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Passing on the baton ... 2008 Australian of the Year Lee Kernaghan, right, with his successor, Professor Mick Dodson, in Canberra on Sunday. Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER

Dodson takes top honour and pledges to do his best

By KIRSTIE PARKER



HUMAN rights for all Australians and a new, more inclusive date for Australia Day were at the top of Mick Dodson's agenda after he was named

2009 Australian of the Year at a rousing awards ceremony in Canberra on Sunday.

Professor Dodson received his award on stage from Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and declared himself 'enormously proud' and determined to do his very best in the role. He said he would try to build understanding of 'what it means to protect the rights and human dignity of all Australians'.

The Prime Minister thanked Professor Dodson for his lifetime commitment to improving the lives of Aboriginal people

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My FAMILY Mary Stewart – Inverell, NSW



THIS photo was taken in Tamworth, NSW, during this month's Tamworth Country Music Festival. My husband Norman and I have just bought a BMW motorbike and we're about to head off on a riding tour across Queensland.

We were married in 1972 and have two grown sons, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren with a third on the way. Norman and I also reared three of our grandchildren together, and we share a close bond with them.

After living in Coffs Harbour for 20 years, we decided it was time to move back to our home town of Inverell, to be closer to family.

I grew up in a household of three brothers and five sisters. Even though it is good to finally be home, it was a little strange coming back to my home town. There had been so many changes since I was last there.

Norman is a member of the Stolen Generations. He's a 'Jack of all Trades' and spent time as a truck driver and working in the mines in Western Australia. As a result, the children and us have had lots of adventures all across Australia. We lived in a lot of different towns as the kids were growing up. They went to 13 schools but it never stopped them from learning.

I love to travel and I love getting out into open spaces in a caravan and four-wheel-drive. If I had to pick a favourite place out of the ones I've been to, I'd have to say Sawtell, near Coffs Harbour. A lot of my best memories are there.

● Pictured: Back, from left, Chris Caldwell (Leticia's partner) and Norman Stewart; seated in front, from left, Leticia Capon with her baby Ve'Nay Caldwell and Mary Stewart (Leticia's grandmother) with Gerome Caldwell.

OUR CHILDREN



THREE-YEAR-OLD Jaida Jetson and four-year-old Chloe Hayes deciding whether the beat is right for them at the putalina festival in southern Tasmania. The festival, which was in its 25th year, highlighted local and interstate Aboriginal musical talent, and was a community get-together and a celebration of survival. ● See pages 35-35

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Dodson's honour

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and promoting understanding between all Australians.

"Mick Dodson has been a courageous fighter for reconciliation and for closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians," Mr Rudd said.

"His efforts truly show that if we work together, we can achieve real progress."

During his acceptance speech, Professor Dodson said human rights was about 'looking out for each other and taking the idea of fairness seriously'.

"It goes to the heart of who we are as a nation," he said. "We Australians are responsible for this, but sometimes we don't speak up when we should. We pretend the problem will go away or we think it's too hard."

"But I have great faith in all my fellow Australians, my countrymen. We are better than that. I know that because I am an Australian."

A short time later, Prof Dodson – the Co-chair of Reconciliation Australia – faced a large media contingent to outline his hopes and aspirations for the year ahead.

He conceded that he had anguished over whether to accept his nomination for the award, but said the support of his family helped to seal the deal.

Asked how he felt about his award, he responded 'a little embarrassed'.

"There's a couple of million Australians who probably deserve it ahead of me. I just must be lucky, I guess," he said.

For all of his modesty, Professor Dodson wasted no time raising some contentious matters which he said he believed – following last year's apology to the Stolen Generations – Australians were now mature enough to discuss.

Champion for his people



PROFESSOR Michael James 'Mick' Dodson, is a Yawuru man from the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

He has been a prominent long-time campaigner for Indigenous rights and issues affecting Indigenous people.

A law graduate, he was Australia's first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, and was prominent in his role as

counsel assisting the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

Active in the reconciliation movement, he is a Member of the Order of Australia and has been named an Australian Living Treasure.

He now lives and works in Canberra, where he is Director of the Australian National University's National Centre for Indigenous Studies.

Indigenous issues had loomed large in the week leading up to 26 January, with the National Australia Day Council (NADC) urging Australians to consider the special place of Indigenous Australians in the nation's identity.

A host of high-profile Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, including NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson Bev Manton, Tasmania's Michael Mansell and retired football great Ron Barassi, insisted that 26 January was inappropriate for the country's national day.

Professor Dodson, too, was adamant change was required.

"We should enter a dialogue about this and talk about it as a nation," he said.

"We have to have a date which is more inclusive than 26 January, the date chosen because of the landing of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove. To most Indigenous Australians, it really reflects the day on which

our world came crashing down. Many Indigenous people regard it as Invasion Day.

"We're better than isolating one group of Australians from our national day. We can do it ... If the Government wants to be part of that conversation, well ... well and good."

However, despite earlier passionately urging those gathered to acknowledge and honour 'the First Australians on whose land we meet', Prime Minister Rudd gave short shrift to calls for a new date. He declined to take questions from the media, leaving a spokeswoman to comment later.

"Mick Dodson is a great Australian and a truly worthy recipient of the 2009 Australian of the Year Award," the spokeswoman said.

"The Government values his advice and his counsel. However, the Government has no plans to and will not be changing the date or name of Australia Day."

Professor Dodson also faced a barrage of questions on other Indigenous-related

priorities for the country. He said the Northern Territory intervention should comply with Australia's human rights obligations, and that the Racial Discrimination Act, set aside in the NT to enable some controversial measures, should be restored.

On the eve of the first anniversary of the national apology, he said compensation for the Stolen Generations should now be discussed.

Professor Dodson inherited his newest title from 2008 Australian of the Year, country singer Lee Kernaghan who described the Aboriginal rights advocate as a great man.

"I think this title will give him the opportunity and the platform to do so much for Aboriginal people and the wider Australian community," Mr Kernaghan said.

Professor Dodson topped an impressive field of contenders for the top award, which included former Australian test cricketer and cancer awareness campaigner Glenn McGrath and two other Indigenous Australians – Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu (NT) and Ivan Copley (SA).

Indigenous finalists in other categories had included his brother Patrick Dodson and NSW Stolen Generations advocate Lorraine Peeters in the Senior Australian of the Year category, and WA footballer David Wirrpanda in the Young Australian of the Year category.

The awards ceremony was followed by the Australia Day Live 09 concert, which featured Aboriginal singing sensation Jessica Mauboy.

Previous Indigenous Australians of the Year have included brothers Mandawuy and Galarwuy Yunupingu, Evonne Cawley, Cathy Freeman, Neville Bonner, Lowitja O'Donoghue and Lionel Rose.

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One of the dancers at the Woggan ma gule ceremony in Sydney on Monday.

Woggan ma gule dream



ABORIGINAL people cannot celebrate Australia Day until the nation comes together as one, under one flag. That's according to Auntie Pansy Hickey, of Singleton, who was speaking at the early morning Woggan ma gule ceremony in Sydney's Royal Botanical Gardens on Survival Day.

Auntie Pansy also spoke about the plight of migrants in

Australia, whose contribution she said had gone largely unrecognised.

Citing the famous words of Martin Luther King, she told the audience of about 200 that she, too, had a dream.

"My dream is that maybe my grandkids will one day be able to come together with all Australians and celebrate as one nation, with one flag," she said. "But right now we cannot celebrate this day, and neither can the migrants

who helped build this country. "Australia locks them out and they have no association with the Union Jack."

After her speech, the crowd was treated to a mix of traditional and contemporary dancing, poetry and songs.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags waved alongside the Australian flag, and more than a few spectators were moved to tears by the performances.

— By DARREN COYNE



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Jobs scheme a sure bet



AT least 100 Indigenous people will be employed across the NSW thoroughbred industry under a new employment strategy.

The strategy is named after legendary Aboriginal jockey Darby McCarthy, who was regarded as one of the Australia's best hoops during the 1950s and 1960s. During his career, Mr McCarthy raced frequently in Brisbane, where his records included three Stradbroke, the Brisbane Cup and Doomben 10,000 before he moved to Sydney. He also won the 1969 AJC Derby and the Epsom on the same day.

He then went on to race in Europe, including at Royal Ascot and in Paris, and was inducted into the Queensland Racing Hall of Fame in 2004.

Mr McCarthy was the special guest at Rosehill Gardens on 17 January for the launch of the new employment strategy.

During the launch he presented a set of his racing silks – in the black, yellow and red – to General Manager of Employment with Racing NSW Maurice Logue.

The Darby McCarthy Aboriginal Employment Strategy aims to assist Aboriginal people and their families to

build a future by employing 100 people across the industry.

Racing NSW developed the initiative and Chief Executive, Peter V'Landy, said the strategy was a win for all concerned.

"This project will ensure more Aboriginal people enter the NSW racing industry and receive an opportunity to build a career in thoroughbred racing," he said.

"Racing NSW is committed to

complemented the Government's 'Job Compacts' program.

Job Compacts are agreements between government, businesses, industry and Aboriginal organisations to increase employment in 12 locations in NSW.

"Job Compacts target regions where skills shortages can be addressed by recruiting and training Aboriginal people to contribute to local economies," Mr Lynch said.

"Racing NSW's strategy has the potential to open new pathways for Aboriginal people to make their mark in the horse racing industry."

Racing NSW appointed one of racing's best Aboriginal jockeys, Glenn Pickwick, last September as a training officer to increase Indigenous participation and awareness of the horse racing industry.

Mr Logue says the strategy recognises Aboriginal people have a wealth of skills, knowledge and

experience which can benefit the industry.

"Aboriginal people will be involved in all aspects of project development, implementation and evaluation," he said.

Those interested in the NSW strategy should call 1800 200 724.



Darby McCarthy presents Racing NSW's Maurice Logue with a set of his racing silks while Sydney Turf Club Chairman Bill Picken looks on.

Images by Bradley Photographers

increasing the number of Aboriginal people employed in horse racing and developing their skills whereby we can fulfill the industry's requirements for skilled workers."

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch welcomed the initiative and said Racing NSW's new strategy



Jockey great Darby McCarthy with his racing silks.

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Grim news on our kids

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE number of children in out-of-home care in Australia has more than doubled in the past decade and Indigenous children are heavily over-represented in all areas of child protection, according to a new report.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) report *Child Protection Australia 2007-08* was released last week.

It says the number of children in out-of-home care throughout Australia rose by almost 115 per cent, from about 14,500 children in 1998 to 31,166 in 2008.

Notifications of suspected abuse and neglect continued to rise. However, substantiated notifications fell nationally for the first time in nine years, down from 60,200 in 2006-07 to 55,100 last year, with the report suggesting early intervention family support services as a possible explanation.

The rate of Indigenous children in out-of-home care was almost nine times the rate of other children. As at 30 June, there were 9074 Indigenous

children in out-of-home care across the country, an increase of 1182 since 30 June 2007.

Indigenous children aged 0-16 years were also more than six times as likely to be the subject of substantiations as other children.

The grim news adds impetus to a meeting of Indigenous women and broader community representatives in Canberra on Friday to discuss ways to reduce the level of violence against Indigenous women and children.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Minister for the Status of Women Tanya Plibersek are convening the meeting. Outcomes will feed into a national plan being developed by the National Council to Reduce Violence against Women and Children, including the possible harmonising of domestic violence laws. An Indigenous member of the national council, West Australia's Dorinda Cox, will be amongst attendees.

The AIHW report also focussed on the types of abuse and neglect involved in notifications and substantiations.

Despite considerable national focus on child sexual abuse in Indigenous communities,

including in the Northern Territory, the report found sexual abuse less prevalent amongst Indigenous children than non-Indigenous children.

In the NT, sexual abuse accounted for 14.5 per cent of substantiations involving Indigenous children, compared to 19.3 per cent of those for other children. But the proportion of substantiations for Indigenous children recorded as neglect was considerably higher than that of other children.

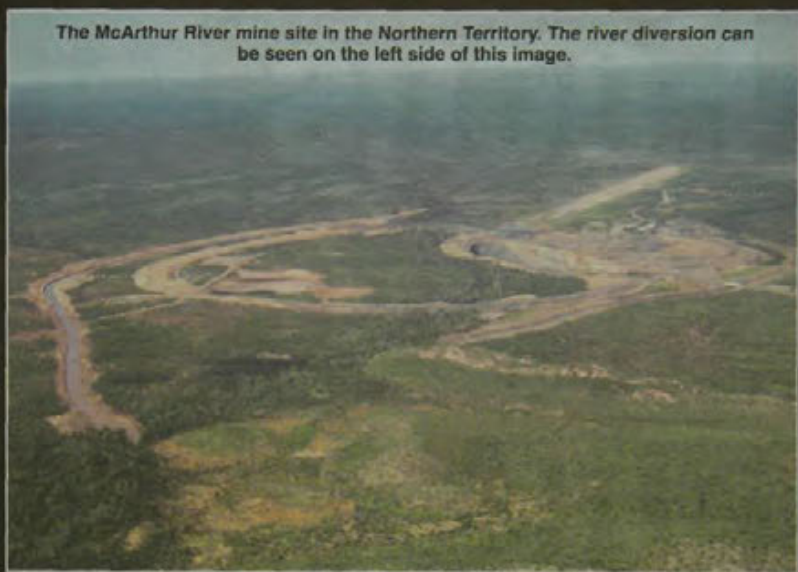
In the NT, 36.5 per cent of Indigenous child substantiations related to neglect, compared with 26.2 per cent of those for other children. In Western Australia and Tasmania, around 52 per cent of Indigenous substantiations related to neglect, compared with 37 per cent of other children.

Report co-author John Sant said the increase in children in out-of-home care could be partly explained by the fact that more children were admitted to care than were discharged each year.

"Factors such as low family income, parental substance abuse, mental health issues and family violence, tend to lengthen the time these children remain in care," he said.

Upset at NT mine decision

The McArthur River mine site in the Northern Territory. The river diversion can be seen on the left side of this image.



TRADITIONAL owners (TOs) of the site of the McArthur River Mine, near Borroloola in the Northern Territory, have expressed disappointment at Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett's proposed

decision to approve the mine's expansion and its diversion of the river. But they say they will participate in a submission process flagged by Mr Garrett to gain stakeholder views before he makes a final decision on the controversial project, which he says will have to meet strict environmental conditions.

Last month, the mine's Swiss-based owner Xstrata Zinc Australia was forced to suspend its operations after a ruling from the Federal Court found in favour of traditional owner Harry Lansen, who had objected to the conversion of the mine into an open cut operation.

Mr Lansen was also opposed to the 5km diversion of the McArthur River, and had called for compensation.

After meeting with TOs, the Northern Land Council (NLC) and mine representatives on 14 January, Mr Garrett said he would rush his decision, which was needed after the Federal Court ruled that former minister Ian Campbell's earlier approval was invalid.

A day after the meeting, however, Xstrata warned that it would be forced to lay off 300 workers and shut the project indefinitely unless the Government made a decision by the end of January.

"Following a thorough assessment of the information provided to the former minister on this proposal and all other relevant information, I am proposing to approve, subject to strengthened conditions, the expansion of the open pit to the east," Mr Garrett announced on Thursday.

The TOs, the miner and other Federal ministers now have until 6 February to



These Yanyuwa women danced Minister Peter Garrett into his 14 January meeting with traditional owners.

comment on Mr Garrett's proposed approval.

NLC Chief Executive Kim Hill said he had been prepared for the decision and had already started to draft a further submission.

"Traditional owners would prefer to have the McArthur re-diverted back to its original place because of its importance to their songlines and stories and livelihoods – and if



'Traditional owners would prefer to have the McArthur re-diverted back to its original place because of its importance to their songlines and stories and livelihoods – and if this can't be done then they want a best practise mine to operate on their country' – NLC Chief Executive Kim Hill

this can't be done then they want a best practise mine to operate on their country," Mr Hill said.

"This means stringent environmental conditions and an open and transparent relationship with Xstrata. Stringent environmental conditions will protect rare species such as the sawfish, and traditional fishing by Aboriginal traditional owners and the fishing industry.

"We have said time and again (Xstrata subsidiary) MRM must now properly engage with the traditional owners in negotiating a mining agreement that will provide for compensation, jobs and training, boost local businesses – and will detail provisions for environmental protection and its monitoring over the mining activities.

"Traditional owners do not want to wait for any government to provide them with certainty on jobs, training and economic development which is a bureaucratic and slow process. That is why they want to have a full and proper agreement with Xstrata on the McArthur River Mine."

Mr Garrett said his decision would be limited to protecting matters of national environmental significance under the



Harry Lansen meets Minister Peter Garrett earlier this month.

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, in this case the freshwater sawfish and a number of migratory birds. He said the decision related to procedures that his predecessor should have followed rather than the merits of the decision.

Borroloola TOs have been divided over the mine's future, with some criticising the legal action which stopped the mine.

Mr Hill maintained that Mr Lansen's action was not aimed at closing the mine, but he did want compensation for the diversion of the river. He said the call for compensation was not about 'making one man rich' but providing job opportunities for the community.

"Traditional owners and others who have supported Harry want to sustain real jobs for their children through a formal agreement, but the miner has been unwilling to negotiate," Mr Hill said. But another TO, Ronnie Raggatt said he was disappointed Mr Lansen had taken the legal action in the first place, saying it endangered jobs and a \$32 million community development package.



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Focus on our culture

By CHRISTINE HOWES



A DAWN event hosted by the National Australia Day Council in Cooktown, north of Cairns, kicked off activities across the nation in the week leading up to January 26, by asking the public to reflect on what 'Australia Day' meant to them.

The focus was very much on Indigenous culture, with national council Chair Adam Gilchrist, Deputy Chair Shelley Reys and other members of the council, along with 2008 Australia Day award-winners, spending the day before the event with local Aboriginal culture guide Willie Gordon.

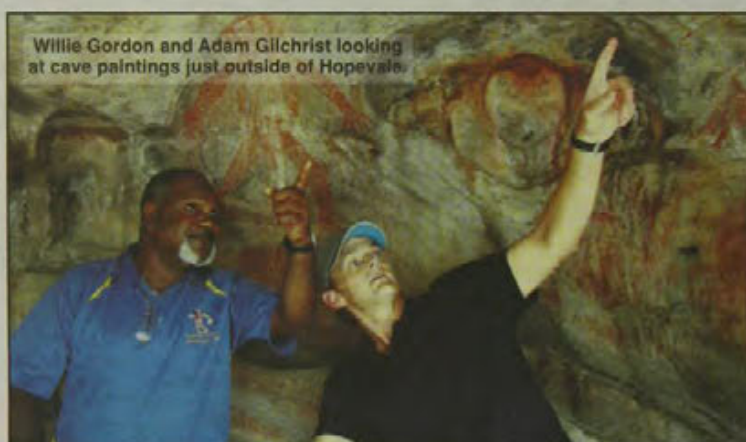
Mr Gordon, who runs Guuribi rock art tours from just outside Hopevale, said he had thought long and hard about the meaning of Australia Day, saying he had never celebrated the day in previous years.

"How you view Australia Day is an individual question and that question is how you feel. If you've got the skills, knowledge and tools, then you make the decision," he said.

"It doesn't depend on the government or anybody else, it depends on what you want to make it and it's about how strongly you feel. 'With Australia Day it's about how you feel as an Australian because no-one can take that right away from you.'"

Mr Gilchrist, the former Australian cricket wicket-keeper, said he had been thinking about Indigenous culture for the past 12 months or so, particularly since the Federal Government's apology last year.

"I'm certainly no expert in Indigenous culture (but) in recent times I've been awoken to the fact that I haven't spent



Willie Gordon and Adam Gilchrist looking at cave paintings just outside of Hopevale.

enough time just thinking about it," he said.

"And that's what I guess I'm keen to do – just ask people to stop and think and take the time to give some thought to other cultures and trying to embrace them, learn a bit about it, because we've got so many great cultures in this country."

"I think back to the national apology in February. That was a very proud moment for me and I guess for all Australians, to acknowledge that history, acknowledge perhaps some of the shortcomings and moving on and working together."

"We've got, as part of our Australian community and as Australians, one of the oldest cultures in the world, so that's very much Australian culture, that's it."

Ms Reys, whose ancestry includes connections to the Jirrbal people north of Innisfail, said Mr Gilchrist had dealt with

Indigenous issues very well as a non-Indigenous man.

"I feel very fortunate that we've ended up with a chairperson who's incredibly honest about what he knows and what he doesn't know, really open to learning more and is very supportive of the range of perspectives out there, including Indigenous perspectives," she said.

Seriously

Ms Reys also said she had taken the opportunities her role with the national council offered her very seriously.

"I'm trying to ensure that Australia Day functions are inclusive and to encourage everybody across Australia to have a sense that it's inappropriate to consider Australia Day and what it means to be Australian without considering the first

Australians, it simply doesn't make sense," she said.

"While we all have different perspectives about what the day means, I think there's room for everyone's perspectives, whether you celebrate survival or reflect on invasion or whether you like to think about what makes us great, there's very few Indigenous Australians I've met who don't take Australia Day seriously."

"That doesn't mean they support the day or the date, but they do take it seriously, and in other words, they're engaged. And I think that's great."

Ms Reys said it had been a particular honour to be in Cooktown for the event.

"I've never been here, this is my first time so I feel so honoured, particularly being so warmly welcomed by the people of Hopevale as well as Cooktown," she said.

"(They have) extraordinary generosity and a great sense of pride in who they are and what they've achieved, so many aspirations for what they want to achieve and great confidence that they're going to get there."

The national council said Cooktown was significant in Australian history as a place where Captain James Cook and his crew repaired the ship Endeavour after it hit the Great Barrier Reef.

They said the emphasis on reconciliation in relation to their location in Cooktown came about because Cook and his crew camped on the banks of the Endeavour River for over 40 days, and had significant interaction with Australia's Indigenous people, including the first 'reconciliation' after a misunderstanding over shared food.

Achievers honoured



SOME Indigenous quiet achievers were among the 536 recipients who received the Order of Australia in this year's Australia Day Honours List, announced on Monday by Governor-General Quentin Bryce.

The high-level awards celebrate the outstanding contributions and achievements of Australians.

Traditional owner of the Rirratjingu clan, Yirrkala, Northern Territory, Dr Marika was honoured posthumously for her service to Indigenous communities in rural and remote areas as an educator, linguist and scholar.

Dr Marika passed away last May, but was awarded for her skills as a linguist and cultural translator.

She was one of a small group of Indigenous scholars who advocated the 'two ways' philosophy of schooling, which recognises that Indigenous and non-Indigenous intellectual traditions should underpin education in schools and tertiary education.

Keith Clarke, of Kambah in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), was recognised for his service to the Indigenous community through contributions to housing, employment and education.

Mr Clarke has held many

positions over the years, including Indigenous Representative on the ACT Indigenous Education Consultative Committee, involvement in the NT Teachers Federation Darwin and Alice Springs and Committee and a Member of the Aboriginals Advancement League of Victoria.

Dedication

Second generation South Sea Islander Lessing Faith Bandler is well known for her ongoing advocacy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights.

Mrs Bandler was recognised for her ongoing dedication to justice and human rights issues. She is

highly regarded for her leadership in the 1967 Referendum campaign, and continues to write about, speak and campaign on these issues.

Judith Harris was awarded for her work with the Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service in the ACT. Ms Harris has chaired the service since 1983 and been a director/member since 1988.

An Aboriginal liaison officer with the Catholic Education Office for eight years, she was an officer for Aboriginal Children's Services for three years.

The honours are awarded twice a year – on Australia Day and the

Queen's Birthday – and were established 34 years ago, in 1975.

"These awards are public recognition of people who provide outstanding community service and whose achievements enhance national identity," said Chairman of the Council of the Order Sir James Gobbo.

"By their actions they demonstrate the qualities of positive role models who are not only worthy of respect but encourage emulation."

"These awards recognise particularly the quiet achievers, who serve the community, but do not seek accolades for themselves."

New paper backs 'no job no house'

By DARREN COYNE



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MP Peter Lindsay, right, on his 2006 visit to Palm Island.

Palm anger at MP's position

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COMMENTS by north Queensland Federal MP Peter Lindsay that a 'no job no house' policy should apply to the

Aboriginal community of Palm Island have met with an angry response.

The Liberal Member for the north Queensland seat of Herbert was referring to a study submitted to the Federal Government by former Labor Minister Dr Gary Johns suggesting housing should not be provided to remote Aboriginal communities where there were no jobs and people were unable to pay rent or service a mortgage.

"This is a very poignant and practical appraisal by Dr Johns," Mr Lindsay told the *Townsville Bulletin* newspaper last week.

"Take Palm Island for example. With a population of 3500, it remains one of the largest and most disadvantaged Indigenous communities in Australia.

"Palm Island has no industry, no agriculture and an unemployment rate of about 90 per cent. It is an economically unsustainable place to live."

The *Koori Mail* surveyed 20 Indigenous people on 21 January and found little support

for Mr Lindsay's views.

Robert Pearson, 30, was waiting in the Townsville Mail to travel to Rockhampton to represent the Palm Island Barracudas at an Allblacks carnival.

"We just don't have enough jobs and, if his comment came into place, most of the residents would have nowhere to live," he said.

Jimmy Doolan was also angry, and said his mother Lorna Lymburner was a respected Elder on Palm Island.

"Why doesn't Mr Lindsay go and live on Palm Island and see how he likes it? He wouldn't stay there long. It was a stupid thing to say," Mr Doolan said.

Stupid

Neil Pattel, 50, is a former Australian welterweight and middleweight professional boxing champion who often works on Palm Island.

"The unemployment on Palm is due to the bad policies of past governments and I would want to know his solution," Mr Pattel said. "What he is saying would make most islanders homeless and result in heaps more Indigenous people living in Townsville parks."

Champion Indigenous basketball player Rohanee Cox, who won a silver medal with the Australian Opals team at the recent Beijing Olympic Games, has conducted coaching clinics on Palm Island.

"Where are unemployed people there supposed to live? It is wrong what he is saying. I love Palm Island and more jobs need to be created there," she said.

All of the others spoken to by *The Koori Mail* criticised Mr Lindsay's comments, with several making mention of the fact he had said negative things about Palm Island in the past.

In January 2006, Mr Lindsay created national headlines when he called for the shutting down of the Indigenous community.

His comments infuriated and frightened many, and a day after they were published, a rumour had spread amongst residents that the army would be called in to forcibly remove islanders to the mainland.

Mr Lindsay said it was time to consider shutting Palm Island and moving its residents to the mainland where they had a better chance of finding work and making something of their lives.

The MP travelled to Palm Island last year where he received an at-times hostile reception before addressing the Council when Erykah Kyle was the Mayor.

Current Mayor Alf Lacey said that Mr Lindsay had not been to the island since he was elected in March 2008.

Mr Lacey said the 'no job no house' policy sounded too much like those in place at the time of the Stolen Generations.



ABORIGINAL people living in remote communities must adjust to the idea of moving for work, or become trapped in poverty. That's according to Gary Johns, a former Keating

Government minister who has argued that new housing should not be provided for remote communities where people were unable to pay rent or service a mortgage.

In a paper released by the Menzies Research Centre, Dr Johns said the Government was looking to consolidate Aboriginal towns in the Northern Territory, and elsewhere, by building some up, and letting others die.

"The consolidation involves the distribution of over \$600 million for public housing. There is the hope that jobs will follow," he said.

In his paper, *No Job No House: An Economically Strategic Approach To Remote Aboriginal Housing*, Dr Johns argues that governments should cease building permanent housing for Aboriginal people in remote communities where they do not have a job in 'the real economy'.

"Employment projections suggest there is little prospect of employment growth in much of the land on which Aboriginal communities are located," he said.

Dr Johns' views copped flak from the Australian Greens, who said his ideas were irresponsible and ignorant of cultural differences.

Under fire

Greens Housing spokesman Senator Scott Ludlam said forcing a 'no job no housing' policy would result in enforced migration away from traditional communities and their traditional lands, into town camps where there was already rampant unemployment.

"Over a quarter of Australia's Indigenous population live in overcrowded conditions, with inadequate, low-grade or otherwise substandard housing rampant," Senator Ludlam said.

"Evidence of an 'urban drift' of Indigenous Australians from rural and remote areas into cities that cannot cope with the increased population was presented to a Senate Inquiry in May last year.

"Dr Johns' solution of 'services and facilities to help Aborigines transition into mainstream economic life' reeks of an antiquated, outdated methodology — one more suited to colonialism than modern governance.

"The Government has a responsibility to provide equitable housing for all Australians, particularly those most disadvantaged. We need to be looking at the housing, education, health and infrastructure needs of Aboriginal Australians, both in the bush and in the cities."

However, NSW Senator Marise Payne, the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Indigenous Affairs, said Dr Johns had made a timely contribution on the issue of Indigenous housing.

"There is an irrevocable link between a strong economy, jobs, home ownership and basic living standards — this is true not just for Indigenous Australians, but for all Australians," she said.

"A move from public housing to home ownership will remain simply impossible for most Indigenous people in remote communities without an equivalent move from welfare to work."

WA man shares a moment in history

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



JOINING thousands of officially invited guests at the inauguration of United States President Barack Obama last week was 24-year-old Wongatha man Linden Brownley, of Perth.

Mr Brownley was invited to Washington as part of the Global Young Leaders group. Before he left, he told *The Koori Mail* that although he was not invited because of his Aboriginality, he felt proud to be going there as an Aboriginal man from Australia at this time in history.

But he said he would be reminding Americans that electing an African-American to the presidency was only one step towards racial equality.

"We should not forget that Native American people are the original inhabitants of the United States and it would be very good to have seen a Native American actually achieve the position of President," he said.

"But I guess you could say that it gives Native Americans,

Aboriginal people here and other Indigenous people around the world hope that we could achieve this also in our own countries."

Mr Brownley said he would be talking about Australia's Aboriginal history in a round of lectures and discussions during the week of the inauguration.

"We're living in times now where our Prime Minister has actually come out and apologised and I guess we must also tell the people about this history which has been hidden away for so long, and to tell people and let people know that

Australia does have a black history," he said.

On the days leading up to the US Presidential Inauguration ceremony, Mr Brownley encountered young people from around the world, talking about issues such as the environment, politics and economics. While in Washington, he met former Secretary of State Colin Powell and former US Vice President Al Gore.

Mr Brownley has been at the forefront of youth leadership in Australia since 2002 when he was invited onto the Prime Minister's Youth Leadership Council with other young Australians of different races and creeds.

He also represented Australia at the Pacific Rim youth conference in Japan during 2004, and attended the Global Young Leaders summit last year in China.

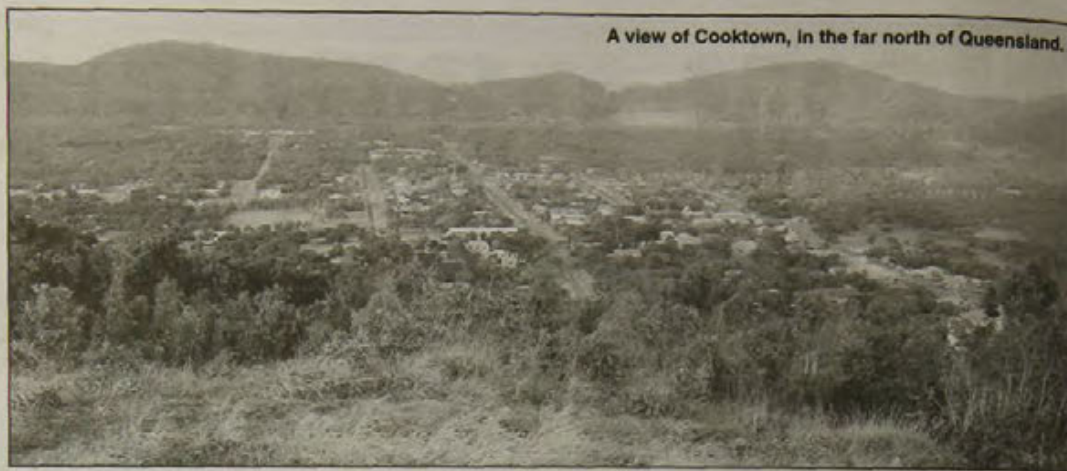
● In our next edition, we aim to bring *Koori Mail* readers the personal perspectives of several Indigenous Australians in the US at the time of the Obama inauguration.

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– Linden Brownley



A view of Cooktown, in the far north of Queensland.

Housing body under threat from changes

By CHRISTINE HOWES



COOKTOWN'S Indigenous housing co-op is struggling to accept options presented to it under a

transition from Federal to State funding and says its operations are at risk during the changeover.

The Gungarde Community Centre Aboriginal Corporation, which owns and manages 36 houses in and around the town, north of Cairns, says it hasn't been able to get any answers from the Queensland or Federal government.

In November, the Queensland Department of Housing told the corporation that, as part of new arrangements, the Federal Government had provided funds for the State Government to bring Indigenous housing 'up to public housing standard'.

Gungarde Property Manager Greg Whittaker said the organisation had been offered four options under the new arrangements – three involving the handover of all or some of its housing assets to other organisations, including government, and another which insisted that it operate according to mainstream rules.

He said the organisation would receive no funding unless it took one of the options before it.

"Even the option where you retain the assets and become part of the One

Social Housing System, it means you abide by all the government rules as the standard housing system goes throughout the rest of Queensland under the Department of Housing," he said. "That means if you're behind in your rent you get three warnings, you go to court and you get evicted."

"And the rents will go up because they have to be at 25 per cent of household income which is very constrictive in the paperwork. The regulation stuff on it is unreal with the amount you've got to fill out."

Mr Whittaker said the other options which required transfer of the organisation's assets were 'not on' as far as

takeover, saying instead that the Commonwealth had simply asked the Qld Government to help organisations like Gungarde to 'better manage what they are doing'.

"I am advised that Queensland Department of Housing staff have worked extensively with Gungarde on its possible transition to the One Social Housing System," Mr Swarten said in a statement to *The Koori Mail*.

"I am further advised that only this week representatives from Gungarde agreed to meet with departmental officers again in the near future to continue discussing any concerns they may have."

Mr Swarten said the

Christmas, six months before this comes into operation, and it looks like there's no money forthcoming," he said.

"We really want to push that across, that the ICC is still responsible for funding, they can't step away from that side of it."

"If we can't afford to run our own corporation, we've virtually got to fall into their hands because the State Government said there's no money until we sign up."

Gungarde Chair Warren Kulka said his board was not happy with the situation.

"The board and myself feel that Gungarde was set up from the beginning as a housing co-op for Indigenous management," he said. "I'd

like to see it stay like that, stay how we're doing it today."

"This is taking us way back 50 years and it's not good for Indigenous people."

Mr Kulka said Alcohol Management Plans across

Cape York were also causing problems with overcrowding.

"I see Cooktown as really central for communities up north and Wujal Wujal to the south and we're finding that our houses are getting overcrowded," he said.

