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# Healthy start to the year

By DARREN COYNE



A RENEWED focus on the health of Indigenous Australians has marked the

beginning of 2009. It stems from calls for a new national college and a suggestion that remote communities grow their own fruit and vegetables.

Darwin psychiatrist Dr Robert Parker has put forward a plan which argues that the health of Indigenous Australians could be greatly improved with the establishment of a national college that would deliver culturally appropriate services.

And Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) Chairwoman Shirley McPherson has proposed that Aboriginal people in remote communities should be forced to plant produce as part of their work-for-the-dole activities and to improve their health.

Dr Parker's proposal was published in the *Medical Journal of Australia*, and he

## ILC leader hopes call will bear fruit



SHIRLEY McPHERSON

told *The Koori Mail* he was now hoping to attract support from politicians and the wider Indigenous and non-Indigenous community.

Such a college, he argues, would take charge of the education and credentialling of all Indigenous health

workers, provide advocacy for those workers, conduct research and advise governments.

It could be established in any capital city but draw its membership from health workers around Australia, including those with experience rather than formal qualifications.

Dr Parker said the college could allow tiers of membership, depending on a person's qualifications or experience and training to allow people to move from one tier to the next.

"The college would bring together a range of wise people – both Indigenous and non-Indigenous – to work within its structure to set standards for education and

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## A degree of style



STUDENT Margrit Sycamore shows one of the deadly stoiles now provided to Indigenous graduands at Griffith University in south-east Queensland. The sashes come in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colours and designs and were used for the first time at Griffith's latest graduation ceremony. Get the full story in our report on page 11.

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# My FAMILY MOSES GIZAR – North Qld



Left to right: Tia Gizar, 2, Christine Gizar, Maliza Gizar, 5, Rehannah Gizar, 12, Tasha Nelson, 13, Leonte Gizar, 7, Manuel Nelson, 11, Anthony Gizar, 10, Bruce Nelson, 14, and Moses Gizar at Picnic Bay on Magnetic Island.

**M**y name is Moses Gizar. I was born in Townsville (north Qld) and both my parents are from Murray Island (Mer) in the Torres Strait.

My father's name is Eses (Warren) Gesah, my father's mother is Maliza Rice, and my mother's name is Gada Gesah (nee Ebui). Her mother is Seteria Morseu and my great grandfather is George Morseu, from the Rotumah Islands (Fiji).

Gizar is now my family surname while the other one, Gesah, was the original name.

My wife Christine (Lindy) Gesah is Aboriginal. Her father is Patrick Prior and her grandfather is Peter Prior. They are Birri-Gubba people.

Her mother is Chrissy Prior (nee Burns) and her tribe is Kuku-Jungin from around the Cairns area.

Lindy's background is also Chinese. I

think her great grandfather's father is named Li Fong.

We've been married 14 years and we have five kids. We're also on the verge of buying our own home.

I work as a security guard and my wife works as a teacher's aide at our children's school.

Lindy is also a professional chef, so you can see we are well fed!

On the day this family picture was taken we were having a well-earned break with our children and relatives at Picnic Bay on Magnetic Island, just off Townsville.

It was a wonderful break just before Christmas, and it was good to be all together.

We are Christian people and enjoy being together.

The three Nelsons are our foster children.

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## OUR CHILDREN



Kai Anna Maitie relaxes while learning some weaving techniques at the Woodford Folk Festival. See pages 28-29 for full report. Picture: Emily Murphy

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# New cable welcomed



ARNHEM Land traditional owners have celebrated the completion of a \$34 million fibre optic cable laid across 800kms of

the Northern Territory from Jabiru to Nhulunbuy.

The traditional Indigenous ceremony was held at Border Store, 40kms north-east of Jabiru in Kakadu National Park with representatives of Telstra, the Northern Territory Government and the Northern Land Council.

Telstra spokesman Geoff Booth said the cable was important for the people of Arnhem Land.

"The opportunities from the laying of the cable for Indigenous Australians, for local businesses, for schools, for the mining community and for healthcare centres are significant," he said.

"For example, healthcare centres in these communities will be able to use video conferencing to consult with other parts of Australia, as well as sending scans and tests for diagnosis."

Mr Booth said the project had been made possible through the strong relationships between the traditional owners, who were involved throughout the project, the NT Government, the Northern Land Council, Rio Tinto Alcan and Telstra.

"When Jacob Nayinggul, a traditional owner, suggested that



Managing Director of Telstra Country Wide Geoff Booth showing Arnhem Land traditional owners a piece of fibre optic cable.

we participate in a traditional ceremony to mark the laying of the cable, we could think of no better way to celebrate together

what has been achieved," he said.

The Aboriginal communities of Oenpelli, Maningrida, Raminging, Gapuwiyak and Yirrkala and the

township of Nhulunbuy have already been connected, with Minjilang, Waruwi, Milingimbi and Galiwinku to come this year.

## NAIDOC council seeking members



THE National NAIDOC Committee (NNC) is seeking

new members.

The NNC is an Indigenous group that sets the policy and the arrangements for the National NAIDOC Awards and NAIDOC Week celebrations.

The national awards are designed to recognise the important contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make to Australia.

The position requires substantial commitment, including willingness to travel to attend committee meetings on weekends.

Membership of the NNC is voluntary and no remuneration is provided for the position.

Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Selection criteria is available online at [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au). Nominations close Friday 30 January.

# \$2.3 billion pledge for education



DEPUTY Prime Minister Julia Gillard has pledged to pump \$2.3 billion into improving

Indigenous education, saying she's determined to close the gap between Indigenous and other students.

Saying she was 'hit in the guts' by the extent of illiteracy among remote students, she promised to slash red tape and allow educators more flexibility to pursue 'policies that work' instead of endless pilot programs 'that never end up making a system-wide change'.

Ms Gillard, who is also the Federal Education Minister, said addressing disadvantage was a higher priority for the Rudd Government than an Indigenous Bill of Rights, as proposed by Aboriginal leader Pat Dodson.



JULIA GILLARD

"There is a big gap in life expectancy, in educational attainment, between Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous Australians," she said.

"That is our focus, not a Bill of Rights, but practical action to close the gap."

In an interview with *The Australian* newspaper, Ms Gillard said the Government's total education spending under Council of Australian Governments (COAG) reforms, the recent school's assistance legislation and other Indigenous measures will top \$2.3 billion over the next four years.

The Federal Coalition says the Government must ensure States enforced truancy rules, especially in remote areas, saying official figures in remote Northern Territory schools suggested only 60 per cent of students regularly attended.

Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Tony Abbott said a major problem was that States and Territories did not apply truancy rules. - with AAP



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# Plans have health focus

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qualifications," he said. "At the moment, no-one has a clue about the qualifications of many health workers, especially those who volunteered during the intervention (in the Northern Territory)."

"The structure I envisage would allow an equal partnership... we don't want a whole lot of well-meaning whitefellas overwhelming the process."

Such a college would require funding from the Government, but could move towards being self-funding, he said.

The ILC's Shirley McPherson put her proposal in a letter to Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

She said the requirement to grow produce should be incorporated into the income support system to reduce remote communities' reliance on food from outside sources.

Ms McPherson said it was a practical way to improve the health of remote communities.

"The Federal Government is currently restructuring the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme to focus on work readiness and community development, and I have publicly welcomed those changes," she said.

"However, I believe there are compelling reasons for an additional and vital reform to be made to CDEP in remote regions, and that is to require each CDEP to implement community-based horticultural projects to grow fresh fruit and vegetables."

"The concept would provide badly-needed fresh produce in remote areas where Indigenous people, particularly children and expectant mothers, are suffering a range of health issues caused, or exacerbated, by poor diet and a lack of nutrition."

Ms McPherson said such a requirement would also provide motivation and meaningful physical activity for people.

"Fresh, locally-grown fruit and vegetables would be very much cheaper and fresher as the massive transport costs of hauling produce over thousands of kilometres would disappear," she said.

# Bethlehem in Townsville



The Reuben family, from Perth, get into the Christmas spirit during a visit to the Stable on the Strand in Townsville, north Queensland. More than 1000 Indigenous people were among the 40,000 to visit the Stable, a walk-through interactive display depicting the Christmas story. The Reubens, all committed Christians, particularly enjoyed the Bethlehem recreation. Bethlehem was the town where the Baby Jesus was born on the first Christmas. See page 40 for more pictures and a report. Photo by ALF WILSON

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# Vic native title move welcomed



A PROPOSAL to give Indigenous groups power to jointly

manage all Crown land with government would be a step towards real reconciliation, a native title advocacy group says.

The Victorian Cabinet is considering a proposal in which traditional owners could negotiate directly with the Government on land claims without pursuing claims in court.

The plan comes after it was found Victorian Aboriginal people were disadvantaged by Federal Government stipulations that they must demonstrate a continuous connection to any land they claim. Activities such as mining and major public works on jointly managed land would require traditional owners' consent and compensation

before they went ahead.

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) says the proposal would spark a breakthrough in relations between traditional land owners and non-Indigenous Victorians.

ANTaR Victoria President Peter Lewis said the group had advocated joint management of Crown land national parks since its inception and hoped the government 'was serious about land justice for traditional land owners'. "If the reports are accurate and traditional owners find no devils in the detail of the report, the Victorian Native Title Settlement Framework could become not only a framework for delivering a measure of land justice to the First Peoples of Victoria but lay a foundation for real reconciliation," he said.

"Even more significantly, the report recognises the injustice of

historic dispossession in Victoria and how Koori traditional culture has been dismissed through the adversarial court processes."

The Native Title Act was introduced 15 years ago, but only 1725 square kilometres, or 0.75 per cent, of Victorian land had been claimed under native title.

The move offers opportunities for economic development and employment and social, cultural and environmental benefits, Mr Lewis said.

"While we await the considered response of traditional owners and the consideration of the State Government, it is important that the rest of the community realises that this should be a positive step forward for all Victorians," he said. -AAP

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YANANYMUL MUNUNGGURR

# Calma names committee for new rep body

By KIRSTIE PARKER



A NEW national Indigenous representative body is drawing closer, with a steering committee poised to decide who'll attend a national summit or workshop expected to be held to discuss the matter next month. The committee, headed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, will select about 100 individuals and peak body representatives for the gathering following a public nomination process currently under way.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced in mid-December that Mr Calma, also Australia's Race Discrimination Commissioner, would lead the new committee.

Mr Calma congratulated the Government for recognising that the process should be led by Indigenous people and promptly announced ten Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians who would join him in running the summit and other consultations before proposing a model to government in July.

The Committee would consider the outcomes of earlier public consultations too, and develop options for the representative body.

In the six months to December, Ms Macklin's Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) held 80 public meetings and received more than 100 submissions.

Amongst other things, they canvassed the merits of an elected versus appointed body; whether the new body should have any service delivery role; and the extent to which it should be able to hold governments and bureaucrats accountable.

Mr Calma said steering committee members were chosen for their experience and knowledge of national representative body mechanisms and reflected a balance of geographic representation, gender and age.

Those named were:

- Kimberley performer and Stolen Generations activist Mark Bin Bakar (WA)
- Leadership specialist and policy adviser Tanya Hosch (SA)
- NSWALC CEO and former ATSIC Deputy CEO Geoff Scott (NSW)
- Author, historian and academic Jackie Huggins, who was touted as a

possible new Qld Governor last year (Qld)

- Rising lawyer and youth advocate Tim Goodwin (Victoria and youth representative)
- High-profile Yolngu community leader Yananymul Mununggurr (NT Top End homelands communities)
- Reconciliation strategist Jason Glanville (ACT)
- Rosalie Kunoth-Monks, Barkly Shire President and Australia's first Aboriginal Anglican nun (NT, Central Australia)
- Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Chairperson Toshie Kris (Torres Strait Islands)
- Youth worker and Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre State Secretary Nala Mansell-McKenna (Tasmania and youth representative).

Professor Mick Dodson, whose National Centre for Indigenous Studies at the Australian National University (ANU) researched a representative body discussion paper for Mr Calma last year, will participate in an advisory role.

**'Only Aboriginal people can be on the body, only Aboriginal people can decide who sits on the national body and only Aboriginal people will have the power to sack. We will not tolerate any arrangement where the Federal Minister can sack or appoint' - Nala Mansell-McKenna**

Ms Macklin repeated the Government's commitment to establishing the body during its current first term, although Mr Calma reportedly believes it could be operational by the end of the year. "The Government is determined to reset the relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians," she said.

"The national apology to Indigenous Australians, in particular the Stolen Generations, was the first step in building a bridge between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"It is vital that Indigenous people have a voice and a means to express it."

The former Howard Government scrapped the elected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) in 2004 amidst claims of corruption and bungled service delivery.

However, Ms Macklin's repeated declarations that the new representative body will not be 'another ATSIC' continue to rankle, with some people believing they signal an overly prescriptive approach by government.

The nation's largest elected representative Aboriginal organisation, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC), backed Mr Calma to lead the next stage of consultations. Council Chairperson Bev Manton contrasted Mr Calma's earlier 'considered and informed' discussion paper on a representative body with 'self-anointed and media-hyped Aboriginal leaders whose only contribution to the debate so far had been the simple and unconstructive mantra of not another ATSIC'.

Former members of the Howard Government's National Indigenous Council Warren Mundine and Wesley Aird are amongst those who earlier questioned the need for such a body.

Ms Manton said Aboriginal people felt let down by 'the meagre and hasty' representative body consultations so far, but said the planned summit was a move in the right direction. "We live in hope that for once the considered views of representatives on the final format of a

national body will be listened to - and that it will in fact be truly national and representative," she said.

Tasmanian activist Michael Mansell said the chances of a national Aboriginal voice that would speak frankly about the needs of Aboriginal people and have no fear of government were not looking good (see letter, page 25). "Will they reject Jenny Macklin's increasing demands

for the shape of the national body to be as she wants, or will they capitulate?" he said of the steering committee.

"A national black voice must be free, and seen to be free, to speak on behalf of all Aboriginal people."

Steering committee member Nala Mansell-McKenna echoed Mr Mansell's comments to fire an early warning shot to government.

"The body must be credible in the eyes of Aboriginal people. It must be totally independent of government influence," she said in a statement.

"The role of the Federal Government is to fund the body, not to run it."

"Only Aboriginal people can be on the body, only Aboriginal people can decide who sits on the national body and only Aboriginal people will have the power to sack. We will not tolerate any arrangement where the Federal Minister can sack or appoint."

Information about the nomination process to attend the summit is being advertised in Indigenous media throughout this month.



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# Spotlight on stolen wages

## Cabinet to consider WA report

By WA Correspondent  
KEN BOASE



THE West Australian Government is ready to consider the State's Stolen Wages Report, which has been referred to

the Cabinet by Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim Hames. The Stolen Wages Task Force, announced last year by former Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts, held consultations throughout WA during 2008, but the Government has so far refused to make the report public.

Mr Hames said he appreciated the urgency of the report to many people, particularly those who are owed money from withheld wages and other entitlements under a system endorsed by the Federal and WA Governments until the 1970s.

"I have no reason not to release it, but I have not even considered whether I will or not, and what I have done is forwarded that report for consideration by Cabinet," the Minister said.

"There are financial implications, so I'm waiting for that report, which I've read in detail, to be considered by Cabinet and I expect a decision on whether it will be released will be made early this year."

Yamatji leader Phil Moncrief, whose mother is owed more than 20 years' worth of wages from work as a domestic on pastoral stations in the Gascoyne region, said he was relieved that the Government appeared at last to be considering action over the report.

"I suppose the parliamentary

and executive government processes need to be followed, but it certainly gives me hope that our old people will be compensated for the wages and other entitlements they missed out on," he said.

"I was part of the consultation process for the report and I think it was done pretty well, but one senior member of the task force told me that some non-Aboriginal bureaucrats were trying to hijack the process away from the Aboriginal members."

"So it's a feather in their cap that they were able to remain strong and ignore those influences and see the process through to get the best possible outcome for our people."

The Queensland and NSW Governments had also considered the issue of stolen wages in their States, but there

has been no offer of full compensation, a situation Mr Moncrief said was 'totally unacceptable'.

"Let me make it quite clear as an Aboriginal representative of our old people, that we will not accept anything less than full compensation for the wages and entitlements that were stolen from them," he said.

"We want every cent paid to them that they're

entitled to and the report should be released publicly so that we can re-evaluate the issue and get those monies back to those who still survive, and the next of kin should be compensated for family members who were owed money but have passed on."

"They've waited long enough and they want their money."

Mr Moncrief has chaired several meetings to keep those waiting for compensation updated on developments, and said he would call another meeting by the end of January.



Yamatji leader Phil Moncrief, whose mother is owed more than 20 years' worth of stolen wages.

## NSW Govt extends deadline



THE NSW Government has extended the closing date for its stolen

wages repayment scheme. Indigenous people now have until 31 May to make an application under the NSW Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme.

The extension from the original deadline of 31 December comes after pressure from Indigenous groups and politicians.

Acting Minister for

Aboriginal Affairs Kevin Greene said the Government had listened to concerns that many claimants were unaware of the original closing date of 31 December.

The scheme is designed to repay Aboriginal people who were not repaid for wages, pensions, family endowments, inheritances, and lump-sum compensation payments put into trust funds administered by the Aborigines Protection Board and the Aborigines Welfare Board between 1960 and 1969.

Mr Greene said the scheme would continue to operate until 30 June 2010. "This will allow claims to be processed and repayments to be made where there is evidence of money owed," he said.

"The NSW Government is determined to ensure justice for Aboriginal people in NSW who had money held in trust for them by the State which was not repaid. These funds were held in trust for Aboriginal people in NSW. The Government is taking action to remedy this injustice."

## Right decision, says NSWALC

THE NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) has welcomed the NSW Government decision to extend the deadline for claimants or their descendants to lodge a claim for stolen wages.

NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton said the announcement would be seen by Aboriginal people as an act of compassion and reconciliation.

Ms Manton said there could be many thousands of potential claimants under the Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme (ATFRS).

"Many Aboriginal people are simply unaware the money that was withheld includes wages, pensions, child endowment payments, inheritances and lump-sum compensation payments," she said.

"Accumulated funds owed to Aboriginal people could be as much as \$70 million."



NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton

Ms Manton said that since the ATFRS was introduced in 2004, it was understood only about 15 per cent of the more than 660 claims had been successful.

"Lack of adequate records to enable people to provide acceptable levels of

proof is the main reason for the low level of successful applicants," she said.

"But the land council also believes the scheme has not been properly promoted and that the administrative processes involved in making a claim could be improved."

"Anything that can improve the chances of people who were robbed of their wages to gain proper compensation is welcomed."

Ms Manton said more could be done to inform people, especially in rural and remote areas, that the scheme existed and how they, or their descendants, could make a claim.

"The NSW Aboriginal Land Council, the State's biggest elected and representative Aboriginal organisation, is ready to work with the NSW Government to promote the scheme at a community level," she said.



# Agreements at the heart of tourism development



**INDIGENOUS** tourism in central Australia has taken a step forward with the Thakaperte Outstation near Alice Springs

making agreements with two tour companies. After a year of development and training, the McCormack family at Thakaperte, 45km north-west of Alice Springs, have formed partnerships with Discovery Ecotours and Trek Larapinta.

Lucky Miles, a local business specialising in community-based tourism, developed the concept that has led to the deals. The Central Land Council and Tourism NT have provided support to help build relationships between the parties.

Pete Allsop, from Lucky Miles, said the concept relied on building capacity of outstation residents and participants while simultaneously engaging the tourism industry.

"This is different from other things that have been tried because it follows a community development model rather than purely a business development model," he said.

"It aims to promote mutually respectful relationships while anticipating the social implications of operating a tourism strategy on country and preparing Traditional Owners for the challenges of making agreements like these."

The Traditional Owners of



Stephen McCormack (with family members) examines a map of his country.

Thakaperte are the McCormack family, consisting of parents Stephen and Gloria and children Stanley and Barbara. They've actively sought out tourism opportunities to ensure a positive future for their family on their country.

"We wanted something for the next generations to do," Stephen McCormack said. "We want to become independent."

Gloria McCormack said the family wanted to be part of the

decision of what happened on their land.

"It's good for us to be part of the process," she said. "This is our country and we've got to look after it, but we also want to show it to people."

NT General Manager of Discovery Ecotours Kathy Graham said she 'welcomed the chance to work closely with the McCormack family on a new Central Australian venture'.

Shane Fewtrell, from Trek

Larapinta, said his arrangement with the McCormacks was more than just a business agreement.

"As a locally-owned business we are endeavouring to provide a greater connection between people and this place," he said. "Supporting the McCormacks is a part of this process."

Central Land Council Director David Ross said it was hoped the agreements would serve as a model for a growing Aboriginal tourism industry.

## New Year's hopes and resolutions

As we do every year, *Koori Mail* writers asked Indigenous Australians nationwide for their New Year's hopes and/or resolutions. They start here and continue throughout this edition.



**KAY WALFORD-CRAWFORD, Walgett, NSW:** To see as much of my grandchildren as possible. I have cancer and my doctor says they're my best medicine. (see below for Kay's husband's hope for 2009).



**NORMAN CRAWFORD, Brewarrina, NSW:** To look after Kay (see above) and the grandchildren. Kay and I might renew our vows in 2009, too.



**MARSAT BINDORAH, Thursday Island (Qld) but living and working in Townsville:** I aim to quit smoking and to get home to TI as much as possible during 2009. I used to play rugby league at Cairns and TI and would also like to play in Townsville this season.

# Ministers detail CDEP changes



THE Federal Government has detailed reforms to Indigenous employment programs which will take effect from 1 July.

The reforms relate to the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme and the Indigenous Employment Program (IEP).

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Employment Minister Brendan O'Connor announced the reform package just before Christmas, saying it would ensure Indigenous people had 'the skills needed to get and retain a job'.

They said CDEP would cease in non-remote areas with established economies, while Indigenous job-seekers in urban and regional areas would be supported by the expanded IEP and the reformed universal employment services.

"The Government has committed \$764 million over five years to IEP and will make services more responsive to the specific needs of Indigenous job seekers, Indigenous businesses and employers," the Ministers said.

"The expanded IEP will build on existing program strengths and include more support for employers, especially small and medium businesses, including pre-employment training and mentoring.

"IEP will target regional areas and specific industries experiencing labour shortages, as well as provide assistance to develop plans to recruit and retain Indigenous employees."

"CDEP will be restructured with a strong focus on work readiness in remote areas with emerging and limited economies."

"Under the CDEP reforms, community development will be boosted, with local priority projects supported, and resources provided for community development workers and local

**'CDEP will be restructured with a strong focus on work readiness in remote areas with emerging and limited economies'**

engagement officers. From 1 July, new CDEP participants will be paid income support, with existing CDEP participants continuing to access CDEP wages until 30 June 2011 before transferring to income support.

"This means young people and school leavers have the strongest incentives to get a job and existing CDEP participants are given time to transition.

"Support will be available to assist local Indigenous CDEP providers expand their businesses or take up employment and other service provision opportunities."

The Ministers said 2000 jobs would be created from previous CDEP-funded positions in government service delivery, and these would attract mainstream benefits such as award wages, access to superannuation, training and professional development.

"This initiative will receive \$172.7 million from the Federal Government and \$56.2 million from State Governments over five years under the COAG National Partnership on Indigenous Economic Participation," they said.

"The Government will also provide additional funding of \$203 million for more than 1500 jobs already created in the Northern Territory from CDEP activities, and 40 jobs in four Cape York welfare reform trial communities."

"Four hundred new traineeships across government services sectors and 60 full-time additional ranger positions in remote communities will also be created as part of the new Indigenous remote workforce strategy."

"The new employment servicing arrangements in remote Australia will be reviewed after two years to ensure they are meeting the needs of Indigenous Australians."



## New Year's hopes and resolutions



**GRANT PAUSLON, Canberra,**  
**ACT:** To close my own life expectancy gap by looking after my health.



**ELAINE RUSSELL,**  
**Brisbane, Qld:** I'd like to travel more, and to get back to the Northern Territory in 2009.



**PETER ROTUMAH,**  
**Melbourne:** I reckon my 2009 New Year's Resolutions are busted within a week, so I'm not going to go for the usuals such as no smoking or lose weight. My resolution is to go and spend about three months with my father in Jabiru.



**TED HART, Perth, WA:** I want to work harder to achieve much better things in life for myself and for Nyongar people, and for the Government to come to the party and resolve the Nyongar native title claim.

# Trevorrow court action fails



THE first member of the Stolen Generations to win compensation has lost a bid to stop the South Australian Government launching an appeal against his case.

In the SA Supreme Court last month, Justice Richard White dismissed a bid by the late Bruce Trevorrow and his widow Veronica to have the Government's appeal permanently stayed.

The appeal is now likely to be argued this year, with counsel estimating it could take as long as two weeks because of the complex legal issues involved.

Mr Trevorrow, who died last June following a long illness, became the first Stolen

Generations member to win a damages case for having been taken from his family. He was awarded \$525,000 for his suffering, with the Supreme Court later adding another \$250,000 to cover interest over the past 50 years.

But the SA Government decided last February to seek leave to appeal points of law, a move that could have implications for future cases.

SA Attorney-General Michael Atkinson said at the time it was important to clarify the law, but stressed the Government would not seek to have Mr Trevorrow's damages returned or reduced.

In his judgment, Justice White said whatever sympathy he might have for the

circumstances of Mrs Lampard-Trevorrow and the difficult position she had been placed in, the Government's appeal was not an abuse of the court's process.

Mr Trevorrow was just 13 months old in 1957 when a neighbour drove him from his Coorong family home, south-east of Adelaide, to Adelaide Children's Hospital with stomach pains.

Two weeks later, under the authority of the Aborigines Protection Board, he was given to a woman who later became his foster parent, without the permission of his natural parents.

He did not see his family again for 10 years and went on to suffer life-long depression, insecurity and alcoholism. —AAP

# WA ultimatum over gas plant

## Reach an agreement or else, says Govt



THE West Australian Government has given traditional owners until the end of March to reach an agreement over its preferred site for

an industrial gas precinct at James Price Point, 80km north of Broome on the west Kimberley coast.

WA Premier Colin Barnett announced in December that James Price Point was the Government's preferred option, citing concern over a whale sanctuary as the reason for dismissing his own preference of North Head, near Beagle Bay.

However, there are serious cultural and environmental concerns for James Price Point, which has a joint native title claim and is also a haven for humpback whales.

Traditional owners say they will fight any move by the Government to secure the site by compulsory acquisition.

Mr Barnett said in December the final hurdle would be securing a consent agreement with the local traditional owners.

"There will be a period of three months, up until the end of March, during which time we would hope that we can reach a consent agreement with Aboriginal people for the Government to acquire secure title over that site," he said.

"In the event that an agreement is not reached, then the State will be prepared to proceed with compulsory acquisition of that site."

Perth lawyer Marcus Holmes,



A picture of James Price Point, the WA Government's preferred site for an industrial gas precinct in the Kimberley region.

Photo by Annabelle Sandes, Kimberley Whale Watching



Perth lawyer Marcus Holmes who represents Goolarabaloo lawman Joseph Roe ... "There's a good way and a bad way of doing this, and if you wanted undying enmity for time eternal then the Premier would do a compulsory acquisition."

who represents Goolarabaloo Lawman Joseph Roe, said any government attempt at compulsory acquisition of the site would be fought in the courts.

"Under the Native Title Act and the Land Acquisition Act, a group



KLC CEO Wayne Bergman ... "We believe the Federal Government has become involved because they can see that compulsory acquisition as threatened by the WA Government would be stealing Aboriginal land for the benefit of mining companies."

can object to the compulsory acquisition going ahead, but like any other land owner, whether you've got a freehold title or whatever, at the end of the day any government anywhere in the world can take land off

people," Mr Holmes said.

"But there's a good way and a bad way of doing this and if the Premier wanted undying enmity for time eternal then he would do a compulsory acquisition without having any kind of agreement in place first."

Mr Holmes said an Indigenous land use agreement would be the preferred option because it would preserve native title on the proposed gas plant site.

Premier Barnett also announced the Federal Government had appointed an officer to liaise with traditional owners, the WA Government and industry to try and reach a consent agreement by April.

Kimberley Land Council Chief Executive Officer Wayne Bergman said Indigenous people in the Kimberley wanted to see a return to a proper consultation process, one that ensured informed consent of Aboriginal people.

"We believe the Federal Government has become involved because they can see compulsory acquisition, as threatened by the WA Government, would be stealing Aboriginal land for the benefit of mining companies," he said.

Kimberley traditional owners are on record as supporting appropriate development of resources in the Kimberley, on the basis of informed consent of traditional owners, and the delivery of real economic, social, and environmental benefits for local Indigenous people.

"We look forward to working with the Federal Government on this issue, and trust they realise the dangers in threatening Aboriginal people with compulsory acquisition," Mr Bergman said.

Broome conservationist Richard Costin said there were serious environmental concerns regarding the proposed James Price Point site, including the impact on whales in the region, pollution from the proposed port and the danger of marine pests being discharged from the ballast of shipping vessels.



# Curly dives into calendar



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Young South Australian man Curly Ellis-Yolmen took the plunge – literally – when he posed for the Binnanendi 09 calendar. The calendar, produced by Kurruru Youth Performing Arts in Port Adelaide and photographed by Shane Reid, was created to highlight the positive roles young Indigenous males play in the South Australian community.

● Get the full story and see another photo on page 30

## New Year's hopes and resolutions



**MARJORIA FOSTER**, Daly River, NT: I am a Kamu woman and I am hoping we can get native title rights over our country around Daly River.



**ARCHIE ROACH**, Regional South Australia: To relax a bit more. Whatever free time I have, make it quality time.



**THERESA SAINTY**, Glenorchy Tas: To do more work on language. (Theresa is an Aboriginal language consultant for the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre's language retrieval program).



**LISA BURGESS**, Canberra, ACT: To find a rich black man to resource my shoe and handbag fetish.

# Lawyers ready to lodge appeal



**LAWYERS** for the family of Mulrunji Doomadgee will this week lodge an appeal against last month's quashing of a coroner's findings into his death. However, calls for a royal commission into the matter have fallen on deaf ears – despite the urging of influential Labor MP and Parliamentary Speaker Mike Reynolds.

And the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) has yet to finalise its review of a report from an investigation into the initial police response to Mr Doomadgee's death.

Mr Doomadgee died on the floor of a cell at Palm Island watchhouse a short time after being arrested for swearing in November 2004.

A coroner's 2006 finding that arresting officer Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley fatally injured Mr Doomadgee by punching him repeatedly was overturned in the Townsville District Court by Judge Robert Pack on 18 December.

"The community and the family now face a further intolerable period of legal wrangling," said Andrew Boe and Paula Morreau, lawyers for Mr Doomadgee's family and defacto wife Tracey Twaddle, shortly after Judge Pack's decision last month.

They said they supported calls by Indigenous leaders for a royal commission into the matter, and confirmed on Friday that an appeal would be lodged this week.

MP Mike Reynolds, whose electorate

## Doomadgee ruling heads back to court

includes Palm Island, joined the calls, saying a royal commission was necessary to investigate the initial police probe into the case which was handled by Snr Sgt Hurley's close peers.

But Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said a coronial inquest was adequate.

"Everybody wants to see the truth of these circumstances thoroughly investigated," she said before the Christmas break.

"I have full confidence in the independence of the coroner. They have all of the powers necessary and almost identical powers to a royal commission to investigate this matter."

Ms Bligh said she felt for Mr Doomadgee's family, but the case showed the law was operating properly. The Premier is currently on leave.

Snr Sgt Hurley was last year acquitted of a charge of manslaughter and his legal team appealed for the coroner's 2006 findings to be

overturned. Last month Judge Pack said deputy coroner Christine Clements' findings were not supported by medical evidence. He said the possibility of death being caused by the officer accidentally falling on top of the Aboriginal man could not be excluded.

It is now up to Queensland Coroner Michael Barnes, who ruled himself out of handling the original Doomadgee inquest because of perceptions of bias, to direct another coroner to reopen the inquest.

A spokesperson for Attorney-General Kerry Shine said Mr Shine was considering a letter on the matter from Chief Magistrate Brendan Butler, but no decision could be made until the 28-day appeal period after Judge Pack's decision expired tomorrow.

"Once the appeal period is up, the matter will proceed in due course as a new coronial inquiry," she told *The Koori Mail* last week.

Snr Sgt Hurley's lawyer, Glen Cranny, told ABC Radio his client understood the reopened inquest would impact on Mr Doomadgee's family, but he needed to clear his name.

Meanwhile, the Crime and Misconduct Commission is still considering the long-awaited report from an investigation by the Police Ethical Standards Command into the initial police response to Mr Doomadgee's death. A spokesperson said the Commission was still reviewing the large volume of material received but would release its findings as soon as it could. — With AAP



## New Year's hopes and resolutions



**DEWAYNE EVERETTSMITH, Margate, Tas:** To get more of a tan and a bikini body (laughing).



**MICHELE-CHAREE ABEL, Canberra, ACT:** To live by two sayings: 'Why settle for so little in life when you can have so much, just by trying to be different in your thinking?' and 'What would you attempt to do if you knew you couldn't fail?'



**RICHARD FRANKLAND, Portland, Vic:** I want to stop my general gratuitous naughty behaviour.



**GINA WILLIAMS, Perth, WA:** I aim to stay healthy and fit and spend more time with my family, and to make sure that Nyoongar Radio is successful when it is relaunched in April this year.

# Sydney Bash a success



SBS TV's Karla Grant, left, and NITV's Angela Bates were there.



Pauline Clague, left, and Millie Ingram ready for a big night.



THERE were plenty of Indigenous faces at the Lord Mayor's New Year's Eve Bash in Sydney – and with good reason. Bundjalung woman Rhoda Roberts was artistic director of the event, hailed as a

huge success by those lucky enough to score an invitation to be at the Sydney Opera House on the night.

The event, at the heart of Sydney's New Year celebrations, had a Creation theme. Entertainers included Top End singer Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu,

Australian Idol's Jessica Mauboy and dancer Sermah Bin Saad, from *So You Think You Can Dance*.

Ms Roberts, responsible for many successful entertainment festivals, holds the contract for the Bash for the next five years.

# 'Mixed results' on native title



THE Native Title Act has produced mixed results since it was introduced 15 years ago, Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma says.

It is 15 years this month since the Act came into force, after the High Court of Australia rejected the doctrine of terra nullius in the famous Mabo decision.

Reflecting on the past decade and a half, Mr Calma said that with the passing of the Act, Federal Parliament had recognised Australia's real history of dispossession and colonisation.

"Fifteen years later, and we can see some truly successful outcomes from the Native Title Act, such as the recognition of connection to land and the achievement of other beneficial agreements," he said.

"We have also seen the broader Australian community change its understanding of native title and move away from a position of fear that native title would threaten suburban backyards toward a renewed reconciliation and the forging of stronger and closer relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"But on the other hand, the native title system is also a tough system, which at times can be

## 'Always room for improvement'

National Native Title Tribunal Acting President John Sossa agrees there have been many successful outcomes and beneficial agreements under the Native Title Act.

"The native title process has also given Indigenous people a seat at the negotiating table – whether or not native title has been determined by the Federal Court," he said.

"However, the Native Title Act has its shortcomings and there is always room for improvement.

"Over the past 15 years, successive governments have amended the Native Title Act to improve the process and expand the options for settlement. Leading court decisions have

clarified the law so that parties are working within clearer parameters than in the early days."

"The Native Title Act provides a platform for broader agreement-making options, such as Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs), so that parties are not required to go down the long, and sometimes divisive, litigation path towards a native title determination by the Federal Court.

"Under the Native Title Act, 359 ILUAs have been made and registered over about 13.5 per cent of Australia. Hundreds of other agreements have also been reached over the 15 years through the native title process."

quite cruel.

"Native title is at the bottom of the hierarchy of Australian property rights. It takes years before a court will recognise it; the compensation provisions have never been used successfully; and the more an Indigenous community has been affected by white settlement, the less likely the law will recognise their native title rights. The result is that the Act today creates a system which offers extremely limited and delayed recognition of native title. It is now far from the original intent of the law."

Mr Calma said there had also

been increasing pressure on the system in recent times to provide better outcomes for Indigenous peoples.

"The Federal Government has committed itself to forging a new, enduring relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, which facilitates reconciliation," he said.

"The native title system is one of the only legally entrenched systems through which this can be achieved.

"As a result, it holds many of the hopes and aspirations of Indigenous Australians. But as the Attorney-General has recognised,

"linking at the edges is not enough".

"There is a pressing need for an over-arching, system-wide look at reforming the native title system to ensure the Act can provide the outcomes that are promised.

"We must now move towards a native title system that produces effective and timely recognition of native title rights and interests for those communities that can establish it, but also a system which guarantees a range of other outcomes if they can't."

● Calma's opinion – page 22



# Deadly stoles a part of reconciliation strategy



Griffith University has become one of the first Australian universities to provide its Indigenous students with culturally-designed stoles for use in graduations. Thirty-eight Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students became the first to wear the stoles when they graduated in December.

Designed by Indigenous artists Deann Grant – also a Griffith staff member – and Eddie Nona – a student at Griffith's Queensland College of Art – the sashes form part of Griffith's reconciliation strategy.

Aboriginal student Leanne Daley was one of Griffith's first Indigenous students to graduate with a Bachelor of Social Work and said it was an honour to be one of the first students to wear the stoles.

"As an Aboriginal person it is great to see we can represent ourselves as the First People of this nation and be proud to acknowledge this when graduating," she said. "To me, the stole represents recognition that our people have endured and are succeeding in this country regardless of restraints and past practices. It is also vital to assist us in paying respect to our people past and present, and to our country for whose land we tread upon."

## 'Very proud'

"I am very proud to be able to wear the stole on my graduating day and am very pleased other Indigenous people will be able to wear theirs with pride also in the years to come."

There are three versions of the stoles – one incorporating the Aboriginal flag colours, one incorporating the Torres Strait Islander flag colours, and one for students identifying with both communities.

The artists consulted with community Elders to develop the stoles as a valued reminder of the academic rites of passage long after graduation.

Deann Grant said the yellow section represented the rippling effect one person could make once they graduated from university, and the red represented the small beginnings of each student when they started at Griffith University.

"This is represented as a seed which then blossoms into a long journey captured in lines," he said. "The black section helps to remember where you come from and the connection with our land and is represented in the form of rock art. The images of hands relate to the individuals making their mark on the university."

Eddie Nona titled his design Mab Neseurm or Journey to the Stars, and said it represented the struggles that lay ahead of each student as they strive towards their goals to succeed at Griffith.

"The placement of the Dhari and star at the top of the stole design is symbolic of the student reaching their goals," he said.

The acquisition of the graduation stoles was a joint initiative of Griffith's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee and the GUMURRII Student Support Unit and is one of the university's practical strategies to realise the aspirations of its Statement on Reconciliation launched in 2007.



Griffith University's Leanne Daley proudly shows off one of the new graduation stoles.

# More grog bans?



THE West Australian Government is considering further alcohol bans in Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley region. WA Gaming Minister Terry Waldron last week travelled to the Kimberley to meet with community leaders to discuss issues relating to alcohol abuse.

He met shire, police and Aboriginal leaders in Broome, Fitzroy Crossing and Halls Creek, and was accompanied by the WA Director of Liquor Licensing.

The Shire of Halls Creek used its meeting to push for an alcohol SmartCard to regulate the sale of liquor to problem drinkers, according to ABC reports.

The Minister's Kimberley visit followed calls just before Christmas for alcohol bans in the Bow River Aboriginal community, and other communities.

Those calls followed alcohol bans being placed on the community of Oombulgurri in November last year, and then at the Wangka Tjunka community, near Fitzroy Crossing.

## Support calls

West Australian Indigenous Affairs Shadow Minister Roger Cook told *The Koori Mail* the State Government should support such calls for alcohol bans, especially when they came from communities.

He urged the Minister to listen to the Bow River Aboriginal community, and respect the rights of community members to determine what was best for the health of their community.

Mr Cook said the outcomes of the liquor restrictions in other Kimberley communities such as Fitzroy Crossing had been positive to date.

It's understood Minister Waldron will soon make an announcement about further alcohol bans.

Meanwhile, Bourke, in north-western New South Wales, is also considering calls for alcohol restrictions.

Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly Chairman Sam Jeffries said the Bourke Alcohol Working Group had raised the possibility of bans. He said the Assembly supported the notion of alcohol reform in Bourke.

"Research suggests that alcohol is the single most contributor to assaults, sexual assaults and domestic and family violence, not just in Aboriginal communities but the broader community also," Mr Jeffries said.

He said the Bourke community had problems stemming from alcohol use that needed to be addressed. "Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly hopes that an acceptable position can be reached by all the stakeholders so that this problem can be dealt with in a co-ordinated and collaborative way," he said.

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# 14 to serve on Qld advisory council



A 14-MEMBER council has been formed in Queensland to provide a voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and advice to the State Government.

The new Queensland Indigenous Advisory Council will be chaired by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr, and will meet for the first time next month.

"We received 112 applications from people keen to join the council and work with the Bligh Government to help close the gap in life outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Queenslanders," the Minister said.

"The council members are appointed for an initial period of two years to provide a direct link between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and Government.

"It will advise on practical strategies and partnerships that contribute to meeting the national Closing the Gap targets, as well as our own Toward Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland ambitions and outcomes.

"Selection of the council members was based on a mix of expertise, gender, age and their geographical location, as well as people's connections with urban, regional, rural and remote communities.

"Most importantly, we have chosen a group of people who between them, have tremendous knowledge and experience, strong community networks and are respected members of their communities.

"They include some wise heads as well as new and emerging leaders who will bring a fresh perspective to contemporary and future challenges."

The council includes Queenslanders with experience in early childhood, community and economic development, education and training, social and cultural issues, justice, reconciliation and the environment.

Brisbane-based Queensland Fire Service Station Officer and trainer Norman Clarke is among them.

"I'm still reading up on the role but I know I will be asking serious questions to make sure the Government is serious about Indigenous people," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"I know what it's like in remote and rural Queensland towns and I hope to bring those issues forward.

"In the Fire Brigade I've been to most of those communities, and I grew up in far west Queensland.

"I feel pretty privileged, really. Many people nominated, so to be successful is a great thing."

Professor Cindy Shannon, head of the Indigenous Health Unit at the University of Queensland, told *The Koori Mail* she was excited by the challenge.

"I'm personally interested in health and most of my contribution has been at a national level, so I am keen to put something back into my own State," she said.

"Queensland is facing the same challenges as everywhere else because we haven't faced the social determinants of health.

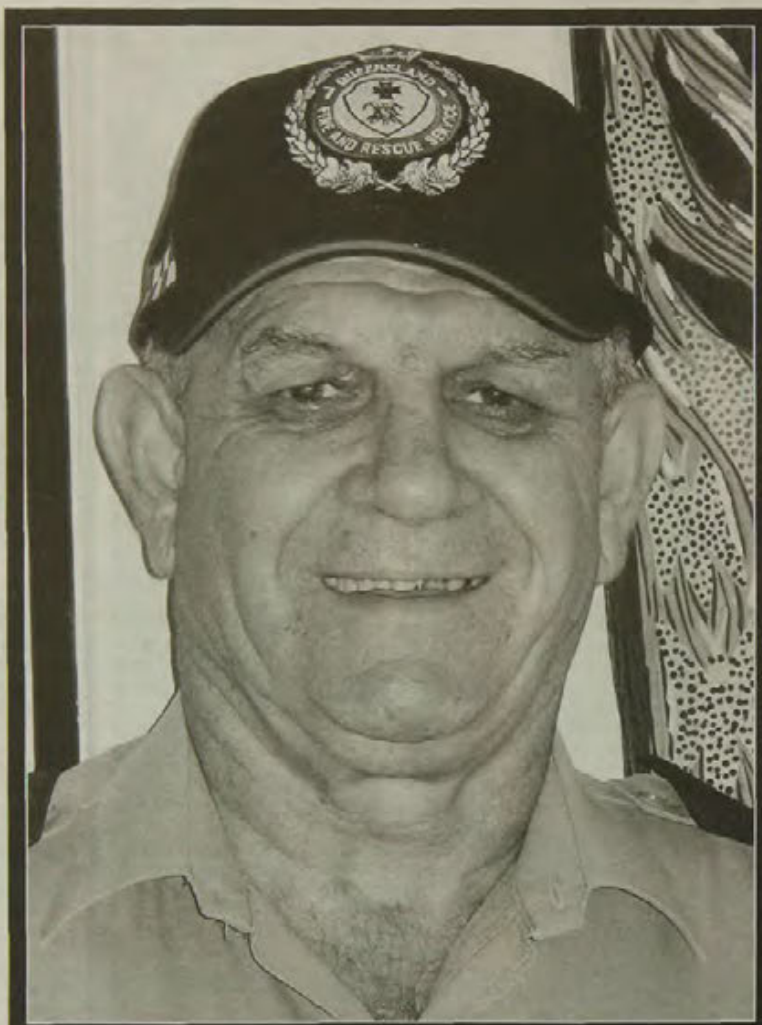
"We need to tackle some of the broader social and well-being issues, particularly mental health and other issues associated with poverty and alcohol abuse.

"But we've got to be careful we're not overloading communities with reforms laid on top of each other."

North Queenslander Max Lenoy said he was honoured to be selected.

"It is an important responsibility to represent and communicate to the Government the perspectives of Indigenous North Queenslanders," he said.

"It is vital to actively seek feedback from



New Queensland Indigenous Advisory Council member Norman Clarke, who works as a Qld Fire Service Station Officer in Brisbane ... "I'm still reading up on the role but I know I will be asking serious questions to make sure the Government is serious about Indigenous people."

the community and I will set up a blog site and email to collect comments and feedback to take to the advisory council."

Ms Nelson-Carr said one of the council's first priorities would be to provide advice on the wording of a preamble for the Queensland Constitution which Premier Anna Bligh announced recently in Parliament.

"We will be recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as Australia's first peoples in an inspirational and uplifting way, taking up a suggestion raised at the Queensland 2020: Ideas to Action Forum in May 2008 and agreed to by State Government," she said.

The Minister said the council would also provide advice on the Queensland Government's preparations for the special COAG meeting on Closing the Gap.

## Council members

**Estelle Bowen (Hope Vale - Guugu Yimithirr):** Mrs Bowen is an Elder, and for more than 35 years has been a strong advocate and worker with women, children and families in Hope Vale.

She is a local Family Responsibilities Commissioner.

**Robyn Parkes-Sandri (Buderim - Gungahri):** Ms Parkes-Sandri is a teacher and writer who trained in the United States. She is completing a PhD on Indigenous issues in education and is a lecturer and coordinator of early childhood courses at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

**Selina Hill (Bundaberg - Wakka Wakka):** Ms Hill has connections, community networks and experience on many forums, advisory committees and associations in the Wide Bay region. She has a background assisting Aboriginal clients prepare and file native title claims with the Federal Court.

**Georgina Archer (Brisbane - Torres Strait Islander):** Ms Archer was born in Cairns and continues to have strong connections in the far north of Queensland. She is Chair of the Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Committee and has decades of experience as a secondary school teacher and leader.

**Cindy Shannon (Brisbane - Ngugi from Moreton Island):** Professor Shannon has worked in many regional and remote communities and over the past 17 years has specialised in health. She is Professor in Indigenous Health at the University of Queensland and chairs the recently

established Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation.

**Mark Wenitong (Cairns - Kabi Kabi):** Dr Wenitong is the Senior Medical Officer at Apunipima Cape York Health Council where he is working on health reform across the Cape York Aboriginal communities. He is a leader and active member on a number of Indigenous health committees.

**Kevin O'Brien (Brisbane - Kaurereg and Meriam):** Mr O'Brien is an architect leading the only Indigenous-led private architectural practice in Australia. He has a professional background and is involved in several Indigenous organisations.

**James William (Brisbane - Kulkalgay):** Mr William has a background working within the Queensland Government in a number of portfolio areas, principally related to enterprise development, providing services to Indigenous communities throughout Queensland. He currently leads Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu's Indigenous Services area.

**Sonia Minniecon (Brisbane - Kabi Kabi with family links to Mackay):** Ms Minniecon is the co-director and co-founder of two businesses. She personally delivered governance training and facilitation services to 17 Indigenous councils throughout Queensland over the past four years.

**Max Lenoy (Townsville - Yarrabah and Palm Island):** Mr Lenoy is a lecturer and RATEP Director in the School of Education at James Cook University. A graduate of Harvard University, Mr Lenoy has experience on the Library Board of Queensland and the Queensland Indigenous Arts Marketing Export Authority.

**Napau 'Pedro' Stephen (Thursday Island - Ugaramle (Stephen Island) and Magaram (Murray Island):** Cr Stephen is the first full-time Mayor of the Torres Strait Shire based on Thursday Island. An ordained minister, he has a vision of the Torres Strait as a strategic centre and safe location for Australia to launch economic development and aid to our northern neighbours.

**Pearl Eatts (Winton - Pitta-Pitta and Karuwalli):** Ms Eatts has developed a strong network and understanding of the Aboriginal communities across the central and south-west of Queensland through her work as a social and community worker. She has experience on regional forums and on the Cultural Heritage Act Review Advisory Panel.

**Norman Clarke (Brisbane - Kanouku):** Mr Clarke is a Queensland Fire Service Station Officer, trainer and workshop facilitator awarded an Australia Day Achievement Medal in 2002 for services to Indigenous communities and an Australian Fire Service Medal in the 2004 Queen's Birthday Honours List. He is former Chairperson of the Inala Community Justice Group, Presiding Indigenous Representative on the adult and children's Murri Court and member of advisory groups.

**Nathan Jarro (Brisbane - Ghangulu and Bidjara):** Mr Jarro is a Brisbane barrister with five years' experience in private practice. He was recently appointed to the Queensland University of Technology Council, is President of the Indigenous Lawyers Association of Queensland, Secretary to the Brisbane Boys' College Indigenous Scholarship Fund, Director of Major Brisbane Festivals and Vice-Chair of the Kooemba Jdarra Indigenous Performing Arts Inc.



## New Year's hopes and resolutions



**GERALD 'JUNIOR' THOMPSON, Townsville, Qld:** I aim to be fit and healthy and see family and friends a lot. I also hope there may be peace in the world and that the economy doesn't hurt remote Indigenous communities.



**NARELDA JACOBS, Perth, WA:** Everybody needs to try and reduce their carbon footprint, so I'm going to reduce my carbon footprint for 2009 by walking more and talking less, but not between the hours of 5 and 6 on Channel 10 (Narelda is a newsreader in Perth).



**BOBBY RYAN, Palm Island, Qld:** This year I will be chilling out a lot more and going fishing on Palm and just generally enjoying life as much as I can now that I am 30.



**GERALDINE GARDNER, Cape Barren Island, Tas:** To build a home on Cape Barren Island, land that our Aboriginal people of Tasmania fought so hard to get returned.

# Nine to serve on WA board



**WESTERN** Australia has a new peak body the State's Coalition Government hopes will

improve social and economic outcomes for the State's Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders.

The new nine-member Indigenous Implementation Board, to be chaired by former Governor Lt-General John Sanderson – a white man – includes the first Aboriginal person to head a government department in Western Australia, a 'National Living Treasure', a Wadandi/Bibbulmun Elder and a national radio broadcaster.

State Indigenous Affairs Minister Dr Kim Hames, who named the Board last week, said it would meet for the first time early next month.

Lt-Gen Sanderson was appointed late last year to establish the new body to 'enhance Indigenous involvement in local decision-making and strengthen corporate and non-government contribution to Indigenous affairs'.

Dr Hames said a framework would be developed to guide future collaboration and agreements with the Commonwealth and local government and other key stakeholders working with Indigenous West Australians.

"The members of the board are well-placed to advise on Indigenous disadvantage and will report directly to me, with the Department of Indigenous Affairs providing high-level executive support," he said.

"The terms of membership are staggered to ensure strong continuity. The board is not a representative body; rather members are chosen based on their expertise and influence."

"Lt-Gen Sanderson and the

**'The members of the board are well-placed to advise on Indigenous disadvantage and will report directly to me...'**

**– Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim Hames**



board have the knowledge and experience to advise the Government in relation to Commonwealth and local government responsibilities under relevant bilateral arrangements."

Lt-Gen Sanderson said it was necessary to explore new options to ensure positive outcomes from within Indigenous communities themselves.

"This is about a fundamental shift in the policy framework for engaging with Aboriginal people," he said.

## Board members

**Lt-General John Sanderson (Chairman):** He was Governor of his home state, Western Australia for five years. Before this role he spent 40 years at the operational and strategic levels of defence and security planning. A civil engineer by background, he is an Honorary Fellow of Engineers Australia and holds honorary doctorates from a number of institutions.

**Mark Bin Bakar:** Known to many by his 'alter-ego' Mary G, Mr Bin Bakar has dedicated much of his adult life to promoting Indigenous life and culture. He is chairman of the Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation

and travels extensively to remote areas talking to people about alcohol and drug abuse, healthcare, emotional well-being, respect for Elders and domestic violence.

**Kim Bridge:** He is an Aboriginal trainer and consultant with an extensive background in collaborative community and economic development. He has a strong affiliation and connection with regional Australia. He was born and raised in the East Kimberley and has lived and worked extensively in regional areas.

**Dawn Wallam:** She has been CEO of the Yorganop Child Care Aboriginal Corporation for 11 years. Ms Wallam has become a leader in the field of Aboriginal children's services. She has been proactive in representing Indigenous children's issues at all levels including local, State, national and international forums. She is a Wadandi/Bibbulmun Elder of the Noongar Nation.

**Sue Gordon:** The former magistrate has been highly active in many areas of Indigenous endeavour. Dr Gordon was Chair of the Howard Government's National Indigenous Council and has played

a leading role in the NT Intervention. In 1990 she was appointed as one of the first five commissioners to run the newly established Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

**Helen Milroy:** She is a descendant of the Palyku people of the Pilbara region of WA and was born and educated in Perth. She studied medicine at the University of Western Australia and completed specialist training in child psychiatry. Ms Milroy is a member of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians' Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Committee.

**Brendan Hammond:** He is the CEO of the Australian Children's Trust supporting the Australian Covenant which aims to see the employment of 50,000 Indigenous people in Australia in the next decade.

**Professor Fiona Stanley:** Named Australian of the Year in 2003, Professor Stanley is a vocal advocate for the needs of children and their families. She was honoured as a 'National Living Treasure' by the National Trust.

**Ricky Burges:** Ms Burges joined the Western Australia Local Government Association in 2000. Previously she was the Director General of the Department for Culture and the Arts and a director of Human Resources at the WA Tourism Commission. Ms Burges has served at management and board level in a variety of areas, and was the WA Businesswoman of the Year in 1997.

# Board under fire from Nyoongar Nation head

**T**HE new WA Indigenous Implementation Board has come under fire from the Nyoongar Nation group. Nyoongar Nation Convener David Collard said the cultural authority of Aboriginal groups in the State would be undermined by the new board.

Mr Collard said that if the Government was serious about policy advice, it should approach the Nyoongar Nation.

"Cultural authority is important for all Nyoongars, and to neglect the need to seek approval from the Nyoongar Nation Council will only make a rod for your own back," he



**'...to neglect the need to seek approval from the Nyoongar Nation Council will only make a rod for your own back'**

**– Nyoongar Nation's David Collard**

said, "We need to unite under the Nyoongar Nation and support our leaders to become the strongest nation under the federation of Aboriginal nations in Australia."

Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim

Hames said one of the first tasks of the new advisory council would be to discuss self-identity and the name of the government department representing Aboriginal people in WA, currently the

Department of Indigenous Affairs.

