarryd Hayne, whose season was marred by offfield controversy.

"This is God's way of saying you've achieved so much, here's your chance to play against the world's best players," Hayne said. "There's got to be some

reason behind it.

"It has to be God. It's been created because of Him and the belief the boys have in Him." Few would link these words

with Hayne, the Eels prodigy who

was living the dream during the pre-season, living it like a self-confessed 'rock star', running wild in Kings Cross, dodging gunshots fired from a car cruising

Australian selectors for the World Cup and was seen as one of the major reasons why coach Michael Hagan quit the Eels

Hayne joined Fiji because he had nothing to lose and unexpectedly found a group of players, coaches and officials who created an environment so significant he called the experience the 'turning point of

"A lot of different feelings come from it. It's not about God and going to church. It's not about

"It's about being a better person, a person people look up to, and being the person you want to become. I don't want to have another season like the one I just

Hayne knows this is just the beginning.

"There's still a lot of change in me, there's a lot of stuff around the comer I will have to learn," he said

The renaissance started when he was overlooked for Australia's 24-man squad for the tournament.

reality, when I didn't get picked," he said. "All that put together with the rest of the year, it put

when I hit rock bottom.

"Here, it's about life in general. These coaches are more worried about me off the field than on it." Hayne shows how much he

has grown up when he commented on Fiji's expected

"There's more important things

than winning," he said.
"There's more important things in life than a football game

It is an attitude shared by Broncos forward Ashton Sims became the scapegoat of Brisbane's heartbreaking last-minute NRL preliminary final loss to the Melbourne

Sims says his time with Fiji Rugby League has changed his

whole perspective of football.
"I'm getting a big buzz out of it. This whole journey has really put rugby league in perspective for

me personally.
"Sometimes I can fall into the trap of taking it for granted, but playing with all these local guys has really put me back down to

Going to church twice a day is a different approach to game

More than prayers would have been required to beat Australia.

But perhaps the game's prayers have been answered by finally embracing the cultures of those who take the field.

## Zenadth Kes Cup rugby league

Stingers sweep

By ALF WILSON



SOME big clashes between forward packs. speedy backs supporters

were highlights of the Zenadth Kes Cup rugby league carnival on Thursday Island (TI), which was dominated by local team Kaiwalagal Stingers. The well-drilled Stingers

easily beat Arkai Brothers, from Kubin, 36-6 in the grand final of the carnival, which was formerly known as the Torres Cup.

It was held at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island from 31 October to 2 November. The final was played before a crowd estimated at 1500.

Six teams competed at the carnival. It attracted players and their families from as far away as Boigu Island and most of the other Torres Strait islands, as well as the Northern Peninsula Area, Cape York, Cairns, Palm Island and Townsville

### Premier event

It is considered one of the premier sporting and social events on the TSI calendar, along with the Island of Origin sports carnival held

last August on Badu. North Queensland Cowboys A-grader Travis Burns and under-20 player Ben Henaway were guests at the carnival and were swamped by youngsters as they signed

autographs and posters. Kaiwalagal Stingers consisted of players mainly from TI. They never looked likely to lose the final against Arkai

The Stingers were the only side to remain

undefeated. Other sides were Wagadagam Storm, from Mabulag, WS Brothers, from Kubin, which also had some players from mainland Barnaga; Mulga Tigers, from Badu; and Goodline Centrals Cape Suns, with players from Weipa, Napranum, Mapoon, Aurukun and Coen.

Arkai Brothers were helped greatly in the lead-up to the carnival by Melbourne Storm's Sam Joe, who was recently ruled ineligible to play for Papua New Guinea in the World Cup.

I went back to Kubin before the carnival and did some turtle hunting and helped the lads with some moves around the ruck and I really was itching to play beside them, but settled for running the water. I just wanted to be part of the action myself," Joe told The Koori Mail.

Two surprise players in the Arkai Brothers line-up were Palm Islanders Fred Bulsey and Caleb Geia.

"This is the first time we have been up to TI and we didn't even tell many people from Palm Island and this has been a great carnival even though we lost the final," Bulsey said.

### Surprise packets

The surprise packets of the carnival were Wagadagam Storm, who had only one notable southern ring-in - Bruce Joseph.

To reach the final, Arkai Brothers beat Wagadagam Storm 33-30 after Townsville star Billo Mosby snapped a field goal in the last minute with the score locked at 30-all and a golden point decider looking certain.

Mosby also booted a penalty after the siren to give the Arkai Brothers the three-point

To qualify for the final, Stingers thrashed Mulga Tigers 40-14 and bolted out of the

boxes in the decider with a first-minute try. Some big hits were seen throughout the carnival, with many players carried off the field with ankle, knee or facial injuries. Mulga Tigers pair Danny Mairu and Steve

aside opposition

Central Cape Suns. Each were assisted from the field and Mairu ended up with eight stitches in a deep facial

forward Pana Canawenka, who lined up with

"The doctors told me not to play again at

the carnival so I didn't," he said. Inspirational Stingers captain Danny Mosby was named player of the final, and Goodline Centrals Cape Suns enforcer Garreth Smith the player of the carnival.