"Indigenous people in town from other communities camp down in the park as well. In Cairns they have the same problem and I think it's going to get worse."

The Department of Housing, Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) was unable to respond before *The Koori Mail's* deadline.

'This is taking us way back 50 years and it's not good for Indigenous people' – Warren Kulka



any of Gungarde members were concerned.

"At present we haven't been filled in on all the options. The one which allows us to retain the assets is the only one we'd consider, but it's very hard to regulate and how much money do we get for doing that?" he said.

"They haven't let us know how much money you get for any of the others either. They've got \$60 million across all of the corporations in Queensland, which is not a lot."

State Housing Minister Robert Swarten denied the moves were a compulsory

department did not provide funding for administrative costs.

"At the end of the day the responsibility for administrative costs rests with the organisation, like it does with every other organisation the Queensland Department of Housing funds," he said.

However, Mr Whittaker said that previously, Gungarde received funding from the local Indigenous Co-ordination Centre (ICC) every six months for housing operational costs – "that's my job and the office here to run the houses".

"That funding finished at

Canberra protest

Income management system 'racist'

A DELEGATION of Aboriginal people from 'prescribed areas' in the Northern Territory is on its way to Canberra to protest at the first sitting of Parliament.

The group will join others from around the country for a major demonstration on Tuesday 3 February.

While in Canberra, delegates on 'income management' will be forced to negotiate with Centrelink to have 50 per cent of their entitlements distributed as store cards or deposited as credit in Canberra shops.

They argue that the income management (IM) system imposed by the Northern Territory Emergency Response is in breach of legislative protections against discrimination that exist in the ACT. These include the Human Rights Act 2004, which establishes a Bill of Rights for the ACT.

Poverty

Delegation leaders say that the 'income management system is racist, onerous and is forcing them into further poverty.

Adding to that anger, people on welfare quarantining were unable to access their money on 16 and 17 January, leaving many people unable to use their BasicsCard in Alice Springs.

Barbara Shaw, from the Mt Nancy town camp, said the latest incident was just another example of how income management was seriously disadvantaging Aboriginal people.

"We went in mid-afternoon on Saturday to do some shopping and they said that the

'My sister-in-law wasn't able to buy milk and nappies for her baby. How many others have missed out on feeding their children?'

— Alice Springs woman
Barbara Shaw

'The Minister should move to implement a back-up for the system immediately so this does not happen again. People need to be able to buy food.'

— Northern Territory Law Society
President Duncan McConnell

'There was a hardware breakdown. It is extremely unfortunate and I can only apologise.'

— Centrelink General Manager
Hank Jongen

BasicsCard system was down," Mrs Shaw said.

"My sister-in-law wasn't able to buy milk and nappies for her baby. How many others have missed out on feeding their children? Jenny Macklin says more food is being bought with this system. But we are going hungry."

Centrelink General Manager Hank Jongen last week admitted there had been an 'outage of the system', which prevented transactions from being processed.

"There was a hardware breakdown," he said. "It is extremely unfortunate and I can only apologise."

Mr Jongen said the outage took place between 8pm Friday and 8am Saturday 17 January. But he said it was the first glitch he was aware of with the income management system.

"We are not talking about a failed or unreliable system," he said. "It's extremely rare for the sort of breakdown that occurred to occur (and) we had the system back up and running by 8am."

Mr Jongen said he was not aware of other claims of complications with welfare funds and only 50 per cent of welfare payments were quarantined, freeing up half of people's income to be spent wherever and on whatever they chose.

The BasicsCard bungle drew criticism from the NT Law Society, which called on Minister Macklin to ensure such disruptions were not repeated.

Society President Duncan McConnell said he was appalled to hear reports of Aboriginal people being turned away at supermarket checkouts after travelling from remote areas to purchase supplies.

'Grave interference'

"The control of finances — which is targeted only at Indigenous people — is a grave interference with people's fundamental human rights to make decisions about their own lives," Mr McConnell said.

"At the very least, the Government needs a back-up system in place in case of another system failure like that which the store card system experienced last

weekend. It would be very simple to achieve such a back-up.

"The Government should be prepared to guarantee payment to the stores who agree to pass goods on an honour basis when the system is down. The Minister should move to implement a back-up for the system immediately so this does not happen again. People need to be able to buy food."

Mr McConnell said the income management system was supposed to prevent trauma for families through theft or diversion of household monies to drinking, drugs and gambling.

"Subjecting a family to two days without food, as well as the indignity of having to leave their shopping at the check-out because they can't access their own money, is just a different kind of trauma," he said. — With AAP

Possum skin cloak a part of exhibition



BIRRI-GUBBA artist Laurel Fisher, of Albert Park in Melbourne, with a contemporary possum skin cloak, made by women participants in a Victorian art-based healing program. The cloak was unveiled last week during the opening of an exhibition at the Australian Catholic University Art Gallery in Fitzroy, Melbourne. It was made as part of Winja Ulupna Aboriginal Art Access Program. See page 58 for more. Photo by KERRI-LEE HARDING



Barbara Shaw from the Mt Nancy town camp, Alice Springs, says it's another example of how income management is seriously disadvantaging Aboriginal people.

Proposed native title changes:

February comment deadline

By DARREN COYNE



INDIGENOUS groups have until 16 February to comment on proposed changes to the native title system.

Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland released a discussion paper in December on proposed amendments to be included in legislation aimed at streamlining the native title system.

Under the proposed amendments, the Federal Court of Australia would assume a central role in managing all claims, including determining whether claims would be mediated by the court or the National Native Title Tribunal.

"The court has significant alternative dispute resolution experience and has achieved strong mediated results in the past," Mr McClelland said.

"Having one body control the direction of each case will mean that the opportunities for resolution can be more readily identified and the efforts of the parties be best focussed.

"The change will contribute to the Government's vision for a system that is flexible and produces broad benefits to Indigenous people and other stakeholders. The Government intends that the change will commence in July 2009."

The proposed minor amendments outlined in the discussion paper relate to:

- Enabling the court to rely on a statement of facts agreed between parties

- Enabling the court to make determinations that cover matters beyond native title

- Application of the Evidence Amendment Act 2008

- Native Title representative bodies. Acting National Native Title Tribunal President Christopher Sumner told *The Koori Mail* that the Tribunal welcomed the Federal Government's aim to encourage more negotiated settlements

of native title claims and would submit a response to the Government's discussion paper on proposed minor native title amendments.

"Currently, parties to native title claims have a broad range of options for settling native title claims under the Native Title Act, including Indigenous land use agreements and alternative agreement-making processes," Mr Sumner said.

"It is important that this flexible approach remains under the proposed changes."

"The Tribunal agrees with the Attorney-General that the behaviour of parties has to change before there can be substantive change to the resolution of native title."

"To reach outcomes for the almost 500 current native title claims, and future claims, all parties must come to the table and participate actively and positively."

"The attitude of the parties, including governments, and their willingness to engage and move matters forward is essential to achieving the best native title outcomes."

Meanwhile, the Victorian Government is also considering a revamp of how it handles native title claims.

The Government is considering a proposal in which traditional owners could negotiate directly with government to jointly manage public land such as national parks, without pursuing claims in court.

Mr McClelland said the Federal Government believed native title claims should be resolved in a flexible and less technical way and he supported the new approach.

"The Victorian approach is an example of how, through changing behaviours and attitudes, and by resolving native title through broader land settlements that include the provision of practical benefits, we can make native title work better," a spokeswoman for the Attorney-General said.



Acting National Native Title Tribunal President Christopher Sumner: "The behaviour of parties has to change before there can be substantive change to the resolution of native title."

Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council representative Tracey King in front of the Nimbin Rocks.



\$1.78m for restoration of Nimbin sacred site

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



FEDERAL Environment Minister Peter Garrett has announced a \$1.78 million grant for restoration of the biodiversity and traditional knowledge of the Nimbin Rocks, a sacred site in northern New South Wales.

The Nimbin Rocks are of immense cultural and spiritual significance to local Bundjalung people, according to Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council (NLALC) representative Tracey King.

Ms King said the five-year 'Working on Country' project would recruit seven identified ranger positions (four male and three female) to adhere to cultural protocol with certain locations only accessible by men.

With a focus on local Aboriginal people who had connections to country, Ms King said the project would work in partnership with Environmental Training and Employment (EnvITE) to provide training and mentoring.

She said the project would present opportunities for new skills and employment in a region with up to 48 per cent of young Aboriginal people out of work.

"Preserving and protecting the Nimbin Rocks precinct is of paramount

importance," she said.

"The site is very rich in Aboriginal culture and it has high environmental values, and finally with the restoration works and managed tours the wider community will gain a better understanding of this cultural icon."

"Caring for our country is important to the our well-being, as we work over the next five years, traditional knowledge will be passed on to our young people and we look forward to sharing this with the wider community in time to come."

The rangers will also collect and propagate native plant species suitable for bush food and other traditional uses, and will form part of a demonstration site to help restore and share traditional cultural knowledge.

The site will contain a diversity of flora, with at least five threatened or vulnerable flora species, and two vegetation communities listed as Endangered Ecological Communities under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act.

The Nimbin Rocks were one of eight Indigenous communities to receive a total of \$31.1 million funding for Working on Country projects, including the Torres Strait Islands, the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia and the Karajarri Lands in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.



Where country rocks!



After spending time at the iconic Tamworth Country Music Festival last week, MAHALA STROHFELDT concedes that she's probably more than 'just a little bit country'...



Just a man and his guitar...Charlie Trindall kicks back in Tamworth.



THE Tamworth Country music festival has been called 'a Mecca' for country music artists and fans, a place where dreams can come true.

I don't know if that's true, but when I hopped into my camper van to begin the five-hour drive from Lismore to the New South Wales country centre, I was certain there was no place in my musical repertoire for soppy love ballads.

I discovered two things while wandering the streets of Tamworth with my camera and a borrowed cowboy hat.

The first is that there is something universal about music that transcends genre. There are stories being told on the corner streets and little pubs of this town that run deeper than broken hearts.

I heard Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter sing about pain and loss and dispossession.

Archie said that when he started singing about his pain, the poison finally started to dissipate. Ruby said that country was the woman and the woman was country.

Both ideas appealed to me and made a

nostalgic sort of sense.

The second thing I learned was that there remained a deep and abiding affection for country music among Aboriginal people.

And if you ever make it to Tamworth you will know this.

In every crowd and on every corner there were Aboriginal families who made the journey to Tamworth, some coming back year after year. One uncle I spoke to made his first trip in 1977, some 31 years ago.

This was never more apparent than at the Cultural Showcase, a week-long Tamworth festival event that started on 19 January to bring Aboriginal culture, music and talent under the one roof.

Up-and-coming talent and industry professionals came together with notable performances from Archie Roach, Ruby Hunter, Nathan Foley and Troy Cassar-Daley.

Event organiser Tad Klemiski said the showcase saw 2500 people through the doors, and had been an invaluable experience for many of the performers who gained the confidence they needed to take

their music to the next level.

He said the showcase provided a feeling of safety and community, while allowing the performers to enjoy the other highlights of the festival.

Walking through the streets of Tamworth, day and night, a sense of community spirit prevailed.

An Aboriginal band from Geraldton welcomed a fellow whitefella busker to sing with them for a few sets. Aboriginal families browsed the stalls, catching up with old mates they hadn't seen for years.

Passion

And, right here in the heart of the town, people from all parts of the globe joined together in their passion for the music.

A lively Mexican band drew a large crowd, and a lone Aboriginal busker with his beanie full of loose change came all the way from Kuranda in far north Queensland to try his luck.

There is a place here for everyone.

By the time the Cavalcade drew around on Saturday, the crowds were pumped for a

glimpse of their favourite country star. Thousands of people lined the street as almost two hours of hotted-up ules and 'big rigs' rolled through.

It was obvious though, from the crowd's reaction, that Troy Cassar-Daley was the country music darling, with people calling out his name as he belted out a few favourites on the way through.

The Cavalcade was one of the final events of the 11-day festival, with the Country Music Awards of Australia hosted by Cassar-Daley at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre on Saturday night.

While I wouldn't say I am now a country music lover, my perceptions of the music and what it's all about were starting to change as I neared the end of my stay in Tamworth.

The people I met were, without exception, friendly and accommodating. But maybe that's what country is all about.

I wandered along Busker's Boulevard one final time and stopped to hum along to a Credence Clearwater Revival classic.

I had the best time.

More photos from the Tamworth Country Music Festival on the next two pages

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2009 Tamworth Country Music Festival



One of the many floats during the Tamworth parade.



The Connors family, from left, Hilda, Mervyn, Preston and Faron.



The Red Ochre Band, from Geraldton in WA, have travelled to the Tamworth festival every year for many years.



Johnny Huckle playing on one of the cavalcade floats.



Troy Cassar-Daley on his cavalcade float.



From left, Paul Kelly, of Armidale in NSW, Johnnie Lovett, of Hamilton in Victoria, and Gordon Cole, from Perth.



Enthusiastic members of the crowd at the cavalcade.



Margaret Armstrong, from Ipswich in Qld, joins in the Largest Line Dance, Tamworth's attempt to break the Guinness World Record.



Country music greats together ...Roger Knox and Troy Cassar-Daley



Elizabeth Dalgety with her daughter Emily Dalgety.



Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter after the festival forum discussion.

2009 Tamworth Country Music Festival



They had a great time ... from left, Dianna Murray, Maria Weatherall and Sherry Fernando, all from Moree in northern NSW.



Robert Wickey, from Tamworth, and Billy Narrier, from Perth.



Dave Arden was there.



Terente Kelly, from Kuranda in north Queensland, was one of many buskers.



Pretty in pink ... Tamworth girls Jayda and Koori Boney.



A crowd shot at the Tamworth Festival Cultural Showcase on Friday.



Back, from left, Robyn Mills (red shirt) Nicole Larkin (grey singlet) Georgia Lewis (black t-shirt) and Loretta Weatherall. In front is Zoe Sands and Georgia Sands.



Buddy Knox playing with Troy Cassar-Daley in the background.



Members of the Gomerai Dance Company.



Smokin' Joe Robinson was mentored by Buddy Knox.



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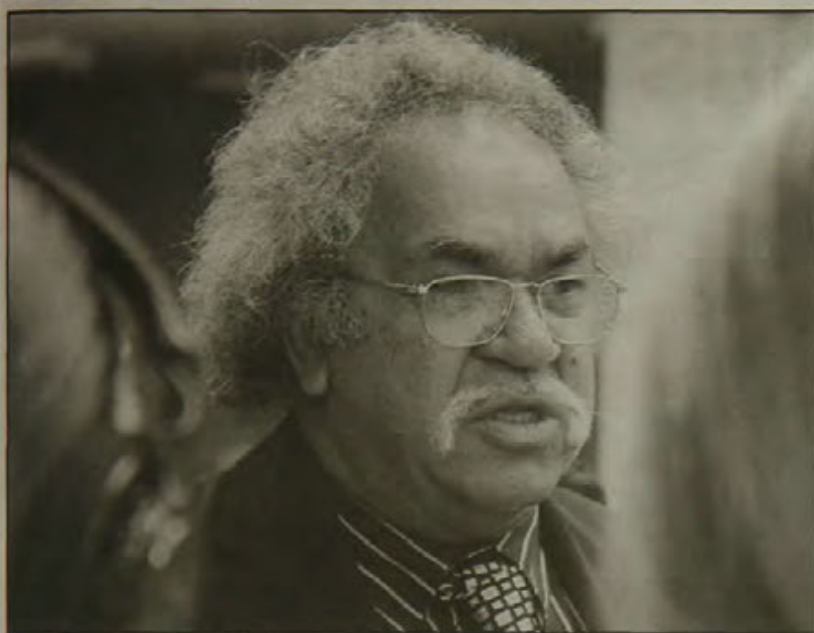
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Nyoongar Elder Richard Wilkes has warned local councils in Perth against killing crows, known as Wardang by the Nyoongar community.

Elder warns on crow cull

By KEN BOASE in Perth



NYOONGAR Elders in Perth have raised objections to plans by some local councils in the Metropolitan area to cull crows, which are sacred to the Nyoongar people and known as 'Wardang'.

The councils claim they are simply responding to complaints from local residents about the birds' noisy and aggressive behaviour, and they say an annual cull is the only way to keep their numbers to a manageable level.

Elder Richard Wilkes said the Wardang was a sacred bird with a special relationship to Nyoongar and many other Aboriginal groups around Australia.

"In tribal times, a Nyoongar man with special powers was able to turn himself into a Wardang, so it's a very sacred bird," he said.

Mr Wilkes said tribal leaders incarcerated on Wajemup (Rottnest Island) in the 19th Century were able to use that power.

"The men used to turn themselves into a Wardang to come back from Rottnest Island, from the

penal colony over there, and also Nyoongar people likened themselves to the crow in reincarnation," he said.

There are many stories about the Wardang and its relationship with Nyoongar tribes, including that of an old man who became ill

the bird flew away the old man was well again.

Mr Wilkes told of his own experiences with the Wardang when he and a group of Nyoongar Elders and leaders were holding discussions with Rottnest Island Board members about a proper commemoration for the hundreds of men who died there while it was used as an Aboriginal prison.

"When the Rottnest Island Board members were speaking to us, the Wardang were talking to one another over the top of the Rottnest Island Board as if they were not listening to them and didn't want to know what they were saying, because they'd already heard it all before," he said.

"And then when we spoke, the Wardang would listen to what we had to say. And then every time one of the Rottnest Island Board members spoke they would make all this noise on top of them."

Mr Wilkes said many Nyoongars still believed that wilfully killing a Wardang could bring misfortune to them and their family, and warned councils to consult with their local Elders to try to find a solution if the birds were considered a pest.

when the family left the bush to live in the township of Busselton in the 1930s.

Family members say that a Wardang came to the old man's bedroom, crawled under the blankets with him and stayed there for three days, and when



Alcohol, income scheme backed

By DARREN COYNE



A CULTURAL centre in the Kimberley region of Western Australia has thrown its support behind an extension of income management trials and alcohol

restrictions in Aboriginal communities.

The welfare trials were extended to Halls Creek and Balgo on 12 January and quarantine portions of welfare payments for basic items such as food and clothing.

The measures are already under way in Kununurra and will be introduced next month to Broome.

Under the trial, child protection authorities have the power to identify cases of child neglect and refer them to Centrelink for income management.

Up to 70 per cent of welfare

payments can be quarantined, with trial participants given a BasicsCard, which can be used at Coles and Woolworths. A direct debit arrangement is also set up to pay rent and utility bills.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said income management would be an important measure in the Australian Government's 'child-centred approach to family policy'.

The trial will go Kimberley-wide by late February, and is expected to apply to up to 1000 individuals across all locations.

It was welcomed by the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre (KALACC), which also supported alcohol restrictions throughout the Kimberley.

Co-ordinator Wes Morris said his organisation remained opposed to blanket welfare quarantining, such as in the Northern Territory, but supported the voluntary element of the scheme in the Kimberley.

"As far back as two years ago we supported income quarantining as a principle because we saw that case by case it could help people manage," he said.

Voluntary income management has also been introduced in the Kimberley in response to people, especially woman, asking for

assistance with managing their money to meet the needs of their families.

WA Minister for Child Protection Robyn McSweeney said her department would provide case management support for the duration of income management, which could involve referral to other support services such as parenting support.

"Neglect is a hidden form of abuse and it would be unconscionable to most Australians that children are going to school without food in their stomach or other basic life necessities," she said.

Meanwhile, Mr Morris also welcomed proposed alcohol restrictions, which are being considered for the Kimberley region.

WA Director of Liquor Licensing Barry Sergeant has given licensees north of the 20th parallel four weeks

to show why he should not impose widespread liquor restrictions across the region.

Mr Sergeant has proposed extending sale of alcohol restrictions to Broome and Kununurra, two towns at the heart of the Kimberley's tourism industry.

The announcement followed recent meetings between WA Minister for Racing and Gaming Terry Waldron and police, Aboriginal leaders and shire representatives.

Mr Morris said his group had been 'strongly supportive' of alcohol restrictions for

some time, as they were needed to tackle an 'epidemic' of suicides in the region.

"Senior officers of the Health Department have told me there have been 17 suicides since the coronial inquest (into suicides in the Kimberley)," he said.

"In addition there have been 74 hospital admissions for attempted suicides in the past 12 months."

Mr Morris said the KALACC had written to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and the WA Premier asking for a \$110 million alcohol plan for Indigenous communities, such as the one operating in Queensland.

"We want alcohol management to be at the forefront of the Government's agenda," he said.

'As far back as two years ago we supported income quarantining as a principle because we saw that case by case it could help people manage'



**Pre-Qualification Process:
Eligibility to Provide the Life Choices
and Active Ageing Programs.**

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The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care is seeking applications from suitably qualified organisations to register interest in a Pre-Qualified Panel to deliver the Life Choices and Active Ageing Programs. The programs will operate in all Local Planning Areas in NSW for a range of service types and population groups.

Further information including a copy of the Information Package (application form and draft program guidelines), is available from the Department's website at www.dadhc.nsw.gov/tenders

Additional inquiries in relation to registering for the Pre-Qualification Panel should be made to Mr Ashley Young, Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm on weekdays, phone (02) 8270 2059.

Registration for the Pre-Qualification Panel closes 5:00 pm (Sydney Time) Friday 20 February 2009.

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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 or online at www.naidoc.org.au

Department of Environment & Climate Change



**National Parks and Wildlife
Regulation 2009**

NOTICE is given in accordance with section 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1989 of the release of the draft National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2009 and Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for public comment.

The objectives of the proposed National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2009 are to support the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, principally regarding the care, control and management of all lands acquired or reserved under the Act ("parks"), as well as for the protection and care of native fauna, including marine mammals, and various administrative provisions relating to boards of management of Aboriginal lands, advisory committees and trustees.

The proposed National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2009 is planned to replace the 2002 Regulation which will be automatically repealed on 1 September 2009.

Copies of the draft Regulation, RIS and a Factsheet are available for download from the Department of Environment and Climate Change's website: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/consult/DecPublicConsultation.htm or by contacting the Environment Line on 131 555.

Written comments and submissions on the proposed Regulation will be accepted up to 5:00 p.m., Friday, 27 March 2009 and should be addressed to: Manager, Conservation Operations Section, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 1481.

Submissions can be emailed to info@environment.nsw.gov.au

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Exodus entertainer



You're never too young to learn a few dance moves. That was the case for young Timahna Tandy, of Warwick in southern Queensland, who joined Gamilaroi dancer Duck Budda-Deen during the closing ceremony for the Exodus festival near Tenterfield, far northern NSW, recently. The pair delighted the audience, drawn from the thousands who attended the four-day fiesta of electronic and live music in a beautiful bush setting at Rover Park, near Tenterfield, in the Bundjalung nation.

Liaison officer citizen of year

By ALF WILSON



**INDIGENOUS
Police Liaison
Officer Terry
Russell was
named
Townsville's
Citizen of the**

Year at a ceremony in the North Queensland capital on 26 January.

PLO Russell has worked to address public drunkenness and anti-social behaviours, both in a professional capacity and as a volunteer.

He has helped many young people addicted to 'chroming' (substance inhalation) by guiding them towards assistance and rehabilitation.

His success in this challenging area is attributed to a strategic and hands-on approach.

PLO Russell is known for being patient and methodical towards his clients - slowly getting to know them, winning their trust and, over weeks and years, supporting them to make life-altering decisions.

The *Koori Mail* caught up late last year with PLO



PLO Terry Russell with residents at the Townsville community of Happy Valley.

Russell at the Happy Valley settlement in Townsville where he was assisting residents.

PLO Russell is also regularly seen assisting homeless people near the Townsville city centre.

The special guest at the Townsville ceremony was

former rugby league player now turned television commentator Ben Ikin.

Townsville's 2009 Cultural Award went to Indigenous cultural dance group *Mainland Warriors*, made up of three different cultural backgrounds (Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and

Papua New Guinean). The group currently performs cultural dances of Torres Strait Islander origin, with a view to incorporating Aboriginal and Papua New Guinean dances in the future. They initially formed so they could work with young people at risk, but have since broadened their mission to promote 'pride, power and tradition' in the wider community.

Through motivational tasks and cultural performance they help Indigenous and other people learn more about cultural practices, beliefs and customs. They aim to lift youth self-esteem, especially in terms of cultural identity, understanding of self, positive integration back into the community, sustainability instead of funding, and achievement through hard work and dedication.

The *Mainland Warriors* practice their principles - they receive no government assistance and rely on the work of volunteers to encourage awareness, understanding and acceptance.

Old hand at AMS

Ted Wilkes takes helm at Derbarl Yerrigan

By WA Correspondent
KEN BOASE



NYOONGAR Elder and long-time activist Ted Wilkes has been elected President of the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service (DYHS) in Perth.

The development ends seven years of controversy over his stormy exit in 2002 from the service, which he co-founded in an old warehouse in East Perth in 1986.

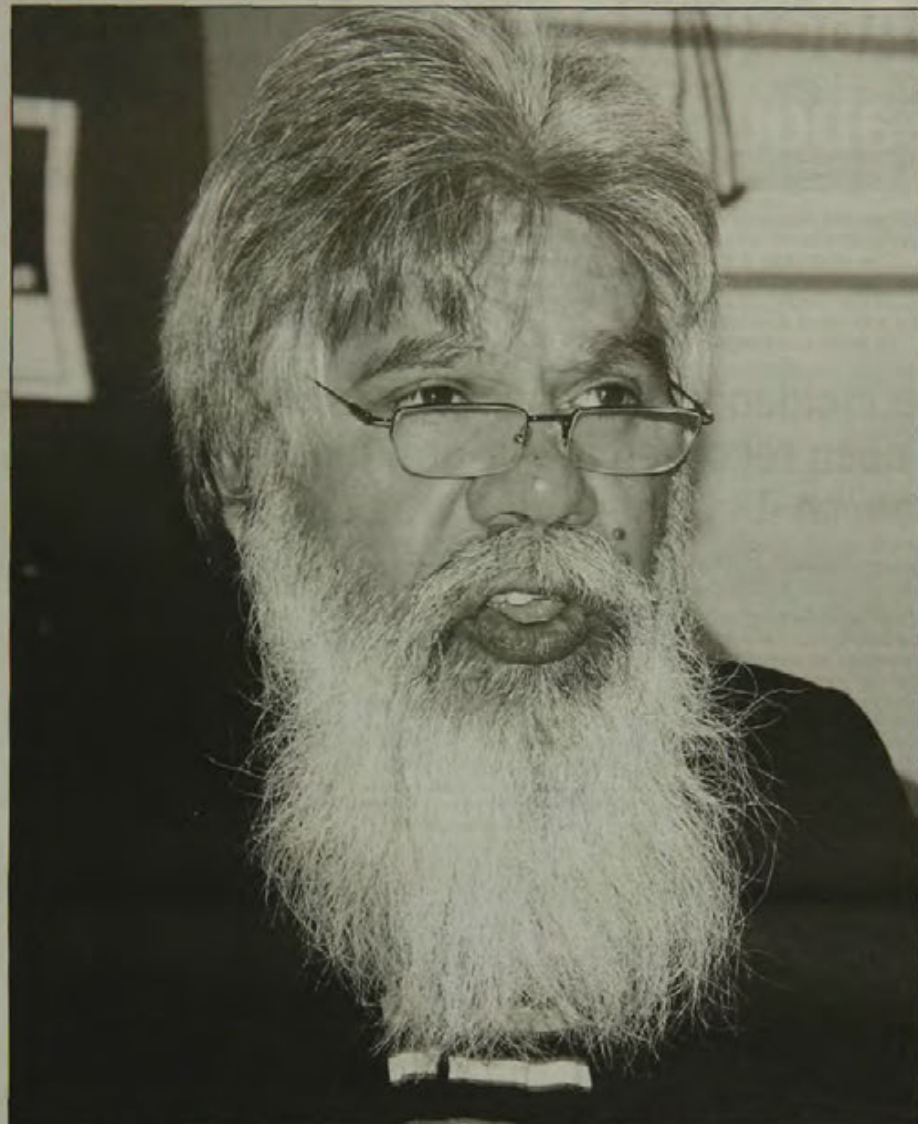
The 53-year-old father of eight and grandfather of 12 has been at the forefront of national Indigenous health initiatives since that time.

Mr Wilkes said he was downhearted about a lack of support from the Nyoongar community when he was voted out of his former position as Executive Officer in 2002 at a violent annual general meeting crowded with people who objected to his investigations around youth suicide.

Mr Wilkes had launched a special investigation into the death of 15-year-old Susan Taylor at the Swan Valley Nyungah camp in 1999, leading to a coronial inquest that in turn launched the Gordon Inquiry into sexual abuse in Aboriginal communities.

After leaving DYHS in 2002, Mr Wilkes' workload increased dramatically when he was asked to sit on the Prime Minister's Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD), at the same time chairing the ANCD's National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee.

He was also invited to sit on the National Advisory Group for Aboriginal and Torres Strait



Nyoongar Elder Ted Wilkes, elected President of Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service in Perth.

Islander Health Information and Data, which advises government and the Australian Bureau of Statistics on data needs for the Indigenous community to help governments make policy decisions on 'closing the gap'.

Mr Wilkes also chaired the Complimentary Action Plan group

to the National Drug Strategy for WA and, for the past two years, a resilience Indigenous group at the University of NSW looking at blood-borne viruses.

He sat on various sub-committees in Canberra and was invited to take part in last year's Prime Ministerial 2020

summit. Since 2001, he has been at the forefront of programs with the Child Health Research Institute in Perth.

Mr Wilkes is keen to retain his involvement in the Swan Indigenous Reference Group, which ensures that Nyoongar people have cultural access to the

Swan River, and also to work with non-Indigenous people on tourism and other projects in the Swan River region.

He told *The Koori Mail* that he would be cutting his national workload dramatically to concentrate on WA issues, especially health and related issues in the Nyoongar territories of the WA south-west.

"It has certainly been a great apprenticeship for me and I feel that I'm at the peak of my professionalism and at the peak of my activist role as an Indigenous man from the south-west," Mr Wilkes said.

"There are issues around health and the quality of life for Nyoongar people who still have a life expectancy at least 20 years below the wider population, but I still maintain that children and young people are a priority.

"I need to make sure that the issues around the abuse and sexual abuse of our children are diminished and negated to such a degree that our children get that chance to turn into adults and thrive as adults and not fall by the wayside.

"There are also some in-house issues within DYHS around staff awards, our elderly, transport and other issues that make an organisation tick over smoothly."

Mr Wilkes lamented that Nyoongar and broader Aboriginal health had not markedly improved since he started at the Perth Aboriginal Medical Service in 1986.

"We've only moved forward in the sense that we've alerted the mainstream to the plight of Indigenous Australians," he said.

"Governments have for reasons unknown to me been reluctant to give Aboriginal people proper control of our destiny, and I maintain that the only way that Aboriginal people in Australia will get rid of the poverty cycle is to give us proper control.

"We must make sure that resources in government and non-government organisations are harnessed in a positive way so that we work in a proper partnership.

"If we can do that successfully, we'll see real positive change within a generation."

Territorians are 'on the move'



INDIGENOUS Northern Territorians are on the move regardless of the NT Intervention and not necessarily because of it, according to research from Charles Darwin University. The study, by the university's School

for Social and Policy Research, discredits recent claims that the NT Emergency Response (known as the intervention) is causing urban drift among the Indigenous population.

Undertaken by Dr Dean Carson and Andrew Taylor, the research findings argue that any attempt to link migration patterns to events such as the Intervention required knowledge of historical trends and contemporary mobility patterns.

The paper contains evidence gathered from more than 400 Indigenous people from four large remote communities within the NT (two in the Top End, one in the Katherine region and one in Central Australia).

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Development fears

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



THE proposed Nightcap Village development at Kunghur Valley, near Tweed Heads in far northern New South Wales, has been met with concern from the local Aboriginal community.

Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council Chief Executive Kyle Slabb said there had been little consultation with the traditional owners of the area, who want the development to respect the inherent spiritual value of the land and its history.

Mr Slabb said the area was spiritually and environmentally significant to his Ngarakwal Nganduwal people. The initial proposal had met with opposition from the local Aboriginal community who feared the potential impact on the area's Indigenous cultural heritage.

Mr Slabb said community Elders would assess the most recent proposal over the coming week.

"There's a significant campsite and a pathway out there for our

Aboriginal people worried about Kunghur proposal

people, and there is other cultural significance to the area," he said.

"The incidences of massacres and curses have been recorded in our oral history in that area, so it is a sensitive area culturally."

Mr Slabb said Kunghur Valley,

large developments under way in the region and he encouraged people from local language groups to look closely at the proposals.

"The cultural heritage of the area is not limited to

submissions on the proposed use of the land at the Kunghur Valley Nightcap Village.

A NSW Department of Planning spokesperson said the development was not deemed a major proposal, and any

the proponents of the Nightcap Village development at Kunghur informing them that the development as proposed was not of State or regional planning significance," the spokesperson said, referring queries on the proposal or its assessment to either Tweed Shire Council or the developer.

A council spokesperson said the first NSW Land and Environment Court sitting of mediation over the development was held on 11 December and the next sitting was scheduled for 11 February.

"The application is likely to be considered by the council in February and depending on this outcome the applicants will decide if they proceed to a full hearing of the court," the spokesperson said.



'The incidences of massacres and curses have been recorded in our oral history in that area, so it is a sensitive area culturally'

— Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council CEO Kyle Slabb

which is not currently subject to native title claim, should be respected as a sensitive area, although describing it as a sacred site would not be specific enough to ensure appropriate use.

And he said there were many

archaeological evidence in the ground but also, too, the anthropological history of the area, and they're things that should be taken into account," Mr Slabb said.