"Indigenous is the 'in' word to describe Aboriginal people in Australia, but everywhere I go Aboriginal people are telling me that is not what they prefer to be called, so I'll be asking the advisory council to debate that issue and inform me and the department of their preferences," he said.

"That debate will also form an opinion on what the department should be called, and obviously there will be more serious issues to debate, but that's the first agenda item that I'd like them to deal with." – **Ken Boase**



# Eartha Kitt dies

**E**ARTHA Kitt, the African-American singer and actor who won the hearts of many Indigenous Australians, passed away on Christmas Day. She was 81.

Kitt, who also had Cherokee American Indian heritage, came to prominence in Australia during a visit in 1992 when she made an emotional plea for Aboriginal people to form a political party.

Her call came as she sat down with mob at Tamdanyangga (Victoria Square) in the heart of Adelaide and was photographed wearing an Aboriginal flag t-shirt.

"There should be Aborigines representing Aborigines in Parliament," Kitt told a rally marking the 25th anniversary of the 1967 referendum on Aboriginal rights.

She had many musical hits in the US during the 1950s and 60s, and a string of movie and TV roles.

## Coming home...

**A**NOTHER set of Aboriginal remains held at a British museum for almost a century are to be returned to Australia.

Two skulls and two thigh bones kept by the Booth Museum of Natural History, in Brighton, East Sussex, are expected back home imminently. The remains are the latest in a series being returned under a deal struck between the British and Australian governments in 2005.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has welcomed the repatriations and said the Rudd Government was committed to ensuring all Indigenous remains held overseas are returned to Australia. -AAP

## Judge honoured

**F**ORMER Supreme Court judge Ted Mullighan, who also headed up an inquiry into the abuse of children in state care in South Australia, has been honoured for his service to the legal profession.

Mr Mullighan has been presented with the second annual Law Council President's Medal, with council president Ross Ray describing him as a man of compassion and commitment.

He began his legal career in 1962 and was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1978 before becoming a Supreme Court judge in 1989.

In 2004 Mr Mullighan was appointed by the SA Government to take charge of the inquiry into children in state care which uncovered widespread abuse.

In 2007 he was also made commissioner of a similar inquiry into the abuse of Aboriginal children on the State's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara lands.

"He carried out his duties in an extremely conscientious and thoughtful manner," the Law Council said.

# Our people at inauguration

By DARREN COYNE

**B**ARACK Obama's election last November as President of the United States struck a chord with people of colour around the world.

Indigenous Australians who will be in the US next week to witness Mr Obama's inauguration on 20 January include Brisbane businessman Neil Willmetts, Perth student Linden Brownley, the Rev Alexandra Gater, of Brisbane, and Norrita Diop, a social worker and associate lecturer at the University of Queensland.

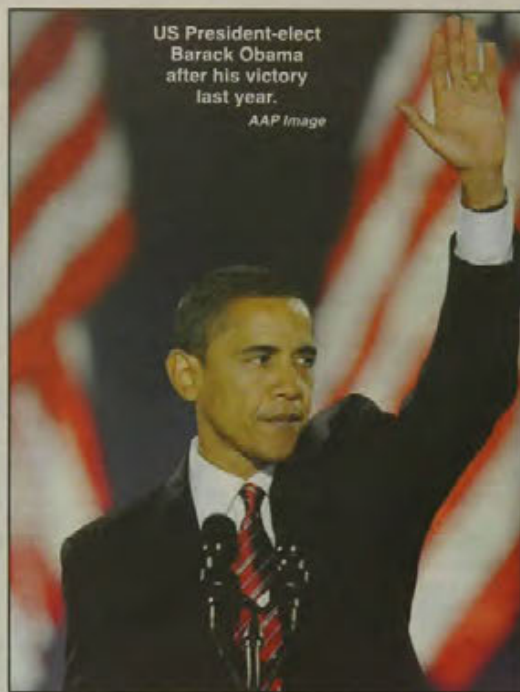
They all share an admiration for the man who overcame tremendous odds to be elected America's first black leader.

Mr Willmetts said it would be wonderful to be able to witness such an historic occasion in world history, and to be part of the celebrations.

"I have a particular interest in leadership and this shows that people, regardless of their colour, can do anything if they set their mind to it," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"It's an exciting time. I wasn't around for Martin Luther King, but if I was I would have gone over to see him too."

Mr Willmetts said the two-week trip would also enable him to meet with the National Minority Supply Development



US President-elect Barack Obama after his victory last year.

AAP Image

Council (NMSDC) and also Native American and African American business owners. The NMSDC is a not-for-profit organisation that provides a direct link between corporate America and minority-owned businesses.

Meanwhile, Perth student Linden Brownley is also packing his bags for

Washington.

He will see the swearing into office of Mr Obama and experience the grandeur of the inaugural parade, as the President and Vice-President make their way down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House. Linden will also be attending a Black Tie Gala Inaugural Ball.

"I received an invitation to the Inaugural Presidential Conference 2009 in late 2008 as a result of my academic achievements over the past several years," he said.

Mr Brownley, a Wajjin man from the north-eastern Goldfields area of Western Australia, is currently undertaking a law degree at Deakin University.

During his trip he will have the opportunity to interact with major presidential candidates, White House officials, congressional staff, political experts and other VIPs, including former Secretary of State Colin Powell and former Vice-President Al Gore.

The Rev Gator said she was looking forward to attending the inauguration as a representative of Indigenous Australia.

"Barack Obama travelled around America and met with Native Americans. He told them that past presidents had only paid them lip service, but if he was elected they would have a voice in the White House," she said.

"Now he's the first black man in the White House and he's inspired so many Indigenous people in Australia, and around the world."

"I'm going over there to show my support for him, and stand in solidarity with the people of the United States."



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Northern Territory Government

## Expressions of Interest

Expressions of Interest are sought from Indigenous people who are interested in joining the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) - Strategic Alliance Leadership Team.

SIHIP is a \$672 million joint initiative of the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to improve housing and infrastructure in remote communities and urban community living areas across the Northern Territory.

As an Indigenous member of the leadership team, you will ensure Indigenous interests are reflected in key directions for the SIHIP.

If you are an Indigenous Territorian with a passion to participate in making a difference then you are encouraged to express your interest in joining this team.

There are two remunerated positions available.

Expressions of Interest close 5pm 30 January 2009.

For further information, visit [www.nt.gov.au/sihp](http://www.nt.gov.au/sihp) or contact Glenys Pickering on (08) 8982 2365 or email [glenys.pickering@nt.gov.au](mailto:glenys.pickering@nt.gov.au)

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## Registration of Aboriginal Stakeholders

Aboriginal Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Project at Hyland Road, Holroyd NSW

Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd is seeking to identify Aboriginal stakeholders to be consulted for an Aboriginal heritage project in Holroyd, for a parcel of land located at the southwest corner of the Hyland Road parklands.

TransGrid, through Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM), requires an Aboriginal Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Assessment for the proposed development of this area, to be conducted under Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007.

The consultation process for this project will be conducted in accordance with the DECC (NSW) Interim Community Consultation Requirements for Applications (NPW Act 1974: Part 6 Approvals) which became effective 1st January 2005. Registration of interest does not guarantee employment.

Parties are invited to register their interest with Austral Archaeology:

Krissy Moore  
Archaeologist  
Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd  
Shop 1 92 Percival Road Stanmore NSW 2048  
Tel: 02 9568 6701 Fax: 02 9568 6702

The closing date for registration is Monday 26th January 2009.

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Indigenous community



# A little justice at last for Bre pursuit victim

**New Year's hopes and resolutions**



**TAMMY WHITE, Mandoora, Northern Territory:** Like many other people, I want to spend more time with my family.

## Coroner scathing of police actions

IT'S taken five long years, but the family of young Brewarrina woman Vanessa Hardy have finally had some measure of justice.

Vanessa was 24 when she was killed near her northern NSW home town on 12 October 2003 as the result of a police pursuit.

NSW Coroner Mary Jerram found was a 'foolish', 'lacking in common sense' and 'had no proper basis'.

The Coroner, a NSW magistrate, was also scathing about NSW police pursuits policy; described one of the pursuing officer's evidence as 'not truthful'; and found that, ultimately, the pursuit contributed to causing Vanessa's death.

In her findings, handed down last month, the Coroner found that Vanessa 'died as a result of a motor vehicle collision in which she was a passenger, during a police pursuit'.

Vanessa and her partner Neil Scott had been passengers in a car driven by Joseph Shillingsworth. They were returning to Brewarrina from a party near the town when they were signalled by local police to stop for a random breath test.

Shillingsworth, who had been drinking and was unlicensed, did not stop, leading to the pursuit which was joined by a local Highway Patrol vehicle. He lost control on a dirt road and Vanessa was thrown out of the vehicle, dying from her injuries. The other two men were relatively unscathed.

Shillingsworth was arrested, charged and has already served

## The death of a young woman Grieving in 'Bre'

By MICHELLE BUCHAN

Remember a small town in northern NSW? Brewarrina, a town of 1,500 people, is a small town in northern NSW. It's a town that's been there for a long time. It's a town that's been there for a long time. It's a town that's been there for a long time.

The community's history and its connection to the land is a story that's been told for generations. It's a story that's been told for generations. It's a story that's been told for generations.

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Coroner Jerram found there was no proper basis to pursue Joseph Shillingsworth when he refused to stop.

"Had he not been pursued, he would not have gone into the bush nor reached the speeds which caused the car to overturn," she said.

"The only thing more dangerous than a drunk driver is a drunk driver being pursued."

The Coroner found there was a 'horrifying' lack of knowledge among officers about police pursuit policies, and she recommended the NSW Police Commissioner take action to clarify this.

And she damned as 'not truthful' the evidence of pursuing officer Senior Constable Benjamin Preston, who initially claimed his pursuit speed was between 20km/h and 30km/h and later agreed it was '60-90 and up to 100km/h'.

Another of the pursuing officers, then Probationary Constable Stephen Innes, gave information to the Hardy family soon after Vanessa's death, going against police guidelines.

Dianne Hardy said her family was grateful to Const Innes, and the Coroner recommended no disciplinary action be taken against him and that 'consideration be given to his courage in giving honest evidence and his compassion for the (Hardy) family'.

Mrs Hardy said her family wanted to ensure no other family had to go through what they had endured.

"What we now realise is that it is not just what occurred on that night that is important," she said.

"There were, and continue to be, inadequacies in the institutions of power that are here supposedly to protect us."

"Policies which are not communicated effectively, officers not held accountable for their actions and a system designed to protect itself rather than the community within it."



**RODNEY 'OCKER' DILLON, Coningham, Tas:** To get this Government more accountable about the NT Intervention and to make it reinstate the Racial Discrimination Act. (Mr Dillon is the Indigenous Co-ordinator for Amnesty).



**SEDONIA ROSS, Palm Island, Qld:** I want to give up smoking, try my hardest to save some money and to live life to the absolute fullest.



**CINDY BERWICK, Sydney:** I would like agencies, service providers and governments to work with Aboriginal people to secure access and opportunities in education that will break the cycle of poverty and lead to prosperity.

**The Koori Mail report from 20 April 2005 on community anger in Brewarrina over the police pursuit death of Vanessa Hardy**

a jail term for his role in the tragedy.

Vanessa's devastated family, led by her mother Dianne, was outraged by police actions following the death.

They were not notified until several hours after their daughter died, little support was provided to them and Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers (ACLOs) were not involved in any follow-up actions or investigations.

In August 2004, police sought unsuccessfully to have an inquest into Vanessa's death terminated. They tried again in March 2005, this time getting the hearing delayed. It was reopened in October 2007 at Glebe Coroners

Court in Sydney.

Police again fought to have the matter shut down, resulting in a Supreme Court hearing which finally allowed the Coroner to examine Vanessa's death.

Coroner Jerram handed down her findings in Sydney last month, more than five years after Vanessa's death.

### Accountable

Speaking with *The Koori Mail*, Dianne Hardy said those findings had provided her family with 'some manner of closure'.

"Joseph Shillingsworth has been held accountable for his actions, served time and now has to live with it for the rest of his life," she said.

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## New Year's hopes and resolutions



**SARAH LUGNAN, Canberra, ACT:** To buy some land back home (in northern NSW), and get back into training for track and field at the World Masters Games.



**YVONNE CANENDO, Malanda, Qld:** I hope this year is going to be a much, much better year.



**DAISY ALLAN, Mayfield, Launceston, Tas:** To get fit and exercise more.



**JASON TAMIRU, Yorta Yorta, Vic:** I aim to bring deadly, funny, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander comedy to more of our mob and produce the funniest and deadliest black stand-up comedy show starring the funniest from our communities.

# Convergence to rock Canberra



THERE were two pilgrimages to Canberra during the opening week of Federal Parliament last year. On 13 February, members of the Stolen Generations and their families received a formal parliamentary apology for past removal practices.

Arguably as well-attended, was the Canberra Convergence the day before, protesting the Northern Territory intervention.

Opponents of the radical government measures affecting more than 70 prescribed communities in the NT are now mobilising for a similar protest event this year.

They have called for others to join them from noon at the opening of Parliament on 3 February for the 'Converge on Canberra' rally

and related workshops at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy on the preceding two days.

As well as protesting against the NT Intervention and particular measures such as welfare quarantining, the rally will call for the reinstatement of the Racial Discrimination Act in prescribed communities; community-controlled housing, health and education; action to prevent deaths in custody; no cuts to CDEP; and for Australia to formally endorse the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The Intervention Rollback Action Group (IRAG) says a range of individuals and organisations have endorsed the rally and workshops.

Also participating will be a delegation of

community members and activists who last week began a 17-day peace walk from Sydney to the steps of Parliament House in Canberra.

The group aims to arrive in Canberra in time to spend Sovereignty Day or Survival Day, 26 January, at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy.

Mt Nancy camp resident Barbara Shaw said rally participants wanted to send a strong message to the wider community from people directly affected by the Intervention.

"The Intervention is not working; it is not the way to work with our people to solve the problems affecting us," she said.

Ms Shaw appealed to people to donate to a fund to get people from prescribed areas to Canberra. For more information, contact Barbara Shaw on (0401) 291 166.

## Working to give our consumers a fair go



DURRI Aboriginal Medical Centre in Kempsey has become the first partner in a new program developed by the NSW Office of Fair Trading to improve Aboriginal consumer protection.

Assistant Commissioner for Fair Trading Andrew Gavrielatos officially launched the Fair Go Partnership Program in Dunguthi country on 5 December, preceded by a Welcome to Country by local Elder Aunty Shirley Kelly.

Mr Gavrielatos welcomed the Durri Medical Centre's historic signing of the first Fair Go agreement and said the new program promised improved protection for vulnerable First Australians.

"Fair Trading celebrated ten years of achievements in Aboriginal consumer protection in August this year, and the Fair Go program complements a long list of policy and practical outcomes delivered for Aboriginal people in NSW," he said. "These include dedicated employment, sporting and community sponsorships, art competitions, education services, information sessions, publications, housing and tenancy initiatives and joint activities with a number of other government, community and Indigenous agencies."

Mr Gavrielatos said that through Fair Go, Aboriginal media, community organisations and service providers signed up to promote consumer protection information and access.

"Partnerships are formed, Fair Trading improves its service delivery and the Aboriginal community benefits through increased understanding and awareness of consumers rights and responsibilities," he said.



Ray Kelly Jr, Pauline Whyman and Dartene Bietsch during a performance of *Deadly Dollars*.

"We know Aboriginal people can get ripped off through some funeral plans and when purchasing mobile phone plans and cars. There is help there if they need it, so the Fair Go program will help get that message out."

Durri Medical Centre Chairperson Gerald Hoskins welcomed the agreement and said the centre was delighted to capitalise on opportunities with key organisations to improve

outcomes for Aboriginal people.

"Fair Trading provides essential services and support to the Aboriginal community, and it's critical that together we help improve local understanding of what help is available and how people can access it," he said.

Mr Gavrielatos also attended the last performance of Fair Trading's statewide *Deadly Dollars* theatre show tour, at Melville High School in Kempsey. Rod Smith Productions, a

Newcastle-based Aboriginal production company, developed the play in which the central characters are faced with potentially disastrous financial situations because of bad purchasing decisions.

Performers interact with the audience, working out solutions to financial dilemmas that are then acted out. The audience learns who and where to turn to when faced with financial problems.



# New cop is a winner

By Tasmanian Correspondent  
JILLIAN MUNDY



WHEN Taneka Dunham was sworn in to the Tasmanian Police Service the week before

Christmas, she joined a handful of Aboriginal police officers in Tasmania. And to top it off, the quietly-spoken 23-year-old received the Commander's Award.

"They give it to someone with loyalty, commitment and integrity to their career and someone they think will become an excellent police officer," Const Dunham said.

And, she says, there is nothing she would rather be doing than fulfilling that expectation. "For a career, I couldn't think of any other way to spend my time. It's the sort of job I'll really enjoy. It's a great career," she said.

"I've achieved more than I ever thought I would.

"Although the majority of people don't want your help, it's the sort of job where you are making a difference."

Const Dunham has aspirations to work in prosecutions, and will be returning to university part-time this year to complete a law degree.

Commander Donna Adams, who chose Const Dunham for the award, said the sky was the limit for the young officer.

"She has a number of



Following the Tasmanian Police swearing-in ceremony and graduation parade, Constable Taneka Dunham is pictured here with her proud family; grandmother Tena Murphy, sister Samantha Dunham, brother Jed Dunham and mother Jody Dunham.

outstanding attributes. In about ten years I could see her being promoted to inspector," the commander said.

"She is a great role model for young Aboriginal people and all young people in Tasmania."

Const Dunham told *The Koori Mail* she had wanted to become a police officer ever since visiting

the Hobart Police Station and the Rokeby Police Academy on a high school trip.

After growing up in the only Aboriginal family on King Island, she will be posted to the same station that inspired her as a teenager.

Three generations of her family, who have only recently

discovered their Tiwi Island roots, attended the graduation and swearing in ceremony, with her grandmother travelling all the way from the NT for the occasion.

Const Dunham said she felt proud, nervous, excited and a little bit scared about stepping out in uniform for the first time.

## New Year's hopes and resolutions



ABBY AUDA, Cairns, Qld: My resolution is to live healthy with lots of exercise and to do a lot of saving."



BOBBY and ANITA ANDERSON, Ravenshoe, Atherton Tablelands, Qld: We just want everyone to get on for the year and leave mum and dad alone. (The Andersons have a lot of children).



WALTER DORRINGTON, Canberra, ACT: To get fitter, I didn't play any sport last year so I'm shopping around for a hybrid bike and might get back into touch footy.



GARY WALSH, Townsville, Qld: I want to lose some weight, hopefully about 30kg, and that means exercising and a good diet, and I would also like to be careful with money and save some.

# Council support for homelands



THE Northern Land Council has thrown its full support behind Aboriginal Territorians who want to live on their traditional homelands. The NLC says Aboriginal people have a right to choose where they want to live and are entitled to the same level of service provision as every other Australian to ensure a reasonable standard of living.

The views were expressed in the NLC's submission to the NT Government's outstation policy review, being headed by Kimberley Aboriginal leader Pat Dodson.

The NT Government instigated the review after assuming responsibility for 500 outstations in July.

Early on, Mr Dodson said he hoped that outstation residents would present him with strong arguments for why they should be maintained. Last month he held 17 consultation workshops throughout the NT, and this month he and his team are likely to take up invitations to visit outstations.

The first stage of the review report is expected to be released next month, and a population and infrastructure audit will be undertaken in March.

Speaking on the NLC's submission, the organisation's CEO Kim Hill said Aboriginal people had known for decades that returning to their traditional homelands was a better option

than living on the fringes of major towns.

"Homelands give Aboriginal people a sense of 'home' and a sense of belonging while contributing to their cultural responsibilities of caring for their country and managing the natural resources of their land and seas," he said.

"It is also well-documented that homelands contribute significantly to Aboriginal people's overall health, well-being, and importantly, to their thriving art practice and industry which provides an economic base when none other exists."

## Neglect

Mr Hill said Aboriginal community dysfunction was due largely to decades of Federal and NT government neglect and a failure to provide adequate resources for basic services including education, health, housing, police and local government.

Mr Dodson sparked some controversy when he told a meeting in north-east Arnhem Land that Aboriginal academic Marcia Langton, Cape York leader Noel Pearson and former Labor National President Warren Mundine – all supporters of government measures to address passive welfare in Aboriginal communities – did not recognise people living on outstations as their culture.

Mr Mundine hit back, accusing Mr Dodson of using a 'typical bullyboy tactic' to try to silence

anyone who disagreed with him.

But Yolngu leaders backed Mr Dodson, describing Professor Langton, Mr Mundine and Mr Pearson as 'occasional visitors to our country – tourists, that is all,' with no understanding of Yolngu culture, law and language.

"They talk about our governance and leadership, but they don't really understand our Homeland communities, our commitment to remaining on our traditional clan estates," said Djapu clan spokesperson Yananyul Mununggurr, from Yirrkala. "They should sort out the problems of their own communities, thousands of kilometres from here."

Djambawa Marawili, director of Laynhapuy Homelands Association and a leader of the Madarrpa clan, agreed that his people could speak for themselves.

He said development of the outstation policy must include provision of housing and support for economic development 'on country'.

One of the drivers behind the review has been the NT Government's desire to increase school attendances and improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal children, including those on outstations.

Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour told the ABC the outstations have responded positively so far to a suggestion that virtual schooling could help deal with a teacher shortage. – By KIRSTIE PARKER, with AAP



# RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS

## Expression of Interest

A group of Australian volunteers experienced in designing and installing small renewable energy systems overseas, is exploring the possibility of working with Indigenous communities to undertake similar projects in remote areas of Australia.

The proposed program will engage and manage competent Volunteers to assist Indigenous Communities gain access to knowledge about renewable energy options, review funding options and where possible install small scale sustainable energy systems.

Feedback on the concept is sought from indigenous community councils, groups, families, and individuals.

For more information please contact;

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL NAIDOC COMMITTEE

Suitable applicants are invited to nominate for membership of the National NAIDOC Committee (NNC).

The NNC is an indigenous committee that sets the policy and the arrangements for the National NAIDOC Awards and NAIDOC Week celebrations.

This position requires substantial commitment, including willingness to travel to attend committee meetings on weekends.

Membership of the NNC is voluntary and no remuneration is provided for the position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Nominations close on Friday 30 January.

Selection criteria can be obtained from the National NAIDOC Secretariat by calling (02) 6244 7554 or emailing [info@naidoc.org.au](mailto:info@naidoc.org.au) or online at [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au)



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### ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 1988

#### Application under Section 23 - Notice of Consultation

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation has received an application under section 23 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 ("the Act") from the Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS) seeking a section 23 authorisation over six areas of land for the six proposed new public private partnership (PPP) schools in the north and north-west of Adelaide.

- The six locations are:
- Newton Boulevard, Munno Para West
- Peachey Road, Smithfield Plains
- Silicate Avenue, Taperoo
- Ridley Grove, Woodville Gardens
- Stanley Avenue, Blair Athol
- Briens Road, Gepps Cross

Maps of the six areas are available on request.

Section 13 of the Act requires the Minister to take all reasonable steps to consult, prior to making a determination, with:

- the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee
- any traditional owners, and
- any Aboriginal person or organisation who in the opinion of the Minister have a particular interest in the matter.

The Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division is now consulting with Aboriginal people and Aboriginal organisations. You are invited to attend a meeting, telephone or write. Separate meetings with women and men can be held if requested.

A consultation meeting will be held for Aboriginal people and Aboriginal organisations and those invited by them:

on Wednesday 21 January 2009

at 11.00am to 1.00pm

at the Adelaide City Council Hutt Street Library  
235 Hutt Street, Adelaide

Fuel will be provided to assist people attend the meeting. We require at least 24 hours notice for this assistance.

For more information, or to make a written or telephone submission please contact:

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All comments and submissions should be received by COB on Friday 23 January 2009.

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# Who is this Digger?

By DARREN COYNE

A SEARCH is under way to unearth the identity of an Aboriginal soldier who was a member of a tunnelling company during World War I.

The soldier (pictured middle front) is among a group who served with the 3rd Tunnelling Company of the Australian Imperial Force.

Their picture appears on a postcard found at the Imperial War Museum in England, and Australia.

The postcard was handed to Bill Leimbach, the producer of a World War I film to be shot this year in Townsville.

The film, *Beneath Hill 60*, will tell the story of Queensland miner Oliver Woodward, who led his men in the dangerous task of tunnelling under German trenches during the war.

Mr Leimbach said the photograph came to light after work had already started on the script, which already included an Aboriginal character named Billy Bacon. He said the scriptwriter had since used the photograph of the mystery Aboriginal tunneller as inspiration for the character. However, despite attempts to unearth his identity, the Aboriginal miner remains a mystery.

Mr Leimbach told *The Koori Mail* that the story of



the World War I tunnellers was not widely known.

"There were about 250 Aboriginal soldiers on the Western Front, but only one of them was in the tunnelling division," he said.

He said the movie would tell how the British, unable to overcome German fire-power, had decided to use miners to tunnel under the enemy lines. The Germans had the same idea, and miners from both sides dug narrow tunnels under no-man's land, all the while attempting to outmanoeuvre and

undermine each other.

It was the tunnelling work of Oliver Woodward which eventually enabled the Allies to blow a gap in the German defences and break through.

Mr Leimbach said the Aboriginal character in the movie would play a significant role, although an actor had not yet been chosen to play the part.

He said that at one stage during hostilities, the miners and the British played a game of rugby just back from the front-line. Billy Bacon, who displays exceptional speed, is

nicknamed Streaky for his efforts. "We'll be looking for a young Aboriginal man aged between 18 and 19 who is good at playing rugby union," he said.

But for now, Mr Leimbach said he would be happy to find out the identity of the mystery soldier.

The only clues are a message on the back of the postcard which refers to the group as ear-wiggers, a nickname given to the tunnellers.

The picture was taken in France in 1917, and one of the soldiers is 5777 Sapper Herbert Mason.

And while Mason came from New South Wales, it is believed that the other soldiers may have come from other mining areas such as Charters Towers, Townsville, or even Kalgoorlie.

Mr Leimbach said Aboriginal people should be recognised for their efforts during the war.

"Often their colour prevented them from gaining too much recognition and most disappeared back into society with no reward or medals on record," he said.

Anyone with information about the mystery Aboriginal miner should contact Mr Leimbach via the film's website at [www.beneathhill60.com.au](http://www.beneathhill60.com.au)

# New Vic group told to be bold



A NEW group of Indigenous and business leaders formed to try to close the economic gap for Indigenous Victorians has been urged to 'be

bold' in their thinking.

Deputy Premier and Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs Chairman Rob Hulls made the comment as he welcomed members of the new Victorian Aboriginal Economic Development Group at their inaugural meeting at the Koorie Heritage Trust on 16 December.

"Improving Indigenous economic outcomes is not something that Government can achieve alone," he said.

"It is something that we need to work towards together."

The formation of the Victorian Aboriginal Economic Development Group brings together the experience, knowledge and talent of the public, private and philanthropic sectors in partnership with Indigenous communities to explore and generate the possibilities to bring about sustained change.

The group is made up of 11 high-profile members of the Indigenous, not-for-profit and business communities. The co-chairmen are Aboriginal leader and Chief Executive of the Koorie Heritage Trust Jason Eades, and businessman and former Hawthorn Football Club President Ian Dicker.

Mr Hulls said the group would have a critical role in advising the State Government on its Aboriginal Economic Development Strategy and would report back to the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs by August.

The new group has been asked to identify ways to better transition young Indigenous people from schooling to further education, training and employment, improve workforce participation and economic development opportunities for Indigenous Victorians in all sectors, and foster Indigenous business growth in the State.

## Influence

"There is a particular focus on young people because the outcomes for young people now will shape their life experience and influence the health and well-being of the next generation," Mr Hulls said.

"There needs to be jobs, not jail, for our young Indigenous people. There needs to be sustainable and fulfilling work, not worthlessness. Most critically, there needs to be high aspirations, not hopelessness."

State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Richard Wynne said the group would provide the platform for engaging the community, employers and the Government in partnership to deliver better outcomes for Indigenous Victorians.

"Closing the gap in economic

outcomes required a bold plan and bold thinking," Mr Wynne said.

"During hard economic times, trend data shows the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians increases. We cannot afford to let this happen this time."

The 11 members of the Victorian Aboriginal Economic Development Group are:

- Jason Eades (co-chair), Chief Executive of the Koorie Heritage Trust
- Ian Dicker (co-chair), owner and Chairman of Steritech Pty Ltd and former President of the Hawthorn Football Club
- Bill Kelly, former ACTU Secretary and current AFL Commissioner
- John Morse, former Managing Director of the Australian Tourist Commission and former Chairman of the Victorian Tourism Board
- Sarah Davies, Chief Executive of the Melbourne Community Foundation
- Karen Milward, Principal Consultant, Karen Milward Consulting
- Jason Mifsud, Chief Executive of the AFL Foundation
- Tim Chatfield, Structured Training and Employment Project Consultant
- Keira Martin, owner and Manager of KMM Solutions
- Gabrielle Trainor, Partner, John Connolly and Partners
- Roger Gillespie, Executive Chairman Bakers Delight Holdings.



# Celebration of our survival!

**New Year's hopes and resolutions**



WHILE most of the country celebrates the anniversary of the arrival of the British to Australia's shores on 26 January, many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will instead rejoice in their ongoing survival.

Concerts, barbecues, gatherings and other events are expected to draw crowds around the country.

A record six Indigenous Australians are also in the running for 2009 Australia Day awards.

In the final list for the Australian of the Year award are Mick Dodson (ACT), Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu (NT) and Ivan Copley (SA).

NSW Elder Lorraine Peeters and Patrick Dodson (Western Australia) will vie for the title of Senior Australian of the Year and footballer David Wirrpanda is a contender in the Young Australian of the Year category.

The winners will be announced by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd during a concert on the lawns in front of Parliament House in Canberra on the evening of 25 January.

## Sydney

In Sydney on Survival Day, the main event will be Yabun 2009 from noon to 6pm at Victoria Park, Broadway.

Presented by Gadigal Information Service, Yabun will feature a program that brings together politics, art and craft, literature, music and kids' activities.

The music line-up for the annual concert will include some of the best performers in Australia such as Kev Carmody, Tjumba and the Yung Warriors, Zennith and Auntie Cindy Drummond whose song *Ruby Red Lips* is a frequent request on Koori Radio.

They'll join emerging and seasoned performers like Vic Simms to make the main stage rock, while Auntie Wendy will perform on the Kids' stage and there'll be dance performances on the corroboree ground.

The Speak Out tent will launch the inaugural Kevin Cook Lecture, delivered by NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson Bev Manton. In the Literature and Arts tent there'll be talks on resale royalty and artists' rights. A panel of authors will discuss why they write, and some of Sydney's best rhymers and wordsmiths will strut their stuff in 'Wordclaim'.

There'll also be plenty of art and craft activities and work for sale, a Kids' Zone, the Jarjum tent for 'littles', and another tent where Elders can have a cuppa and catch

up with friends and relatives.

The Vibe Dance stage will feature 'Shake and Break' dance-offs and competitions in traditional and contemporary dance, and the Australian Football League (AFL) will host a new sports tent with interactive activities and a chance to meet some of the players.

## Adelaide

The National Aboriginal Cultural Institute - Tandanya will again host Survival Day celebrations in Adelaide.

The free event will start at 12.30pm and finish at 7pm, with activities within Tandanya on

(NITV) will be broadcasting live across the nation all day from Survival Day in the Rymill Park extension.

## Melbourne

Melbourne will host the Share The Spirit Festival 2009 in the Treasury Gardens.

The leafy surrounds will come to life with rock, roots, reggae and hip-hop, with a line-up including Bart Willoughby, singer-songwriters Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter and jazz performer Liz Cavanagh. Indigenous label Payback Records will present a hip-hop showcase hosted by Little G, and Aboriginal

presented by Songlines Aboriginal Music Corporation, supported by the City of Melbourne.

Survival Day will also be celebrated in the Melbourne suburb of Belgrave.

The community's second annual concert at the Cameo Outdoor Cinema on Burwood Highway, Belgrave will feature Indigenous artists including Lee 'Sonnyboy' Morgan and Band, Healesville Traditional Dance Troupe and Indigenous children's entertainer Sparkleland.

Elders Auntie Dot Peters and Uncle Henry will also speak at the event, and there'll be stalls selling Indigenous craft and bush foods.

Performer Lee Morgan said that by being there on that day 'we can honour those who came before us and move forward from the issues of the past'.

"Let us join together in unity to celebrate our land, friendship and respect for one another," he said.

## Canberra

Heading off from Sydney last week was a peace walk from the Aboriginal Tent Embassy at Victoria Park to the historic Aboriginal Embassy on the lawns opposite Old Parliament House in Canberra.

A barbecue was held on Wednesday to send-off the walkers, who aim to walk 25-30 km a day and reach the embassy in Canberra on the morning of 26 January.

The walk is being held in the name of Aboriginal sovereignty and a nuclear-free future.

## Launceston

An Invasion Day protest march will be held in Launceston on 26 January, departing from Launceston's Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre at 11am.

One minute's silence will be observed in respect of the lives lost and the land and rights that were taken. A cultural lunch will be provided.

A community camp will be held at Preminghana, at the top of Tasmania near Smithton, in the days leading up to the protest.

## Perth

Perth will feature Survival 2009, from 1-8pm at Fremantle Park.

The drug- and alcohol-free event is being presented by the Coalition of Peoples.

There will be a welcome to Country by Nyongar Elders, stalls, face painting, cultural displays, children's activities and more.

Entertainers will include Fitzroy Xpress, Yabu band, Abmusic band, Bushfires, Mary G and a range of dancers.

Francine Kickett has also arranged a fashion parade.

Share the Spirit will be



Flashback to dancing at last year's Yabun event in Sydney.

Grenfell Street and on the adjacent Rymill Park extension.

A full program of activities has been developed for all to enjoy including film screenings, storytelling, comedy acts, art and weaving workshops, circus workshops, dance and guest speakers.

There'll be music and performances by Kineman Karma, MERRg, Warren Milera Band, Owen Karpany, Cyclone Sun, Tempest and Monty Summer, Survival and One Blood Hidden Image throughout the day.

A barbecue will be put on by Mari Yerta, and Orange Outdoors is providing shade to ensure everyone can enjoy the festivities shielded from the sun.

Nunkuwarrin Yunti will have a mini-clinic, and a range of community stalls will have plenty for people to explore and purchase.

National Indigenous Television

dancers will perform throughout the day.

These artists will be joined by Sol Nation, including the members of some of Australia's top world and reggae groups, including Mista Savona, The Dili Allstars and the Briscoe Sisters.

"The theme of this year's festival is 'Let the Healing Begin'," said festival artistic director James Henry.

"Aboriginal music has played an important role in political change and bringing different cultures together in Australia. Now that the Australian Government has apologised, we, the people, need to begin the process of healing."

On top of non-stop music, Share the Spirit will feature environmental and healing stalls, as well as the Koori Market - where Indigenous artists and designers can sell their wares.



**KYLIE BELLING, Melbourne:** I want to be better at looking after myself in healthy ways and a better mother, sister, daughter, community member... And the most important resolution is be happy with who I am right now... and go from there.



**TED WILKES, Perth, WA:** I want to work more closely with our own people in Western Australia to help develop the Nyongar nation, and to resolve the issues around our young people and drugs, particularly those on the margins of our society.



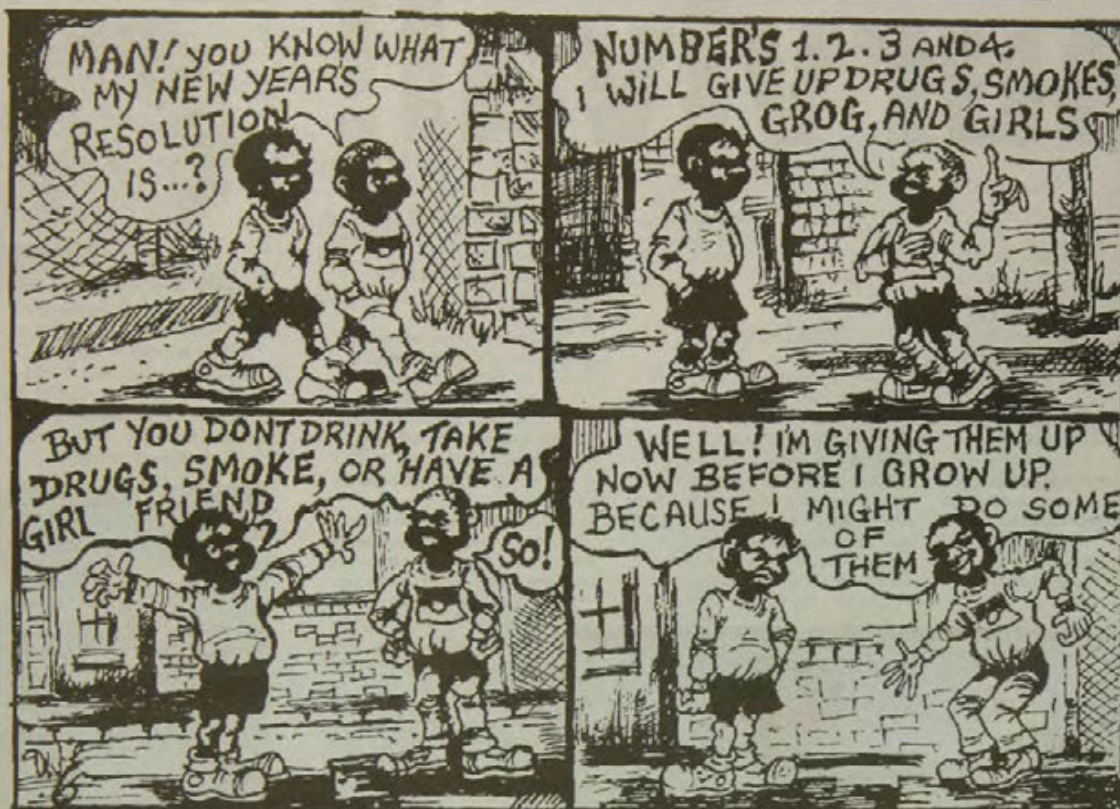
**HEATHER WARGENT, Cairns, Qld:** I want to find a steady job, move away from Cairns - new job, new life, that's about it."



**RUBY HUNTER, Regional South Australia:** To be good to myself and to be good to others and to help others enjoy happiness and show kindness and respect.



## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



### Quote



**'Let me make it quite clear as an Aboriginal representative of our old people, that we will not accept anything less than full compensation for the wages and entitlements that were stolen from them'**

— WA Stolen Wages campaigner Phil Moncrief

● See report page 6

### Unquote

## Good ideas for better health

OUR front-page report this edition floats two intriguing proposals both aimed at improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

There is a great deal of merit in Darwin psychiatrist Dr Robert Parker's call for a new national college for Indigenous health.

Under his proposal, such a college would take charge of the education and credentialing of all Indigenous health workers, advocate for those workers, conduct research and provide advice to governments.

The college would bring together health leaders, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to set standards for education and qualifications — something he intimates is sadly lacking at present.

Dr Parker's model calls for an 'equal partnership'. "We don't want a whole lot of whitefellas overwhelming the process," he told us.

That's a very important point, to put it mildly.

Funding, Dr Parker says, would be needed from government, but the college could move towards becoming self-funded.

The college is a great idea, and one any government interested in 'closing the gap' — and every Australian government says it is — should examine very closely.

Interesting, too, is Indigenous Land



### OUR SAY

Corporation Chairperson Shirley McPherson's call for remote communities to be compelled to plant fruit and vegetables as part of any work-for-the-dole activities.

Ms McPherson has a wealth of experience in a range of Indigenous endeavours. She is rightly concerned about the health problems faced by Indigenous people, many of these exacerbated by a lack of fresh fruit and vegetables.

The ILC leader says that aside from resulting in good food, her proposal would also provide motivation and meaningful physical activity for residents.

We don't know that forcing communities to grow their own produce is the right way to go, but the Government could certainly provide incentives to make it an attractive proposition.

Health — or the lack of it — is the number-one problem faced by Indigenous Australia.

Ideas like these are important if that yawning gap is going to be closed.

## A Yarn With...



### CATHY FAULKNER

Armidale, NSW

**What do you do?**

I'm a mum of five, nan of two and I work at the local community health centre as an Aboriginal Health Education Officer with the Aboriginal Mothers and Babies Service.

**Favourite bush tucker?**

Lemon.

**Favourite other food?**

My sister's watermelon salad.

**Favourite drink?**

Chocolate milk.

**Favourite music?**

Country — I love it.

**Favourite sport/leisure?**

I'm an all-rounder. Any sort of football.

**Favourite movie?**

Any love story with a happy ending — and *The Wizard of Oz*.

**Favourite holiday destination?**

Willawarrin (near Kempsey, NSW).

**What are you reading?**

*Better Homes and Gardens* and *Everyday Living*.

**What are you watching?**

Besides NITV, the *Lifestyle Channel*.

**What is your greatest highlight in life?**

Having children and being there when my grandkids were born.

**What do you like in life?**

Spending time with family.

**What don't you like?**

Anyone who shows ignorance towards Koori people.

**Who would you most like to meet and why?**

Diana, Princess of Wales, because she was a shaker and a mover and she did the right thing.

**If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Indigenous people?**

I'd put more money into Indigenous health and housing, and work to make life easier for Koori people.

**Koori Mail — 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned**



# Dear Minister...



Stephen Hagan

## HAGAN'S VIEW

● Stephen Hagan, 2006 NAIDOC Person of the Year, is an academic at the University of Southern Queensland, film-maker, award-winning author of *The N Word* and publisher of *Australia's Blackest Sporting Moments: The Top 100 and Melly and the Bilby*  
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This is a letter to Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin...

Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC) a Greek philosopher, student of Plato and teacher of Alexander the Great, once said: "Democracy arises out of the notion that those who are equal in any respect are equal in all respects; because men are equally free, they claim to be absolutely equal."

WITH a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) degree from the University of Melbourne you'd be comfortable in analysing facts and figures. In fact you would have done a lot of number crunching as well as endured many sleepless nights before gaining pre-selection for, and later winning, in 1996, the Federal seat of Jagajaga (aptly named after Aboriginal Elders who signed a land deal with John Batman in 1835, giving the white settlers 202,343 hectares of land at the north-west end of Port Phillip Bay - now the city of Melbourne).

You, Minister, would also have known the numbers within your party when you were elevated to Shadow Minister for Health and the Status of Women after the 1998 election and Senior Vice-President of the Australian Labor Party from 2000-04.

In 2004 and 2006 your star continued to rise when you became Shadow Minister for Education, Training, Science and

Research and Shadow Minister for Families and Community and Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation respectively.

Minister, you didn't just get those impressive portfolios gifted to you because of some strange affirmative action notion by your party members who thought of you as a brilliant, if not pugnacious, woman who deserved a fair go.

No Minister, those lofty portfolios that you acquired - presumably as part of a steady strategic climb towards your political summit - was the result of calculated choices and an adherence to the democratic process.

And from a cursory glance at your mounting resume, it would appear that you've won more contests than you've lost.

With a commerce degree you could easily have climbed the corporate ladder and be earning considerably more than you are at present.

But I guess the call to public duty and the allied allure of power for you - and indeed all your parliamentary colleagues - is the aphrodisiac that is more seductive than any other real or imagined substance, including the appeal of a significantly larger pay packet.

To inhale the intoxicating power as you walk the marble corridors of Parliament and to see its tangible effects from the stroke of your pen are experiences that very few Australians will ever realise.

But it is a goal nevertheless that is achievable through considerable effort on the part of people like yourself in testing their competence to win at the ballot box every three years.

Yes, Minister, I'm talking about the single most politically relatable word in our vocabulary - 'democracy' - which shapes the volatility of our global community today.

The news of world events featuring high-profile conflict centres of Zimbabwe, Iraq, Afghanistan and Russia - to name but a few - are in the headlines because of a desire of their populace to gain the right to vote or rather, in these cases, their inability to exercise that fundamental right.

Zimbabwe has a tyrant in

Robert Mugabe who lost the election last year but chose not to step down, instead flexing his considerable military muscle to change the goal posts and retain power.

Iraq and Afghanistan were ruled by tyrants, Saddam Hussein and the Taliban respectively, whose views on morality and justice so incensed Western nations that a fabricated story of weapons of mass destruction was the catalyst necessary for an Allied offensive on their sovereign nations.

Russia, on the other hand, last October rode roughshod over the sovereign nation of democratic Georgia to assert its might and ensure its political and economic interests were not in dispute with

attending the 2020 Summit in Canberra last April were clear in their recommendation to you to have an elected representative body as our national voice. And these weren't the views of uninformed people, but rather a collection of the best and brightest Indigenous minds on offer at the time.

The same sentiments were clearly spelled out to you, Minister, in a review conducted by your senior public servants who travelled extensively around the nation in the middle of 2008 to consult with Indigenous people on their preferred model for a representative body.

And just when everyone was winding down for the Christmas recess after a frustrating year of

witnessing failed social policies - most notably the vexed subject of the NT Intervention and its national implications - we read in the media that you appointed yet another review team to conduct further consultation in the New Year.

And if Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma's review team provides the same recommendations from his April summit as earlier review teams, will you seek another review Minister?

On 20 December, you were reported in *The Australian* as saying the 'Rudd Government has no intention of creating another ATSC'.

But, Minister, what exactly is 'another ATSC'?

And don't give me that well-worn rhetoric of greed and corruption allegedly rife within the last ATSC Board of Commissioners, which led to John

Howard and Mark Latham joining forces to disband the organisation, as the excuse to not create another ATSC.

My earliest recollections of a national elected representative body, the 1973 National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (NACC), under Gough Whitlam, and its successor, the National Aboriginal Conference (NAC), under Malcolm Fraser's administration, are of national pride which empowered a nation of fractured traditional owner groups.

If there was a criticism of the NACC and the NAC, chaired by Lois O'Donoghue and Jim Hagan (my father) respectively, it certainly wasn't one associated with corruption or greed but rather

of a concern by politicians and their senior public servants of its political influence at the national and international level.

So, Minister, please desist from feeding the media that nonsense about corruption with its linked inference that 'blackfellas can't be trusted with money and power', as it is just not plausible in these enlightened times.

John Howard sent our soldiers into battle over a fabricated story of weapons of mass destruction, and disseminated mistruths about Children Overboard and Tampa.

Did we say the democratic process was flawed and we ought to regress back to imperial control from the mother country because Australian politicians are corrupt and greedy?

And when Pauline Hanson and her One Nation political representatives at Federal and State level started a movement based on xenophobia, did the Government of the day throw them out of office? Even when there were major concerns about their propriety as a legal entity, did the Government close the door on them?

The answer to all these questions is a resounding no.

What happened in all these instances and what should now be afforded to Indigenous Australians in the light of the demise of ATSC, is the opportunity for us to determine, through the democratic process, who should lead us in these uncertain times.

And if you think Indigenous people are not intelligent enough to make an informed decision about their national representatives, then publicly come out and say so and then at least we know exactly where we all stand with you.

And please don't keep instigating more national reviews, at considerable cost to taxpayers, just so you can come up with one that will finally give you a quasi-mandate to eliminate an elected representative body from the national dialogue.

Labor Party politicians would like us all to think of them as 'the' party for the blue-collar worker; the supporter of the underdog; and an active proponent of the egalitarian adage of 'giving everyone a fair go'.

We ask for no special privilege but rather an equal say, as offered to mainstream Australians at election time, to vote for our elected representatives.

Minister Macklin, I'm sure you can find it in your heart to grant Indigenous people their democratic right to determine who should lead them at the national level in much the same manner as your constituents in Jagajaga offer you that privilege every three years.

As Aristotle once said: "Democracy arises out of the notion that those who are equal in any respect are equal in all respects; because men are equally free, they claim to be absolutely equal."



Jenny Macklin, the democratically-elected Federal Labor Member for Jagajaga and Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

its mineral rich and geographically strategic neighbour.

So why, Minister, do you support the use of lethal force in Iraq and Afghanistan - and closer to home in East Timor and the Solomon Islands - to ensure those sovereign nations adhere to the democratic way, and yet feel so self-righteous, in an imprecise media campaign, in excluding Indigenous Australians from that very process?

Indigenous people voted in large numbers for the Labor Party because they believed Labor leader Kevin Rudd when he said he would create a national representative body before the last election.

Indigenous delegates



# Now might be the right moment for native title

**A**USTRALIA celebrated the 15th anniversary of the start of the Native Title Act on New Year's Day 2009.

Fifteen years ago it was a different world for most Australians. But for Indigenous Australians, not enough has changed when it comes to recognition and protection of our rights to country and culture.

In 1993, the High Court handed down its famous Mabo decision, which finally recognised that Australia was not terra nullius (belonging to no one) when the British arrived.

After 200 years, the Mabo decision finally pulled off the blinkers and forced the country to face up to a history of dispossession, and the reality of policies that had devastated our Indigenous population.

In response to Mabo, after months of negotiations and the longest Parliamentary debate in history, the Native Title Act was finally passed and started on 1 January 1994.

Newspaper headlines at the time either acknowledged the past and

the need to make reparation for lost rights, or trumpeted doomsday warnings that native title would threaten suburban backyards – Hill's Hoist and all. Some even threatened that the new Act would scare off investment, cripple rural development and bring economic gloom for the nation.

But these threats have never eventuated. In fact, native title has disproven many of the doubts and fears raised 15 years ago.

There have been a number of stories of farmers, mining companies and governments using the native title system to formalise positive relationships with local Indigenous communities.

These relationships have changed markedly over the years, for example the Minerals Council of Australia which represents Australia's exploration, mining and minerals processing industry, now vocally supports Indigenous Australians' rights and their special connection to land and waters.

But the Native Title Act was originally limited in what rights it could recognise.



**TOM CALMA**

It was intended to be supported by a land fund and a social justice package. The social justice package never eventuated. Then in 1998, the Act was significantly amended to severely limit its operation even further, trampling Indigenous peoples' rights in the process. The end result is that we now

have a system where recognition of native title just isn't achievable for many Indigenous Australians. And alternative forms of land justice and social justice just simply aren't accessible for many, or are dependent on State or Territory policy.

Many obstacles must be overcome for the system to work well. For example, on average, it takes more than six years to finalise a contested claim; no compensation claim has ever been successful; and there are cases where the courts have denied recognising native title in the same breath as acknowledging that the peoples before them are the same peoples that owned that land at the time of colonisation more than 200 years ago.

But now, 15 years after the Act started, things have started to change. We have a new Federal Government promising a new relationship of partnership and respect with Indigenous peoples.

We've had the Prime Minister's National Apology to the Stolen Generations and he has committed

to closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia.

Now might just be the moment native title has been waiting for: It is on the agenda for the Close the Gap Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting in March, and we have an Attorney-General who is committed to making native title work better and ensuring all parties are focused on open and flexible negotiations, avoiding litigation, and achieving more beneficial and enduring outcomes from those negotiations.

We should use this impetus to seriously improve the native title system.

We can't afford to wait another 15 years to get the best out of our native title system and to have Indigenous peoples' rights recognised.

It can, and should, help to close the gap and ensure more government promises are not broken.

*"Tom Calma is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner"*



**SCREEN AUSTRALIA**

## Long Black Feature Program

### Call for applications

The **LONG BLACK** Feature Program is a strategic initiative of the Indigenous Branch of Screen Australia, aimed at encouraging and supporting Indigenous filmmakers to work in the longer format, and to bring to the screen feature stories authored and crafted by Indigenous people.

We are seeking to invest in the development of outstanding feature-length drama projects which are based on strong ideas, are well crafted, of varying styles and content, exhibit a high level of creative ambition and can demonstrate the possibility of being financed for production.

Selection will be made on the basis of a well-developed **treatment OR draft script** (if already written), with consideration given to the intrinsic merit of the story and the strength of the creative team.

Selected teams will receive development funding and support. A writer's Lab will be held in September/October 2009. A separate selection process will be held for the Lab.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 20 February 2009**

For further details contact

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Guidelines and application forms available online at:  
[http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/long\\_black](http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/long_black)

## Notice of the Cubbitch Barta Clan of the Dharawal People ILUA Authorisation Meeting

Notice of the meeting is given by Ms Glenda Chalker inviting persons who are members of the **Cubbitch Barta Clan of the Dharawal People** to attend the meeting. The meeting is for the purpose of authorising a proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) between the Cubbitch Barta Clan of the Dharawal People and the NSW State Government that allows for the granting of an easement for access to two properties.

The meeting will be held on  
**Saturday 21 February 2009 at 2.00pm**  
at 371 Remembrance Drive Camden Park NSW 2570.  
If you need further information please contact Glenda Chalker on 02 4684 1129 or 0427 218 425



## Discussion Paper on the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Strategic Framework

The NSW Office for Women's Policy has released a Discussion Paper on the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Strategic Framework. The Discussion Paper is an important part of the process involved in developing the Strategic Framework. It can be accessed from the Office for Women's Policy website, [www.women.nsw.gov.au](http://www.women.nsw.gov.au)

The Office for Women's Policy is inviting written submissions on the issues raised in the Discussion Paper. These submissions can be posted to the Manager, Violence Prevention Coordination Unit, Office for Women's Policy, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, GPO BOX 5341, Sydney NSW 2001 or e-mailed to [ypcu@dpcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ypcu@dpcc.nsw.gov.au) by 27 March 2009.

Consultations on the Discussion Paper will be held during 2009. Further details on the consultations will be provided on the Office for Women's Policy website in early 2009.

For more information about the consultations or to request a hard copy of the Discussion Paper please contact the Manager of the Violence Prevention Coordination Unit at (02) 9228 3141.



## Regional Pest Management Strategy

The Draft Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Pest Management Strategy has been released and is open for comment from members of the public.

The Regional Pest Management Strategy was developed in conjunction with industry stakeholder leaders and representatives of local and state government to assist with the co-ordination of a regional approach to pest management across the Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM region. The regional approach will lead to improved pest management results environmentally, culturally and financially and provide greater leverage for external pest management funding.

Members of the public can inspect the Draft Regional Pest Management Strategy and make written submissions to Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM by **Monday, 16 February 2009**.

The draft plan is available free of charge from: [www.bdtmrm.org.au](http://www.bdtmrm.org.au). Hard copies are available from Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM, 2 Maclellan Street, South Townsville or by phoning (07) 4724 3544.



## Call For 2009/2010 Grant Funding Applications

### Aboriginal Employment, Training and Enterprise Development

The NSW Department of Education and Training is seeking applications from eligible organisations in the NSW public, local government, private and community sectors wishing to provide services under the following programs:

- **ELSA DIXON ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**
- **NEW CAREERS FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE**
- **ABORIGINAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

The 2009/2010 program guidelines and application forms are available on the Department's website at [www.det.nsw.edu.au/eas/acomm](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eas/acomm) or by contacting Aboriginal Community Programs on (02) 9266 8350.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE COB  
FRIDAY 27 MARCH, 2009.**



# YOUR SAY



See page 27 for a tribute to Dr Archie Barton, a community leader who was always on the Anangu (Aboriginal) side.

## So, this is civilisation?

IN the news every day I am seeing more and more reports of alcohol-related violence in Australia.

It is overloading our hospital systems, and everywhere you look there are signs advertising alcohol.

It is promoted in the hospitality system, the outdoors, the workforce, fashion, holidaying, camping and of course, the big one – sport.

Why would more and more people not be using it? The proof is beyond doubt that the drug alcohol does create violence.

And another thing. Throughout the year we are all constantly urged to cut down on noise and air pollution.