The player of the carnival was voted on by referees in the round-robin series, and finals were not taken into account to give everybody a fair go," said carnival MC and ground

broadcaster Wayne Guivarra.

Danny Mosby praised his entire side, but singled out forward Wrench Mau for a special

### Another carnival

Mosby said the Stingers were considering going to Bamaga this month for the local Dan

Ropeyarn Memorial Carnival. Pre-final entertainment included a women's game, won 20-18 by Pioneer Maidens over

The fastest Man in the Torres Strait Sprint run up the length of the oval was won by John Bosun (Kubin), and the women's event went to St Pauls teenager Shaqualle Yiduldam

Entertainment was provided by Indigenous dancers Ailan Dreaming consisting of Phillip

Geia, of Horn Island, and Dion Drummond. The Torres Strait Islander Eipe Karem Beizam entertainers, from Mer, also proved

popular.

After the carnival, many players and supporters returned by outboard motor-powered dinghies to mainland Barnaga, islands such as Badu, Mabuiag and closer ones Hammond and Horn.

Round One: Arkai Brothers 16 d Wagadagam Storm 14,

Round One: Arkai Brothers 16 d Wagadagam Storm 14, Goodline Central Cape Suns 28 d WS Brothers 6, Kaiwalagal Stingers 16 d Mulga Tigers 14, WS Brothers 16 d Arkai Brothers 14, Stingers 18 d Wagadagam Storm 10, Goodline Central Cape Suns 18 d Mulga Tigers 12.

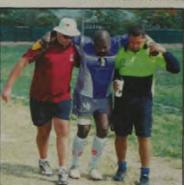
Round 2: Stingers 14 d WS Brothers 4, Arkai Brothers 20 d Central Cape Suns 14, Mulga Tigers 14 d Wagadagam Storm 10, Stingers 20 d Arkai Brothers 12, Wagadagam Storm 32 d Central Cape Suns 10, Mulga Tigers 30 d WS Brothers 6, Stingers 20 d Central Cape Suns 16, Arkai Brothers 13 d Mulga Tigers 12, Wagadagam Storm 18 d WS Brothers 13 d Mulga Tigers 12, Wagadagam Storm 18 d WS Brothers 12.

Semi-Finals: Stingers 40 (Egdar Daniels, Aaron Binawel, Terence Yusia, Morrison Mosby, Jahmen Gela, Danien Binawel, Solly Bowlet fries, Sam Wasaga 4, DannyMosby 2 goals) d Mulga Tigers 14 (Brian Murgha 2, Ted Mosby tries; Lui Marama goal), Arkai Brothers 33 (James Misck 2, Peter Baira, Anzac McDonald, Fred Joe Ines: Billo Mosby 6 goals, Billo Mosby 1 field goal) d Wagadagam Storm 30 (Assan Nona, Denson Misi, Allan Repu, Mark Garama, Gabriel Dau tries; Patrick Ropeyam 3, Bruce Joseph 2 goals).

Repu, Mark Garama, Gabriel Dau Ines; Patrick Ropeyam 3
Bruce Joseph 2 goals).
Grand Final: Stingers 36 (Aaron Binawel, Edgar
Daniets, Terence Yusia, Thomas Loban, Shem Binawel,
Stanley Dai, Wrench Mau tries; Sam Wasaga 4 goals) d
Arkai Brothers 6 (Peter Baira try; Billo Mosby goal).
Carnival awards: Player of the Grand Final, Danny
Mosby (Stingers). Player of the Carnival, Garreth Smith
(Central Cape Suns).
Women's game: Pioneer Maidens 20 (Kristy Wilson 2,
Toya Moses, Tegan Aniba, Elsie Seriat tries) d Panthers 18
(Angelo Bero, Lilian Mau, Lency Misick, Orepa Mene tries;
Lency Misick goal). Players of the game trophies: Florrie
King-Smith (Panthers). Elsie Seriat (Maidens).
Fastest Man in the Torres Strait – Men: John Bosun
(Kubin), Women: Shaqualle Yiduldam (St Pauls).



The Goodline Centrals Cape Suns side



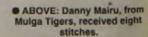
An injured Central Cape Suns player is assisted from the field.



A Panthers ladies player tackled by a Pioneer Maldens defender.



 ABOVE LEFT: A Central Cape Suns player is tackled by Mulga Tigers.



LEFT: A Stingers player is upended by a WS Brothers player.



## carnival on Thursday Island



The WS Brothers side.



A Pioneer Maidens player attempts to break through against the Panthers. The Maidens won 20-18.