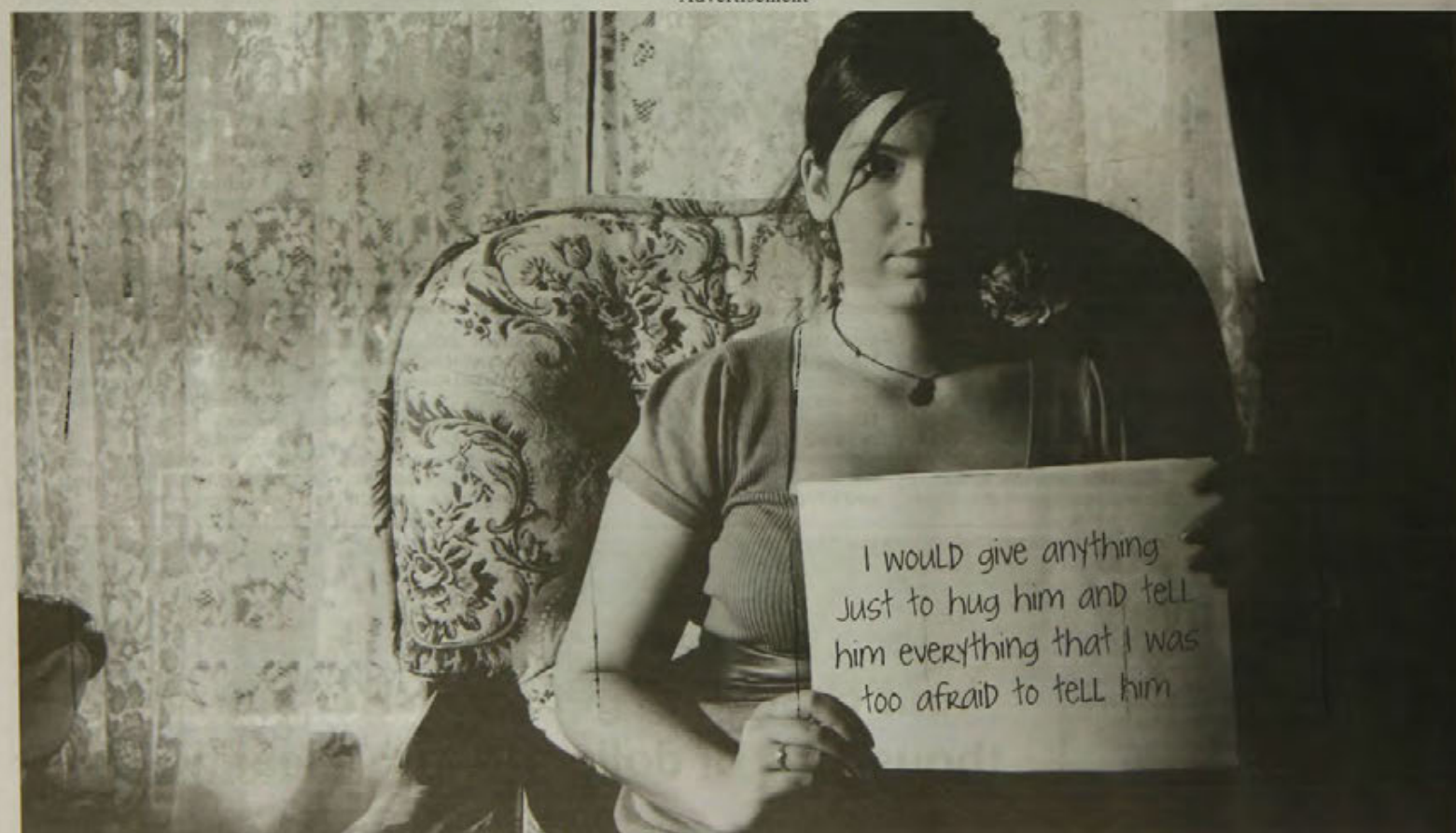
Before Christmas, the Tweed Shire Council heard public

decisions on it would fall to the Tweed Shire Council, despite discretionary provisions of the Planning and Assessment Act facilitating complex decisions on projects.

"In September 2007, the Department of Planning wrote to

Tweed Shire Mayor Joan van Lieshout came under scrutiny over the proposed Nightcap Village during her electoral campaign last year. Her husband John, ranked 24th on BRW's Rich 200 List in 2007, is the developer behind the project.

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Young Bundjalung artist Frances Belle Parker in front of one of her works with Elder Aunty Dorothy Gordon at the launch of The Art of the Bundjalung Nation exhibition in Lismore, northern NSW.

Bundjalung art show a success



YOUNG Aboriginal artists on the north coast of New South Wales are set to benefit from a successful art display and sale held last weekend.

Called The Art of the Bundjalung Nation, the exhibition attracted about 200 exhibits from a range of artists living on, or associated with, Bundjalung country.

Works on display at the Lismore venue ranged from paintings and screenprints to pottery and wallhangings.

Last weekend's display, sponsored by The Koori Mail, follows a similar event in 2004 which helped to raise funds for much-needed medical equipment.

Organisers of the latest event, local

doctors Malcolm Tester and Andrew Binns, said the quality and range of the artworks on display was pleasing.

"We've had a good response and expect to be able to set up a fund for our young artists with the money we've raised," Dr Tester said.

"Our goal is to let people see just how good our local artists are."

"We've had many visitors at the Lismore display, and all have been complimentary."

"This all helps to improve the prospects of the artists, raising self-esteem and leading to improvements in health."

Bundjalung Elder Aunty Dorothy Gordon gave the welcome to country and welcomed the exhibition and sale as a step in the right direction for local Aboriginal people.

Smoking hot ... Jessica Mauboy hit the top of the Australian singles chart last week.



She's on fire



DARWIN singer-songwriter Jessica Mauboy hit the top of the Australian singles chart last week and was going fishing with her family to celebrate.

The 19-year-old's RnB song *Burn* made it to number one on the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) singles chart after knocking off Lady Gaga's *Poker Face*.

"My dad is so excited," Mauboy said upon hearing the news. "In true Darwin spirit, he is taking me out fishing for barramundi this weekend to celebrate!"

Burn is the second single to be released from the mini-diva's debut solo

album *Been Waiting*, which was last week at number 12 on the album chart and had already gone gold after selling more than 35,000 copies. Her first single *Running back* featured chart-topping American rapper Flo Rida.

Gurrumul as well

Mauboy had a fellow Northern Territorian for company in the album chart last week, with Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu's album *Gurrumul* sitting at number 18.

The news topped off a big month for the emerging sweetheart of Australian music, which included performances during the Sydney New Year's Eve

telecast and another at the Australia versus South Africa 20/20 cricket match at the MCG on 11 January.

In December, Mauboy and her co-stars Geoffrey Rush and Ernie Dingo wrapped up filming for the feature film of Broome singer and composer Jimmy Chi's musical *Bran Nue Day*. The first-time actor had received tips from Aboriginal AFI-winning actor and recent mum Deb Mailman.

On Sunday, Mauboy was scheduled to perform in front of a predicted crowd of 35,000 people at the Australia Day Live concert on the lawns of Parliament House and again on Australia Day itself for Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and other

dignitaries at The Lodge in Canberra.

In May 2007, she performed for the then-Opposition Leader and many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander luminaries at a ceremony to mark the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum.

Mauboy's recent achievements are a long way from the fourth season of *Australian Idol* in 2006, when she came runner-up to Irish-born Damien Leith. To date, the teenager has far eclipsed Leith's popular success.

The lyrics to her new single have turned out to be more than a little prophetic: *I'm on fire, I'm on fire, no way to cool me down.*

— by KIRSTIE PARKER

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



AUSTRALIA DAY, WHEN WE ALL SHARE THE FESTIVITIES OF THE DAY

Quote



'We have to have a date that is more inclusive than 26 January'

2009 Australian of the Year Mick Dodson on calls for a new date for 'Australia Day'

Unquote

Why not make it 25 January?

If Australians are as mature as Mick Dodson says he believes they are, there are challenging but rewarding times ahead.

The call for our national day – Invasion Day, Survival Day or Australia Day, depending on which side of the fence you stand – to be shifted away from 26 January reached fever pitch this month.

However, the Rudd Government's refusal to even consider a change of date – even expressed as politely as it was – was disappointing.

To a large extent, the Government has itself to blame. Its sincere and moving apology to Indigenous Australians, especially members of the Stolen Generations, raised all kinds of expectations.

Surely a government which was able and prepared to begin to heal one long-standing festering sore would naturally want to help heal another.

Alas, it is not to be... for now.

We have a nagging suspicion, though, that there may be strategy behind the Federal Government's pronouncements on the issue. And that is simply to allow Australians a little more time to get over/used to the apology before it tries to right another historical wrong.

But perhaps Australians should be given more credit. As Prof Dodson says, let's at least have a conversation about the issue.

It is hard to fathom how any intelligent



person can fail to see how ridiculous it is to expect a people to commemorate something that brought them terror and destruction.

There were relatively few Indigenous Australians in the general audience at Sunday's Australia Day Live 09 concert on the lawns of Parliament House in Canberra. Most of those who were there were in the VIP section; either as award finalists, past awardees, performers, their friends or family. To us, this was illustrative of the fact that Indigenous Australians don't feel the call of patriotism on 26 January.

We believe Prof Dodson's achievement has come at just the right time, and we sincerely congratulate him on it.

On a final note, we'd like to suggest 25 January as a possible date for our national day. This date falls before (the anniversary of) invasion so we could, symbolically, arrive at 26 January on very different terms. And it is close enough to the current date to mean that Australians experiencing back-to-work blues can still have their traditional boost of a January public holiday.

A Yarn With...



HILLEROY COLLARD
Kulin, WA

Favourite bush tucker?
Goanna, berries ... anything really.

Favourite other food?
Damper.

Favourite drink?
We used to make a drink from the honey bush tree. It was delicious.

Favourite music?
Country and Western.

Favourite sport/leisure
Aussie Rules football. I support the West Coast Eagles.

Favourite holiday spot?
I'd love to go to Canada.

Favourite read?
Newspapers.

What are you watching?
The news, and football when it's on the TV.

What is your greatest highlight in life?
The success of my son Wayne Riley-Collard. I'm proud of him.

What do you like in life?
Sport, and the fact that I have no regrets.

What don't you like?
Racial prejudice.

Who would you most like to meet?
I'd like to meet the boxer Anthony 'The Man' Mundine. He's done our people proud.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Indigenous people?
I don't know what I could do, but I'd like to see our people get a much better go than they do.

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Stephen Hagan

HAGAN'S VIEW

● Stephen Hagan, 2006 NAIDOC Person of the Year, is an academic at the University of Southern Queensland, filmmaker, 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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Barack Hussein Obama (b. 4 August 1961), the 44th President of the United States of America, said in his inauguration address on 20 January 2009: "Our challenges may be new. The instruments with which we meet them may be new. But those values upon which our success depends – hard work and honesty, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism – these things are old."

It would appear the world has been swept along in a tide of Obama mania, such is the euphoria in which the former Chicago community organiser, civil rights attorney and three-term Illinois Senator is being celebrated globally after his inauguration as the first African-American President of the United States of America.

Back in February 2007, after spending time in California with my wife Rhonda, I wrote that 'Barack has the ability to embrace nearly whatever qualities he chooses', because I felt he had rare intrinsic worth of charisma and intellect without the baggage of the civil rights movement that intimidated the fabric of American society in the past and still provokes suspicion today.

Obama at that time was capturing America's full attention after he made known his intention to contest the presidential elections in 2008. He wasn't a high-profile politician with decades of public service behind him, nor was he a renowned actor, sportsman or businessman. I guess that, in an ironic twist, his anonymity in 2007 was his singular redeeming feature that aroused interest from a curious national constituency who sought a fresh face after contending for years with the usual suspects at election time.

At that time also, on reflection, I was heartened by, and ambitiously cheering for, this handsome, articulate, young, black political figure who I knew was up against many obstacles; principally the high level of racial intolerance that pervades public opinion in the US and poses the obvious question: 'Is America ready for a black president?'

Another challenge for the Illinois Senator and father of two daughters that I saw as being problematic was gaining partisan support from aging political power brokers from within the Democratic Party on Capitol Hill who represent the vestige of white power that still dominates the political landscape in the US.

Obama mania



Barack Obama being sworn in as the 44th US President.
AAP Image

But as I continued to follow his election campaign throughout 2007 and 2008 from the comfort of my home while viewing the presidential election coverage on CNN, I remained upbeat about his chances as he continued to ride on the crest of a political wave with his motto of 'Yes We Can'.

And when I factored in the statistical incongruity along racial lines, Obama's chances looked even slimmer of gaining success – an African-American population of 41 million accounts for only 13.5 per cent of the total US population of 306 million. In fact people of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity have surpassed African-Americans in recent years as the second-largest racial group with 44.4 million (14.8 per cent) citizens, as taken from the US 2006 Census. Many Hispanics in the crucial state of California were known to be active Republican voters.

The Native American Indians, very much minority players in this statistical debate comprising only 0.68 per cent or two million of the total population, would not be enough to carry the day for Obama if it came down to their numbers.

To win the election, Barack Obama had to be upbeat in his campaign and project an affable public profile allied with his charisma and intellect that would transcend race. He desperately needed to capture the confidence of a significant number of the 221.3 million white Americans who comprise 74 per cent of the total population.

And true to his motto of 'Yes We Can',

Obama staved off a concerted effort from rival Democrat presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, which then smoothed the way for him to challenge his Republican adversary John McCain. After a very protracted and at times spiteful election contest, Obama reigned supreme and assumed his place as the 44th President of the United States on Inauguration Day, 20 January 2009.

Many right-wing commentators have argued it probably helped Obama that the nation was experiencing two major wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the economy had fallen into a major recession from which it would take years to recover – even worse than the 1990-91 and 2001 recessions which lasted eight months each.

But as I reflect on this historic occasion, I also pause to consider the contemporary plight of Indigenous Australians and ponder in my lifetime the likelihood of ever seeing an Indigenous Prime Minister in Australia.

I guess anything is possible if Obama's David and Goliath battle to the summit of America's political mountain is anything to go on.

Let's for a moment consider the odds: African-Americans comprise 13.5 per cent of the total population v Indigenous people on 2.6 per cent in Australia; and since 1886, 123 African-Americans have served in the House of Representatives and five in the Senate in America versus two Indigenous Senators in Australia (Bonner and Ridgeway) and no

MPs in the House of Representatives.

With a history so devoid of Indigenous representation at the Federal level it would take an extraordinary individual to capture Australia's interest and win over their confidence to the extent that they would offer their crucial vote. That person would also need to display attributes similar to Barack Obama and that transcend race.

I'm not for a moment suggesting it's not possible, but it would be akin to a Native American winning office from a statistical low percentage basis point of 0.68 per cent.

And therein is the problem. Aboriginal people in the eyes of most Australians have a fatal image problem. Unless you're a Cathy Freeman (athlete), Jonathan Thurston (rugby league), Lance Franklin (Aussie rules) Ernie Dingo (TV personality) or anyone who falls comfortably into those celebrated categories, then your chance of gaining the respect of Australians generally are minimal.

I'm on public record as saying Australians are the most racist people in the developed world for their treatment of the First Australians, and I make this claim comfortable in the knowledge that I am sufficiently supported by incontestable statistical data.

Sure, there are a growing number of non-Indigenous Australians who continue to support Indigenous people in seeking a fair go and equal access to the wealth of the bounty that is reaped from our lands. But, sadly, they are still in the minority and with their cumulative political weight have not influenced our abysmal rates of social marginalisation: Dying 17 years younger than our white counterparts; severely over-represented in the criminal justice system; under-represented in home ownership; and having least access to employment and award wages, health facilities, education and rights to our land.

If the former president of the Labor Party Warren Mundine can't get a number-one Senate ticket in New South Wales or even a safe House of Representatives seat, who can?

So, as much as I'd like to conjure up romantic notions of seeing an Indigenous man and woman doing the victory waltz on election night as Barack and Michelle Obama did on inauguration night, I'm afraid they are images that escape me and border on the bizarre.

I'd settle for an Indigenous person being elected to Federal Parliament and being appointed to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio. If that's not possible I'd like to see an Indigenous senior policy advisor to the Minister of Indigenous Affairs.

Now if that is still a little difficult to picture, then I'd settle for an Indigenous person holding the office of Secretary of a Commonwealth department responsible for Indigenous affairs. Okay, perhaps I'm asking for too much, but maybe they might consider offering a Deputy Secretary role to one of our many qualified Indigenous graduates around the nation.

Now if that is a little problematic, then why not skip the elected or appointed role for Indigenous people at the Federal level and why don't we have a far simpler wish that all Indigenous Australians be afforded equal rights: Access to the same education, health, legal, housing and employment opportunities.

If that seems like a bit of a burden on taxpayers, then how about providing Indigenous people with the same level of security – policing in discrete Indigenous communities is an example – as is offered to comparable mainstream communities, to protect our women and children.

And if that is still asking for too much, can I be bold enough to suggest we just settle for all Indigenous Australians having access to basic running water and a septic system.

Is that a 'Yes We Can' on the last request?

Well if my utopia for Indigenous Australia is problematic and my vision of a black Prime Minister unattainable then I'll just have to contend with periodically clicking on my recorded Obama inauguration speech for inspiration: "Our challenges may be new. The instruments with which we meet them may be new. But those values upon which our success depends – hard work and honesty, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism – these things are old."



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Information Sessions and Round Two Call for Applications

The Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is seeking applications for Round Two of the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS).

NRAS was established by the Australian Government at a cost of \$623 million over four years. It aims to increase the supply of affordable rental dwellings for low and moderate income households by 50,000 during that time.

NRAS will offer investors financial incentives to construct new affordable rental properties provided that they are rented to eligible tenants at 20 per cent below market rates and meet other requirements of the Scheme.

The Australian Government's contribution to the incentive will be \$6,000 per year for each dwelling approved under NRAS for ten years. State and territory governments will contribute an additional \$2,000 per year to the incentive for each dwelling in direct or in-kind financial support.

Round Two Call for Applications opened on 17 December 2008 and will close at 5pm AEST on Friday 27 March 2009.

Early assessments and decisions may be made in relation to dwellings that will be available for rent before 1 July 2009. To be assessed early, applications should be received by 1 February 2009. Decisions will be made as soon as possible after those applications are lodged, and in most cases before the 27 March 2009 closing date for applications.

Information sessions for interested parties, including financial institutions, developers and land holders, local governments, not for profit housing groups and property managers, will be held across Australia in January and February 2009.

Details about the information sessions and the application process can be accessed at the FaHCSIA housing website www.fahcsia.gov.au/housing or by calling 1800 334 505 between 9am - 5pm AEST Monday to Friday.

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Change in the wind

THE native title system could be set for changes this year, based on proposals currently being considered by the Federal Government on how to improve the system and speed up the settlement of claims.

Amendments to the Native Title Act, possible formation of a national representative body and strategies to help native title holders optimise benefits from native title agreements are among Federal proposals.

In Victoria, an alternative to native title is being considered for traditional owners who are unable to prove an ongoing connection to the land. These proposals follow criticisms of the native title process which is said to be slow, complicated, overly technical and costly while not delivering land justice or economic benefits to Aboriginal people.

Since the Native Title Act was introduced in 1994, 92 claims have resulted in native title being recognised for Indigenous people and about 475 native title claims are now in the system.

Some criticism is understandable, but it is important to view the problems in an historical context.

Despite a number of initiatives, such as the Northern Territory Land Rights Act (1976) and proposals in the 1980s, no statutory national land rights regime was established.

It was in this context that the High Court in the Mabo case (1992) reversed the long-standing legal position and concluded that native title could be recognised by the common law.

The resulting Native Title Act established a procedure for the consideration of claims and to protect native title through the right to negotiate.

There is a legitimate debate about whether a statutory regime (where Parliament could anticipate problems and streamline processes) or the development of the common law is the best way to recognise land rights or native title.

The problems in the current system are largely the result of dealing with native title through the common law.

The Mabo decision did not resolve all aspects of native title law and there has been a reluctance to settle claims through mediation while the law was unclear. The common law process also requires matters to be resolved through the courts, facing the usual adversarial system and rules of evidence and involving many parties.



NATIVE TITLE AND YOU

with National Native Title Tribunal Acting President
CHRIS SUMNER

An important development in the history of native title law was the High Court's acceptance in the Wik case (1996) that native title could co-exist with pastoral leases – it had previously said in Mabo that pastoral leases extinguished them.

This finding led to a very significant increase in the area where native title could be claimed. It also dramatically increased the cost and time required to resolve claims.

The system and most parties involved are largely funded by taxpayers. There are limitations

increase. There is also greater acceptance of native title by stakeholders, including miners and pastoralists, and Commonwealth and State government agencies are becoming more experienced in making the system work effectively.

Mabo and the Native Title Act have at least given Aboriginal people a seat at the table to negotiate about some developments on their land, such as mining. Some agreements have led to benefits that wouldn't have been available pre-Mabo.

The best thing to do now is for everyone to get on with the job. Any legislative or procedural changes which could enhance the process are welcome, but given the historical context, change to procedures would only affect the system at the margins.

Progress can be made when there is:

- Clear, consistent direction from the Federal Court – since 1998 the Federal Court has had capacity to oversee the progress of cases, and set milestones for mediation action

- Acknowledgement of the role of the Tribunal in mediation (including in intra-Indigenous disputes) and of the central role of native title representative bodies

- Regular strategic planning with governments and other key

players and overview reports submitted to the court that address the whole spectrum of native title matters, including Indigenous land use agreements, future act activity and the resources required.

This is the situation in some jurisdictions, including South Australia where I have had most experience. It is likely most SA claims will be resolved in the next five years.

The fact that



The late Justice Richard Cooper with children at Aurukun, north Qld, taken after the Federal Court hearing in 2004 where he made a determination that recognised the rights of the Wik and Wik Way people to most of their traditional lands and waters on western Cape York Peninsula. This followed the landmark Wik High Court decision in 1996 that native title could co-exist with pastoral leases.

on public funding and human resources, such as anthropologists, some of whom are reluctant to get involved because of the adversarial nature of court proceedings.

There have been proposals to set up a special court or division of the Federal Court and to adopt simpler, more inquisitorial procedures. These would have allowed for greater specialisation, consistency and direction in handling matters, but this suggestion has never been taken up.

Despite difficulties, there has been progress and as the law becomes more established, the rate of settlements should

the system is funded by taxpayers and there are no cost penalties if claims are unsuccessful also means that cases cannot be treated as 'ordinary' in court. Claims need to be categorised and prioritised, partly based on the strength of the case, in a process that involves all key agencies and parties.

The Tribunal is continuing to go about its tasks. It offers many services – claim mediation, registration testing, future act mediation and arbitration and ancillary services such as geospatial and research – which assist the Federal Court and parties to resolve matters.

Nothing to celebrate

AUSTRALIA DAY – a day of celebration or a day of mourning?

It is time to rethink 26 January as an anniversary to celebrate. The 26th was the date white people invaded Aboriginal lands, and from that date, one race dominated the lives of another.

To celebrate on 26 January is to celebrate things the white race sees as positive. It is a race-based celebration, and no matter how the spin is put, it is divisive.

So long as the anniversary of the landing of the First Fleet is used as the date for national celebrations, Australia Day will forever remain a racist blot on the calendar.

There can never be true reconciliation while the anniversary of the coming of white people is the date for celebrating Australia Day.

A fair and just society cannot be built on celebrating gains by one race at the expense of another.

There should be a competition to select a new national day – one that avoids controversy and is inclusive.

Submitted by **MICHAEL MANSELL***
Hobart, Australia

* Submitted with the signatures of the following people:

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Poetry

Feeling free

To be, or not to be, human is...
being free,
It's not a matter of will – it's
destiny...
Now it's so complex, in the
modern daze,
a new kind of freedom, not found
in others' ways.

The illusion is real, your lines are
in-print-ed,
ideology and the way (it) forms in
your head.
A Titanic that was built on the
shopkeeper's heels,
life had all eternity, to work out
this deal.

Evolution is not linear – it gets
drunk at the wheel,
life is robbery... but only with the
dogs on your heel.
Love your own fate, with the true
nerves of steel,
injustices done in our name...
(we) can feel.

The dignity of poverty, or the
highest ambition,
to hate your own kind is the one
true sedition.
All life, if you look, has a burning
desire,
for more life – not these endless
funeral fires.

Still feeding the beast 'cause it's
not that far gone,
and the fear feeds its 'self', just
by singing along.
The songs are the key as all old
cultures know,
who pack-up for a while... and
watch flowers grow.

How much can we give, with our
heads held high,
never happened before... but we
all know why.
Existence before essence...
means you just won't try,
of course the deck is stacked –
but there's no need to lie.

Power, and then some, is like a
storm in a cup,
an empire and (its) day, is just
another hiccup.
The tyranny of words, but we are
brothers you see,
all those double-edged swords
lack humility.

Where's it all going – well, take a
look around,
'west and best'... has really run
aground!
Thank the tired old system for a
big contribution,
new wet-ware has arrived with a
higher ambition.

This message is ending, but take
time to think,
chew it all over till your eyes start
to blink!
A paradigm shift is one hell of a
change,
focus on the moment, keep that
target in range.

Gotta work together, like we did
at the start,

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Mick was wrong

I LIVE in Rockhampton and I work as a radio announcer for the local Murri station 4us 100.7fm. My mother is a Barada woman and my father is a Kukuyalanji man.

I was reading the letter from Mick Thaiday about Rolf Harris ('Rolf was right', *Koori Mail*, 14 January 2008). You've got to be kidding Mick. Just ask yourself when you look in the mirror 'who, what am I?'

I don't know what the situation is like up there on Palm Island, but down here everything is just fine.

DANNY KEILLY
Rockhampton, Qld

Apology not end of it

IN *The Advocate* newspaper on 19 January in Launceston, Peter Davies suggests that Aborigines who were ripped from the arms of their mothers based on their race should be satisfied with the national apology by the Federal Government and not expect any compensation. I wonder if he feels all

those people who were compensated while abused in State care were entitled to the payments they received?

I wonder if he feels those people who are injured at work should no longer be compensated?

What about victims of crime?

Or is it just blacks who

don't deserve compensation?

Two hundred years ago, we owned 100 per cent of Tasmania. We now own 0.06 per cent, however, Mr Davies states that most of the land rights issues have been settled.

Mr Davies finishes his letter by saying that people should be thankful for what they've

got, not complain about what they don't have.

He has obviously never had it all taken away from him.

NALA MANSELL-MCKENNA
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Our future is what we share

AUSTRALIA Day is more about celebration than unification. Surely the essence of a nation is found in its ability to fulfil a shared vision rather than in a one-day-a-year, happy-clappy party?

The day Governor Arthur Phillip disembarked on 26 January 1788, as Aboriginal people shouted 'warami wellamabami!' or 'who are you!', was the day they started to become outsiders inside their own land.

Phillip failed to follow King George III's instructions to 'live in kindness' with the 'natives'. Jailing Arabanoo, Guantanamo Bay-style, in 1789 for four months for interrogation without charges or trial became a public plinth for future Aboriginal abuse.

Our self-serving treatment of Aboriginal people created a vanilla society at the expense of their culture. Official history 'white-washed' this hidden history: we are now as remote from the Aboriginal world as we are from the heart of our country.

There can be no catharsis without implementing what I call the three Rs: recognition, regret and reconnection.

We've said 'sorry' but is this enough? Do we really mean it?

Australia Day should not be just a barbecue, bronzed, beach ball focused lifestyle of thongs and things we'll enjoy.

No, we must accept that this vast landscape does not belong to us. We belong to it. We must share, cherish and nurture it if we are to survive together on it.

The real solution therefore is here, in our heritage, because it's what we have in common.

Our future is in our past. It's linked to a common love of landscapes, places, peoples of all tinctures, and things we want to keep. It's what we share.

Surely, this is what being an Australian really means.

We've seen some of our past fault lines, despite good works by a minority. We accept our past is like a freckle on our face that won't be 'whited out'. Now we can reconnect because, if we don't, the chasm between us and our fellow Australians - Aboriginal communities - will widen.

Let's celebrate the oldest, living, continuous civilisation and culture on earth with its rich, ancient, inchoate breadth and beauty.

Let's have an Aboriginal Keeping Place at Customs House, Circular Quay, right where Phillip came ashore.

Let's use our provenance to chart our destiny. Isn't this what history is about?

And let's lay to rest the troubled spirit of Arabanoo - forever.

ANDREW WOODHOUSE
President
Australian Heritage Institute
Potts Point NSW

221 years – What's new?

IT'S come time to again reflect on what Australia Day means to everyone in this country and to ask how far have we come in the past 221 years.

We haven't come far. The government attitudes that existed 200 years ago still exist today.

If you make a law, like the intervention, no matter how much you try to justify it, you have a 200-year-old attitude still in existence today.

Meaning that I, as an Aboriginal man, would have laws imposed on me, but not on my next door neighbour, simply because of my race. How

is that equal?

Many would argue that the 'intervention' is a good thing, but if people and governments were doing their jobs in an equal manner in the first place and were properly resourced, you would not have an intervention in the Northern Territory.

It's the attitude of not doing the right job and neglecting communities in the first place that leads to the intervention.

So Australia Day comes around again and it makes you think. You simply can't

say that things have changed. Laws that affect NT Aboriginal people could have been made 200 years ago. Same attitude, same deal for black people, same governments denying our rights as people and the same non-compensation or treaty for our lands. That denies our economic start in this country and denies us equal footing with our invaders.

Human Rights were denied our peoples then and have been denied again today.

So it needs to be said to the

governments who make mileage out of the despair bureaucracy of our Aboriginal communities: Stop making yourselves look good for votes, put money into civil action, build within communities, build up our people and, most importantly, resource the people and not the next round of bureaucrats who take money off communities.

DAVID TOWNEY
Via email

Why the hysteria?

I am writing in response to the story 'Where is our Obama' in *The Koori Mail* (3 December 2008).

I would think that most Aboriginal people would be excited if an Indigenous American had made it as President of the USA. I don't really think that we would be necessarily rapt in having a black person from say India achieving the job of Prime Minister of Australia.

Don't get me wrong. I am personally pleased to see a blackfella as President of the USA, but let's remember he ain't Aboriginal to that country. Why the hysteria?

JENNIE McGRATH
Sloven Main, Tas

Poetry

The Decca

The birds are always singing,
By 'The Decca' on the hill,
There is always happy chirping,
when all around is still.

There are cockatoos and peewees
the magpie and the wren,
And the kookaburra laughing,
in his bid to win the hen.

Lorikeets and butcher birds
are always on the go,
And the crimson-breasted lorie
are here to let me know.

That this place of peace and calmness,
is where the spirits dwell,
And I'll feel the message coming through,
as I hear the bellbird's bell.

They tell me just to sit awhile,
on rock or fallen tree,
And to realise that where I am,
is where I'm meant to be.

HAROLD HUNT
St Marys, NSW

Feeling Free

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strength is to live with truth in your heart.
A new system will form and come back into
line,
a future for all children... when we pull out
in time!

The ark and the phoenix, or are they the
same,
think for yourself... there is room for your
name...
If you don't understand, just go ask your
mother,
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STEVE PALMER
Ballarat, Vic

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Traditional law focus for new study



RESOLVING tensions between traditional Aboriginal laws and customs and the judicial system will be the subject of a new study.

A University of Queensland researcher has received

government funding to undertake a project that aims to uncover the best approach to prove traditional laws in courts.

Associate Professor Jennifer Corrin, from the Centre for Public, International and

Comparative Law in the TC Beirne School of Law, has been awarded a research grant from the Department of Justice and Attorney General. "The best approach to proof of traditional laws and customs in the common law courts has long been debated," Assoc Prof Corrin said.

"One view is that these laws must be proved as a question of law. The opposing view is that they must be proved as a question of fact.

"By reviewing literature, statute and

judgments, and observing how cases are handled in practice, the research will discover how such evidence is currently dealt with by the courts.

Rationale

"It will consider how to resolve the tension between the rationale underpinning the hearsay and opinion rules in the common law system and the oral tradition surrounding traditional laws and customs."

Evidence of traditional laws and customs

is relevant to cases in native title, criminal law defences and sentencing, succession, family law and heritage protection.

Assoc Prof Corrin said the research would advance law reform and facilitate access to the legal system for Indigenous people who have the closest connection with customary law and who are often economically and socially disadvantaged.

Funding came from the Legal Practitioners' Interest on Trust Accounts Fund (LPITAF).

Deadline nears for WA redress

Scheme ends on 30 April



PEOPLE who suffered abuse or neglect as a child in State care in Western

Australia are being encouraged to apply for the \$114 million Redress WA scheme before it closes in three months.

Community Services Minister Robyn McSweeney said time was running out and many eligible people would miss out if they did not apply before 30 April.

The closing date would not be extended, the minister said.

The State Government last week launched a television and print advertising campaign to remind people to apply to the Redress WA scheme, which is open to anyone who was abused or neglected as a child in State care before 2006.

Those eligible to apply include child migrants, former wards of the State, including Aboriginal people put in care as children, and anyone placed in State-approved private institutions and foster homes. People who have moved interstate or overseas are also eligible.



Redress WA's Catherine Searle and Kimberley Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation Chair Mark Bin Bakar explain Redress WA at a meeting in Broome.

Mrs McSweeney said about 800 applications had been received so far.

"Anyone who thinks that they may be eligible must move quickly," she said. "People do not need to make this journey alone. I realise that it can be very stressful to make an application and professionals are available to help people fill out the forms.

"Assessments will immediately start after the

closing date so that everyone can be paid by December 2010."

Applicants may be eligible for an ex-gratia payment of up to \$10,000 for reasonable likelihood of abuse or up to \$80,000 for proof of medical or psychological problems stemming from abuse.

The Minister said people lodging a Redress WA application did not forego the opportunity to pursue other compensation

avenues. "Next year when we make a payment offer, we will provide applicants with \$1000 of independent legal advice and allow 60 days before a decision is needed," she said.

"Only then will the Government require a waiver against civil legal action to be signed. All applicants can still take action, if they wish, against non-government agencies," Mrs McSweeney said.

Redress WA had a fixed budget, which meant that all applications had to be assessed before decisions could be made about individual financial offers, except where applicants had a life-threatening illness.

Free independent help is available statewide by phoning 1800 617 233. Interstate callers can phone 1800 446 264. More information is available at www.redress.wa.gov.au

Youth help boost urged



WESTERN Australia's Commissioner for Children and Young People,

Michelle Scott, has called for an immediate increase to child and youth recreational services in regional Aboriginal communities across the State.

Ms Scott said it was important to engage with children and young people and involve them in the decision-making process.

She said any proposal to reduce funds to organisations like Police and Community Youth Centres (PCYC) was concerning.

"Investment now in the right programs will reduce the problems experienced in the future, such as anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol abuse and ill health," she said.

Inclusive

Ms Scott urged the WA Government to be more inclusive of Aboriginal communities in incorporating programs that would bring immediate benefits to the state's 34,000 children and young people.

Ms Scott, who recently visited WA's northern, central and eastern regions, said many communities were requesting recreational, cultural, environmental and out-of-school programs for children and young people.

"There are model recreational programs operating in many parts of the state that are successful, but their year-to-year funding is under threat," the commissioner said.

"The people who are running these programs spend too much time worrying about where the next lot of funding is coming from."

Minister urged to protect Alum Mountain

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



ENVIRONMENT Minister Peter Garrett is being lobbied to protect the Alum Mountain and its surrounding cultural environment at Buladelah in New South Wales.

A spokesman for the Minister last week confirmed the receipt of two applications under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984.

He said an independent person had been appointed to investigate the matter and prepare a report in line with section 10 of the Act before

any major decisions were made.

The spokesman said the application claimed the area was under threat by the proposed construction of a dual carriageway along the Pacific Highway.

Traditional owners of the Worimi Nation and other Buladelah community members said they

would contest the proposal, and recently attended the Minister's electoral office to demand protection of the sacred site. Robert Corrowa joined Indigenous rights activists in Sydney to deliver a letter to Mr Garrett requesting a meeting and a commitment to open consultation on the development.