Then on New Year's Eve in Sydney,

\$5.5 million worth of noise and air pollution (fireworks) is exploded over the city alone, with no respect for aged and ill people living within the explosion noise area, not to mention the animals and native wildlife, particularly birds, that usually rest at night.

**I've heard the word 'civilised' tossed around. I'm now wondering exactly what it means? I guess that mysterious elusive character 'somebody' is responsible.**

Let's not forget the thousands of homeless people trying to get some sleep in the city's parks, when sleep is their only respite from the pains of hunger. I wonder how the animals at Sydney's Taronga Park

Zoo fared throughout New Year's Eve.

And then there's the hoon car rally in Canberra (Summernats), where the main focus appears to be 'let's see who can produce the most noise, smoke, dust and carbon monoxide'.

I've heard the word 'civilised' tossed around. I'm now wondering exactly what it means?

I guess that mysterious elusive character called 'somebody' is responsible.

The whole scene is disgusting. I really do wonder how many hungry souls could be fed for one day with five-and-a-half-million dollars.

**HAROLD HUNT**  
St Mary's, NSW

## Poetry

### Coloured?

When I born, I black  
When I grow up, I black  
When I go in Sun, I black  
When I scared, I black  
When I sick, I black  
And when I die, I still black

And you white fellow...  
When you born, you pink  
When you grow up, you white  
When you go in sun, you red  
When you cold, you blue  
When you scared, you yellow  
When you sick, you green  
And when you die, you gray

And you calling me coloured?

*This poem was sent to us by regular reader Irene Kwasha, who lives in Western Australia. Irene tells us it was written by an African child and was nominated by the United Nations as the best poem of 2008.*

### What it takes to be a white man

When they came into this country they had nowhere to go so they took a little of your land.

With all the work ahead they realised they couldn't do it alone so they took a bit of your free labour.

Out in the sticks they felt alone no-one there to comfort them so they took a little love of your wives.

But who was to clean up their houses? And wash their dirty clothes? To do it they took some of your kids.

It was a hard time, money was scarce but without it they don't work so they took small amounts of your wages.

Then you wanted rights on your own you marched the streets in protest but it took them little to ignore this.

Now they've settled this wonderful country yes, they've been working hard for it. White man showed again what it takes.

*(The poem expresses my disgust on what happened to Aboriginal people. Personally I try to express my passion for Aboriginal culture in writing articles for my website at [www.CreativeSpirits.info](http://www.CreativeSpirits.info))*

**JENS KORFF**  
By email

# Rolf was right

I READ the story on Rolf Harris (*The Koori Mail*, 3 December and 17 December 2008) and I've got to say that I totally agree with him.

We are our worst enemy sometimes. When Harris mentioned that we should clean up our own communities, then we should.

Instead of waiting for the white man to come and clean for us we've got to do these things for ourselves. Are we that lazy we have to sit around and wait for them to give us handouts and do things for us?

Rolf Harris left these shores something like 40 years ago, came back, and it hasn't changed.

For those who are pretty upset at what he said, isn't that telling you something?

It's happening everywhere in

Aboriginal communities. It's here on Palm Island.

There is no pride in the hearts of some of our people. I have mentioned this a few times to our people here: To take pride in what you've got, please look after what we have.

It starts in each household with the parents passing on to children not to vandalise by

destroying council properties and public facilities. They were put in place for people's own use and enjoyment.

Anyway, good on Rolf Harris. Maybe now Murris, Kooris and everyone

**Maybe now Murris, Kooris and everyone else might wake up and start cleaning up their own act instead of passing the blame to others.**

else might wake up and start cleaning up their own act instead of passing the blame on to others.

**MICK THAIDAY**  
Palm Island, Qld

## Rolf Harris apologises for slur on Aboriginal people



Australian television presenter Rolf Harris has apologised for his 1968 TV show 'The Rolf Harris Show' which featured a 'black and white' theme.

Harris' comments, made during a 2008 interview on 27 November for an Australian radio station, were widely reported in the media.

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Rolf Harris inspects a portrait of a woman in the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra on 2 December. A portrait of Eddie Mabo is also visible.

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*The Koori Mail's report on Rolf Harris in the 17 December edition.*

## Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

this will increase your chances of being published.

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

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

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

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# DON'T TURN A NIGHT OUT

On average, 1 in 4 hospitalisations of  
people aged 15-24 happen because of alcohol.

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# INTO A NIGHTMARE

  
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# Panel key to 'right' body

THERE is a real need for a national Aboriginal voice – one that speaks frankly about the needs of Aboriginal people and has no fear of government.

The chances of the right sort of body getting set up depends on the processes put in place by the Indigenous panel of Tom Calma: Will they reject (Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister) Jenny Macklin's increasing demands for the shape of the national body to be as she wants, or will they capitulate?

The early signs are not good. The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) is involved in the process from the word go.

That department will advertise for expressions of interest in going to the national summit and will therefore have a full list of Aborigines interested. It can monitor who is applying, and maintain records of individuals who applied because there is no legal obligation on them to destroy the information they collect.

FaHCSIA is obliged to share personal information it has with Centrelink, Child Support

Agency, Federal and State police and, yes, even ASIO. As names and addresses of people must be on the applications, cross-checking by public servants can locate warrants to be executed, dole recipients and child support offenders. Hardly a process independent of government.

Allowing government such a degree of early involvement about who may become involved in a national body also gives the perception that there

the body by the Aboriginal people who put them there.

A national black voice must be free, and seen to be free, to speak on behalf of all Aboriginal people. Funding from the private sector may lead to a real conflict of interest where local Aboriginal people are in conflict with the supplier of monies.

Mining companies are a good example. There would be a perception at least, that the national body is not free to condemn mining companies making billions while the traditional owners remain destitute because the national body is beholden to the mining companies.

Funding is another reason why government must be kept at arms length from the processes leading up to establishing the national body, and afterwards.

The Government must give a commitment to fund the group and have no more formal or informal involvement.

So far, things are looking a bit grim.

**MICHAEL MANSELL**  
Aboriginal Provisional  
Government  
Launceston, Tasmania

**The body must be credible in the eyes of Aboriginal people, be completely independent of government influence and its members capable of being removed from the body by the Aboriginal people who put them there.**

is strong government influence.

The Government should resource the panel to act independently to invite people to the summit, but not involve itself beyond that function. Local Aboriginal organisations, rather than Federal departments, can also help.

The body must be credible in the eyes of Aboriginal people, be completely independent of government influence and its members capable of being removed from

## We need places in governments

I AM writing about the report 'Summit on rep body' in *The Koori Mail*, 17 December 2008.

In it, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin was quoted as saying 'We recognise how important it is that Indigenous people have a voice and a means to express it'.

If the Rudd Government recognises it's important for our people to have a voice, I say on behalf of all Aborigines across all States and Territories: Let the Government begin by establishing Aboriginal positions within Federal, State and Territory governments.

We Aborigines must have our own politicians in those governments for our voices to be heard!

It's fine to have a 'national representative body', but governments in the past have had Aboriginal representative bodies, and where have they gotten us?

We Aborigines are the most documented group of people in the world, yet we still have poor health, education, employment and housing conditions.

### Voices

Now we hear talk of yet another new body to give us a voice. Surely our voices have spoken over the years.

I say that it is now time for our people to have our own politicians in these governments where our voice will be heard and represented.

Without Aboriginal politicians to represent our people, I feel strongly that there will be no improvements – ever!

Who best understands an Aborigine? Someone who has lived the life.

There are many honest folk amongst us who we have not heard of. These are the people we want as our voice, for the unheard voices are the genuine folk with the solutions and ideas who will speak for all Aborigines.

Thank you to *The Koori Mail* for the excellent coverage of Aboriginal issues for 2008.

I look forward to more in 2009.

**LES RIDGEWAY**  
Bonny Hills, NSW

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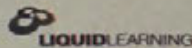
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## Australian Government

## Indigenous Program Funding Opportunities

The Australian Government is providing funding to organisations to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to deliver the following programs:

- National Arts and Crafts Industry Support Program
- Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records Program
- Indigenous Culture Support Program
- Indigenous Broadcasting Program
- Indigenous Heritage Program
- Indigenous Women's Program
- Public Awareness Program
- Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program
- Prevention, Diversion, Rehabilitation and Restorative Justice Program
- Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Program
- Law and Justice Advocacy Development Program
- Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) Program

Organisations that are committed to working in partnership with government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and want to make a difference in the community, are encouraged to apply.

For information on each of these programs and how to apply visit  
[www.indigenous.gov.au](http://www.indigenous.gov.au)

Organisations have the opportunity to apply using the Electronic Submissions Online (eSub) from 12 December 2008. Alternatively, contact your local Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) for more information by phoning National 1800 079 098, Nhulunbuy 1800 089 148, Kalgoorlie 1800 193 357 and Kununurra 1800 193 348.

Funding submissions for all Programs, except the Public Awareness Program (PAP), must be lodged online or at your nearest ICC by 5 pm 20 February 2009. Applications for PAP funding may be submitted throughout the year through ICCs. This includes funding for NAIDOC activities.

[www.indigenous.gov.au](http://www.indigenous.gov.au)



# Time is running out, Australia

I WOULD vote for the Greens every time but they'll never obtain control of the Lower House in Parliament, so Labor it is. The Senate is a Green choice.

I am an Aboriginal person and we have watched the rape and pillage of our lands, creeks, rivers and seas for a very long time to where we are today.

Yet governments, big business and vested interests continue to dominate both social and political policy – leaving citizens and the environment hungry and desolate, awaiting positive change.

When city and urban Australia

becomes too expensive to live in, I will return to my tribal lands, paid for after borrowing money from the banks to buy it back, to fish, hunt and gather food. Sounds selfish, but what the heck.

The Labor Party has been in government Federally just over 12 months and they are frightened by big business or fearful to make tough economic decisions as they believe too many people will become unemployed on their watch.

The Opposition enjoys the same ideology as those who thrust the world economy into

financial failure, causing recession.

Now we have the bailouts to the captains of commerce, draining the potential positive investment opportunities to be more proactive, in addressing the redesigning of our economies, adopting sustainable and/or 'close loop' production.

We need to change the way we do business and to respect nature and our environment, or there'll be no businesses to provide the sustainable goods and services in which to derive profits.

Indigenous/village lifestyles will once again become the key to providing food and to live a sustainable life.

We have much to learn from indigenous cultures around the world. No longer can commerce dominate our environment, where our farms have become polluting factories, producing dollars rather than food.

Aboriginal Australians have known about and witnessed the way in which our environment has been plundered since Federation: Killing the rivers, poisoning the water holes, cutting down the

trees, overstocking the country with cloven-hoofed animals, introducing rabbits, cane toads and carp; contaminating the air we breathe, polluting the estuaries and the reefs.

And all in the name of progress.

White, brown, yellow, black Australia! Time is running out. Continue to kill the environment in which we live and you will have no choice but to become hunter-gatherers.

**BARRY WHITEHEAD**  
Hyde Park, Qld

## Looking for...

### McCall Family

I AM writing on behalf of my grandmother Mrs Nora Anne Livermore. We're trying to find some of her family.

My grandmother was a Duncan before she married my late Pop whose name was Claude Charles Livermore. They were married in a place called Bundarra, which is near the Inverell and Tingha areas (north-western NSW). She now lives in Tamworth and has done so for more than 30 years, along with most of her extended and immediate family.

My grandmother has asked if there's anyone who would know the McCall family, who lived in and left Bundarra at least 60 years ago. They moved to Glen Innes for a while, then to Wallangarra, in Queensland, where they apparently lived all their lives.

The names of these people are as my grandmother gave them to me and are as follows: The eldest was Patricia or Patsy McCall, (now deceased), Dixie McCall, Peggy McCall, (also deceased), Myrtle McCall, and Isabelle McCall, who all supposedly live in Brisbane now.

Patricia McCall married an Englishman and moved to the United Kingdom, where we understand she still has living children.

If readers can help me in any way possible, it would be very much appreciated.

**ALFRED LIVERMORE**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Any readers who can help with the information Alfred is seeking can contact *The Koori Mail*. We'll pass the information on.

## Info needed

I AM searching for my family.

I am now called Suzanne, but my name at birth was Susan Hodges. In 1965, when I was an infant, my siblings and I became wards of the state in New South Wales.

I am now 43 and living in Canberra. I have been researching my family history and discovered that my mother (deceased in 1979) was born in Broken Hill and was Aboriginal. Apparently she was born in Moonta, South Australia, in 1909.

I have an information sheet about her which says 'Tribe name – Narranga – number 365 Tribal Name Androssan'. Does this mean anything to any readers?

I want to find out about my heritage and my people.

Could anyone with any information please contact me.

**SUZANNE HODGES**  
suziet@grapevine.com.au

# Leaders need to lift game!

THE horrendous plight of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continues to happen in our communities around Australia.

I say our Indigenous leaders in this country who are in high positions need to step their game up.

No disrespect to anybody, but I am totally sick of seeing our mob still living in poverty today.

These leaders need to get off their backsides and make a better contribution to the lives of the present and future generations to come, especially the grassroots bama (Aboriginal person) in the communities.

For too long our people who have

been in those high positions have abused their powers time and time again, just for the sake of their own pockets and their own families around Australia.

Our people are not courageous when it comes to standing up for their rights in a proper fashion.

Everyone has an opinion in any home or pub conversation, but as for bringing their opinion out in the open, they are ashamed.

Our people need to take a leaf out of Murrando Yanner's or Sam Watson's book, and stand up to the Government however and whatever way we can by writing a letter to them or by speaking in their faces or in a public rally whenever

they are near your neck of the woods. And another thing regarding the Old Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) ... our people have much bigger problems besides alcohol. The Government can't even touch other problems and won't have a bar of them.

It has to be said that Indigenous leaders within Australia need to step up their game in a big way with a stronger voice and righteous will.

I wouldn't like to see my children still seeing their families in Qld living in poverty 20 years down the line.

**BRAD HIGGINS**  
Yarrabah, Qld

# Leadership is required

EVERY week I read articles in *The Koori Mail* and other newspapers. I marvel at the expertise of indigenous people in areas like arts, employment, education, culture, dance, politics, ingenuity, business and a host of others not mentioned.

I also recognise the talents of Aboriginal people to manage their organisations and look after their communities and businesses extremely efficiently.

Our people are very resilient and we don't forget our families in providing love, assistance, understanding and compassion. We continue to share all our worldly goods with our relatives.

So with all the brilliant Indigenous people I read about, why haven't we formed an 'Indigenous Leadership Party' inclusive of all the areas that I have mentioned?

Why are we waiting for the

Government to nominate and set up a leadership body to oversee and make recommendations on Indigenous issues/affairs when we are the sole experts on what our communities need and want?

Is there anyone out there with the guts to try and start our own Indigenous/Aboriginal organisation that is independent of government?

Do our people want to be dictated to by government-appointed people all our lives?

If there are such organisations out there, could they please contact me on the details below and possibly let the other Indigenous/Aboriginal people know by putting a response article in *The Koori Mail*.

**JOHN CLARK**  
Taree, NSW  
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Mob: 0437 149 386

## Respect the key to our survival

I AM writing in response to a letter by Sharon Livermore (KM, 3 December 2008). I enjoyed this article and it occurred to me that because the land owns us and we are the land, when we abuse ourselves and others, we are also destroying our land.

White people destroy the land differently. Also, when Gubbas put us down they are in fact putting themselves down. But if we agree with them and continue to self-destruct, and self-harm, we provide employment for them, in terms of social workers and so on.

As you say Sharon, we are capable of helping ourselves, and we should choose to remember that our traditional people did not put themselves above the land or their people. Everyone worked for the good of the land and the group, (the law of reciprocity said that there was no such thing as a free lunch).

An ABO is an Australian Born Original person, and we should be proud of who we are. After all, Baiame did not teach us self-harm or abuse of others as part of Aboriginal law, did he?

We survived 60,000 years with the law of respect and that also means respect of ourselves, the land and our families.

**DIANA ROSE YOKA**  
Address supplied



## In memory of 'Gunnawarra' Elder

### REG MATTHEWS

4 November 1934 –  
28 November 2008

**R**EG MATTHEWS, recognised by many as an Elder and traditional owner of Gunnawarra Station, near Mount Garnet (north Qld), passed away recently.

Reg was born at Gunnawarra Station on 4 November 1934 to Archie and Chloe Matthews. His family were members of the Jirrbal and Warrungu clans. His sister Thelma was born two years later.

Archie Matthews had a serious horse riding accident in 1937 and became very sick. The family had to leave Gunnawarra to go to

Brisbane to get special medical attention.

Archie stayed in Brisbane while Chloe and the children were sent to live on Palm Island. Archie died while in Brisbane, leaving Chloe a widow with two small toddlers to stay permanently on Palm Island.

In 1941 Chloe married Stan Lenoy and left Palm Island to live in Ayr. Stan was the only father the Matthews children really ever knew.

Reg was sent to school at Jarvisfield, but left at an early age to work with Stan in the canefields.

In 1951 at age 17, Reg began



Reg Matthews pictured recently at Gunnawarra Station, north Queensland.

work at the Pioneer sugar mill. He used to ride a bike all the way from Plantation Creek to the mill, even during night shifts.

Reg registered with the army

for National Service and was stationed in Brisbane. One of his duties was to hold back the crowds when Queen Elizabeth II visited the Qld capital in 1954.

Reg met Grace Smallwood and they were married in 1954. They had three children, Keala, Reginald and Chloe. After his army service, Reg returned to the Pioneer mill but left in 1955 to join Queensland Railways, where he was posted to Proserpine for a number of years. He would work the rail lines out west and at sidings between Proserpine and Townsville, while Grace and the children stayed in Ayr.

Reg and his family left Ayr to live in Townsville, where they resided in Aitkenvale. Reg became very involved with Central Tigers Junior League Club. In fact a trophy was named in his honour.

Reg's birthdays often fell on Melbourne Cup days, and he celebrated his 74th birthday on Melbourne Cup day last year.

Chloe and Stan added to their family by having Leta, Miles, Maureen, Bonnie, Penny, Guy and Peter.

Reg and Thelma, who were very close, passed on within one month of each other, and the Lenoy family are left with very fond memories of their loving big brother Reg and loving big sister Thelma. They will be missed very much. — Peter Lenoy

# Leader of the Anangu



The late Dr Archie Barton

**A**RCHIE BARTON graduated from the 'university of hard knocks' and for 20 years led the Maralinga people with distinction and quietly administered one-tenth of South Australia.

He was equally at home in the desert, the boardroom and the corridors of Whitehall (seat of the British Government).

Archie was born near the Barton Railway Siding (hence his name) on what is now the Maralinga Lands. His mother was a local Aboriginal woman. Official records described his father as a 'white man of unknown identity'.

Archie and his siblings were brought up at the Ooldea Mission. He recalled hiding behind the skirts of (renowned welfare worker) Daisy Bates when Aborigines Protection Board officials came to Ooldea to take the 'half-caste' children away.

Ultimately he was removed by those officials to the Umewarra Children's Home near Port Augusta, about 500km away. Archie never saw his mother again, a point he made forcefully to Prime Minister John Howard during the debate over the apology to the stolen children.

At 14, the Umewarra Mission arranged work for him on a pastoral property. On his

first day at work on Bon Bon Station his evening meal was served to him on the woodpile. In disgust, he started to walk off the station until a kindly book-keeper interceded. From then on, all Aboriginal stockmen ate at the dinner table with the manager and his family.

Archie worked throughout the SA west coast on farms and as a labourer. He came to Adelaide and held down city employment until years of alcoholism and subsequently tuberculosis took their toll. When his doctor told him that if he did not stop drinking he would die, he stopped immediately. After 12 months in a sanatorium, he was employed by the Woma Society, an Aboriginal alcohol rehabilitation service at Port Augusta.

When the Maralinga people were given back their lands by the State Government in 1985, Archie was asked by the traditional owners to represent them as the Administrator of Maralinga Tjarutja, the

land-holding body established under the Land Rights Act. He held that position from 1985 to 2005.

He led the campaign to rehabilitate the nuclear test sites at Maralinga to enable his people to return to those lands safely and for compensation. His campaign included leading two delegations of

traditional owners to negotiate with the British Government in London in 1991 and 1992.

He developed an instant rapport with Lord Cranbourne, the British junior Defence Minister who had spent a year in Australia as a jackaroo and to whom Archie presented two bags of plutonium-contaminated Maralinga sand.

In 1995, Archie's campaign resulted in the Australian Government paying compensation of \$13.5 million into a Trust Fund established by the Maralinga people and in a further clean-up of the sites. He chaired the highly successful Maralinga Piling Trust for its first ten years.

He was also a director of the Imparja Television network from 1989 to 2005 and a member of the National Indigenous Council in 2004-5. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1989 and awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of South Australia in 1996.

Yami Lester, a Yankunytjatjara Elder who attributes his blindness to the first British atomic test at Emu in 1953, said: "(Archie Barton) was a very strong and honest man. He was always on the Anangu (Aboriginal) side."

Archie had no children of his own but enjoyed a long relationship with Mary Harrison and became a loving and very generous father to a number of Mary's daughters, nieces and grandchildren.

The last three years of his life were not spent as he would have wished, after his employment and his relationship fell apart in 2005.

However, he will be remembered as a great leader and role model for the Maralinga people.

His charm, self-effacing determination and patient wisdom engendered respect from Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in all walks of life. — Andrew Collett

### Dr ARCHIE BARTON, OAM

Born Barton Railway Siding, South Australia,  
24 April 1936

Passed away Ceduna, South Australia,  
18 October 2008



Elders  
Tea Room

Bakoi Boulton, left, has been living in northern NSW for the past 28 years, but she was a leader in the Torres Strait Islander dance troupe Tagai Zugubau at the Murri Stage. She is taking a break in the Elders Tea Room with Noel Blaira, a Jinibari man and a custodian of the Woodford Folk Festival site, Aunty Pat Leavy, of the Kooma people of south-west Queensland who now lives on the Gold Coast, and Dawn Daylight, a Jararagoa woman, from Ipswich.



Tweed Coast's Max Judo works the crowd up at the Murri Stage during one of its four sets over the course of the festival.

# Wonderful



While now based in Cairns, Tongan woman Melissa Sinclair still considers herself a Sydney girl.



North Queenslander and associate lecturer Vernon Ah Kee talks about the difference between being a painter and an artist. He is from the Kuku Yalandji, Waanji, Yidindji and Gugu Yimithirr peoples of north Queensland.



Elder of the Kooma people around Cunnamulla area, Uncle Herb Wharton (centre) takes some time out with relatives and new friends (either side of Uncle Herb) Sarah, 8, and Jack Robertsfield, 9, of Woodford, and (back from left) Emily Robertsfield, 14, Woodford; Lilitia Reynolds, 12, Woodford; Brad Fenwick, 14, Gold Coast; Paul Christie, Cairns; Nathanael Leavy, 12, Brisbane; Celine Mielcarek, France; and Destini Simpson from Kilcoy.



Mandala and Gordon Pudangamirri came south from the Tiwi Islands for Woodford and caught up with Aunty Pat Leavy and Willie Brim.



Linda Wharton and Patricia Thompson came from Cunnamulla to enjoy Woodford.

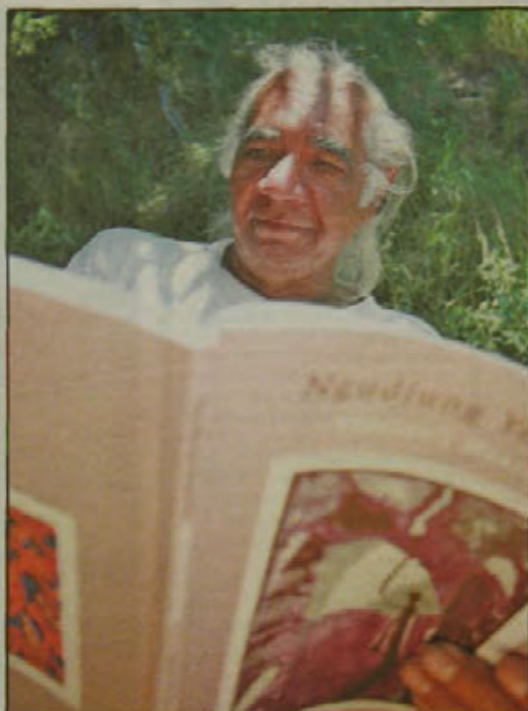


Members of Zennith Lindsay Snider (didg player, drummer and vocalist) and Aden Brim (drum, guitar and vocals) hang out before one of their four sets. The four-member group has emerged from Bulwai country in far north Qld to become a festival favourite.





The Akee family, Yontea, 7, Rashida, 11, Leo and Ellen travelled from Thursday Island to perform with Tagai Zugubau at Woodford. The troupe was named to encompass the different language groups of the Torres Strait Islands. The words Tagai refers to stars/constellations in the language groups from Mer, Boigu, Moa and Thursday Island, while Zugubau is a western islands word with roughly the same translation.



Singer/songwriter and activist Bobby McLeod catches up on some reading at Woodford.

# Woodford!

Report and photos by EMILY MURPHY



MAJOR Indigenous acts were again a feature at the Woodford Folk Festival, held just north of Brisbane from 27 December - 1 January. The Murri Stage was one of the most popular venues, attracting acts including the acclaimed Street Warriors, Zennith, Max Judo and OKA.

There was also plenty of opportunities for emerging acts to lift

their profiles, with more than 120,000 people attending over the six days.

The Murri Stage was the key gathering place to see and hear Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island music, lectures and dance, but Indigenous acts also featured on venues across the Woodford site.

Didgeridoo master William Barton, television personality and comedian Ernie Dingo and leading academic Professor Mick Dodson were among the diverse range of people treading the boards or casually speaking from the

sand dance area in front-of-stage.

The action at the Murri Stage complimented the likes of international acts including Ash Grunwald, Augie March, Lior, Josh Pike as well as indigenous groups from the Sudanese, Tibetan, Azadi and Mongolian communities.

Held on Jinibari land near Woodford, this was the 23rd festival. It was organized by the Queensland Folk Federation, which is also responsible for The Dreaming festival which this year will be held from 5-8 June.



Torres Strait Islander Elder Bakol Boulton from Mer Island teaches Zoe Ware, 12, from Caloundra, the tricks of palm weaving.



ABOVE LEFT: Enthralled in learning to weave palm fronds in the Torres Strait Islander tradition were Madhava and Asta Godden, from Murwillumbah in northern New South Wales.

ABOVE: In the Gallery South at Woodford were Richard Blackman, from Nambour in Qld, and Woodford Volunteer Sal Stent, from Palm Beach on the Gold Coast.

LEFT: Among the guest speakers were leading academic Professor Mick Dodson. Here he is telling the audience that among the welcome changes as a result of the apology to the Stolen Generations is the official welcome to country at the start of Parliamentary sessions.



Boigu Island man Masepah Banu looking forward to some watermelon.



## Radioactive waste report findings welcomed



ABORIGINAL people and conservationists have welcomed a Senate inquiry report that calls for laws designed to fast-track the dumping of radioactive waste on Aboriginal land in the

Northern Territory to be scrapped.

They want the Federal Government to act quickly on the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts recommendation to promptly repeal the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act 2005 (CRWMA).

The majority report, released on 18 December, said the legislation was deeply flawed and not a suitable foundation on which to build Australian nuclear waste policy.

It said there was 'no sound jurisdiction for targeting of the Northern Territory' and that policy should instead be based on voluntary engagement, rather than coercion; legally fair, equitable and transparent; based on trust built through stakeholder engagement; and grounded in sound science and best practice.

The Alice Springs-based Central Land Council said its constituents would be very heartened by the committee's recommendations. "For them the entire process surrounding the proposed waste dump, including this draconian legislation was just another coercive, unilateral action against their deepest wishes," said Chief Executive Officer David Ross.

"Two of the proposed waste dump sites - Mt Everard and country adjoining Alcoota - are in our area and traditional owners of both proposed sites have remained steadfast in their opposition.

"From the beginning, this whole exercise of finding a home for a nuclear waste dump has been fraught with bully-boy tactics to dump a dump on us, cooked up by people in Canberra who assume the Northern Territory is some kind of deserted moonscape."

Mr Ross congratulated the majority of committee members who had realised that the entire process was a 'grotesque machination' of the former Howard Government.

Natalie Wasley from the Beyond Nuclear Initiative in Alice Springs said the report acknowledged the need for voluntary engagement in site selection processes, as well as access to legal appeal mechanisms.

The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) said the Senate report should set the basis for the development of 'a responsible, credible and inclusive approach to radioactive waste management in Australia'.



Dancer and Kurruru tutor Kevin Agius as he appears in the Binnanendi 09 calendar.

## Calendar shows positive picture of young SA men



A NEW calendar is challenging stereotypes of young Aboriginal men and taking a fresh new look at the positive roles they play in the South Australian community.

Binnanendi 09 was produced by Kurruru Youth Performing Arts in Port Adelaide and photographed by Adelaide photographer Shane Reid. Binnanendi is a local Kaurna word that means 'to grow up into manhood'.

Members of Adelaide's Aboriginal community expressed concern last year at the local media's portrayal of Aboriginal people, especially boys and young men.

Kurruru's Boys Program Officer Nick Leidig said the calendar images challenged negative, stereotypical portrayals of young Aboriginal men and boys with positive images.

"It reveals that young black men are

out there quietly achieving, out of the media spotlight, in a variety of ways and are proud to be Aboriginal and part of the ancient culture of this land," he said.

Dancer and Kurruru tutor Kevin Agius was one of the project participants.

"I feel proud to express myself in a cultural way," said the talented 17-year-old. "Culture isn't just me; it is passed down to each generation from the Dreamtime."

### Journey to manhood

The Binnanendi 09 calendar is part of a bigger arts and cultural project called Binnanendi, which will use performing arts, digital and visual storytelling to explore the ways boys find their journeys to manhood, responsibility and culture.

The images from the calendar will find their way into a photography exhibition and multi-media catwalk extravaganza to be held during the 2009 Come Out

festival.

SA's new Ambassador for Youth Opportunity Gavin Wanganeen launched the Binnanendi 09 calendar at Port Adelaide's Tauondi College last month.

"Having pride in yourself is important if you want to achieve your ambitions in life," said the former Port Power Captain. "Binnanendi 09 is great because it increases self-esteem, which is something everyone struggles with at times."

The project and Kurruru's Boys Program has been supported by the SA Government's Social Inclusion Initiative, the Federal Attorney-General's Department, the Australia Council for the Arts and the SA Youth Arts Board.

Binnanendi 09 can be ordered from Kurruru for \$16.50 plus postage. Contact Kurruru on tel (08) 8341 1150 or email info@kurruru.org.au

# NT bilingual backflip



THE Northern Territory Government watered down its approach to bilingual education in December following criticism by two

Federal Labor politicians who said the policy was 'questionable' and should be delayed.

NT Education Minister Marion Scrymgour had announced in October that the first four hours of every school day must be taught in English. The policy - which affected the region's nine remaining bilingual schools - was to be in place by the first school term of this year.

The Country Liberals attempted

to scrap bilingual education 10 years ago but an outpouring of dissent from teachers, politicians and parents forced them to abandon the move.

On 15 December, the NT Government denied that it was performing a similar backflip, despite announcing a number of concessions to the policy.

They included a year's transition period and further consultation, with the changes to be fully implemented by 2010.

There will also be some instruction in local Indigenous language and individual agreements will be brokered, such as one school which will be allowed to teach in the local

Indigenous language on Wednesdays.

Ms Scrymgour was adamant her Government still intended to push ahead with the policy.

"It's not deviating from what our position is," she told ABC radio before Christmas.

### 'Transition'

"I've agreed to transition the policy in, work with the communities, work with the schools ... to get the implementation right."

Ms Scrymgour said not all of the bilingual schools were opposed to the policy and she intended to work with all of the communities 'to develop their models'.

But, she conceded, instruction in English would now be through the children's first language.

Earlier in December, Labor senator Trish Crossin wrote to the NT Government and urged it to postpone any changes and commission some 'up-to-date' research.

Federal MP for Lingiari Warren Snowdon had also spoken publicly on the issue, throwing his full support behind bilingual education.

He said the program had been ignored by successive NT governments and needed more funding and staff.

Ms Scrymgour denied she had handled the issue of bilingual education poorly, after failing to

consult with communities until after the policy announcement on October. "It's not a simple process that we have to go through in terms of making these changes ... we have to fix up our education system, as painful and as hard as it is," she said.

Opposition Leader Terry Mills said Ms Scrymgour's backflip meant her credibility had 'sunk to new lows'. "Bilingual education isn't the reason education standards in Aboriginal communities continue to fall," he said. "It's poor ministerial leadership, inadequate classroom and resource support, non-existent curriculum reform, low morale and poor school attendances." - AAP



# The tributes pour in for a great fighter

**NSW** TRIBUTES have flowed for an Aboriginal activist from western New South Wales described as a 'great fighter' and 'true friend'. George Rose OAM, or 'Bandit' as he was widely and affectionately known, passed away in the week before Christmas.

NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) Chairperson Bev Manton said the State had lost a great fighter for Aboriginal rights and justice.

"George Rose, who was 82, had been at the forefront of our people's fight for recognition and equality for most of his life," Ms Manton said.

A Yuwaalaraay man born at Angledool in 1926, Mr Rose was taken with his brother to Kinchela Boys Home in 1935. However, his mother Linda Fernando, with the aid of Aboriginal activist Bill Ferguson, successfully lobbied for their return to Brewarrina Reserve as Angledool Reserve had been closed in 1936.

Ms Manton said Mr Rose had lived a varied and active life. Briefly in the Army, he then became a shearer and a union activist until 1971 when he co-founded and managed the north-west branch of the NSW



The late George Rose

Aboriginal Legal Service, a position he held until 1995.

He also started the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service and was elected to various positions. He was an ATSIC councillor, he chaired the Walgett CDEP, Walgett's Koolyangaarra Preschool, the Walgett Local Aboriginal Land Council and also the North West Regional Land Council. He also held the position of Inaugural Chair of the Gamilaroi Goondi Community Working Party and co-founded the Dharriwaa Elders Group in 1998. "These are but some of his many fantastic achievements," Ms Manton said.

Mr Rose was also one of the few remaining local Aboriginal Elders who spoke fluently their native language.

Ms Manton said he would be missed.

"I've lost a friend and mentor, and Aboriginal people have lost a respected Elder and all-round great person," she said.

Members of the Mudi Paaki Regional Assembly, including chairperson Sam Jeffries, also expressed sadness at Mr Rose's passing and paid tribute to his involvement in the legal service, the Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) and Elders' group.

They noted that in his younger days he was one of the 'Freedom Riders' whose actions led to the passing of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act.

"Uncle George's whole life was devoted to the furtherance of Aboriginal rights, Aboriginal leadership and ensuring that the needs of Aboriginal people were met by Government," Mr Jeffries said. "The Regional Assembly is proud to stand on the shoulders of such outstanding leadership and he is remembered and revered by all members."

"Our sympathies are extended to the many family and friends of the Rose family."

"For those who knew him, it is the passing of a true friend."

# Qld's Aunty Maureen Watson passes on

**QLD** QUEENSLAND Elder Aunty Maureen Watson, a storyteller, poet, singer, actor and political activist, passed away on

5 January. The Birri Gubba and Kungalu woman was highly regarded for her stories which told of Aboriginal culture and experiences in urban Australia.

Born in Rockhampton in 1931, Aunty Maureen left school at the age of 13, and at 21 married Harold Bayles. They had five sons.

She later returned to her education, eventually moving to Brisbane in 1970 to begin an arts degree at the University of Queensland.

In 1981 she moved to Sydney, where she set up the Aboriginal People's Gallery in Redfern and was a driving force behind the development of Indigenous broadcasting in Sydney community radio.

Aunty Maureen was at the forefront of the Aboriginal protests against the Commonwealth Games in



Aunty Maureen Watson as photographed by Penny Tweedie in the early 1980s

Brisbane in 1982, and was arrested three times while participating in demonstrations.

Her first collection of stories and poems, *Black Reflections*, was published in 1982, and she produced six more poetry anthologies, one children's book and one picture book.

She performed in many plays and films including *Fringe Dwellers*, and in Jack Davis' play

*The Honey Spot* during its tour of Victoria and NSW. Her gift for storytelling saw her travel widely across Australia, New Zealand and Europe to give presentations.

Over a number of years she worked with Sisters Inside, a support group for women in prison.

In 1996, Aunty Maureen was awarded the Australia Council Red Ochre award for her outstanding national and international contribution towards recognition of Aboriginal arts, and was the first winner of the United Nations Association Global Leadership Prize for her outstanding work towards achieving cross-cultural understanding and harmony.

Aunty Maureen continued to work as an active leader and Elder in Brisbane for the next ten or so years before suffering a stroke and spending her remaining days on Stradbroke Island, close to some of her 24 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

A funeral service for her was held in Brisbane on Monday.



NSW GOVERNMENT  
Department of Planning



## Heritage Council of NSW Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel

### Community Member Representative - 2 positions

Applications are invited from people of Aboriginal descent who have a strong cultural association with the local area and Aboriginal community and a genuine interest in Aboriginal cultural heritage for the positions of Community Member Representative on the Heritage Council of NSW Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel.

#### What does the role involve?

The Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel is responsible for:

- Providing advice to the Heritage Council of NSW on the development, evaluation and review of policies and programs for future directions of Aboriginal Heritage;
- Assessing and recommending applications for funding to the Heritage Council of NSW;
- Assisting in the co-ordination and participation of community consultations on matters for the NSW Department of Planning Heritage Branch;
- Assisting the Heritage Council to work with agencies and community bodies responsible for protecting Aboriginal heritage in NSW.

**Selection Criteria:** Relevant experience and/or qualifications in the areas of cultural heritage including:

- Sound knowledge and understanding of the issues impacting Aboriginal cultural heritage matters;
- Proven ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people;
- Experience in consulting with Aboriginal communities and organisations;
- Ability to provide constructive advice on the development of new directions for Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW;
- Demonstrated ability to work within a committee or group;
- Willing to travel, energetic, motivated and flexible.

**Enquiries and Information Packages:** Cameron White (02) 9873 8500, Email: [cameron.white@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cameron.white@planning.nsw.gov.au) until 27th January 2009 then contact Tanya Koeneman on 9873 8534 or 1800 789 290 or email at [tanya.koeneman@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tanya.koeneman@planning.nsw.gov.au)

Applications should address the selection criteria, including curriculum vitae, the names of two professional referees and a contact telephone number.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Tanya Koeneman, Senior Aboriginal Heritage Officer, NSW Department of Planning, Heritage Branch Locked Bag 5020 Parramatta NSW 2124 or emailed to [tanya.koeneman@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tanya.koeneman@planning.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications close on: 20th February 2009**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE about changes to the WorkCover Scheme from 1 January 2009

In June 2008, the South Australian Parliament passed a range of legislative amendments to the WorkCover Scheme. The amendments affect both the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1986* and the *WorkCover Corporation Act 1994*.

**New changes affecting both registered and self-insured employers start from 1 January 2009.** Some changes will affect existing claims, while others affect only new claims from 1 January 2009.

Changes include:

- the introduction of rehabilitation and return to work coordinators in workplaces with 30 or more workers to focus and coordinate return to work efforts
- a streamlined dispute resolution structure
- the introduction of provisional liability – a process which allows for weekly payments and medical expenses to start within seven days
- an early reporting reward for employers who report a claim within two business days with a waiver of the first two weeks of wage payments.

If you are an employer, health provider, union or advocacy group you will soon receive an information pack outlining the changes.

To find out more about the changes:

Visit [www.workcover.com](http://www.workcover.com)

Phone 13 18 55



Government of South Australia





# Tourism award to dance troupe



THE internationally acclaimed Nunukul Yuggera Dance Troupe won the Indigenous Tourism Award at the Queensland Tourism Awards for their tourism business Riverlife Mirrabooka. The award automatically makes them eligible for this year's National Tourism Awards.

Last month the troupe was invited by the Malaysian Government in conjunction with Queensland Tourism to perform in Malaysia's capital Kuala Lumpur to showcase Australian tourism products.

In addition 'G'day USA' has invited the troupe to perform at the end of January 2009 on G'DAY: Australia Week and Toronto Roadshow 2009.

## Salvos DVD praised



THE St Vincent de Paul Society has congratulated the Salvation Army on its 'Braver, Stronger, Wiser' DVD, which aims to address the issue of mental illness in rural Australia.

A spokesman said the Salvos campaign dovetailed perfectly with the community self-help 'Mate Helping Mate' program which had been promoted and supported by the St Vincent de Paul Society for some years.

'Mate Helping Mate' was initially started by a farmer in southern New South Wales to help his friends and neighbours access help with the emotional pressures that built up over the long drought.

The program helps those in rural and remote communities who are struggling with depression or other mental illness by putting them in touch with their peers and mental health professionals.

To obtain a copy of the 'Mate Helping Mate' DVD call Toulia Andrianopoulos on (02) 9568 0267. To donate to Vinnies call 13 18 12, or visit [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

## Ex-Minister joins NLC



FORMER Northern Territory Deputy Chief Minister Syd Stirling has taken up a position of senior policy adviser with the Northern Land Council (NLC).

Mr Stirling, the former Member for Nhulunbuy whose electorate encompassed Koori Aboriginal communities of Galiwinku and Yirrkala and surrounding outstations, retired before last year's NT election.

In his new role, Mr Stirling is chief adviser to NLC Chief Executive Officer Kim Hill, himself a former adviser to NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson.

## County Koori Court



AUSTRALIA'S first stand-alone County Koori Court has opened in the Victorian Gippsland. State Attorney-General Rob Hulls launched the pilot program, based at the Latrobe Valley Court complex in Morwell. He said it would build on the success of Victoria's seven Koori Courts and two Children's Koori Courts. "Aboriginal people continue to be over-represented in the criminal justice system at unacceptable and disproportionate rates, and the County Koori Court will seek to break down the disengagement that Indigenous people have traditionally had with courts," he said.

## AIATSIS seeks papers



PROPOSALS for papers and panels have been invited for this year's National Native Title Conference.

The conference, to be held in Melbourne from 3-5 June, is organised by the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS). This year it will be co-venued by Native Title Services Victoria and hosted by the Wundurri people.

The theme of the conference, which AIATSIS says is Australia's leading Indigenous policy event, is 'Spirit of Country: Land, Water and Life'.

For details and to submit proposals, call (02) 6246 1161 or see the website <http://ntru.aiatsis.gov.au>



Staff from the Indigenous Management Support Service with their award.



THE West Australian Department of Agriculture and Foods' (DAFWA) Indigenous

Management Support Service (IMSS) has been recognised for its commitment to improving Aboriginal businesses involved in agriculture.

The Multicultural Service Awards recognises WA individuals and organisations that have achieved excellence and innovation in advancing multiculturalism, inclusiveness and participation.

The Department's Indigenous Management Support Service (IMSS) recently won the organisations category of

# Agriculture service wins recognition

the awards, overseen by the Department of Communities' Office of Multicultural Interests.

The IMSS project started in 2002 in the Kimberley and has spread into the Pilbara, mid-west and southern agricultural regions. Currently

managed from the Geraldton Regional DAFWA office, the project works with Aboriginal landholders to develop economic, employment and training opportunities in agriculture.

The project's objective is to provide economic

independence and contribute to the growth of the WA agriculture sector. Staff work one-on-one with landholders, providing them with technical advice, on-the-job training and ongoing support.

The Department's Manager of Indigenous Agriculture Mark Chmielewski said the award was important for recognising the IMSS project's significant impact.

"Staff have worked hard and the project outcomes reflect their dedication," he said.

"This award raises the profile of the project and the valuable work being conducted to engage Aboriginal land managers."

The IMSS project will continue until June 2010.

# \$31.1m to help protect country



EIGHT Indigenous communities will receive \$31.1 million over five years to conserve and protect Australia's natural assets.

Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett, announced on 2 January that eight Working on Country projects would be funded under the Government's \$2.25 billion Caring for our Country program.

Mr Garrett said the projects provided ongoing jobs and training for more than 80 Indigenous rangers and built on 130 Indigenous ranger positions already created under Working on Country.

"With these latest projects we continue to provide real employment opportunities for Indigenous people in remote and regional communities," he said.

"Indigenous men and women from South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland and New South Wales will be part of unique ranger groups who work in

some of Australia's harshest and most remote environments that cover millions and millions of hectares.

"Within these environments there are some really complex eco-systems and landscapes that are millennia old."

Mr Garrett said ranger work in SA's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands included a recovery plan for

Indigenous people to combine their traditional knowledge with modern land management practices, to better manage and protect our ecosystems in a changing climate.

"Covering over 32,000 square kilometres, the environmental services of eight Torres Strait Island communities include monitoring turtle and dugong populations and surveying significant terrestrial ecological environments."

The Minister said the projects contributed to the Federal Government's goal to engage with Indigenous people to manage Australian land and seas and attain greater independence through employment.

"Working on Country is part of our whole of Government approach toward 'closing the gap' for Indigenous Australians and an investment that will bring long-term environmental benefits for the country as a whole," Mr Garrett said.



**'Working on Country enables Indigenous people to combine their traditional knowledge with modern land management practices' - Minister Peter Garrett**

the threatened and culturally significant Waru - the black-flanked rock wallaby.

"Over in the Western Desert of WA, the rangers will provide environmental services across two million hectares of culturally significant country that contain seven known threatened animal species.

"Working on Country enables



# McArthur mine appeal victory

## Traditional owners want river back



THE Federal Government says it hopes to meet soon with traditional owners from Borroloola in the Northern Territory, following last month's Federal Court decision that stopped new work at Xstrata Zinc's McArthur River Mine (MRM). On 17 December, the full bench of the Federal Court upheld an appeal by the traditional owners to halt the Swiss mining giant's \$110 million project to convert the Gulf of Carpentaria zinc mine to an open-cut operation.

The court found that former Federal Environment Minister Ian Campbell did not follow proper process when he approved an application to expand the mine by diverting a sacred river.

"The approval granted to construct an

open-cut lead and zinc mine at McArthur River is invalid," the judgment said.

The court ordered the approval be quashed and said traditional owners should be reimbursed for the cost of their appeal.

Traditional owners immediately called for the McArthur River, controversially diverted 5.5km in a radical feat of environmental engineering, to be restored to its original course.

"All I want is that old river back, back to the same place," Harry Lansen said through tears outside the court.

"We've got to live on that river for a long time, our kids got to live on it... They put it there, they can put it back."

### Lack of transparency

The Northern Land Council (NLC), which mounted the court challenge, said the ruling confirmed there had been a lack of due process and transparency.

Chief Executive Kim Hill called on Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett to conduct an independent environmental assessment of the project and said MRM needed to 'fix the damage'.

Xstrata Zinc expressed disappointment at the decision, and spokesman Patrick Collins told *The Koori Mail* last week the company was preparing a brief for the Department of the Environment to provide to Mr Garrett.

"Xstrata Zinc remains committed to obtaining the approvals for the MRM mine," he said. "Work in the open pit stopped immediately the decision was handed down because the judges found the approval that had been granted by the Commonwealth Government to be invalid."

"We have broken no new rock. MRM has continued to run down ore stockpiles, which have allowed the continued production of concentrate through the mills at the site, but these stockpiles have been substantially used."

After last month's decision, Acting NT Mines and Energy Minister Chris Burns reiterated the NT Government's support for the mine and called on the Federal Government to make a decision to remove uncertainty.

The Rudd Government has left the door open to re-examine Xstrata's application, with Mr Garrett's office saying the Minister would take all relevant matters into account if a fresh decision was required.

An NLC spokesperson said there was talk before Christmas of a meeting between traditional owners and the Government, but a date had yet to be set.

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert said the Government needed to engage in community consultation and conduct a proper environmental impact statement.

— BY KIRSTIE PARKER with AAP

## New Kimberley prison given the green light



THE West Kimberley Regional Prison Project in Derby has been given the go-ahead with an additional \$57 million in funding and an increased bed capacity.

West Australian

Attorney-General and Corrective

Services Minister Christian Porter said the project was part of the State Government's plans to extend correctional services in the Kimberley and ease the shortage of suitable prisoner accommodation in the region.

"The Derby facility will be the first complex in Australia designed, built and staffed to meet the unique social and cultural needs of Aboriginal offenders," he said.

"Programs and services in the new prison will focus on health, training and the life skills needed to break the cycle of recidivism."

"These will be delivered in partnership with local service providers and Aboriginal communities across the Kimberley."

"In addition to construction works over the next three years, the prison will be a substantial long-term employer with a workforce of more than 80 staff, plus families."

"As part of its vision, the prison has a target of employing 50 per cent Aboriginal staff and a recruitment and training strategy has been established to meet this goal."

## Garma dates are set



THIS year's Garama Festival will be held from 7-11 August in the Arnhem Land centre of Gulkula.

Regarded as one of Australia's most significant Indigenous festivals, Garama attracts about 20 clan groups from north-east

Arnhem Land, as well as representatives from clan groups and neighbouring Indigenous peoples throughout Arnhem Land, the Northern Territory and Australia.

Many visitors also are given a taste of Indigenous culture.

This year's Garama Key Forum theme will be 'Creative Industries'.

For more details and to register to attend, go to [www.garma.telstra.com](http://www.garma.telstra.com)

## Call on Narran Lakes



THE NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service is seeking Elders and Aboriginal people to join a committee to assist in the management of the Narran Lakes

Nature Reserve.

Aboriginal Natural Resource Officer Jason Wilson said Narran Lakes was a place of significant cultural heritage.

"The Narran Lakes area contains many Aboriginal sites including shell middens, hearth sites and scarred trees, but is also an important Aboriginal dreaming pathway," he said.

"It has been part of local Aboriginal culture for thousands of years and it is important Aboriginal people have a say in the future management of the public land in the area at the reserve."

Nomination forms and information on the co-management committee are available from the NPWS Narrabri Office, 100 Maitland St, Narrabri, or by telephoning (02) 6792 7300.

## Old Police seize grog



A LARGE amount of alcohol destined for a dry Aboriginal community in north Queensland has been seized by police.

Officers pulled over four vehicles just before Christmas and seized 63 cartons of beer, 70 bottles of spirits, five cartons of pre-mixed drinks and two bottles of wine.

The seizure took place on the main access road into the Aboriginal community of Pompuuraw, on the western side of Cape York.

The seizure was made possible thanks to information received from the public, police said. A vehicle has also been seized as a result of the interception. —AAP

# Raymond truly cares



SOME people find money or possessions to be life's greatest reward. Not Raymond

Foster. The quietly spoken Darwin Aboriginal man finds his greatest joy in caring for two young Aboriginal boys with disabilities.

It's the kind of joy, he told *The Koori Mail*, that's hard to define, but deeply fulfilling.

And it's something he hopes other Aboriginal people will be able to experience.

The 55-year-old Kamu (Daly River, Top End) man started as a carer in 2000. Nine years later he's still doing it — and loving it.

"I was born in Katherine and moved to Darwin when I was a boy. I grew up there, and as a young man moved to Melbourne where I worked with Kenworth Trucks for 23 years. But I always felt I needed to return home to Darwin."

"My marriage was over and I had no children, and I felt I wanted to do something for myself and my people."

So in 2000, Mr Foster took on a child-caring role through NT Carers and the Office of Ageing and Disabilities.

Now he's a carer working with the national not-for-profit organisation Life Without Barriers and he says his life has never been better.

"I'm caring for a 10-year-old with cerebral



Raymond Foster ... "I'm not going to say (being a carer) is easy — it's not. But it's truly rewarding."

palsy and a 13-year-old who's deaf and cannot speak," said Mr Foster, who also looks after his 82-year-old mother.

"I'm not going to say it's easy — it's not. But it's truly rewarding. These are young Aboriginal people who need our help, but it's become so much more for me. The boys are like the sons I never had."

Both boys (they cannot be

identified for privacy reasons) come from remote NT communities. Mr Foster cares for them in his own home and also fosters their relationship with their biological families, taking them back to country for visits whenever family members ask.

"Sadly, there are many young Aboriginal people with disabilities who need care,"

he said. "I understand there may be some cultural problems in Aboriginal people caring for Aboriginal children. But nonetheless, I would strongly encourage our people to give it a go."

"There is plenty of support available through organisations like Life Without Barriers. I can get a respite break when I need it, and there is other help as well."

"But, for me, these boys have become part of my life."

"I've never been happier doing this and helping these kids. I believe others can find this same happiness as well."

### No Barriers

Raymond Foster is a carer for Life Without Barriers, a charitable organisation which provides community-based support services to people with disabilities and mental illnesses and children, young people and families in crisis.

Founded in 1995, Life Without Barriers now offers services across most of Australia.

Mr Foster, who is a member of Life Without Barriers' Aboriginal advisory group, says the organisation is doing good work for Indigenous people. More Aboriginal carers are always needed.

For more information, call Life Without Barriers' Catherine Collier on (08) 9886 7523.





## On board at AIATSIS



**ACADEMIC** Payi-Linda Ford has been appointed to Australia's leading centre

for information and research on Australian Indigenous peoples.

Dr Payi-Linda Ford was appointed to the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Council last month.

A senior lecturer at Charles Darwin University, Dr Ford is an Elder of the Rak Mak Mak Marranunggu peoples from Kurrindji (Finniss River) in the Northern Territory.

She is acknowledged for her contribution to promoting cross-cultural diversity and awareness of, and respect for, Indigenous knowledge systems and the benefit they hold for all Australians.

AIATSIS Council Chairperson Professor Mick Dodson said Dr Ford's contribution to language and cultural diversity had gained her enormous respect.

# Sandon Point Embassy celebrates anniversary

Photos by  
EDUARDO JACQUE



A CONCERT and barbecue marked the recent eighth anniversary of the Sandon Point Aboriginal Tent Embassy (SPATE), at Sandon Point near Wollongong.

About 150 people were at McCauley's Beach on 14 December for the celebrations, hosted by the North Illawarra Reconciliation and Treaty Group (NIRTG) and SPATE.

Roy Kennedy, also known as Dootch, gave a welcome to country.

"The eighth anniversary is very significant to us because it shows we are not a token embassy," he said. "We've achieved a lot of what we set out to do, with the declaration as an Aboriginal Place across the foreshore lands here last year - this is true land rights."

Mr Kennedy announced that the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council would receive \$41,000 in Federal funds for a Community Coastcare project on the Kuradji Aboriginal Place lands, north of Sandon Point.

The project will focus on dune preservation and protection work to help protect the important cultural sites and natural eco-systems in the foreshore area.

Mr Kennedy also reported



Some of the people enjoying activities at the Sandon Point Tent Embassy celebration.

some progress in discussions with the local council and the developer Stockland about the developer's long-standing and unfulfilled legal obligation to provide a keeping place on the site.

Illawarra Elders Uncle Victor Chapman and Auntie Barbara Nicholson were guest speakers at the drug- and alcohol-free celebrations.

Concert performers included Peter James Button, Nikky Stone, Paul Hickman, Ecopella, Jakalene Extreme, Andy O'Phee, Lisa and Tony and didge player Richard Campbell.



Auntie Barbara Nicholson during her talk.



Peter James Button performs.



The Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM (BDTNRM) seeks Expressions of Interest from experienced and suitable consultants to work with a Traditional Owner group within the Burdekin Dry Tropics region to develop a COUNTRY BASED MANAGEMENT PLAN.

The COUNTRY BASED MANAGEMENT PLAN will support the Traditional Owner Group in aspects of their cultural and environmental management planning and is to be developed in response to the Federal Government initiative 'Caring for our Country'.

This Expression of Interest process is in place to evaluate the ability of prospective consultants to provide such expertise. A short list will be developed from the responses received and those consultants assessed by BDTNRM as having appropriate experience will be asked to participate in a formal tender process.