Opposing players embrace after the final.









## **Northern United** accepted into RL competition

### Third attempt is successful for Indigenous club

By GRAHAM HUNT



AN Indigenous club finally is set to join the NSW Northern Rivers rugby league competition.

The Lismore-based Northern United has been accepted into the 2009 Northern Rivers competition, which takes in teams from the Clarence Richmond and Tweed valleys, in the far north-east of the State.

It was Northern United's third attempt in as many years to join the competition.

### Anti-poaching condition

There are conditions attached to Northern United's admission - the most notable being that Northern United cannot poach more than three players from any other club in the competition.

This anti-poaching condition applies for one season only. After that, Northern United will be free to trade as it pleases.

One of the reasons Northern United had failed in previous attempts to join the NRRL were concerns by delegates from other clubs that an all-Indigenous team could cause too big a drain on other clubs' playing numbers.
Northern United delegates went into

the latest NRRL delegates' meeting confident of being accepted into the competition, having crossed the t's and dotted the i's

Club Secretary Grantley Creighton said he was 'over the moon' about being

"We have been after this for a long time," he said.

"Now that we're in, the opportunities

for our players are endless.
"We're in a new competition and anything can happen if our players are good enough. Here is their opportunity.' While the Northern United club is

Indigenous-based, it is not exclusively for Indigenous players.

### Plenty of players

Creighton said the club would have a player base of about 60 - roughly broken 40 senior and 20 under-18 players.

He didn't think other clubs in the competition would be affected too much by Indigenous players wanting to join Northern United.

He said Northern United would not be approaching Indigenous players already

contracted to other clubs for 2009. Another condition that Northern United must meet is the lodgement of a \$10,000 bond, but Creighton said the bond applied to all clubs.

He said Northern United had secured sponsorship, but was looking for more



Northern United Secretary Grantley Creighton: "We have been after this for a long time. Now that we're in, the opportunities for our players are endless.

Former Northern United President Russell Kapeen: This will open the door for a lot of our young fellas. It's up to them now." Mr Kapeen also is Chairman of the Board of The Koori Mail.



One man who is thrilled by Northern United's acceptance into the local competition is former president Russell

It has been a long-held dream of Mr Kapeen to have a local Indigenous club in a mainstream competition.

Until now, Northern United has had limited opportunities, playing mainly in Aboriginal carnivals.

Mr Kapeen said now that local Indigenous juniors had their own club in a mainstream competition, they could remain at home while pressing for higher

"This will open the door for a lot of our

young fellas. It's up to them now," he

"It's been a hard battle to get this far, but I'm thrilled that we've made it

Leading local Indigenous coach Chris Binge told the Lismore newspaper, *The Northern Star*, that he had been asked to coach Northern United's first-grade team, but he remained undecided.

Binge said he still was linked to

Lismore Marist Brothers juniors.
Binge has been Northern United's coach at Aboriginal carnivals for a number of seasons and has previously coached first-grade teams on the NSW northern rivers.



Tahlia Rotumah and her proud grandmother Desrae.

### **Tahlia** backs appeal



INDIGENOUS disabled will be the focus of the Spastic Centre's annual summer appeal.

The 16-year-old Tweed Heads girl became the first Aboriginal female to represent Australia in the Paralympic Games when she competed last month in Beijing.

Tahlia yesterday was to join 31-year-old Newcastle Paralympian Katherine Proudfoot as the 'faces' of the Spastic Centre's 'Keep Our Stars Shining' summer appeal.

Both track-and-field athletes have

celebral palsy (CP).

The appeal, launched in The Kirribilli Club at Lavender Bay, Sydney, acknowledges the courage, determination and extraordinary success of athletes with cerebral palsy. It will run over the summer months to raise funds for The Spastic Centre. A portion of the money raised will go to the SportFitz gym and recreation program specifically designed to benefit children and adults with CP.

### World ranking

Tahlia is ranked ninth in the world for 100 and 200 metres sprints

She said she was delighted to be

involved in the appeal.
"The appeal puts out there that

"The appeal puts out there that anyone with a disability can achieve anything they set their mind to," she said. "I hope that people donate to the appeal because it is for a good cause. It's good to give something back."

Tahlia will be attending the Pacific School Games in Canberra at the end of this month and is also aiming for the 2012 Paralympic Games in London. "I've got a few things to aim high for," she said.

The Spastic Centre aims to raise more than \$220,000 through the appeal to assist those with CP – the most common childhood physical disability in Australia today

## Brush with fame



FOR all of the 200 athletes competing in the 2008 New South Wales Indigenous Championships on 8-9 November at the Hunter

November at the Hunter Sports Centre in the Newcastle suburb of Glendale, it was their opportunity to rub shoulders with their heroes.