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Department of Planning and Community Development
Victoria

Notice of proposed amendments to the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2007

Notice is given of proposed amendments to the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2007 (the "Regulations"). After a review of the Regulations, the following amendments are proposed:

1. People purchasing an Aboriginal object at public auction will no longer need a Cultural Heritage Permit to buy an Aboriginal object.
2. "Office" (as defined in the Victorian Planning Provisions) will be added to Aboriginal Heritage Regulations as a High Impact Activity.
3. "Retirement Village" (as defined in the Victorian Planning Provisions) will be added to Aboriginal Heritage Regulations as a High Impact Activity.
4. Utility installation works will only be a High Impact Activity in the Regulations if they cover an area greater than 25 square metres or exceed 100 metres in length.
5. The construction of walking tracks, bike paths, rail and road works will only be a High Impact Activity in the Regulations if they exceed 100 metres in length.
6. To ensure proposed changes to the Extractive Industries Development Act 1995 do not unintentionally impact on the operation of the Regulations, the appropriate Regulation will be altered so as not to rely on the requirement for an earth resource authorisation.
7. A land clearing process involving crushing volcanic stone on the stony rises will be added to Aboriginal Heritage Regulations as a High Impact Activity.
8. The requirement to examine any mature tree in the activity area when undertaking a standard assessment for a CHMP will be limited to mature indigenous trees.
9. For particular classes of activity, namely for heritage protection works, undergraduate research and applications previously withdrawn, the Cultural Heritage Permit fee will be reduced to nil.
10. Regulation 77 will be amended to ensure that it is clear a report must have been lodged with the Secretary prior to 28 May 2007 to rely on this transitional provision.

Public submissions on the proposed changes (limited to the matters listed in items 1-10 above) are invited. All submissions must be in writing and must be received by 5pm on 27 February 2009.

Submissions may be provided to: Ms Emma George, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director, Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne VIC 3001.
Tel (03) 9208 3296, Fax (03) 9208 3291.
Email: Aboriginal.Heritage@dpcd.vic.gov.au. Further information in relation to the review of the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations can be found on the Department of Planning and Community Development internet site, at: www.aboriginalaffairs.vic.gov.au

Sea plan for detainees supported

By KIRSTIE PARKER



WESTERN Australia's peak Indigenous legal body and the head of a key Indigenous advisory

committee have backed a suggestion that the State Government tackle prison overcrowding by sending juvenile detainees to sea.

Shadow Corrective Services Minister Paul Papalia believes the troubled teens, most of them Indigenous, could be rehabilitated by undertaking training cruises onboard the cash-strapped sail training ship *Leeuwin*.

But the Government says the *Leeuwin* suggestion is not new and could work out to be more expensive than anticipated.

Indigenous youth account for more than 80 per cent of WA's juvenile prison population, even though Indigenous people make up just 3.8 per cent per cent of the broader State population.

Mr Papalia said last week that WA Corrective Services Minister Christian Porter needed to consider more creative and innovative solutions when it came to juvenile rehabilitation and prison overcrowding.

"As many as 40 detainees, accompanied by officers from the Department of Corrective Services, could be sent on training cruises onboard the sail training ship *Leeuwin*," he said.

"Taking young people out of their comfort zone and getting them to deal with a confronting environment like the open ocean is a time-honoured way of building character, self-worth, team work and respect."

The former Navy diver said that despite spending every possible day at sea with fee-paying customers, the ship was unable to generate enough funds to cover its costs, and State Government support for the not-for-profit organisation which ran it was inadequate.

"It costs at least \$500 a day to hold a young person in detention, twice as much as *Leeuwin* normally charges paying customers," Mr Papalia said.

"Here is an opportunity to



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JOHN SANDERSON

help save the iconic *Leeuwin* and work towards getting some of our most troubled teenagers on the path to responsible adulthood.

"Detainees would not only learn skills associated with sailing a tall ship, but would participate in every aspect of the ship's operation, including cleaning and watch-keeping."

"Each cruise could be linked to TAFE and industries involved in the marine, maritime or off-shore sectors to ensure the best possible outcomes for detainees once they leave the corrective services system."

Mr Papalia said there was also the possibility of involving the Australian Defence Force in promotional or recruitment exercises.

The Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA) told *The Koori Mail* it supported Mr Papalia's suggestion and "any program that is committed to working towards breaking the cycle of re-offending and providing a

better future for our children".

"Our prisons are over-crowded and the incarceration rate of our people continues to rise, so it is clear that the current system is failing our young people," said ALSWA Acting Chief Executive Officer John Bedford. "We must be looking at alternative solutions, and programs such as this play an important role in teaching our young people life skills and team work. They also provide the opportunity to build positive peer relationships and avoid the life-long legacy of institutionalisation."

Chairman of the new WA Indigenous Implementation Board, former WA Governor Lt-Gen John Sanderson, told *The West Australian* he would ask his board to discuss the initiative. "I think it's a great possibility. What we've got is a lot of them coming back again, it's almost that prison is no deterrent," he said.

"You have to create an attitude where they don't want to go back to jail otherwise we are going to end up in serious trouble. We already are."

However, WA Corrective Services Minister Christian Porter dismissed the proposal, saying his Department of Corrective Services had placed offenders on the *Leeuwin* previously and the matter was not as simple as Mr Papalia believed.

"(The *Leeuwin* program) is a very strict program that is extremely resource intensive. Due to the nature of the program, and the safety of other people on the ship, offenders need to be chosen very carefully," Mr Porter said.

"Beyond this, our juvenile facilities currently offer similar young leaders programs that can be completed on site."

"Mr Papalia may believe that it is as simple as putting all juvenile offenders on a boat, but it is not. His proposal could well be the most expensive option for juvenile or adult offenders in this State."

Mr Porter said he was 'always on the look out' for innovative options for juvenile offenders that were relevant to their reintegration back into society.

Tiwi operations under scrutiny



THE environmental and economic impact of forestry and mining in the Tiwi Islands will be scrutinised by a Federal Parliamentary committee.

The Senate has agreed to an Australian Greens motion to have the Upper House Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee

look into the issue, to report by late June.

The committee will examine the impact of existing and proposed forestry and mining operations in the islands, including their compliance with relevant environmental approvals and conditions.

The Tiwi Islands, about 80km north of Darwin, are inhabited mainly by Aboriginal people. -AAP

Bidja's future is up in the air

By DARREN COYNE



Would-be commercial pilot Bidja Atkinson with his trainer Cliff Banks.



BIDJA Atkinson is flying high after completing his first solo flight as a pilot while still in his teens.

The Year 11 student from Echuca College, Victoria, began flying lessons in May last year, just a month after turning 16.

His mother Judy Atkinson believes he may be the youngest Indigenous person to fly solo.

Bidja told *The Koori Mail* that he had always been interested in planes, and started lessons after being prompted by his maths teacher Laurie Sutton.

His uncle, Darryl Nicholson, who flew planes, also provided inspiration for the budding aviator.

On his first solo flight, Bidja was at



The two-seater 170 Jabiru plane, which Bidja Atkinson flew on his first solo flight.

the controls of a two-seater 170 Jabiru, which he flew solo at 1000 feet around the airstrip. "I was a bit nervous before I took off but

once in the air, not really," he said.

Now Bidja has to log up his hours in the air and complete other flight training, such as navigation, before

he can qualify for his licence.

He is hoping to qualify by August this year, and wants a career in either the air force or with a commercial carrier such as Qantas.

To fulfil this ambition, Bidja is on the lookout for scholarships or training funding which could help meet the high cost of gaining a commercial pilot's licence.

His mother Judy is very proud of his achievements so far.

"His trainer, Cliff Banks, who has been training pilots for 40 years, told me that Bidja was the best one he'd ever had ... he hasn't made a mistake," Mrs Atkinson said.

"He does his training fortnightly and it does cost a bit. A commercial licence is about \$50,000, so we are hoping he can get a scholarship with Qantas, or help from one of the mining companies."

Lease deal signed



THE signing of an historic 40-year lease covering town areas on the Northern Territory's Groote Eylandt and Amakalywakba

(Bickerton Island), with a 40-year renewal option, has been hailed as a new direction for local traditional owners. Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC) Chairman Tony Wurrumarrba said the agreement signed with the Federal Government on 15 December would make it easier for public and private development of the town areas.

The Government plans to invest an additional \$10 million in new housing and infrastructure on top of the \$33 million committed under the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP).

The township lease is part of a broader Regional Partnership Agreement between the

Agreement welcomed as new direction for traditional owners

Anindilyakwa Land Council and the Federal and Territory governments in May last year.

The combined funds are aimed at addressing overcrowding on Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island, improving the health of families and children, and boosting the local economy with jobs for local people in housing construction and refurbishment work.

"With the upcoming construction of public housing that is tagged to this agreement, our people can now look towards starting to access services many other Australians take for granted," Mr Wurrumarrba said.

"Through this agreement, we are looking forward to a more positive social and economic environment for our people. We are all hoping for a new and a better future for our children and their children to come."

New houses

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said work on the first new houses under SIHIP for Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island was expected to start in the coming dry season.

"With the new tenure arrangement, housing and infrastructure work can begin in the three communities of Angurugu,

Umbakumba and Milyakburra," she said.

Following consultation with these communities, about 80 new houses will be built along with upgrades to about 55 existing houses.

"The negotiation of the township lease means local people on Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island will be able to attract private investment and business development and support Indigenous home ownership," the Minister said.

"The members of the Anindilyakwa Land Council have shown great vision and leadership throughout the lease negotiations,

driven by their commitment to build a strong and prosperous future for their people."

Mr Wurrumarrba said his people looked forward to sharing their country "within a relationship built on mutual respect and one that acknowledges our rights and knowledge as traditional custodians of this special place".

The Federal Government is also investing a further \$8.5 million to improve Indigenous housing in Ngulu on the Tiwi Islands in the Northern Territory.

Minister Macklin announced the funds on 16 December, in addition to \$44 million already committed for Ngulu under the SIHIP program.

Ngulu was the first community to sign up to a township lease providing the security of tenure to attract the immediate delivery of additional housing investment.

The community signed a 99-year township lease with the Federal Government in 2007.

All ready for Mardi Gras



SYDNEY'S world-famous Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival will take place over three culture and entertainment-packed weeks starting mid next month,

and Indigenous events will again feature prominently. With a theme of Nations United, the festival will open on Saturday, 14 February and culminate on Saturday, 7 March with its signature event – the Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade.

The Mardi Gras launch and fair day will be held from 10am on Sunday, 15 February in Victoria Park, on the corner of Parramatta Road and City Road in Camperdown.

In Leichhardt on Friday, 20 February, the 'Strong Black: NSW Indigenous Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and Sistergirl Symposium' will discuss the issues and challenges faced by Indigenous GLBT&S people.

Festival-goers can get an arty fix through a visual art exhibition 'Still Black' to run at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, 55-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt, from 20 February - 15 March.

A ten-hour House of BlackSTAR Dance Party

is programed to be held from 7pm on Saturday, 28 February at the Oxford Art Factory in Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.

And registration is now open for participation in the Indigenous entry for the Mardi Gras street Parade on Saturday, 7 March.

Themed 'BLACK - In Darkness All Colours Agree', organisers say the Indigenous parade entry is 'a way of expressing our diverse community, our past, our future and - hopefully - a long, healthy and happy life'.

Organisers are seeking five pre-parade administration volunteers, three drag kings, three drag queens, four paparazzi, 100 community members, four Elders, four marshalls, four waterboys, four watergirls and 25 dancers, but they say all participants must register first.

To take part, contact ACON Aboriginal Project on (02) 9206 2114 for a registration form and, once completed, send via email or post to Shaun Edwards, 9 Commonwealth Street, Surry Hills NSW 2000 or at sedwards@acon.org.au

The Indigenous Mardi Gras events are supported by the AIDS Council of NSW (ACON) and Leichhardt Council.



Some of the Indigenous acts scheduled to appear at Mardi Gras 2009 in Sydney.

Community fund scheme is a real gem



GROUPS in Emerald, central Queensland, now have twice as many opportunities to receive funding

for their projects after Rio Tinto Coal Australia's Kestrel Mine launched a second community funding program for the region.

Kestrel Mine has relaunched its Kestrel Community Development

Fund (KCDF) this year for a further three years, and also announced its new Kestrel Aboriginal Community Development Fund (KACDF). The latter is expected to be formally launched in the near future.

Kestrel Mine General Manager Operations Tony Lennox said despite the global financial impacts on the steel industry, Kestrel Mine was committed to continue its work with its neighbouring community.

"We have relaunched the Kestrel Community Development Fund for the next three-year phase, giving local organisations the opportunity to apply for a share of \$750,000 of funding," he said.

"In addition to this, the Kestrel Aboriginal Community Development Fund gives the local Indigenous community the opportunity to access \$500,000 a year for the next three years to assist them to achieve their vision of equivalent social and economic well-being to that enjoyed by the regional community as a whole.

"This new funding arises out of an historic land-use agreement, securing

economic and social wins for the communities and enabling mining within traditional land areas."

While Kestrel Mine has scaled back production in response to market conditions, it has pledged to continue to remain actively

involved in building capacity in the Emerald region, so far contributing more than \$1.2 million to the local community.

Applications for the next round of funding for both funds will close on 19 February. For more info, go to www.riotintocoalaustralia.com.au or contact either KACDF Executive Officer Barry Hunter on (07) 4984 7658 or KCDF executive officer Maureen Tutton on 0400 387 607.

'...the Kestrel Aboriginal Community Development Fund gives the local community the opportunity to access \$500,000 a year for the next three years...'

BACHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

Faculty of Arts Education and Social Sciences at Batchelor Institute has one position available for lecturers passionate about their discipline and about the development of Indigenous Australians. This position will involve working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities in their respective industries and will make significant contribution to the development of Indigenous Australians.

Lecturer - Music

Position No.: 4643

Permanent appointment commencing Feb 09 - Alice Springs, NT
Remuneration Academic Level B - \$67,006 - \$79,570

This position is a new position and will involve the development and co-ordination of the teaching of Certificates in Music in collaboration with community organisations in Central Australia.

This position will require a strong commitment and passion, not just to Music education but also to Music as a pathway for Indigenous youth to develop improved employment opportunities in the industry and improved quality of life through engagement in worthwhile recreational opportunities.

The successful application will:

- Demonstrated competence in music equivalent to Certificate or Diploma level of the national training package
- Significant experience in delivery of training in music preferably to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
- Proven capacity to work in remote Aboriginal locations with young adult students as well as older community members.

Applications close Friday 6th February 2009

For further information, the Role Profile, Selection Criteria and 'Information for Applicants' are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

Batchelor Institute has a vital national position as the only higher educational institution solely for Indigenous students (AUGA report 2006). As such, BIITE endeavours to be a strong employer of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. BIITE strongly encourages applications for the above positions from suitably qualified and experienced Indigenous Australians.

A free commuter service is normally available for staff traveling between Darwin, Palmerston and some rural areas.

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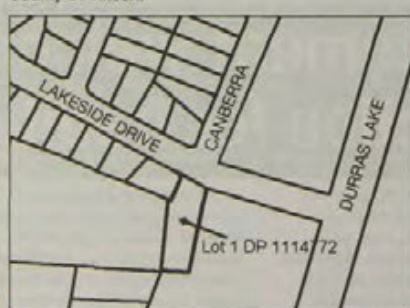
Eurobodalla Shire Council

Proposed Acquisition Notice Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991

(Reference: 01.5458.B)

The Eurobodalla Shire Council proposes to acquire by compulsory process lands described as follows:

Lot 1 DP 1114772 South Durras Parish Benandarah County St Vincent



The lands are to be acquired for the purpose of a public road as provided by the Local Government Act 1993 and the Roads Act 1993 and acquisition will take place by notification in the NSW Government Gazette which will be published after a period of 90 days from 14 January 2009 being the date of this Notice.

Any person claiming an interest in the land to be acquired in terms of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 may obtain a compensation form and further information by contacting Joanne Marbrow/Rob Addison at Eurobodalla Shire Council, PO Box 99, Moruya NSW 2537, telephone 02/4474 1330 or 02/4474 1321.

ATTENTION

MURRA WARRI PEOPLE

As a descendant of the Murra Warri Tribe, I am seeking if any of our people are interested in organising a side in this year's Aboriginal Knockout at Armidale. Elders have been spoken to and are very keen to represent our great tribe at this venue, and we are sure we could be very competitive if we all get together.

We know it is very costly to participate, but if some good minds talk about it we could surely come up with something to raise funds for the trip. Maybe a reunion with a band could be the start. We know our mob are pretty scattered but let's take up the challenge and meet, for the sake of our great Murra Warri People

For further information contact

Ray Cubby
02 6829 6333
John Brown
02 6829 0353

Invitation Waverley Council Reconciliation Action Plan

Waverley Council has resolved to develop a Reconciliation Plan (RAP). We aim to make sure our local plan contributes to the national campaign to help close the 17 year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

We are inviting the community to share in developing Waverley's RAP by contributing thoughts and ideas.

Community Consultation BBQ Breakfast
Biddigal Reserve, Ramsgate Ave, North Bondi
Sunday 8 February 2009, 9 - 11am

RSVP and special diets to Jennifer Thomson on 9386 7923 or jennifert@waverley.nsw.gov.au

Parents seeking advice



MORE and more New South Wales parents are seeking advice from experts on parenting issues.

State Community Services Minister Linda Burney says calls to Parent Line – a 24-hour, free telephone counselling, information and referral service for parents and carers in NSW – jumped 26.2 per cent in the past year, increasing from 5510 in 2007 to 7463 calls in 2008.

More than 73 per cent of its calls were from mothers who had concerns and required

information and resources or wanted to settle doubts about their parenting skills. Only about 11 per cent of calls to Parent Line were from fathers.

Ms Burney said the NSW Government had examined the figures and could use them to develop useful parenting resources and services.

"The nature and range of calls to Parent Line are incredibly diverse – some parents call during a crisis and others just ring for general tips and advice," she said.

"Parenting skills are learnt, passed on from parents and relatives, or taught by

health-care and parenting professionals. Parent Line is open to every parent and carer in the State but a telephone service like this is especially useful for families living away from their loved ones or in isolated communities.

"Calls to the line are answered by a team of professional counsellors with extensive experience in helping families."

Parents and carers can call Parent Line on 1300 1300 52 or access parenting information on the Community Services website www.community.nsw.gov.au

Fitzroy the subject of Vic project



Pastor Doug Nicholls and his congregation in front of the Church of Christ, Gore Street, Fitzroy.
Photo: Richard Seegar, courtesy of the Nicholls Family Collection



ABORIGINAL singer Archie Roach will help launch a new project in Melbourne that celebrates Aboriginal history and culture.

Mr Roach will join City of Yarra Mayor Amanda Stone in launching the project, titled Aboriginal History of Fitzroy Plaques and Places.

The launch will take place on Thursday 5 February in the park of Fitzroy's Atherton Gardens Housing Estate.

By the time of the launch, 15 bronze plaques will have been installed and a walking trail map released. The map will allow

visitors and locals to take a self-guided tour through Fitzroy, and learn more about Yarra's Indigenous past.

The site of the launch was an important meeting place in the 1980s for homeless Aboriginal people, as well as others visiting from interstate.

Inspired

It's a place Archie Roach knows well, as he was part of the community for some time, and wrote a number of songs inspired by his journeys in and around the streets of Fitzroy.

He'll perform some of those songs at the launch.

Cr Stone said the City of

Yarra Council hoped the plaques project would lead to more local stories being told, collected and celebrated.

"We believe it is important that the Yarra community continues to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution the local Indigenous community has made to Yarra," Cr Stone said.

"This acknowledgement is an important part of working towards reconciliation at a local level."

The launch will take place between 6pm and 8pm, and RSVPs are essential by calling (03) 9205 5555 or emailing daniel.ducrou@yarracity.vic.gov.au



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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 until 27th January 2009 then contact Tanya Koeneman on 9873 8534 or 1800 789 290 or email at 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

Applications close on: 20th February 2009



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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

Administrator, Indigenous Branch
Screen Australia

Level 4, 150 William Street
WOOLLOOMOOLOO NSW 2011

Tel: (612) 8113 5899

Fax: (612) 9357 3672

Email: indigenous@screenaustralia.gov.au

Guidelines and application forms available online at:
http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/long_black

Award-winning WA program is aimed at...

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



A WEST Australian program aimed at reinforcing positive behaviours in

school-aged children and keeping them out of the juvenile justice system seems to be going from strength to strength.

The Keeping Kids out of Crime program was first tried in 2002, but reintroduced in 2006. Since then it has collected awards for crime prevention and received exclusive Proceeds of Crime funding.

Co-ordinator Gary O'Reilly said the program taught children aged 10-17 to take a closer look at where offending behaviours started, and combatted racism and promoted social cohesion at a grass-roots level. "The reason it's so successful is the honesty, and that's what it's all built on - trust. You can't con kids," he said.

"I get into their heads I suppose and let them know that it's not right to be racist. The man upstairs made us all the same but different. We all have something in common and they all take a

Keeping Kids out of Crime

guess at it and I say 'nope, red blood'.

"It makes every single one of us the same, so it stops a bit of the racism because they look at things in a different light.

"I get the bullies to stand up and take ownership and they just do that by themselves. I put the challenge out there and when I ask them why, nine times out of ten they're having trouble at home. There are a lot of Indigenous kids doing it tough.

"Sometimes kids will see mum getting belted or things like that, and they think that's the way life is, and I just try to let them know it's not the right thing to do."

Mr O'Reilly said the approach had a two-fold effect in that it also gave school children different ways to deal with problems when they went home from school. "I've had parents say that it's like they have different kids, a whole new lease on life and they try to do the right things," he said.

Mr O'Reilly said he had spoken to more than 35,000 students and the feedback he had gotten from the program's hard-line approach was surprising: In follow-ups six to eight weeks later, on average between 75-80 per cent of students reported improved outcomes.

Peter Sirr said Outcare

had been trying to get the program - which he said was 'not rocket science' - off the ground for some time, but it had secured substantial funding only in the past 12 months.

"Kids learn from their experiences in the world, and we're saying that if we can get into places where we think kids will benefit from seeing and understanding the issues around offending, they'll probably make better choices," he said.

"It's about credible education, and what's a better way than someone that's actually done that to say, 'look, here's the issues I was faced with as a kid,

here's the choices I made, and here are the consequences that flowed from that'.

"Sometimes it can be confronting for schools. It's really frank and open about what happens, but invariably they are saying, 'that it is one of the best things to ever happen to our class'."

Some schools specifically request discussions on drugs, and Mr Sirr said someone like an ex-offender who had spent a reasonable amount of time in jail 'can really talk about all these things, and the whole plan is to point the kids down a path to making the right decisions'.

The program had won a

Certificate of Merit in the National Crime Prevention Awards and a WA Crime Prevention Award and its successes indicated growing recognition of its potential, he said.

Barry Cameron, the convenor of the Reconnect rehabilitation program, which is geared towards Indigenous youth, said that program also gained impetus in 2008 with new apprenticeship opportunities available through government departments like the Department of Housing and Works.

He said young people coming out of juvenile detention centres and some who had come into contact with the Ministry of Justice were being supported with pre-apprenticeship courses on release.

"It's hard for them, a lot of the kids come from the streets or from dysfunctional families," he said. But he added there were new opportunities opening up through the program all the time.

Next year a new pastoral setting will offer participants a chance to learn about farming. Financial support is available for students via Abstudy and Youth Allowance.



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Nominations to attend National Indigenous Representative Body Workshop - 11-13 March 2009

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner invites Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women to nominate to attend a national workshop to guide the development of a new National Indigenous Representative Body.

Applications are sought from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who wish to make a positive and considered contribution to the discussions and deliberations on the establishment of the new National Indigenous Representative Body.

Places are strictly limited. Attendance will be in accordance with a selection process as set out below and decided by an independent, Indigenous Steering Committee. Invitations to attend will be strictly non-transferable.

Only individuals who have completed a nomination form addressing the selection criteria below will be considered for attendance.

Background

In December 2008, the Australian Government requested the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission to convene a Steering Committee to develop a preferred model for a National Indigenous Representative Body.

The Steering Committee is required to:

- convene an Indigenous Peoples Workshop in March 2009, with a possible second workshop in June 2009
- develop a preferred model for a new National Indigenous Representative Body for presentation to the Australian Government in July 2009
- make recommendations in regards to the establishment of an interim body from July 2009 which would operate until the finalised body takes effect, and
- ensure strong community support for such a representative model.

This work follows on from the consultations and submissions process conducted by the government in 2008.

National workshop

The Steering Committee will convene the first national workshop on **11-13 March 2009** in Adelaide. The workshop will be limited to approximately 100 people from across Australia. The purpose of the workshop is to:

- review submissions and the outcomes of consultations conducted by the government to date on the establishment of a new representative body
- identify the key elements or features of a new National Indigenous Representative Body which can then be distilled down to a series of preferred models for a new representative body, and
- identify a process for further consultation with Indigenous communities leading to the establishment of an interim representative body from July/August 2009.

The workshop is not intended to:

- endorse a final model for a national representative body or
- decide membership of a national representative body.

Selection process for workshop

Attendance at the workshop is purely by invitation and will be decided through a selection process. Applicants must:

- be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- be nominated by an Indigenous community organisation or self nominated with two written references supporting the nomination
- have demonstrated leadership capacity and ability to take part in high level discussions on strategic issues
- be able to communicate and interact effectively with a diverse range of people
- have demonstrated capacity to represent views and interests
- be able to make a positive and considered contribution to the discussions and deliberations on the establishment of the new National Indigenous Representative Body, and
- be available to attend and participate in the program and events for the whole workshop.

Please note

- Accommodation, meals and rights will be provided for all invited participants.
- Should you be invited to attend the workshop you will be provided with preliminary reading material which you will be required to read before the commencement of the workshop.

Invited participants will come from a mix of urban, regional, rural and remote localities. An equal number of men and women will be invited to attend the workshop.

Nomination process

All applicants must submit an application form. You can self-nominate (with two written references) or be nominated by someone else.

Application forms can be obtained from the National Indigenous Representative Body Unit in the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA). All applications must be supplied to this Unit at the address below. These will then be supplied to the independent Indigenous Steering Committee for selection.

Please note: FaHCSIA has established a dedicated unit to provide administrative support to the Social Justice Commissioner and the Steering Committee. Applications will be received by this support unit in FaHCSIA on behalf of the Steering Committee. All decisions relating to the convening of the workshop and selection of participants will be determined independently by the Steering Committee.

Applications close on 13 February. They can be submitted to the following addresses.

POST: National Indigenous Representative Body Unit
PO Box 7576
Canberra Mail Centre ACT 2610

FAX: 02 6204 9349

EMAIL: indigenousrepbody@fahcsia.gov.au

For more information and a workshop application form visit www.fahcsia.gov.au/indigenousrepbody or call 1800 202 366.



● LEFT: Crew members, from left, Dr Kerry Black, Estelle Kefford and Raf Heale with Dr Randall Lee of the EPA, Yorta Yorta Elder Pam Pederson, skipper Garry McKechnie and Boonwurrung Elder Faye Stewart Muir.

Photo: Natalie Davy

Close eye on bays



ABORIGINAL Elders and young people are heavily involved in an annual program helping to engage resource managers and the

general public on the threats and challenges to two Victorian bays.

Two Bays 09 encompasses Port Phillip and Westernport Bays and was launched at Docklands, in Melbourne, on 10 January with support from Parks Victoria, the Environment Protection Authority, Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority and others.

In its third year, Two Bays combines events and scientific research focussed on water quality, and the diversity and richness of the marine life in the areas.

Boonwurrung Elder Carolyn Briggs has been instrumental in inspiring the Indigenous focus of this year's program.

Pelican Expeditions is developing curriculum for Victorian schools that links the marine research from Two Bays with the Boonwurrung creation stories of the bays.

Elders and Koori youngsters will share stories about sea country on the vessel *Pelican1* and over the 2009 and 2010 programs will develop digital stories that record these exchanges.

Two Bays 2010 hopes to incorporate young Koori trainees already engaged in an environmental management pathway in participating over the entire program. Parks Victoria recently announced that it would take on three Indigenous sea country rangers.

While travelling on the Ramsar leg of the program, Boonwurrung Elder Faye Stewart Muir said Two Bays had the potential to impart traditional knowledge about sea country and traditional lands and to get this knowledge out into schools.

"It is also a way of involving Indigenous youth in experiences that they would otherwise not have access to," she said.



Faye Stewart Muir helping with the data being collected on *Pelican1*. Photo: Garry McKechnie

"Indigenous Elders will also get the opportunity to work with their youth and hopefully guide them in a career path as environmental managers or sea country rangers."

As part of the project, Dr Randall Lee from EPA is continuing an investigation into the exchange between the saltier, denser waters (hyper-saline) of Port Phillip Bay and Bass Strait. This notorious region, known as The Rip, is famous for the ships that have been wrecked in its treacherous waters.

Renowned oceanographer Dr Kerry Black will support Dr Lee on board *Pelican1* to follow up the Two Bays 07 studies in the Western Channel with an investigation into the South Channel.

Port Phillip Bay has been hyper-saline for a number of years now, due to the extended drought, which is thought to be a result of climate change. This means that it is much saltier than Bass Strait.

Waterfall theory

After the first exchange processes tests in 2007, the *Pelican1* crew theorised that the waterfall, spoken of in Boonwurrung stories and verified by marine mapping, may be running again.

Over 10,000 years ago, when the Yarra extended all the way to Tasmania, a magnificent 90m waterfall crowned the Port Phillip Basin, and showered the Point Nepean area in a permanent mist. The Boonwurrung people were known as the people of the mist and the traditional name for the Yarra was Birrarung meaning 'river of mists'.

Faye Stewart Muir and Yorta Yorta Elder Pam Pederson observed the work of the scientists last week and learned of their recent investigations.

"The story of the waterfall and the science study that I have witnessed today needs to be available for all kids to learn and not just Indigenous kids," Ms Stewart Muir said.

"It appears that the waterfall is now flowing underwater and the story of this place is there to be told by Elders."

The research coincided with an opportunity to calibrate the continuous water quality monitoring equipment on board the *Spirit of Tasmania*. The monitoring is part of the nationally co-ordinated Integrated Marine Observation System (IMOS) within the Ships of Opportunity facility.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A NURSE?

NSW ABORIGINAL NURSING AND MIDWIFERY CADETSHIP PROGRAM

- Are you an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and studying a nursing undergraduate degree on a full time basis?
- Are you interested in combining your studies and gaining experience in your chosen discipline through work placements in a Justice Health facility?



If you have answered 'Yes', then a Cadetship may be for you.

A cadetship is an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders students interested in combining full-time undergraduate nursing study with employment in a Justice Health facility.

Justice Health, which is part of NSW Health is responsible for the provision of health services to people involved with the criminal justice system. The cadetship would involve working in a health centre run by Justice Health located within a correctional centre.

Cadets receive a study allowance of \$600 per fortnight (before tax) during the 40 week academic year and receive a wage for the 12 week work placement period.

Justice Health facilities available for the cadetship program include Cessnock, Kempsey, Wellington, Grafton, Malabar, Western Sydney (numerous locations), Bathurst and Goulburn.



Position: Undergraduate Registered Nurse, Justice Health
Area of Study: Bachelor of Nursing

Closing Date: 27th February 2009

Contact: Ms Lana Shaw, Aboriginal Project Officer

Tel: 02 9391 9607 or

email: Lasha@doh.health.nsw.gov.au



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NSW HEALTH



Australian Government

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Indigenous Youth Leadership Program—Request for Applications for Funding



INDIGENOUS YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations invites Requests for Applications for Funding from potential 'Partnership Brokers' for the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP).

Partnership Brokers, which may be organisations including foundations, community organisations, clusters of schools or individual schools, will partner with schools, Indigenous communities and others to ensure Indigenous students, wherever they live, have access to the best available schooling. These brokers will work with schools in awarding scholarships that promote the achievement of Year 12, its vocational equivalent and post secondary qualifications. Brokers will also assist schools with mentoring strategies and in the delivery of practical leadership experiences to help prepare scholarship recipients for potential future leadership roles.

The IYLP is helping to close the gap on Indigenous educational disadvantage while providing leadership development opportunities. IYLP is administered under the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000*, and aims to provide new 3 year scholarships to 240 secondary scholars and 60 tertiary scholars annually. Potential Partnership Brokers should note that some young people in receipt of an IYLP scholarship in 2009 may require transition arrangements to continue with their scholarships in 2010.

The Application Kit is available to Partnership Brokers only following registration at www.deewr.gov.au/Youth/Pages/IndigenousYouthLeadershipProgramPartnershipBrokers.aspx. Partnership Brokers must follow the defined application format.

Further information on IYLP can be found at www.dest.gov.au/sectors/indigenous_education/programmes_funding/programme_categories/iylp/default.htm

Any questions or difficulties with accessing this site should be by email addressed to Applications@DEEWR.gov.au

The deadline for Applications is Friday 27 February 2009, at 5.00 pm.

Tassie's putalina Festival

'Yung Warriors' from Melbourne, Tjimba Possum-Bruns, Johny Mac and Narjic Day-Burns strike a pose for *The Koori Mail* before their performance.



Sharon Lane Band: "We're from Dubbo and proud of it!"



Luana Towney and Brian Summers with baby Bry, one month, at his first putalina Festival.



Josh Langford sings one of his original numbers.



Susan Fanselow Maynard with granddaughter Jada Triffitt and daughter Jessica Griffiths travelled from Launceston for the event.

Steeped in history

Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL and non-Aboriginal people swayed, jigged, bopped and hip-hopped at the annual putalina Festival in southern Tasmania

last fortnight.

The festival, which is in its 25th year, is a showcase of local and interstate Aboriginal musical talent, a community get-together and a celebration of survival on sacred reclaimed land.

Soon after invasion, 135 Tasmanian Aborigines were taken to a concentration camp at Wybalena, on Flinders Island, in the Bass Strait. Forty-seven of them survived the experience and were moved to Oyster Cove in 1847.

By 1876, there was only one survivor.

Those who perished at putalina were buried on site and soon after were taken from their graves by Dr Crowther in the name of science.

Oyster Cove, or putalina, was re-occupied by the Aboriginal community on 16 January 1984, and it is around the anniversary of this date that the annual putalina Festival is now staged.

In 1985 the remains of the deceased, which became known as the 'Crowther Collection' were returned to the Aboriginal community and given a dignified farewell.

In 1995, after years of protest, negotiations and hard work, the land

was returned to the Aboriginal community through legislation.

'The Festival', as the Aboriginal community in Tasmania refers to it, is the one day of the year that the site comes alive with music, dance and festivities.

This year's festival theme was 'Our History, Our Heritage, Our Land'.

State Secretary of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, Nala McKenna-Mansell, addressed the festival gathering, requesting the crowd to reflect on the history of the site with a minute's silence.

Mainland acts Yung Warriors and Sharon Lane band were impressed with the festival and the putalina site. Sharon Lane, from Dubbo, said it was 'magic'.