For a copy of the project brief, please contact the Finance Officer-Reporting on (07) 4724 3544.

Responses are to be received at the BDTNRM office by Monday 4 p.m., 26th January 2009 addressed as follows:

BDTNRM, PO Box 1466, Townsville 4810 "Country Based Management Plan"

## Expression of Interest



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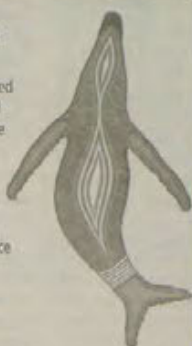
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# Student success



MORE Indigenous students have won merit awards in South Australia, highlighting the State's success in keeping more

Aboriginal children in school to Year 12, education authorities say. Five Indigenous students received at least one award for an outstanding achievement in a Year 12 subject in 2008, up from just three in 2007.

Education Minister Jane Lomax-Smith said 133 Aboriginal students were awarded their South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) this year, for completing Year 12.

The Minister said the increase in merit awards and SACE qualifications for Aboriginal students reflected the commitment of their teachers and schools.

"Each one of these students was successful because they were inspired to succeed through a supportive teaching environment where they were encouraged to develop skills relevant to something they were passionate about," Dr

Lomax-Smith said. "I am delighted to see so many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students achieve their SACE, giving them the best start towards a successful future."

The improved figures came as Acting Prime Minister Julia Gillard pledged to pump \$2.3 billion into Indigenous education, saying she was determined to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

Ms Gillard, who is also Federal Education Minister, said addressing disadvantage was a higher priority for the Rudd government than an Indigenous bill of rights, as proposed by Aboriginal leader Pat Dodson.

South Australian SACE Board Chief Executive Paul Kilvert said the success of Indigenous students in SA last year followed efforts by schools to provide a challenging and relevant curriculum that suited their aspirations.

"We have seen that these very successful merit students achieved their results through a genuine passion for what they were studying," he said. - AAP



# Justice group slams policy

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



EIGHTEEN months on from the *Little Children are Sacred* report and subsequent Federal intervention strategy, a Northern Territory Aboriginal legal agency has slammed the NT Government for favouring 'policing instead of prevention'.

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) Principal Solicitor Glen Dooley said NT Government policy was the catalyst for a rising Indigenous incarceration rate now four times the national average.

He said a range of crime-prevention strategies over the past 20 years, including mandatory sentencing, had failed to reduce the crime rate and had exacerbated the already higher than average per capita Indigenous incarceration rate.

Mr Dooley said that despite a lack of access to necessary services like vehicle

licensing, traffic offenders made up 15 per cent of inmates, and NT Government policy failures were also evident by the fact that the prison population had doubled in the past decade.

But NT Acting Indigenous Policy Minister Peter Henderson said his Government made no apologies for 'its commitment to better policing in Aboriginal communities'.

"We do not apologise for offering protection to women and children who have been the victims of violent offences," he said. "Anyone who commits a crime will be charged according to the law."

## Unrelated

But Mr Dooley said that when it came to Indigenous 'crime', many offences were unrelated to key intervention concerns.

By building a new prison rather than extra schools, the Government appeared to hold little hope the problems at the heart of the intervention could be effectively dealt with, he said.

Mr Henderson denied there had been a

shortfall in educational resourcing and said 19 mobile preschool units were in operation and 'a number' of teachers had been recruited.

He said the funding response had provided \$79.36 million for child protection, \$38.61 million for a Remote Area Policing Strategy, \$10.11 million for drug and alcohol management and \$70.68 million for education.

"This includes \$9.5 million for six additional mobile preschools including 21 teachers and assistant teachers," Mr Henderson said.

The Minister believed disadvantage in Aboriginal communities would be addressed and there would be greater opportunities for all Indigenous Territorians.

But Mr Dooley said schools were not being built, and although education resources had been promised, those commitments had not yet been met.

"What you're seeing is a tremendous influx of resources for police but nothing of any real note for schools," he said.



Nyoongar men and women together for the first time under the Nyoongar Nation banner.

By WA Correspondent  
KEN BOASE



NYOONGAR women from Western Australia have met with the leaders of

the Nyoongar Nation movement in an attempt to unite men and women on issues including family violence, feuding and problems facing youth.

Nyoongar Nation Convener David Collard said he felt frustrated by the slow progress of the movement, but 13 out of 14 clan groups had agreed to form a council. The exception is the Ganda group on the north-western Nyoongar border, just south of Geraldton.

Two Yamatji clans on other northern border areas of Nyoongar country also declined the invitation to be members of the Nyoongar Nation Council, citing responsibility to their own group as a priority, but Mr Collard said that a representative from one

## Women join Nyoongar Nation fight

of the groups would attend future meetings.

Mr Collard said a December meeting with Nyoongar women was a way of getting the issues into the open and forming an action plan to deal with the problems and provide a united forum to take to government and other agencies.

"These sorts of meetings provide direction and identify the issues that need to be addressed because we can't wait for government to come up with the answers," Mr Collard said.

"The women are worried about domestic violence but they're also worried about our youth who are not attending school and the prospect of losing a whole generation is becoming real."

Nyoongar women's group spokesperson Gail Beck shared Mr Collard's frustration at apathy shown towards the whole idea of the Nyoongar Nation, declaring that a lot of community baggage accumulated over the past decade would need to be shed.

"We have to leave our

ego at home. This is not about money or anything like that. It's about coming together in unity as one people and getting it right for our children who aren't even born yet," she said.

"We've got to try and learn to do without government being so involved in our lives and to do that we've got to learn to trust each other again."

"It's not about this family against that family, it's about us coming together as Nyoongar people and as Aboriginal people and being inclusive."

Ms Beck said that the women's movement had been growing in strength for several years and there was now widespread dialogue between different groups about the best way forward.

Mr Collard said he hoped others would join the Nyoongar Nation movement to make it strong for the benefit of all 40,000 Nyoongar people.

## CASTING FOR ABC TV CHILDREN'S SERIES

We are casting a TV series based on the Nadia Wheatley/Donna Rawlins book *My Place*. It will be filmed in Sydney in 2009.

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We are holding a group workshop of exercises and games at:

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No appointment is needed, just turn up! Nothing to prepare, nothing to learn.

The series will be on ABC in 2010. It is supported by Screen Australia, the Australian Children's TV Foundation, NSW Film & TV Office, Screen Tasmania and The City of Sydney.



Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Aboriginal Home Care Development Branch

### REQUEST FOR TENDER

DADHC.08.113

Evaluation Aboriginal Access and Assessment Team

The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) is inviting tenders from organisations and/or consultants to conduct an evaluation of the Aboriginal Access and Assessment Team (AAA Team).

The AAA Team was established and became fully operational in July 2007. The roles of the AAA Team are:

- to provide quality and consistent assessment and intake into Aboriginal Home Care services;
- to improve the access of Aboriginal clients to Aboriginal Home Care services and to the broader home and community care service system.

The AAA Team is under the operational management and supervision of the Referral and Assessment Centre of the Home Care Service of NSW.

To obtain an information package and an application form, go to the DADHC website (available from the 19 January 2009), email [stenders@dadhc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:stenders@dadhc.nsw.gov.au), telephone Warren Steadman on 02 4978 6200 between 9.30 am and 3.00 pm on weekdays.

The information package provides a detailed specification for the service sought, describing the nature of the service and the specific requirements necessary to successfully deliver the evaluation.

Applications close 5pm Thursday 12 February 2009.



## Aboriginal heritage – Bega Bypass

The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) is investigating options to bypass Bega on a new alignment of the Princes Highway between Bega Bridge and Finucanes Lane.

The RTA seeks the registration of Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people who wish to be consulted on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters relating to the Princes Highway at Bega.

The cultural heritage assessment may result in the RTA applying for a Section 87 permit or a Section 90 consent under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* and may also be used in the assessment of the impact of the project under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

Registrations from Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people wishing to be consulted must be received by phone or in writing by Friday 20 February 2009.

To register your interest, please contact: Agnes Donovan, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor, (02) 4221 2767 or PO Box 477, Wollongong NSW 2520 or email [agnes\\_donovan@rtanew.gov.au](mailto:agnes_donovan@rtanew.gov.au)



# Big crowd turns out



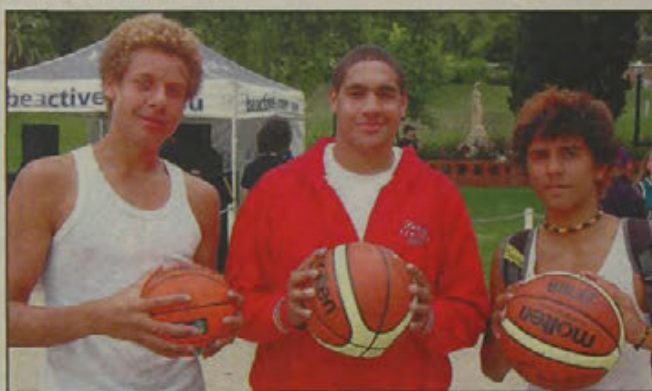
Anangu Dancers added to the colour of the festival.



Kenny Wilson, Natasha Sumner and Arron Lester on stage.



Naomi Hicks on stage.



Under-16 basketball winners Curly and Emanuel Ellis-Yolmen and Tjamarri Sanderson.



MC Sean Choolburra.



Nancy Bates was there.



The Street Warriors perform



Sisters Gail and Samantha Sevallos.



Local man Warren Milera performs.



Anangu artists at work during the Spirit Festival in Adelaide.



Jimblah during his performance.



# for Adelaide festival



Bunu Lawrie proved popular.



Jessica Mauboy performs in front of the large Spirit Festival crowd.

## The Spirit was right

Photos by NATHAN PARKER

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ADELAIDE's inaugural Spirit Festival lived up to its aim of promoting and celebrating South Australian Aboriginal culture and communities, helping to build more positive Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal relations in the process. Thousands of people people flocked to Elder Park on the banks of the Karra Wirra Parri, the River Torrens, on 13-14 December for the event.

The drug- and alcohol-free event encompassed cultural activities, music and dance performances from high-profile artists, and a market place with demonstrations and information stalls.

Anangu women and Yolngu songmen from Arnhem Land joined other traditional performers for inma (ceremony) at sunset.

Australian Idol success story Jessica Mauboy was a major drawcard on the program, along with the likes of comedian Sean Choolburra, Jimblah, No Fixed Address, Coloured Stone, The Merrig, The Zennith Boyz, Kineman Karma, the Tal-kin-jei dancers and Torres Strait Islander dancers Kowa Kazil.

Anangu and Ngarrindjeri artists gave weaving and painting demonstrations, and short Aboriginal films from the National Film & Sound Archive showed in the Black Screen tent. Festival-goers also enjoyed yidaki workshops, bushucker tastings, jewellery making and other craft, and tours



Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill, Gavin Wanganeen and Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue on stage.

of significant Aboriginal sites along the river and surrounding areas. At the nearby Torrens Parade Ground and the North Adelaide parklands, there were 3 on 3 basketball and go-go golf.

The Spirit Festival was an initiative of the State's Social Inclusion Board to recognise the spirit of sport, the spirit of the arts, and the spirit of Aboriginal people and cultures.

Festival Artistic Director Karl Winda Teller hopes the festival will put SA – previously the only State not to have an

event dedicated to celebrating Indigenous culture – on the map.

"They found that there was a lot of sense of hopelessness and there was no positive visibility of Aboriginal people and especially young Aboriginal men," he said of the Social Inclusion Board to ABC Radio. "One of the recommendations out of that was to have an annual event where we can actually pass our culture on to each other and to the wider community and celebrate that."

Mission accomplished.



Spirit Festival Artistic Director Karl Winda Teller has his say.



Glenn Skuthorpe was one of the many acts at the Spirit Festival.





**Yalukit Wilam Ngargee**  
Euro Yuroke Bullarto Nyoweenth  
People Place Gathering  
St Kilda Old Man Sun Sun 2009

**Celebrating Indigenous Bay Culture**  
Thursday 29 January to 7 February 2009

<http://www.stkildafestival.com.au/YalukitWilamNgargee>

Yalukit Wilam Ngargee is a low carbon, low impact and good karma, waste wise festival promoting sustainable transport and proudly held on Boonwurrung Country.

## WOMINJEKA-WELCOME

Womin Jeka mirambeek beek. Boonwurrung Nairm derp Bordenupren uthur Wilam.

Welcome to my country, the land of the great bay of the Boonwurrung people, our beautiful home.

On behalf of the Boonwurrung, a clan of the greater Kulin nations, I welcome you to our land.

Euro Yuroke more commonly known as St Kilda and its surrounds are special places which continue to carry forward the spirit of our tradition.

This land will always be protected by the creator, Bunjil, who travels as an eagle, and by Waarn, who protects the waterways and travels as a crow.

As the spirit of my ancestors lives, let the wisdom and the spirit of generosity which Bunjil taught us influence the opportunities that may arise at this meeting place.

Womin Jeka mirambeek beek. Boonwurrung Nairm derp Bordenupren uthur Wilam. Welcome!

**Anweet or Traditional Boonwurrung Clan Head**  
Carolyn Briggs.

The City of Port Phillip pays its respects to the people and elders, past and present, of the Yalukit Wilam and the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge and uphold their relationship to this land.



## Yalukit Wilam Ngargee: People Place Gathering Program

- Free Children's Activities program**
- The Connies**  
The Connies is a performance troupe born from the 113 years of service given to Melbourne's tram-loving community from 1885 to 1998.
  - Full Flight Birds of Prey**  
Full Flight Birds of Prey is a licensed education, breeding & tourist facility designed to educate and inform the public about Australia's unique raptors (Birds Of Prey).
  - Yam Strong Sister**  
Face painting, storytelling, puppetry, art experiences and traditional games for both children and adults.
- Public Programs:**
- Vanessa TAC Shorts Films program and chill out area**  
Vanessa is the TAC's mobile cinema that promotes road safety to 18-25 year olds at various events and festivals across Victoria and will feature Indigenous Short Films at the festival.
  - "Let's Shake" for reconciliation**  
Let's Shake is a unique opportunity to be part of a shared experience while demonstrating your commitment to reconciliation. Inspired by the notion of the space held within a handshake, individual forms are captured in a casting process that represents the combined intention, communication and connection between two people.
  - "What makes you feel free?"**  
"What makes you feel free?" is an interactive photo essay. Participatory, organic, personal and unpredictable, WMYFF engages the audience, who are at once subject, author and co-creator of an installation photo wall that captures the dreams, desires and aspirations of the audience.
  - 11am and 3pm Saturday 31 January**  
**Boomerang throwing workshop \$15**  
(times may change subject to wind conditions)  
45 minute Workshops with a maximum of 15 people per workshop  
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Check for venue details closer to the date  
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  - Yalukit Wilam Journey Lines**  
11.30am Sunday 1 February  
Yalukit Wilam Journey Lines takes you through the current parks and foreshore of Euro Yuroke or St Kilda. You will gain an insight into the previous landscape and an understanding of resources available to the Yalukit Wilam.  
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Check for venue details closer to the date  
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Cost: \$15 (Children under 12)  
Children under 5 free  
Maximum 15 people.
  - 'Little Black Bastard' presented by Noel Tovey**  
8pm Thursday 5 February - Saturday 7 February  
Gasworks Arts Park  
21 Graham Street, Albert Park.  
In 'Little Black Bastard' Noel recalls his return to Australia and his reconciliation with the country that had never managed to provide him with a home.  
Tickets available through Gasworks on 9659 3253 or online [www.gasworks.org.au](http://www.gasworks.org.au)  
Tickets are \$26 and \$20 concession and \$20 for a group of 6 or more.
- Grangabunikit Kinaway: Happy Exchange**  
East Gippsland Aboriginal Arts Co-operative visual art exhibition  
Exhibition Launch 6.30pm to 8.30pm Thursday 29 January  
Running until Thursday 19 February  
Open Monday to Saturday 9am to 4.30pm  
Alliance Française, Eldon Manor, 51 Grey St, St Kilda.  
The East Gippsland Aboriginal Arts Co-operative present Grangabunikit Kinaway: Happy Exchange  
a multi disciplinary exhibition by established and emerging Koorie artists.
- Indigenous Success Stories Forum**  
9am - 5pm Friday 30 January  
St Kilda Town Hall, 99a Carlisle St, St Kilda.  
The Indigenous Community Success Stories forum highlights and celebrates different programs and ideas working at innovative grassroots levels through to unique corporate relationships.  
Tickets cost \$80 and \$60 concession and include lunch plus light refreshments- available from [www.webtickets.com](http://www.webtickets.com)
- Visual Arts exhibition by Indigenous men and women in various correctional facilities.**  
Exhibition Launch 5pm to 9pm Friday 30 January  
Running until Thursday 19 February  
Open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm  
St Kilda Town Hall Gallery, 99a Carlisle St, St Kilda.  
An opportunity for men and women in correctional facilities to use their artwork as a voice to the public.
- Wominjeka Wilam Stage and Main Festival Day**  
1pm to 10pm Saturday 31 January  
O'Donnell Gardens (next to Luna Park)  
Shakespeare Grove, St Kilda.  
12pm Two Bays Forum: Caring for Sea Country  
1.30pm Launch of the Wominjeka Wilam: Welcome Place Stage  
2pm Dieri Band  
3pm Patricia Clarke  
4pm Dave Arden and Band  
5pm Lee Morgan  
6pm Rory Ellis  
7pm Leah Flanagan  
8pm Dan Sultan  
9pm Ruby Hunter plus special guests and
- MC Tammy Anderson**  
The Yalukit Wilam Ngargee encourages dry areas plus no smoking zones around the festival precinct.
- Alive Drive Festival Compilation.**  
Alive Drive Yalukit Wilam Ngargee: People Place Gathering Festival Compilation on sale \$25.  
The Yalukit Wilam Ngargee will be the first festival in Australia to utilise this innovative Alive Drive wrist band technology. Receive some of your favourite artists moments from the day. Available for purchase on the day or online [www.newfoundfrequency.com](http://www.newfoundfrequency.com)
- Market Stalls and Dance Program:**  
Check out a variety of market stalls containing Indigenous small business, crafts, arts and community information. This year the Yalukit Wilam Ngargee will include its first traditional and contemporary dance program through out the day.

### Our Environment:

The Yalukit Wilam Ngargee is working to become a benchmark for best practise in medium sized environmentally sustainable community festivals. Objectives for the Yalukit Wilam Ngargee are to break new ground by being one of the few festivals of its size to have an environmental management plan and a completed Environmental Footprint for its operation. In 2009 we aim to reduce the festival's impact of Greenhouse Gas Emissions, but for this to happen we need your support as a festival punter to ride your scooter, treadly, walk, swim, catch public transport and dispose of your waste thoughtfully.

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The Yalukit Wilam Ngargee would like to gratefully acknowledge all the volunteers, supporters and contributors who've helped with this years festival, many thanks.



# 2009 – Another challenging year?



## Participating in the Economy

with RON MORONY  
General Manager  
Indigenous Business Australia

2008 was a challenging year for many Australians, with the global economic crisis likely to be a major concern for 2009.

Late last November I was pleased to be a part of an economic briefing hosted by Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) to inform Indigenous commercial organisations on the status of the economy and areas which will be affected in 2009.

The event attracted significant media attention and all participants found the discussions valuable and relevant to their day-to-day operations.

We plan to hold similar forums in 2009 that will enable Indigenous organisations to be

fully informed on the economic situation at international, national and local levels and discuss issues important for encouraging Indigenous economic development.

### Close contact

I have been maintaining close contact with the Indigenous business community to monitor any downturns. At this time there is still a reasonably robust business environment, but the latest employment trends are beginning to worry many of us.

In addition, we see production reductions in the mining industry; trends which will be affecting some of our businesses if they continue to decline.

I would like to applaud two of Australia's leading banks on their recent initiatives concerning reconciliation.

The National Australia Bank recently launched their first Reconciliation Action Plan, and the ANZ relaunched their Reconciliation Action Plan. Both plans demonstrate a very positive trend of actively engaging with our peoples at differing levels, incorporating us into their thinking and identifying Indigenous Australians as potential clients, capable of servicing loans for business and homes.

Housing in regional, rural and remote areas is another issue which IBA will be focusing on in 2009 by promoting opportunities

for home ownership, no matter where you live.

I recently had a meeting with Indigenous Mayors and Council Clerks in Queensland regarding the two common goals that we share. We agreed to look at ways we can build economies in their communities and address ways we can meet the needs of those who are able to afford home ownership in remote communities.

While we expect that the overall economy will be affected by the global downturn, the needs of Indigenous Australians and the prospects for greater participation in the mainstream economy will continue to be a focus for IBA in 2009 and beyond.

# Solid Foundation

## Wunan getting the job done in East Kimberley



IN Western Australia's East Kimberley region, the local Aboriginal community is working towards addressing disadvantage through creating business and commercial opportunities.

A major force behind the business drive is the Wunan Foundation, an Indigenous organisation established in 1997 to help improve the socio-economic outcomes of Aboriginal people in the East Kimberley through employment, education and training.

Profit from the many business activities of the Wunan Foundation supports community initiatives such as training and mentoring programs and the running of a hostel for young Aboriginal people pursuing education, training and employment opportunities.

"It is not about absolving governments from their responsibility to provide services; it means that people in the region are not so reliant on government, which they have been for many years," founding Chairperson and Executive Director Ian Trust says.

"Our focus is on long-term economic solutions that will improve the living standards of our people in the East Kimberley. The programs provided by Wunan are all aimed at unlocking the potential of Aboriginal people and families to help themselves and to become independent of the welfare system, which in some cases has stymied the growth of families in the East Kimberley for generations.

"Wunan" is the traditional practice of philanthropy in the East Kimberley which was and is still practised by many traditional language groups in the northern East Kimberley.

The Foundation is run by a board of eight directors, one of whom is a non-Aboriginal specialist adviser. Board



Workers from Wunan Construction and Maintenance (WCM) on the job at the recently completed 'Pindan Place' accommodation centre in the Kimberley centre of Kununurra.

members are appointed on merit and from people who share the Wunan philosophy.

"The Wunan Foundation is run like any other private sector company and it is important that board members are selected on the basis of their skills," said Mr Trust.

### \$17 million

With gross assets of \$17 million that generate income for the corporation, Wunan's business interests are largely in commercial properties in Kununurra and Canberra, a building company, and a 40 per cent stake in Kimberley Wilderness Adventures (KWA), a tour guide business it

owns in partnership with Australian Pacific Touring (APT).

"Wunan is structured on the hub-and-spoke business model with a central executive management hub and independently incorporated businesses for each of the spokes," Mr Trust said.

"Wunan is involved in a range of different business structures – the KWA tourism business is a partnership with APT, Scarborough House in Canberra is held as units in a trust arrangement with other Aboriginal organisations, and the other business are owned outright.

"As a result, Wunan has a good

reputation within industry, the philanthropic sector and government and we have received considerable support over the years from our partners in our efforts to provide a better life for our people in the East Kimberley."

While Wunan is seen as a successful model for the East Kimberley, Mr Trust says an appropriate structure for other regions would depend on the communities involved, the opportunities available and the objectives they want to achieve.

"We have got a head start in this region in that there are business opportunities available which we have been able to take advantage of, but this, of course, will not be the case in all regions," he said.

"Equally important as having the opportunities is creating a business structure which is politically stable, has good leadership and involves Indigenous people who have a long-term vision of doing something for their community.

"I cannot over-emphasise the importance of political stability at the board level and this is one of the most crucial issues which needs to be considered when a new corporation is being formed."

Mr Trust said that regardless of the opportunities in a region, an organisation could still fail if there was not 'political stability'.

"In setting up Wunan we had to be clear about exactly what we were trying to achieve and how we were going to achieve it. There is nothing worse than establishing an organisation with unclear objectives and no plan as to how you will achieve it," he said.

"The other key strategy which has worked well for Wunan is that we have actively sought advice from people within industry on all aspects of the company's operations."

Mr Trust said it had taken more than ten years to get Wunan to the point where it had real capacity and the ability to do something for the Aboriginal people of the East Kimberley.

"This was only achieved because we had political stability at the board level, consistency of vision over a long period, good governance and a good understanding of how to build wealth," he said. "If you can get these things right you are on the road to success."

For more information on the Wunan Foundation, visit [www.wunan.org.au](http://www.wunan.org.au)



# Blow to internet hopes

By DARREN COYNE

**REMOTE** Indigenous communities could be waiting years for internet access following a decision

by the Federal Government to scrap a major project.

The Backing Indigenous Ability (BIA) project, which was to supply sophisticated computers and internet to about 550 sites over three years, was unexpectedly scrapped in August by the Federal Department of Broadband, Communications

and the Digital Economy.

Paradigm IT Solutions, the company selected last June to deliver the project, has blamed departmental incompetence, while the Government maintains the company failed to deliver according to its contract obligations.

Paradigm Director Roger Smith said after 18 months of work and the purchase of the computer equipment that was required, the department told the company that the project would not proceed.

"This decision is an absolute disgrace and smacks of incompetence at the department level," he said.

"The cancelling of this project has severely hampered any chance of the remote Indigenous communities accessing the internet at the community level in the next five years, even with the Australian broadband roll-out.

## Benefit

"The flow-on from the installation of community-based systems into these areas would benefit not only the whole community but the rest of Australia."

A spokesman for Senator Stephen Conroy, the Minister responsible for the department, said the Government remained

committed to delivering internet to remote communities.

He said Paradigm IT had failed to deliver the computers on time, and had therefore breached its contractual obligations.

"If Paradigm had any issues they have legal options," he said.

The spokesman also said that a review of a previous program called TAPRIC, which had delivered 164 computers to communities a few years ago, had indicated that the program was failing, with many of the computers not working.

"Given that BIA has been designed on the same terms as TAPRIC, we determined that

TAPRIC had failed and therefore we cancelled BIA," he said.

But Mr Smith denied this, saying that his company had designed the new project to deal with the problems faced by TAPRIC.

Meanwhile, Mr Conroy's spokesman said the department had begun consulting with States and Territories, but he could not provide a timeframe for when a new program might be announced.

He said the Government would soon be responding to a recent review of telecommunications. Part of that response would deal with computers in remote communities.

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## Seniors Week 2009 – funding available

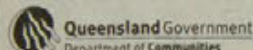
The Department of Communities invites community organisations throughout Queensland to apply for funding to support events and projects during Seniors Week 2009 (15 to 23 August).

A total of \$125,000 is available to support events or projects across Queensland that celebrate ageing, inform people of services and concessions available to them and promote awareness of the contributions and achievements of Queensland seniors.

Applications for grants up to \$5,000 will be considered for individual Seniors Week activities.

For an information pack, visit [www.communities.qld.gov.au](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au) or phone 1300 132 654.

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The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking applications from capable and experienced organisations or consortia that can deliver a range of Social and Emotional Wellbeing Workforce Services to the health workforce providing services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This will include the provision of Workforce Support Unit services and/or training for Social and Emotional Wellbeing and mental health staff.

Organisations must have proven experience providing support and/or training to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce or have the ability to partner with or form consortia with organisations that have this experience.

Applicants for training services must be Registered Training Organisations with experience in the delivery of social and emotional wellbeing and mental health training to workers in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health community.

Training across a range of AQF levels in both the VET and Higher education sectors is required.

The funding will be for 12 months from 1 July 2009 in the first instance, with the option to renew for a further 12 months subject to satisfactory performance.

Workforce support and training services are required nationally but service providers may apply to provide regional, jurisdictional or national coverage.

Applicants must address the criteria in the format outlined in the Funding Application Kit, which is available by registering on the Department's internet site at [www.health.gov.au/tenders](http://www.health.gov.au/tenders).

For further information contact the Project Officer, Ms Jacky Lacey, on: Phone: (02) 6289 5455 or email [jacky.lacey@health.gov.au](mailto:jacky.lacey@health.gov.au).

Applications close at 2pm on Wednesday 11 March 2009 in Canberra.



At the Stable are, from left, Jamil Turpin with baby Jhermarie, 2 months, Jacinta McAvoy holding baby Jara-Kyah, 1, and Nikita Tyrell.

## Crowds turn out for Stable on the Strand

By ALF WILSON



MORE than 1000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from around north Queensland,

the Torres Strait, Cape York and even the Northern Territory and Western

Australia turned out for the annual Stable on the Strand held in Townsville from 18-23 December.

Stable on the Strand is a walk-through interactive display depicting the Christmas story. It spreads across Strand Park beside the ocean, recreating the town of Bethlehem from the time of Jesus.

It was estimated that more than 40,000 enjoyed the event, which was sponsored by Townsville City Council.

The large crowds saw live animals, actors in period costume, a still man, the Three Wise Men, baby Jesus with Joseph and Mary, face painting, bubble blowing,

juggling, puppets, craft activities, and story telling fun for all the family.

Among those enjoying the Stable were Norman Aden and Edward Seaton, both of Palm Island, and Adrian Courtney, from Cape York.

"We have come here and just had a great time and there are so many people," Norman said.



At the Stable were, from left, Norman Aden and Edward Seaton, both of Palm Island, and Adrian Courtney, from Cape York.

Champion basketball player Rohanee Cox, who represented the Australian Opals at the Beijing Olympics, her partner Aaron Thomas, and her seven-year-old daughter Alyrah were having a great time.

The Reuben family of Perth, including mum Samantha, dad Marvyn and

sons Jahraia, Baeden and Sebastain, were there. They have descendants at Badu and Darnley Islands in the Torres Strait and loved the peaceful atmosphere.

"We are all Christians and serve the Lord," Marvyn said.

Jamil Turpin with baby Jhermarie, 2 months, Jacinta McAvoy and baby Jara-Kyah, 1, and Nikita Tyrell also

enjoyed the peace as they strolled through 'Bethlehem'.

Clifford Smallwood, Maurice O'Neill and Teresa Mathieson saw many people they knew and said they would return next year.

Yorke Island Elder Angela Sailor said that seeing the characters of the Three Wise Men had been a

highlight for her. "There are lots of Torres Strait Islander people here," she said.

Police liaison officers Patrick Whap (Mabuiag), Thomas Pedro (Moa), Kath Sabatino (Hammond) and Anthony Stout patrolled the venue but there was no reports of any incidents.





Simple words lighting the way ... 4000 candles spell out 'Sorry, the first step', on the lawns of Parliament House, Canberra, in the lead-up to the National Apology, the highlight in what was another tumultuous year in Australian Indigenous affairs. Photo courtesy of GetUp

# An apology – and a whole lot more

By Koori Mail Editor  
KIRSTIE PARKER

It is not always easy to be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian, but life is rarely boring. The same can be said of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs in general, and certainly in 2008.

The Indigenous landscape, so changed under the former Howard Government, shifted further last year. There can be no doubt that a flammable mix of internal and external factors has propelled the broader Indigenous community into a new phase.

That phase has been marked by polarities in philosophy and some acrimonious exchanges. But it has also seen the slaying of some tired sacred cows and a willingness to try different approaches. While this has been uncomfortable at times, it also augurs well for the kind of robust discussion that any community must have if it is to respond to the challenges before it.

The year began on a lofty high note, with a much-anticipated apology to Australia's Stolen Generations and their families on 13 February.

While Labor had pledged to apologise, after years of

sometimes frustrating public debate on the issue few people were entirely confident that Prime Minister Kevin Rudd would deliver, especially in unequivocal terms.

And so, it was with considerable relief that many ageing men and women, some of them stooped and with greying hair, received the words of the Prime Minister, as well as responses from the Opposition, the Greens and the Democrats.

Subsequent events have tested the goodwill generated that day, but almost a year later the apology remains a seminal moment for the country.

Also during the last tumultuous year, the Northern Territory intervention, while introduced by its Coalition predecessor, remained a central plank of the Rudd Government's reform agenda. Many people, though not all, were disappointed with the Government's continuation – for at least another 12 months – of some of the more controversial measures of the intervention, even after its own independent review committee railed against them.

Blanket welfare quarantining and the compulsory acquisition of land in return for basic services such as housing were sticking points. However, we also saw



Mr Rudd got the message ... the cover of our Edition 418 from 30 January last year.

some communities strike deals with the Government that they believe will herald a new, more self-sufficient era for their people. We also saw intervention measures influence policy beyond the Territory's borders, specifically into the Kimberley region to the west and Cape York to the east.

2008 was the year the Federal, State and Territory Governments really signed up to closing the life

expectancy, health and other gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

While many people are still nervous, and likely justifiably so, about the effects of the ongoing global economic crisis, health and rights lobbyists were impressed by the Council of Australian Governments' recent pledge of an extra \$2 billion towards Indigenous programs over five years.

A desire for greater say in our affairs saw the issue of a new national Indigenous representative body gather momentum. Consultation on such a body began and, just before the clock ticked over on 2008, the Government announced that an Indigenous steering committee headed by Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma would take things forward in the next few months.

We saw some leading lights of our community go out last year – Brisbane community leader Robbie Williams, Stolen Generations hero Bruce Trevorrow, esteemed educator Dr Marika, campaigner Archie Barton and NSW community stalwart George 'Bandit' Rose to name a few. Vale to them all.

Likely to remain top of mind this year are the fate of Australia's

much-vaunted plans to formally endorse the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, changes to the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme, industry-driven moves to generate thousands of Indigenous private sector jobs, and proposed changes to the native title system.

There were also State and Territory issues which percolated in 2008 and still have plenty of steam, for example stolen wages around the country but especially in Queensland, the future of outstations and bilingual education in the Territory, and governance on South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) lands.

It's impossible to predict what 2009 holds in store for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities. But – as we've said elsewhere – in the year after a territory intervention, a national apology, an international surprise in the election of a black man to the White House and a global financial meltdown, anything is possible.

We suggest our readers saddle up for the ride. Before that, though, see the next seven pages for a look at the year that was, as reported in *The Koori Mail*...





The late Bruce Trevorrow ... Stolen Generations compensation recipient.



Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin ... no to payouts.



NT Minister Marion Scrymgour ... first Indigenous person to lead government.



# An edition by edition look at '08

## Edition 417 16 January 2008

- Darwin Stolen Generations member Lorna 'Nanna' Fejo was preparing to travel to Canberra for the first sitting of the new Parliament. She hoped to hear the word 'sorry' for the pain and suffering caused to her and other Stolen Generations survivors.
- Brisbane Aboriginal leader Robbie Williams passed away suddenly. A respected community worker and politician, he was just 44-years-old.
- Northern Territory Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour acted as Chief Minister for a two-week period, making history as the first Aboriginal person to lead a State or Territory government.
- Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin ruled out compensation for the Stolen Generations.
- Evonne Cawley (nee Goolagong) received the world number-one tennis ranking for a two-week period in 1976, after the Women's Tennis Association realised that not all



Award-winning artist and cartoonist Danny Eastwood was with us again last year (and he's back this year). Here's his take on the campaign for the National Apology to the Stolen Generations as it appeared in Edition 417.

of Goolagong's points were entered after a computer transfer of tournament records from that year.

## Edition 418 30 January

- On Australia Day, or Survival Day, an unidentified white Australian man paid a skywriter to write the word

'sorry' in the sky above Bondi Beach and Sydney Harbour.

- The Tasmanian Government announced that 106 members and children of the State's Stolen Generation would share \$5 million in compensation for their traumatic experiences.
- The Australian Education Union (AEU) called on the Federal Labor Government to undertake an urgent assessment of access to

schooling for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

- Indigenous boxer Bradley Mayo, who fought Anthony 'The Man' Mundine and Danny Green, came out of retirement at 34 to take on Australian super middleweight champion Les Sherrington.

## Edition 419 13 February

- Thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their supporters travelled to Canberra, in anticipation of an historic parliamentary apology for the decades of forced removal of Aboriginal children from their families. Prime Minister Kevin Rudd moved the apology motion, which was supported by the Opposition, the Democrats and the Greens.
- A South Australian court awarded Stolen Generations claimant Bruce Trevorrow a further \$250,000 as interest on his earlier \$525,000 compensation payment.
- The National NAIDOC

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Christine King (left) and Rosemary Fejo Parfitt (right) with their mum Lorna 'Nanna' Fejo and the PM Kevin Rudd after the historic National Apology to the Stolen Generations.

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Committee announced 'Advance Australia Fair?' as the theme for the week's celebrations.

● The Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (DICWC) in WA called for an urgent public meeting in Perth after the death of Warburton Elder Ian Ward in the back of a prison van.

● The Australian Rugby League (ARL) launched its Reconciliation Action Plan.

## Edition 420 27 February

● Prime Minister Kevin Rudd visited Walgett, northern NSW, and put Indigenous housing on the agenda, despite rejecting the Federal Opposition's request to include former Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough on a bipartisan joint policy commission on the issue.

● Activist Les Malezer welcomed signs the Australian Government would soon endorse the UN Declaration on the World's Indigenous Peoples, saying it would help to restore Australia's former good standing in international circles.

● The organisers of a charity car rally in the WA town of Kalgoorlie allowed a team to enter the rally in a car emblazoned with the words 'Foul Coons' and its occupants with their skin painted black and wearing red headbands.

● The mayors of 18 Qld Indigenous communities agreed to a review to tighten alcohol restrictions in exchange for, amongst other things, more detox and rehab centres.

● Qld beat Tasmania to triumph in the Imparja Cup cricket tournament held in Alice Springs. NSW beat the Bellette Cougars in the women's final.

● Aboriginal boxer Jamie Pittman was preparing to challenge German Felix Sturm in the World Boxing Association (WBA) middleweight title in Germany on 5 April. Sturm outlasted the Aussie boxer over seven rounds.



The victorious NSW team celebrate after winning the 2008 Imparja Cup cricket men's title.



The Indigenous float in the 2008 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.



A semi-trailer drives into Boggabilla, on the border of NSW and Queensland.

## Edition 421 12 March

● WOMADELAIDE 2008 was held in Adelaide with a stellar Indigenous line-up, notably the Black Arm Band.

● The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parade entry in the 2008 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras was out, loud and proud.

● West Australian Coroner Alastair Hope released a damning report into 22 Aboriginal deaths in Fitzroy Crossing and living conditions in the State's Kimberley region.

● The SA Government announced it would appeal an

earlier SA Supreme Court decision to award \$525,000 compensation to SA Stolen Generations survivor Bruce Trevorrow.

● Queensland's Otis Gowa won the final of the men's 100m at the Australian Athletics Championships in Brisbane on 29 February.

● Anthony Mundine retained his WBA super middleweight world title for the third time with a decisive, unanimous points decision over Nadar Hamdan at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on 27 February.

● Jason Gillespie announced his retirement from first-class cricket in Australia and confirmed he had signed a three-year agreement to play

cricket for the rebel Indian Cricket League Twenty/20 competition.

## Edition 422 26 March

● The Federal Government unveiled a nine-point plan aimed at closing the 17-year life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians by the year 2030.

● Reconciliation and forgiveness were the central themes of the Easter messages from leaders of the Anglican and Catholic churches.

● The town of Boggabilla on the NSW/Qld border was in the news following allegations that local Aboriginal girls as young as eight were having sex with truck drivers for cash, drugs and/or alcohol.

● The Qld Government planned the introduction of welfare quarantining aimed at parents who neglected their children in four Cape York communities.

● The Australian media union launched a code of conduct that required journalists to outline their intentions before entering Aboriginal communities.

● Olympic gold medallist Cathy Freeman joined others at the opening of the National Sports Museum in Melbourne. Freeman said she hoped the museum would inspire young people to achieve their dreams.

## Edition 423 9 April

● Indigenous Queenslanders reacted angrily to a Qld Government decision to divert more than \$20 million of a reparations offer for stolen wages to Indigenous education scholarships.

● The Labor Government pledged to report at the start of Federal Parliament each year on the progress towards closing the gap on life-expectancy for Indigenous Australians.

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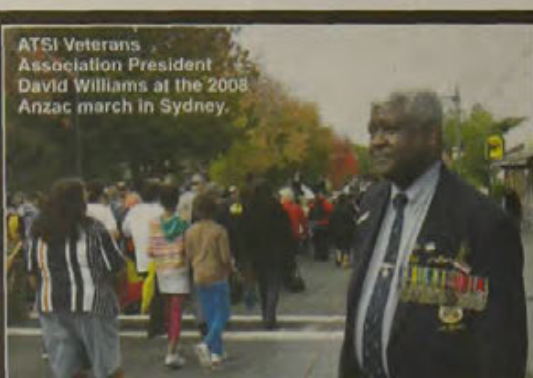
- Aboriginal legal services nationwide said shortfalls in government funding could force them to withdraw some legal representation for Indigenous people facing the courts.
- The second Anzac Day Coloured Diggers march was to be held in the Sydney suburb of Redfern.

## Edition 424 23 April

- Indigenous delegates to the Australia 2020 summit listed a treaty, a new representative body, a government accountability watchdog and a 'future fund' for Indigenous children as their main priorities.
- More than 40 Indigenous Australians left for New York to attend the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
- A national conference was being planned by a coalition of Aboriginal rights groups to highlight issues relating to the NT Intervention.
- The discovery of a 35,000-year-old camping ground in a range of iron-ore hills near Newman, in the East Pilbara region of WA, raised heritage protection issues.
- Eleven Indigenous Aussie Rules football players were amongst the selections for the initial squads for the Hall of Fame tribute match played at the MCG.
- One of Australia's few Indigenous surf events, the Salvation Army Employment Plus Indigenous Classic, was a big success.

## Edition 425 7 May

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma rejected claims from NSW's Warren Mundine that he was pushing for another ATSIC to represent Indigenous Australians.
- The Health and Welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People report showed falls in infant mortality rates and unemployment, increases in home ownership and Year 12 completion but little improvement in Indigenous health.
- The NSW Government and NSW Aboriginal Land Council announced a \$205 million plan to upgrade water and sewerage services in 60 Aboriginal communities.
- The SA Government announced the members of its new Aboriginal committee, formed to fill the void created when ATSIC was scrapped in 2005.
- The Full Federal Court determined that the 2008 Single Noongar Native Title decision was flawed, sending the Noongar people and their lawyers back to the drawing board.
- Eight Indigenous footballers – Stephen Hill, Chris Yarran, Liam Jones, Jamie Bennell, Stephen Motlop, Neville Jetta, Michael Walters



ATSIVeterans Association President David Williams at the 2008 Anzac march in Sydney.



Marchers on their way to the Townsville stolen wages rally.



Danny Eastwood's view of the 2020 summit.



Tammy Clarkson with the Logie she won for her role in the SBS drama, *The Circuit*.

and Warren Benjamin – were selected in the AFL draft.

## Edition 426 21 May

- The Federal Budget allocated \$1.2 billion for Indigenous Affairs over five years (half of it earmarked for the NT) but health groups

warned it would do little to help close health and life-expectancy gaps.

- Tammy Clarkson became the second Aboriginal woman to win a Logie. She won the Graham Kennedy Award for Most Outstanding New Talent for her role in the SBS drama, *The Circuit*.
- The reconciliation process lost one of its most passionate and respected champions with

the death of Dr Marika, a Rirratjingu Yolngu Traditional Owner, accomplished linguist and educator.

- The Federal and SA Governments said they would work together to combat child sexual abuse on the State's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands, following the release of the Mullighan report on child sex abuse on the lands.

- Aboriginal man Brad Welsh landed a job as an advisor to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, saying the best part of his new role was being close to the action.

- An Indigenous team in a State of Origin Australian Rules football competition was touted by Hawthorn President and former Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett.

- Australia's only top-line Indigenous discus thrower, Benn Harradine, broke one of the oldest records in Australian athletics when he threw 65.37 metres at a meet in California.

## Edition 427 4 June

- Aboriginal author Doris Pilkington Garimara – best known for her book *Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence* – wins the \$50,000 Red Ochre Award for her contribution to Indigenous arts.
- Land councils welcomed a Federal Government plan to review the native title system to ensure quicker outcomes and better results for Traditional Owners, but warned native title holders had to be closely involved.
- Queensland police launched an internal investigation into a \$100,000 payout to Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley over the Palm Island riots after it was discovered his possessions were insured for just \$35,000.
- Former Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Chairman Patrick Dodson was announced as the second Australian to win the Sydney Peace Prize.
- (Then) Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson backed out of a bipartisan 'war cabinet' proposed by the PM Kevin Rudd to tackle Aboriginal housing disadvantage.
- Anthony 'The Man' Mundine defended his WBA super middleweight world title against Sam 'King' Soliman in Melbourne. It was Mundine's 32nd victory from 35 fights.
- The NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout remained divided and there were calls for a summit to bring the factions together.

## Edition 428 18 June

- Health workers claimed some Indigenous children from the Kimberley community of Balgo were being left stranded in Halls Creek following court appearances.
- The Rudd Government announced a review led by WA Indigenous leader Peter Yu of the intervention into Aboriginal communities in the NT.
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originally introduced by the former Howard government but continued by Labor.

- The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) celebrated its silver, or 25th, anniversary at the Sydney Convention Centre.

- The Ngaanyatjarra Lands Part B native title determination over 1428 sq km of the Central Desert (Western Australia) was finalised, making it the largest area of recognised native title land in Australia.

- Three of nine males who raped a 10-year-old girl in Aurukun in far north Queensland in 2006 were jailed and two others given juvenile detention after an appeal against a judge's decision to let them walk free.

- Aboriginal Olympic track queen Cathy Freeman became the newest member of the Laureus World Sports Academy, a unique collection of the world's legendary sportsman and sportswomen.

- A healthy mix of Indigenous athletes were either chosen, or in line for selection, for the Olympic Games in Beijing. They included basketballers Patrick Mills and Rohanee Cox, boxer Luke Boyd and hockey player Des Abbott.

## Edition 429 2 July

- About 400 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men from communities throughout the NT and other States and Territories gathered in the desert near Alice Springs to confront issues raised by the NT intervention, and others affecting their communities.

- The Rudd Government brokered a \$50 million deal with Tangentyere Council to take over control of Alice Springs' town camps, swapping 40-year leases over the land for better housing and infrastructure.

- Tributes flowed for Bruce Trevorrow, who died on 20 June, and was buried in country Victoria on 3 July. Mr Trevorrow was the first member of the Stolen Generations to be awarded compensation for his experiences.

- Traditional Owners and the Swiss mining giant Xstrata were locked in a dispute over access to traditional sites around Borroloola in the NT, and the planned diversion of a section of the McArthur River.

- The final report of the NT Emergency Response Task Force recommended the Federal Government assess the viability of communities.

- Rugby League immortal and Team of the Century member Arthur Beetson chaired selectors for the Indigenous team to play the 'welcome to country' game against New Zealand in the World Cup opening extravaganza.

- Indigenous Australian basketball sensation Nathan Jawai prepared to play for Toronto in the US NBA basketball competition despite being selected by Indiana in the draft.



Pope Benedict with Aboriginal dancers during his visit to Sydney.  
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Veteran activist Chicka Dixon honoured at the annual NAIDOC Awards.



Star NRL and Australian rugby league player Johnathan Thurston.

## Edition 430 16 July

- About 400 Indigenous males at a health summit near Alice Springs apologised to their women for the pain, hurt and suffering Indigenous men had caused them.

- More than 1000 people attended the National NAIDOC Awards in Canberra. Taking out lifetime achievement awards were Chicka Dixon, Archie Roach and Joseph Elu.

- Indigenous singer Troy Cassar-Daley won the coveted 2008 CMA Global Country Artist Award at a ceremony in Nashville, Tennessee.

- Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma released a report detailing various options for the National Indigenous Representative body promised by the Federal Government.

- Townsville star Rohanee Cox was chosen in the Opals line-up to play at the Beijing Olympics. Basketballer Patrick Mills was also confirmed as a Games starter, along with Socceroo Jade North and hockey player Des Abbott.

- Six Palm Island boxers competed at the Sunstate

Amateur Boxing League Queensland Golden Gloves where they won four gold and two silver medals. Club star Luke Lenoy won two gold medals at the competition.

## Edition 431 30 July

- The Yolngu people of the NT presented the Federal Cabinet community meeting at Yirrkala with a 25-point 'wish list' to help lift their communities out of poverty and build a better future. PM Kevin Rudd said he was listening.

- Hundreds of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people gathered in Sydney with half a million others to pay their respects to Pope Benedict XVI. The opening mass featured a welcome to country by Gadigal Elder Allan Madden.

- Thousands of Aboriginal people sign a petition to have the NT intervention abandoned. The statement coincided with the Federal Government's 12-month review of the intervention.

- Four Kimberley Aboriginal communities, along with the

Perth suburb of Cannington, became the first targets of new income management agreements between the Federal and State Governments.

- A series of consultations for a new national Indigenous representative body come under fire for not being widely publicised.

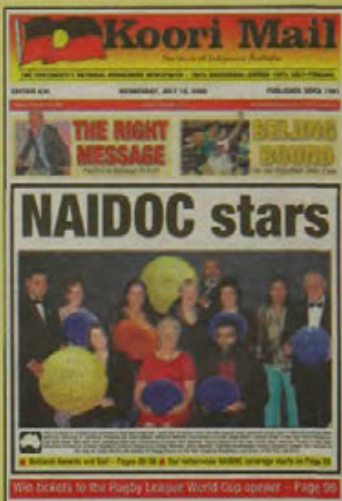
- Living legends Cathy Freeman and footballer Michael Long met with 49 Indigenous boys from across Australia during the 2008 Qantas AFL KickStart Camp in Melbourne.

- Dual Daily M medallist Johnathan Thurston admitted he could follow NRL star Mark Gasnier and take up a big-money overseas offer with a French club.

## Edition 432 13 August

- Australia's (then) richest man, WA mining magnate Andrew Forrest, announced a plan to create 50,000 jobs for Indigenous people within two years. The plan won the backing of PM Kevin Rudd

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and some Indigenous leaders.

● In the Blue Mud Bay case, the High Court upheld the rights of traditional owners in north-east Arnhem Land to decide who fished in their waters.

● Thirty-three Indigenous remains that had been held in an American museum were returned to the NT.

● Welfare reform in Qld entered a new phase with the first hearings of the Family Responsibilities Commission held in four Cape York communities.

● About 2500 people made their way to the annual Garma festival, hosted by the Yolngu people of north-east Arnhem Land.

● The Indigenous Rugby League team of the century was named. It included Eric Simms, Steve Renouf, Greg Inglis, Johnathan Thurston, Cliff Lyons, Sam Thaiday, Arthur Beetson, Sam Backo, Mal Cochrane, Wally McArthur and John Ferguson.

● Anthony Mundine defeated Japan's Crazy Kim in a unanimous points decision in their non-title fight in Newcastle.

## Edition 433 27 August

● The Federal Government rejected calls from Indigenous leader Warren Mundine to cut the welfare payments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who would not take up seasonal work such as fruit picking.

● Aboriginal leaders in South Australia's APY Lands accepted a \$25 million housing package from the Federal Government. Under the plan, 70 houses were to be built on land leased for 50 years.

● Victorian Premier John Brumby committed his Government to closing the health and life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Victorians by the year 2030.

● Makinti Napanangka, from Kintore in the NT, took out the \$40,000 Telstra Art Award.

● Women's basketballer Rohanee Cox picked up a silver, and softball Stacey Porter a bronze, at the Olympic Games in Beijing. Hockey player Des Abbott also won a bronze.

● Parra West High School made a clean sweep of the inaugural Australian football Aboriginal Power Cup, winning the boys' and girls' divisions.

## Edition 434 10 September

● Adelaide's Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) announced it would take its fight for increased government funding to the United Nations.

● Townsville's Indigenous community let off steam at a meeting about a new Indigenous representative body. Some attendees said they were tired of meetings, some said there was nothing wrong with ATSIC while others



Dancing at the 2008 Garma Festival held during August in the Top End.



Basketballer Rohanee Cox has a big year – an Olympic silver medal and an engagement ring.



Makinti Napanangka, from Kintore in the Northern Territory, took out the \$40,000 Telstra Art Award.



Danny Eastwood's take on Arthur Beetson, named in the Rugby League Team of the Century and also appointed Chairman of the selection panel for the Indigenous Dreamtime team.

called for more input from Elders.

● Publisher Harper Collins apologised for the inclusion of a chapter on how to play the didgeridoo in the Australian version of their book *The Daring Book for Girls*.

● Two NT organisations, Warakurna Artists and the Traditional Credit Union, took out the top awards in the 2008 Indigenous Governance Awards.

● Kulpiyam defended its Torres Strait Island of Origin title with a 26-16 win over arch-rivals Mulgoa Tigers in the competition's grand final.

● *Koori Mail* columnist Dean Widders waxed lyrical about the on-field talent of Chris Sandow, his fellow

South Sydney player and winner of the George Green Medal for the NRL's rising Indigenous star.

● The country geared up for the third annual National and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Championships in Darwin.

## Edition 435 24 September

● The Victorian Government announced it would transition Indigenous students at four Koorie School campuses into mainstream schools.

● Malcolm Turnbull deposed Brendan Nelson as

Leader of the Liberal Federal Opposition but Tony Abbott retained the Indigenous Affairs portfolio, despite earlier confessing that he longed to be 'closer to the main action'.

● There were protests in Townsville about police officer Chris Hurley's appeal against a Coroner's finding that he was responsible for the 2004 death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee on Palm Island.

● Police denied their handling of an attack on Narrogin man Warren Kickett by a mob of non-Aboriginal men was racist, but admitted Mr Kickett should have been taken to hospital and had his injuries photographed.

● Darwin team Triball emerged victorious from the men's comp at the National and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Championships in Darwin, beating Team Boxa from Sydney 46-35. In the women's comp, Victorian side VAYSAR beat Perth's Bluejays 45-39.

● Australian Opals basketballer Rohanee Cox topped off silver at the Olympics by becoming engaged to fiancé Cairns policeman Aaron Thomas.

## Edition 436 8 October

● About 100 Aboriginal people protested in Alice Springs about the ongoing NT intervention. They formed the Prescribed Area People's Alliance (PAPA).

● Indigenous artists welcomed the announcement of a new Federal Government royalty resale scheme which will give artists a royalty of five per cent of the sale price when their work is resold for more than \$1000.

● The High Court dismissed an appeal by the NSW Government against the handing of a derelict motor registry in Wagga Wagga's business district to the local Aboriginal community.

● After winning a battle to have the E S 'Nigger' Brown sign removed from a Toowoomba grandstand, Indigenous academic Stephen

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# 2008 - The Year in Review

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Hagan announced the cheese brand name Coon as his next target.

● Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu's self-titled debut album took out the award for Best World Album at the ARIA Fine Arts Awards held in Sydney.

● Reconciliation Australia released research that found Australia would be billions of dollars better off in 20 years if it alleviated Indigenous disadvantage soon.

● Chance Bateman, Cyril Rioli, Lance 'Buddy' Franklin and Mark Williams collected AFL's highest honour - an AFL/VFL premiership - with Hawthorn's grand final win over Geelong.

● The Narwan Eels, from Armidale, emerged victors in the 2008 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout at Kingscliff, beating La Perouse Panthers, 22-18.

● The Yuendumu Magpies won their fifth AFL Central Australia premiership in six years, beating Pioneer Eagles in Alice Springs.

## Edition 437 22 October

● There was a mixed response to the review of the NT intervention, which recommended continuing with the controversial initiative but scrapping blanket welfare quarantining, reinstating the permit system and conforming to the Racial Discrimination Act.

● Aboriginal leaders pleaded with the Federal Government not to let the emerging global economic crisis weaken its commitment to closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

● Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma met with the Aboriginal community of Narrogin to discuss factors contributing to the high rate of suicides and suicide attempts in the south-west WA town.

● NT Education Minister Marion Scrymgeour decreed that the first four hours of the school day in all Territory schools had to be taught in English only, prompting claims it was endangering culture.