Following the opening ceremony, about 200 athletes took to the track where the likes of Patrick Johnson, Nova Batman, Benn Harradine, Joshua Ross, Robbie Crowther and Kyle Vander Kuyp led them through thorough warm-up and stretching roorgams.

programs.
With Patrick Johnson acting as MC, athletes competed in an array of track and field events over the two days of the carnival, with coaching sessions and on-the-spot expert tips from elite athletes ensuring that all received a great experience.

Officials said Johnson did a top job and encouraged all athletes to introduce themselves over the microphone.

#### Harradine a hit

Benn Harradine – not long back from the Beijing Olympics where he competed in the discus event – was popular with the participants.

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Kyle Vander-Kuyp and Josh Ross conducted a packed sprints clinic and Vander-Kuyp also ran a hurdles clinic.

The carnival attracted 45 athletes from interstate. For some, it was a reward for having committed to athletes and for competing in the Athletics for the Outback Internet challenge where schools competed

against each other regardless of how many students were at the school and the location.

These athletes came together to make up their specific State relay teams, and competed in the State versus State relay challenge, which acted as the feature event at the conclusion of the carnival.

There were athletes from Western Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland,

New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. Queensland won the relay challenge.

For many of the athletes, it was their first time running on anything other than bare earth.

Officials said that with huge smiles and bare feet, they competed in every event possible and were overjoyed to meet and get autographs from their herries.

Ages ranges from under six to 20, Group champions were Makayla Dalton (Old), Taylor-Shay Payne (Old), Siobhan May (Vic) and Nickiesha Hodder (WA).

Jerome Dhagapan won the carnival's athletic encouragement award.

There also were a number of athletes with a disability competing

Keeping with tradition, the carnival also featured a number of stallholders with a specific Indigenous focus.















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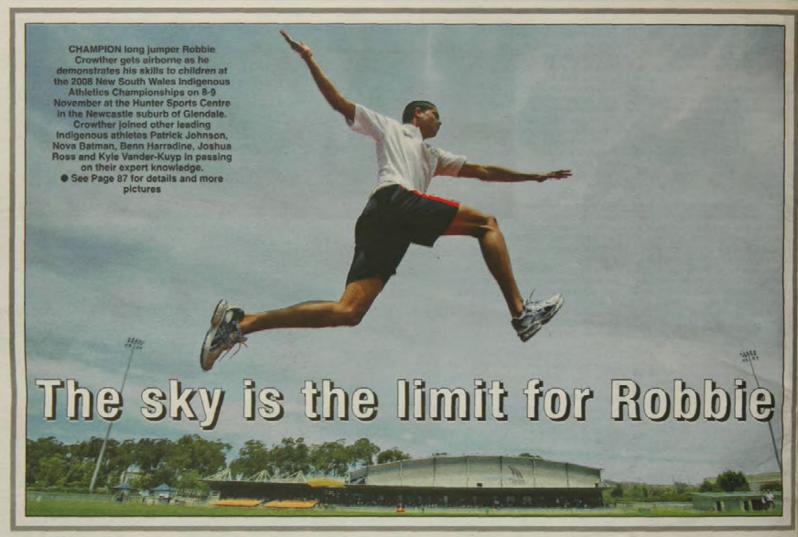
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### First Contact gears up for record player numbers

# 2000+ expected



MORE than 20,000 people are expected to attend the 15th annual First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival in Brisbane on 28-30 November.

Organisers say it is creating a bigger-than-ever buzz as touch football teams and the First Contact crew prepare for the biggest event in the history of the festival.

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"The festival will be breaking all records by hosting national and international games of touch football for the third time in Brisbane,"
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First Contact CEO Trish Williams said 2008
had been a been a hard year for the First
Contact crew since the loss of founder and

Chairman Robbie Williams.
"But the spirit of the festival lives on in us all." she said.

"Robbie has put Indigenous touch firmly on the map in Queensland and Australian touch circles, and we will be progressing touch and sports development further.

"This will be the second year of formal accreditation for the tournament and this will continue with First Contact strategies to open up a whole new range of sporting opportunities for Indigenous people to represent their community and country in touch football."

Ms Williams said the annual event 'continues to be an economic, cultural and sporting touchdown' for touch football.

The festival has grown to become recognised as one of the biggest and most successful sporting and cultural events in Australia.

This year, teams will be travelling from

Western Australia, New South Wales, the Northern Territory and throughout Queensland.

Player participation is expected to reach more than 2000, representing more than 130 teams.

Ms Williams said community and club fundraising stalls and agency and government information stalls had gone 'through the roof' this year, and there would be lots to see for patrons via cultural arts, crafts, food stalls and even faster and bigger rides.

It is expected that the markets area will be a sea of black, yellow and red as Aboriginal craftmakers, stallholders and small business operators market, display and sell their crafts, products artworks to local and interstate

The opening ceremony will be held from lunch time on the Saturday.



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