"It's just breathtaking here. Everyone's just so friendly, we'll definitely come back," she said.

Johny Mac, from the Melbourne-based Yung Warriors, said he was 'lovin' it'.

"This festival has the best hats. We've collected a few from festivals too," he said laughing.

Local Aboriginal musical talent was impressive as always. Genres ranged from country to pop to heavy metal. There was also a range of age and experience.

Thirteen-year-old Kartanya Maynard sang at her tenth festival, while Rachel Maynard made her debut at the age of 31.

"I was that nervous I was nearly vomiting, but I could have stayed on stage forever once I was up there," she said.



Kartanya Maynard is becoming a festival veteran. Aged 13, she has performed every year for the past decade.



Makeeta Mansell and son Tyrell Joyce came down from Launceston for the annual event.

celebrates its 25th year

Melissa Maynard, Lyndell Battese and BJ rainbird enjoyed the day.



The local boys shake a leg for the crowd.



Denni Turnbull-Maynard, Toni-Lee Maynard and Jenna Worthington, from Launceston.



Codie Mansell, Nicholas Mansell and Liam Ross found some alternative entertainment with the hula hoops.



Kayla Braslin with sisters Tyenna and Kiara Hogan enjoy ice-cream.



Nikki Randriamahefa chillin' out with son Jabe.



Some of the Launceston mob (clockwise from left) Joanne Knight, Sheralee Armstrong, Jeanette Battese, Steven Cabalzer, Kylie Battese and Melissa Battese holding Peta Cabalzer.



Haylee Rainbird, Nevanka Churchill, Jacqui Langdon holding her grandson Tjalar Langdon, and Jamie Langdon relaxing at the festival.



Sisters Beatty and Mina Panton.



Elders Rosalind Langford and Nan Mabb caught up at the event.

'Friendly' book out again

By Tasmanian Correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY

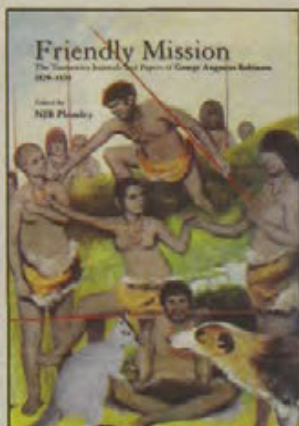


THE recent release of the second edition of *Friendly Mission* offers people access to detailed records of Tasmanian Aboriginal lifestyle and tradition.

The first edition of the publication has been a collector's item for some time, fetching more than \$700 and making it inaccessible to most people.

Friendly Mission: The Tasmanian Journals and Papers of George Augustus Robinson 1829-1834 is considered by some to be the most important documentation of Tasmanian Aboriginal lifestyle and tradition at the time of invasion.

Tasmanian Aboriginal historian, Patsy Cameron told *The Koori Mail* the book was an 'absolutely invaluable resource'. "It is one of very few publications available. It gives us an in-depth record of life experiences of the clans people between 1829 and 1835," she said.



The re-released book and historian Patsy Cameron.

Englishman George Augustus Robinson spent five years travelling around Tasmania rounding up Aboriginal people for exile to the Wybalena on a Bass Strait Island, then another five years at Wybalena before being invited to be 'Protector' of Aborigines at Port Phillip in Victoria.

He was employed as a



government agent to 'rid the settlers of a troublesome foe'.

Robinson believed himself to be a humanitarian conciliator. However, to the Aborigines he 'bought in' he was a man who betrayed their trust.

"He considered himself to be a saviour, but nearly all of the clans people he coerced into exile perished, only 47 survived the

death camps," Ms Cameron said.

"It's not just his story, it's the story of the guides and the people he made contact with. His guides are often overlooked."

"The book contains information on geological land marks, important cultural features, living places, ceremonial places, language, and of course place names, traditional law and spiritual origins and belief, connections with country and gender roles."

Ms Cameron said the book held the key to 'a greater understanding for us of the knowledge of our past'.

"It explains the sheer desperation of those colonial times, the exile; an extremely poignant time in history," she said.

While there is no dispute about the importance of the 1162-page publication, some say the title is misleading and Ms Cameron emphasised that readers needed to recognise Robinson's biases.

"He was a bricklayer, we can be sure that what he saw he wrote," she said. "What we have to be aware of is to look through his biases."

"For example, he considered spiritual traditions pagan and did not recognise the spirit world."

"It gives us an opportunity to interrogate his attitudes and biases and provide us with a whole new interpretation."

"We can challenge the orthodox, historical interpretation and write our own interpretation."

Friendly Mission was first published in 1966 by the Tasmanian Historical Research Association. The 2008 edition contains new material omitted from the first edition, as well as a comprehensive new index. The 1966 edition was paraphrased, but the new edition has been restored to the original words of Robinson's detailed journals.

To coincide with its publication, Quintus Publishing has also released *Reading Robinson: Companion Essay to Friendly Mission*, a collection of essays by leading Australian and international historians.

Copies of the new edition and the readers guide are reportedly selling fast and the publisher is undecided as to whether there will be a third edition.



Australian Government



Have your say

We want to hear your thoughts, opinions and advice about how we should develop the following proposals. How is your practice as an artist or an arts organisation or as a community member affected by the way we do business with you. That is what we want to hear from you, help us shape these proposals so that we are on the right track and that we reflect what you have told us. Please phone us or email us or send us a written submission to tell us what you think about these proposals.

'Making Solid Ground' report on Indigenous arts infrastructure (closes 8 February 2009)

In 2008 we held national consultations in every state and territory with some 180 people attending those forums to tell us what they thought. We looked at how we should support arts organisations financially as well as looking at what the key areas should be to develop infrastructure support for art and culture in our communities. This final report is the result of those discussions and we want to hear your thoughts about it.

Go to the website!

http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/news/news_items/making_solid_ground_for_indigenous_arts_infrastructure

Indigenous Australian Art Commercial Code of Conduct (closes 20 March 2009)

A self-regulatory voluntary code of conduct is being proposed for the visual arts industry. It will set minimum standards for commercial arrangements between dealers, agents, and Indigenous artists and define the terms of trade, and rights and responsibilities for the sale and management of artworks. The purpose of the code is to promote fair and ethical trade with artists as well as transparency with the promotion and sale of artwork. Make your input to the national consultation on the draft Indigenous Australian Art Commercial Code of Conduct to ensure that we stop unscrupulous and unethical practices in the visual arts sector. Your submissions are welcome on any aspects of the draft code through the web link below before 20 March 2009.

Go to the website!

www.australiacouncil.gov.au/news/news_items/consultation_on_draft_indigenous_art_code_of_conduct

Contact Us

If you'd like to discuss these proposals, contact Lydia Miller, Executive Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts

Phone: (02) 9215 9170

Toll-free: 1800 226 912

Email: l.miller@australiacouncil.gov.au

Write: Australia Council for the Arts, 372 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board of the Australia Council.

KEEPING CULTURE STRONG

Fundraiser in aid of jailed Palm Islander



THE Freedom Socialist Party will hold a public forum in Melbourne

tonight to raise funds for jailed Palm Islander Lex Wotton and the people of Gaza in the Middle East.

To be held at the Solidarity Salon at 580 Sydney Road in Brunswick, the forum will pay tribute to political prisoners everywhere.

Organisers say those attending will also discuss how all people had a stake in freeing such prisoners 'and how we can build a movement to make this a reality'.

The event will feature a panel of speakers and video screenings.

"In a capitalist society, the justice system is anything

Lex Wotton to benefit from forum

but just," say organisers.

"It is there to protect the rich and maintain the status quo. That's why people of colour and the poor are over-represented in the prison population."

"It is why Lex Wotton, a respected Indigenous leader, is currently doing time in a Queensland jail."

"Around the world, jails are full of freedom fighters - Palestinians, Kurds and Tamils among them."

"Iran has union activists on death row and New Zealand used terror laws against the Tuhoe nation and anti-war activists."

The event will feature a Middle Eastern dinner at 6:30pm (\$10 donation). The program will start at 7.30 and entry is by gold coin donation.

Half of the proceeds will provide assistance to Lex Wotton for phone cards and other necessities to help him keep in touch with family and supporters. The other half will be sent to Gaza via the appeal initiated by the Palestine Community Association in Victoria.

For more information, phone (03) 9388 0062 or email freedom.socialist.party@ozemail.com.au

Scholarships In Family Dispute Resolution (FDR)

Would you like to make a difference in your community? Apply for a scholarship to become a family dispute resolution practitioner.

- Scholarships are available for people from an ATSI or CALD (bilingual) background to complete a Vocational Graduate Diploma in FDR with the Institute of Family Practice
- The Vocational Graduate Diploma in FDR meets the new accreditation requirements for FDR practitioners with the Federal Attorney General's Department
- Applications close C.O.B. Monday 16th February 2009.

Scholarship information package available to download from www.ifp.nsw.edu.au or contact Katy Mercer Training Manager kmerc@ifp.nsw.edu.au or phone 02 8830 0755.



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Palm Island transport given boost

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island residents are set to get better transport services with mainland north Queensland.

Dredging has started to ensure the Palm Island jetty can be accessed at any time, and a new \$3.4 million catamaran is providing an improved ferry service to the north Queensland Aboriginal community.

Scheduled ferry services for Palm Island have been locked in for at least five years from 1 January under a new contract between Sunferries and the State Government.

Member for Townsville Mike Reynolds said the contract guaranteed at least three return services to Townsville each week for the next five years, with an option to extend for a

further five years, subject to satisfactory performance.

"The Queensland Government is providing up to \$1 million each year to ensure scheduled services are maintained and to give island residents peace of mind about the future of their transport service," Mr Reynolds said.

"The new contract also ensures service improvements and greater comfort for passengers.

Travel time

"Most services will be aboard the MV Palm Cat, a new purpose-built ferry that will cut travel times by 30 minutes to only 90 minutes each way.

"The MV Palm Cat is Australian-designed and Queensland-built, with wave rider stabilisers for passenger comfort on open sea journeys, comfortable seats and increased luggage capacity.

"Palm Islanders now have certainty about the provision of quality, comfortable and reliable ferry services in the long term."

The Koori Mail was at the launch of the new ferry service at Sunferries Breakwater Terminal in Townsville on 23 December.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey inspected the Palm Cat with Mr Reynolds and Sunferries owner Terry Dodd.

"This is a big thing for Palm Island residents and once the dredging is completed in February there will be a set timetable with a ferry three times a week," Cr Lacey said.

In the past there had been two regular ferry services each week, but times were governed by tides with access unavailable on outgoing tides.

Mr Dodd said Sunferries would be looking at increasing the return ferry services to daily.



In the comfortable seats of the new ferry vessel are, from right, Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, Mike Reynolds MP and Sunferries owner Terry Dodd.

Building Supportive Communities Grants 2009 now available

Community groups and individuals are encouraged to apply for Building Supportive Communities Grants of up to \$5000 to support events or projects that promote a more inclusive community for Queenslanders with a disability.

Applicants are encouraged to hold their activities during Disability Action Week or International Day of People with a Disability in 2009.

The grants aim to build community networks that support and include people with a disability and support communities to see beyond the disability.

Further information and an application kit are available from www.disability.qld.gov.au or by phoning 1800 177 120

Applications must be lodged by 4 pm on Thursday 30 April 2009.



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making a difference for people with a disability



Department of Environment & Climate Change NSW



ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Call for Nominations

Nominations are invited for appointment of members to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee. The Committee will advise the Director-General of the Department of Environment and Climate Change and the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment on matters relating to the identification, assessment and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW.

The Committee will consist of 11 members appointed by the Minister. The members of the Committee are to consist of one member nominated by the NSW Aboriginal Land Council and ten other members appointed from the following:

- nominees of Aboriginal elder groups,
- registered native title claimants, or
- Aboriginal owners listed on the Register, Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

Committee members must have experience in Aboriginal cultural heritage matters and an understanding of cultural heritage management issues. Members are entitled to receive sitting fees and reimbursement of travel and other expenses.

The Committee will consist of at least 5 female and 5 male members representing a range of cultural areas across NSW.

For information about the Committee and to obtain an information kit and application form please contact Vesna Cukar from the Department of Environment and Climate Change on:

Phone enquiries: (02) 9585 5593

1300 361 967 (local call cost)

Email enquiries: ach.advisorycommittee@environment.nsw.gov.au

Web: www.environment.nsw.gov.au

Post: PO Box 1967, Hurstville BC NSW 1481

Written applications should be forwarded to:
Director Aboriginal Affairs Strategy & Coordination
Culture & Heritage Division
Department of Environment and Climate Change
PO Box 1967, Hurstville BC NSW 1481

Closing Date: 27th February 2009.

Department of Environment & Climate Change NSW



Aboriginal Land Management Framework for NSW Healthy Country, Healthy Communities

The NSW Government acknowledges the role that connections to land – or 'Country' – play in the spiritual, cultural and economic wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

We are now asking you to have your say on how these connections can be strengthened. The Aboriginal Land Management Framework project is taking a fresh look at access, use and co-management of public land by Aboriginal people and government services for Aboriginal landowners.

For a copy of the discussion paper call 131 555, or download it from the web at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/nswcultureheritage/aimf

Come along to a workshop from 10am to 2pm on the following dates:

- 30 January 2009 at the Heritage Office, 3 Marist Place, Parramatta (behind Riverside Theatre)
- 2 February 2009 at the Youloe-la IDA, 71 Prospect St, Garden Suburb, Newcastle
- 3 February 2009 at the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation, 22 Kenny St, Wollongong
- 10 February 2009 at the Catchment Management Authority Offices, L1 43-45 Johnson St, Wagga Wagga
- 14 February 2009 at the DECC Office, Lot 9 Collier St, Blackburn Industrial Estate, Ulladulla
- 18 February 2009 at the ICC Offices, 26 Merion St, Bourke
- 21 February 2009 at the DECC Office, 183 Argyle St, Broken Hill
- 23 February 2009 at the DECC Office, 200 Yambill St, Griffith
- 25 February 2009 at The Crossing Theatre, Exhibition Room, 117 Tibbereena St, Narrabri
- 28 February 2009 at the DECC Office, L1 48-52 Wingewarra St, Dubbo
- 2 March 2009 at the Kelso Community Centre, Bonner St, Kelso
- 4 March 2009 at the DECC Office, 17-24 Moore St, Coffs Harbour
- 7 March 2009 at the DECC Office, 68 Glover St, Glen Innes.

Lunch will be provided.

If you have any questions please email: aimf@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing date for ideas and comments is 31 March 2009.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

Telstra proposes to lay an Optical Fibre Cable from Roma to Hodgson. To complete the design process, a Cultural Heritage Study needs to be conducted to determine if there are any "Sites Of Significance To Aboriginal People" on the route of the cable. If you are an Aboriginal person or group and feel that you have a right to be included in the process, you must give written notice to the address below. This notice must be sent so that it is received no later than the 27th February 2009. An Aboriginal person or group not providing written notice may not be endorsed to take part in the study.

Written Notice to be sent to:
David Reynolds
Cultural Heritage Manager
Locked Bag 27
Adelaide SA 5001

HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Aboriginal Community Meeting 12th February 2009

The Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority, invites all Aboriginal community members to discuss a range of natural resource issues in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment.

The Aboriginal community meeting will run between 10am to 12 noon at the Hawkesbury-Nepean Windsor Office, 68 Mileham Street, South Windsor NSW 2756. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to John Lennis on (02) 4587 0059.

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Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

Telstra proposes to lay an Optical Fibre Cable adjacent to Boggabilla (near Goondiwindi). To complete the design process, a Cultural Heritage Study needs to be conducted to determine if there are any "Sites Of Significance To Aboriginal People" on the route of the cable. If you are an Aboriginal person or group and feel that you have a right to be included in the process, you must give written notice to the address below. This notice must be sent so that it is received no later than the 27th February 2009. An Aboriginal person or group not providing written notice may not be endorsed to take part in the study.

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COMMUNITY MEMBERS Legal Aid Review Committee

Expressions of interest in serving as a community member on a Legal Aid Review Committee are sought from persons who are not legal practitioners but who have an appreciation of the problems of the socially and economically disadvantaged and a capacity to absorb and understand legal material and policy issues.

Applicants for legal aid may appeal to a Legal Aid Review Committee appointed under the Legal Aid Commission Act 1979 NSW against adverse determinations made by Legal Aid NSW officers.

Each of the five Committees consist of a Chairperson, a community member (who is not a legal practitioner) and a joint nominee from the Law Society of NSW and the NSW Bar Association. There is an alternate for each member.

There are currently vacancies for a community and an alternate community member on the Family Law Committees. An eligibility list will also be created to fill any future vacancies.

This is a non-remunerative position.

Aboriginal People and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply for these roles.

Enquiries: Lyndsay Brooker (02) 9219 5859

Applications in writing are invited and should be addressed to Kathleen Thompson, Legal Aid NSW, PO Box K847, Haymarket 1238 or via email to kathleen.thompson@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 13 February 2009.



A group picture of the AES School Based Traineeship Program graduates.

AES students get job done



INDIGENOUS high school students have been officially recognised for completing the

Aboriginal Employment Strategy's (AES) School Based Traineeship Program.

A total of 35 Indigenous students received certificates for completing their traineeship with organisations such as the ANZ, Commonwealth and Westpac banks, Sydney City Council and the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation.

AES Chief Executive Natalie Walker said: "We're very proud of the achievements of our student trainees and know they have a bright future."

"They have proven how dedicated and motivated they are in building the best possible future beyond school, and are now role models for other



AES CEO Natalie Walker with Sydney City Council CEO Monica Barone.

young Indigenous Australians.

"Our School Based Traineeship Program works to build career path thinking among young Indigenous Australians and provide students with the opportunity to gain important skills and workforce experience while they

are completing their Year 12 certificate. The program has grown quickly as new businesses see the potential of the program to be an employment solution for their organisation."

The two-year program allows Indigenous high school students in Years 11 and 12 to spend one day a week and complete a minimum 100 days working for a host employer during school term, and full-time during holiday periods.

After two years, trainees gain a nationally accredited qualification (Certificate II in Business Services) and the opportunity for their host

employer to consider offering them full time employment.

Local employers seeking to host school based trainees or partner with the AES should visit the website www.aboriginalemploymentstrategy.com.au

Kit aims to help Vic youth make informed decisions



INDIGENOUS students across Victoria are set to be better informed consumers thanks to the recent launch of the Koori Credit and Consumer Connection Resource Kit.

The kit, produced by the Indigenous Consumers Unit at Consumer Affairs Victoria, aims to help Indigenous youth to make informed purchasing decisions.

It will be available to high school students in the first school term this year.

Indigenous Consumers Unit and Multicultural Unit Programs Manager Rachel Smith welcomed the kit.

"It's an introduction for kids before they go out into the big wide world. It looks at things like renting and what you need to consider when sharing a house - simple things in a way, but they are

very important," she said.

The kit is part of an Aboriginal consumer education campaign by the State Government.

One of the key topics in the booklet is how to set a budget and save money.

Ms Smith said the goal was to empower young people to take control of their financial future and give them enough information to be able to make informed choices.

The kit is designed to be taught over a 13-week school term and is also aligned to Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS). It includes worksheets covering such topics as budgeting, shopping and warranties, buying a car or a mobile phone, credit cards and renting.

For more information go to www.consumer.vic.gov.au





Enjoying their time in the sun, from left, SA Australian of the Year Ivan Copley, WA Senior Australian of the Year Pat Dodson, Ngambri Elder Matilda House and her granddaughter, Professor Mick Dodson, and NSW Senior Australian of the Year Lorraine Peeters. Photos by KIRSTIE PARKER



Chart-topping Jessica Mauboy wowed the crowd at the Australia Day Live 09 concert on the lawns of Parliament House. She's seen here with her proud dad Ferdy Mauboy and cousin Grace Marshall, 13.

Crowd in capital



The Batman/Peris family. Clockwise, from left, Daniel Batman, former Olympian Nova Peris, Lily Peris, Destiny Batman and Jack Batman at the Australia Day Live concert.



INDIGENOUS
Australians were strongly represented at the packed 2009 Australian of the Year

award presentations in front of Parliament House, Canberra, on 25 January. The highlight, of course, was the naming of Professor Mick Dodson as the 2009 Australian of the Year. But there were two other Indigenous Australians among the field of Australian of the Year finalists – Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu (Northern Territory) and Ivan Copley (South Australia).

Indigenous finalists in other categories included Professor Dodson's brother Patrick and NSW Stolen Generations advocate Lorraine Peeters in the Senior Australian of the Year category, and WA footballer David Wirrpanda in the Young Australian of the Year category.

The awards ceremony was followed by the Australia Day Live 09 concert, which featured Aboriginal singing sensation Jessica Mauboy.



ABOVE: Gayili Yunupingu Marika, from Nhulunbuy, NT (right) with friend and Victorian Australian of the Year finalist Dr Berhan Ahmed.



LEFT: Micah Mongta and his mum Toni travelled from Eden, southern NSW.



Nioami Donnelly (front), with mum Sylvia Donnelly and little brother Brendan Donnelly, all of Canberra, were there when Professor Mick Dodson accepted his award.

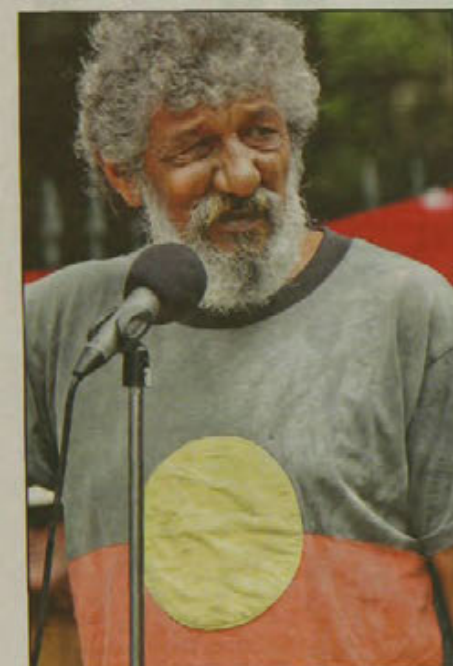


From left, at the Australian of the Year Awards ceremony, Reconciliation Australia CEO Barb Livesey, Karen Mundine, Craig Greene, Jason Glanville and Karen Middleton.

Survival Day coverage on the next four pages, and look for more in our next edition



Gamilaroi man Paul Spearim, and Russell Saunders, of Brisbane, show their colours.



Activist Dennis Walker has his say.



Cousins Jamal Soe and Mahalia Walsh (Ipswich and Brisbane) enjoy some shade during the Brisbane march.



Sam Watson leads the march through the city streets of Brisbane.

1000 take to city's streets

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



ONE minute's silence at the Brisbane Invasion Day Rally on Monday marked a sombre moment as the 1000-strong crowd gathered to reflect on Indigenous people who had passed on, many in the ongoing battle for human rights.

A rally at Queensland's Parliament House marked the official start of the protest, with a welcome to country from traditional owner Des Sandy, of the Yuggera people.

Speakers called for an end to the Northern Territory Intervention and for black deaths in custody to stop.

Aboriginal rights activist Sam Watson delivered a petition to the office of Speaker Mike Reynolds calling for a Royal Commission into the death in custody of Palm Island man Mulrunji Doomadgee. Marchers then made their way through Brisbane streets to Musgrave Park.

Community events

Mr Watson said the rally had marked the end of a series of community events in the lead-up to 26 January that included a free concert and barbecue at the State Library of Queensland Talking Circle and a treaty mass at St Mary's Cathedral.

Human Rights Medal winner Les Malezer was among the guest speakers at Musgrave Park. He said it was essential to continue to fight against the many injustices Aboriginal people were still facing.

Mr Watson said 2009 would be a 'big year' in black politics, and he would be among a group of Aboriginal activists and supporters making their way next week to Parliament House in Canberra to draw attention to the 'racist laws' that were continuing to affect communities across the country.



Marchers make their way from Brisbane city to Musgrave Park.

Survival Day 2009 – Tasmania



Coffins were carried through downtown Hobart during the protest to symbolise the loss of land, life and culture to Aboriginal people with the arrival of white people.



Philip Beeton, from Launceston, carries a wreath to the steps of Parliament House in Hobart as part of the protest.

'Change the day'

Pictures and report by
Tasmanian Correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL people and supporters have marched through the streets of Hobart carrying coffins to symbolise what happened on the original 'Australia Day'. Bemoaned people emerged from shops to witness the 200-odd protesters chanting "You stole our land, you stole our rights, blackfellas will fight, fight, we won't stop, we won't go away, we won't celebrate invasion day".

Upon arrival at Parliament House, coffins and wreaths were laid on the steps of the building. State Secretary of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Nala Mansell-McKenna said: "There can never be reconciliation between whites and Aborigines so long as



Michael Mansell and Nala Mansell-McKenna during the protest in Hobart.

the anniversary of the coming of white people is the basis for celebrating Australia Day.

"On that date in 1788, an army of British stuck the Union Jack on our country and declared it belonged to whites. It is the date whites took everything and we lost

the lot. How can any reasonable person celebrate that?"

Ms Mansell-McKenna compared the celebration of white invasion to Aborigines celebrating the slaughter of ANZACs at Gallipoli.

"I'm sure they'd agree to

changing the date of our celebration, wouldn't they?", she asked the applauding crowd.

Ms Mansell-McKenna suggested that 13 February, the anniversary of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology, would be a good date.

Michael Mansell, who also spoke at the protest, said the national day must be changed.

"Australia is probably the only country in the world that relies on the arrival of one race for its national day of celebration, which makes January 26th a race-based day for celebration," he said.

"The single man who stands between moving the date from January 26th to a more appropriate date is Kevin Rudd.

"Kevin Rudd is not the man we thought he was."

Mr Mansell called on the Australian Government to make a treaty with Aboriginal people.

"The date that that document is signed is a date that we could all celebrate!" he said.

Last year's Tasmanian Invasion Day protests caused a national stir and promoted debate when local Aboriginal man Adam Thompson burned an Australian flag.



Donald Burgess, of Hobart, was among the 200-strong crowd



Heads were hung by Hobart marchers in mourning at what Invasion Day represents.

Survival Day 2009 – Yabun



Marley Marlowe, Rossy Beale and Tyty Marlowe, of Mt Druitt, with Essie Gray, making badges in the Jarjum tent.



The Redfern Line Dancers were busting the moves, before leading a workshop for the crowd.



Must have been really hot in that helmet!



Rob Briggs, Malik Mundine, Anthony Mundine, Anthony Jnr, CJ Mundine, Jada Mundine and Tomikah Mundine.



Casey Donovan gave a moving performance on the main stage.



Rayma-Lee Pitt, of Brisbane, with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags on her face.



Yvette Farrell, of Sydney, paints Lizzie Haines with the Aboriginal flag in the Jarjum tent.



Malama Gray, of Cairns, and Nick Hawley, of Canberra, taking a break from the action.



Digby Moran and Naomi Moran, from Bundjalung country, northern NSW.



Krystal Hickey, of Doonside, Kalika Link, of Waterloo, Pepquita Link-Hickey, of Waterloo, Jamie Hickey, of Riverstone, and Richard Smith, of Riverstone, in the background.



Kev Carmody gave a brilliant performance.



They came from all over ... Nellie Pomat, of the Solomon Islands, Lluwannee George, of Darnley Island in the Torres Strait, and Otke Mrlina, of Slovakia in Europe.



Brian Doyle, Kyra Kum-Sing and Diana Hay, all of Sydney, were working as volunteers for the Gadigal Information Service.

Thousands join in the celebration

By DARREN COYNE

NSW IT seems there's nothing stopping the Yabun festival in Sydney – it just keeps getting bigger and better.

Thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their supporters gathered in Victoria Park on Survival Day to celebrate Indigenous culture, families and history.

For Brad Cooke, the General Manager of the Gadigal Information Service which organises the event, the day was everything organisers could hope for.

"The event grew out of Survival Day and we called it Yabun to give it an Indigenous name, and to focus on our survival," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"The name means 'Song with a Beat'."

And with a plethora of Indigenous talent on show, there were plenty of songs and plenty of beats for the audience to groove along to.

"The musicians, speakers, and the crowd, have come from all over Australia, and this was the first year we are being recorded live by NITV," Mr Cooke said.

"It's a special day for us because we are the original inhabitants of this



The Torres Strait was well represented, with Elma Kris, of Thursday Island, Syrenne Anu, of Saibai Island, and Mary Day, of Erub Island.

country, and we have survived despite everything.

"It's a genuinely happy day to celebrate. There are kids' tents, arts and crafts, and a place for the Elders to have a cuppa and catch up."

Mr Cooke gave special praise to the

work of artistic director Cathy Craigie, the original founder of the event.

"Cathy really should be credited with pulling it together and bringing all this talent here. You can feel the strength of our culture and grow from it ... it's wonderful."



Marlene Cummins performed on the main stage with her saxophone, and a voice which hit all the right notes.



Koori Mail cartoonist Danny Eastwood and his son Jamie at their art stall.

Walk will mark walk-off anniversary



ON 4 February 1939, residents of the Cummeragunja mission staged what is believed to have been the first mass strike by Aboriginal Australians.

The event, in protest of the cruel treatment and exploitation of the mission residents, became known as the Cummeragunja Walk-Off. It showed the strength and organisational skills of Aboriginal people in contravention to the controlling rules of the New

South Wales Protection Board.

Next week, interested people will have an opportunity to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the historic event with a special walk of their own.

The Rumbalara Men's Walking Group have issued an open invitation to anyone who'd like to join them in retracing the 66km trek of their ancestors from Cummeragunja Mission to Mooroopna Flats.

There will be a short opening walk from Cummeragunja Church to Barmah

Pub at 11pm on Tuesday, 3 February.

People who don't want to walk the whole distance can meet at the carpark at the first bridge in Mooroopna about 2pm on Wednesday, 4 February to walk onto the Flats.

Re-enactment

The Walking Group hopes the re-enactment will promote the historical values passed down by Elders such as Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholls, William Cooper and Shadrack James in their

struggle for justice, as well as increase the Victorian community's knowledge and understanding of healthy lifestyles, fitness and well-being.

Elders will be transported to the destination point, where there'll be a barbecue and speeches. T-shirts will be available.

For more information about the walk or to volunteer, contact Kalun Atkinson or Michael Cutmore at Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-Operative on (03) 5825 2333.

Resource to help save languages



AN online resource is now available through the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) to support the preservation and revival of Australian Indigenous languages.

AUSTLANG is the first online database to provide wide-ranging access to information on Indigenous languages.

Its web-based features make it possible to search for Indigenous languages by language name, place name or by navigating Australia through Google Maps.

"Language is an important embodiment of cultural heritage, knowledge, tradition and identity unique to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," AIATSIS Chairperson Mick Dodson said.

"Each language is associated with an area of land and has a deep spiritual meaning for Indigenous Australians.

"AUSTLANG provides access to detailed information on these languages, including language names, documentation, resources, location and number of speakers, programs, researchers, classifications and state of endangerment for each language."

While Indigenous Australians in some communities continue to speak their own languages, AUSTLANG is an important resource for many others who are seeking to maintain endangered languages or to revive those no longer spoken.

The National Indigenous Language Survey conducted by AIATSIS and Federation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages (FATSIL) in 2005 found that of the known 250 original Australian Indigenous languages present before European colonisation, about 110 Indigenous languages are rated as critically endangered.

This means that such languages could cease being spoken in the next 10 to 30 years as older generations fluent



Professor Mick Dodson ... 'AUSTLANG is a valuable research and resource discovery tool for anyone with an interest in Indigenous languages'.

in their languages pass on. Only 18 languages were considered 'Strong', with speakers across all age groups.

"AUSTLANG is a valuable research and resource discovery tool for anyone with an interest in Indigenous languages - Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, researchers, native title claimants, the private and public sector, the media, educationalists and collecting

institutions," Professor Dodson said.

"I encourage people to use and contribute to AUSTLANG as a vital and ongoing cultural resource."

The AUSTLANG online database will continue to be updated and improved.

AIATSIS encourages contributions from people working in the Indigenous languages sector to consolidate the information on Australian Indigenous languages.

Indigenous rangers to patrol the Torres Strait



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) has been awarded \$11,289,500 by the Federal Department of Environment (DEWHA) to establish an Indigenous ranger program.

The funding is part of the \$2.25 billion Caring for Our Country package being rolled out Australia-wide, aimed at integrating delivery of the Commonwealth's Natural Heritage Trust, the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality, the National Landcare Program, the Environmental Stewardship Program and the Working on Country Indigenous Land and Environmental Program.

TSRA Chairperson Toshie Kris said he was pleased the Government recognised the importance of Torres Strait's cultural and environmental heritage.

"Torres Strait Islanders have long emphasised the importance of passing down, sharing traditional knowledge and educating the broader community about the connection between our people and their land and sea," he said.

"While formal recognition of the relationship between our people and the environment can be achieved through native title, aspirations to manage our land and sea have been difficult to realise due to complex administration and management arrangements, as well as a lack of capacity and resources within communities."

"The TSRA's Land and Sea Management Unit (LSMU) will administer these funds over the next five years to establish and support a Torres Strait Indigenous ranger program to work under the three Caring for our Country principles of Keeping Country Healthy, Looking after Sea Country and Protecting Heritage.

"The Torres Strait Indigenous Ranger Program will be delivered in partnership with regional councils and prescribed bodies corporates, with Mabulag Island's ranger program the first to start.

"It is proposed that the program expand to include two additional communities, then another three communities during the middle of this year and a further two communities in 2010.

"Ranger groups will be employed full-time in each participating community and their capacity to fulfil their important roles will be built by the LSMU providing them with accredited training and skills development."



TOSHIE KRIS

Business is branching out

Story and photo by
ALF WILSON



WHILE many are feeling the economic downturn, business is booming for

Thursday Island-born Harry Waigana, whose Townsville tree-logging business is a rags-to-riches story.

Mr Waigana runs a thriving business in Townsville which employs 10 mainly Indigenous workers. The *Koori Mail* saw them on a job in the suburb of Cranbrook last week.

"My inspiration came from my grandparents who hail from Darnley and Saibai Islands in the Torres Strait," he said.

Mr Waigana left Thursday Island when he was five to live in Townsville where he attended Weir State Primary School and Kirwan High. Three years ago, he started his own business with one broken-down vehicle.

Hard work since then has ensured the business has boomed and Mr Waigana now has ten trucks and is in constant demand around Townsville. Most times, his dogs Ginny and Dozer accompany him on jobs.

"It wasn't all handed to me," said the quietly-spoken 36-year-old.

"I had to work hard from nothing to build the business up. I thank my grandmother Aggie and granddad Besai who looked after me and my brother Conrad from when we were small kids.



Harry Waigana, left, on the job with his brother Conrad.

They came from Darnley and Saibai Islands."

Mr Waigana said his interest in trees began when he was young, and that his grandparents were his inspiration to follow his career.