● The trial of Palm Islander Lex Wotton on a charge of rioting with destruction on the island in November 2004, following the death in police custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee, begins in Brisbane.

● The Gold Coast's Preston Campbell was named captain of the Indigenous Dreamtime team against the New Zealand Maori side in the curtain-raiser for the Rugby League World Cup.

● Palm Island boxers won five gold medals, four silver and one bronze at the Sunstate Amateur League's state titles in Cairns.

● Having just won his third Qld Amateur Boxing Association title, 15-year-old Cameron Cobbo-Riley was preparing for the Australian Amateur Boxing titles in Sydney in November.

Gracelyn Smallwood, left, and Renata Prior protesting outside the Townsville District Court over the Palm Island riots and Snr-Sgt Chris Hurley.



Action from the National Indigenous Basketball Titles.



Witjira claimants, with NNTT case manager Monica Khouri (rear right), after the Federal Court recognised their native title rights and interests over SA's Witjira National Park.



Narwan Eels players Dean Widders (left) and Mitch Morris hold aloft the 2008 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout trophy.



Lance Franklin celebrates with the crowd after the Hawthorn Hawks defeated the Geelong Cats in the 2008 AFL grand final. News Ltd Pic

## Edition 438 5 November

● The Australian Jobs Covenant, promising 50,000 Indigenous private sector jobs within two years, was launched in Sydney.

● The Federal Government announced it would continue welfare quarantining in the NT, despite a recommendation to scrap the controversial measure, and said it would be

another year before the intervention conformed to the Racial Discrimination Act.

● A Senate inquiry heard that successive NT governments had mispent millions of dollars of Federal funds, receiving \$218 million for Indigenous services in 2007 but spending just \$118 million.

● On 24 October, a Brisbane jury found Palm Island man Lex Wotton guilty of rioting. He was due to be sentenced on 7 November.

● The traditional owners of Karlu Karlu, also known as the Devil's Marbles, in the NT had their land handed back after a 28-year battle.

● After beating New Zealand Maori in a curtain-raiser, there were calls for the Indigenous Dreamtime team to be included in the 2013 Rugby League World Cup.

● Indigenous soccer star Travis Dodd was set to lead Adelaide United in the first leg of the Asian Football Confederation Champions League final.

● Cairns United won the men's and women's finals in the Cairns All Blacks rugby league knockout carnival, beating Hopevale's Dhaara Bulls in the men's and Charters Towers in the women's.

## Edition 439 19 November

● Barack Obama's election as the first black President of the United States prompted musings about how long it would be before Australia had an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Prime Minister.

● Patrick Dodson won the 2008 Sydney Peace Prize on 6 November.

● Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma warned the Federal Government not to squander goodwill generated by the National Apology and to start engaging better with Indigenous Australians.

● The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) joined forces with the NSW Police to offer a \$5000 reward for information leading to the arrest of sexual predators preying on Aboriginal children.

● There was anger in the Torres Strait over the high cost of groceries there, with an average basket of groceries costing up to \$150 more than on the mainland.

● There was community anger over Federal Government plans to scrap CDEP in non-remote areas.

● About 200 athletes competed at the 2008 NSW Indigenous Athletics Championships in Newcastle.

● Townsville basketball and Olympic Silver medalist

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## Our people in the news



Activist Les Malezer, who won the 2008 Human Rights Medal.



Australian Idol's Jessica Mauboy was sensational on stage at the 2008 Deadly Awards.

Vibe Australia Photo



Sydney Peace Prize winner Patrick Dodson. AAP Image



Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma was named *GQ Magazine's* 'Man of Inspiration' in its 2008 Men of the Year Awards.



Stars of the new film *Australia* Brandon Walters and David Gulpilil on set with director Baz Luhrmann.



A mother's pain ... Agnes Wotton at home on Palm Island following her son Lex was found guilty of rioting by a Brisbane jury on 24 October.

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Rohanee Cox won the Eddie Gilbert Medal at the 2008 Oz Minerals Old Indigenous Sports Awards held in Cairns.

● After two knockbacks and threats of legal action, Lismore-based Indigenous rugby league club Northern United won its battle for admission into the NSW Northern Rivers rugby league competition.

## Edition 440 3 December

● The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) announced an extra \$2 billion for Indigenous programs over five years to help close the gap. Indigenous health and rights lobby groups welcomed the news.

● Wobbleboard entertainer Rolf Harris angered Indigenous people with an ill-informed rant about Aboriginal people. He later apologised.

● A report by Commissioner James Wood into the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) recommended a wide range of measures including reforms to complaints handling and welfare quarantining for negligent parents – both black and white.

● Brothers Patrick and Mick Dodson, NSW Stolen Generations campaigner Lorraine Peeters and musician Gurrumul Yunupingu were among State and Territory Australia Day Awards winners.

● Australia saw the release of *Australia*, an epic film directed by Baz Luhrmann with strong Aboriginal themes and a big Aboriginal cast alongside stars Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman. Young Brandon Walters has been tipped for a chance at an Oscar.

● Eight Indigenous footballers were selected in the AFL national draft in Melbourne. They included Tasmanian Liam Jones, who'll start with the Western Bulldogs,



Representatives of Follow the Dream Australia, WA, were amongst about 3000 people from nearly 30 countries to attend WIPC:E 2008. Photo by WAYNE QUILLIAM



Traditional owners of Karlu Karlu, or the Devil's Marbles with Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin after the handback of their land.



Danny Eastwood's comment on young Brandon Walters' performance in the movie *Australia* drew a chuckle.

and Sydney's Chris Yarren, who was Carlton's first pick.

● There were thrills and spills during the first Palm

Island Rodeo in 32 years, with Cherbourg riders including Charlie Bond taking out the top honours.

● A total of 114 teams competed in the 15th annual First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival in Brisbane on 28-29 November.

## Edition 441 17 December

● Minister Jenny Macklin announced that Tom Calma would oversee a roundtable or summit of about 100 Indigenous leaders early next year to discuss the shape of a new representative body.

● The World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education (WIPC:E) in Melbourne attracted 3000 delegates from around the world.

● Qld rights campaigner and international advocate Les Malezer was awarded the 2008 Human Rights Medal at a ceremony in Sydney. *The Koori Mail* took out the print category of the awards for its coverage of the National Apology.

● Patrick Dodson, who is reviewing remote outstations for the NT Government, told a consultation meeting that Warren Mundine, Noel Pearson and Marcia Langton wanted to close outstations – a claim disputed by Mr Mundine.

● An audit of remote community housing in WA estimated it would take millions of dollars to bring thousands of remote community houses up to scratch.

● Bernard Singer was re-elected chairman of the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Council, but the SA Attorney General continued to consider whether an assault charge against Mr Singer warranted his sacking.

● Newcastle Jets soccer team captain Jade North signed a deal with Korean club Incheon United.

● Sprinter Josh Ross was in training to headline the 122nd Bay Sheffield, a 120-metre handicap race to be held in Adelaide on 27-28 December.



# More power to award-winner



WINNING an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Trainee of the Year award has given a boost to Barbie Stewart's self-confidence.

The Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE (SQIT) student was recognised at the recent Wide Bay Group Training awards night held at the Brolga Theatre in Maryborough.

A trainee at Tarong Energy, Ms Stewart is able to use the skills she learns in the classroom through her Certificate III in Business Administration Traineeship.

"Winning this award has given me the confidence to develop my skills and expand on my knowledge," she said.

"This traineeship has given me the opportunity to challenge myself to believe in my own abilities and be successful in completing a Certificate III in Business Administration.

"The skills and knowledge that I have gained throughout my traineeship supported my own professional development as I continue to accomplish my own career aspirations.

"I would definitely encourage other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees and apprentices to nominate for these awards. It is very rewarding and recognises all your hard work and all you have achieved in your traineeship or apprenticeship."

SQIT business teacher Sharon McFarlane said the 18-year-old had improved in many ways since starting her



Every reason to smile ... Barbie Stewart has been recognised for her efforts as the South Queensland Institute of TAFE ATSI Trainee of the Year.

traineeship, and the award would give an extra boost of self-esteem.

"Barbie is a lovely girl and

has been working to develop her communication skills in her position at Tarong Energy," Ms McFarlane said.

"She was a school-based trainee originally at Wondai State School, but then gained the traineeship at Tarong Energy and is committed to finishing that."

Announcing the award, Wide Bay Training Group field officer Michelle Waters said Barbie had an 'amazing talent' in practising what she learns.

"Having the good fortune to work within the Human Resources and Training, Development Division of Tarong Energy, Barbie has enhanced and honed her organisational abilities and has proven herself to be an extremely accommodating and amiable member of staff," Ms Waters said.

"In all she produces, she aims to do so in a precise, timely and professional manner and has managed a level of expertise that has both impressed and far exceeded our expectations of a trainee."

"Barbie has proven herself as an integral player of our team and has cemented herself as a valued asset within Tarong Energy."

Tarong Energy's Kristy Scott said the award would be a significant highlight in Ms Stewart's career.

"Her aptitude, initiative and academic capacity are only a few of the talents Barbie has which this award represents," she said.

For more information about Queensland school-based apprentice and trainee opportunities, contact Tina Torres at the SQIT Kingaroy Campus on (07) 4160 4454.

## Aiming high at NMIT



THE North Melbourne Institute of TAFE (NMIT) Koorie Services

Centre will this year offer four study grants for Indigenous students. Two of the grants will be for continuing students, with the other two for new students.

There are no fees for Indigenous students studying government-funded courses at NMIT.

"The study grants provide students with incentive to gain appropriate knowledge and skills to further their career choices," Koorie Services Centre Manager Wanda Braybrook said.

"Our theme at the Koorie Services Centre for 2009 is 'aim high' and I think the study grants and fee waiver will really assist Australian Indigenous students to do this."

### Courses

"Australian Indigenous students can choose from any of the hundreds of courses on offer at NMIT - everything from hairdressing to farming and music to carpentry and much more. Our courses range from certificate level right up to bachelor degrees."

The NMIT Koorie Services Centre also has a Koorie Liaison Officer and Koorie Cultural Studies Teacher to assist students and staff with a range of issues relating to Australian Indigenous student participation and success at NMIT.

Student Wendy Morrison said she found support offered by the NMIT Koorie Services Centre made a difference while she was studying the Diploma in Community Welfare Work.

For more information on enrolling for NMIT courses this year and support for Australian Indigenous students, call (03) 9269 1339 or (03) 9269 1340 or email [koorie@nmit.vic.edu.au](mailto:koorie@nmit.vic.edu.au)

## More possibilities for more people

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Isaac Charles, TAFE Graduate, Certificate III in Engineering



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Applications close 5.00 pm Friday 6 February 2009.  
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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are particularly encouraged to apply.

## Education

# Pre-schools with drive



Lasseter Group School Principal Geoff Hobson and Assistant Teacher Lisa Mulda with some of the children from Titjikala Mobile Pre-school.



AS the school year drew to a close in December, Titjikala Mobile Pre-school was celebrating a successful start to operations.

Northern Territory mobile pre-schools operate using a 'hub and spoke' model. Each has a teacher who travels to five remote sites where assistant teachers with local community knowledge are supported to deliver daily preschool activities.

Funded through the NT's Closing the Gap initiative, the establishment of six mobile preschools across the Territory was announced last year.

Mobile pre-schools are operating in Central Australia, Katherine and Barkly regions and from the Top End Group School. Across these regions 19

mobile preschool sites are fully operational, and a further seven sites will start operations next year.

The Titjikala Mobile Preschool is part of the Lasseter Group School in Central Australia, which has four other established sites: Wallace Rockhole, Finke, Areyonga and Docker River.

### Supported

At Titjikala, teacher Sarah Cahill is supported by local assistant teachers Lisa Mulda and Julie Meruntju.

Ms Cahill said the mobile pre-school at Titjikala had progressed very well since the initial roll-out at the end of term three, 'largely due to the wonderful work that Lisa and Julie do on a daily basis'.

"We are very proud of the pre-school that we have

developed at Titjikala and will continue to work together to ensure that the pre-school meets the needs of the children and the community," she said.

"The children are being given the chance to grow in all developmental areas."

Assistant teacher Julie Meruntju agreed that it was important for children to be learning from a young age.

"It's good when they are learning when they are three or four years of age," she said. "It's good when kids come to school every day."

Children attending mobile pre-schools undertake age-appropriate, play-based activities. Each site receives a fortnightly program, resources and equipment such as puzzles, books, play dough, paints, blocks, cars, trucks and puppets.



# Students excel with community support

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



A FOUR-YEAR pilot program aimed at improving educational outcomes of

Aboriginal students has been hailed a success in meeting key literacy and numeracy targets at Cabbage Tree Island and Ballina Public Schools and Ballina High School in northern NSW.

In a farewell barbecue for the staff involved in the project, Kids Excel Facilitator Nat Heath said the program had achieved many positive educational targets and had also 'embedded Aboriginal culture and a sense of pride back into the schools'.

The Cabbage Tree Island and Ballina Public Schools Kids Excel Program and the Youth Excel Program at Ballina High School also aimed to cut absenteeism, truancy and suspension and improve relations between the local Aboriginal community and the schools.

Mr Heath said the local Aboriginal community had been pivotal in supporting the school and its students throughout the four-year plan, leading to a 20 per cent improvement in education outcomes at Ballina Public School in 2008.

He said the boys of Ballina Public School excelled, with a 12 per cent increase in attendance for Year 6, and 7 per cent for Years 1 through 6.

Aboriginal students at the school in Years 3 and 5 also scored well above the regional and state levels in the 2007



Students from Ballina Public School, which implemented the four-year Kids Excel pilot program.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) tests with a 25 per cent increase over the previous year's score.

Other target areas included higher attendance and retention rates, improved social, emotional and cognitive outcomes and less anti-social and risk-taking

behaviour. Successful transition to school and high school and improved student, parent and teacher perceptions of school were also addressed throughout the program.

Cabbage Tree Island Public School Kids Excel Facilitator Shanene Phillips praised the

successful outcomes of the program and the community for getting behind it.

She said regular monthly meetings had helped increase parent participation, and parent workshops had boosted skills in parenting, literacy and numeracy. "We have multi-skilled and

successful students who are strong, proud and deadly," she said.

"Our community supports what we are doing and they are working with us to achieve excellence. We may be a small school but we are a great school, and Kids Excel has helped to make this happen."

# Buninyong shines



STAFF and students at Buninyong Public School stood out at the inaugural Wudhagararra Awards held recently at Dubbo, in western New South Wales.

Wudhagararra is a Wiradjuri word meaning 'to know a great deal' and the new Department of Education and Training awards celebrate and recognise innovation, excellence and achievement in Aboriginal education in public school communities in western NSW.

Buninyong took out the award for Outstanding Primary School and Assistant Principal Debbie Coyle (left) was awarded for her Outstanding Contribution to Educational Achievement by an Aboriginal staff member. Cohen Dunn (back right, next to Assistant Principal Deb Pritchard) was awarded for Outstanding Sporting Achievement and Hayley Jackson, David Carriage and Tyrone Adams received Junior Encouragement Awards.



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Dr Shannon Springer shows kids how the body works at the AIDA community event last October in Darwin. Photo: WAYNE QUILLIAM

# Time to make things happen

**T**HE end of the year always brings a certain amount of reflection and anticipation of the year to come. Those of us privileged to work in Indigenous health have celebrated some real milestones during 2008.

The Prime Minister's apology on behalf of all Australian people brought a real sense of healing to the nation. It felt good as a country to see the dignity of our First Peoples restored and a renewed focus on, and commitment to, Indigenous health. This was further cemented by the Close the Gap campaign, which brought together ordinary people from all walks of life to fight for the right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to have the same health and life outcomes as non-Indigenous Australians.

On a personal level, 2008 brought me full circle. From a nervous teenager leaving home for the first time, to an Indigenous doctor returning to my hometown to work among my people.

## My story

Twelve years ago, I had no idea what I wanted to do in life. The only thing I knew was football. After I finished high school, I left my home town of Mackay (Qld) to build my career in football in Brisbane. But I needed money to live on.

I decided to enrol in the Bachelor of Applied Health Science in Indigenous Primary Health Care at the University



## Doctor's Advice

A column from the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association

with Dr Shannon Springer

of Queensland so I could claim a Centrelink allowance. Little did I know that this decision would change the course of my life.

## From football to medicine

I never thought I would go to university. I wasn't good at English or maths and I didn't get a great high school score. I had loving parents, but I think they would have been happy and proud of me just to get a job – any job. If I hadn't been good at footy I probably would have gone into a trade.

Being at university changed everything. It was a time in my life when I was developing my identity and

trying to figure out where I stood in the world.

I am so lucky to have been surrounded by strong, influential, inspirational classmates whose passion for Indigenous health really rubbed off on me. We supported and encouraged each through our studies and we learnt from one another.

For the first time in my life, I felt a deep desire and drive to do something to improve the health of my people.

In the end, it was an easy decision to give up football and enrol in medicine.

## Closing the Gap

It seems simple. Indigenous boys and girls should be able to thrive in their culture and develop into healthy Indigenous family or community leaders with access to culturally appropriate health care along the way. Unfortunately, we know that this is not the case all the time.

As a doctor, an area of medicine that I am particularly interested in is chronic disease management.

I like the idea of supporting a patient over a long period of time; from making sure they get the right treatment to overseeing their referrals for follow-up treatment.

I think the Government's commitment to Close the Gap has really sparked a renewed sense of hope on the ground.

My patients tell me that for them, Close the Gap means that Indigenous people need

to be treated the same as non-Indigenous people so they can live longer. As a medical practitioner, I'm looking forward to seeing how this translates on the ground.

Now that the Government has committed to achieving certain targets, we need to move to the next step. We need to build on what already exists in communities and make sure they have the support and resources to improve partnerships with the Government.

We need to make sure momentum from the campaign translates into meaningful outcomes. And we need to make things happen now.

2009 is filled with great possibilities, both in my work as a doctor and my work with the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA).

● For those people thinking about becoming doctors, we want to hear from you! Write to us c/- The Editor, Koori Mail, PO Box 117, Lismore 2480 or email editor@koorimail.com

*"Dr Shannon Springer is an Aboriginal and an Australian South Sea Islander man from Mackay, Queensland. He moved from Mackay after finishing Year 12 to play football in Brisbane. He is currently enrolled in the general practice training program and has returned home after 12 years to start work at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service in Mackay. He holds the position of Secretary at the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association."*

# Lack of data 'a blow' to closing the gap



THE dearth and inaccuracy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health data collection will hinder efforts to close the health disparity gap between Indigenous and other Australians,

according to an editorial in the latest e-newsletter of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health.

Written by Associate Professor Jane Freemantle, of the Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit, the editorial concludes that 'incomplete and inaccurate data lead to inaccurate policy and program development'.

It says that under the current data collection regimes operating in most Australian States and Territories, there is no real ability for health services to evaluate policies and to assess the effectiveness of programs and interventions.

"We need to be sure of the accuracy of the baseline from which we measure the changes in the current status," wrote Associate Professor Freemantle.

"Improving the accuracy of Indigenous identification in data collections must be achieved at the point of collection, through better informing both those who collect the information, and those about whom the data is being collected, as to the importance of the accurate collection of information about Indigenous status."

## Unstable

The CRC for Aboriginal Health editorial follows a recent report from Charles Darwin University's School for Social and Policy Research, which found that the two most recent estimates of Indigenous life expectancy were too unstable to be used to calculate mortality rates.

The author of that report, Professor Tony Barnes, controversially found mortality data was so poor that the true life-expectancy gap could not be reliably calculated and consequently the Federal Government and its Council of Australian Governments (COAG) partners 'would struggle to conduct annual reviews'.

Associate Professor Freemantle said States where data collection was of unreliable quality were Victoria, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Tasmania and Queensland (before 1998).

"This makes it impossible to provide a complete and accurate profile of the mortality of Australia's Indigenous people," she said.

CRC for Aboriginal Health Chief Executive Mick Gooda said the collection of reliable data on Aboriginal health and mortality must be a priority for COAG if the close-the-gap commitment was to be more than just rhetoric.

"Far too often health departments and other agencies developing and delivering health-related services to our people operate with a blindfold of inadequate data," he said.

"How do governments effectively target the health budget and how do we efficiently allocate resources to the areas of greatest need if we don't have accurate data?"



# Big donation in honour of Kara



CHILDREN with respiratory problems will receive

enhanced care at Southern Health's Monash Medical Centre in the Melbourne suburb of Clayton following a \$100,000 donation to the Pediatric Respiratory Service.

The Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation will donate the money over a three-year period in memory of Kara Lennah Compton.

Kara had Down Syndrome and suffered severe respiratory problems and was treated by Dr David Armstrong at the Monash Medical Centre. She died aged two in 2006.

Her mother, Sonia Murray, is a member of the Bunurong land council.

The donation is the result of a \$100,000 contribution from a property developer building on land that was traditionally owned by the Bunurong people. The community had asked for the money to be donated to Southern Health.

"We wanted to place the money somewhere we knew it could reach many people and a variety of cultures. We also wanted to educate people on the work the Aboriginal community does locally," Ms Murray said.

She is keen to make sure Southern Health continues providing the best care possible.

"Dr Armstrong's dedication was incredible and at times very moving. My daughter adored him and I think he is one of Australia's unsung heroes, as are many doctors working hard to save children," Ms Murray said.

"He never gave up. My

Sonia Murray and her son Tjitjin with Dr David Armstrong.



daughter was extremely sick, but Dr Armstrong never stopped trying to save her life, he is an incredible man."

Dr Armstrong said Southern Health would use the money to buy two video bronchoscopes.

"It will allow for the examination of the airways in children with respiratory conditions such as recurrent pneumonia, cystic fibrosis and

persistent cough," he said.

Dr Armstrong said money would also be spent on six pulse oximeters which will allow monitoring of blood oxygen levels in children who require home oxygen.

"We also plan to purchase two home ventilators, allowing children with severe respiratory disease to be cared for at home rather than in the hospital."

# Vision is at risk - research



AUSTRALIANS have been urged to put an eye test on their to-do list, with new research showing that many Australians are putting their vision at risk by ignoring simple eye tests.

Health guidelines recommend that everyone have an eye test every two years. This can detect eye disease that could cause irreversible vision loss if not caught early.

Regular eye examinations can also identify warning signs for a host of other serious health conditions.

However, a recent survey of 1100 adult Australians found that only 50 per cent of respondents had an eye test in the previous two years.

Optometrist and Specsavers' Managing Director Peter Larsen said the research found that most people put an eye check below a visit to the doctor or dentist.

"Nearly half of all Australians even dismiss regular eye tests as being less important than getting their car serviced," he said.

"There is a real lack of awareness around how important an eye check is for maintaining your vision and good general health."

The research also found that:

- 60 per cent of Australians were experiencing difficulties with their eyesight or are considered to be in a high-risk group for eye disease.

- 28 per cent of people admitted to suffering from blurred vision

- 18 per cent had headaches or sore eyes and

- Almost a third of people had a known family history of eye disease or diabetes.

"It is particularly alarming that people are actually suffering from

problems with their eye sight that they are ignoring, or are not taking a family history seriously," Mr Larsen said.

"Having regular eye tests can pick up signs of eye disease, sometimes even before the patient displays any symptoms, which gives a much better chance of successful treatment and preventing vision loss or even blindness.

"To put this in context, it is estimated that 300,000 Australians have glaucoma, yet only half of those people have been diagnosed.

"Caught early, glaucoma can be treated, but it's a silent disease that has no symptoms until the onset of blindness, which at that stage, is irreversible."

## High risk

The research also found that more than five million Australians were aware they had a family history of eye disease or diabetes, putting them in the high-risk category. Unchecked diabetic eye disease is the leading cause of blindness in the Western World.

"I don't think Australians are putting enough value on their vision and part of that may come down to a lack of awareness," said Mr Larsen.

The research found that people were putting off their eye tests because of the perceived inconvenience, or because they didn't think they need an eye test unless there was something wrong with their vision.

Two million Australians were also concerned about cost if they needed to wear glasses, and another two million subscribed to the myth that wearing glasses makes your eyes 'lazy'.

## Use condoms the message



'USE Condoms and Enjoy Your Freedom'. That's the

message being encouraged by the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW as part of a new campaign.

The council campaign also encourages regular sexual health tests by sexually active young people.

The campaign was funded by NSW Department of Health and was developed by the council in consultation with Aboriginal health workers. It was tested using focus groups.

# Diabetes danger for pregnant women



INDIGENOUS women are diagnosed with gestational (pregnancy) diabetes at 1.5 times the rate of

other Australian women, according to a new health report. And the Australian Institute on Health and Welfare's first national snapshot on diabetes in pregnant women also found the rate of diabetes among pregnant women is soaring as they have children later in life and grow fatter.

The rate of gestational diabetes (GD) for those aged between 15-49 climbed more than 20 per cent between 2000-01 and 2005-06.

The number of GD patients at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital has soared more than 100 per cent over the past eight years, GD expert Michael d'Emden said.

GD is a form of diabetes diagnosed during pregnancy that lasts the duration of the pregnancy.

Other key findings of the report were that in 2005-06:

- 4.6 per cent of women,

or more than 12,400 women, aged 15-49 years who gave birth in hospital were diagnosed with GD.

- One per cent of women aged 15-19 years were diagnosed with GD, compared with 13 per cent of women aged 44-49.

Dr d'Emden said women having children later in life and ballooning waistlines were factors in the massive GD increase. Women can reduce their risk of GD by regular exercise, eating a healthy diet and controlling their weight. - AAP

## NSW HEALTH

### Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office

Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce Program - Additional Aboriginal Mental Health Workers in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services Request For Proposals (DOH 08/30)

NSW Health is seeking applications from not-for-profit Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) to employ Aboriginal mental health workers to support local Aboriginal people with mental health and well being problems and their families.

This initiative falls within the Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce Program in the NSW Aboriginal Mental Health and Well Being Policy 2006-2010, and is aimed at increasing the Aboriginal mental health workforce in NSW.

It is part of the Non Government Organisation (NGO) Grant Program. See NSW Health website for further information: <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/health/>

Request For Proposals close on Tuesday 17 February 2009.

For enquiries please contact Catherine Greenwood on Ph: 02 9391 9729 or [catherine.greenwood@doh.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:catherine.greenwood@doh.health.nsw.gov.au)





## Strive to be a healthy Murri, says Qld Health



THE beginning of the year is often a time for setting new goals, but sometimes we need a little extra help in achieving

them. Queensland Health is encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults to strive for a strong heart and strong body in 2009 and has created a new resource to help achieve that goal.

It has created a new booklet *Healthy Murri, Healthy Islander, Strong Hearts, Strong Bodies* to help its local Indigenous health workers advise adults on how to reduce their risk of heart disease.

Indigenous nutrition promotion officer Amanda Allen said heart disease was one of the leading causes of illness and death amongst Indigenous people in Australia. "It's directly related to what you eat, so healthy eating and healthy weight are vital," she said.

The new booklet suggests eight ways to reduce the risk of heart disease: Eating a wide variety of healthy foods; having a healthy body weight; eating less fat; eating less sugar; drinking less alcohol; quitting smoking; increasing exercise levels; and keeping your mind strong.

Ms Allen said the booklet contained culturally appropriate healthy eating and healthy lifestyle messages and many illustrations, 'so that busy adults can get important health information and lifestyle tips quickly, clearly and concisely'.

"We look beyond the latest health fads to low-cost, practical



Indigenous nutrition promotion officer Amanda Allen discusses Queensland Health's new heart health resource with Michael Draper.

ways in which Indigenous families can make real improvements to their health," she said.

The booklet complements the Living Strong healthy lifestyle group-based program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, developed by Queensland Health and delivered by Indigenous health workers,

community health staff and non-government health services across the State.

"Last year we trained an additional 44 people who are now equipped to run the program in their local communities," Ms Allen said.

Health workers can order free copies of the new booklet through Queensland Health's nutrition promotion officers

across the State, and families can ask their local health workers or their local health centre for copies. For more details, visit [www.health.qld.gov.au/ph/Documents/saphs/atsi\\_healthy\\_heart.pdf](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/ph/Documents/saphs/atsi_healthy_heart.pdf).

To join Living Strong programs in communities across Queensland, visit [www.health.qld.gov.au/lightenup](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/lightenup)

## Insiders' story of trachoma program



AS the *Medical Journal of Australia* reported last week that trachoma remained widespread in many remote Aboriginal communities, the first insiders' account of the

famous 1970s National Trachoma Eye Health Program led by Fred Hollows was launched in Canberra.

Beyond Sandy Blight: Five Aboriginal Experiences as Staff on the National Trachoma and Eye Health Program tells of the experiences of Jilpia Nappalari Jones, Trevor Buzzacott, Gordon Briscoe, Reg Murray and Rose Murray.

Launched at the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) by Professor Hugh Taylor, the publication marks the first time Aboriginal members of the original trachoma team have documented their experiences of the groundbreaking health program more than 30 years ago.

Sandy Blight was the term white people gave to trachoma, a disease that was eradicated in white Australia in the 1920s but remains endemic in many Aboriginal communities as reported in the October edition of the *Medical Journal of Australia*.

Decades after the National Trachoma Eye Health Program (NTEHP) started, the program still sets a benchmark for quality Aboriginal health interventions and provides strong lessons for health agencies on how to engage with Aboriginal people to ensure real health outcomes result.

### Respect

The NTEHP Aboriginal veterans describe how, in a radical departure from previous health programs, the program was characterised by respect for Aboriginal people and culture, equality within the team and a strong commitment to Aboriginal engagement and leadership within the program.

According to author and team nurse Jilpia Nappalari Jones, the program's significance was not just in its extensive treatment program but also in the way the program was run and in the way that Aboriginal staff were considered to have important knowledge essential to the programs.

"This was an important consideration because for many years whitefellas had been surveying the health of us blackfellas but not providing a service to correct the ill-health they found," wrote Ms Nappalari Jones and Leila Smith in the book's introduction. "This unequal power relationship didn't get us anywhere."

The NTEHP truly changed the boundaries of Aboriginal health service delivery in a profound and radical way and set benchmarks of community engagement and empowerment that many health programs are still unable to meet 30 years later.

Welcoming the book's release, CRC for Aboriginal Health CEO Mick Gooda said it was an invaluable contribution to better understanding of what constituted successful interventions in Aboriginal health.

"This program set the standards for effective engagement with Aboriginal people, for building Aboriginal capacity and for highlighting the links between our ill-health and the shocking living conditions so many of our people endure," he said.

The authors acknowledged the Hollows Foundation for their support including funding for the project.

## Report shows gap still wide



QUEENSLAND'S Indigenous children are twice as likely as other kids to die before the age of five.

The inaugural Queensland Closing the Gap report for 2007-08 revealed there was a 17.7-year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous men, and 19.4 years for women.

Indigenous children are 2.1 times more likely to die before reaching the age of five than non-Indigenous children. Among those dying before the age of five, 80 per cent were under the age of one.

Indigenous Queenslanders are much more likely to suffer from chronic diseases,

including diabetes, for which they are four times more likely to be admitted to hospital.

The report also measured disadvantage in employment, housing, child protection and justice.

In the area of education, more than one-third of Indigenous Year 12 students do not gain an OP (overall position) score or vocational qualification.

### Unemployment

The unemployment rate is 23.5 per cent for Indigenous people, compared with 4.5 per cent for other Queenslanders.

Aboriginal Partnerships Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr said this could not continue. "This report ... demonstrates our

preparedness to tackle hard issues like alcohol misuse and welfare dependency and to be transparent in progress," she said.

The State and Federal governments were making significant investments in Indigenous reforms, the Minister said.

Meanwhile, the third quarterly report on key indicators in Indigenous communities for the period July to September delivered mixed results.

Notably, Woorabinda had the greatest drop in hospital admissions for assault, with only one hospital admission in the September quarter compared with 11 in the June quarter. The community went dry on 1 July. -AAP



# Pati Singe weighs in with some top advice



PATI Singe is best known for her time as a contestant on the reality TV program *The Biggest Loser*,

where contestants vie to lose the most weight.

Pati achieved amazing results while she was on the show, but the real challenge for her has been to maintain her healthy weight and lifestyle without the support of personal trainers and a regimented diet.

Pati recently told *The Koori Mail* how she's managed to stay fit, healthy and motivated out in the real world.

"I suppose one of the biggest challenges for me when I left *The Biggest Loser* experience was to actually enter my life again and to strike that balance between what I knew I had to do to stay healthy and all the other stuff that comes with life – like working and chores and all the other things that take up your time," she said.

"It's about finding ways of making time for yourself and not feeling guilty about it. You need to set blocks of time aside and just get out there and find things that you enjoy to do that are active."

Pati believes the most important aspect of weight loss is finding a way to stay motivated about exactly why you want to lose weight.

"There are two things that I use to motivate myself," she said. "One of them is my family – just knowing that I've managed to change their life and how proud they are of me makes me want to keep going."

"The second one is how I feel – I wouldn't want to replace how I feel now with the way I was a year and a half ago."

## Benefits

Pati says that one of the biggest benefits of losing weight has been that not only does she feel healthier and happier, she is also more confident about life in general.

"I lived most of my life being overweight and making really bad choices when it came to healthy lifestyle options," she says.

"And I went into *The Biggest Loser* with the mindset of just losing weight."

"Obviously there were all the other health benefits as well, but what I didn't expect was just how many doors it would open for me as far as my confidence goes."

"I'm much more open to new

experiences now. I'm going to do everything I can to stay in this frame of mind because I know that it's a better place to be."

Pati believes that people who want to look and feel better as well as reduce the health risks associated with being overweight should start taking action – today.

"To anyone thinking about losing weight, I would say stop talking about it and just do it – start today!" she said.

"It doesn't have to be anything drastic – just figure out what you can do that you're comfortable with and build on that."

Pati recommends starting with small changes like going for a walk for half an hour or even going to the park and kicking the footy around with the kids.

She also suggests making different food choices, like starting to have a salad three times a week or grabbing a piece of fruit if you're hungry instead of reaching for a packet of chips or a soft drink. "If you slowly increase your physical activity and make small changes in your diet, you'll be surprised at the results you'll get," she said.

● For more information about living a healthier lifestyle, see [www.australia.gov.au/tomorrowpeople](http://www.australia.gov.au/tomorrowpeople)

## New website for WA health workers



THE Western Australian Aboriginal Health Workers' Association (WAAHWA) has launched a new website.

WAAHWA Chairperson Jenny Baraga said the website, <http://www.waahwa.asn.au/index.php>, would provide a

wealth of information to assist Aboriginal health workers in government and non-government organisations.

"We are pleased to provide the website as an additional service to our communities," she said.

"In our industry it is critical to be able to network with other organisations also committed to improving the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

"Because Aboriginal health workers are all over the State, having a resource like the website will be extremely beneficial in providing information and support to them."

"We are keen to increase our membership which has been steadily growing since the association started in 2005."

The association's key activity each year

is a conference for Aboriginal health workers, which provides an opportunity for these workers to generate discussion, exchange ideas and develop a common vision for the future of Aboriginal health workers in WA.

The WAAHWA has several functions, including:

● Improving wage awards and workplace conditions and career pathways of Aboriginal health workers (AHWs)

● Initiating legal reform so that AHWs can perform some of the medical procedures they have been trained to

do but are legally prevented from doing

● Progressing registration of AHWs and gaining recognition of their professional skills

● Promoting a greater understanding and recognition from managers and colleagues of Aboriginal culture and how it affects workplace practices.

"We are aiming to hold a video teleconference of the annual general meeting elections (22 January) to allow members to visually participate in the election process of the new management committee," Ms Baraga said.



# What do you think?



A DRAFT code of conduct for fair and ethical trade in the Indigenous visual arts industry is open for public comment until 20 March.

Federal Arts Minister Peter

Garrett says the code will help Indigenous artists negotiate fair pay for their work and give buyers greater certainty of an artwork's origin and ownership.

"This industry code is designed to promote good business practice in the Indigenous visual arts sector, including transparency in transactions between artists and the marketplace," he said.

"It specifies a set of minimum standards

## Comment sought on draft industry code of conduct

for dealers, agents and artists, and defines terms of trade and rights and responsibilities for the sale and management of artworks.

"The code has been developed with industry input to be consistent with the Australian Competition and Consumer

Commission's (ACCC) best practice principles for voluntary codes. The implementation of a code of conduct was a key recommendation of the Senate Inquiry report into the Indigenous visual arts and craft sector, and it was part of this Government's election platform.

"The Cultural Ministers Council agreed last October that putting an industry code in place was essential for the future of the Indigenous visual arts industry, and the Australia Council was asked to prepare a consultation draft by the end of 2008.

"The Australia Council will now conduct a wide-ranging national consultation process and I'd like to encourage everyone with an interest in the industry to provide feedback and comments before the code is finalised."

Comments can be made on the draft Indigenous Art Commercial Code of Conduct at [www.australlacouncil.gov.au/indigenousartconsult](http://www.australlacouncil.gov.au/indigenousartconsult) before 20 March.

VCoKE art teacher Ivan Johnson with two of the Wetland Dreaming logo designers, Tanika Hayward and Eli Clarke.



STUDENTS at the Victorian P-12 College of Koorie Education (VCoKE) in Mildura have created a striking logo for an upcoming art exhibition.

Depicting animal and human footprints, wetlands, the river and the outback, the individual artworks of students Toby Kirby, Tanika Hayward and Eli Clarke have been combined to create the logo for the Wetland Dreaming exhibition.

The Mildura exhibition will see Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists of all ages from across the region display artworks inspired by the theme 'Wetland Dreaming'.

The logo design project began after the Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) approached the Victorian P-12 College of Koorie

## Pupils create striking logo

Education Mildura to help design the logo, using student art works.

Art teacher Ivan Johnson spent time with his classes talking about the environmental and cultural values of wetlands, as well as what animals and

plants could be found there.

Students then drafted designs for possible logos and submitted them to the Mallee CMA. The standard of their work resulted in three designs being combined to form the resulting logo.

"They were really keen to do their pictures," Mr Johnson said.

"We looked at aerial photos of wetlands as well, just to give them another view of a wetland, and that prompted the kids to put the river in their designs."

Wetland Dreaming is being organised by the Mallee CMA and its chairperson, Joan Burns, congratulated the Koorie school students on the logo.

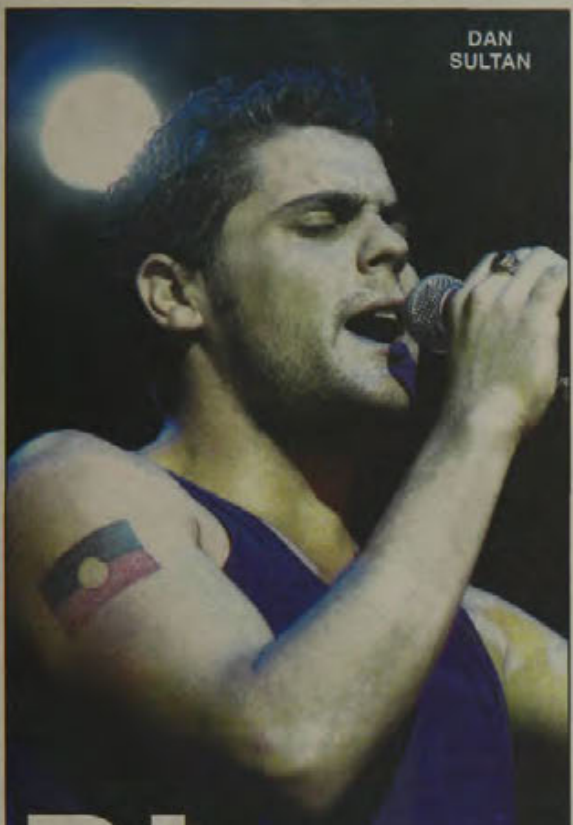
The exhibition, to be displayed at Gallery 25 in Mildura later this month and throughout February, will be a chance for local artists to showcase and sell their work commission-free.

Artworks can be in any form and must be submitted by 21 January. For more information, contact Deborah Bogenhuber at the Mallee CMA or go to [www.malleecma.vic.gov.au](http://www.malleecma.vic.gov.au)



DAN SULTAN

GEOFFREY GURRUMUL YUNUPINGU



# Big program for WOMAD



A MULTIPLE-ARIA Award winner, a didgeridoo master, one of Australia's hottest young performers, and creative workshops, song, dance and stories from central Australia will introduce WOMADelaide09 patrons to Indigenous Australia.

The popular annual world music and arts festival will be held in the shady surrounds of Adelaide's Botanic Park from 6-8 March, showcasing 380 artists from more than 30 countries.

Music and dance performances and workshops across seven open-air stages will sit alongside more than 100 international food, crafts and display stalls, street theatre, performance installations, visual arts, forums and more.

New Zealand pop icon Neil Finn, formerly of Split Enz and Crowded House, and West African singer-songwriter Rokia Traore will headline WOMADelaide 2009.

However, Yolngu singer Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu – described by the *Sydney Morning Herald* as having 'the greatest voice this continent has ever recorded' – will also be a major drawcard.

The 38-year-old blind musician toured the world with hit-making rock band Yothu Yindi for seven years and played with the Saltwater Band before making his solo album debut last year with *Gurrumul*.

Hailing from Elcho Island in north-east Arnhem Land, Gurrumul last year won two ARIA awards, three Deadly awards, and four awards at the NT Indigenous Music Awards.

Mark Atkins, arguably Australia's most

internationally recognised didgeridoo player and described by festival organisers as a 'mesmerising storyteller', is also expected to be popular.

Atkins, who toured last year with the Black Arm Band's Murundak, will present his debut solo show 'Grungada: A Journey of Music and Song' like a campfire chat, with a diverse mix of original compositions featuring didgeridoo, guitar and harmonica.

After a busy year of national and international touring that included performances with the Black Arm Band in Australia and overseas, Melbourne singer-songwriter Dan Sultan is set to deliver his own brand of sultry, inner-city soul music, in tandem with his key collaborator – guitarist Scott Wilson – within a sharp, seven-piece band.

## Spiritual elements

Storytelling, song and dance will merge with spiritual elements to tell 'Three Anangu Stories'.

After six days of artist workshops to capture important traditional stories in performance and recorded form, WOMADelaide09 will feature Anangu artists from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands creating large collaborative paintings, performing and teaching dances, and exhibit paintings, rugs, landmarks, star constellation photos, tools and sacred objects that relate to the three stories.

The workshops, to be held from late February, will focus on understanding the diversity found in traditional Anangu knowledge, with an aim to create an innovative collaborative dialogue between

Anangu artists and contemporary Adelaide artists and practitioners.

It will provide an opportunity for a variety of disciplines to come together and work with each other to create a unique archive of Anangu culture.

The visual archive created at the workshops will be displayed, demonstrated, performed and further developed over the three days of the WOMADelaide festival.

As customary, WOMADelaide 2009 will begin with an opening ceremony – a Kaurna Welcome – conducted by the traditional owners of the Adelaide Plains area, who will formally welcome all the visiting artists and audience with dance and music.

Another drawcard will be the festival's 'Global Village' of more than 100 stalls featuring multi-cultural cuisine, arts and crafts from around the world, educational, cultural and community displays and a selection of retailers ranging from recordings and musical instruments through to bookshops, boutique clothing and event merchandise.

WOMADelaide Event Director Ian Scobie said that with its broad and diverse program, WOMADelaide 'aims to help us rediscover the sheer wonder of our planet's human richness, and celebrate it in good company'.

More than 75,000 patrons attended last year's festival, generating an estimated \$7.2 million economic benefit for South Australia, and organisers are again expecting a strong showing.

Eight WOMAD festivals are presented each year in Spain, Britain, Singapore, Italy and elsewhere.

For more information, visit [www.womadelaide.com.au](http://www.womadelaide.com.au)

## Deadline looming for Govt triennial funding



THE Federal Government says new triennial funding arrangements

will give successful Indigenous arts and cultural organisations greater certainty and allow them to develop and build long-term strategies and partnerships.

Arts Minister Peter Garrett and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced in December that such organisations would be able to apply for three-yearly funding allocations for the 2009/10 financial year onwards.

Indigenous arts, culture, languages and broadcasting organisations have until 20 February to apply to related programs managed by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

To be successful, they'll need to demonstrate a strong track record of achievement.

"Almost 250 organisations in urban, regional and remote areas benefit from these funds including cultural festivals, music, dance and theatre, multimedia workshops with young people, professional visual arts practice and networks of language centres and community radio stations," Mr Garrett said.

Ms Macklin said arts and culture programs significantly contributed to the nation's cultural life 'while playing an integral role in maintaining the sustainability, vitality and strength of Indigenous communities'.

However, annual funding will still continue to be available to other organisations and to those seeking support through the Indigenous Heritage Program.

Guidelines for the department's Indigenous arts, culture, languages and broadcasting organisations programs are available from [www.arts.gov.au/indigenous](http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous).

Support is also available on an annual basis from the Indigenous Heritage Program which supports the identification, conservation and promotion of Indigenous heritage. Guidelines available at [www.environment.gov.au/heritage/programs/ihp](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/programs/ihp)





With one of the batiks by Alison Carroll are Pitjantjatjara artists Tjankaya Tapaya (left) and Tjangali George and Alison Carroll (third and fourth from left) with, from left, Southern Peninsula artists Patrice Mahoney, Jan Chapman-Davis, Rhoda Green, Pam Anderson, Patsy Smith and Ada Hume. Newsphoto photo

# The art of batik



ANANGU Pitjantjatjara artists from central Australia have featured at a well-attended batik workshop in suburban Melbourne. Alison Carroll and Tjankaya Tapaya, from Ernabella, and Tjangali George, of Fregon, demonstrated their talent for batik at Cube 37 in the Frankston Arts Centre as part of the Stepping Stones Indigenous Art Project.

Under Stepping Stones, Indigenous artists are hired to share skills in a wide range of art mediums. The project, held in partnership with Peninsula Health, uses the arts to connect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula region of southern Victoria.

## Anangu Pitjantjatjara women share skills

The three Anangu artists were in Melbourne for the opening of the 'Across The Desert' batik exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria in Federation Square, which continues until next month. The exhibition is one of many events celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Ernabella Art Centre. Indigenous people from across

Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula joined in the four-day Stepping Stones batik workshop. Some of their works will be exhibited and offered for sale at Cube 37 during NAIDOC Week this July.

Stepping Stones Advisory Group Chair and local Taungurong woman Patsy Smith was pleased with the outcome of the workshop.

"It was really wonderful that these women could come and show us how to do batik, share their company and celebrate urban and traditional culture," she said.

Peninsula Health's Peta Hudson said local Indigenous people had enjoyed being taught batik and working with the Anangu women.

Stepping Stones art workshops already held have featured traditional basket-weaving, digital photography workshops and emu egg carving. Planned workshops include creating a regional Indigenous community art blanket, stencil art and traditional dance.

For more information on the Stepping Stones Indigenous Art Project, contact Tracey-Lea Smith on 0411 171 818.

## The Art Of The Bundjalung Nation

23-26 January at Lismore City Hall

Featuring 200 works by local Indigenous artists

All works for sale. Opening 6pm Friday 23rd January and continues 10-4pm on Saturday 24th - Monday 26th January 2009. Admission is one gold coin. All proceeds will benefit the Indigenous art community of the Northern Rivers NSW.

Presented by Lismore Aboriginal Health in association with NORPA (Northern Rivers Performing Arts)





# 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](mailto:calendar@koorimail.com) or fax it to (02) 6622 2600.

**Ongoing:** Living Black on SBS Television. Held every Wednesday at 6pm on SBS. Details: (02) 9430 2828 or 1800 500 727 or email [news@sbs.simplicitycrm.com](mailto:news@sbs.simplicitycrm.com)

**Ongoing:** Australian Indigenous Global Sports Academy (AIGSA) and Prokick Australia are looking for Koori male youths ages 15-17 to play a series of American gridiron games against high schools in the USA. Details: Richard Young on (0422) 866 201 or email [rd@bold.net.au](mailto:rd@bold.net.au)

**Ongoing:** The Aboriginal Heritage Projects is providing grants of up to \$75,000 to conserve Aboriginal heritage and encourage greater understanding of Aboriginal culture. The program assists in the conservation of culturally significant Aboriginal sites, documents community events and contributes to Aboriginal tourism. Details: Richard Sharpter on (02) 9873 8577 or email [richard.sharpter@heritage.nsw.gov.au](mailto:richard.sharpter@heritage.nsw.gov.au)

**Ongoing:** Day Club provides social and recreational activities for veterans, their spouses, war widows/widowers and any other members of the community. Details: Margaret Morgan on (02) 9213 7225 or Erica Greig on (02) 9213 7482 or visit [www.dva.gov.au/health/day\\_clubs](http://www.dva.gov.au/health/day_clubs)

**Ongoing:** Certificate IV in Training and Assessment for Aboriginal people who want to become TAFE teachers or workplace trainers. Held in Ballina. Details: Deb Evans on (02) 6681 8911 or email [debbie.evans@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:debbie.evans@tafensw.edu.au) or 131601 or (02) 6586 2249 or email [nci.courseinfo@tafensw.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto:chrissy@ywcansw.com.au) or visit [www.ywcansw.com.au](http://www.ywcansw.com.au)

**17 January:** Putalina Festival 2009. A huge line-up of talent from across the State with interstate performers Sharon Lane and Band, Tjimba and the Yung Warriors, and more. Lunch will be provided on the day, but bring any additional food you may require and plenty to drink. Drug and alcohol-free event. Held at the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre from 11.30am onwards. Details: (03) 6234 8311 or 1800 132 260.

**17-18 January:** Family Drug Support 'Stepping Stones to Success'. Do you have a family member or loved one with drug and alcohol problems? This support group offers a place to talk and listen with others struggling with similar problems. Held at the Guide Hall, Carlyle St, Byron Bay. Details: Margaret Reid on (0427) 857 092 or FDS Office



People at last year's Yabun Festival at Victoria Park, Broadway, Sydney. The festival will be held this year on 26 January. It is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures. The festival is a free event and features song dance, art and craft, performance, a kids zone, a circus ring, a corroboree, food, arts and crafts stalls and more.

on (02) 4782 9222 or visit [www.fds.org.au](http://www.fds.org.au)

**23 January:** Klub Koori. Featuring Zennith, Tjimba and Young Warriors. All welcome. Tickets \$15 at moshtic or \$20 at the door. Held at The Factory, 105 Victoria Rd, Marrickville from 8pm onwards. Details: Helen on (02) 9384 4002 or visit [www.gadigal.org.au](http://www.gadigal.org.au)

**Until 23 January:** School Holiday Activities. NSW Sport and Recreation Minister Kevin Greene is encouraging parents and carers to take advantage of the wide range of school holiday activities available on the North Coast this summer. Activities include activity days, surf programs, bush to beach ride by horse, abseiling, cricket clinics and more. Cost involved. All welcome. Ages from 7-17 years. Details on locations, dates and times call (02) 6618 0400 or Adam Wallace on (0407) 079 369 or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)

**Until 16 January:** Kururrungku (Billiluna) Christmas Art Exhibition. The exhibition will feature leading Warlayirti Artists Kathleen Paddon and Elizabeth Nyumi. Held at Woolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Woolloongabba, Qld. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or email [wag.harryscollar.com](mailto:wag.harryscollar.com) or visit [www.wag.harryscollar.com](http://www.wag.harryscollar.com)

**17-18 January:** Family Drug Support 'stepping stones to success' workshops. This is a non-religious, non-12 step group for family members affected by the use of drugs and alcohol by a family member. All welcome. Lunch provided. Held at the Guide Hall, Byron Bay. Details: (02) 4782 9222 or Theo on (0402) 604 354 or Margaret on (0427) 857 092 or visit [www.fds.org.au](http://www.fds.org.au)

**Until 19 January:** 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](mailto:magnt@nt.gov.au) or visit [www.magnt.nt.gov.au](http://www.magnt.nt.gov.au)

**Until 26 January:** Survival - 'The Strength of Women' Art Exhibition. Aboriginal women's collective. Free and all welcome. Held at Wilson Street Gallery, 30-34 Wilson St, Newtown. Details: (02) 9516 3144 or visit [www.wilsonstreetgallery.com.au](http://www.wilsonstreetgallery.com.au)

**26 January:** Yabun 09. This is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures. The festival is a free event and features song dance, art and craft, performance, a kids zone, a circus ring, a corroboree, food, arts and crafts stalls and lots more. All welcome. Held at Victoria Park, Broadway, Sydney from 10am-6pm. Details: (02) 9584 5090 or visit [www.gadigal.org.au](http://www.gadigal.org.au)

**26 January:** Share the Spirit Festival 2009. Theme: 'Let the Healing Begin'. Share the Spirit is a day that has been created by Aboriginal people for all Australians to come together and share the same patch of grass to dance, have fun and celebrate the beginning of the post-Apology era. Featuring Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter, Bart Whilloughby Band, Sol Nation, Liz Cavanagh, DJ Deadly and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the Treasury Gardens, corner of Spring Street and Wellington Parade, Melbourne, from 1-7pm. Details: (03) 9696 2022.

**26 January:** Woggan ma gule-Morning Ceremony. You are invited to share in this spiritual and ceremonial beginning to

Australia Day celebrations. The ceremony is created through artistic collaboration between Indigenous Elders, performers and artists of the Gadigal lands. All welcome. Held at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Henery Lawson Gate, Mrs Macquaries Road, Sydney, from 8-8.30am. Details: (02) 9513 2000 or email [australiaday@dpc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:australiaday@dpc.nsw.gov.au)

**26 January:** Survival Day at Tandanya. Come and celebrate the strength and spirit of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of this land. There will be music, dance, workshops, food stalls, information stalls, circus workshops storytelling and more. Broadcast live by NITV. All welcome and is free. Held at Tandanya - Kaurna Country, 253 Grenfell Street, Adelaide from 12.30-7pm. Details: (02) 8224 3200 or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

**26 January:** Sacred Fire Ceremonial Gathering. Indigenous Elders invite all Aboriginal people, supporters and other members of the general public, to come together at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy site to celebrate Sovereignty Day and be part of the Sacred Fire Ceremonial Gathering. Held at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, Canberra. Details: Ray Swan on (0401) 663 913 or John Coe on (0431) 902 858.

**Until 31 January:** Master of Education in Indigenous Studies applications now open. This course is for students desiring to be at the forefront of learning and change in Indigenous education and development. The course aims are to build respectful partnerships across all sectors and create opportunities for meaningful and productive dialogues and collaborations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. Held at the University of Technology, Sydney, 15 Broadway, Ultimo.

Details: (02) 9514 3807 or (02) 9514 3814 or 1800 634 649 or visit [www.education.uts.edu.au](http://www.education.uts.edu.au)

**Until 8 February:** Celebrating art, language and bush medicine at Utopia. An innovative art exhibition entitled *Intem-antey anem: 'These Things Will Always Be'*, that focuses on the bush medicine knowledge of traditional owners from the Utopia region in central Australia. Held at the Araluen Art Gallery, Alice Springs. Call Christine Bond on (08) 8939 7457 or (0427) 287 112 or email [christine.bond@batchelor.edu.au](mailto:christine.bond@batchelor.edu.au) or visit [www.batchelor.edu.au](http://www.batchelor.edu.au)

**13 February:** Women's Health and Well-being Expo. Held at Darling St Community Centre, Tamworth, from 1-7pm. Details: Terrie Holz on (02) 6766 5211 or email [Aboriginalmentalhealth@tams.org.au](mailto:Aboriginalmentalhealth@tams.org.au)

**18 February:** Communities of Practice Research Scholarship Grant. If you are a VET practitioner or someone working in a VET-related organisation interested in developing your research skills in ways that are relevant to your workplace, then this is for you. These scholarships are worth \$4000 and are available to novice researchers to conduct a project over one year, starting in April 2009. Successful applicants must have the support of their employers, who must be willing to match funding. Details: (08) 8230 8400 or email [ncver@ncver.edu.au](mailto:ncver@ncver.edu.au) or visit [www.ncver.edu.au/newsevents/tenders](http://www.ncver.edu.au/newsevents/tenders)

**25-27 February:** Straight Talk 2009 Oxfam Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Summit. This is a national summit bringing together 80 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women with female parliamentarians. It will give them the opportunity to build relationships with each other and explore ways to work together to

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# Aboriginal music showcase again part of ... Tamworth festival



THE Cultural Showcase of Aboriginal music and talent will form part of the 2009 Tamworth Country Music Festival with Aboriginal music industry veterans appearing alongside up-and-coming talent.

The inaugural showcase in 2008 was developed after key Aboriginal performers identified a lack of opportunities available to new

Aboriginal musicians.

The community event starting on Monday 19 January in Tamworth will kick off with performances by Roger Knox, Gomeroi Dance Company and Robert Huddleston and the Riverbank Band.

Celebrated singer-songwriter Archie Roach will lead an open-panel discussion on the final day, and then perform in the finale concert with a line-up of others, including Smokin Joe

Robinson, Buddy Knox Blues Band, Ruby Hunter and Shane Howard.

Event organisers hope the showcase will provide a cultural space for those attending the Tamworth Country Music Festival, where musicians can perform, gather and promote their talents.

The showcase also aims to nurture emerging Aboriginal talent through a number of skills development workshops and allocated time for 'walk-up' performances offered to

first-time singers and seasoned performers, with access to a professional-quality sound system and backing band.

Workshops will include Charlie Trindall sharing his skills in songwriting, Roger Knox on self-presentation and stage confidence and the Australasian Performing Right Association (APRA) covering copyright issues.

Details of the event can be found at [www.culturalshowcase.theyouthie.org](http://www.culturalshowcase.theyouthie.org)

## Vibe rocks into Sydney, Ceduna



● ABOVE: Puggy Hunter Award winner Sara Mumbulla with Claude Williams.

Photo: AMANDA JAMES

● RIGHT: Warada Dancers painting up before their opening ceremony performance at the Vibe event.

Photo: ANDREW ROSENFELD

**M**ORE popular Vibe 3on3 Basketball and Hip-Hop Challenges were held last month in Sydney and the South Australian centre of Ceduna.

The Sydney event, on 13 December, attracted a total of 42 teams and many spectators.

Participants from inner-city Redfern, Woolloomooloo, Millers Point, Glebe and Pyrmont were joined by visitors from La Perouse, Blacktown, Marrickville and Liverpool.

"It was pleasing to have the

communities of Marrickville and Blacktown participate this year and became fully involved as well," event co-ordinator Claude Williams said.

"If the event continues to grow, we'd like to think the Sydney Vibe 3on3 would become an annual event."

More than 40 teams also competed at Ceduna on 6-7 December in the third 3on3 held in the coastal centre.

"Ceduna turned out in great force and spirit despite the first rainy weather at a 3on3 in the event's

ten-year history," Mr Williams said.

"This confirmed the mutual chemistry which exists between the Vibe 3on3 and the youth and community of Ceduna. With a tireless and dedicated local committee, it is no secret why Vibe keeps returning to Ceduna."

The Vibe 3on3 is a weekend Aboriginal youth festival that incorporates basketball, dancing, art, culture and health. It aims to promote healthy lifestyles, strengthen communities and boost self-esteem.



## National Calendar

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advance reconciliation and achieve greater justice and equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. All welcome. Held in Canberra. Details on locations and times call 1800 088 110 or visit [www.oxfam.org.au](http://www.oxfam.org.au)

**Until 30 June:** Indigenous Leadership Program 09. This program leads Indigenous people to bigger actions and opportunities. Details: 1800 249 873 or email [indigenousleadership@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:indigenousleadership@fahcsia.gov.au) or visit [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au)

**Until 25 July 2010:** In Living Memory NSW Tour. This is an exhibition dedicated to the memory of the Stolen Generations. Dates and venues: Until 30 January held at the Aboriginal Cultural Centre

and Keeping Place, Armidale; 5 February-1 March, Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina; 12 March-2 April, Kempsey Shire Library; 11 April-28 June, Regional Gallery, Penrith; 9 July-24 September, St George Regional Museum, Hurstville; 30 September-7 November, University of Newcastle; 1-16 December, Mechanics Institute, Moruya; 6-18 April 2010, Museum of the Riverina, Wagga Wagga; 22 April-6 May 2010, Cootamundra Library; 15 May-25 July 2010, 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](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au)

**6-8 March:** 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](mailto:danikagk@bigpond.com) or visit [www.womadelaide.com.au](http://www.womadelaide.com.au)

**21-22 March:** 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 cultures and all age groups are welcome. Dancing and stories around the campfire. A variety of packages are on offer including accommodation with meals, camping and participation without accommodation. Held at Corindi Beach. Details: Sally on (0409) 824 803 or email [yarrawarra\\_womens\\_network@bigpond.com](mailto:yarrawarra_womens_network@bigpond.com)

**Until 6 April:** 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](mailto:deb.grant@dsr.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)

**27-29 May:** Yulkuum-Jerrang: The 2nd Indigenous Economic Development Conference 'Growing Out Future'. This unique Conference will provide key 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](mailto:events@conferenceworks.net.au) or visit [www.kbconference.vic.gov.au](http://www.kbconference.vic.gov.au)



The Indigenous Onslow residents and career helpers at their graduation ceremony. They work four days on, four days off in the Pannawonica iron ore mine.



# Drive in, drive out

## Daily bus trip for Pannawonica mine workers



A DOZEN Indigenous people will begin work in the mining industry after graduating from a Rio Tinto training partnership. The Onslow residents started work in Pannawonica to support Rio Tinto's Mesa J iron ore mine, after completing a 10-week pre-employment program. The open-cut mine is about 130 kilometres south-west of Karratha, in the West Australian Pilbara region. A graduation ceremony for the group was held in Onslow on 30 October. Rio Tinto formed a partnership with

Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation and Pilbara TAFE to deliver the training and with contractors ISS and Skilled to provide the entry-level jobs.

Initially, the new employees will work a four-day-on, four-day-off roster in town services such as catering, cleaning and landscaping.

They will be driven by bus to and from Pannawonica each day until a shortage of accommodation in the town is resolved.

The Work Start program was created by Rio Tinto in conjunction with the Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation as a pathway for the long-term unemployed to enter the

mining workforce.

The participants study literacy, numeracy, occupational health and safety, time management, personal finance management, small machinery operation and other workplace skills.

Rio Tinto Iron Ore Aboriginal employment strategy manager Camis Smith said it was a progressive introduction into the workforce, with the final goal being permanent employment in the mining industry.

"We are able to create many jobs for Aboriginal people in mining and its support services, but the real test is retaining these people in our workforce," Mr Smith said.

"This is a challenge for Rio Tinto and for every other employer. The way we are responding is by making arrangements to suit our new recruits wherever possible.

"Starting a drive-in, drive-out roster from Onslow is the latest in a range of flexible work arrangements we are making across the Pilbara to recruit and retain more Aboriginal people in our workforce."

Rio Tinto has held Work Start courses in the Pilbara towns of Tom Price, Paraburdoo, Karratha, Roebourne and Nullagine, and a course is under way at Roebourne Regional Prison.

## Another Nyaarla crop graduates



PERTH-based Nyaarla Projects has officially recognised successful participants in its Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP). The Federally-funded program

gives Indigenous people aged 16-24 the opportunity to undertake training and/or education in the WA capital through traineeships, apprenticeships or university or TAFE studies.

As well as recognising young achievers, the end-of-year

celebration also allowed Nyaarla to thank organisations associated with the education/training over the past year.

Nyaarla Projects Operations Manager Alan Beattie said more than 30 Indigenous youth from throughout WA took part in IYMP this year, taking the total since

2006 to more than 80.

Half of the graduates of Curtin University's Aboriginal Bridging Program were supported by Nyaarla Projects and IYMP.

Nyaarla, an Aboriginal-owned business, says it provides a detailed career planning, testing and assessment process, then

assists participants get into suitable training or education. Ongoing mentoring and support to the individuals involved, plus the option of subsidised accommodation, is also available.

Nyaarla Projects was recently named the WA Indigenous Business of the Year.



● ABOVE: William and Thomas Jackamarra (twins from Moora) with Alan Beattie, of Nyaarla Projects.

● RIGHT: At the celebration were, back from left, Shauna Hill (Nyaarla Projects), Thomas Jackamarra (Moora), Nikkita Lee (Broome), Rohan Bin Haji Sahari (Broome), Lenard Ansey (Broome), Annika Belou (Jarimadangah), Katherine Glass (Wickham), Danika Christie (Karratha), Karis Drummond (Onslow) and Susana Schindler (Nyaarla Projects) and, front, William Jackamarra (Moora) and Justin Obah (Halls Creek).







A FORWARD-thinking program designed to provide Indigenous people with skills to protect their own communities won the Minister's Award for

Community Collaborations at a ceremony held at the Queensland State Library late last year.

The ACT for Kids Indigenous Workforce Strategy was selected from 59 nominations and recognises its collaborative achievements and the community partnerships it has fostered to implement the first-class Certificate IV training program.

The program provides a customised and supported learning environment for students through classroom learning and on-the-job support with ACT for Kids or the course participants' respective agencies of employment.

Twenty-two students from Thursday Island to Innisfail graduated from the program in 2008 – the first step in developing a statewide collegiate network of accredited Indigenous child safety professionals.

The ACT for Kids Indigenous Workforce Strategy was nominated in the collaborative achievement and culturally inclusive practices categories.

### Crucial

ACT for Kids CEO Len Bytheway said implementing a framework to develop the skills and knowledge of Indigenous residents in north Queensland was crucial in making sure child protection services were delivered with 'the appropriate reverence to their native culture'.

"Opening the door to a student and offering them a chance to gain an accreditation is empowering, not only for the student, but their family and community as well," he said.

ACT for Kids Cairns training co-ordinator Keith Elaisa said the program meant Indigenous people

were now equipped and motivated to work towards bettering their own communities.

"A lot of our students are mature age, and their children and grandchildren are now seeing the opportunities being presented to them as a result of their study, and this is encouraging them to seek further education as well," he said.

"There is a great satisfaction for the students in seeing that the knowledge and skills they are developing can be immediately transferred and applied into their local communities upon return.

"To have our collaborative efforts acknowledged by our peers and the sector is a great achievement and highlights the positive impact the program has had in the community."

The Minister's Awards for Excellence in Workforce Development are for non-government organisations



in the community and disability services sectors. Established in 2001, the awards are designed to develop a greater understanding of the importance of workforce planning, management and development, recognise value and celebrate good practice in the industry.

● **ABOVE:** At the launch of the ACT for Kids Indigenous Workforce Strategy last April were (left to right) Prof Cindy Shannon (ACT for Kids Board Member), Len Bytheway (ACT for Kids CEO), Nova Peris, Karen Dini-Paul (ACT for Kids Regional Manager) and Keith Elaisa (ACT for Kids Training Co-ordinator).

# People who make a difference



A CHARITABLE organisation that supports Indigenous and migrant families is among an outstanding field of nominees commended by West Australian Citizenship and Multicultural Interests Minister

John Castrilli at a gala awards presentation evening at Government House, Perth.

The prestigious 2008 Multicultural Community Service Awards, attended by community leaders from across Western Australia, were presented to three organisations and five WA citizens who had achieved excellence and innovation in advancing multiculturalism, inclusiveness and participation.

"Many individuals and organisations are working quietly behind the scenes to advance multiculturalism in this State and the 2008 West Australian Multicultural Community Service Awards provide an opportunity to acknowledge the positive contributions in the areas of empowering culturally and linguistically diverse groups, combatting racism and promoting social justice," Mr Castrilli said.

### The winners were:

● **Edmund Rice Centre Mirrabooka (ERCM):** The Edmund Rice Centre is a non-government charitable organisation, incorporated under the trustees of the Christian Brothers WA. The centre was established in March 1998 to support refugee and Indigenous families through the provision of educational and community development projects. As a result of this support, adults have better access to formal and informal education and employment opportunities, and children and youth have better access to rewarding leisure activities. During the ten years that ERCM has been



West Australian Citizenship and Multicultural Interests Minister John Castrilli (left) with Terry Cornwall, one of the recipients of a 2008 WA Multicultural Community Service Award.

operating, individuals from more than 85 ethnic groups have attended one or more of its programs.

● **Indigenous Management Support Services (IMSS), Department of Agriculture and Food:** This unique service began in 2002 to provide management support for Indigenous Australian farmers, pastoralists and land managers. IMSS aims to provide economic independence and contribution to the growth of the WA agricultural sector by those participating in its programs. Participants have experienced at a personal level increased motivation, morale, pride and confidence. (See story on page 32)

● **The Multicultural Women's Advocacy Service (MWAS):** This community-based organisation promotes the safety of women, primarily but not exclusively from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds, who have experienced or are at risk of domestic violence. It is a non-government service that functions within a social model of health. MWAS runs a number of programs, including a specialised domestic violence case management service specifically for women and children from CaLD backgrounds. MWAS is the only CaLD-specific service of its kind in WA.

### Individual category winners included:

● **Robert Isaacs, OAM, JP:** Mr Isaacs was taken from his family as a child and raised as a ward of the State at the Clontarf Boys Town orphanage. When leaving that place as a youth, he was told he was on his own and never to come back. But he did return and counts among his many appointments the role of chairman of the Board of Management. He is also the first Indigenous person elected to local government as a councillor and Deputy Mayor of the City of Gosnells, was voted State Chairman for Reconciliation WA and became State Manager of Access Home Loans and the Aboriginal Home Ownership Scheme. As an Elder of the Bibbulmun people, he has worked tirelessly in

promoting reconciliation, Aboriginal home ownership, and better relationships with the justice system.

● **Dr Valli Batchelor:** Dr Batchelor is the founder and facilitator of an innovative creative dance program 'JOTHE' – meaning 'light' in the ancient Sanskrit language. The program involves the intentional use of skills development in creative arts (mainly in dance and movements) and promotes health and empowerment within communities. Through her 'Journey Towards Hope' dance project, Dr Batchelor has facilitated innovative cross-cultural dance programs that aim to use dance as a medium to break down barriers and promote social justice and harmonious relationships within the WA community and beyond.

● **Terry 'Koodah' Cornwall:** Mr Cornwall began work with the forerunner to the Department of Environment and Conservation in 1990 and he was then one of only a few Indigenous employees. He brought with him the objective to educate staff, volunteers and the community about Indigenous culture, heritage and the Noongar language. As a team member of the department's Aboriginal Heritage Unit (AHU), Mr Cornwall works to provide an Indigenous perspective on environmental management and the protection of Indigenous culture. Mr Cornwall has overcome a number of past personal hardships, which he has used to grow as an individual to help others. He regularly visits prisons to talk to, share with and educate Indigenous people. He aims to empower and encourage inmates to maximise the opportunities offered to them and enhance their self-esteem and pride in their Aboriginality.



## New health promotion course at Mamarapha



WESTERN Australia's Mamarapha College held its 2008 graduation ceremony before Christmas. The college, in the Darling Ranges outside Perth, opened 12 years ago to allow Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to develop knowledge and skills in personal growth, spirituality, relationships, and sharing God's word with others in their communities.

After four years of study, Aymond Burdett, from WA, received an Advanced Diploma in Indigenous Pastoral Ministry, and John Adidi, from the Torres Strait, an Advanced Diploma in Indigenous Ministry Studies.

At the same time, WA's Joan Lever and Lillian Geia, from Qld, were each



Mamarapha College's latest graduates.

awarded a Diploma in Indigenous Ministry Studies.

Five others received a Certificate III in Indigenous Ministry studies, (Brancis Baira, Ruth Wiles, Adrian Bobongie, Tracey Sailor and James Dunn) while two received a Certificate II (Joy Samson, Rodney Lawson) and three a Certificate I in

Biblical Studies (Priscilla Morrison, Denise Councillor and Matthew Gale).

For the first time, five students graduated from the Indigenous Lifestyle Health Promotion Course, three with a Certificate III (Phyllis Corey, Gloria Garling and Tony Clark) and two with a Certificate II (Darryl

Buzzacott and Pauline Wright).

The new Health Promotion Course was designed to equip students with skills to help their people to adopt better eating and health practices.

Certificates were presented by Health Course Co-ordinator Michael Steed, who has now returned to continue his medical treatment.

One of the highlights of the day was the address given by Pastor Abby Aviles, in which he told the graduates they were 'ambassadors of reconciliation'.

"You are not running on your own fuel or your own strength, you are running on the power of the Almighty God and that is not bound for failure," he said.

The day concluded with a graduation banquet.



CDU Alice Springs Administrator David Reilly congratulates Ryan Nelson.

## Jamilla's art travels wide



EVERY year, millions of Christmas cards are sent through the post in Australia so it can be a challenge to find one that stands out from the crowd. Nine-year-old Jamilla Sharpley from Glebe Public School obviously knew the magic ingredient, winning a Christmas card design competition run by the NSW MP for Balmain, NSW Education and Training Minister and Minister for Women Verity Firth

### Student's Xmas card a winner with Minister

(pictured above with Jamilla). The competition received hundreds of entries from other primary school students throughout the Balmain Electorate.

Jamilla's winning entry featured a painted Christmas tree and Ms Firth distributed the Christmas card featuring Jamilla's painting widely.

Jamilla's Gamilaraay/Kamilaroi family around Walgett in western NSW, her art teacher Hillary Seymour and everyone at Glebe Public School were very proud of her achievement.

The Koori Mail was also lucky enough to receive one of her cards in the Christmas post.

## Vocational students rewarded

THE efforts of 15 Charles Darwin University (CDU) vocational students from the Anmatjere region of Central Australia were rewarded during a recent presentation at the Central Desert Shire Council in Ti-Tree.

Participants are completing foundation studies in literacy and numeracy through a Certificate 1 in Vocational Education which will give them skills valuable to their communities.

They were joined at the presentation by members of the CDU Adult Literacy and Numeracy Team, the Alice Springs Campus Administrator, the local shire council and local residents.

Statements of attainment were presented to the men and women to acknowledge their performance since starting the course in mid-September.

Workplace assessor and lecturer Geoff Aitken said the participants' achievements were an important milestone for the community.

### 'Not ashamed'

"It's showing other men and women that they can be proud, not ashamed of their educational disadvantage," he said. "Some have taken a big step back into the classroom and deserve the thanks."

The course was developed as a pre-cursor to further education by encouraging confidence in the workplace.

It covers core skills important to the local shire's pre-employment program.

Students will continue studying into this year to complete the full certificate.

Shire Services Manager Rodney Baird said the learning program was a great boost for the local community.

"Reading and writing confidently is critical in the workplace and it's great to see these students progressing through their course," he said.

"We are keen to strengthen the partnership between the council and CDU."



# Showing the way

## Apprentices shine in mining industry



THE recent Australian Mining Prospect Awards have recognised two outstanding Century Mine (north Qld) Indigenous

apprentices.

Third-year communications technician trainee Edmund Busch was named Trainee or Apprentice of the Year, and light vehicle mechanic apprentice Sorren Owens a finalist in the category.

A celebration barbecue was held in the men's home town of Normanton, in the Qld Gulf region, where the two were presented their awards by OZ Minerals Chief Operating Officer Brett Fletcher and Century Mine General Manager John Lamb.

Mr Busch said he would encourage others to utilise traineeships.

"I hope all my family, friends and people from the Gulf in general will see me as a bit of a role model. We have a lot of very talented people in the Gulf communities," he said.

"Our Gulf communities need to be self-sufficient and we need to



Winner of the Australian Mining Prospect Awards for Trainee or Apprentice of the Year Edmund Busch (second from left) with nephew Sorren Owens (front centre), a finalist in the category, surrounded by their family. At the back in blue shirts are Brett Fletcher, from OZ Minerals, and Century Mine General Manager John Lamb, who presented the awards.

have more of our local people in the top jobs and positions.

"You don't just have to train on the Century Mine site either; you can do an apprenticeship or traineeship in the communities as well."

Mr Lamb praised the two for their efforts, and said it was great

to be able to share their success with the community.

"Edmund winning and Sorren being selected as a finalist in this category is no small feat, as nominees come from all parts of the Australian mining industry," he said.

"It was wonderful for Edmund

and Sorren to be able to share their success with their family, friends and colleagues in Normanton. Everyone is just so proud of them and to have an uncle and nephew both be recognised as the best in the industry at the same time is really something.

"These awards not only recognise the talent and dedication of Edmund and Sorren, but the calibre of all our people. We are fortunate to have about 60 very talented trainees and apprentices who put in the hard yards in the workplace and at TAFE."

## 'Older' Koorie men share their stories



Baw Baw Latrobe

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'OLDER brothers' gathered recently to give inspiration to young Victorian Koorie men from the

Latrobe, West Gippsland and surrounding areas.

The program, *Inspiring Young Koorie Men*, which was running for the first time, evolved through the success of the *Inspiring Young Women* and *Inspiring Young Koorie Women* initiatives.

*Inspiring Young Koorie Men* is known throughout the local communities as Tallamart Bramon, translating to blood brother/young master. This encapsulates the idea that the younger population need to be encouraged by their older brothers.

The event linked young and experienced males from the Koorie community so that the young people could see what can be achieved through following your dreams, planning and dedication.

Guest speakers included Troy McDonald (Department of Human Services), Laurie Marks (Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, Victorian Police), Peter Mongta, (Indigenous Sport Development Officer) and Travis Lovett (Melbourne Metro Wurrker Broker).

Each had their own experiences to



Some of the participants in the *Inspiring Young Koorie Men* program which utilises the wisdom and experience of 'older brothers'.

share, including what they'd had to face in achieving their goals, inspiring the young men to think about their pathways.

"We got to hear stories about successful people in the community and what issues they have faced growing up," said Michael, a young Koorie man.

Guest speaker Travis Lovett said it was good to see the young people listening to the speakers about the barriers they had faced.

The dominant theme was to receive a good education and to take advantage of the opportunities that arise within the general community.

The young men, who dressed smartly for the formal event, felt proud and confident.

Wayne Thorpe, Aboriginal Liaison Officer with Monash University, said it was great to see the pride in the young men wearing suits and to see and hear them thinking of their way forward.

The event was organised through a joint effort of the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Gippsland Wurreker Broker, Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning Employment Network, Latrobe Valley Local Community Partnership and the Department of Planning and Community Development.

Russell Mobourne and Stephen Walsh were two of the participants in the *Inspiring Young Koorie Men* program which brought together 'older brothers' and young men from the Latrobe, West Gippsland and surrounding areas.





Spotless support services representative Ricky Pascoe handing out forms at the event.



Broadlex employer representative Mick Coombes addresses the job-seekers.



Aboriginal Elder Kay Hookey speaking at the Rockdale event.

## Employer event a plus for many

**NSW** THERE was a good turnout for last month's The Salvation Army Employment Plus (TSAEP)

Indigenous employer event held in Rockdale, Sydney.

The gathering was part of TSAEP's push to help Indigenous job-seekers from throughout Sydney and the NSW Central Coast find work. TSAEP is working with catering and cleaning companies Spotless and Broadlex in a bid to help more Indigenous people find jobs in a range of roles.

TSAEP's Kirilee Trist said the event promoted Indigenous job-seekers by bringing them

### Gathering part of push for Indigenous employment

face-to-face with potential employers.

"We knew these great companies were looking for staff so we approached them suggesting we get together to remove some of the

hurdles which often prevent Indigenous Australians from finding work," she said.

"We recently held a similar event in Brisbane which proved a great success. These events are just the start of an ongoing relationship between TSAEP, Spotless and Broadlex which will introduce representatives from the two companies to a pool of very willing and capable workers."

The Indigenous Employer Event involved guest speakers including representatives from Spotless and Broadlex outlining the culture of the companies as well as the training and employment opportunities available.

## Miner joins project

**QLD** MINING company Xstrata Copper is joining with the Federal Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) to facilitate the National Indigenous

Cadetship Project (NICP) at its Mount Isa Mines site.

NICP is an Australian Government initiative which aims to improve the professional employment prospects of Indigenous Australians.

The program enables Indigenous tertiary students to gain professional qualifications and work experience, and move into full-time employment in their chosen field

on successful completion of their studies.

Complementing Xstrata's graduate and vacation student programs, NICP is designed to help provide Indigenous cadets with paid real-life work experience during their studies and to develop the core technical and leadership roles necessary to succeed in the industry.

### Paid employment

The program will consist of 12 weeks of paid employment either within Xstrata Copper's Mount Isa operations for mining-related disciplines, or in community organisations to accommodate other professional roles.

Xstrata Copper says it is committed to

growing local talent and training and developing staff wherever possible.

The program will be open to Year 12 graduates of local Mount Isa high schools moving on to tertiary education, or to local students who have undertaken University preparation programs.

"By tapping into our local reservoir of talent, we are investing back into the local community which is beneficial to all," said Xstrata North Queensland Indigenous Affairs Advisor Zane Hughes.

"We are committed to providing every cadet with guidance and mentoring to help them experience their future career in a supportive environment."

"We hope that the cadets will join us for

full-time employment upon completion of their degree as employees within the Graduate Recruitment and Development Program, or gain full-time employment within the community."

"Working with DEEWR will help Xstrata Copper to identify areas for cross-training both on the mine site and in the community so we can continue to develop well-rounded, employable professionals with experience in a variety of workplace environments."

Xstrata Copper joins several mining companies in the north west Queensland region in facilitating the NICP, and will be the first Xstrata site in Australia to implement the program.





# Employment

## Indigenous Job Opportunities



Bob Bellear Legal Career Pathways Program beneficiaries, from left, Skye Cross, Kirsten Cheatham and Carrie Nicol, with NSW Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat's Michelle Stewart, who helped select the successful candidates.

# The law beckons



FOUR young Aboriginal women have taken up positions in a public sector program aimed at assisting them with their studies and employment opportunities.

Last year, Legal Aid NSW launched the Bob Bellear Legal Career Pathways Program in honour of the late Judge Bob Bellear, Australia's first Aboriginal judge and an advocate of Aboriginal legal rights. The program is designed to encourage and support more Aboriginal people to take up law careers. Under the program, Legal Aid offers cadetships for Aboriginal undergraduate law students and scholarships for Year 11 and 12 students.

Young Aboriginal women Kirsten Cheatham and Carrie Nicol are now cadets

with Legal Aid NSW, while Skye Cross and Rhonda Riley, from western Sydney, are the inaugural high school scholarship holders.

Ms Nicol, whose cadetship is in criminal law, says: "I'm being exposed to things students wouldn't ordinarily be exposed to,

**"Legal Aid NSW is working towards increasing the number of Aboriginal staff, not only to encourage more Aboriginal people to use our services, but to make sure that more Aboriginal people are involved in decisions..."**

observing court work and client interviews."

Ms Cheatham, working in the area of family law, says her cadetship is ideal, providing on-the-job experience and the flexibility of practical work experience while she is still studying.

"We're encouraged to ask questions and are given lots of support. I especially like being in an environment where a social conscience is part of the job for everyone," she said.

Legal Aid NSW Chief Executive Officer Alan Kirkland said the program aimed to

to make a contribution to the legal world in the future," he said.

"Legal Aid NSW is working towards increasing the number of Aboriginal staff, not only to encourage more Aboriginal people to use our services, but to make sure that more Aboriginal people are involved in decisions about what we do, and how we do it."

In 2008 the percentage of Aboriginal staff increased to 3.3 per cent, and by this June, Legal Aid NSW aims to fill 4 per cent of permanent positions with Aboriginal people.

"We see this as just the start and we hope to not only continue these programs, but to grow them by increasing the number of cadetship and scholarship opportunities for Aboriginal students," he said.

support and encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with studies from high school through to tertiary education.

"By providing this support, we hope that more young Aboriginal people will be able

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The successful applicant will display a demonstrated knowledge of Victorian Indigenous culture and experience in working and communicating with Victorian Indigenous communities.

People of Indigenous background are encouraged to apply for this position.

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Applications are to be forwarded to:  
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Melbourne Magistrates' Court  
GPO 882G  
Melbourne, 3001

Applications close on 23 January 2009.

This is a designated Indigenous Position which has been granted exemption status by VCAT (Ex No. 183/2002 and extended by application No A289/2008). The Koori Court provides a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and other security checks.



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### Application Documents

From our website or telephone Suzanne Duffy on 02 6212 2095.

### How to Apply

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### Closing date

By 5pm 30 January 2009.

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**Inquiries:** Lyndall Callaghan 0427 123 418

**Email:** [lyndall.callaghan@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lyndall.callaghan@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Information Packages:** Kellie Purdy (02) 6591 7614.

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Closing Date: 30 January 2009

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Being male is recognised as a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 31(2h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

### POPULATION HEALTH

**Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer (HEO)**

Ref: 57525. Salary: \$20,87 - \$34,75 ph.  
Temp F/T or P/T up to June 2010 at Health Promotion, Liverpool Hospital.

Eng: Janelle Borg, (02) 9828 5911.

Closing Date: 11 February 2009.

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Apply online at: [www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au)  
or email application quoting Ref No. to:  
[jobs@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jobs@sswahs.nsw.gov.au) or send application to:  
Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 7050, Liverpool NSW 1871.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Department of  
Corrective Services  
Government of Western Australia

## Regional Community Conferencing Coordinator (50d)

Community and Juvenile Justice

Web Search No: 004694 (F/T Perm)

Level/Salary: 5 PEGA, \$63,621 - \$70,315 pa

A rewarding new career awaits people who want to make a real difference to the lives of young people who are beginning to get into trouble with the law. A Regional Community Conferencing Coordinator (located in Geraldton) is dedicated to working with these young people and their families to divert them away from the formal criminal justice system. Several regional positions are available and successful applicants may be eligible for subsidised housing.

For further job related information please contact Moira Clancy on 9464 3185.

**Job Application Package:** To access information about this position, visit [www.jobs.wa.gov.au](http://www.jobs.wa.gov.au) and key the Web Search No. into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Mon 2 Feb 2009 at 4:30pm WGST

## Indigenous Economic Development Project Officer

Department of Regional Development,  
Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources

Administrative Officer 6 (\$66 238 - \$74 047)

Regional Development - Alice Springs

Provide business facilitation and support services to new Indigenous business proponents and to those seeking to extend their business. This is a re-advertised vacancy.

Quote vacancy number: 280284

Closing date: 30 January 2009

### Contact us now

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Email: [Recruitment@nt.gov.au](mailto:Recruitment@nt.gov.au)  
Visit: [www.nt.gov.au/jobs](http://www.nt.gov.au/jobs)

Northern Territory Government

the Territory

## FACULTY OF ARTS WARAWARA, DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS STUDIES BACHELOR OF TEACHING (ECS) PROGRAM COORDINATOR

REF. 21714

The successful applicant will primarily be responsible for academic coordination of the Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Services), a degree which is offered jointly through the Institute of Early Childhood (IEC) and Warawara Department of Indigenous Studies, specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people working with children in settings prior to school. Support may also be required for Indigenous students proceeding to fourth year qualifications. The position also actively oversees the administration of the DEWR STEP Backfill program, which funds replacement staff in organisations while students are attending block study, including preparing progress reports.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, STUDENT LEARNING SUPPORT

REF. 21715

You will be responsible for providing comprehensive administrative support for the Warawara academic programs which include the Bachelor of Community Management (BCM) and the Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Services) [BTeach] and the Indigenous Studies program. This includes organising student travel and accommodation for on-campus blocks. Assistance is also given to Indigenous students in mainstream courses on campus as well as Higher Degree Research and Honours students within Warawara.

## COMMONWEALTH PROGRAMS SUPPORT OFFICER

REF. 21716

We are currently seeking a dynamic individual to administer programs in this key student support role in our department. The academic success of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students is of prime importance. The Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) is a government program aimed at increasing the participation and completion of the students in our university programs. Other administrative duties in this position include the administration of another government program called Backfill which provides funding assistance to childcare centers enabling our students to attend educational programs at specific times during the academic year. Strong administrative systems understanding, financial systems experience and interpersonal skills are needed in this position. Experience in the administration of Indigenous programs, particularly academic support, is most helpful as well as an excellent grasp of the factors contributing to the success of Indigenous students. Experience with administrative systems in a higher education system in addition to collaborative skills would be highly advantageous.

Enquiries: Susan Page on (02) 9850 8634 or email [susan.page@mq.edu.au](mailto:susan.page@mq.edu.au)

Please refer to our jobs website at [www.jobs.mq.edu.au](http://www.jobs.mq.edu.au) to apply online, view the position description and to find out further information regarding these positions.

Applications close: 18 January 2009.

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Applications will only be accepted via the Macquarie University online system.

Macquarie University is an Equal Opportunity Employer with a commitment to diversity and social inclusion. We encourage applications from Indigenous Australians; people with a disability; those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; and women (particularly for senior and non-traditional vacancies).



AUSTRALIA'S INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY





Government of South Australia  
Department for Families  
and Communities

## Manager, Safe Tracks

Housing SA  
Adelaide CBD  
Contract for 1 Year  
Vac No: 11249  
\$78,402 - \$85,105 p.a. (ASO7)

The Manager Safe Tracks leads a team of staff in the planning and delivery of transitional accommodation, outreach, case management and other support services to Aboriginal South Australians moving between remote, regional and metropolitan communities.

### The role requires:

- Strong leadership, influencing and management skills.
- Experience in the planning and management of human services.
- Experience in the development of service partnerships with other levels of Government and the community sector.
- A sound knowledge of Aboriginal culture, kinship and community needs.

**Special Conditions:** This role is a contract position for 1 year initially, with the possibility of further extension up to 5 years. An attractive remunerative package may be negotiated.

The position is metropolitan based, however frequent out of hours and intrastate and interstate travel necessitating overnight absences may be required. Successful applicants may be required to travel considerable distances in the course of their duties and must possess a current Class C driver's licence.

### Do these roles interest you? Apply now!

To apply for this position four behavioural questions must be addressed, questions must be completed and submitted with a copy of your CV. Please note you are not required to address the job and person specification.

Please download the questions and job description for this position from the 'Careers' section of our website at [www.dfc.sa.gov.au](http://www.dfc.sa.gov.au) or by contacting Ms Leanne Stojanovich on (08) 8207 0114. Applications can be forwarded via email to: [leanne.stojanovich@dfc.sa.gov.au](mailto:leanne.stojanovich@dfc.sa.gov.au) or by mail to: Ms Leanne Stojanovich, Business Manager, Affordable Housing and Sector Development, GPO Box 292, Adelaide SA 5001.

### Contact person for further information:

Mr Mario Vitagliano, Manager, Projects, telephone (08) 7424 7327 or email: [mario.vitagliano@dfc.sa.gov.au](mailto:mario.vitagliano@dfc.sa.gov.au)  
People of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications Close: 5.00pm Friday 23 January 2009

To find out how to apply for this position, including essential criteria to be addressed in your application please visit [www.dfc.sa.gov.au/careers](http://www.dfc.sa.gov.au/careers)

Safety is a core value of the South Australian Public Service. Department for Families and Communities is an Equal Opportunities Employer.



## VACCHO Vacancies

Would you like to work for the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO)?

The Public Health and Research Unit has vacancies in:

- Aboriginal Health Research
- Health Information
- Health Promotion

VACCHO is the peak body of Aboriginal community controlled health organisations. VACCHO has twenty-four members each providing health services to its local Aboriginal community.

VACCHO's primary principles of operation are community control and self determination of health service provision to Aboriginal people in Victoria.

VACCHO offers attractive salary packaging options.

Further information including a position description and selection criteria is available on the VACCHO website [www.vaccho.org.au](http://www.vaccho.org.au) or by contacting Mr Ray Mahoney, Manager Public Health and Research Unit on (03) 9419 3350.



## Manager

Indigenous Sport Unit, Sport and Recreation

Local Government, Sport and Recreation

Salary: \$89 898 - \$95 082 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/LGSR7937/08

Enquiries: (07) 3238 3998 or E-Mail: [jobvac.dlgpr@ssa.qld.gov.au](mailto:jobvac.dlgpr@ssa.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Tuesday, 27 January 2009

## Senior Development Officer

(Identified)

Indigenous Sport Unit, Sport and Recreation

(This position has been designated as an "identified" position and may only be filled by a person who is accepted as a member of the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander communities)

Local Government, Sport and Recreation

Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/LGSR7938/08

Enquiries: (07) 3238 3998 or E-Mail: [jobvac.dlgpr@ssa.qld.gov.au](mailto:jobvac.dlgpr@ssa.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Tuesday, 27 January 2009

## Project Officer (Identified)

Home and Community Care

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Disability Services Queensland

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/DSQ9491/08

**Key Duties:** Support and monitor Indigenous Funded Non-Government Service Providers with the delivery of services to HACC eligible clients. Guide organisations with accountability and reporting obligations; review and evaluate service delivery outcomes; participate in regional networks/forums.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689

Closing Date: Tuesday, 27 January 2009

## Native Title Research Officer

(Identified)

Indigenous Services, Capacity Building Unit

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Natural Resources and Water

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 969 p.a.

Location: Wollongong

REF: QLD/NRW9446/08

**Key Duties:** Undertake research and prepare training materials. Prepare written reports, briefing notes and correspondence. Provide advice and liaison with a range of stakeholders.

Enquiries: Andrew Hall (07) 2238 3840

Closing Date: Monday, 2 February 2009

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## NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at  
[www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment)

Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

### Registered Midwife Nurse

Aboriginal Maternal & Infant Health Strategy Nursing, Muswellbrook.

Perm Full Time

Position No: 61777

Enquiries: Wendy Hordern, (02) 6542 2050.

Closing Date: 30 January 2009.

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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Careers in Health

## Senior Health Worker (Chronic Disease)

Community and Primary Health Service, Redland Community Health Service Centre, Cleveland, Metro South Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$74 992 p.a., comprising salary between \$62 591 - \$65 727 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (007) (Applications will remain current for 12 months)

JAR: H08BLO12248. **Duties/Abilities:** Responsible for liaising with multidisciplinary staff on all facets of prevention and management of chronic diseases that relate to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be indigenous to the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Sonya Preston (07) 3488 4222.

Application Kit: (07) 3121 1411 or

[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

Closing Date: Tuesday, 27 January 2009.

You can apply online at

[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

## Legal Aid

## Community liaison officer

Do you want more from your career? Like the chance to do important and interesting work, an exciting career path, excellent working conditions and a competitive salary and benefits package? Then we'd like to hear from you.

Legal Aid Queensland provides legal services to more than 200,000 disadvantaged clients each year. We are an independent statutory authority funded by the state and federal governments.

We're looking for a woman of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent to help Indigenous women and their families access culturally appropriate legal and other support services. Travel to remote communities is required.

We guarantee you'll be doing interesting, satisfying and varied work that furthers your career. We support our staff through ongoing professional development opportunities and mentoring, access to best-practice IT resources and a balanced approach to work. We offer generous leave entitlements and salary packaging arrangements that are second to none.

Salary: \$54,534 to \$59,968 a year (AO4) — plus leave, superannuation & salary packaging

Vacancy number: 102/08

Location: Townsville

As employees of a public benevolent institution, our staff can access generous salary packaging arrangements including an opportunity to package 100 percent of their salary on specific items. This includes about \$16,000 (subject to conditions) on items that would normally incur a fringe benefit tax liability (eg mortgage, personal loan repayments, health insurance, private school fees, utility payments).

**Major duties:** provide legal information to clients; support lawyers in court; liaise with Indigenous communities and develop networks; work with Indigenous liaison officers employed in Indigenous communities; report on issues identified by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; contribute to community legal education and training initiatives.

### How to apply:

- Get the role description from [www.legalaid.qld.gov.au/careers](http://www.legalaid.qld.gov.au/careers) (or call 1300 65 11 88 or email [careers@legalaid.qld.gov.au](mailto:careers@legalaid.qld.gov.au) for a copy)
- Write your responses to the selection criteria
- Send your resume and responses to: Human Resources Manager, Legal Aid Queensland, GPO Box 2449, Brisbane, Qld, 4001.

Applications close: Wednesday, 28 January 2009.

We are an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourage Indigenous Australians to apply.

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# THAMARRURR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## Employment & Training

### WADEYE - MANAGER

We are looking for an employment service specialist to lead an employment services team based in the largest Aboriginal Community in Australia. The successful applicant will have an excellent working knowledge of current employment programs including Job Network, Personal Support Program, JPET, CDEP and must have proven experience in leading a team to produce outcomes with highly disadvantaged jobseekers. Attractive remuneration and incentives will be based on experience.

For further information or to obtain selection criteria, please contact Amanda Strange phone (08) 89782111 or amanda.strange@thamarrur.org.au

Applications close 23rd January 2009.

# COX • INALL • RIDGEWAY

## Public Relations Graduate

- Graduate position
- Indigenous Affairs focus
- Join growing PR Consultancy
- Excellent career path
- \$40K package plus training

Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander graduate looking for a rewarding career in communications?

Do you want to work with some of Australia's largest corporations on projects which make a difference?

This role will 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.

You'll work as the right hand to our senior consultants on high profile projects for big corporate and Government clients.

Your creative thinking will make a valuable contribution to the development and execution of communication strategies and program development for Indigenous Australia.

### Responsibilities will include:

- Project management
- Community research and liaison
- Program research, development and administration
- Providing creative input into communication strategies
- Developing media angles through research
- Event coordination

We value good organisational skills, attention to detail and academic achievement. A keen interest in Corporate Social Responsibility will be highly regarded.

Ability to work with Microsoft Excel and Word is a minimum requirement.

Cox Inall Ridgeway considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under s. 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

To express your interest please email your CV and a covering letter to fionad@coxinalldridgeway.com.au

To find out more about Cox Inall Ridgeway, please visit our website [www.coxinalldridgeway.com.au](http://www.coxinalldridgeway.com.au)

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING

For information on Commerce please see [www.commerce.nsw.gov.au](http://www.commerce.nsw.gov.au). For Information Packages please call (02) 9372 7194. Please quote position number.

### CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

CLERK GRADE 3/4, Newcastle, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 2009/001. Total remuneration package valued to: \$65,072 p.a. (\$53,855-\$58,969) Package includes salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provides services to consumers and traders on all aspects of fair trading including targeted activities to inform and regulate the marketplace, which delivers effective, high quality customer services, including to Aboriginal communities. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality is a key criteria for this position and it is essential that applicants address this in their application. Experience working effectively with indigenous communities and an understanding of issues affecting indigenous people. Demonstrated ability to provide quality customer service in a challenging environment. Proven problem solving, negotiation and dispute resolutions skills. Demonstrated capacity to develop specialist skills in a range of complex topic areas including Fair Trading legislation and services. Highly developed interpersonal skills and demonstrated capacity to work effectively in a team environment. Proven sound communication and ability to develop and deliver community programs. A current NSW drivers licence and willingness to drive.

**Notes:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1997. Applicants will be required to attend an information session to be held on 30 January, 2009 at 5.30pm at Newcastle Fair Trading Centre, Level 5, 400 Hunter Street, Newcastle.

To book your attendance at this session please telephone: 02 4925 7000.

**Inquiries:** Ann Smyth (02) 4925 7009.

**Information Packages:** [infopack@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au](mailto:infopack@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au) & quote 2009/001.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential':** To: You can apply on-line at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or if by post to Rachana Yelavarti, ServiceFirst Human Resources, Level 6, McKell Building, 2-24 Rawson Place Sydney 2000.

**Closing Date:** Friday 06 February 2009.

# 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
EPM17344	Approx. 116 km NNW from Julia Creek Centred at approximate Lat.19°40'S Long.141°22'E Local Government Area: McKinlay Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 323 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 3136 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3207 p, u, z 3208 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 3209 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 3210 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	Hapsburg Exploration Pty Ltd 119 756 133
EPM17345	Approx. 68 km N from Julia Creek Centred at approximate Lat.20°05'S Long.141°55'E Local Government Area: McKinlay Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 322 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry and Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> Cloncurry 47 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, z 48 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 120 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u, y, z 121 v 192 e 193 a, b, f, g, m, n, s, x 265 c Normanton 3430 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, t, u, y, z 3431 f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Hapsburg Exploration Pty Ltd 119 756 133
EPM17364	Approx. 171 km NNE from Julia Creek Centred at approximate Lat.19°19'S Long.142°33'E Local Government Area: Croydon Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 84 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 26 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2862 b, c, d, g, h, m, n, r, s, w, x 2935 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, p 2936 f, g, h, l, m, n	Bowen Energy Ltd 120 965 095
EPM17434	Approx. 25 km S from Julia Creek Centred at approximate Lat.20°52'S Long.141°40'E Local Government Area: McKinlay Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 307 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 96 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 692 g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 693 f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 764 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 765 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 836 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p 837 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o	Rommark Resources Pty Ltd 129 719 606
EPM17436	Approx. 24 km S from Julia Creek Centred at approximate Lat.20°52'S Long.141°48'E Local Government Area: McKinlay Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 307 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 96 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 693 k, p, u, z 694 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 695 f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 765 e, k, p, u, z 766 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 767 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 837 c, k, p 838 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 839 a, b, f, g, l, m	Rommark Resources Pty Ltd 129 719 606

\* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

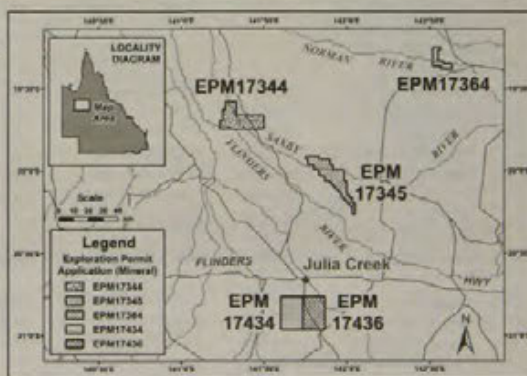
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day:** 4 February 2009



1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

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**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day:** 4 February 2009



**Queensland Government**  
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## NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/1915	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	9.45km <sup>2</sup>	91km Wly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°52' Long 116°40'	Ashburton
08/1916	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	25.22km <sup>2</sup>	100km Wly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°55' Long 116°45'	Ashburton

**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: 14 January 2009**

**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 **14 April 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 exploration licence may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **14 May 2009**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (CTH) in relation to the area of the exploration licences.

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



## NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1663	Oril Gold Pty Ltd	162.85km <sup>2</sup>	60km Sly of Derby	Lat 17°48' Long 123°50'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1664	Arnhem Resources Pty Ltd	858.41km <sup>2</sup>	83km NEly of Derby	Lat 16°56' Long 124°18'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1778	Oril Gold Pty Ltd	228.3km <sup>2</sup>	72km SEly of Derby	Lat 17°37' Long 124°13'	Derby-West Kimberley
08/1780	Leamonth Limestone Pty Ltd	19.42km <sup>2</sup>	32km Sly of Exmouth	Lat 22°12' Long 114°01'	Exmouth
08/1781	Leamonth Limestone Pty Ltd	31.74km <sup>2</sup>	40km Sly of Exmouth	Lat 22°17' Long 114°01'	Exmouth
08/1782	Leamonth Limestone Pty Ltd	19.42km <sup>2</sup>	32km Sly of Exmouth	Lat 22°12' Long 114°01'	Exmouth
08/1889	Raisama Pty Ltd	289.92km <sup>2</sup>	102km Ely of Coral Bay	Lat 23°06' Long 115°21'	Ashburton
08/1890	Brookman Iron Pty Ltd	22.06km <sup>2</sup>	114km Wly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°51' Long 116°38'	Ashburton
9/7957	Meteoritic Resources NL	72.81km <sup>2</sup>	75km Nly of Leonora	Lat 28°15' Long 121°35'	Leonora
37/969	Heron Resources Ltd	51.23km <sup>2</sup>	58km NEly of Leonora	Lat 28°28' Long 121°41'	Laverton/Leonora
38/2003	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	36.30km <sup>2</sup>	65km Wly of Cosmo	Lat 27°49' Long 122°16'	Laverton

58/2164-5, 53/1402-3, 66/2501-4, 69/2557	Ausquest Ltd	3277.58km <sup>2</sup>	193km Ely of Wiluna	Lat 25°56' Long 122°01'	Wiluna
38/2166	Ausquest Ltd	89.08km <sup>2</sup>	177km Ely of Wiluna	Lat 26°19' Long 121°58'	Wiluna
38/2167-8	Ausquest Ltd	951.31km <sup>2</sup>	177km Nly of Cosmo	Lat 26°26' Long 122°27'	Wiluna

39/1359	Sulphide Resource Pty Ltd	92.81km <sup>2</sup>	87km SEly of Laverton	Lat 29°07' Long 123°05'	Menzies
10/251	JML Resources Pty Ltd	35.85km <sup>2</sup>	40km Sly of Leonora	Lat 29°16' Long 121°28'	Menzies
10/254	JML Resources Pty Ltd	89.73km <sup>2</sup>	48km SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°16' Long 121°33'	Menzies
51/1277	Silver Swan Group Ltd	39.83km <sup>2</sup>	19km Wly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°35' Long 118°16'	Meekatharra
51/1278	Silver Swan Group Ltd	12.26km <sup>2</sup>	15km NWly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°32' Long 118°21'	Meekatharra
52/2268	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	28.28km <sup>2</sup>	28km Sly of Newman	Lat 23°26' Long 119°46'	Meekatharra
52/2272	Grocla Resources NL	25.15km <sup>2</sup>	67km Wly of Newman	Lat 23°26' Long 119°04'	East Pilbara/Meekatharra
57/775	Chrysalis Resources Ltd	141.56km <sup>2</sup>	69km Sly of Sandstone	Lat 28°36' Long 119°13'	Sandstone
57/776	Chrysalis Resources Ltd	114.59km <sup>2</sup>	67km SWly of Sandstone	Lat 28°27' Long 119°03'	Sandstone
57/777	Chrysalis Resources Ltd	80.23km <sup>2</sup>	78km Sly of Sandstone	Lat 28°39' Long 119°02'	Sandstone
59/1009	Brian Anthony Maville Joseph Paul Legendre Am-Australian Minerals Exploration Pty Ltd	42.22km <sup>2</sup>	28km NWly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°06' Long 117°27'	Yalgoo

70/3065	Clinton Dean Hood	165.32km <sup>2</sup>	36km Ely of Conventers	Lat 30°36' Long 115°26'	Dandaragan
70/3199	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd	179.61km <sup>2</sup>	119km Ely of Kalbarri	Lat 27°23' Long 115°19'	Marion
70/3450	Whimem Resources Ltd	262.8km <sup>2</sup>	27km Sly of Brookton	Lat 32°36' Long 117°05'	Qualling/Pingelly
70/3467	Northern Phosphate Ltd	185.73km <sup>2</sup>	28km Nly of Kalbarri	Lat 27°28' Long 114°15'	Northampton
70/3470	Whimem Resources Ltd	297.72km <sup>2</sup>	27km Ely of Moora	Lat 30°43' Long 116°16'	Moora/Victoria Plains
70/3484	Syndicated Metals Limited	183.59km <sup>2</sup>	45km NWly of Moora	Lat 30°18' Long 115°44'	Dandaragan
74/319	Karl William Wolzak	51.44km <sup>2</sup>	21km SWly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°44' Long 119°54'	Ravensthorpe

74/406	Galaxy Resources Ltd Western Copper Pty Ltd	91.57km <sup>2</sup>	8km SEly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°38' Long 120°06'	Ravensthorpe
74/422	Sulphide Resource Pty Ltd	2.88km <sup>2</sup>	93km Nly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 32°45' Long 119°50'	Kondinin
77/1535	St Barbara Ltd	49.38km <sup>2</sup>	82km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°19' Long 119°45'	Kondinin
80/4096	Bastille Australia Pty Ltd Hydro Aluminium Western Australia Pty Ltd	663.37km <sup>2</sup>	192km NWly of Wyndham	Lat 14°21' Long 126°46'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4107-8	Kalbarri Mines Pty Ltd	828.27km <sup>2</sup>	154km SEly of Balgo Mission	Lat 21°14' Long 126°54'	East Pilbara/Halls Creek
80/4133	Northern Uranium Limited	9.69km <sup>2</sup>	105km NEly of Balgo Mission	Lat 19°16' Long 126°23'	Halls Creek
80/4134	Northern Uranium Limited	35.52km <sup>2</sup>	101km Nly of Balgo Mission	Lat 19°18' Long 126°21'	Halls Creek

**Nature of the act:** Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

**Notification day: 14 January 2009**

**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 **14 April 2009**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **14 May 2009**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



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## DIRECTOR

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For a copy of the Job and Person specification, please contact Annette Sundstrom on (08) 8724 7270 or email [admin@pangula.org.au](mailto:admin@pangula.org.au)

For more information regarding the position, please contact Emma Hay on 0427 015 498 or email [emma@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:emma@saugov.sa.gov.au)

**Applications must be received by 5.00pm Friday 30/01/09.**

All applications addressing the job and person specification should be sent to:

**Annette Sundstrom**  
Pangula Mannamurna Inc  
PO Box 942  
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## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASE

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/455 38/564	Magnesium Resources Pty Ltd Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd Barrick (OSM) Limited ACN 002 594 881	57.46ha 8.26ha	112km S of Pannawonica 31km SE of Laverton	Lat 22°37' Long 116°04' Lat 28°48' Long 122°38'	Ashburton Laverton
45/1175 46/437-40	Pibara Mangin Pty Ltd Wright Prospecting Pty Ltd Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd Hemley Resources Ltd	242.81ha 3138.67ha	107km W of Telfer 32km E of Newman	Lat 21°30' Long 121°12' Lat 23°18' Long 120°01'	East Pilbara East Pilbara
47/1421 59/726 70/1274 77/1101	Iron Ore Holdings Ltd Elaine Faye Taylor Lake Hillman Mining Pty Ltd Polaris Metals NL	23.58ha 81.32ha 12.49ha 118.55ha	89km of Newman 2km N of Paynes Find 49km E of Doodlakine 7km NW of Balford	Lat 22°44' Long 119°10' Lat 29°14' Long 117°40' Lat 30°19' Long 117°10' Lat 30°56' Long 119°03'	East Pilbara Yalgoo Doodlakine Yilgarn
80/512	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd Earth Australia Minerals Pty Ltd Pathfinder Exploration Pty Ltd	51.79ha	71km N of Halls Creek	Lat 17°37' Long 127°55'	Halls Creek
80/513	Earth Australia Minerals Pty Ltd Pathfinder Exploration Pty Ltd	47.22ha	73km NE of Halls Creek	Lat 17°37' Long 127°56'	Halls Creek
80/514	Pathfinder Exploration Pty Ltd Earth Australia Minerals Pty Ltd	103.3ha	76km NE of Halls Creek	Lat 17°35' Long 127°57'	Halls Creek

**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:** 14 January 2009

**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 14 April 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. 14 May 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 Mines and Petroleum, 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 to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM15269	Approx. 26 km SE from Weipa Centred at approximate Lat.12°50'S Long.142°0'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council, Aurukun Shire Council and Napranum Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 183 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Mitchell River <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 55 (each 1°lat x 1°long)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 695 l, m, y 696 m, q, r, s, w, x, y 697 j, k, o, p, s, l, u, w, x, y, z 698 h, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w 767 c, d, h, j, n, r, s 768 b, c, d, e, k 769 b, c, d, e, f, g, j, k, p 770 a, b, f, l	Cape Alumina Ltd 107 817 694

\* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000. Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the Acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

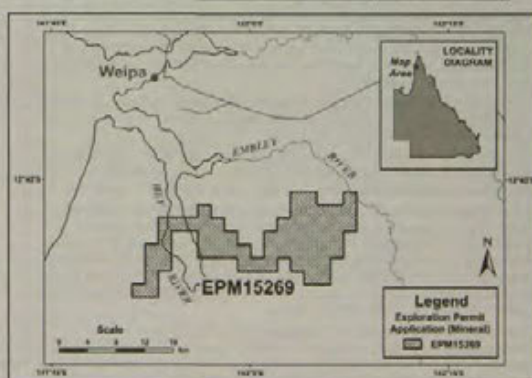
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 4 February 2009



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# Notice of Proposed Grant of a Sales Permit

## Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Sales Permit shown below under the *Forestry Act 1959* (Qld).