"I first got an interest in planting, growing and trimming

of trees, and the fruit from some helped feed my family," he said.

Mr Waigana's brother Conrad is the one who gets into the cherry pickers to chainsaw down branches from high trees.

"I have two crews working and am busy doing quotes and

helping in the office and I love trees and would rather prune than remove them," he said.

"I have five Torres Strait Islander workers and five Aborigines and they are good."

The business has its pitfalls, and others may find some of his experiences very humorous.

"We run into a lot of green ants, snakes, wasps, bees and grubs, and once a snake poked its head out while I was pruning a palm tree," he said.

Another time some of his workers found a dead snake and planted it under the sun visor of a truck he was driving towing a cherry picker.

"I pulled the sun visor down and the snake fell on my lap and I jumped out of the truck and it continued moving down the road and the snake was on the seat. There was no traffic so it ended up well," he said.

To operate the business, Mr Waigana needs a truck licence, chainsaw ticket, cherry picker ticket and lots of patience.

So, what keeps him going at such a hectic pace?

"My partner of 13 years, Sue, inspires me and she does the office work," he said.

"Some years ago I asked her 'should we put the small amount of money I had saved on a house or buy a business?' and she said 'get the business'. I'm thankful for her support," he said.

Mr Waigana also sponsors sporting events and teams, and his latest venture was getting behind a gala night of professional boxing at Townsville's Shark Park last April.

Mr Waigana sponsored a rugby league team named Murrie Balas United at the 2007 Vern and Frank Daisy All Blacks carnival at the Townsville Sports Reserve last October.

Urban inspires country star



A TEXT message from Keith Urban after the birth of his daughter is the inspiration for the first single from singer-songwriter Troy Cassar-Daley's new album.

Cassar-Daley sent the country star a message wishing him and Nicole Kidman well after the birth of their daughter Sunday Rose in July last year.

Urban replied: "Dad really tired, mum really tired, baby beautiful. Big love, Keith."

It became the inspiration for the song *Big Big Love*, the first single on Cassar-Daley's new album *I Love This Place*, out later this year.

"It doesn't get any bigger than that, love for kids, so I wrote this song," he said.

"My son thinks it's the best thing I've done in ages 'cause it's fun and I

said: 'Country can be fun boy, that's what it's all about'."

Cassar-Daley, who is a regular visitor to Aboriginal communities and remote parts of Australia, finds inspiration for his music from all over the country.

From truckies to a family filling up their car in the middle of the night,

'My son thinks it's the best thing I've done in ages 'cause it's fun, and I said: Country can be fun boy, that's what it's all about'

— Singer-songwriter Troy Cassar-Daley

everyone has a story, he says.

Even a surfing trip at Cottesloe Beach in Perth is a subject for a song called *Sing About This Country*.

"I'd never been there before. I didn't even realise there were sharks, so I was down in my boardies straight into it.

"I dived through this wave and I thought 'you know you're alive when you do stuff like this'."

The 14-time Golden Guitar winner turns 40 this year and has been in the country music business for over 20 years.

Putting aside all the albums and awards, he says the best achievement in his life is his family.

"A 10-year-old boy and a seven-year-old girl and a happy marriage — that's the milestone," he said.

"Music-wise, I'm just happy to have a job where I can plug in a guitar and get paid."

Cassar-Daley said he loves returning to Tamworth, where he lived in the early 1990s.

"I still know the local panel beater... I still know the people who run the roller-door place, I still know the people at the caravan park.

"I have a beautiful history with this town." — AAP



Troy Cassar-Daley at the Tamworth Country Music Festival last week. Photo by MAHALA STROHFLEDT

'Buddy' a *Cleo* bachelor hot tip



ABORIGINAL AFL player Lance 'Buddy' Franklin is amongst the favourites for

this year's 2009 *Cleo* Bachelor of the Year competition.

The women's magazine revealed the competition's 50 finalists last week, after

nominations from readers describing the final list as containing the nation's hottest eligible bachelors, and 'brains, brawn and beauty'.

Perth-born Franklin had a stellar year last year when his Hawthorn Football Club won the AFL premiership. He was awarded the Coleman Medal, with 102 goals in the

home-and-away season.

Currently recovering from niggling thumb and shoulder injuries, he can take some comfort from the fact that he's clearly appreciated both off and on the field.

Other popular entrants in the Bachelor of the Year competition included singer Axle Whitehead and Underbelly stars Damien

Walshe Howling, Alex Dimitriades and Gyton Grantley.

Franklin's fellow AFL player Ben Cousins, troubled by drug scandals in recent years, is understood to have declined to be included on the finalist list.

The winner of the competition will be announced in April - With AAP



Lance 'Buddy' Franklin revels in the roar of the crowd after Hawthorn's AFL premiership victory last year. AAP Image

KARI keeps kids cool



Checking out the waves are KARI program participants, from left, Kaysan Glanville, Danni-Maree Giles, Simone Petrella, Latoya Petrella and Allanah Walker.



INDIGENOUS youth participating in KARI Aboriginal Resources Inc's summer program escaped Sydney's heatwave

this month, by participating in the organisation's surfing and boat fishing programs held on the waters at Maroubra Beach and La Perouse.

As temperatures hit the mid-40s in the western suburbs, girls and boys from the programs could be found reeling in fish or catching a wave, with many of their parents coming along to enjoy the seaside.

KARI Chief Executive Officer Paul Ralph said the resource organisation sponsored initiatives that focussed on supporting families and young people from the Liverpool/Fairfield areas of south-western Sydney.

"We want our young people to enjoy themselves and at the same time learn new skills and meet new friends," he said.

"It is also important for our young people to learn about our culture, and from Aboriginal people.

"By offering these programs we are supporting many families who in some circumstances would not be able to do this themselves."

KARI engaged Peter Cooley, from



Latoya Petrella taking part in the surfing clinic, while young Mark Aslett appears more than happy with his catch.

Koori Communications and Training, to run his Catch N Cook and Greenroom Grommet surfing program.

Mr Cooley said participants in the surfing and fishing program learned about water safety, including identifying dangerous rips and currents, safety and equipment as well as having a great time and catching plenty of waves and fish.

The lift in self-esteem and confidence in participants in the program was very noticeable, he said.

The Greenroom Grommet surf program ran for four days earlier this month, for which all 11 participants received a Certificate of Achievement.

The fishing program is running every Saturday for six weeks at the boatshed in



La Perouse. Participants take out motorised 'tinnies'.

Both programs have attracted a high number of girls.

KARI will run a father-and-son fishing camp at Wreck Bay, south of Sydney, from 20-22 February. Activities will include fishing, local cultural dancing, storytelling and bush-tucker tours.

Historical listing for outback NT camp



A FORMER work camp in a dusty corner of the outback has been declared an historic site because of its significance to the Aboriginal fight for equality and fair pay.

The Union Camp at Newcastle Waters, about 270km north of Tennant Creek, was where the first Aboriginal employees and their families protested for equal rights and pay in 1966.

Although they lost their strike action, their voices started a groundswell of resistance to the appalling working standards imposed on black Australia.

It led to a push for equality by Aboriginal people and resulted in legislation at the Northern Territory and Commonwealth levels.

Union Camp was on Friday recognised as a site of historical significance under the Heritage Protection Act.

It now includes the remnants of two buildings,

several small shelters and the remains of a tank stand.

"The strike focused national attention on the entitlements of workers on pastoral properties across the Northern Territory," said NT Heritage Minister Alison Anderson. "This strike, and other strikes across Australia, helped build momentum and public awareness of issues such as equal wages, housing, education and land rights."

'The (Union Camp) site is an important catalyst for changes to Aboriginal policy around Australia'

— NT Minister Alison Anderson

The camp was established in 1966 after several Aboriginal workers and their families walked off Newcastle Waters Station.

This provided the catalyst for similar action at Wave Hill, where about 200 Aboriginal stockmen and their families returned to the bush rather than continue as servants of the British-

owned station Vestey's.

What began as a strike for better conditions and equal pay quickly expanded to become a claim for the return of the Gurindji people's traditional land.

Assisted by the union movement, the Gurindji waged a seven-year campaign, petitioning the Federal Parliament and the Governor-General to have their land rights recognised.

The campaign was won in 1975 when then Labor prime minister Gough Whitlam gave the Gurindji leasehold title to more than 3000 sq km of land.

The following year, Federal Parliament passed the landmark Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act, inspired in part by the Wave Hill saga.

Ms Anderson said Union Camp marked the start of a long road to equality and land rights. "This site is therefore an important catalyst for changes to Aboriginal policy around Australia," she said. — AAP

Huggins takes place on Heritage Council



JACKIE Huggins was one of three heritage specialists recently invited by the Federal Environment Minister to join Australia's peak heritage body, the Australian Heritage Council (AHC). "I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Jackie Huggins, Adjunct Professor Sharon Sullivan and Associate Professor Peter Valentino," Mr Garrett said. "Each is an eminent expert in their field, and each will bring a wealth of experience to their new role on the Australian Heritage Council."

The Minister spoke of the trio's individual accomplishments that had led to their appointments on the council.



JACKIE HUGGINS

"Dr Huggins is an Indigenous author and honorary Doctor of the University of Queensland," he said. "In 2000 she received the Premier's Millennium Award for Excellence in Indigenous Affairs, followed by a Centenary Medal in 2001 for her work with Indigenous communities."

"She was also a member of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation from 1995 to 2000 and co-chair of Reconciliation Australia from 2002 to 2008. Dr Huggins is of the Bidjara and Birri-Gubba Juru people."

Mr Garrett said he appreciated the valuable contribution the AHC had made over the past four years and he looked forward to continuing to work with it to identify, protect and promote Australia's national heritage.



Rhys Horsley, of Narooma, was a winner in the Patrick White NSW Young Indigenous Writers Competition for 2008. Photo by LAURELLE PACEY

Rhys's story is a winner

By LAURELLE PACEY



A CAREER as a writer is not a priority for 18-year-old Rhys Horsley, despite his obvious talent after

being a major prize winner in the Patrick White NSW Young Indigenous Writers Competition for 2008.

"I actually hated English as a subject, but as I got more into the creative side I started to enjoy it more, but I couldn't see it going anywhere as a career," Rhys said.

Rhys, then a student at Narooma High School, on NSW's far south coast, submitted the story, which he titled *Justified*, as his major work for the Higher School Certificate for Extension II English.

"It's a bit gruesome and violent," he said.

"It's about a young mother whose son is abducted and she thinks she knows who did it but the police don't appear to her to be taking much notice."

"She finds her son's tortured body and kills the man she believes is the murderer."

Rhys said the book is about the difference sometimes between true justice and the law, the nature of revenge and whether it can ever be justified morally.

"It's a situation that could, and too often does, occur," he said.

Writing the 6000-word story took

Rhys about a year from when he came up with the concept. That included doing research on the legal system, the nature of revenge and the psychological effects of losing a child, and a couple of months writing it.

"It actually scared me what I ended up with," he added.

"It's completely fictional and I've no idea where the idea came from."

Rhys was recently awarded a cadetship through Wingecarribee Shire Council for a degree in civil engineering at the University of Wollongong. His \$1000 prize will go towards a laptop computer for university.

Wiradjuri

Rhys's family line is Wiradjuri from the Wellington area through his mother.

The competition in which he was successful is an initiative of the NSW Aboriginal Education Council in memory of noted Australian writer Patrick White, who was a great supporter of encouraging Aboriginal youth.

It is held annually and open to Aboriginal students in NSW from Kindergarten to Year 12, with individual, group, short story and poetry categories.

A full list of major prize winners and those of encouragement awards are available on the NSW Aboriginal Education Council website www.aec.org.au

New Yorkers asked to help save wilderness



WEALTHY New Yorkers have been implored to dig deep to help protect one of the last strongholds of wildlife in Australia's Gulf region.

Positioned in the the Gulf of Carpentaria in the NT outback, the Pungalina and Seven Emu properties are about the size of Rhode Island.

The vast 3000 square kilometre tract of coastal wilderness is about 1000kms south-east of Katherine.

But the pristine environment of coastal wetlands, tidal flats and spring country is considered to be at risk from climate change and development.

The Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) is seeking to buy it under an historic partnership with Aboriginal landowners. "This will be the first time in Australia's history that a private conservation organisation has sub-leased an area of Aboriginal pastoral land for conservation," said AWC Executive Director Atticus Flemming.

A fundraiser held in the Big Apple (New York) on Thursday night – in partnership with the Australian Consul-General – was organised to raise money for the purchase of the land, with the AWC needing \$10.75 million to acquire Pungalina and secure the lease on Seven Emu.

Speaking to more than 300 philanthropists, Northern Territory Tourism Minister Kon Vatskalis said the NT was home to some of

more than ever it's important to conserve ecosystems, especially those such as Pungalina and Seven Emu that are not protected by national park status and where rare and endangered species are found."

Mr Flemming said the purchase arrangement could become an important new model for conservation on Indigenous-owned land.

"The establishment of the Pungalina-Seven Emu Wildlife Sanctuary involves an historic partnership between a private (non-profit) conservation organisation and an Indigenous landholder," he said.

Mr Vatskalis reminded the Americans that the NT was Australia's premier nature-based tourism destination.

"Nature-based tourism is integral to the future growth of our industry and we now have a golden opportunity to lead the way," he said. "(To) reinforce the position of the Northern Territory as one of the best nature and culture destinations." – AAP

'This will be the first time in Australia's history that a private conservation organisation has sub-leased an area of Aboriginal pastoral land for conservation'

the world's most pristine tracts of wilderness. Chief among these was the Pungalina and Seven Emu properties, he said.

"(It) is a hotspot for threatened species including the red goshawk, masked owl, gouldian finch, freshwater sawfish and sea turtles," the Minister said.

"With the impact of climate change, now

Children starting school? Here's a few tips



STARTING at a new school is always a challenging time for kids. Whether they're leaving mum

and dad for the first time or moving from primary school to high school, it will be one of the most exciting, scary and frustrating times of their young lives.

Kids Helpline General Manager Wendy Protheroe says it is crucial children are provided with love, acceptance, encouragement and support during this time of transition and change.

"These transitions are exciting opportunities for children to learn and grow, but we need to remember that such milestones can also cause anxiety," she said last week.

"Parents have a major role in helping children feel safe and secure as they move to their new educational settings.

"Children will be confronted with new challenges and uncertainties, it's important that parents listen to their children's concerns and praise them for facing fears and trying new activities."

Kids Help Line's suggestions for parents to support their children during this time include:

1. Be enthusiastic about the upcoming change. If you are excited and confident, your child will be too.

2. Prepare yourself and your child ahead of time – talk with your child about starting school.

3. Plan the first day the night before to avoid the early morning rush and any unnecessary stress, ensuring a calm and confident start to school.

4. If possible, visit the new school with your child and on the first day walk the little ones all the way into the classroom.

5. Start daily routines that will add continuity to make sure your child feels comfortable, for example be familiar with the school uniform, rehearse the day, and pack their favourite foods for lunch.

6. If your child has any special needs discuss this in advance with the teacher, for example dietary or health requirements.

7. Put aside extra time, particularly on the first day, for chatting and commuting together.
8. After school, greet your child and spend time with them.

"Really the most important thing a parent can do during this time is to be patient and supportive – if you listen, without interrupting, your children will share what they are feeling and experiencing," Ms Protheroe said. "These transitions are very important stages of children's lives, they help develop coping strategies, problem-solving skills and ways of seeing and understanding the world outside of their family."

Kids Helpline provides 24-hour counselling services to young people aged 5 to 18 years – free-call 1 800 551 800 or visit www.kidshelp.com.au

Mapping trip is Canada-bound



A VICTORIAN man is off to Canada to learn more about ground-breaking mapping techniques

being used to document Indigenous people's contemporary connection to their country. Ken Stewart, a member of the Murray River's Indigenous community, will meet with First Nations representatives to learn how they have used the maps, and how the technique can be used in Australia.

Mr Stewart is the Indigenous facilitator for the Lindsay-Walpolla and Hattah Lakes Icon sites, which is part of the Mallee Catchment Management Authority's Living Murray program.

He is due to leave for Vancouver with a delegation of Victorian Indigenous representatives on Friday, 30 January.

The form of mapping he will study was developed in Canada and is used to document Indigenous peoples' contemporary connection to their land. It can reveal various elements of their lifestyles such as where fish are caught to feed their families, hunting grounds and meeting places.

This form of mapping also helps preserve Elders' knowledge and passes this on to younger generations.

The mapping process involves asking the same clear and precise questions of Indigenous Elders and other community members and then plotting their responses on a map.

When a number of Elders are asked the same question, patterns form, revealing such things as popular living areas, travel routes and areas with reliable food sources.

In Canada, land-use and occupancy mapping has provided evidence in court cases on aboriginal rights and titles; helped determine impacts of proposed developments; assisted with education by



Ken Stewart, the Mallee Catchment Management Authority's Living Murray Indigenous Facilitator for Lindsay-Walpolla and Hattah Lakes Icon Sites, says cultural mapping could help document Indigenous peoples' connection to Hattah Lakes.

providing crucial links to the past; and provided information on resource management.

"This trip allows Indigenous Australians to find out first-hand how useful this type of mapping can be," Mr Stewart said.

The trip is being funded by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority under The Living Murray Program and will be guided by mapping expert Terry Tobias, who has more than two decades' experience in this specialised field.

Mr Tobias wrote *Chief Kerry's Moose – a guidebook to land use and occupancy mapping, research design and data collection* (2000) and is currently completing the first comprehensive reference text book on use and occupancy mapping.

The trip to Canada also holds special significance for Yorta Yorta members of the delegation, who participated in a pilot program of this mapping technique run in partnership with the Murray-Darling Basin Commission in March 2008 using the expertise of Mr Tobias.

The pilot program focused on Yorta Yorta use and occupancy in the Barmah Millewa Forests in northern Victoria. It involved more than 60 people.

Mr Tobias has collated the results of the Yorta Yorta pilot program to form land use and occupancy maps. These maps will be handed back to the Yorta Yorta people during their visit to Canada.

"It's not just about receiving some paper maps," Mr Stewart said.

"When this type of mapping is done correctly, it effectively gives people possession and control over their cultural data, which is becoming increasingly important to preserving our history."

Mr Stewart hopes the trip to Canada will help spark the beginning of use and occupancy mapping in the Mallee region of Victoria, beginning at The Living Murray Icon Site of Hattah Lakes.

"The Murray-Darling Basin Authority is sponsoring Terry Tobias to provide use and occupancy mapping training for Indigenous people, starting in March this year. The training will be undertaken in Echuca, with practical sessions at locations along the River Murray," he said.

Mr Stewart said the pilot program for Hattah Lakes could begin as part of the training in April and May 2009.

Healthy results for training program



A SCHOOL-BASED health-care training program is helping Indigenous students into jobs with Queensland Health.

The Indigenous Health Care Program at Gordonvale's Djarragun College provides Year 13 students with vocational training to secure entry-level employment in the health sector.

Piloted last year under a partnership between Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE, Djarragun College and Queensland Health, the program delivers Certificate III level training to students at the Indigenous school and is already producing excellent results.

The first six graduates from the program are expected to be placed into full- or part-time employment with Queensland Health this year.

Djarragun College Deputy Principal Simon Cotton said the vocational education option fitted well with students seriously considering their next move.

"The six students who successfully completed the pilot course last year will be placed into employment this year – that's a fantastic outcome," Mr Cotton said.

"Year 13 is a great fit for this type of program because it's driven by students who want to continue engaging in education.

"But we now want to replicate this success and give Year 11 and 12 students the same opportunity."

The three parties, acknowledging this need for expansion, have agreed to fund two similar programs in 2009.

Queensland Health will continue to contribute funds to provide a tutor for pastoral care, transport and support resources and student enrolment fees, while TAFE covers program costs.

"The pastoral care element is certainly one of the most important aspects of the training," Mr Cotton said.

"It ensures the students receive the support they need and make it through."

Training involves a combination of TAFE studies and work placement, which culminates in employment at Queensland Health facilities or entrance to further training or education.

Project Manager Cheryl Belbin said the program – which comes under the



Djarragun College students, from left, Seeba Bourne, Rhi-anne Williams, Monica Fourmile, Lottie Schreiber and Daisy Noah train for careers in the health sector.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Strategy – reflected a commitment from Queensland Health to increase the number of Indigenous people working for the department.

"Initiatives such as this TAFE program are great vehicles to promote careers in the health sector and provide pathways for getting there," she said.

"These are relevant programs where students learn the specific skills to work in

community health centres in roles such as nursing assistants, ward assistants and patient services."

The announcement of the new programs mean a total of 30 students from Djarragun College will be able to access health worker training in 2009.

TAFE teacher Doris Ahmat said although a pilot, the initial program proved that great things could happen when organisations worked together.

"It's a really great project to be a part of, but the students are the real success story," Ms Ahmat said.

"They have really met the mark and now have the experience and the jobs to vouch for it."

The two new programs – Certificate III in Indigenous Primary Health Care and the Certificate III in Health Services Assistance – will start this year at Djarragun College.

Dengue fever outbreak sparks fears



HEALTH officials are battling to prevent the spread of north Queensland's dengue fever epidemic which they say could take months to stop. In the worst outbreak since before World War II, there were almost 190 confirmed cases in Cairns and 15 in Townsville on Friday morning, with one in

four infected people hospitalised, acting Chief Health Officer Linda Selvey said. Two people were also infected in Mackay, after visiting Townsville and Cairns.

Dr Selvey said the virus was spreading much more quickly, was showing worse symptoms than usual and would take months to stop.

She said there were fears mosquitoes could feed on

two infected people in Mackay, leading to an outbreak.

"We're concerned that it could spread in Mackay but at this stage our efforts to control that seem to have been successful," she said.

Dr Selvey said it was possible dengue fever could travel north to the Torres Strait, west to the Tablelands and as far south as Goomeri, near Gympie.

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Warren Martens is almost half the man he used to be ... and he couldn't be happier

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

Winner in battle of the bulge

WARREN Martens calls it 'obesity bigotry' and he has certainly copped a lot of it over the past 30 years during which he struggled with his weight.

Just like racism, he says ignorant attitudes are often at the core of people's mindsets towards those who suffer with obesity.

There's a stigma attached to being big, he says.

The destructive cycle of overeating so familiar to 'big' people was one that Warren said lasted for many years.

The Sydney 42-year-old told *The Koori Mail* he had been eating himself into an early grave but felt powerless to do anything about it.

"Obesity has a good friend, and that is excuses," the Ganandji (north Qld) man said. And he admits to being the first to using a lot of them over the years. At his heaviest, Warren weighed in at about 170kg.

That was in 2007. Today, almost two years after he started his 'battle of the bulge', Warren is fighting fit at 95kg. With a total loss of 75kg, Warren has set his sights on reaching a goal weight of 65kg. He's a man on a mission and says nothing will get in his way.

Diagnosed with diabetes 20 years ago, Warren had tried every diet imaginable, but nothing kept the weight off for long.

Constant pains

His sleep apnoea was further complicated because of the excess weight and he was put on a nightly breathing machine. With constant chest pains, shortness of breath and reflux, life was physically uncomfortable.

Warren tried to manage other health complications with medication, but even that had its limitations. It wasn't until his doctor sat him down and told him he was only years away from a heart attack that Warren understood the gravity of the situation.

It was at this point that he decided to undergo weight loss surgery, which he told *The Koori Mail*, saved his life.

Warren said that while some people might think this an extreme measure, he had exhausted all other options and time was running out.

And so in 2007 he underwent the gastric sleeve surgery, a permanent reduction where part of the stomach is removed.

Then last year he had another operation, the gastric bypass, which makes the



From 170kg to 90kg ... Warren Martens pictured about two years ago and just last week.

stomach smaller and allows food to bypass part of the small intestine. This essentially

means feeling full more quickly, thereby reducing the amount of food eaten and

calories absorbed.

However, Warren says his successful weight loss was due

only in part to the surgery. He stresses the importance of incorporating a treatment plan, and with the help of his general practitioner and dietician, started on the long road back to health.

Warren is a different man these days, in more ways than one. For one thing, he has goals now, and wants to be one of the fittest Aboriginal men for his age.

The new Warren now works out five days a week, combining 40 minutes of cardio-vascular workouts with 20 laps of swimming.

And then there's the food he eats.

Warren said he allowed his eating to get out of control and there was a time not so long ago when he couldn't walk past a fast food shop without going in to buy junk food.

But, with the help of his dietician, he is now on a sensible healthy eating plan. He says he is finally learning to control his eating.

Warren says he is just an ordinary bloke who wants to inspire others who are battling their weight to take that difficult first step.

He says that if he can do it, anyone can. And if going from a size 6XXL to a small isn't enough, Warren wants to be a support for other overweight men to help them get strong and healthy again – for their families and communities and, most importantly, themselves.

"Obesity is 100 per cent preventable, and you don't necessarily have to have surgery to be able to lose weight," he said.

"There are so many supports out there for people who are serious about getting back their health."

The largest health survey of Indigenous Australians ever conducted, the 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS) identified nutrition-related diseases such as heart disease, type II diabetes and renal disease as amongst the leading causes of ill health amongst Indigenous people.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) report also found that 47 per cent of Indigenous people aged 15 years and over were either overweight and/or obese. This means that many of our people are living with and dying from illnesses that can be managed and even prevented.

● For more support and information on weight management plans, contact your local Aboriginal Medical Centre.

'Obesity has a good friend, and that is excuses'

Yarning good for health

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



A PILOT program conducted in the city of Tamworth, NSW, last month and designed to make mental health services more accessible through 'yarning' could be expanded to more regional areas.

The one-day pilot program, 'Caring for our Mob', run by the Hunter New England Health Service (HNEHS), was opened by local Elders Joe and Pearl Trindall with a welcome to country.

The aim was to create more Aboriginal community awareness of and engagement with the services available in Tamworth and also to break down the stigma commonly associated with seeking help, said HNEHS family worker Claire Priestley.

"We talked to carers

and asked them 'How can we help you and what information do you need?' Ms Priestley said.

Service providers such as the Hunter New England Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Services, Care Assist, Centrelink, Commonwealth Care and Respite and the Aboriginal Medical Service were given a chance to build partnerships with each other and with the community.

"They all got together and gave a presentation and then had a conversation about what their services were and how they could work in with people's current situations," she said.

Ms Priestley emphasised one of the greatest outcomes of the pilot program was the level of networking and awareness that had started between groups, organisations and individuals.

"All the service



Back, from left, Vicki Barwick from the Commonwealth Carers Respite Centre, Grant LeBrocq from the Drug and Alcohol Service and Garry Creighton of Community Health. Front, from left, Mental Health Aboriginal liaison officer Karen Winters, Lorraine Barnicoat from the AMS, and Regional Clinical Director of Mental Health Services Dr Samit Roy.

providers are aware of what other services are around and a lot of the community and Elders are now better aware of how to

access support," she said.

"One of the things we learnt is the stigma around mental health is still a big issue and also that it's

really difficult getting carers together in that forum and acknowledging the fact that they are carers."

Ms Priestley said many people came to talk about the role of carers as professionals, but were also carers in their own families. This highlighted that problems associated with labels were also an issue for 'carers', a term she called problematic.

Research indicates one in five people face mental illness in their lives, and Ms Priestley said carers and families were often the first people to know when someone was becoming unwell, but it was hard to know where to turn for help.

"Hopefully people will have a better idea, now, of how to access support," she said. "We want to improve on how we work with the stigma that is in the community to make it okay to say 'Hey, I have a loved one with a mental illness, but I'm not quite

sure what to do'. And that it's okay to say you need a bit of help in this area."

Ms Priestley said the next step for the program was to package it in a less formal and more applicable way so yarning could occur on a grassroots level, through events such as barbecues.

The group was examining ways to continue the program, which might include applying to funding bodies to boost its shoe-string budget.

NSW Minister Assisting on Mental Health Barbara Perry said the Caring for Our Mob initiative was amongst a range of culturally-sensitive initiatives launched by the department over recent months.

"Carers play a vital role in supporting people with a mental illness," Ms Perry said. "It is important that services are provided to help carers in what can be a challenging role."

Jabs still free...

...but only until 30 June



TIME is running out for young Indigenous women to take advantage of the free cervical cancer vaccine.

The Cancer Council Victoria has warned girls and women who have not yet had the vaccine to 'get in quick', because the Australian Government program for females aged 12 to 26 ends on 30 June.

Women who want to access the free vaccine must have their first dose by 30 June, and complete subsequent free doses by 31 December. Women who use the vaccine after June will have to pay about \$450 for all three doses.

After June, the vaccine will only be available free-of-charge for all girls in Year 7 through the school-based National Immunisation Program.

With Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women four times more likely to die from cervical cancer than other women, Cancer



Carly Sheldon manages a grin while receiving the vaccine from nurse Lynne Walker. Photo: Karyn Knight

Council Victoria Director Professor David Hill is urging all eligible women to make an appointment for the vaccine straight away.

"Girls and women who have started but not completed the vaccination course are encouraged to do so, as all three doses are necessary to ensure the vaccine is most effective," he said.

"It's really important that all women who have the vaccine continue having regular two-yearly

Pap tests between the ages of 18 and 69. This is because Pap tests are the only way to check for abnormal cell changes in the cervix."

Twenty-five year-old Carly Sheldon, a Wemba Wemba woman living in Melbourne, took up the offer of the free vaccine late last year and wants to convince others her age to vaccinate.

"Cervical cancer is a serious health issue in the community.

When I found out about the free cervical cancer vaccine I made an appointment at my health service straight away. Three needles sounded like a lot, but it wasn't that bad, especially as they are spread out over a six-month period," she said.

Readers with questions about the cervical cancer vaccine or cervical cancer can call the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20 or visit www.papscreen.org.au

How does the cervical cancer vaccine work?

THE vaccine works by protecting against the two strains of human papilloma virus (HPV) that cause 70 per cent of cervical cancers.

Do women still need Pap tests if vaccinated?

All women, vaccinated or not, between the ages of 18 and 70 should have a Pap test every two years. This is because Pap tests are the only way to check for abnormal cell changes on the cervix, and because the vaccine does not protect against all cancer causing HPV.

Who can access the vaccine?

Females aged 12 to 26 can access the vaccine free if they have their first dose before 30 June and last dose by 31 December. The full vaccination involves three doses over a six-month period. Women up to the age of 45 can also access the vaccine at a cost of \$450.

Where can women get the vaccine?

The vaccine is available through GPs and local council immunisation clinics.

Findings identify respite shortage



A NEW report into the health and aged-care needs of older Aboriginal people on the New South Wales mid-north coast

has identified a severe shortage of overnight respite and short-term emergency care and the need for Aboriginal health workers.

The report, 'Seeking a way to bridge the gap - a scoping study of the health and care needs of older Aboriginal people' was released at the Moonee Elders' Centre, north of Coffs Harbour.

It was produced by Southern Cross University's Aged Services Learning and Research Centre (ASLaRC) on behalf of Yarrawarra Aged Care Ltd (YACL).

Professor Colleen Cartwright said the study looked at the health and care needs for older Aboriginal people, as well as ways of maximising the use of the Moonee Centre, which is on the Pacific Highway north of Moonee.

The major gap identified in the study was the need for day, overnight and short-term emergency respite.

"There is a real need for an aged care service centre, operated by an Aboriginal organisation, for older Aboriginal people living in the Gumbaynggirr Nation," Professor Cartwright said.

Estimates

"Based on population estimates and planning ratios, there should be 132 Aboriginal-specific community care places.

"In our study area, which covers the area from south of Nambucca Heads, north to Maclean and west of Dorrigo, there are at present no Aboriginal-specific residential places and only a limited number of Aboriginal-specific community care packages.

"The report also identified the importance of having Aboriginal health workers to provide some of the care and support.

"Currently, older Aboriginal people are reluctant to access residential care. But if they become familiar with the centre and the workers they will feel more comfortable about going into respite."

Professor Cartwright said the Moonee site, previously a motel, was centrally situated in the Gumbaynggirr nation and would be suitable for the staged development of aged-care services.

"What is needed is the development of aged-care services covering social, care and health needs and capable of being extended over time to include residential respite," she said.

Yarrawarra Aged Care Ltd Chair Tony Perkins said the study, funded by the Federal Department of Health and Ageing, provided a comprehensive report on all the services required.

"We are now in a position to present our urgent needs in caring for Aboriginal Elders, which in turn will bridge the gap in health and care and contribute to a healthier lifestyle," he said.

"Based on the findings of this study, we feel confident that we will receive the necessary government support to upgrade the Moonee Elders' Centre premises and initiate these recommendations."



Growing demand ... The expanded Healthy for Life team, from left, co-ordinator Jodie Griffin, Aboriginal liaison officer Erin Eade, nurse Julie Griffin, Aboriginal liaison officer Layton Simon, nurses Maryanne Sherlock and Jane Haverfield, Aboriginal health worker Dennis Scott, and nurse Karen Enright.

Demand leads to expanded service team



AN innovative Aboriginal health program operating on the south coast of New South Wales has expanded its team of health

professionals in response to growing demand from the community and local doctors. A small team of nurses and Aboriginal health workers has been working with local GPs and other health professionals for the past 18 months to offer free health checks, diabetes clinics and parenting support to Aboriginal people living in the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley regions.

The success of the 'Healthy for Life' program has led to the team's growth in recent months, with Aboriginal liaison officers Erin Eade and Layton Simon bringing their expertise to the mix, along with nurses Julie Griffin and Maryanne Sherlock.

Program co-ordinator Jodie Griffin gave

full credit to the region's GPs for the success of the Healthy for Life program.

"Our local doctors really have embraced the program, providing over 300 free health checks for Aboriginal adults and children in the 18 months we've been operating," she said. "As well as referring their Aboriginal patients to the Healthy for Life clinics."

Ms Griffin said the annual health checks

identified and possibly prevented, go unchecked," she said.

And it seems Aboriginal people living in the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley agree that Healthy for Life is working, turning up in big numbers for the regular diabetes clinics, health checks and parenting groups on offer.

Ms Griffin, who

co-ordinates the program for the Southern General Practice Network, said a positive report about Healthy for Life from the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) highlighted the growing demand for the program's

'Many Aboriginal people will only visit a doctor if they are very unwell and this can mean that chronic illnesses such as diabetes, which might otherwise be identified and possibly prevented, go unchecked'

— Healthy for Life nurse Julie Griffin

were an important step in improving the rates of chronic disease in the Aboriginal population.

"Many Aboriginal people will only visit a doctor if they are very unwell and this can mean that chronic illnesses such as diabetes, which might otherwise be

services.

The Southern General Practice Network delivers the Healthy for Life program in partnership with Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services and is funded by the Federal Department of Health and Ageing.

Scholarships are on offer



THE NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is calling on

Aboriginal students to apply for a scholarship program aimed at providing long-term support to the Aboriginal community.

Named after its founding benefactor Frederick (Freddy) Thomas Fricke, who passed away in 2000, the 2009 Freddy Fricke Scholarship will provide financial support to Aboriginal students across a range of disciplines including medicine, surgery, science, arts, architecture and law.

NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton said the council was proud to be supporting the advancement of Aboriginal students, and the scholarship was an opportunity to encourage, nurture and provide educational opportunities for Aboriginal people.

"We recognise the difficulties and adversities many Aboriginal



BEV MANTON

people must overcome in order to realise their true potential," she said.

"That's why it's important to encourage and assist the talent of Aboriginal people by providing them with a springboard to professional careers."

Ms Manton said the scholarship had been assisting

tertiary students since 2002 and aimed to increase the number of NSW Aboriginal people with professional careers.

NSWALC said the scholarship meant more students were now able to participate in tertiary education, where lack of financial support may have otherwise excluded them.

Scholarship recipients were evaluated on their commitment to and involvement with their local community, therefore promoting the transfer of knowledge and skills within the community.

The council hopes scholarship students will act as role models for those contemplating further study, and also be able to use their skills to benefit the whole community. Applications for the scholarship program closes 28 February and nomination forms can be downloaded from www.alc.org.au



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Bboy 2 Ezy breaking it down for the kids of Vibe Alive Rocky 2008. Photos by Andrew Rosenfeldt

Big crowd at 'Rocky'



THE last Vibe Alive festival for 2008 was held in Rockhampton, Queensland, attracting more than 800 students to the city's showgrounds.

The two-day festival offered students the chance to compete in singing, dancing, basketball and art activities, to share their talents and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

Participants also had the opportunity to explore healthy living and career options as well as boost their literacy skills in the special Vibe Alive Buzz Off! spelling bee.

"Rocky really got into the spirit of Vibe Alive, capping off a sensational season of festivals," said Vibe Alive Executive Producer Gavin Jones.

Hot talent

"Not only was the weather hot, the talent was too."

The overall winners of the Queensland Vibe Alive Cup were the Gracemere Juniors from Gracemere State School. The best performers of the festival were also chosen to perform at a special community concert, which also included performances by Casey and Courtney, and a surprise set by international New York's DJ Spin Easy, who has opened for the likes of Snoop Dogg, Busta Rhymes and Ice Cube.

More than 1600 people turned out to watch the show and get into the spirit of Vibe Alive, with a spectacular fireworks display topping off an awesome night of entertainment.



Barry Johnson 'Spirit of Vibe Alive' Shield winner Isaac received his award from DJ Geoffrey Johnson and Vibe Alive patron Kerrie Hayes.



Kids taking part in an energetic hip-hop workshop at Mildura. Photos by Felicity Jenkins

Spirit alive in Mildura



Mildura Vibe Alive local crew performing in the festival opening ceremony around the campsite.



MORE than 500 students from around Victoria gathered at Mildura in mid-November for the Vibe Alive festival.

The two-day gathering for young Australians of all backgrounds, promotes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and encourages tolerance and teamwork.

"The spirit of Vibe Alive was also well and truly alive among all the young participants at Mildura Vibe," said Executive Producer Gavin Jones of the Mildura event.

"We saw some really inspiring examples of sportsmanship. We also saw some of the best student performances yet, including 'The Ronny' who was an absolute scream, and a real crowd favourite."

Winners

The overall winners of the Victorian Vibe Alive Cup were Mildura Titans from Mildura Public School.

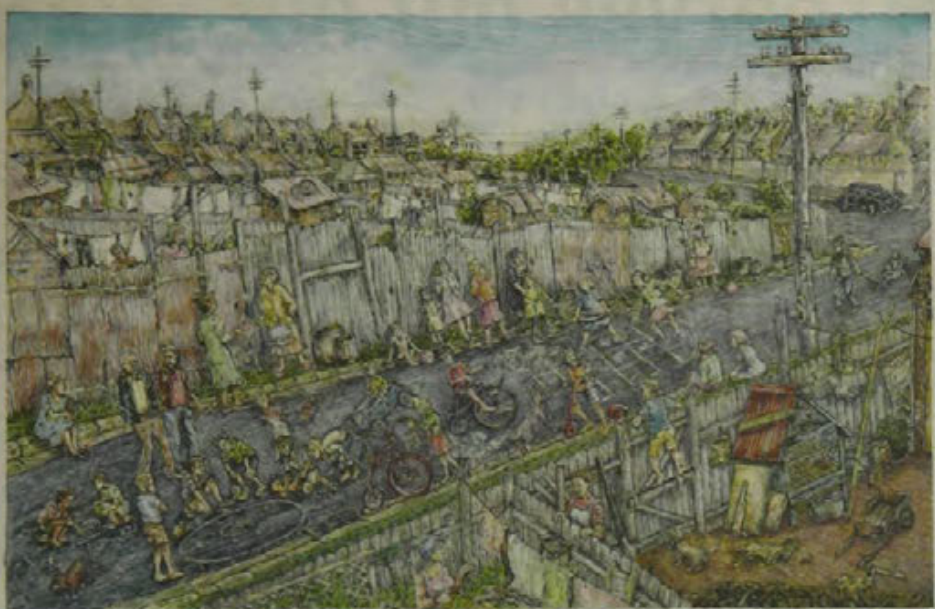
The inaugural winner of the Barry Johnson Spirit of Vibe Alive Shield presented by Geoffrey Johnson and Kerrie Hayes was Jamarie Sailor. The shield will travel with the festival to each location and recognise the student at each festival who best displays the spirit of fair play.

Adding to the excitement of the festival was a group of special Vibe Alive role models, including former Australian Idol Casey Donovan, stars of the hit reality TV show *So You Think You Can Dance?* Courtney and Suri, Australian Seven's Rugby Union player Matthew Sonter, Centrelink Ambassador Kyle Vander-Kuyp, Black Diamond Claude Williams and Aboriginal artist and comedian Kevin Kropinyeri.



Celebrating to *We are the Champions* are the winners of the Vibe Alive Cup, the Mildura Titans, from Mildura Public School.

Artworks on regional NSW tour



Danny Eastwood's *My Reconciliation* (pen, ink and watercolour on paper), which will feature as part of a regional tour of the 2008 Parliament of NSW Indigenous Art Prize. Courtesy of the artist.



AN exhibition of artworks for Campbelltown Art Centre's 2008 Parliament of NSW Indigenous Art Prize has begun a year-long tour of regional galleries across the State.

The exhibition includes self-taught artist and *Koori Mail* cartoonist Danny Eastwood's \$20,000 winning entry *My Reconciliation*. The work, which will be held by the NSW Parliament, was described as a nostalgic glimpse into the urban Aboriginal experience.

More than 50 artworks by 32 individual artists were selected as finalists and displayed at NSW Parliament House until late last year. They'll now feature in the regional tour to Moree Plains Gallery, Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, Brewarrina Visitor Information Centre and Manning Regional Art Gallery.

According to a Campbelltown Arts Centre representative, last year was the biggest to date in terms of the number of entries, which came from across the State including Jerilderie, Casino, Boggabilla and Cronulla.

The line-up also includes the winner of the College of Fine Arts Professional Development Award, supported by the University of NSW, Gordon Syron's painting *...and they never asked us for our land*.

"In its fourth year, the Parliament of NSW Indigenous Art Prize continues to recognise the high standard of Indigenous art in NSW and is an important step in promoting the great wealth of artistic excellence in the State's Indigenous communities," said Campbelltown Arts Centre Director Lisa Havilah.

The tour concludes in November. For more information call the Campbelltown Arts Centre on (02) 4645 4100.

Advice on offer to Qld writers



REMOTE, regional and Indigenous writers in Queensland can next week get professional advice on their

current project. The Qld Writers Centre (QWC) will bring Peter Bishop, the Director of Varuna, The Writers' House, to Townsville on Monday 2 February and Friday 6 February and Charters Towers on Wednesday 4 February.

"QWC has teamed up with Varuna to promote equality, opportunity and pathways to publication for writers living away from the arts infrastructure of major cities," said QWC CEO Kate Eltham.

Mr Bishop will host consultations with writers interested in applying for the Varuna Longlines Program, based on a 20-page sample of work and a current project synopsis.

Hosted by Varuna, the Longlines Program is a national initiative that provides professional development, networking opportunities, pathways to publication or performance, and an expanding sense of community for regional writers across Australia.

There's a limited number of consultations on each day. Consultations cost \$25. For more information on The Longlines Program visit www.varuna.com.au. Phone (07) 3839 1243 to book a consultation.

Trevor Jamieson as he appeared in *Ngapartji Ngapartji*



Play star a winner



THE accolades continue to roll in for the Aboriginal play *Ngapartji Ngapartji*, with one of its stars winning a major honour at the 2008 Sydney Theatre Awards.

Central Australian actor Trevor Jamieson's win for Best Actor in a Lead Role was announced at a gala ceremony in Sydney last Tuesday.

The bilingual play was also a nominee in two other categories, for Best Main Stage Production and Tasmanian Scott Rankin for Best Direction.

Co-creator Jamieson declared himself 'immensely proud' of the play.

"Its evolution over a nine-year period has helped hundreds of people both Indigenous and non-Indigenous explore new ways of working together," he said.

BIG hART National Creative Director Scott Rankin said research and development of new theatre work in Australia came primarily from the small to medium sector.

"It receives the least funding, but it does the most work - so we are extremely proud to have been nominated for three awards and to have taken one home in the bag," he said.

"It feels like this is a David and Goliath story, we're up against some

of the best names in the industry, so it has been wonderful to work with the Sydney Festival and Company B to bring this Big hART Production to Sydney."

Ngapartji Ngapartji, which is Pitjantjatjara for something like 'I give you something, you give me something', tells the true story of the Spinifex people of the Western Desert who were moved off their lands to make way for British atomic testing carried out between 1953 and 1965.

Jamieson is a Spinifex man himself, so the story is personal.

Importance

"As a bilingual production, *Ngapartji Ngapartji* demonstrates how we can use language to help close the gap between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous, it encourages cross-cultural awareness and recognises the importance of Indigenous languages," he said.

Since 2006, *Ngapartji Ngapartji* has sold out to a national audience of 30,000, with producers reporting standing ovations at every performance.

Last October the production took out the Deadly Award for 'Most Outstanding Achievement in Theatre'.

BIG hART mostly works with disadvantaged people in regional, rural and isolated areas of Australia.

It's music to Redfern

By MARGARET SMITH



THE inner-Sydney community of Redfern has propelled itself

into the New Year with a music CD and the 2009 Yabun Festival on Monday.

Next month, the community will mark the first anniversary of the national apology to the Stolen Generations with a sports and cultural festival.

A music recording studio at the Redfern Community Centre has been attracting Kooris of all ages to develop their songwriting, music and performance.

Their latest release is a CD of rap, rock and ballads, *Songbird Calling*, in support of Redfern Community Centre's Music Program.

Co-ordinating producer for the CD project Tania Bowra said Sydney City Council had been smart to include a recording studio in the centre.

Songbird Calling features 13 tracks including Condobolin Nymphae/ Wiradjuri man Lawrence Barlow's song *Stories our Fathers Told Us*; Wiradjuri/ Yuin/Darug woman Nadeena Dixon's *Aboriginal Land*; Gumbaynggirr rapper Wire MC's *Keep It Movin'* performed with his Argentinian partner Choo Choo; Common Ground's *You don't know Me*; and the Dreamtime Brothaz' hip hop number *Aboriginal Sound*.

Other highlights include *Djama Wau* by Dr Greenthumb (actor/ songwriter Richard Green); Kamilaroi woman Cathy Stanley's song to her deceased son; Dhungutti Elder Dave Quinlan with *On the Road Again*, which is reminiscent of his classic *Original Aboriginal*; and the very young Block Brothers' *Flowers and Trees*, about life on The Block for Koori kids.

"One of the strongest benefits of *Songbird Calling* is that it's a collection of really great songs, with interesting stories to tell," Bowra told *The Koori Mail*.

"Often Indigenous musicians work hard for many years without ever recording. It's a good outcome for them to hear their music being recorded and produced. The artists benefit and the public benefit as well."

Fellow studio producer Wire MC, who has run music workshops in outback NSW, took time out from recording to yarn with *The Koori Mail*.

"This has definitely been a benefit for people like myself to have a recording studio in the Redfern community," he said.

Wire MC also gets satisfaction working up songs for the local kids, and added that Block Brothers' *Flowers and Trees* had been their own composition.

"They've written heaps of songs and if they keep it up, they could do a whole CD," said Wire MC.

Some of the artists performed at Yabun on 26 January, and some will be guest musicians for what is becoming known as Apology Day on 13 February.

Event organiser Alex Wymarra told *The Koori Mail* the day has been organised by Vibe Australia in partnership with other groups. It will include market stalls, performances from Casey Donovan and other artists,

basketball competitions from 3pm, and a boxing ring will be erected at The Block for events from 5pm.

"Boxers programmed to take part will include Australian champion Cool Willie Kickett, Edgar Wymark, Luke Boyd and former NRL player Joey Williams," said Mr Wymarra.

"Also, Uncle Lionel Rose, Tony and Anthony Mundine will be special guests. The event will launch the Indigenous Sporting and Boxing Academy."

The *Songbird Calling* CD is available for \$15 from Redfern Neighbourhood Centre next to Redfern Post Office, or by emailing tbowra@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au



Lawrence Barlow at the launch of *Songbird Calling*.

Photo: MICHELA LEDWIDGE

Artist Laurel Nannup carves out her story



NYOONGAR artist Laurel Nannup has carved out her life in an exhibition of work titled *A Story to Tell*.

The collection of woodcuts and etchings, along with a selection of photographs, illustrate the artist's memories of places, events and people which have helped shape her view of life.

The exhibition is on show at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute in Adelaide from 6 February until 19 April.

At the age of eight, the Native Welfare Department took Ms Nannup, her sister and cousin away from the Pinjarra (WA) region and their families.

They were taken to the Wandering Mission where they lived and worked until they were old enough to work on farms in the area.

The prints in Ms Nannup's exhibition are a reflection of her life, with her family and mission life. The stories are told with honesty and affectionate humour, and build up a picture of the reality of life for many Indigenous

people of her generation.

"As a young Nyoongar girl growing up in the bush, I learnt a lot from my parents and grandparents about the old ways," Ms Nannup said.

"They taught me how to find water, how to track animals and how to find food to eat, when I

milk the cows and stook hay for the cows' feed.

"From time to time we lived on the Pinjarra Reserve with my grandparents and other relatives until my sister Cecelia, my cousin Madeline and I were taken away by the Native Welfare. I was just eight years old.

"We were sent to the Wandering Mission where I spent the next eight years of my life. I don't remember much about the trip to the mission. I just remember Mum bathing us and putting new clothes on us, that's all I remember about that event."

As well as being the artist, Laurel Nannup has also curated the exhibition, with the help of Brett Nannup.

The national tour is being managed by Art on the Move, and is being supported by the National Exhibitions Touring Structure for Western Australia through the State Exhibition Development and Touring Funds.

Art on the Move is

assisted by the Federal Government through the Australia Council, and is supported by the Visual Arts and Craft Strategy, an initiative of the Australian, State and Territory governments.



Lolly Tree, one of the works by Nyoongar artist Laurel Nannup featured in her exhibition at Tandanya in Adelaide.

was hungry. My family and I lived in the bush around the Pinjarra region, where Mum and Dad worked on farms, felling trees to make fence posts for the farmers. They also worked on dairy farms where they would

WA awards entries call



NOMINATIONS are being called for Australia's richest Indigenous contemporary art awards.

WA Culture and Arts Minister John Day said the Art Gallery of WA hoped to build on the success of the inaugural awards.

"The call for nominations is now open and the Art Gallery of WA expects to receive more than the 157 nominations which were put forward for the 2008 awards," he said.

"We encourage people from organisations actively involved in the development, exhibition, collection or promotion of Indigenous art to nominate artists for these prestigious awards."

The awards will comprise a group exhibition of outstanding art and three non-acquisitive awards totalling \$65,000 as follows: The

WA Indigenous Art Award, \$50,000; The WA Artist Award, \$10,000; and the People's Choice Award, \$5,000.

The WA Indigenous Art Award will be given to the artist whose work in the awards exhibition is considered by the selection panel to be the most outstanding.

The WA Artist Award recipient will also be chosen by the selection panel. The \$50,000 award winner and \$10,000 recipient will be announced at the July awards ceremony.

The People's Choice Award will be presented at the end of the exhibition season to the artist in the awards who receives the highest number of votes. Visitors to the exhibition and the gallery's website will be able to register their vote.

These national awards are open to all adult Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists living in Australia.

The winners of the inaugural WA

Indigenous Art Award were Patrick Tjungkurrayi, who won the main \$50,000 award; June Walkutjukur Richards, who won the category acknowledging a WA artist currently creating significant work; while Shane Pickett was named as the People's Choice winner.

Nominations will be accepted for works by Indigenous artists, 18 years or older, made since 1 January 2007. The closing date for nominations is Wednesday, 25 February.

Artists working in any theme or media including paintings on bark, canvas and paper, prints, sculpture, fibre art, ceramics, glass, photography and digital media can be nominated.

The exhibition will feature a selection of nominated works and will be on display at the Art Gallery of WA from 25 July.

Nomination forms are available at <http://www.artgallery.wa.gov.au>

Study looks at art of success

Top bark art collection on show at WA gallery

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



A COLLECTION of 35 bark paintings to be exhibited at the Art Gallery of Western Australia in Perth from this weekend will provide a glimpse into the lives of the people of Yirrkala in north-east Arnhem Land.

Curator Chad Creighton, of the Bardi Nyul people of the Kimberley region, said the show *Everywhen*, to run from 31 January to 31 May, was important because of the historical significance of the artists, most of whom had now passed on.

He said the term 'Everywhen' was first used in 1968 by anthropologist W E H Stanner to try to make sense of the Indigenous relationship to land, systems of belief, law and traditional ceremony in a way that would be better understood by non-Indigenous people.

He said in 1963 the people of Yirrkala initiated the Yirrkala Bark Petitions to stop a bauxite mine being developed at the centre of a sacred site on Gove Peninsula. On two



Djambawa Marawili
Baru Ga Yathikpa -
Crocodile dreaming, 1984
Ochres on stringy bark
(eucalyptus)
State Art Collection,
Art Gallery of Western
Australia

panels featuring traditional Aboriginal paintings were attached to the church for many years.

Mr Creighton said he wanted the show to convey a sense of ancient timelessness. "The works are not cemented in the past," he said. "They aren't long lost works of culture but patterns and sacred designs that are a part of life and part of the people... time isn't linear for Aboriginal people."

Mr Creighton said some of the paintings dated back to the 1950s and included those acquired by collector Louis Allen.

The WA Government had the paintings returned from the United States in 1988. They have been housed in the WA art gallery as part of the State collection ever since.

The exhibition signals the completion of the gallery's inaugural three-year Indigenous curatorial internship by Mr Creighton, who has also completed a post-graduate diploma in Applied Heritage Studies.

By DARREN COYNE



WHAT makes one artist successful and another not? An art historian from the University of Western Australia will travel to the Tiwi Islands next week to

explore why Tiwi artist Jean Baptiste Aputimi is causing such a sensation with her work.

Dr Darren Jorgensen will also study three other remote Indigenous artists as part of a project exploring the conditions necessary for artistic success.

He plans to meet with the artists, study the records and environment of art centres, where many remote artists work, and the relationship between the centres and the artists.

"I also want to find out what impact national galleries and publications, such as books about artists, have on the success of Indigenous artists' careers," Dr Jorgensen said.

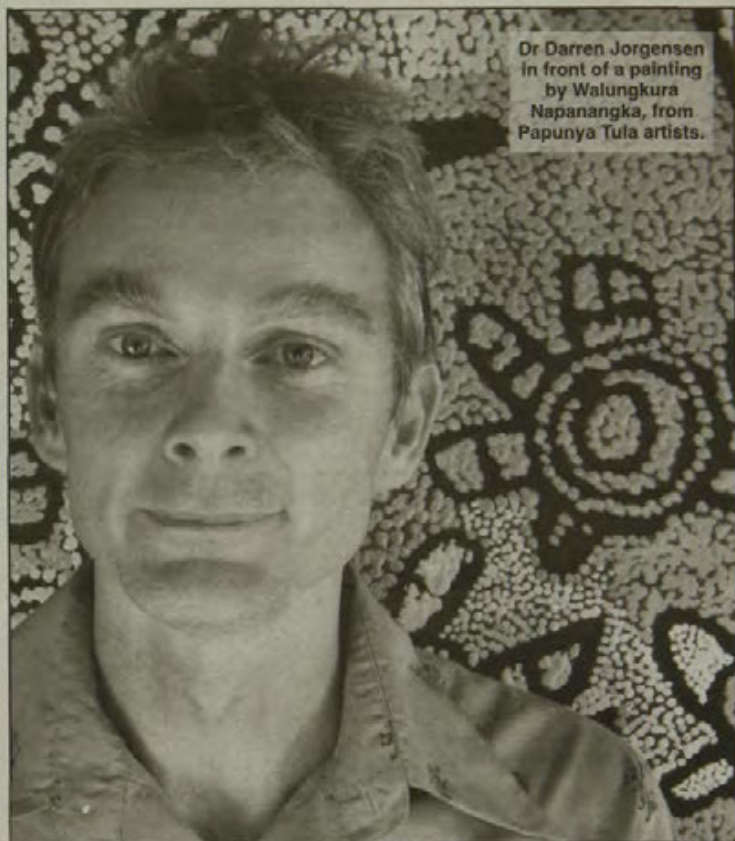
"What makes one artist successful and another not?"

Dr Jorgensen said art historians understood the conditions that enabled the success, sometimes posthumously, of well-known European artists such as Jackson Pollock, Frans Hals, Van Gogh, Turner and Rembrandt. But there had not been a study of Indigenous Australian artists whose work, until recently, had been in the domain of anthropologists.

"I hope the project will be useful for identifying strategies for making artists successful, for mapping overall trends in the Indigenous art industry; and for correlating relationships between the commercial, institutional, critical and community aspects of the art," the historian said.

Dr Jorgensen said Aboriginal artists were often caught in a trap of being identified only as Aboriginal artists, rather than as great contemporary artists.

"We need to get away from the idea that their work only represents country. It



Dr Darren Jorgensen in front of a painting by Walungkura Napanangka, from Papunya Tula artists.

also represents great art and that's what people overseas understand," he said.

"Australia now hosts some of the greatest painters in the world."

As for Jean Baptiste Aputimi from the Tiwi Islands, Dr Jorgensen said she was regarded as one of the most successful contemporary artists in Australia.

"She's one of the most successful Tiwi artists and her work has skyrocketed in the last five years," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"I want to know how and why that happened. Part of that is the art centre, but it is also the artist who has been doing a lot of fascinating things with Tiwi designs which haven't been done before."



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Department of Culture and the Arts



Elderly SA artist part of dream US exhibition

SA AN elderly Aboriginal woman from remote South Australia is the only Australian visual artist to be included in a US exhibition to honour the late civil rights leader Martin Luther King. Wingu Tingima, who is thought

to be in her late 80s, has been selected to join more than 100 celebrated artists and writers from around the world in the special exhibition that has just opened in New York.

Her work, *Kuru Ala*, is an acrylic on canvas painting completed in 2006.

It was chosen for the *I Have a*

Dream exhibition, named in response to Dr King's famous speech in 1963.

Adelaide-based gallery director Graeme Marshall, who nominated Tingima for the exhibition, said her work embodied all that was great about Aboriginal culture.

"This is an extraordinary

opportunity for an Australian take on Dr King's dream to be heard on the international stage," he said.

"That it happens to be the voice of a member of the world's oldest living culture only adds to the significance of her inclusion."

Mr Marshall said that despite the time between Dr King's civil

rights campaign and Tingima's painting, the American and the Australian shared a deep respect for culture, spirituality, and humanity.

"It is the survival of the dream across the ages and a chance for reconciliation through sharing and understanding that connects them," he said. -AAP



Judith Jackson (centre) with Australian Catholic University Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) Professor Gabrielle McMullen and Associate Professor Margot Hillel, Head of the School Arts and Sciences.

Cloak helps healing



A POSSUM skin cloak unveiled last week symbolises the inspiration and hopes of Aboriginal women taking part in a Victorian art-based healing program.

Participants in the Winja Ulupna Aboriginal Art Access Program produced the contemporary cloak and a series of paintings that form an exhibition now open in Melbourne. For many of the female residents of a drug and alcohol recovery house, it was the first time they'd exhibited their work in public. The St Kilda-based program supports the women in their rehabilitation and recovery by allowing them to share common experiences, talk up culture and create new work.

St Kilda identity Judith Jackson (Auntie Jacko) officially opened the Healing Gathering Possum Skin Cloak Exhibition last Tuesday.

One of the program's participants was emerging artist Debbie Black, who said the experience had given her satisfaction and courage to know that she could do something for herself and the community. One of her paintings in the exhibition has already sold.

Recovery

"I only just started painting whilst in Winja Ulupna recovery program and last year I participated in the Koorie Night Markets and sold six paintings," said Black, who paints under the name Gunya.

"My art has given me peace,

and knowing that I do have talent and being able to place my feeling through my art has a lot to do with my recovery progress. (Through it), I have found some stability in my life."

As well as exhibiting, Black helped exhibition curator Ann Holt facilitate and compile the display.

"My ambitions and dreams are to open an art gallery and studio to help people get back to their culture and give them some hope and fulfil their dreams so they have something to look forward to in their life," she said.

The exhibition is the first of its kind to be held at the Australian Catholic University in Melbourne, and is on display now at the university's art gallery, 26 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

By KERRI-LEE HARDING

Debbie Black (Gunya) from Melbourne with paintings by Tara (top) and herself (below).



National Calendar

● To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, write no more than two sentences with contact details to email calendar@koorimail.com or fax it to (02) 6622 2600.

Ongoing: Living Black on SBS Television. Held every Wednesday at 6pm on SBS. Details: (02) 9430 2828 or 1800 500 727 or email news@sbs.simplicitycrm.com.

Ongoing: Australian Indigenous Global Sports Academy (AIGSA) and Prokick Australia are looking for Koori male youths ages 15-17 to play a series of American gridiron games against high schools in the USA. Details: Richard Young on (0422) 866 201 or email ld@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.

Ongoing: Day Club provides social and recreational activities for veterans, their spouses, war widows/widowers and any other members of the community. Details: Margaret Morgan on (02) 9213 7225 or Erica Greig on (02) 9213 7482 or visit www.dva.gov.au/health/day_clubs.

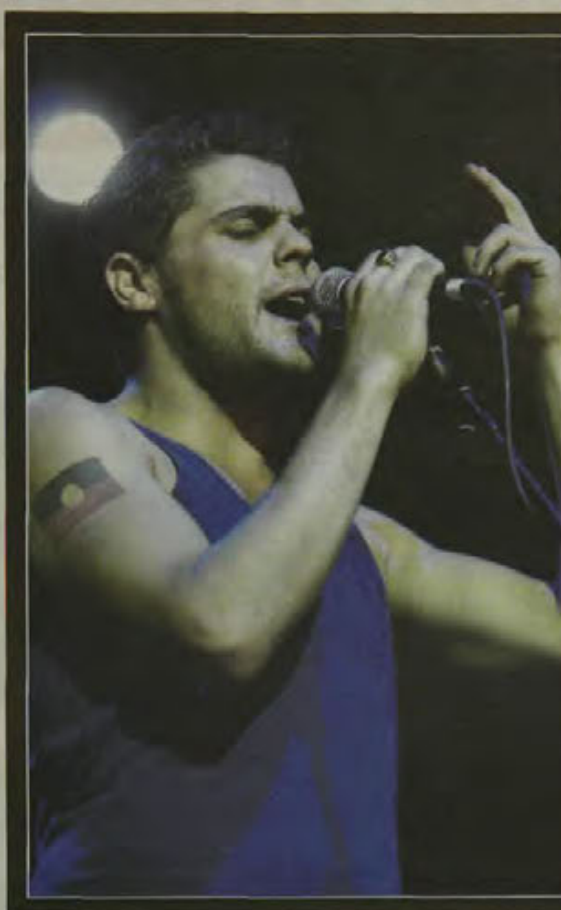
Ongoing: Certificate IV in Training and Assessment for Aboriginal people who want to become TAFE teachers or workplace trainers. Held in Ballina. Details: Deb Evans on (02) 6681 8911 or email debbie.evans@tafensw.edu.au or 131601 or (02) 6586 2249 or email nci.courseinfo@tafensw.edu.au.

Ongoing: Goori Women's Yarnin' Circle. The Yarnin' Circle is a time of sharing, listening and learning for Aboriginal mothers, aunts and sisters. The Circle will enable us to support each other in our parenting and make the things happen that we value and strive for as Aboriginal Parents. All welcome with morning tea provided. Transport can be provided. Held every Wednesday at the YWCA, 101a Rous Road, Goonellabah from 10am-12.30pm. Details: Chrissy Franks (02) 6625 5804 or (0450) 840 179 or email chrissy@ywcansw.com.au or visit www.ywcansw.com.au.

Until 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.

Until 8 February: Celebrating art, language and bush medicine at Utopia. An innovative art exhibition entitled *Inter-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 or visit www.batchelor.edu.au.

Until 16 February: Scholarships in the Vocational Graduate Diploma in Family Dispute Resolution. The scholarships are available for people wishing to gain registration with the Australian Government Attorney-General's Department as Family Dispute Resolution practitioners and for Australians from either an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) background or a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) background and who are bilingual. Details: Katy Mercer on (02) 8830 0755 or email kmercer@ifp.nsw.edu.au or visit www.ifp.nsw.edu.au.



Melbourne singer and songwriter Dan Sultan (pictured) and collaborator **Scott Wilson** on guitar will perform at the **WOMAdelaide09 festival** at **Adelaide's Botanic Park** from 6-8 March. **Yolngu singer Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu** also will perform. **Mark Atkins**, said by some to be **Australia's best didgeridoo player**, will be there as well. He will present **Grungada: A Journey of Music and Song**.

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 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.

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 or visit 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.

Until 18 December: Yaama Dhiyaan Hospitality Training Courses. These nine-week full-time courses features food and beverage service, customer service and teamwork, hands-on tutorial sessions, cooking classes with an Indigenous twist, RSA and RSG and more. Start dates: 9 February, 4 May, 3 August and 19 October. Held at Yaama Dhiyaan Hospitality Training and Function Centre, 255 Wilson Street, Darlingtown. Details: Louise Wagner on (02) 9202 9100 or email louise.wagner@rwa.nsw.gov.au.

28 January: The Freedom Socialist

Party. This event will hold a public forum at the Solidarity Salon at 580 Sydney Road, Brunswick, to raise funds for jailed Palm Islander Lex Wotton and the people of Gaza, from 7.30pm onwards. All welcome. Details: (03) 9388 0062 or email freedom.socialist.party@ozemail.com.au.

2 and 6 February: The Queensland Writers Centre (QWC) will give remote, regional and Indigenous writers at Townsville a chance to get professional advice on their current project, with a view to applying to the Varuna Longlines Program. Consultations are limited and the cost is \$25 per person. Details: (07) 3839 1243 or visit www.varuna.com.au.

3 February: Convergence in Canberra on the opening day of Parliament, to say no to racism and demand justice for Aboriginal Australia. If you would like to support the Canberra protest, contact: (0401) 165 431 or email stoptheintervention@gmail.com or visit www.stoptheintervention.org.

4 February: The Queensland Writers Centre (QWC) will give remote, regional and Indigenous writers at Charters Towers a chance to get professional advice on their current project, with a view to applying to the Varuna Longlines Program. Consultations are limited and the cost is \$25 per person. Details: (07) 3839 1243 or visit www.varuna.com.au.

7-8 February: Learn to Teach Swimming. The Austswim certificate will provide candidates with the essential skills to teach swimming and water safety to people aged four and above. Participants must be 16 years or older and will need a current resuscitation award to gain their Austswim teacher certificate that is valid for three years. Cost: \$330 per person plus \$60 for those requiring the optional resuscitation course. All welcome. Held at the Memorial Baths, Casino. Details: (02) 6618 0400 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au.

16 February-1 April: *Muttacar Sorry Business*, by Mitch Torres and David Milroy. This is an award-winning Aboriginal theatre production with road safety messages that could help save your life. This is a free play and workshop program presented by

Australia's leading Indigenous theatre company. All welcome. Details on locations and times: Contact Michelle White on (08) 9202 1966 or (0439) 948 183 or visit www.yirrayakin.com.au.

20-22 February: Father and Son Fishing Camp. This is a three-day father and son camp where participants will be treated to a fun-packed fishing weekend along with local Aboriginal cultural experiences. The program is only open to Indigenous men and their sons over the age of 12. Participants must reside in the south-west region of Sydney. Free and all welcome. Held at Wreck Bay, on the South Coast. RSVP by 31 January. Details: Norma Burrows on (02) 9822 4922.

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 or visit www.womadelaide.com.au.

20-21 March: Bogong Warriors and Boomanulla Warriors/Raiders Football Reunion and Family Day. It has been 20 years since Bogong Warriors first entered the Canberra Cup. In addition there is a golf day planned for Friday 20 March and there will be entertainment after the reunion and family day. Held at Boomanulla Oval, Goyder Street, Narrabundah, ACT from 11am-6pm. All welcome and is free. Details: (02) 6295 8557.

21-22 March: Yarrowarra 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 yarrowarra_womens_network@bigpond.com.

28-29 March: Learn to Teach Swimming. The Austswim certificate will provide candidates with the essential skills to teach swimming and water safety to people aged four and above. Participants must be 16 years or older and will need a current resuscitation award to gain their Austswim teacher certificate that is valid for three years. Cost: \$330 per person plus \$60 for those requiring the optional resuscitation course. All welcome. Held at the Petria Thomas Memorial Pool, Mullumbimby. Details: (02) 6618 0400 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au.

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 or visit 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 or visit www.kbconference.vic.gov.au.



Employment

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Locked in on a top job



VIRGINIA Wykes says NSW jails need more Aboriginal nurses.

She should know. The veteran Aboriginal registered nurse from the Gunu (north-western NSW) people is working at Wellington Correctional Centre, in the NSW central-west.

Ms Wykes is one of too few Aboriginal registered nurses in NSW – and indeed Australia.

But it seems that in working in the jail, she's found her perfect job. "It's been really interesting," she told *The Koori Mail* after 10 months working at the jail.

"And it's really important to have Aboriginal nurses because there are so many Aboriginal inmates, especially here in Wellington."

"I believe we can communicate better than non-Aboriginal people."

"The inmates are not scared of me. I get many opportunities to talk to them, especially those who try to help themselves."

"We are here to help them ... give them a listening ear."

"Being Aboriginal does definitely help the Aboriginal inmates."

Ms Wykes has wide experience in nursing – and she's certainly done the hard yards.

"I grew up in the bush. Dad was a rabbit trapper, there were seven kids and we had no car," she said.