Sales Permit to which this notice applies:

Sales Permit Number and Name	Location of Sales Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN
20080856 Corella Park Hard Rock Quarry	Approx. 6 km North West from Cloncurry Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	<b>Current Land Tenures</b> Lot 50 on CP857736 - R50, Beaconsfield, Stock Dip Reserve also held as - Term Lease 0/231078 (quarry and access) Road Reserve (quarry and access) (The road component of the proposed sale area does not form part of the Section 29 notice area)  <b>Area of land applied for in Sales Permit:</b> 155.0 hectares plus Proposed Access Road	Lawlor Contracting Pty Ltd 010 786 357

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of a Sales Permit under the *Forestry Act 1959* (Qld) authorises the holder to get quarry material and carry out associated activities subject to the *Forestry Act 1959* (Qld), for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of extensions for a term each not exceeding five (5) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Sales Permit be granted under the *Forestry Act 1959* (Qld) by the Chief Executive, Department of Natural Resources and Water, GPO Box 2454, Brisbane, Qld 4001.

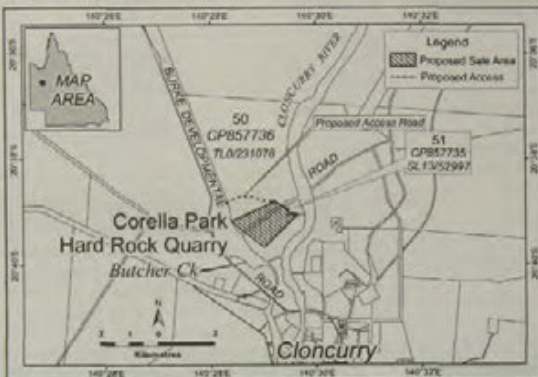
**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Sales Permit, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Sales Permit application, may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Water (NRW) Forest Products, Northern Forest Management Area, 67 Brodie St, Hughenden, Qld 4821. Telephone (07) 4741 1155; NRW Forest Products Northern Forest Management Area, 83 Main St, Atherton, Qld 4883. Telephone (07) 4091 5200.

**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 Sales Permit. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

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Notification Day: 30 January 2009



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Natural Resources and Water

# Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

## Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
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	<b>Area:</b> 157 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 49 (each 1°lat x 1°long)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 307 z 308 v, w, x, y, z 309 a, f, i, q, r, v, w 379 c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, x, y 380 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, t, u, z 381 a, b, f	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd 122 727 342

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**Name and address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

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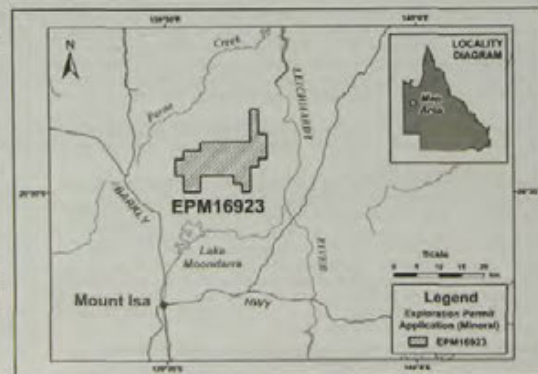
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Notification Day: 4 February 2009



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VACCHO

Would you like to work for the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO)? VACCHO is the peak body of Aboriginal community controlled health organisations. VACCHO has twenty-four members each providing health services to its local Aboriginal community. VACCHO's primary principles of operation are community control and self determination of health service provision to Aboriginal people in Victoria.

The Workforce Issues Unit has a vacancy for a:

## General Practice Education & Training Project Officer

This position is to assist and support Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health services (ACCHS) to become Indigenous Health Training Posts. This will allow the ACCHS to recruit General Practice Registrars to work within their services. A package up to \$54,000 is offered depending on qualifications and experience.

VACCHO offers attractive salary packaging.

Closing date for this position is 6 February 2009.

Further information including a position description and selection criteria is available on the VACCHO website [www.vaccho.org.au](http://www.vaccho.org.au) or by contacting Mr Tyson Murphy, Manager Workforce Issues Unit on (03) 9419 3350.



## Senior Aboriginal Community Development Worker

Dental Health Services Victoria (DHSV) is seeking an experienced Senior Aboriginal Health Community Development Worker to improve the capacity of DHSV and the public oral health sector to meet the particular needs of Aboriginal patients and their families.

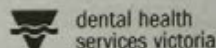
A primary responsibility of this position is to convene the DHSV Indigenous Oral Health Reference Group and to lead the development and implementation of the Aboriginal Oral Health Plan 2009-2011.

The position is offered as full-time for a 3 year contract term. Flexible working conditions, including part-time and job sharing may be negotiated.

Position description is available from [www.dentaljobs.org.au](http://www.dentaljobs.org.au). Applications must address the selection criteria for the position.

For further information, please contact Sue Kearney, Manager Health Promotion and Communications, [kearnys@dhsv.org.au](mailto:kearnys@dhsv.org.au) or Jose Urias, Diversity & Community Liaison Coordinator, [urias@dhsv.org.au](mailto:urias@dhsv.org.au) or call (03) 9341 1323.

Dental Health Services Victoria is the State's leading public oral health services agency, promoting oral health, purchasing services and providing care to Victorians.



## TEAM LEADER

Northcott Disability Services is an innovative and dynamic organisation that supports more than 6000 people with a disability and their families throughout NSW and the ACT. We currently are seeking a Full Time 38 hr position for a Team Leader for our Family Support Programs based in Moree NSW.

If you are looking for a fulfilling and satisfying work environment that provides personal and professional challenges, flexible working conditions and a supportive and effective team environment, while assisting families, Aboriginal Communities and people with disability to achieve their goals this position will be of interest to you.

The Person we are seeking needs to have:

- Commitment to and/or experience working with people with disability their families and carers using strength based/ family-centred approach.
- Experience working with Aboriginal families and communities.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and time management skills.
- High level of motivation.
- Experience in supervising, supporting and mentoring of staff.
- Relevant qualifications or commitment to undertake further training/studies.
- Current First Aid Certificate or Commitment to acquire one.
- Current minimum class C drivers' license.

Working with Northcott, we will provide you with professional support, and supervision, areas for professional development, flexible working conditions and five weeks annual leave pro rata. Salary will be in accordance with the Northcott Award.

Applications to the HR Coordinator, Northcott, PO Box 4055, Parramatta NSW 2124 or by email to [employment@northcott.org.au](mailto:employment@northcott.org.au)

If you would like any further information or would like to meet in person before you apply please call April in our Parramatta office on (02) 6766 5755 or 0429 774 949.

Closing Date: February 6th 2009.

Essential pre-employment checks will be conducted. Northcott is an EEO Employer



## Sydney Opera House Indigenous Graduate Work Placements

March to May 2009

This is a short term temporary contract, salary range \$40,000 pro rata per annum plus super contribution.

Graduates includes anyone awarded a degree in 2008 or in the final year of a tertiary degree course in 2009.

### How to apply:

- Send in a one page summary telling us about yourself, your skills and why you want to work at the Sydney Opera House. You can also include a CV.
- Applications are to be sent by email by 31 January 2009 to recruitment@sydneyoperahouse.com. Include Position Title: Indigenous Graduate Work Placement No 50H78.
- You will need to be available to attend an information session at Sydney Opera House on Saturday 14 February 10am - 1pm, and interviews on either Tuesday 17 or Wednesday 18 February 2009.
- Placement commences Monday 2 March and goes to Friday 22 May 2009.

Further information about this position can be obtained by contacting Helen O'Moore on 0292507415 or email hmoore@sydneyoperahouse.com



## Karrayili Adult Education Centre Aboriginal Corporation Executive Officer

Karrayili is seeking a dynamic, flexible person to manage the financial and administrative requirements of this unique Aboriginal Adult Education Centre. A highly efficient person with a commitment to transferring skills and working from the ground up would be well suited to this position.

Karrayili delivers Vocational Education and Training including Certificates in Environmental Health, Business and General Education to adults from Fitzroy Crossing and surrounding communities.

The successful applicant will work in collaboration with the Principal and Board of Directors.

### Duties include:

- Oversee, monitor and maintain the administrative and financial functions of Karrayili;
- Manage tenders, grants and acquittals and ensure reporting requirements are met;
- Manage preparation and administration of budgets;
- Co-ordinate, mentor and train admin staff.

Karrayili Adult Education Centre is a Registered Training Organisation committed to providing relevant and effective training in the Fitzroy Valley. The Executive Officer plays a crucial role in ensuring the ongoing viability and accountability of the organisation.

Attractive salary and conditions including subsidised accommodation. For information package including duty statement and selection criteria contact Tamela Vestergaard on tamela.v@bigpond.com or telephone: 08 9191 5102.

Applications must address selection criteria.

Applications close: 5.00pm Monday 26 January 2009.



Worawa Aboriginal College - an AFL Sports Academy

## Residential Support Carers

Full Time, Part Time and Casual

Worawa Aboriginal College is Victoria's only registered Independent Aboriginal school. Located 60 kilometres from Melbourne, the College is situated on land that once formed part of the historic Coranderrk Aboriginal Station. Worawa provides a 'total education' co-educational boarding school for Aboriginal students in years 7-10.

Worawa is implementing an integrated Education, Culture and Wellbeing education model. Every Worawa student is on an Individual Learning Plan which aims to encourage students to develop academically, culturally and socially to their full potential.

Worawa's program includes tutorial assistance, supervised homework and organised extra curricular activities. The College has a vibrant Creative Arts Centre, a Ranger Cadet Program and through partnership with the AFL the College is extending its focus to include greater emphasis on sports. The College's extra curricular activities aim to develop pathways, social skills, team spirit, leadership and healthy life style. Residential Carers provide positive role models, cultural values and a supportive, nurturing environment. The College has five boarding houses which operate within a cultural framework. A qualified Chef, maintenance, laundry and cleaning staff provide operational support. Residential Carers are supported in an after hours and weekend program.

Worawa is seeking to employ Residential Carers to support students boarding at the College. Residential Carers are required for full and part time employment. We are looking for enthusiastic people who are caring, with good counselling and leadership skills willing to play a full role in the life of our college. The successful applicants should be able to demonstrate positive relationships with young people and be capable of working effectively with a team of teachers and administrators in support of the students and their families.

Aboriginal persons are strongly encouraged to apply.

Please ring or email the College for a position description and assessment criteria.

Mark Thomson  
Director of Students  
Worawa Aboriginal College  
Healesville, Victoria

Ph: (03) 5962 4344 Mob: 0428 834 430 Fax: (03) 5962 2419  
Email: markthomson@worawa.vic.edu.au

Applications close 5:00pm Tuesday 20th January 2009



## NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
16/341	Mount Finnerty Pty Ltd	304416	51.24ha	63km Ely of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°46' Long 120°10'	Coolgardie
		304417	23.66ha	62km Ely of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°48' Long 120°10'	
		304418	1.97ha	58km Ely of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°45' Long 120°06'	
59/817	Karara Mining Limited	302888	49.73ha	80km Ely of Morawa	Lat 29°02' Long 116°51'	Perenjori
		302389	72.31ha	80km Ely of Morawa	Lat 29°04' Long 116°50'	
		302390	23.89ha	80km Ely of Morawa	Lat 29°06' Long 116°50'	
		302391	23.9ha	80km Ely of Morawa	Lat 29°07' Long 116°49'	
		302392	23.82ha	80km Ely of Morawa	Lat 29°08' Long 116°47'	
		302394	23.89ha	80km Ely of Morawa	Lat 29°09' Long 116°46'	
		302395	143.12ha	80km Ely of Morawa	Lat 29°11' Long 116°45'	
		302396	43.10ha	80km Ely of Morawa	Lat 29°11' Long 116°48'	
		302397	20.59ha	80km Ely of Morawa	Lat 29°10' Long 116°49'	

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 14 January 2009

**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 14 April 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 Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure.

Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 14 May 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

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

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Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM14261	Approx. 130 km NW from Injune Centred at approximate Lat 25°07'S Long 147°33'E Local Government Area: Murweh Shire Council and Roma Regional Council	Area: 466 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 150 (each 31x31 long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 907 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 908 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 978 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 979 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1050 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1051 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Australian Asiatic Gems Pty Ltd 067 386 323

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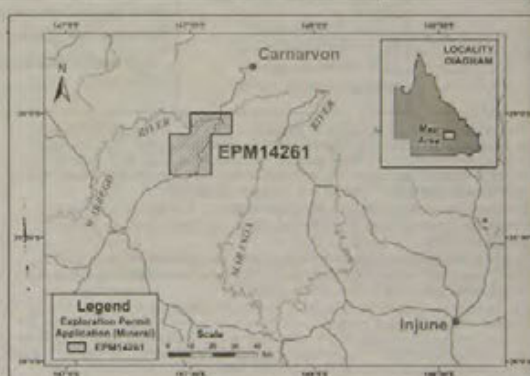
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Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
<b>EPM16911</b> This Application consists of two separate parts.	<b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 86 km W from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°57'S Long.139°14'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	<b>Area of Part 1:</b> 280 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry and Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 87 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> Cloncurry 15 c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y Normanton 3327 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 3328 a, b, c, f, g, i, l, m, q, r, v, w 3399 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 3400 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v	<b>Birla</b> <b>Mt Gordon Pty Ltd</b> 106 396 801
	<b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 75 km W from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°56'S Long.139°20'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	<b>Area of Part 2:</b> 35 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 11 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 3328 z 3329 q, v 3400 c, h, p, u 3401 a, f, l, q	
<b>EPM16990</b>	Approx. 40 km NW from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°44'S Long.139°50'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 45 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 14 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 3190 j, o, t, u, y, z 3191 q, r, v, w 3262 e 3263 a, b, g	<b>Owen Reginald Wellington</b> (67%) <b>Tony Russell Hutton</b> (33%)
<b>EPM16991</b> This Application consists of five separate parts.	<b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 24 km NW from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°53'S Long.139°52'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	<b>Area of Part 1:</b> 39 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 12 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 3335 b, c, g, h, m, n, t, s, w, x 3407 b, g	<b>Matrix Metals Limited</b> 082 593 235
	<b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 21 km W from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°0'S Long.139°51'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	<b>Area of Part 2:</b> 23 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry and Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 7 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> Cloncurry 23 a, b, f, g Normanton 3407 q, v, w	
	<b>Part 3:</b> Approx. 41 km NNW from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°41'S Long.139°53'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	<b>Area of part 3:</b> 16 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 3191 c, d, j, o, t	
	<b>Part 4:</b> Approx. 29 km NW from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°48'S Long.139°55'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	<b>Area of part 4:</b> 10 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 3263 p, u 3264 q	
	<b>Part 5:</b> Approx. 19 km NW from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°54'S Long.139°55'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	<b>Area of part 5:</b> 6 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 3335 z 3336 v	

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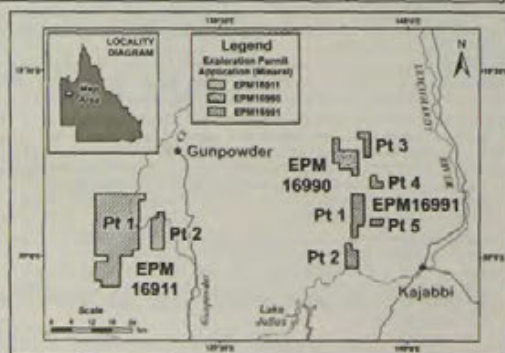
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Notification Day: 4 February 2009



**Queensland Government**  
Natural Resources and Water



**Aboriginal Health Service**  
(Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Inc.)

**Registered Nurse**  
Hobart

"Holistic Primary Health Care at its Best"

Would you like to be part of a team improving Aboriginal health in Tasmania? Would you like to work in a rewarding "9-5" job, with no overtime and with a stable, fully supportive and flexible team of professionals?

You will have experience working in a primary health care setting with excellent interpersonal communication skills with your work colleagues, patients and their families.

There is a fully equipped clinic with modern facilities and your key duties will include:

- Health assessments
- Chronic disease management programs
- Child hood immunisations
- Phlebotomy
- Infection control
- Health promotion activities

An attractive remuneration package including salary sacrifice options will be negotiated with the successful applicant. Please contact Raylene Foster, Regional Manager on (03) 62340777 for job specific enquiries.

For an application package including job description, please contact Maree on (03) 6234 0700 or email "hobart@facinc.com.au"



**Government of Western Australia**  
Department of Corrective Services

## Aboriginal Support Offr x2

Community & Juvenile Justice

Web Search: 002092 (Wangara), 009160 (Clarkson)

Level/Salary: 2 PSGA \$45,271 - \$49,160 pa/Pro-rata

These positions are Permanent Part Time 30 hours per fortnight.

The above positions assist Juvenile Justice Team Coordinator with intake and referrals; Advise Aboriginal youth and their families regarding the Juvenile Justice Team processes and schedules Juvenile Justice Team meetings for Aboriginal youth; Support the young person and family to achieve desired outcomes identified in the action plan as directed by the Juvenile Justice Team Coordinator; Attends Juvenile Justice Team meetings to ensure Action Plans and meetings are appropriate for Aboriginal youth and their families.

For further job related information: Please contact Moira Clancy on (08) 9464 3185

**Job Application Package:** To access information about this position, visit [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key the Web Search No. into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Tuesday, 27 January 2009 at 4.30pm WGST



**marymead**  
Child and Family Centre

CARING FOR CHILDREN • SUPPORTING FAMILIES

## Indigenous Children's Program

CANBERRA

Marymead's Indigenous Children's Program has two positions to fill in our new Supported Playgroup Program. We are seeking the services of energetic and enthusiastic workers, with early childhood experience. The successful applicants must have a commitment to supporting Indigenous families to improve the quality of their relationships with their children, and to enhance their play and interactional skills.

## Early Childhood Worker

15.2 hours per week

The early childhood position involves:

- organising, programming and participating in playgroup sessions
- organising and maintaining playgroup resources

Early Childhood/Childcare qualifications, and experience working with Indigenous families is essential.

\$44,846.83 to \$46,041.98 per annum (pro rata)

## Caseworker

22.8 hours per week

The caseworker position involves:

- working with Indigenous families in their own homes
- participating in supported playgroup sessions

Relevant Tertiary qualifications (or willingness to obtain them), and experience working with Indigenous families, is essential.

\$43,050 - \$46,042 per annum (pro rata)

Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.

Successful applicants must have a commitment to working from a strengths based perspective. An advisory group, including local Indigenous people, will be available for ongoing peer support for workers, together with day to day support from the Team Leader.

For information contact: Fiona Macgregor, Family Support Programs Manager (02) 6162 5800. Application package including selection criteria and a duty statement can be obtained by phoning reception on (02) 6162 5800 or by emailing [reception@marymead.org.au](mailto:reception@marymead.org.au)

Closing Date: Thursday 29th January

Police and departmental database clearance are a requirement for both these positions.

Marymead has a commitment to providing a culturally aware and supportive working environment, and is a family and lifestyle friendly employer. Marymead also provides extensive support and opportunities for workers to access ongoing staff development and training. Marymead Child & Family Centre is a flexible family friendly organisation committed to high quality, innovative services for families. Marymead is located at Narrabundah ACT, in pleasant grounds with free parking.



Tjanpi Desert Weavers is a lively social enterprise that supports over 300 Anangu (Aboriginal) women from remote NPY desert communities to make and sell contemporary fibre art. Tjanpi is part of NPY Women's Council, a highly regarded and innovative organisation operating across the Central Australian tri-state (WA, SA, NT) region.

**Salary & Conditions:** \$57,358 to \$62,000 + District Allowance +9% (of gross) super + annual airfare. Generous salary packaging under PBI tax status.

The new Manager will lead Tjanpi's strategic development. We seek a person with experience in facilitating economic, artistic and cultural development and knowledge of the Aboriginal arts industry. Based in Alice Springs with remote travel. (Previous applicants need not apply).

**Application kit:** admin@npwc.org.au  
Laveria: 08 89582348

**Apply by:** 27th January, 2009

Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara  
Yankunytjatjara Women's Council  
(Aboriginal Corporation)  
www.npwc.org.au and  
www.tjanpi.com.au



Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Inc.

Positions Vacant

### SNAICC Executive Officer

SNAICC, the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care, is the national non-government peak body in Australia that represents the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

SNAICC is seeking to appoint a highly qualified and experienced person to the position of SNAICC Executive Officer.

The Executive Officer is the most senior employee within the organization and will:

- lead the ongoing development of SNAICC's resources, policy and advocacy
- represent SNAICC in public policy discussions
- sustain SNAICC's engagement with governments at a Ministerial level, and
- support the effective governance of the organization

The successful applicant will have a significant career record of leading and managing organizations or major projects and a clear ability to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The position is based in Melbourne and involves regular interstate travel liaising with SNAICC members, government agencies and others. Salary and terms and conditions will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

To apply for the position obtain selection documentation from SNAICC. Contact Angelique Davis, SNAICC Executive Assistant, by phone on 03 9489 8099 or email admin@snaicc.asn.au

**Applications close on Monday February 2nd 2009.**

SNAICC encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous people to apply.

### CAAMA Music

#### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

CAAMA Music is the oldest and most prolific contemporary Aboriginal music recording label in Australia.

CAAMA Music has been contracted to deliver music programming into eight remote Central Australian communities from February to July 2009. This program, presented in two streams, is aimed at attracting disengaged youth to take advantage of education and training opportunities in the education system and music industry. CAAMA Music is seeking the right people to fill the following positions:

#### TEAM LEADER (one position available)

The Team Leader must supervise and enable all aspects of the program to take place in the most constructive and accessible way. The role demands the clear communication of information and logistics between the school, the community and community administrators and managers. The Team Leader supervises a small team to deliver the program and must ensure that all materials, equipment and resources are provided; that all records, data and statistics are gathered and collated. The Team Leader is responsible for all program and production logistics.

#### MUSIC PRODUCER/TEACHER

(two positions available)

The role of the Music Producer/Teacher is to conduct music lessons within community schools and, over a two week time frame, demonstrate methods used in the creative process of song writing and music composition. The successful applicant will have multi-instrumental skills, vocal skills, arranging experience and be able to operate recording equipment. A friendly, open disposition and well-developed social and communication skills are essential.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are actively encouraged to apply.

Further information regarding the positions please contact Bill Davis - Music Manager on (08) 8951 9730. For a copy of the position description and selection criteria contact Samarra Schwarz - Corporate Services Manager on (08) 8951 9701, or email s.schwarz@caama.com.au. Intending applicants are advised to address the selection criteria, which may be obtained from CAAMA Reception on 08 89519778, or from the CAAMA website.

Written applications to the Corporate Services Manager PO Box 2608 Alice Springs NT 0871, vacancy closes on Friday 23rd January 2009.

For more information on CAAMA visit our website at [www.caama.com.au](http://www.caama.com.au)

### TEAM i

Training, Employment and Mentoring for Indigenous Australians

TEAM i have upcoming vacancies in the following areas:

#### Tourism, Hospitality, Retail, Call Centre and General Vacancies.

If you are recognised as an Indigenous Australian, please express your interest to:

TEAM i Townsville attn: Georgina Bianco 4750 7731 or email [gblanco@ipa.com.au](mailto:gblanco@ipa.com.au)

Visit [www.teami.com.au](http://www.teami.com.au)



#### Advocacy Coordinator Indigenous Rights

Would you like to help advance the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

We need your innovative ideas, strategic skills, experience working in partnership with others and ability to manage a diverse range of stakeholder relationships.

You will have previous advocacy experience, an understanding of approaches to working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and a good grasp of the Australian political context.

Please visit [www.oxfam.org.au/jobs](http://www.oxfam.org.au/jobs) for application details. Salary circa \$64k plus access to salary packaging schemes. Applications close 6 February. EEO Employer.

Oxfam Australia is working for a just world without poverty.



### Manager, Aboriginal Children and Families Unit

Children, Youth & Families Division

VPS Officer 6: \$87,910-\$117,642 p/a (plus superannuation)

The manager oversees the development of policy, and new initiatives and programs for vulnerable Aboriginal Children and Families. The position requires an understanding of issues confronting Aboriginal Australians, sound problem-solving and communication skills and an ability to work in partnership with a range of stakeholders in a manner which is inclusive, culturally respectful and responsive to the needs of Aboriginal children, their families and community.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Mary McKinnon, on (03) 9096 7061.

Please quote reference no DHS/CYF/70034349.

Applications close Wednesday 28 January, 2009.

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices. Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values - DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.

To apply online and view the job description, visit

[www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers)

and click on Vacancies. For other Victorian Government opportunities, please visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)



## Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

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<b>EPM16921</b> This Application consists of three separate parts.	<b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 66 km NNW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°11'S Long.139°14'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council  <b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 53 km NNW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°19'S Long.139°14'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council  <b>Part 3:</b> Approx. 80 km NNW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°04'S Long.139°11'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	<b>Area of Part 1:</b> 64 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 20 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 87 m, o, r, s, w, x, y 159 c, d, j, k, n, o, p, t, u, z 160 v 231 e 232 a  <b>Area of Part 2:</b> 35 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 11 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 233 t, w, x, y, z 232 v 303 b, c, d, e 304 a  <b>Area of Part 3:</b> 3 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 15 v	<b>Summit Resources (Aust) Pty Ltd</b> 009 188 078

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Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks. Identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

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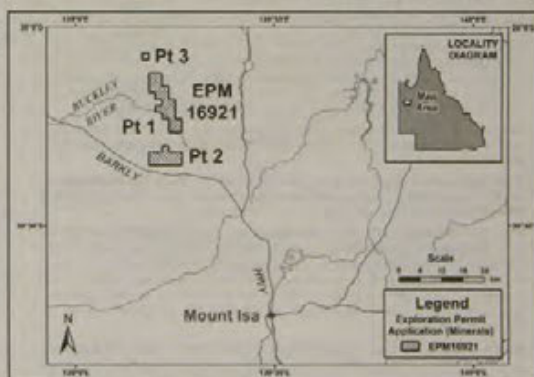
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**Notification Day:** 4 February 2009



Queensland Government  
Natural Resources and Water



## STAGPOLE STREET DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHABILITATION UNIT

Stagpole Street Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Unit (DARU) is based in Townsville and is operated by Congress Community Development and Education Unit Ltd. DARU is responsive to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have been affected by substance dependency issues.

### Enrolled Nurse/Indigenous Health Worker

You will provide nursing services to residents in the centre's detoxification/withdrawal facility. This will include coordinating care plans in conjunction with other staff and health professionals. This must possess a current Practising Certificate with the Queensland Nursing Council.

### Case Worker/Counsellors (x 3)

You will be required to case manage clients using appropriate treatment therapies, counselling and support for substance dependent clients. You will need to have relevant work experience in a similar role or be qualified in psychology, social work, another relevant behavioural science. Knowledge of, or the ability to quickly acquire knowledge of, drug and alcohol counselling is also necessary.

### Cultural Links Officer

You will be required to develop and maintain strong network links with communities, families and relevant agencies. You will also facilitate group education sessions for clients and support and case management clients with diverse needs who are engaged in the rehabilitation program, and post discharge.

### Cook (part-time)

We are after someone who is friendly, reliable and committed to workplace health and safety. You will require sound cooking skills for medium-sized groups, a food handler's certificate and sound written and numeracy skills.

### Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

An Application Pack can be obtained by telephoning the HR Team on (07) 4773 5077 or by emailing hr@stagspoletownsville.qld.edu.au. Applications containing a completed application form and Resume must be received by 5.00 pm on Monday 25 January 2009.

Employees are subject to a "Working with Children Check", with confirmation of employment conditional upon the preferred applicant obtaining a Suitability Card (Blue Card) at no cost to them.

## ABORIGINAL JUSTICE CENTRE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Identified Position

Salary Package \$80,000 + Superannuation Canberra

The ACT Aboriginal Justice Centre (AJC) is seeking a dynamic Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander CEO to manage and lead its development and operations to achieve the Association's strategic goals.

The AJC will play a crucial role in reducing the incarceration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT region by facilitating a combination of support, prevention, referral, case management and training programs.

The CEO will have high level communication, management, supervision, program management and policy skills. If you have a track record of success in achieving outcomes and believe you can excel in this challenging and exciting role you are encouraged to apply by addressing the selection criteria.

The selection criteria, job description and other important documents can be obtained by telephoning Roslyn Smith on (02) 6162 1000 or emailing roslyn@actajc.org.au

Applications close Thursday 5th February 2009 and should be marked Strictly Confidential and sent to the Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Justice Centre, 3.09 Griffin Centre, Genge Street, Canberra, ACT 2600 or emailed to roslyn@actajc.org.au

## THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE REDFERN

2 Full Time Youth Workers required for the following positions

SACS Grades 3-4 depending on qualifications and experience

### Youth Project Worker

### Aboriginal Youth Health Worker

### Administration Assistant

15 hours per week

### Cleaner 10 hours per week

Award rates and conditions apply.

All positions are subject to successful working with children checks and may be subject to criminal check.

Enquiries and job descriptions directed to: Vicki Winters (02) 9696 3087 or thesettlement@settlement.net.au

Applications close: 19th January 2009

## northcott disability services

### FAMILY CASE WORKER

Northcott Disability Services is an innovative and dynamic organisation that supports more than 6000 people with a disability and their families throughout NSW and the ACT. We currently are seeking a Part Time Family Case Worker 25 hours per week for our Family Support Programs based in Moree NSW.

If you are looking for a fulfilling and satisfying work environment that provides personal and professional challenges, flexible working conditions and a supportive and effective team environment, while assisting families, Aboriginal Communities and people with disability to achieve their goals this position will be of interest to you.

### The Person we are seeking needs to have:

- Experience working with Aboriginal families and communities
- Experience working with individuals and families with disability
- Current First Aid certificate or commitment to gain
- Relevant qualifications or commitment to undertake further training/studies
- A minimum current Class C driver's license

Working with Northcott, we will provide you with professional support, and supervision, areas for professional development, flexible working conditions and five weeks annual leave pro rata. Salary will be in accordance with the Northcott Award.

Please forward your application to the HR Coordinator, Northcott, PO Box 4055, Parramatta NSW 2124 or by email to employment@northcott.org.au

If you would like any further information or would like to meet in person before you apply please call April in our Tamworth office on (02) 6766 5755 or 0429 774 949.

Closing Date: February 6th 2009.

Essential pre-employment checks will be conducted. Northcott is an EEO Employer

## Waverley Council

### A GREAT PLACE TO WORK

Waverley is one of Sydney's most popular residential areas, with the world famous Bondi Beach, great public transport, the vibrant Bondi Junction shopping centre and a diverse and involved community.

Waverley Council is a major employer and service provider and is committed to working closely with the local community, environmental sustainability, efficiency and continual improvement.

Before applying for a position you must obtain a Job Information Pack.

## Coordinator Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Forum

Part time 10 hours per week

12 month contract

\$23.14 - 26.61 per hour

File No: AD9/003

### Looking for a flexible, part time position?

### Interested in building your professional networks?

We are seeking an Aboriginal person to facilitate the smooth operation of the Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Forum. You will have excellent communication and organisational skills and enjoy working as part of a team. You will be able to demonstrate knowledge of issues, policies and programs affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and you have the ability to maintain key networks.

For more information contact:

Leisa Simmons on (02) 9386 7912

CLOSING DATE: Friday 23 January 2009

Designated as specifically an Aboriginal position under section 14d of The Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977

**HOW TO APPLY:** To obtain a job package (including the selection criteria) for the above position(s), please contact our Job Line on 9369 8177 or download direct from our website at [www.waverley.nsw.gov.au](http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au)

You MUST address the selection criteria and quote the relevant file number in your application. Send written applications to The General Manager, PO Box 9, Bondi Junction NSW 2022. Alternatively, applications may be submitted via fax or email to 9387 1820 or [jobs@waverley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jobs@waverley.nsw.gov.au)

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<b>EPM15371</b>	Approx. 60 km SSW from Bamaga Centred at approximate Lat.11°22'S Long.142°10'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 54 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Torres Strait <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 16 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2858 o, t, y 2930 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2931 v 3003 a, f	<b>Oresome Australia Pty Ltd</b> 071 762 484
<b>EPM15372</b>	Approx. 20 km SW from Bamaga Centred at approximate Lat.11°02'S Long.142°17'E Local Government Area: Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	<b>Area:</b> 151 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Torres Strait <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 45 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2571 t, y, z 2572 v, w, x 2643 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2644 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2715 d, e 2716 a, b, c, d, e	<b>Oresome Australia Pty Ltd</b> 071 762 484

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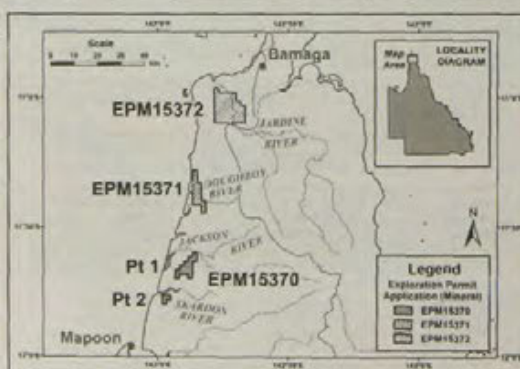
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Notification Day: 4 February 2009



**Queensland Government**  
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**EXCITING  
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**Child Nutrition  
Development Officer: East**

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The successful applicant will be based in Alice Springs and deliver services to four communities in the east of our tri-state region. They will have qualifications and/or extensive experience in a health, human services or early childhood field.

(Previous applicants need not apply).  
Apply by: 2nd February 2009  
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Lavenia Saville: 0889582348  
Discuss Position: Andrea Mason on 08 8958 2317  
Website: www.npywc.org.au

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**Stylin' UP Regional Coordinator**  
Pride in self, Pride in Community, Pride in Culture

**Youth and Community Programs Coordinator**  
(SpeakOut Connect)

An amazing opportunity exists for two creative, inspired, energetic and well organised people to join SpeakOut.

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For additional information or to obtain an application package, please contact: Rossi Crothers on (07) 3229 8055 or email rossi@speakout.com.au

Applications close - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009

**GUNDITJIMARA ABORIGINAL CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED**

Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative are delivering holistic Primary Health Care Services, Koori Maternity Services, Youth Advocacy and Mentor programs, Health and Aged Community Care Services including activities that promotes the social, emotional and cultural well-being of the whole community. We are a community owned and managed organisation delivering holistic service to the Aboriginal people of Warrambool and surrounding districts.

We currently require the services of individuals to join our growing team at Gunditjmarra:

**Manager (fulltime)** - Primary Health Care Programs to coordinate and supervise Primary Health Care staff, develop a population health framework to provide planned service delivery that will include medical consultations, health screening, care planning and prevention programs.

**Chronic Health Nurse (fulltime)** - Healthy for Life to manage chronic care patients across a partnership and work with other staff to encourage self management by patients of chronic diseases.

**Midwife (part time)** - Koori Maternity Service is the primary antenatal and post natal arrangements, including a range of health and self help educational learning programs for new mothers.

**Health Worker (part time)** - Eye Screening Program, aims to improve access to eye health services, supporting the development of appropriate eye health information and support systems for clients, and the Community.

**Co-ordinator (fulltime)** - Healthy for Life, to develop and build evidence based health practices using best practice research, consumer and practitioner consultation and quality improvement processes.

**Case Manager (part time)** - Community Aged Care Programs, to co-ordinate Health and Aged Care Community, Disability, and Carer support programs and services.

**Community Development Worker (fulltime)** - Children's advocacy and Aboriginal family decision making, to provide advice and support to children, young people and families already in contact or at risk of contact with the Child Protection System.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Applicants for the above position must be able to demonstrate their relevant experience and/or qualifications.

Applications close: Wednesday 21st January 2009.

To request a recruitment package please contact  
Annette Ludderman on 03 5564 3333 or email  
admin@gunditjmarra.org.au  
Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative Limited, PO BOX 732  
Warrambool Victoria 3280

## 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
EPM16942	Approx. 30 km WSW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°46'S Long.139°06'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 58 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 18 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 3181 z 3182 q, r, v, w 3253 e, j, k, o, p, t, u 3254 a, b, c, f, l, q	Legend International Holdings, Inc. 120 855 352
EPM17330	Approx. 31 km WNW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°34'S Long.139°07'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 13 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 3038 q, r, s, w	Legend International Holdings, Inc. 120 855 352
EPM17333	Approx. 42 km WNW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°34'S Long.139°07'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 123 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 38 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 3036 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 3037 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 3108 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p 3109 a, b, f, g	Legend International Holdings, Inc. 120 855 352
EPM17441	Approx. 25 km WNW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°38'S Long.139°09'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 58 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 18 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 3038 x 3110 c, d, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 3182 c, d, e	Legend International Holdings, Inc. 120 855 352
EPM17446	Approx. 41 km W from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°39'S Long.138°59'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 23 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 3108 s, t, x, y, z 3180 c, d	Legend International Holdings, Inc. 120 855 352
EPM17447	Approx. 28 km WSW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°48'S Long.139°08'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 29 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 3254 g, h, j, m, n, o, s, t, y	Legend International Holdings, Inc. 120 855 352

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

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**Nature of the Acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Culture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

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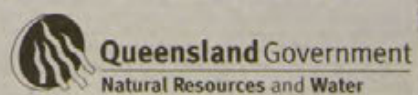
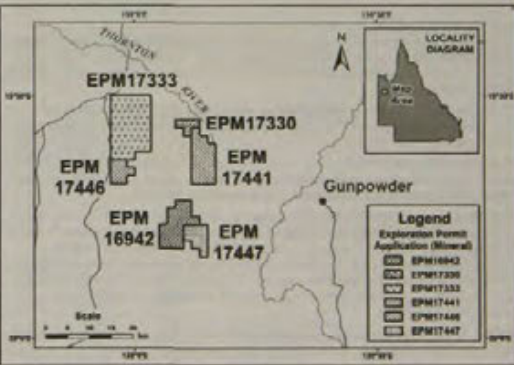
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Notification Day: 4 February 2009







# NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
69/14 Minesite accommodation & associated facilities	Louise Minerals Pty Ltd	1ha	155km NE'y of Wiluna	Lat 25°37' Long 121°20'	Wiluna

**Nature of the act:** Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification day:** 14 January 2009

**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 **14 April 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 miscellaneous licences may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **14 May 2009**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the miscellaneous licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 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

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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
EPM16520	Approx. 41 km SSW from Moranbah Centred at approximate Lat.22°18'S Long.147°50'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council	Area: 28 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1990 o, p, t, u, y, z 1991 q, v, w	Echo Resources Limited 108 513 113
EPM16523	This Application consists of three separate parts.  <b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 110 km W from Moranbah Centred at approximate Lat.21°52'S Long.146°59'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council  <b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 102 km W from Moranbah Centred at approximate Lat.21°51'S Long.147°04'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council  <b>Part 3:</b> Approx. 97 km W from Moranbah Centred at approximate Lat.21°53'S Long.147°09'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 51 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 16 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1548 t, u, y, z 1620 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 1692 d, e  Area of Part 2: 41 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 13 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1549 s, t, u, z 1621 e, k, m, n, o, p, r, t, u  Area of Part 3: 6 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1622 m, r	Zamia Resources Pty Ltd 110 759 503

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**Notification Day:** 4 February 2009



# EXPLORATION LICENCES NOS. 6463 AND 6874 (ACT 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

**Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land.**  
Areas of 28 units and 8 units respectively situated approximately 60 kilometres south of Bathurst, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

**Description of the nature of the act**

Astor Consultants Pty Limited ACN 001 787 524 and Republic Gold Limited ACN 106 300 311 are the holders of Exploration Licences Nos. 6463 and 6874 (Act 1992) for Group One minerals. The licences contain conditions that the holders must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Mineral Resources. The licence holders have sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

**Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done**

Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

**How further information about the act can be obtained**

Further information may be obtained from Wanda Moore, Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Telephone: (02) 6360 5380, Fax (02) 6360 5363.

**Notification Day**

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) the notification day is **29 January 2009**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



# EXPLORATION LICENCES NOS. 6883 AND 6884 (ACT 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

**Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land.**  
Areas of 32 units and 48 units respectively situated approximately 8 kilometres North North East of Tamworth, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

**Description of the nature of the act**

Peel Exploration Limited ACN 119 343 are the holders of Exploration Licences Nos. 6883 and 6884 (Act 1992) for Group One minerals. The licences contain conditions that the holders must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Mineral Resources. The licence holders have sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

**Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done**

Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

**How further information about the act can be obtained**

Further information may be obtained from Steve Hughes, Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, telephone: (02) 4931 6450, fax (02) 4931 6776.

**Notification Day**

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) the notification day is **29 January 2009**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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Natural Resources and Water



## DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

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

### LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

ROBERT GEOFFREY THORNTON for 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 2 DP1024864 Parish COLEAMBALLY, County BOYD for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 2 DP1024864 Parish COLEAMBALLY, County BOYD. (Application No. 2120)

JOHN & ELIZABETH AUSTIN for a BORE on Lot 56 DP754572 Parish YARBEE, County MITCHELL for IRRIGATION on Lot 1 DP129139, Lot 1 DP133868, Lot 2 DP133868, Lot 56 DP754572, Lot 57 DP754572, Lot 78 DP754572, Lot 82 DP754572 and Lot 83 DP754572 all Parish YARBEE County MITCHELL. (Ref. 40WA405406)

### LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

OLD COBRAN HOLDINGS PTY LTD for 1 x Bore on Lot 200 or 201 DP567446, Parish Yaloke, County Townsend for Irrigation purposes. (Application No. 2146)

### MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

David Angus CHASTON for 1 x 50MM Centrifugal Pump at/adjacent to Part Road Reserve fronting Lot 114 DP751170 Parish BALRANALD, County CAIRA for a water supply for domestic purposes, at/adjacent to Lot 1 DP1077783 Parish BALRANALD, County CAIRA. (Ref. 40WA405416)

An application to amend an existing Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

### LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

CONARGO SHIRE COUNCIL for 1 x Bore on road west of Lot 6 DP758138, Parish Booroorban, County Townsend for stock, fire fighting and town water supply purposes. (Application No. 50WA505789)

Applications to amend an existing Water Supply Works & Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:

### LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

RUSSEL LAND CO PTY LTD for 1 x bore (additional) on Lot 14 DP756310 or Lot 15 DP756310 or Lot 8 DP756310 or Lot 2 DP598711 or Lot 2 DP536901 or Lot 2 DP563000 all Parish North Deniliquin, County Townsend for Irrigation purposes. (Application No. 50CA504388)

INDARA HOLDINGS PTY LTD for a replacement bore on Lot 16 DP756269, Parish Coolagali, County Townsend for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 50CA504305)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 4224 9600. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 53, Wollongong NSW 2520, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Marwan El-Chamy, Manager Licensing South Coast Region

## Notice of the Cubbitch Barta Clan of the Dharawal People ILUA Authorisation Meeting

Notice of the meeting is given by Ms Glenda Chalker inviting persons who are members of the Cubbitch Barta Clan of the Dharawal People to attend the meeting. The meeting is for the purpose of authorising a proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) between the Cubbitch Barta Clan of the Dharawal People and the NSW State Government that allows for the granting of an easement for access to two properties.

The meeting will be held on

**Saturday 21 February 2009 at 2.00pm**  
at 371 Remembrance Drive Camden Park NSW 2570.

If you need further information please contact Glenda Chalker on 02 4684 1129 or 0427 218 425



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Mines and Petroleum

## Corrigendum Notice to Grant Prospecting Licences

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

On 17 December 2008 the State of Western Australia gave notice that the Minister for Resources, C/- the Department of Industry and Resources - now Department of Mines and Petroleum - may grant certain prospecting licences applications under the Mining Act 1978. That notice appeared on page 97 of The West Australian newspaper and on page 67 of the Koori Mail newspaper, 17 December 2008.

The "Notification day" given in the notice should have read 17 December 2008 and not 3 December 2008 as published. Under the heading "Native title parties", the 3 month closing period date given should read 17 March 2009 and not 3 March 2009 and under the heading, "Expedited procedure", the period of 4 months after the notification day should read 17 April 2009 and not 3 April 2009.

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Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM14110	Approx. 96 km S from Weipa Centred at approximate Lat.13°28'S Long.141°43'E Local Government Area: Aurukun Shire Council	Area: 299 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 90 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 1197 t, u, y, z 1198 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1269 c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1270 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 1340 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n 1341 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 1342 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	Sigma Kaolin Ltd 101 340 514
EPM15019	Approx. 81 km S from Weipa Centred at approximate Lat.13°21'S Long.141°47'E Local Government Area: Aurukun Shire Council and Cook Shire Council	Area: 37 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 11 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 1197 e, k, p 1198 e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m	Cape Alumina Ltd 107 817 694
EPM15077	Approx. 78 km SSW from Weipa Centred at approximate Lat.13°17'S Long.141°41'E Local Government Area: Aurukun Shire Council and Cook Shire Council	Area: 50 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 15 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 1053 w, x 1124 z 1125 b, c, g, h, m, n, q, r, v, w 1196 e 1197 a	Cape Alumina Ltd 107 817 694
EPM15985	Approx. 57 km N from Weipa Centred at approximate Lat.13°07'S Long.141°52'E Local Government Area: Mapoon Shire Council, Cook Shire Council and Napranum Shire Council	Area: 151 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River and Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 45 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks Mitchell River 47 c, d, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 119 c, d, h, j, n, o, t, x, y, z 190 j, k, o, p, s, t, u, z 191 c, d, f, g, h, l, q, v Torres Strait 3431 x, y	Cape Alumina Ltd 107 817 694

\* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the Acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 4 February 2009



## EXPLORATION LICENCE 7081 (ACT 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

**Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land**

An area of 75 units situated approximately 23.81km WNW of Bingara, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

### Description of the nature of the act

Forge Minerals Pty Ltd (ACN 121 258 713) is the holder of Exploration Licence 7081 (Act 1992) for Group One minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Mineral Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

**Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done**

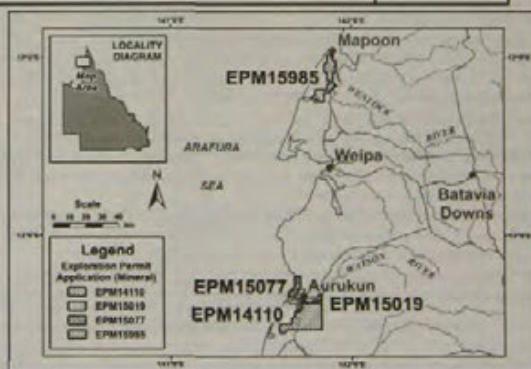
Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

### How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Simon Henderson, Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, (Ph) 02 4931 6543.

### Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) the notification day is 29 January 2009. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Queensland Government  
Natural Resources and Water





## NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 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
15/5253-5	Focus Minerals Ltd	425.8ha	11km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°52' Long 121°06'	Coolgardie
15/5266	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd	101.97ha	20km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°46' Long 121°10'	Coolgardie
15/5267	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd	159.68ha	20km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°46' Long 121°11'	Coolgardie
15/5280	Western Australian Resources Ltd	103.05ha	31km Ely of Kambalda	Lat 31°14' Long 121°59'	Coolgardie
15/5300-2	Geoffrey Michael Kemphorne	405.27ha	14km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°04' Long 121°08'	Coolgardie
15/5303	Jason Lawrence Henrick	60ha	12km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°03' Long 121°08'	Coolgardie
38/3595	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	21.85ha	47km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°51' Long 122°47'	Laverton
38/3600	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	147.98ha	37km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°41' Long 122°46'	Laverton
38/3601	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	137.22ha	22km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°39' Long 122°37'	Laverton
39/4920-6	APG Resources Pty Ltd	1303.6ha	54km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°59' Long 122°01'	Laverton
45/2732	Ernest Anthony Negro	37.37ha	16km Nly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°01' Long 119°47'	East Pilbara
45/2734	Ernest Anthony Negro	189.22ha	91km SWly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°49' Long 119°12'	East Pilbara
46/1627	John Lewis Gallagher	17.25ha	4km Ely of Nullagine	Lat 21°52' Long 120°09'	East Pilbara
57/1235	Wirramina Gold NL	199.66ha	6km NWly of Sandstone	Lat 27°56' Long 119°16'	Sandstone
57/1239	John Paul Bennett	130.23ha	6km NWly of Sandstone	Lat 27°56' Long 119°16'	Sandstone
59/1891	David Ian Rocke	14.56ha	6km of Paynes Find	Lat 29°15' Long 117°41'	Yalgoo
59/1892	Legend Resources Pty Ltd	40.62ha	38km NWly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°01' Long 117°24'	Yalgoo
59/1893	Legend Resources Pty Ltd	23.84ha	37km NWly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°03' Long 117°23'	Yalgoo
59/1898	Legend Resources Pty Ltd	23.84ha	36km NWly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°00' Long 117°27'	Yalgoo
59/1903	DSO Ventures Pty Ltd	25.83ha	74km Wly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°06' Long 116°56'	Perenjori
59/1904	Venus Resources Ltd	86.19ha	33km SEly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°35' Long 116°52'	Yalgoo
59/1911	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	75.66ha	70km Wly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°03' Long 116°54'	Perenjori
59/1912	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	43.21ha	75km Wly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°11' Long 116°55'	Perenjori
74/259	Western Copper Pty Ltd	50.65ha	13km Ely of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°37' Long 120°10'	Ravensthorpe
74/260	Western Copper Pty Ltd	4.17ha	11km SEly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°37' Long 120°09'	Ravensthorpe
80/1694-7	Phyllis Marie Brosnan	756.77ha	76km SWly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°47' Long 127°14'	Halls Creek

**Nature of the act:** Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

**Notification day:** 14 January 2009

**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 14 April 2009. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 14 May 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

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



Government of Western Australia  
Department for Planning and Infrastructure

### To Take Interests in Land To Confer Interests Under Written Law LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170 AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I, the Hon. Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the Land Administration Act (LAA) 1997 that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified, AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified. It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

#### SCHEDULE

##### PARCEL OF LAND NO 1:

**LAND DESCRIPTION:** 1. Whole Lot 10321 on Deposited Plan 168136, being part of Reserve 23474 set aside for the purpose of "Gravel". Volume 0000 Folio 000 Area: 2.0234 hectares; 2. Whole Lot 15352 on Deposited Plan 168136, being part of Reserve 23474 set aside for the purpose of "Gravel". Volume 0000 Folio 000 Area: 6070 square metres

**PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plan 168136. LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of Wagin.

**NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests, (including any Native Title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Land Description" other than interests of the Crown.

**PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Sale of land.

**PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** It is proposed to sell this land to the adjoining landowner for amalgamation with adjoining Lot 10322 on Deposited Plan 168136.

**REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** The land has been identified as no longer required as a Reserve for gravel extraction.

**DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 1 April 2009.

**DPI FILE:** 60986 2005-0180 DPI REF: 055085

**PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT:** DPI, Midland Square, Midland, 6055.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanette Shovelw, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 or by telephoning (08) 9347 5056.

**OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than 28 April 2009.

**MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND:** A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands.

**NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any Native Title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes.

**NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is 28 January 2009.

**NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become Native Title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 28 April 2009. Any person who is or becomes a Native Title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a Native Title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272. Dated 23 November 2008.

HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA  
MINISTER FOR LANDS

## Sport

# Veteran ref has respect for TSI fans

By ALF WILSON



TORRES Strait rugby league spectators are generally the most respectful in Queensland, according to veteran referee Rod McCrae.



The 61-year-old McCrae is based in Cairns and started coming to the Torres Strait

Islands (TSI) to referee games at the Badu Island of Origin in 1994. He will be on Thursday Island over the 2009 Queen's Birthday long weekend when the 24th Origin will be held.

I came across McCrae at the 2008 Badu Island of Origin during August and again during the Zenadth Kes Cup carnival at Thursday Island's Ken Brown Memorial Oval last October.

Referees traditionally incur the anger of spectators in sport around the world, and rugby league fans can be amongst the most parochial.

However, McCrae was glowing in his praise of TSI fans, who, he said, were keen supporters of their particular teams.

"From the first time I came here, I was amazed at the fans and how our refs cop very little flak," he said.

"They may be family orientated and support their side, but they also cheer if the opposition does something good."

"Mainland spectators could take a lesson from that."

### Diplomatic

Opinion is divided on which is the best carnival - Zenadth Kes Cup or the Island of Origin.

McCrae played a diplomatic straight bat when offering his assessment.

"There is not much difference in standard between them and they are very, very similar. I consider it a pleasure to be invited to either," he said.

Both carnivals are renowned for the big tackles on the field.

McCrae said he was refereeing at a carnival on TI some time ago, at which Australian rugby league immortal

Artie Beetson was a guest.

"Artie was a bit surprised at some of the big hits and said the standard was high and all the players needed was a bit of polish and fitness and get into a proper training regime and some could go to the top," he said.

McCrae has been a regular at the Dan Roperyam Cup at Bamaga, won last November by Badu side Dolphins 66-12 over Alau Eagles.

"I enjoyed the 2007 carnival, but couldn't get there last year," he said.

At his age, many males are content to watch football from the sideline or lounge, or play lawn bowls.

McCrae said he came from the Wide Bay area of Queensland and had a serious car accident and wasn't supposed to play sport.

But he took up rugby league and played in 1970 and 1974 against touring English international sides.

"I have never smoked and have maintained my weight at around 13 to 14 stone (82.5 to 89kg) all the time. I get on an exercise bike every day and keep my legs moving," he said.

McCrae was highly impressed with the improvement shown recently by the Mabuag Island side Wagadagarm Storm, which reached the semi-finals of the 2008 Origin and Zenadth Kes Cup competitions.

Storm were beaten by a point at Badu, then lost 30-33 to Arkai Brothers on Thursday Island. They were games they could have won and were considered unlucky not to have done so.

The side this year concentrated on home island products, with the only southern ring-in on TI being Bruce Joseph.

"I am sure they will win a major carnival soon," McCrae said.

He also expects the Goodline Central Cape Suns from Cape York to win a carnival soon after their debut at TI.

"They had a lot of injuries and have the backbone of a quality side," he said.

Asked to identify players good enough to wear a National Rugby League (NRL) jumper, McCrae thought the 'young Nona or Baira lads have a chance'.



Rod McCrae, middle, with Cairns Indigenous referee Richard Grogan, right, and former NRL player Wes Patten enjoy breakfast at the 2008 Origin on Badu Island.





## Baira joins Mackay in Q'land Cup

By ALF WILSON



ROY Baira (pictured), one of north Queensland's best-known Indigenous club footballers, has signed with the Mackay Cutters for the 2009 Queensland Cup competition and has been promised a regular spot as hooker.

The 29-year-old Baira has been amongst the best performed rugby league players in the north and he led Brothers to the Townsville and District A-grade premiership last September.

Baira has played in four Townsville A-grade premierships and adds five prestigious Foley Shield titles to his impressive résumé.

During 2008, hooker Baira captained Townsville to the national final of the Toyota Centenary Trophy, which was played a curtain-raiser to a State of Origin match before 78,000 people, and also represented Queensland Country for the first time.

Baira and his brother Jimmy have also been regulars at various north Queensland All Blacks carnivals in Townsville, Cairns and the Torres Strait.

The tough-as-nails Baira received a call from Cutters coach Shane Muspratt to sign and was delighted.

"I have just got a unit down here and got a job as a bricklayer," he told *The Koori Mail*.

Ironically, Baira led the Wongai Warriors to an upset win over the Mackay Stallions at the Bindal All Blacks carnivals held in Townsville last October.

Muspratt was an official with the Stallions and the side led 22-0 before losing to the Baira-led Wongai Warriors in the last minute.

Muspratt must have liked what he saw of Baira, who is damaging from dummy-half and in general play.

Wongai Warriors eliminated Mackay Stallions from that carnival and went on to lose the grand final to the Ray Aldridge Memorial side.

Mackay Cutters finished ninth of 11 teams last year in the Queensland Cup and Baira is sure to strengthen them around the rucks.

Another bonus for Baira will be that he will get to play in Mackay with his half-brother Royston Lightning, who had played with the Canberra Raiders.

Lightning shone for Mackay Brothers, which scored a one-point win in the A-grade Mackay club competition grand final.

They had never played together in club competitions, although they were members of the winning Kulpipiam side which won the Cairns All Blacks carnival two years ago.

"Royston is aged 30 and has also been signed by the Cutters, so I am really looking forward to playing beside him," Baira said.

Lightning played a huge role in the Mackay A-grade grand final win by Brothers club 25-24 over Wests last September.

"I am looking forward to the 2009 season and I can't wait," Baira said.

# Aussie rules strengthens position in central Aust



AUSTRALIAN rules football in central Australia is to receive a major injection of funding over the next five years.

Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT) and the Northern Territory Football Club (NTFC) have announced that the focus will be on Alice Springs.

The majority of the funding has been provided by the Federal Government through the Australian Sports Commission and underpins the restructure of Australian football in Alice Springs and central Australia.

The investment includes the creation of two new full-time positions in Alice Springs, along with the establishment of the Northern Territory Football Club.

### Home games

Alice Springs will host four home games for the NTFC 'Thunder' in their debut year in the AFL Queensland competition in 2009.

The investment has allowed AFLCA to expand from three to nine employees, which includes four AFL SportsReady traineeships, which will provide resources to the local AFLCA league.

"The newly expanded structure will create six new positions in Alice Springs, with two new Regional Development Managers (RDMs) and four AFL SportsReady trainees, which will complete the structure," said AFLNT Chief Executive Tony Frawley.

One of the new RDM positions will concentrate on coaching and talent identification programs in central Australia, as well as offer support to the team and player management of the NTFC and its Alice Springs and central-Australian-based players.

The second RDM will service the Tennant Creek and Barkly region, implementing game development and



The Yuendumu Magpies' Liam Jurrah taking a strong mark in front of Graeme Smith during the 2008 AFL Central Australia grand final at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, last September. The Magpies created their own piece of history with a 24 point AFL win, 15-11 (101) to 11-11(77), over the Pioneer Eagles.

participation programs, as well as providing talent identification and management of potential NTFC players from Tennant Creek and the Barkly region.

The creation of four traineeships will provide career opportunities for young central Australians. Based in Alice Springs, the trainees will assist the three full-time RDMs with game development, participation, coaching, umpiring and talent identification programs, as well as assisting NTFC and AFLCA with NTFC player

management, training and match-day operations in Alice Springs.

The AFLCA currently has three full-time employees: General Manager, Football Operations Manager and Regional Development Manager.

Frawley said the establishment of the NTFC Thunder, which would play in the AFL Queensland competition full-time in 2009, would provide career opportunities for young central Australians, and bring positive economic benefit to Alice Springs businesses.

It also would increase the quality and profile of the local AFL central Australia competition through the participation of NTFC players, he said.

### Darwin players

In a boost to the AFL central Australia competition, up to three Darwin-based NTFC players, who are not selected to participate in that week's AFL Queensland match will play in Alice Springs in the AFLCA competition.

Northern Territory Football Club General Manager Stuart Totham said: "To ensure our entire squad is kept match fit, it's imperative that those players not playing on the

weekend for the NTFC, play in a quality senior football competition. AFL Central Australia is an ideal competition for our players to participate in, as Alice Springs is the central Australian base for NTFC and some of its players.

"NTFC, AFLNT and AFLCA will work with the eight AFLCA clubs to allocate an even distribution of NTFC players. We feel that the injection of NTFC players will boost the quality and profile of the AFL central Australia competition."



## Family affair at Ayr's Henaway Cup

By ALF WILSON



Vincent Henaway, winner of the Henaway Cup, the Indigenous Golf carnival at Ayr, on 26-27 December.



THE tenth annual Henaway Cup golf event held in Ayr on 26-27 December attracted 63 competitors, and 42-year-old Vincent

Henaway was the winner.

Vincent is the son of Pastor Les Henaway, the founder of the competition, which is contested by mainly Indigenous players.

While it is contested by Indigenous and non-Indigenous golfers, only a member of the Henaway family, either immediate or by marriage or offspring, can win the Henaway Cup.

Many of the golfers were from the Burdekin twin cities of Home Hill and Ayr, and others travelled from further afield - Bowen, Townsville, Mackay, Katherine and Brisbane.

"It was the eighth time Vincent has been in the tournament and

the first time he has won. We had competitors from around north Queensland and even one, Charlie Cole, from Katherine, in the Northern Territory," Pastor Henaway said.

Rain poured on many parts of north Queensland at the time, but Pastor Henaway said it had been two fine days of golf on the lush green course which is where champion female Australian golfer Karrie Webb learned her skills.

"Karrie Webb was back in the Burdekin on holidays and was practising on one of the greens," Pastor Henaway said.

It is now a special event for the family as Pastor Henaway's mother Barbara passed on in July 2005.

Results:

Winner, Vincent Henaway; runner-up, Gerry McManus; 3rd, Beau Clarke; gross two-day overall winner, Darryl Sgarbossa.



Working out the right line and speed of a putt sometimes requires a team effort, or so it seems as these players ponder a putt during the Henaway Cup tournament at Ayr.

## Prestigious Foley Shield rugby league competition has an ... Expanded format

By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS rugby league players from Cape York, the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA), Torres Strait Islands, Mid-West Queensland and Mount Isa will have the opportunity to be 'talent scouted' for lucrative contracts in an expanded 2009 Foley Shield competition.

The Foley Shield preliminary draw for the new format was done in late December and all games will be played over the Easter weekend at the Townsville Sports Reserve.

It is estimated that well over half the players will be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders.

A combined Cape/Torres side, another from Innisfail/Eacham and a Mount Isa/Mid-West team will compete at the blockbuster carnival, along with normal centres Townsville, Cairns and Mackay.

On Good Friday, Cairns will play Cape/Torres, Innisfail/Eacham will take on Mount Isa/Mid-West and Townsville will clash with arch rivals the Mackay Sea Eagles.

Easter Saturday pits Townsville against powerhouse centre Cairns, which always boasts quality TSI players who compete in that club competition.

Mackay will meet Innisfail/Eacham and Cape Torres will face Mount Isa/Mid-West.

At 12:30pm on Easter Sunday, the third and fourth qualifying teams will meet, followed at 2pm when the Foley Shield grand final will be played between sides one and two.

QRL Northern Division Chairman Greg Sutherland said the new teams would be combined, ensuring they fielded top-strength combinations.

"This will refresh people's interest in the Foley Shield and provide more

opportunity for players and coaches to get involved," he said.

"It won't lessen the prestige of the competition by going away from the home and away series, but will breathe new life into it."

For representative purposes, there will be two divisions, with reigning champions Townsville, and Mackay in one, and Cairns and the new combined teams in the other.

On May 16, representative sides from each Foley Shield zone will clash to select a North Queensland Marlins team to compete at the State championships over the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June.

Any TSI, NPA, or Cape York player selected for the Marlins will miss the 24th Island of Origin series which has been advertised for T1 over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

Most of the players making up the Cape Torres team will have taken part in the 2008 Origin series on Badu Island in August, the Zenadth Kes carnival on Thursday Island in late October and early November, or the Dan Roppeyarn Memorial Shield at Bamaga.

The Innisfail/Eacham side will be picked from out of town sides contesting the ten-team Cairns club competition.

Players from the Mount Isa/Mid West team will be selected from those competitions, with many being Indigenous.

The Mount Isa competition teams are Town, Wanderers and Blackstars, while premiers Normanston Stingers, Hughenden, Cloncurry, Julia Creek and Richmond are part of the Mid-West competition.

The Foley Shield started in 1948 and many players who went on to represent Australia were blooded in it.

Prominent Cape York player Garreth Smith said the acceptance of a joint Torres Strait/NPA/Cape York side into the 2009 Foley Shield rugby league competition was one of the most exciting developments in the code's history in the region.

Smith, 32, says he is looking forward to

being involved as a player or coach.

"I would like to play - as a senior player - as I think the side will need some players with experience, especially at prop. The side will need some experience as well as youth," he said. "However, if I didn't get chosen as a player, I would like to be involved in the coaching side of the team."

"I wouldn't close the door on any role." He dismissed suggestions that the Cape York/Torres Strait team would not be competitive.

"Sure, we won't be competitive in some areas, but there are certainly areas where we will be," he said.

"The other teams will have an advantage in the structured areas, but when we run the ball and play off the top of our heads; that will be to our advantage."

"And we have speed to burn out wide. We have the individual talent to play outstanding football which will see other sides struggle."

Smith recalled the match earlier this year when the Torres Strait Kustodians almost defeated the Cairns Foley Shield side.

"We were right in it with 10 minutes to go, but we didn't have the structure, experience or game time to go on with it late in the game."

MEANWHILE, Kaiwalagal Rugby League will continue to press for a separate

Torres Strait Kustodians team to compete in the 2009 Foley Shield, as opposed to the combined Torres Strait/NPA/Cape York side.

KRL President Harry Cook described the offer to include a combined side as unfair and insulting.

"We're the only active league involved in rugby league in the Torres Strait and Cape York, and it's not fair to include us with other leagues which are not active in their

own communities," he said.

"It's unfair to all the players within the KRL; they've been told all year they would be rewarded with a tour such as the Foley Shield. This was an incentive for their loyalty and commitment to the KRL; this will make a liar out of the KRL."

Mr Cook said a lone place in the Foley Shield competition would be a significant boost for the KRL and its junior players.

"They (the players) don't have to go down south now to try to gain representative honours, as they can do it from here," he said.

"It will be a big boost to the competition by having the best players here and for the juniors to see the best players on the field week in, week out."

Mr Cook said players had to be registered to be considered for representative honours, but only the players within the KRL met that requirement.

"There are a few from the NPA and Weipa who are registered with us. We will continue to pursue having our own team playing in the Foley Shield, rather than a Cape/Torres team."

"We will fund-raise and find sponsors to finance the trip to play in the Foley Shield." Mr Cook also said the KRL didn't need any help to run a football side.

"NPA and Weipa aren't capable of it, but we're pretty much more advanced than them," he said.

"Football touches the community in every way across the Torres Strait - social aspects, the economy - every way."

Mr Cook said the name of the side was another issue. "We

want to go with KRL Zenadth Kes Kustodians, not some other name which would not mean anything to the Torres Strait," he said.

**'... It's not fair to include us with other leagues which are not active in their own communities.'**



# A year to savour

## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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**W**HILE I thought it was hot when I visited Papunya on the ArmTOUR towards the end of last year, there is nothing quite like Sydney when the temperature hits 40 degrees and the humidity means you are sweating like a pig even before you start training.

But like all the other boys, I love this time of the year, even if I am on restricted duties as I recover from off-season surgery on my ankle.

This year presents an exciting prospect as I will try to ensure I enjoy every moment as I am playing to make a decision with the club whether this is my last at the AFL level or whether the body will allow me to continue on to 2010.

I know if I am enjoying my footy, I will make that decision for all the right reasons.

At the moment, I know that the fire in my belly to win another flag for Sydney burns as strongly as ever.

The year 2005 was so sweet and once you've been there, you want to keep going back.

Unfortunately, it doesn't happen that way, but I am confident we can do it this season.

Part of the reason for my confidence is that I am certain Adam Goodes is set for a stellar season.

Some have suggested he may be played up front this season and while there were some games last season where he was amazing at forward, I think Goodes - with his competitive streak - wants to get back to midfield.

## 'Retiring is the furthest thing from my mind.'

At some stages I am certain he will be used at forward because of what he brings to the position, and Barry Hall and I will welcome him with open arms. Speaking of welcomes, it has been great to see the way Rhyce Shaw has fitted into the squad.

He has been really flying at training. He's a great guy and a hard worker and I believe coming to Sydney will be a success for him in the same way it has been for blokes like Barry Hall, Craig Bolton and others.

The Swans provide a great environment and I'm looking forward to seeing how Rhyce goes this year.

The same applies to the crop of young players we have coming through the system.

While older guys like Brett Kirk, Barry Hall and myself provide a base of experience, we have a number of guys to take the step up.

Players like Jarrod Moore, Jarrod McVeigh, Paul Bevan and Keiren Jack have all shown they are capable of successful careers at the AFL level, and there is no reason why a few more players can't be added to that list.

With that injection of enthusiasm, there is no reason why we cannot aim for the top, even given the criticism of the way we play.

The strength of our group is that we don't worry about what others think. People have written us off before because of the way we play, but we've done consistently well.

I think we are an exciting team, but I guess we just don't get much respect from down south.

I know that we've got the players who bring the crowd to their feet.

**S**PEAKING of feet, I am well and truly confident of being ready to go by round one after having a screw removed from my ankle a few weeks ago.

Fortunately, the injury was from a collision, not from wear and tear, so it could have happened to anyone, not just an old bloke like me!

The grand final may be nine months away, but the whole squad is being pushed to maximum effort at the moment.

"I think the players realise, come today, it's our full-scale preparation for the first pre-season game and then into round one itself," assistant coach John Longmire said.

"We probably had a few more operations at the end of last year so there were probably a few players we've delayed with their pre-season."

There were handfuls of handshakes and 'welcome backs' as we gathered in the heat for our first session after Christmas.

But the smiles soon turned to the odd grimace as the session got under way. But unlike the old days, the first sessions back are not about running off the Christmas beer, turkey and ham.

"The guys are pretty professional these days. Guys looked after themselves, and we came back knowing we're going to have a pretty tough season," co-captain Brett Kirk said.

"There's no easing back in any more. You're expected to do the program over the Christmas break and look after yourself, so we come back in expecting to have a pretty hard session today."

"I think everyone just really enjoys this time of the year. I know I do. There's not as much pressure on you as during the season. The sun's out, my body feels good, we're training hard, everyone's flying at this time of year, everyone's in a great mental state. I really enjoy it."

We are also sorting out the captaincy issue because Leo Barry has stood down from his co-captaincy role.

We are deciding whether to replace him with Adam Goodes or another player - to join Kirk and Craig Bolton as the third co-captain - or revert to the single-captain model.

Kirk believes the three-captain system, which has been in place since 2006, has worked well.

"We have different strengths and weaknesses and we complement each other," Kirk said.

Again, that will be the strength of the Swans.

Once we reach a decision, we will all support it and continue the team ethic that makes us so strong.

That's what gives me the confidence to believe that 2009 may not be my last.

I believe that as long as I am producing on the field and living by our team's rules, there's no reason why I can't play another year or two.

The coaching staff is happy for me to take it year by year.

On thing I'm really proud of is the way I've been able to come back from injuries and play at a high level.

At the moment I'm enjoying it, the guys keep me young and I've been very blessed.

Retiring is the furthest thing from my mind.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

## Parents wish injury-free season for celebrity son

By ALF WILSON



GRAEME and Debbie Thurston - parents of rugby league star Jonathan Thurston - were among the guests at a Streets Alive party at the home of north Queensland Indigenous activist Gracelyn Smallwood.

Also there was former Sydney Bulldogs rugby league back Willie Tonga, who has joined Thurston at the North Queensland Cowboys.

Cowboys fans will be hoping that Tonga is an ideal New Year's gift to help the Cowboys climb the NRL ladder in 2009.

Another guest at the Streets Alive party was Santa Claus. Other guests included many of Torres Strait Island decent.

The Koori Mail was invited to the party and saw Tonga sitting with the Graeme and Debbie Thurston.

"I am glad to be here tonight to help Santa present gifts to the children and I think the Cowboys will go well in the next season," Tonga said.

Graeme Thurston was hopeful that his son would have an injury-free 2009 after missing games last season.

Eddie Savage, with descendants on Rennell Island, was at the party with daughters Tayiesha and Teeyanna and was confident that Tonga would boost the Cowboys.

With a horror 2008 season behind them, Cowboys supporters can look forward to greener pastures this year with Dally M coach of the NRL year Neil Henry at the helm.

Add to that the signing of some genuine stars which more than compensates for the players losses, and the return of champion Matty Bowen from injury, and it all points to a big season for the Cowboys.

In early betting markets for the 2009 season, the Cowboys are fourth favourites behind Manly, the Storm and Cronulla.



Debbie and Graeme Thurston and their grand-daughter Ava at Gracelyn Smallwood's Streets Alive party.

## He won medal twice

**W**E reported in our 3 December 2008 edition that Haydn Davey had won one Mail Medal - a medal that recognises the best-and-fairest player in each of South Australia's 27 country Australian Football competitions.

Haydn Davey in fact won two medals. He first won the medal in 1968 when playing for Thevernard in the Far West Football League, and again in 1978, when with Boston, in the Port Lincoln Football League.



# Code of conduct

## Players shun team-mates' off-field antics

### DEANO'S LEAGUE



With DEAN WIDDERS

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**A**FTER spending some time back in Australia over the Christmas season, I have headed back to the cold of Castleford to prepare for my first season in Super League.

Although growing up in Armidale has meant that I am no stranger to snow and cold weather, I must admit that I am missing the sunny skies of Australia despite the warm welcome of the people.

In the short time I was at home, I took the time to take stock of the changes I have seen in the NRL and professional sport in general over the past decade and was surprised by how much has altered in this short time.

There is no doubt that all sport – let alone at the professional level – has become more scientific in its approach.

Diet and fitness levels have been researched and refined to the point that each individual's waking moment is almost dictated by the team's dietitians, doctors and fitness gurus.

Gone are the days when a player could afford to carry a few extra kilos and enjoy the occasional meat pie.

#### Physical optimum

Skin fold tests and other measurements are now used to ensure players are kept to their physical optimum.

When I first arrived in Sydney, I thought the game was the pinnacle of professionalism.

Some of those practices would not be acceptable at a local club team these days.

At the same time, I believe the basic skills level of players has also improved.

I know that a lot of people will say all the skill level has gone out of the game, but I believe the fitness levels and defensive capabilities of players make it more difficult for individuals to simply put on a play.

At same time, I am amazed by the athletic and football ability of the likes of Feleti Mateo, Israel Folau, Greg Inglis and Chris Sandow, who display flair that would have been exceptional in any era of the game.

But perhaps the largest change in the game has occurred off the field.



Chris Sandow kicks for the South Sydney Rabbitohs against the Gold Coast Titans in a National Rugby League match at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, last 23 June. Dean Widders says some people argue that all the skill level has gone out of the game, but he is amazed at the athletic and football ability of the likes Sandow, who displays flair that would have been exceptional in any era of the game.

A lot of behaviour that was accepted or tolerated in those days is no longer the norm in the majority of clubs.

Players are also less likely to tolerate the continued misbehaviour of their team-mates over a period of time as they recognise the negative impact this can have on the team and the game.

The case of a number of rugby league players who have been forced to look outside of the NRL for a contract stands as testimony to this fact.

This is not a phenomenon restricted to rugby league, or indeed to Australia.

The AFL has had to deal with a number of incidents, including the well-publicised case of Ben Cousins.

But as is the case with the NRL, there

has been a mind-shift as the majority of players accept that community standards and media scrutiny have ushered in a new order.

My good mate Michael O'Loughlin plays in a club that is often seen as a model of changing the culture within a mainly male sporting environment.

I asked how the Swans had managed to seem to stay out of trouble with all the scrutiny on player behaviour.

As always, he gave a measured and balanced response.

"For the most part, footballers are very well-behaved," O'Loughlin said.

"There are some who stuff up – I put my hand up, I've stuffed up a couple of times."

"But you have to learn from it and not repeat the mistakes."

"People get sick and tired of the repeat offenders and that's where people get bad reputations."

When you look at the current situation in rugby league, it is the repeat offenders who are also getting the cold shoulder, not only from the officials, but also more and more the players.

It is often the players themselves who will now set the standards at the clubs and, to a certain degree, enforce sanctions on players who step across the boundaries.

Magic explained the importance of the leadership group at the Swans.

"At the Swans, we have leaders who set a great example," he said.

"When a young guy comes here, they know straight away what is expected of them."

"There's no guessing, they're told immediately and a lot of us older guys will pull them up if we see something inappropriate going on."

"The leaders have the courage to speak up when something's going on and a lot more clubs are going in that direction too."

#### Across codes

It is the same in rugby league.

Ten years ago you would never have heard of the term 'leadership group'.

Occasionally, there may have been a senior players group, but its main function would have been to organise the end-of-season trip.

These days the more enlightened coaches are comfortable in empowering the players to set standards within the team.

This can cause friction at times, but when the club stays strong, the benefits are enormous.

O'Loughlin, who has played through these times of change, is well-placed to comment on the difference.

"In the past, the footy culture wasn't like that," he said.

"Our guys do stuff up sometimes, but they don't do it twice because they know they'll be out of here," he said.

It is a harsh reality of modern sport. But it is a reality accepted by the great majority of players who realise it is for the greater good.

With a great crop of Indigenous talent coming through the game, I trust they will understand this key message.

If they do not, they will find their careers cut short.

To my mind, professionalism means just that.

Enjoying yourself within the boundaries of what is your profession – not just the sport you love.

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# Battle stations!



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**T**HERE has not been a tackle made in anger, and yet the NRL 2009 season is shaping up to be one of the most tightly contested in the competition's history.

Many of the sides that finished outside of the top eight last year have genuine claims that they can expect to contest for a finals position and yet the finalists from last year would be preparing with a well-founded sense of confidence for at least a repeat performance.

Over the coming weeks I will analyse the hopes of each team, focusing on their change of playing and coaching staffs, and make my bold predictions for the top eight and this year's premiers.

Don't forget I tipped the **Cowboys** last season, so don't wait for my tips before placing your bets!

The Cowboys bring me to what I found to be an interesting exercise as they play the Broncos in the first round in what is a series of games that may help guide us to the changing fortunes of 2009.

The Cowboys' main acquisitions may well have been off the field with the club securing Neil Henry as coach and the return of the legendary Billy Johnstone as head trainer.

The Cowboys have made some key player signings, with Willie Tonga and Antonio Kaufusi being the major coups, but there is no doubt that the club will be sweating on the successful return of Matt Bowen and Jonathan Thurston.

The club will be looking for a successful start to the season, but will confront a **Broncos** outfit that will have two major objectives.

The first will be to rinse the bitterness from their mouths following the agonising preliminary final loss to the Storm.

The second will be to quieten the doomsayers who will be waiting for them to falter under new coach Ivan Henjak following the end of the Wayne Bennett dynasty.

A loss will not be the end for either club, but both will be looking for a positive start.

The same will be the case for last year's minor premiers, **Melbourne Storm**, who will face up against a **Dragons** side who will carry an even heavier burden of expectation from their long-suffering fans.

The aura surrounding Bennett will have to be bullet-proof to protect him and the players from the media if they should happen to falter early in the season.

Melbourne will be keen to erase the grand final loss from their memories and will have trained accordingly during the off-season.

Their playing list has lost a lot of experience and this could be an interesting year in which to gauge the leadership abilities of Greg Inglis, who will look to justify the club's confidence in him by signing a long-term contract.

The **Bulldogs** have undergone an almost complete transformation in terms of playing, coaching and administrative staff.

It will be interesting to see if such a varied playing group can gel under a new coach so early in the season.

This will particularly be the case when one considers that administrators have chosen to line them up against premiers **Manly** in the first round.

The **Bulldogs** will be hoping that Manly's focus on the World Club Challenge will have them under-prepared for the season's opener, as has been the case for previous Australian clubs.

I cannot see Des Hasler leaving anything to chance in defending the title, so this could be an early test of resolve for the once-mighty **Bulldogs**.

Meanwhile, the **Warriors** will be confronting a different test of character.

The tragic loss of young star Sonny Fai will be something that will take the players and staff a long time to deal with.

Such an incident can impact on individuals and groups in many unexpected ways and it will be a test of the players' resolve to ensure that they can perform to their best.

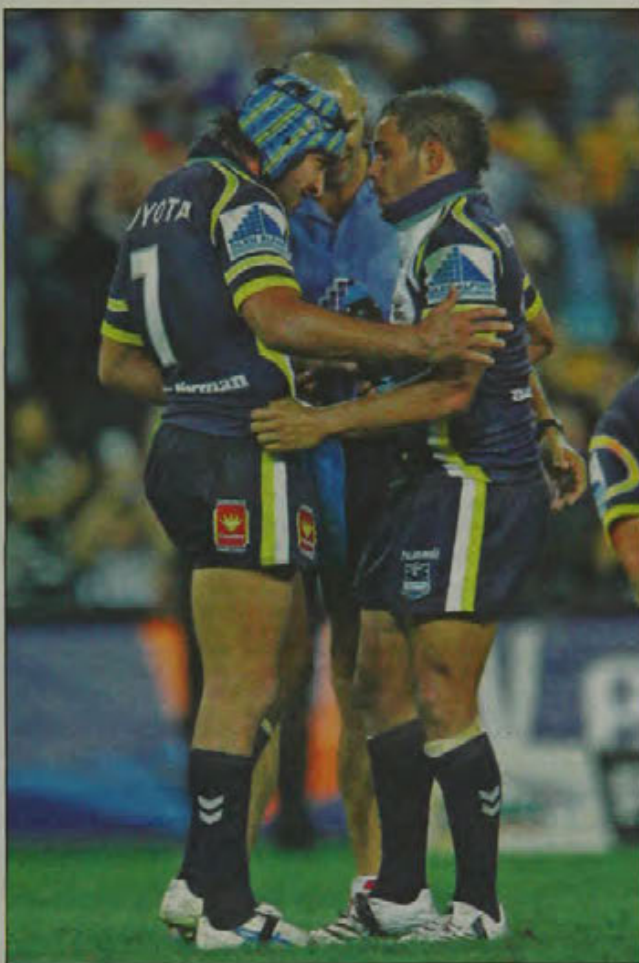
Fortunately, they have players of the character of Steve Price on board to ensure that they pull even tighter together as a group.

In the first round, they will confront the **Parramatta Eels**, who probably remain the most disappointing outfit from 2008.

With a few players leaving and basically no recruits, Daniel Anderson will be in the enviable position of being able to claim the large majority of credit if he turns the club's fortunes around.

He will have to battle a culture of blame that has been exposed by the recent board elections and reinvigorate the likes of Nathan Hindmarsh and Nathan Cayless if he is to change things.

Another coach under pressure for a whole host of reasons will be the **Sharks'** Ricky Stuart, whose side disappointed in the finals after performing beyond



Jonathan Thurston, left, and Matt Bowen. The North Queensland Cowboys' prospects in the 2009 National Rugby League season very much depend on the fitness and form of these two stars.

everybody's expectations in the season proper.

The **Sharks** have bought well but still fail to inspire confidence up front where it counts.

For the immediate future they will also have the resolution of the Greg Bird saga occupying the minds of the administration.

Meanwhile, their first-round opponents, the **Panthers**, could hardly be brimming with confidence.

Coach Matt Elliott only just escaped the sack at the end of last season and cannot expect to last the season if there is a repeat of last year.

That said, a number of senior players have departed, giving Elliott the opportunity to promote the abundance of youth at the Panthers' disposal.

It will be a critical year for the **Gold Coast Titans** who have been an enormous success off the field while just falling short of the finals on the field.

A fit Scott Prince is a must, but the side is desperate for an injection of attacking flair out wide, with Will Zillman the major recruit, and Shannon Walker having a final chance to show his true worth at the NRL level.

They will face a worthy test of their hopes in the first round when they line up against the **Newcastle Knights**.

Brian Smith has had the opportunity to

remould the **Knights** over the past two seasons and must have early success if his contract is to be extended.

Cory Paterson remains one of the true emerging stars of the game, and his development could be a guide to the **Knights'** future.

The bitterest of rivals again match up in the first round when the **Roosters** take on the **Rabbitohs**.

The **Roosters** failed to fire in the finals after a solid year and their fans will be baying for blood when they face the **Rabbitohs** at the SFS.

Early losses could dent the confidence of a side whose roster looks weaker with senior players leaving and depleted depth given the club's performance in last year's Toyota Cup.

It will be even more critical for the **Rabbitohs** to get off to a good start.

They need their legion of fans to support them at the ground if they are to have a sustainable future.

Coach Jason Taylor will be under intense pressure to ensure the club has a successful start to the year or he could find his own tenure under question.

The final game will match the two clubs who will struggle to garner much support with the punters before the season's start.

The **Raiders** have completely bamboozled the critics by making the finals for the majority of recent seasons.

Nevertheless, the jury will be out on new coach David Furner and his no-frills team until they get some runs on the board.

Early-season success will be just as important to the **Wests Tigers** as they seek to retain key players Benji Marshall and Robbie Farah.

The **Tigers** will be relying heavily on English import Gareth Ellis to bolster their pack, but that will be a huge task given the number of forwards they have lost.

Todd Payten will be a key figure in the **Tigers'** plans, but they will need to fire early if they are going to recapture the imagination of the rugby league public.

Although I have already indicated there are a few teams I expect will struggle, I cannot discount a single club at this point.

That's the way it should be and remains one of the reasons the NRL is such a great competition across the world of sport.

Bring it On!



# Impressive career

By PETER ARGENT  
and GRAHAM HUNT



JEFF Cook, leader of the victorious 2006 NSW Imparja Cup team, was looking to continue his winning streak at national titles in the 2009 Australian

Country Cricket championships which ended yesterday in the Barossa Valley, South Australia.

"It was only a few years ago that I found out about my roots from my father," the descendant of the Kamilaroi people from around the Tamworth area, in northern New South Wales, said.

"There was a satisfaction going to play in the Imparja Cup and knowing I belonged.

"The opportunities I've received through cricket have been enormous and it has given me the opportunity travel around the world, including three trips to the West Indies."

Cook's history in the game of leather and willow is impressive.

He first travelled to England in 1993 to play league cricket and became engaged to an English woman.

"We had a long-distance relationship which was hard, before I got married," Cook said.

This was the catalyst to Cook playing first-class cricket for Northamptonshire.

"International cricketers weren't well accepted in my initial period in Britain," he said.

"This changed and after a year in the Second XI in 1999, I started playing first-class cricket in 2000."

In just his third county match of a

Jeff Cook has taken big steps in cricket – right up to first-class level.



55-game career, Cook smashed a boundary-laden highest first-class score 137, which included 23 fours.

This effort was against Gloucestershire at the College Ground in Cheltenham.

He finished a five-year tenure with the club with more than 2300 runs at an average of just under 30, which included 13 50s and three centuries.

Cook also played 83 one-day matches, where he collected two hundreds and six

half centuries, which included a top score of 130.

"I guess you would describe me as an attacking middle-order batsman these days," the 36-year-old said.

"I used to bat a bit higher, but as I'm getting older, I'm going further down the order."

Cook said the fastest and most dangerous bowler he had faced was Pakistani Test quick Shoaib Akhtar.

Also a more than handy medium-fast bowler, Cook has a five-wicket first-class haul to his name. He took 5/31 from 9.3 overs to send Durham packing at his home county ground at Northampton in September 2003.

His figures in the 50-over one-day game were solid as well – more than 1700 runs at an average of better than 25, and 48 wickets at a good average of 28.15 and a strike rate of a scalp every 33 deliveries.

He even once took the field for England in a Test match.

He had become residentially qualified to play for England, and in 2001 was drafted into the England team as a substitute fieldsman when Indian-born England skipper Nasser Hussain became injured.

England was playing Pakistan at Lord's. Wicketkeeper Alec Stewart took over the captaincy and Cook fielded in Hussain's absence for the duration of the Test.

Cook told *The Koori Mail* it was a memorable experience – highlights being Darren Gough's 200th Test wicket, and a woman stalker running on to the ground.

Back in Australia, after the Imparja success in 2007, Cook took over as captain of the New South Wales Country combination for the 2008 January trip to Mackay, where the State enjoyed its ninth success at the annual Australian Country Cricket championships.

Cook's involvement with cricket is complete, as he is the regional cricket manager for northern New South Wales, working for Cricket NSW.

He has told NSW selectors that he is unavailable for next month's Imparja Cup.

# Another crop on the way



OLYMPIC softballer Stacey Porter can feel at ease, knowing there's a new crop of Indigenous

softballers on their way to the top.

Indigenous children were well in the mix at a national primary schools softball tournament at Blacktown Olympic Park, Sydney, in late November.

The NSW Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) team included two Indigenous girls (Kalina Stepto and Montana Kearnes), while Queensland had an Indigenous boy (Jaymon King) and a girl (Tearnee Morrice).

Tearnee, 11, is from the North Bundaberg Eels Softball Club.

## Youngest in team

She began playing softball at school and was selected in the Wide Bay girls' team and went on to win a place in the Queensland team. She was the youngest in the team.

Tearnee prefers to play catcher or left field.

She had a great time at the Sydney carnival and hopes to be in the Queensland team this year.

Jaymon King was born in Gladstone in 1996 and moved to Alexandria Hills in 1998.

He started playing 'rookie ball' at age three, then went to Sharks where he played rookie ball under 12 and under 14 until the family moved to Mt Isa in 2007.

His first representative experience was in baseball for Redlands in 2007.

He first tried out for representative softball in 2008 for North-West Regional Schoolboys, where he made selection for Queensland.

He had also played Aussie rules in the south-east for a Brisbane local competition for three years and is also having a crack at basketball.

Even with his less than perfect eyesight, he seems to be as deadly as his father Lenny, who represented Queensland in Aussie rules at age 12 and later softball for Queensland for eight years from 1988 to 1996.

Kalina Stepto, 12, attends Belrose Public School in Sydney. Her father David Stepto's family come from the Brewarrina region.

Kalina started playing T-ball at age five and soon discovered her love for the game. She was selected in the Manly representative T-ball side in 2005.

She continued on to play with her club side Davidson and each year represented Manly for under 12s and under 14s.

In 2007 she tried out for the North Metropolitan PSSA softball side and won selection. She made the team again last year and went on to win the State title at Camden.

From that tournament she and Wagga Wagga Indigenous girl Montana Kearnes were named in the NSW team.

Kalina loves the sport so much that she wants to start up petitions calling for the reinstatement of softball to the Olympic schedule, and one day she wants to play for Australia.

## Same dream

Montana Kearnes, 10, also harbours a dream to one day play for Australia.

She attends Tolland Public School in Wagga and plays junior club softball for the South Wagga Warriors.

In 2006 she represented Wagga in under 12s as a seven-year-old in an Easter carnival in Melbourne.

In 2007 she represented Wagga in under 12 carnivals in Canberra and Melbourne, and was chosen in the Riverina PSSA team to compete in NSW School Championships at Manly (Sydney).

Last year she represented Wagga in the under 14s at



From left, young Indigenous softballers Kalina Stepto, Queenslander Jaymon King and Montana Kearnes.

carnivals again in Canberra and Melbourne.

She won the junior umpire of the year award for 2007/08; won outstanding primary player of the year 2007/08; was chosen for Riverina PSSA team to compete in the NSW PSSA championships at Camden, near Sydney; was selected in the Wagga Wagga Junior All-Star team 07/2008; won the junior A grand final 8-0 against Turvey Park; was

selected in the NSW PSSA team to play in the Australian PSSA championships in Blacktown (Sydney) in November; was selected in the Wagga under 12 side to compete in the State championships October 2008 at Richmond, west of Sydney; and won MVP for Wagga from the U12 State championships.

This month she will play for the Wagga under 14s at an Australia Day carnival in Canberra.



# Franklin has pre-season doubts



**HAWTHORN**  
superstar  
Lance  
Franklin is  
unsure  
whether he

will make it on to the field for the Australian Football League's (AFL's) pre-season competition as he works his way back from injury.

Franklin had surgery to repair shoulder and thumb injuries after the Hawks' stunning grand final win, with his recovery still keeping him from participating in contact training.

The 21-year-old, who last year became the first player in a decade to kick 100 goals during an AFL home and away season, said his first experience of being held back during a pre-season was causing some frustration.

"The last four pre-seasons I've basically done nearly everything and this is the first pre-season where I've only done probably less than 50 per cent," Franklin said last Wednesday.

"It's a little bit disappointing, but I've just got to keep working pre-season, keep pushing myself and hopefully I get right for round one."

While he was confident he would not miss any regular season matches, he was less sure of his pre-season prospects.

"We'll see what happens, if it feels all-right, obviously I'll get out there and play, but if it's not right at that time, I'll just leave it and wait until round one," Franklin said.

As well as the injury

concerns, the freakishly talented forward will have to cope with even greater expectations, both personally and as a member of the premiership side, given the stellar 2008 seasons on both fronts.

But he was confident he and the team would not be burdened by their success.

"Last year was a big year for us, we won the premiership, but we're just putting that behind us now, it's a new year," Franklin said.

"We've had a strong pre-season right now and we're just in that phase of working hard as a team and putting in another good hard pre-season and hopefully we can put together some good games and see how far we go again."

"We're going to be hunted this year and I suppose as a team we would like that too."

"We're just going to keep playing the football we played last year and hopefully it will take us back to where we were last year."

## Improvement

But he admitted there was at least one facet of his game that could use some improvement in 2009.

"Probably kick straight, I reckon," he said.

While Franklin kicked 102 goals during the home and away season, he also posted 84 behinds.

By contrast, Tony Lockett, the most recent player before Franklin to kick a ton in the regular season, in 1998, kicked 107 goals and only 35 behinds that year. - AAP



## Tyeka's eyes focused on basketball

**M**EET Tyeka Close, an Aboriginal girl with eyes on a career in basketball.

The 12-year-old from Raby Bay, Brisbane, has just completed her primary school education at Ormiston State Primary School, where she was school captain and was named the 2008 sports girl of the year.

This year she will enrol at Cleveland State High School.

Tyeka began making progress in basketball in 2006 when she was selected in the Southern Districts Basketball Association under 12 division one representative team.

In 2007 she made the Southern Districts under 14 division one team and was one of the youngest in the team.

The team won the State Classics in July 2008 and then went on to represent Queensland at the 2008 under 15 girls Australian club championships in Gawler, South Australia. They finished sixth.

Last year Tyeka continued to represent Southern Districts in the under 14 division one competition.

In school basketball, she was selected in the 2007 under 12 Metropolitan East side that was beaten in the final of the Queensland School basketball championships in Bundaberg.

She again represented Metropolitan East in 2008 at Gladstone.

From that tournament, a Queensland State under 12 team was chosen and Tyeka was named in the team.

The Queensland side competed at the 2008 Pacific School Games at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, finishing third.

Lance Franklin celebrates kicking a goal against Collingwood at the Telstra Dome in Melbourne on Sunday 1 July 2007. - AAP Image

# Trophy named after brothers



**THE Cairns Saints Football Club** has named its perpetual senior best and fairest award (the Clarke Award) in honour of the club's founding Indigenous brothers Ivan

and Paul Clarke

Arriving in Cairns from Victoria in 1992, the brothers were disappointed in the lack of professionalism shown by other clubs, so decided to form their own club.

"Coming from Victoria and having trained with AFL clubs and winning a

premiership in the Ballarat Football League, we were so used to discipline and professionalism," they said.

"Our first year in the Cairns Australian Football League was not what we expected, so we took it upon ourselves to form and develop a club mirrored on successful by Victorian clubs."

The Clarke brothers were named as inaugural senior coaches in 1993, where, in their first year, they led the club to runner-up premiers.

In 1994 they joint-coached the club to its first senior premiership.

The club has now been operating for 15 years and has won eight senior premierships.

Both brothers have had tremendous success with the club. Paul captained the club to its 1995 premiership - the year in which Ivan won the senior best and fairest.

Paul coached the club to premierships in 1996 and 1998 while, Ivan captained the club in those years.

In 2002, the club announced its team of the decade in which Paul was named at centre half forward and coach of the decade, while Ivan was

named captain of the decade on a half back flank.

In 2002 Ivan was also presented with a life membership for his services to the club.

Paul represented the Cairns Australian Football League on numerous occasions as a player, vice-captain and coach.

In 2005 Cairns Australian Football League celebrated its 50th anniversary, naming its best ever senior side. Paul had the prestige honour of being named captain and centre half back of the team.





Adam Cockie was picked up by the West Coast Eagles in the 16 December Australian Football League (AFL) rookie draft.

# 12 more join ranks of AFL

By PETER ARGENT



TWELVE more Indigenous footballers were added to Australian Football League (AFL) ranks at the 16 December pre-season and rookie draft.

Central Australian 20-year-old Liam Jurrrah surprised many by being the first selection overall collected by Melbourne in the pre-season draft. This caps off an amazing rise from remote community football at Yuendumu, in the Northern Territory, to the biggest football stage.

Aboriginal football talent in the AFL has now matured to 83 players – 71 are on primary senior squads and 12 as rookies for the 2009 season. Add to this group a couple NSW scholarship holders at Hawthorn – Thomas Kickett and Dylan Stuart.

A couple of delisted players received AFL lifelines and early Christmas presents.

Liam Bedford, a rookie from Geelong, is back in the system after West Coast collected him with the second selection in the rookie draft.

"I think we might try to get him playing more of a forward role than a back role," West Coast recruiting manager Trevor Woodhouse said of Bedford.

"We believe he'll lap up the big quicker grounds."

"Playing VFL footy in Melbourne on the little grounds that had the sting out of the track and are often muddy, cold and a bit miserable. It probably didn't suit his style."

On the other West Coast Indigenous

rookie – Adam Cockie – Woodhouse said: "Adam's a kid that we've watched come right from the under-16s and he's just a good honest worker."

"He probably did all he could do and he's got an opportunity on the rookie list to put his best foot forward, and we know he'll do that."

"He's got a great attitude and a great work rate."

Premiers Hawthorn have handed a second opportunity to Carl Peterson, a former senior listed player at the Richmond Tigers.

Despite not playing a lot of football this year, due to injury, South Australian Adam Varcoe follows older brother and 2008 grand finalist Travis to Kardinia Park at selection number 15 in the rookie draft.

Fremantle used its first selection (No 3 overall) to recruit highly rated Oakleigh Chargers utility Casey Sibosado before turning its attention to a host of WAFL talent.

Although recruited from Oakleigh, Sibosado hails from Beagle Bay, north of Broome, in north-west Western Australia.

The Dockers' fourth round selection, Clancee Pearce, was an All-Australian under 18 player in the NAB AFL Championship, along with winning the most valuable player award for WA. He culminated a great year by being named captain in WA's Colts Team of the Year and debuted well at senior level in the WAFL.

Another first round rookie selection includes Wade Thompson, a youngster from Port Augusta. He played his rookie year with the North Adelaide seniors last

season, playing eight league games.

Carlton selection Jeff Garlett is an unpredictable talent who has pace to burn.

He plays as a small forward, but can also be used through the midfield. His defensive pressure is a true indicator of his ability.

Garlett attended the West Australian State Screening session where his results were reflective of how he plays. He recorded 2.95 seconds for the 20m test and 8.20 seconds for agility.

## Pre-season draft

1 – 1st Liam JURRAH (Yuendumu) – Melbourne

## Rookie draft

2 – 2nd Liam BEDFORD (Geelong/Clairemont, WAFL) – West Coast.

3 – 3rd Casey SIBOSADO (Oakleigh Chargers/NT Thunder) – Fremantle.

4 – 4th Wade THOMPSON (North Adelaide, SANFL) – Port Adelaide.

5 – 6th Jeffrey GARLETT (Swan Districts, WAFL) – Carlton.

6 – 15th Adam VARCOE (Central District, SANFL) – Geelong.

7 – 18th Adam COCKIE (Subiaco, WAFL) – West Coast.

8 – 42nd John BENNELL (Peel Thunder, WAFL) – Collingwood.

9 – 48th Clancee PEARCE (Swan Districts, WAFL) – Fremantle.

10 – 53rd Alroy GILLIGAN (Clairemont, WAFL) – Richmond.

11 – 61st Carl PETERSON (Richmond/Clairemont, WAFL) – Hawthorn.

12 – 71st Ross TANGUTULUM (St Mary's, NTFL) – St Kilda.

# New AFL boss in the Red Centre



JAKE McCauley is to become General Manager of the Alice Springs-based Australian Football League Central Australia (AFLCA).

McCauley, who has been the Commercial Operations Co-ordinator at Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT) in Darwin, will take up his position next Monday.

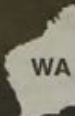
"Jake has made an enormous impact in the Commercial Operations Department of AFLNT," said AFLNT Chief Executive Tony Frawley.

"While he will be sorely missed at AFLNT, his skills and abilities will be a great asset to AFLCA."

Originally from the Gold Coast, McCauley was previously the Sponsorship and Marketing Co-ordinator for Association of Surfing Professionals (ASP) International and gained further work experience with the Gold Coast Titans. McCauley studied a Bachelor of Health Sciences (Sports Management major) and Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing major) double degree at Bond University. He is currently a player and member of the Darwin Football Club.

AFLCA Chair Bev Ellis said: "Jake's demonstrated administration skills, his sound knowledge of the Territory and its football history will give AFLCA an immediate kick-start for the 2009 season. We think he is the right person for this very demanding football role in central Australia."

# Canberra kicks in



THE Australian Government has given a one-off \$250,000 grant to help expand Australian rules football opportunities for

young Indigenous people in the East Kimberley region of Western Australia.

The activities will be jointly funded by the Australian Football League (AFL) and with the Australian Football Commission, which already provides \$200,000 a year for football activities in the region.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said sport could provide new pathways for young Indigenous people and some of the most disadvantaged communities in Australia.

Announcing the funding at Hawthorn's training ground in Melbourne last Wednesday, Ms Macklin said the money would be used to employ a community development officer based in Kununurra, employ an administrator to manage football activities in the region, and employ two AFL Indigenous trainees to help deliver school-based programs. – AAP



# 'Rocky' hosts league KO

## 16 teams in expanded competition

By GRAHAM HUNT



TEAMS from Palm Island to Brisbane will contest the 2009 Woorabinda Pastoral Company Indigenous Reconciliation Rugby League Carnival at Rockhampton on 24-25 January.

There are two elements to the carnival: A 16-team men's rugby league knockout, and an eight-team women's touch competition.

The carnival is being organised by Central Queensland Indigenous Development Ltd (CQID) and will be held at Saleyards Park.

It is an expansion of last year's inaugural event, when just seven teams competed.

The winning rugby league team will walk away with \$8000 prizemoney, with \$3000 going to the runners-up. The beaten semi-finalists each will receive \$500.

Teams beaten in the first round will contest a plate knockout, with the winners receiving \$2000 and the runners-up \$1000.

The carnival format ensures that each team will play a minimum of two games.

It cost teams \$500 to enter the competition.

Teams will be allowed 25-man playing squads.

Saturday games will be over 20-minutes halves, with the Sunday semi-finals over 30-minute halves and the grand final a full 80-minute game.

As extra incentives, the fastest player of the carnival will win \$250, while another \$250 will go to the player of the carnival.

Prizes of \$150 will go to players judged best back and best forward.

CQID General Manager Jason Field said he was excited to have the Woorabinda Pastoral Company on board as its platinum sponsor.

He said 2009 had seen the expansion of the carnival format to include an eight-team women's touch competition and an extended 16-team men's rugby league competition.

"The Reconciliation carnival was a concept that was formed by 'The Uncles Association' of Woorabinda and was brought to CQID by Anthony Henry and Greg Major," Mr Field said.

"The key concepts of the carnival are to celebrate and initiate the reconciliation process through a celebration of Indigenous

culture, arts and sport in the spirit of understanding and reconciliation.

"The 2008 carnival was a great start and this year we hope to build on that again."

### Friday draw

The draw for the men's rugby league and women's touch competitions will be made at Fitzroys clubhouse, Saleyards Park, on Friday 23 January, with the women's touch starting at 9am on Saturday 24 January.

The first of the men's rugby league games will begin in noon on 24 January.

Saturday evening entertainment will include performances by the Woorabinda Traditional Dancers, the SAIMA Traditional Dancers, the South Sea Traditional Dancers and the Woorabinda winners.

Action on Sunday 25 January will

begin at 8am with women's touch and rugby league semi-finals.

The rugby league grand final will start at 3.40pm.

Rugby league teams competing are: Storm United, Mackay Hunters, Brisbane Natives, Bundy Panthers, Wadja Warriors, Guungalu Knights, Cherbourg Hornets, Moondhagnara, Central Highlands All Blacks, Palm Island Barracudas, Central Queensland Warriors, Yeppoon Seagulls, Outback Ironmen, Gladstone United, Fitzroy Sharks, and Woorabinda Warriors.

CQID spokesman Watson Carlos told *The Koori Mail* that his organisation was keen to see the rugby league knockout grow even bigger.

As part of this expansion, he envisaged smaller satellite carnivals around regional Queensland, with the Rockhampton knockout remaining the central core.



The 2008 Inaugural CQID Indigenous Reconciliation Champions, the Central Queensland Warriors, will be back in 2009 to defend their title against 15 other teams from throughout Queensland.

## Top End's big year

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"This is an exciting opportunity for everyone involved and we're hoping to provide an environment for all players to improve their football while doing all Territorians proud.

"For those with dreams of playing at a higher level, it's the perfect stepping stone and for a number of players the thought of representing the Northern Territory will be a lifelong dream."

The Thunder will play four home AFL Queensland matches at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, in 2009. They will be on 23 May (v Western Magpies), 30 May (v Aspley), 25 July (v Labrador) and 1 August (v Redland).

THIS year is looming as a big one for Aussie rules in the Top End.

In addition to the Thunder making its debut in the Queensland competition, Darwin will host the bi-annual Indigenous All-Stars match on 7 February. The

Indigenous All-Stars, coached by Chris Johnson, will play the Adelaide Crows at TIO Stadium.

Other high points will be:

- 13 February: NAB Cup match – Western Bulldogs v Essendon.
- 15 March: Nichols Medal Dinner – Skycity, Darwin.
- 21 March: NTFL grand final – TIO Stadium.
- 13 June: Toyota Premiership match – Western Bulldogs v Port Adelaide.

### Part of history

AFLNT Chief Executive Tony Frawley said he was 'delighted that we have been able to attract the Adelaide Crows to Darwin'.

"The Indigenous All-Stars match is a historic part of Northern Territory football and has been extremely well supported by the Territory in the past," he said.

"Fourteen thousand people saw the last Indigenous All-Stars match when they played the Essendon Bombers in 2007.

That match created history as it was the first time an AFL club had beaten the Indigenous All-Stars team."

Chris Johnson, who retired from the game in 2007 after more than 260 games with Fitzroy and the Brisbane Lions, brings a wealth of experience to the role through his position as Development Coach for the Brisbane Lions.

The 32-year-old has a list of accolades that includes three premierships medals in 2001, 2002 and 2003, dual All-Australian selection, International Rules captain and club captaincy. Johnson was named in the back pocket of the Indigenous Team of the Century and has been an All-Star representative in previous years.

"It's a great honour to be appointed head coach, especially following in the footsteps of ex-coach Michael McLean," Johnson said.

"I looked up to him as a young player, I still do look up to him. It is a fantastic opportunity to coach great players against a quality opposition. I'm very excited".

Shannon Motlop, from Darwin Southern Districts, also is in the NT squad.



Anthony Raymond (left) and Yoren Major (right) scooped the pool with the player awards at the inaugural CQID Indigenous Reconciliation Carnival last year. Raymond was player of the match in the grand final and also won the 100m sprint race. Major was named player of the carnival for his outstanding kicking and passing game.





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doubt for  
pre-season  
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Charlie Sharples, from Darwin, is in the Northern Territory Thunder team to make its debut this year in the Queensland AFL competition.



## Northern Thunder

### Indigenous players dominate Territory squad

By GRAHAM HUNT



TWO-THIRDS of the 61-strong Northern Territory Thunder Australian rules team competing in this year's Australian Football League Queensland competition are Indigenous.

The Thunder will make its debut in the AFLQ competition this year.

There are 40 players in the Thunder's Darwin training squad and 21 in the Alice Springs squad.

Northern Territory Football Club (NTFC) high-performance manager Murray Davis said both squads had a blend of experience and developing players, with an average age of just under 23 for the Darwin squad, and under 24 for the Alice Springs squad.

"Both squads will begin training in the middle of this month, with one session a week," he said. "It is expected that head coach Michael McLean, general

manager Stuart Totham and myself as high performance manager will travel to Alice Springs this month for an initial meeting with the Alice training squad.

"Additionally, we will be further developing our networks in all regions across the Territory with a view to include more regional players in our training squads."

Davis said the squad had been chosen 'after consultation with NTFL coaches, NTFC and AFLNT staff and highly regarded football people in the Alice Springs region'.

The squads are - Indigenous players indicated with (I) after their names.

**Darwin based training squad:**

**Darwin:** Phillip Wills (I), Joe Cole (I), Dustin Pickett (I), Charlie Sharples (I), Deon Gordon (I).

**Nightcliff:** Aaron Motlop (I), Jayden Kickett (I), Warren Berto (I), Michael Gugliotta, John Bonson (I).

**Palmerston:** Darren Ewing, Pierce Liddle (I), Mark Berts.

**Southern Districts:** Ben Ahmat (I), Mark McLean (I), Matt Cannard, Shannon Rusca (I), Ashley Wedding (I), Keegan Dingo (I), Kapun Morris (I).

**St Marys:** Peter MacFarlane, Matthew Hebbard, Cameron Illet, Jared Illet, Karl Lohde, Iggy Vallejo, James Puautjimi (I), Henry Labastida, John Anstess (I).

**Tiwi Bombers:** Ephrem Tipungwuti (I), Simon Munkara (I), Roy Kantilla (I), Roy Farmer (I), Brad Palipuminni (I).

**Wanderers:** Adam Prior, Relton Roberts (I), Christian Schild, Shannon Motlop (I).

**Waratah:** Nathan McLean (I), David May.

**Alice Springs based training squad:**

**Centrals Anmatjere:** Kenny Morton (I), Tristian Wako (I), Elli Briscoe (I), Vincent Stafford.

**Herrmannsberg:** Franklin Anderson (I).

**Federals:** Peter Rolfe, Steven Brookes.

**Pioneers:** Geoff Miller Jnr (I), Andrew Baker, Dillon Measures (I).

**Santa Teresa:** Shane Mulladad (I), Darren Young (I).

**South Alice Springs:** Charlie Maher (I), Shaun Cusack (I).

**Wests:** Josh Johnny (I), Rory Hood, Gilbert Fishook (I), Scott Taylor.

**Yuendumu:** Simon Fisher Jnr (I), Christopher Walker (I), Nicholas Robinson (I).

**HEAD** Coach Michael McLean said: "All selected players will be contacted through their clubs for the initial training dates.

"Players should note that these are the preliminary squads and players can be added and withdrawn from the squad as our selectors continue to monitor the selected players in the NTFL and at trainings, as we work to finalising our list in the early part of 2009.

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