"I did my nurse training in Dubbo back in the 1960s. It was full-time for four years, we had to

wear veils and a starched uniform and it was very strict.

"But I am really pleased I stuck it out."

"I worked at Yeoval Hospital until it closed recently, then I applied for an Aboriginal health worker position at the Wellington jail, hoping to work on Aboriginal-specific programs."

"I was talked into a registered nurse role, and I'm glad because now I work one day a week on a specific Aboriginal health program in relation to chronic care. I work alongside Aboriginal health workers, so my wish has been granted."

Ms Wykes says she aims to continue working at the jail.

"It's a good job and, sadly in a way, many inmates are Aboriginal," she said.

"As the jail population swells, we will need more Aboriginal health-related staff."

● Ms Wykes works for Justice Health, which is part of NSW Department of Health, and is responsible for the provision of health services to people involved with the criminal justice system. Justice Health says it is committed to increasing the Aboriginal nursing workforce. For more information about a career in nursing in Justice Health call 1800 330 933 and ask for the Aboriginal Project Officer or email Aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.gov.au.

● **Pictured: Registered nurse Virginia Wykes in front of Wellington Correctional Centre.**



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Learning Assistance Officers

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(Two positions – one continuing and one fixed term for 12 months)

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Nathan/Gold Coast campus

This is an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander role under sections 45 and 125 of the *Queensland Anti Discrimination Act 1991*.

The GUMURRII Student Support Unit is staffed by Indigenous Australians to provide cultural, academic and personal support for Indigenous Australian students undertaking undergraduate and postgraduate studies. The continuing position is located at the Nathan campus and the 12 month appointment will be located at our Gold Coast campus.

Closes: 11 February 2009

Reference: GUM0013/09

To Apply:

- 1 | Go to <http://www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-jobs> for further information on the position and selection criteria or phone 07 3735 4010 if you do not have internet access.
- 2 | Follow the specific application process for that position.
- 3 | Applications can be lodged in electronic or hard copy form. All applications will be acknowledged.

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BILA MUUJI ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE

Project Manager

Tobacco Smoking Cessation Program

A great opportunity exists to work closely with a number of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS's) across the Greater Western Area Health Service which makes up the Bila Muuji Aboriginal Health Service. This position is auspiced by the Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS) though is responsible to the Bila Muuji Executive and Project Steering committee. The position will initially be responsible for the coordination and planning of all project activity.

The successful applicant will possess highly demonstrated skills in Project Management and have tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline. The successful applicant will also need to be an excellent communicator with a good sense of humour and possess excellent interpersonal skills.

Experience in working with Aboriginal Communities and/or organisations would be an advantage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people encouraged to apply.

Please note extensive travel across the Greater Western Area Health Service is required. Therefore, a current Australian Drivers Licence is a mandatory requirement for this position.

Appointment to this position will be full-time for 12 months with likelihood of extension for up to three years. An attractive salary package will be made available, and will be negotiated with the successful applicant commensurate with skills and experience. Salary packaging is also available for this position on satisfactory completion of a six month probationary review.

A Position Description and further Employment Information can be downloaded from the GWS Personnel website @ www.gwspersonnel.com.au Further information can be obtained from Ben Trapman, GWS Recruitment Consultant on (02) 6884 1296 and ben@gwspersonnel.com.au

Applications close at 5.00pm Monday 2 February 2009.

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BUSINESS MANAGER

Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation has an exciting opportunity available for someone with strong managerial skills and knowledge. The successful candidate will need to have excellent communication skills and be motivated at the prospect of talking with key stakeholders, including Funding Agencies, Local and Federal Government and Community members.

This is an exciting opportunity with an attractive salary package. The position will be based in Smithton, TASMANIA.

Demonstrated business management experience is essential, along with well developed financial and strategic planning skills. The position requires excellent people management skills, with staff management being a key role.

The position requires a vibrant individual who can take the Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation to its next development stage.

Additional information, including a Position Description and Selection Criteria, is available by contacting Di Ainslie on (03) 6452 1287 or by email chac@chac.com.au

Applications close: Friday 30th January

Applications are to be forwarded together with a resume to:

Private & Confidential
Dianne Ainslie
Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 335
SMITHTON TAS 7330



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APS Level 2

Coffs Harbour, NSW

Are you an Indigenous person looking to work with an Australian government agency that is helping to build stronger Indigenous corporations and communities?

The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) is an Australian government agency that supports and regulates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations. ORIC is working in the Coffs Harbour ICC region on a short term project during the period 1 February to 30 June 2009.

ORIC will be working with Indigenous corporations in the Coffs Harbour ICC region to assist them with the documents and information they are required to give to the Registrar.

ORIC has a vacancy based in the Coffs Harbour Indigenous Coordination Centre for an Indigenous person to work as an Outreach Liaison Officer. You will be required to help organise visits to Aboriginal corporations and communities, represent ORIC in the communities, assist with liaison and consultation as required and provide administrative and office support for work being undertaken as part of this project. You must have good liaison and communication skills, connections with Aboriginal communities in the Coffs Harbour ICC region and some basic office experience.

Are you energetic, highly motivated and results oriented? Take this exciting opportunity to lead a small team working on critical projects that support the Department's budget and reporting processes! If you have excellent stakeholder management and communication skills and you thrive in a dynamic, fast paced environment, then look no further!

How to apply

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We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with disability.

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National Indigenous Cadetship Program

Call for Applications

Xstrata Copper is proud to be part of the National Indigenous Cadetship Project (NICP). NICP is an Australian Government initiative that aims to improve the professional employment prospects of Indigenous Australians. The NICP enables Indigenous tertiary students to gain professional qualifications and experience and move into employment on completion of their studies. Xstrata Copper encourages candidates to apply from mining and non-mining specific undergraduate degree programs.

Selection Criteria:

- Must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Accepted into a minimum 3 year Queensland based University Undergraduate Degree Program (preparation/bridging programs not accepted)
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Applications Close: 30 January 2009

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Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE

PROJECT OFFICER, GIPPSLAND (LAJAC)

Indigenous Issues Unit

Grade 4, \$62,116 - \$70,477

Position No: DJ5752

Working with the local Koori community and key stakeholders, the Local Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (LAJAC) Project Officer will facilitate programs and initiatives to improve justice outcomes for the Koori community.

The position of LAJAC Project Officer will be responsible for servicing and maintaining the Gippsland LAJAC as well as promotion of all LAJAC initiatives within the Region.

The successful candidate will need to have an understanding of the Koori community and the issues impacting on it, and the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with the Koori community and stakeholders.

This position is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position policy.

To obtain a position description and apply online please visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 15 February 2009

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DAA is the lead agency for improving outcomes for Aboriginal people in NSW.

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For details of individual vacancies call Jody Brown on (02) 9219 0712. Separate applications must be submitted for each position.

Northern & Southern Area Director

2 positions - Salary \$123,260-\$132,816

Job Ref No. DAA09/003

Locations: Newcastle and Dubbo

Status: Temporary Full-Time

The Area Director is accountable for supporting and reporting on program delivery to the Executive Director and Director General. The position leads and manages the designated Regional Area.

Director Legal, Land and Culture

1 position - Salary \$135,063-\$144,586

Job Ref. No. DAA08/005

Location: Sydney CBD

Status: Permanent Full-Time

The Director is accountable for providing expert legal and strategic advice to the Director General and Minister and for leading and managing the activities and staff of the Legal, Land and Culture Division.

Applications close on 13/02/2009.



Magistrates' Court
of Victoria

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

Grade 3, MC2195

Ongoing \$50,175 - \$60,922

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MAGISTRATES COURT

The Magistrates' Court of Victoria is the third tier of Victoria's court hierarchy, and is established by the Magistrates' Court Act 1989. Together with the Supreme and County Courts and the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), the Magistrates' Court forms part of the Justice Portfolio of the Attorney General of Victoria.

The position of Aboriginal Community Engagement Officers is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement.

The aim of the Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer is to address the issue of over-representation of Indigenous people in the Victorian justice system by working with Indigenous clients when they enter the court system. In addition, the service helps Aboriginal people to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention.

The purpose of this service is to assist and advise the Court of matters relating to cultural issues that exist for Indigenous people in Victoria; provide advice and access to services for Indigenous offenders and families that come in contact with the Court; raise awareness within the criminal justice system of cross-cultural issues; provide advice and report to Magistrates and relevant Court staff in relation to appropriate courses of action for Indigenous offenders; liaise with members of local Aboriginal communities to inform them of the court process; and consult, negotiate and liaise with Government agencies and non-Government organisations to coordinate service delivery and promote knowledge of issues relating to Aboriginal persons.

You will have a demonstrated knowledge of Victorian Aboriginal culture and society and an ability to communicate effectively with Victorian Aboriginal people.

Position descriptions are available from Careers @ Vic Gov. For further information contact Mr Mason Atkinson, Manager of Koori Courts, Telephone: (03) 9603 9415.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

The Magistrates' Court provides a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and other security checks. Applications close 13 February 2009



Bundji Bundji Coordinator

Bundji Bundji is a partnership between Narana Creations, Mays and Whitelion which provides support to Indigenous young men who are disconnected from their community and culture and are involved or at risk of involvement in the Youth Justice system. Bundji Bundji is seeking a Coordinator with experience in program development and staff management. This varied role would suit a person with experience in youth support who has a demonstrated commitment to working effectively with Indigenous young people and their families.

0.6 FTE (3 days per week). Approx \$47,000 pro-rata plus salary packaging.

Visit www.whitelion.org.au for a copy of the position description or contact Amber Griffiths on 9389 4420

Applications addressing key selection criteria close 5pm 13th February 2009.

Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged.



Government of
Western Australia
Department of the Attorney General

Team Leader AJA (South)

Aboriginal Services

Web Search: 006618

Level/Salary: L7 PSQA \$86,373 - \$92,574 pa

This dynamic position is responsible for managing and assisting with the development of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) plans in local and regional areas throughout Western Australia. You will be responsible for supervising a project team which will facilitate strategic, high level partnership engagement between Aboriginal communities, government, consultants and other key stakeholders in Perth and rural remote Western Australia. You will also be responsible for working with AJA regional coordinators to ensure that plans, priorities and actions identified and agreed upon in local and regional justice plans are implemented.

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Gordon Cole on Ph: (08) 9264 6128.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Web Search No: into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Mon 16 Feb. 2009 at 4.30pm WGST



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Allied Health/Clinical Support

Senior Health Worker - Chronic Disease Management Service, Cherbourg Community Health Services, South Burnett Sector, Darling Downs - West Moreton Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$74 952 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) IAR: H09S801191. **Duties/Abilities:** The Purpose of the Senior Health Worker Chronic Disease is to liaise with multidisciplinary staff on all facets of prevention and management of chronic diseases that relate to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. To develop links and work collaboratively with Indigenous Community Health Workers and Service providers to strengthen the interface between Hospital and Community. Assist service line manager in developing and leading Indigenous health service developments, program development and delivery as well as supporting Indigenous health service team members in a variety of health settings. Support, advocate and work in collaboration with other members of the Multidisciplinary team, government and non government services/organisation. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community. **Enquiries:** Christine Stewart (07) 4169 8900. **Application Kit:** (07) 3810 1883 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforce **Closing Date:** Monday, 9 February 2009.

Mental Health

Health Workers Advanced - Mental Health Tobacco and Other Drugs Service and Child and Youth Forensic (Mental Health) Outreach Service, Spring Hill, Children's Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$61 766 p.a., comprising salary between \$49 095 - \$54 135 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (005) (Two positions available. Applications will remain current for 12 months) IAR: H09RCH01195. **Duties/Abilities:** Co-work with mental health clinicians to ensure optimal and culturally appropriate interventions for young people with mental health and/or substance abuse issues. Help the teams understand the cultural factors which may be present in Indigenous young people's presentation with mental health and/or substance abuse problems. Help the teams liaise with Indigenous agencies and to help non-Indigenous agencies understand the cultural factors which may feature in these young people's difficulties. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. **Enquiries:** Paul Lefters (07) 3310 9444. **Application Kit:** (07) 3636 1646 or (07) 3636 0380 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforce **Closing Date:** Tuesday, 10 February 2009.

You can apply online at
www.health.qld.gov.au/workforce

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 other vehicles.

ActewAGL Aboriginal Liaison Officer - Bulk Water Alliance

Salary range:
\$63,512 - \$68,591

The position of Aboriginal Liaison Officer is an identified position for persons of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent. This is an exciting fixed-term position for an Indigenous person who wishes to work within the water infrastructure industry in the ACT. The successful candidate will be able to use their skills and experience in advising the Bulk Water Alliance team and engaging with the local and regional Aboriginal communities about a number of ACTEW Corporation's Major Water Security projects such as the enlarged Cotter Dam and Munumbidgee to Googong Dam water transfer. The Bulk Water Alliance is a partnership between ACTEW, ActewAGL, GHD, Abi group and John Holland.

The focus of the position is the effective management of corporate relationships with local Aboriginal groups and relevant government agencies.

Contact: Kim Helmers 02 6175 2377

Reference number: 3/2009

Closing date: Friday 6 February 2009



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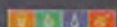
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48/52 and other salary
sacrifice options.

How to apply

A detailed position description and selection documentation is available by calling Kim Helmers 02 6175 2377, emailing advertisedvacancies@actewagl.com.au and quoting the reference number, or visiting www.actewagl.com.au/jobs

ActewAGL values workplace diversity and encourages individuals from all backgrounds to apply. We pride ourselves on our commitment to our employees and aim to promote a culture that values and utilises the various perspectives our employees bring to the workplace.

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Department of
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Manager AADR^{*}

Aboriginal Services

Web Search: 008004 (Perth CBD)

Level/Salary: 7 PSGA \$86,373 - \$92,574 pa

(Aboriginal Alternate Dispute Resolution Services)

This position plays a vital role towards providing mediation and conflict resolution services to Aboriginal people through the overall management and operations of the business area. You will be required to manage a small team, provide policy advice and facilitate the business planning process consistent with the state-wide mediation services.

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Stephan Cannon, on Ph: (08) 9264 1817

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Web Search No: into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Mon, 16th Feb, 2009 at 4.30pm WDST.

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Trainee (Business Administration) - Identified

This is a temporary full time position for up to 12 months. Provide a high level of customer service to support the Coomealla Campus.

Salary - Total remuneration package valued to \$27,925 pa, including salary (\$9,653 - \$25,306), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Location - Coomealla Campus (Dareton)

Job Reference No. 261275

* NOTE Aboriginality (Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1977).

APPLICATIONS CLOSE Friday, 6 February 2009

All applicants must obtain an information package which includes an official job application form.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION... Download the package from www.rit.tafensw.edu.au/rijobs or call the Recruitment Coordinator on 02 6058 2920.

NB: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or a registrable offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

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KOORI COURT OFFICER

Grade 3, MC2215

Ongoing \$50,175 - \$60,922

Koori Court division of the
Children's Court (Mildura)

The Koori Court is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement and was initially established as a division of the Magistrates Courts in Victoria.

The Koori Court currently sits at Shepparton, Broadmeadows, Warrnambool, Mildura, La Trobe Valley, Bairnsdale and Swan Hill Magistrates' Courts. The Children's Koori Court is based at the Children's Court in Melbourne and Mildura.

This is an exciting opportunity for a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent to work within Victoria's Judicial system. The position will be based in Mildura.

This is a designated Indigenous Position which has been granted exemption status by VCAT (Ex No. 183/2002 and extended by application NoA106/2005). The Koori Court provides a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and other security checks.

Position description available from Careers @ Vic Gov.

For further information contact Mr Mason Atkinson, Manager of Koori Courts, Telephone: (03) 96039415.

Applications close 13 February 2009.



Caring for Australia's Children

Queanbeyan Childrens Family Centre

Aboriginal Gatherings in the Park and Homework Club

Child and Family Worker

21 hours per week

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

\$46,875-\$49,174 pro rata, plus salary packaging available to increase take home pay.

To coordinate and run the Gatherings in the Park and Homework Club program targeted at families with children 0 to 8 years old.

Homework Club Support Worker

10 hours per week

Monday and Tuesday

\$32,495 to \$36,333 pro rata, plus salary packaging available to increase take home pay.

To participate and support the operation of the Homework Club two afternoons a week, Monday and Tuesday 2pm to 5.30pm.

Both positions are identified and applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. Positions will be subject to Working with Children Check & Prohibited Employment Declaration.

For an application pack telephone: 02 6228 9599 or email Queanbeyan@barnardos.org.au

Closing Date: 20th February 2009

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Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited

Regional Manager

Adelaide

Regional Office

APS Executive Level 1

\$65,165 - \$78,947 pa, plus superannuation and motor vehicle for private use

Duties

- Manage the operations of Aboriginal Hostels Limited in South Australia
- Provide leadership and direction to all AHL staff within the region
- Assessment and evaluation of grant funded hostels
- Project manage maintenance of Company owned properties
- Responsible for occupational health and safety compliances

Want to know more?

Contact Russell Lane on 02 6212 2014.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone LaToya Hall on 02 6212 2040.

How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30 WODEN ACT 2606.

Closing date

By 5pm 13 February 2009.

Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people

Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant is required to be an Australian citizen and to satisfactorily complete a medical assessment and police records check. A probationary period applies.

These are identified positions.

National OHS Officer

Canberra

Human Resources Division

APS Level 5

\$47,360 - \$54,361 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Implement consistent best practice occupational health and safety management system, policies and procedures across the Company
- Monitor and review OHS policies and guidelines
- Provide OHS advice to managers and staff
- Assist with Workers Compensation and rehabilitation case management
- Develop solutions to improve the Company's OHS performance

Want to know more?

Contact Matthew Broers on 02 6212 2037.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone LaToya Hall on 02 6212 2040.

How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, WODEN ACT 2606.

Closing date

By 5pm 13 February 2009.

Assistant Houseparent

Sydney

Biala Hostel, Allambie Heights

APS Level 2

\$34,500 - \$39,597 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Responsible for the 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty
- Ensure that appropriate recreational, educational and other support facilities are available to the students

Want to know more?

Contact Rebecca Greer on 02 9310 2777.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783 Strawberry Hills NSW 2012.

Closing date

By 5pm 13 February 2009.

This is a Secondary Education (Girls) hostel.

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DARKINJUNG LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council (DLALC) is located on the Central Coast of New South Wales bounded by Catherine Hill Bay to the north, the Hawkesbury River to the south, the Pacific Ocean to the east and Watagan Mountains to the west. Headquarters are located at Watanobbi near Wyong.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Aboriginal men and women to join the DLALC Office in the following positions. Attractive salary packages apply.

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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

INFORMATION

• Before applying, you must obtain an Employment Package for the position(s) that interests you. The Package includes a position description, selection criteria, information about the appointment process, and advice on how to apply including standard formats for your resume and claim.

• To request an Employment Package, please call 02 4351 2930.

• For further information, please call Sean Gordon, CEO, on 02 4351 2930 or mobile 0400 890 420.

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2009

Applications may be emailed, posted or delivered to DLALC, attention Sean Gordon CEO:

• Email: s.gordon@dlalc.org.au

• Post: PO Box 401 Wyong NSW 2259

• Courier or Personal Delivery: 168 Pacific Highway Watanobbi NSW 2259



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Queensland
Government

Principal Project Officer

(Government Coordination) (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Department of Communities

Salary: \$81 140 - \$87 005 p.a.

Location: Thursday Island

REF: QLD/COM9631/09

Key Duties: Lead the management of projects to support policy and program outcomes in the region, improved coordination of government services, and the development of solutions to regional issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Lead the coordination, establishment, development and support to a wide range of networks and engagement processes to ensure relevant input into policies, programs, projects and initiatives.

Enquiries: Paul Loney (07) 4083 1001 or 0427 621 525 or

E-Mail: paul.loney@communities.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Tuesday, 3 February 2009

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Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service Inc.

Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service is a community controlled health service providing holistic health care to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of the ACT and surrounding areas. The Service manages approximately 30 programs through various funding agreements and employs more than 60 staff offering salary sacrifice pursuant to tax office regulations and organisational policy. We are looking for highly motivated and experienced people for a number of positions.

Social Health Workers

Social and Emotional Well Being Program and
Bringing Them Home Program

We are seeking two fulltime experienced Social Health Workers to work within our Social Health Team. (The Bringing Them Home Program is seeking a male worker.) The roles of the Social and Emotional Wellbeing and Bringing Them Home Health Workers is to ensure that the programs objectives are met whilst under the supervision and direction of the Social Health Team Manager. The successful applicant would need to have the ability to problem solve effectively on a day to day basis and in crisis situations, liaise with medical staff and negotiate complex issues with clients and their families.

The successful applicants would demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills, extensive counselling experience and a demonstrated capacity to work effectively, positively and collaboratively within a multi-disciplinary team.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Worker

We are seeking a fulltime experienced Child and Adolescent Mental Health Worker to work within our Social Health Team. The successful applicant will have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of mental health and social and emotional well being issues affecting Aboriginal adolescents and children, including stolen generation issues. Demonstrated skills in performing mental health and social and emotional wellbeing assessments on adults and adolescents, experience in individual case management planning and implementation of adolescents. Previous experience working in mental health. Demonstrated ability to work in a multidisciplinary team.

Medical Receptionists

We are seeking two experienced and efficient Medical Receptionists to work in our busy medical service located at Narrabundah. The successful applicants would need to demonstrate a high level of organisational skills, excellent verbal and written communication skills, and previous experience in handling patient enquiries, appointments and managing incoming calls, computer skills for data entry and e-mail communication.

Working with Aboriginal people in an Aboriginal community controlled organisation is highly desirable.

Aboriginal Health Workers

We are seeking two experienced Aboriginal Health Workers; the Healthy for Life Aboriginal Health Worker is situated within the Clinical Services team. The Clinical Services provides a holistic approach to culturally appropriate health care for clients.

The role of the Healthy for Life Aboriginal Health Worker is to enhance the clinical services offered at Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service and to work in collaboration with the Practice Nurse on the implementation of health promotion, disease management and prevention and education programs for clients and the community.

Applicants must obtain a copy of the selection criteria and address all criteria in their application.

For more information and/or a copy of the position description and selection criteria please call Roseanne Longford, HR Manager on 6284 6259 or email Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au

All applications should be addressed and mailed to: Julie Tonga, CEO,

Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service 63 Boolimba Crescent,

Narrabundah ACT 2604 or by email to

Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au

Applications close Friday 13th February 2009.

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for these positions and is authorised under section 42 of the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT) and 58 of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)

NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at
www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

Midwife Specialist, Birra-li Aboriginal

Maternity & Gynaecology, New Lambton

Perm Part Time, 20 hpw

Enquiries: Carol Azzopardi, (02) 4921 4390

Closing Date: 13 February 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.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Government of
Western Australia
Department of the Attorney General

Administration Assistant (50d)

Aboriginal Services

Web Search No: 000752 (Perth CBD)

Level/Salary: L2 PSQA \$45,271 - \$49,160 pa

This interesting position focuses on providing high level administrative, clerical, reception & general support to the manager and other staff members of the Aboriginal Alternative Dispute Resolution Services. You will be required to liaise with a diverse group of internal and external clients, while undertaking research projects under supervision. **Special Requirements:** Aboriginality is an occupational requirement for this position under Section 50D of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984.

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact
Nichole Councilor on (08) 9264 6169.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Web Search No. into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Mon, 16 Feb 2009 at 4:30pm WST.



Department of Territory and Municipal Services

Environment and Recreation Parks, Conservation and Lands Tidbinbilla

Ranger

Ranger 2

Salary Range: \$46,253-\$49,917 (PN: 12314)

Tidbinbilla is seeking an experienced Ranger (Grade Two) to expand our Indigenous interpretive/educational programs and contribute to the land management functions of the Reserve. This role has a key communications function to work with local Indigenous groups. The successful applicant is expected to bring extensive experience in protected area management and a strong desire to plan and deliver interpretive and educational programs.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Applications from people with an Indigenous background are encouraged to apply.

Note: This is a fire designated position.

Contact Officer: Rod Hillman (02) 6205 1221

Applicants should note that a Joint Selection Committee (JSC) established in accordance with the collective agreement provisions will assess all applications for this position. Selection documentation and mandatory application cover sheet may be downloaded from: <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au/> Applications can be sent via email to: jobs@act.gov.au or by post to: Shared Services Centre, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158 Canberra City ACT 2601

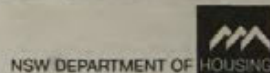
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HOUSING NSW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Clerk Grade 5/6
Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division
Western Area, Orange and Bathurst
Temporary Full-Time (2 positions)
Position No: DOH-08-17718

Total remuneration package valued up to \$77,406 per annum (Salary: \$63,573 pa - \$70,146 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: These positions will work with communities, government & non-government agencies, & others to implement Regeneration Plans that aim to achieve sustainable improvements within social housing neighbourhoods across Bathurst and Orange.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Excellent verbal communication skills, including negotiation and conflict resolution, assessment and problem solving skills, and good written communication skills, including reports and submissions.
- Proven leadership skills, ability to influence others and to use initiative and work independently.
- Demonstrated ability to participate and contribute to local planning initiatives and to find innovative solutions to client problems.
- Strong commitment to and experience in delivering services to social housing clients and communities.
- Degree, Diploma or Associate Diploma in Social Work, Social Science, Welfare or related discipline and/or extensive relevant demonstrated experience.
- Extensive experience in the fields of community development and liaison with community and government agencies.
- Demonstrated experience in working with PC applications.
- Current NSW Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: There are two (2) positions temporary full-time positions under the terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 for a period up to December 2010, with the option of possible extension, located in Orange and Bathurst. Applicants should specify their preferred location. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Further information about these positions is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Brad Taylor (02) 6363 8012

Information Packages:
www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers or NSW Businesslink (02) 6392 8250

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 6 February 2009



Quality
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Recruitment

Project Worker Community Services

Villawood, Part-time 21 hrs p/w

The Project Worker will be responsible for developing and co-ordinating a new project 'Walk in My Shoes' that works with children 8-12. You will create an interactive learning environment to facilitate cultural exchange through workshops/activities. You will be working towards strengthening the capacity of children and working with children from Aboriginal and other CALD backgrounds.

Experience needed: Program development, knowledge of Indigenous culture, teaching/welfare qualification, experience working with children 8-12, experience facilitating groups and driver's licence required.

Closing date is Monday 9 Feb, 2009.

For more information please phone Nancy on 9218-2325 or e-mail recruit4@socialworks.org.au

JUSTICE HEALTH STATEWIDE SERVICE NSW HEALTH

Aboriginal Sexual Health Education Officer (Non-Graduate or Graduate)

Flexible location

Temporary Full Time until June 2011 - JH No: 09/18

Salary: Non-Graduate: \$40,397 to \$59,499 pa - Graduate: \$46,526 to \$68,902 pa.

This position is responsible for the development, implementation and evaluation of a culturally specific health education program for Aboriginal young people in custody regarding blood-borne and sexually transmissible infections. Applicants should be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (Exemption under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act).

Enquiries: Paul van den Dolder on (02) 9268 9010

Closing Date: 6 February 2009.

Applicants require an information package for selection criteria and application form from: Employee Services, (02) 9700 3039. Applications to: Justice Health, PO Box 160, Maitland NSW 2036.

NSW Health Service - Justice Health Division is committed to CHS, EEO, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for this related employment.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



ABORIGINAL SERVICE CO-ORDINATOR COMMUNITY AGED CARE PACKAGES

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)

Wiradjuri Aboriginal Branch

Western Region, Wagga Wagga

Temporary Full-Time

(Maternity Leave)

Position No: HCS-09-17890

Salary package is valued up to \$65,550 pa includes a salary range \$53,855 pa to \$59,402 pa leave loading and employers contribution to superannuation.

Job Description: Responsible for providing consistent case management, high quality and cost-effective services to Home Care's customers through the planning, allocation and supervision of Care Workers, matching service delivery resources to requirements.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Knowledge of the community care needs of frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers.
- Commitment to improving quality of life for frail aged, people with disabilities and their carers.
- A focus on customer service, effective written and oral communication skills and computer literacy.
- Significant experience in a similar role in a community service setting and/or tertiary qualifications in the behavioural, social and health sciences.
- Ability to roster staff work on a computerised roster system.
- Sound organisational skills, ability to supervise staff, administrative, record keeping skills and willing to undertake training.
- Driver's Licence, own vehicle and ability to travel.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period up to January 2010. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains complete details of the position and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

Inquiries: Athol Boney (02) 6937 9640 or email: athol.boney@dadhc.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Leonie Dennis (02) 6937 9640 or email: leonie.dennis@dadhc.nsw.gov.au

Applications to: Home Care Service, PO Box 2429, Wagga Wagga, NSW, 2650 or apply online at: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers

Closing Date: Friday 6 February 2009

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- Successfully complete the Certificate IV in Government (Court Services).
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What are we looking for?

- VCE (or equivalent). Post secondary qualifications in a relevant field are desirable.
- Commitment to providing exceptional levels of customer service.
- Team players with the ability to meet tight deadlines with attention to detail, demonstrated communication and interpersonal skills, and competent computer skills.
- Ability to organise and prioritise daily work and demonstrated problem solving abilities.
- Willingness to work at different Court locations within the State.

How to apply

Visit the Magistrates' Court website to download and complete the application form. Please include a current resume, written references and education results. Applicants are required to undergo aptitude tests prior to interview and employment is subject to a satisfactory criminal record check.

Please visit the Magistrates' Court website for further information and to download the application form: www.magistratescourt.vic.gov.au

Applications are to be forwarded by 4pm Monday 2 February 2009 to:
Court Registrar Coordinator
Carlyle Young Group
Level 5, 461 Bourke St
Melbourne Vic 3000

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 2 February 2009

www.justice.vic.gov.au

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Field Officer, Group Training: Maitland

The Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) is a not-for-profit organisation that specialises in placing and mentoring Aboriginal people into employment. We are Australia's leading Indigenous employment organisation, working with some of Australia's largest organisations. The AES is the link between the Indigenous community and corporate Australia.

The successful candidate will be Full time based at the Maitland Office

Job Description

The AES is seeking a highly motivated and well organised individual to assist in the AES' Group Training Organisation (GTO). The successful applicant will be managing the regions Traineeship Program, working primarily with School Based Trainees. The successful applicant will manage a portfolio of trainees who they will be mentoring to ensure they successfully complete the traineeship, working closely with the corporate sector, local schools and parents.

It is an exciting opportunity for an individual interested in developing Indigenous students to succeed in the workplace. A target oriented individual who can identify new business opportunities for Indigenous people.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Promote with schools to promote the AES' School Based Trainee (SBT) program
- Work with existing corporate partners on recruitment and selection of trainees
- Provide ongoing mentoring support to trainees
- Provide ongoing advice and support to corporate partners
- Oversee management of trainees 'off the job' training with the Registered Training Provider
- Develop new business opportunities for Traineeship Program
- Database management
- Other duties as required

Knowledge, Experience & Skills Required

Essential Criteria

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Drivers licence
- Excellent communications and interpersonal skills
- Excellent organisational skills
- Demonstrated ability to work independently
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Indigenous Australians and the issues they face in employment
- Demonstrated project management skills
- Proficient in the use of MS Office and database operations
- Demonstrated ability to work across a range of diverse stakeholders
- Demonstrated ability to work to targets
- Police Check
- Undertake a Working with Children Check

We can offer competitive remuneration packaging arrangements to the right person. If you are well organised, have a positive approach and are ready for a new challenge, we would like to hear from you.

Applications close Friday 13th February 2009

For further information regarding the position at Maitland please contact: Toni Johnston on 02 4939 4500 or email toni.johnston@aes.org.au



The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

Aboriginal Education Consultant, School and TAFE Links

Senior Education Officer 2 (ETS), Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number: 124009. Total remuneration package valued to: \$115,093 p.a. (\$104,298) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing high level support and advice to regions to assist schools in the implementation of the Aboriginal Education Strategy and, in particular strategies relating to school and TAFE links.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality, Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience. High order skills and demonstrated relevant experience in Aboriginal Education and Training with particular reference to vocational education in schools (and TAFE links) and Information Technology - connected classrooms. Outstanding organisational skills and project management experience. Demonstrated high level leadership skills and proven experience in senior level negotiations and liaison, with the ability to establish and maintain constructive relationships with a broad range of stakeholders, including Aboriginal communities. Proven highly developed communications skills in the writing and preparation of reports, submissions, presentations, briefings and speeches using a range of media. Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education. Knowledge and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: This is a temporary appointment up to 26 January 2012. Administrative hours and conditions apply. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Recent school-based experience is that which has been undertaken within the last three years. Recent school-based experience in providing direct classroom support to teachers and students in schools.

Inquiries: Gloria Provost (02) 9244 5400.

Email: gloria.provost@det.nsw.edu.au

Information Packages: Georgia Bye (02) 9244 5426.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:

Gloria Provost, Aboriginal Education and Training, Level 14, 1 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst NSW 2010

Closing Date: 13 February 2009

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We are looking for a skilled administrator for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts

You will be responsible for:

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Full-time, permanent. Central Sydney office. Starting salary is \$60,722 p/a, plus superannuation.

More information:

www.australiacouncil.gov.au/employment

Applications close:

Friday, 27 February 2009 by 5.00pm.

Any questions?

Contact:

Mark Stapleton

Tel: (02) 9215 9014 or toll free on 1800 226 912.

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The University of Sydney

Senior Manager, Clinical Services

Poche Centre for Indigenous Health

Faculty of Medicine

Reference No. 148308

The Poche Centre for Indigenous Health was recently established to improve health outcomes and reduce disparities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. There is an opportunity currently available for an experienced individual to oversee and coordinate clinical service delivery and associated activities in partnership with communities throughout western NSW. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information and to apply, please visit
<http://positions.usyd.edu.au/148308>

Specific enquiries about the role can be directed to

Associate Professor Ngare Brown on (02) 9114 0829.

Enquiries about the recruitment process can be directed to Taya Solodin on (02) 9036 6525.

Closing Date: 11 February 2009



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Re-advertise of the Cr Pat Dixon Memorial Scholarship

Item 2: 2009 Cr Pat Dixon Memorial Scholarship
Call for Applications

The Associations are calling for applications for the Cr Pat Dixon Memorial Tertiary Scholarship for 2009. Applications close 16 February 2009. Aboriginal council staff and councillors are encouraged to apply.

The Cr Pat Dixon Memorial Scholarship is for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Local Government councillor, or community development/liaison worker to undertake part-time studies at the University of New England, Armidale NSW. The scholarship is open for either a Bachelor of Social Studies or any relevant course where the applicant can develop their community development, political, or professional career education through the study of politics, political science, or governance.

The late Cr Pat Dixon was a role model for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were either employed in Local Government or interested in serving on councils. Cr Dixon was the first Aboriginal Vice President of the Local Government Association.

In recognition of the significant role played by Cr Dixon, the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW (LGSA) established a Memorial Tertiary Scholarship in her honour. The Memorial Scholarship was established in 2002 with contributions from Local Government councils and support from the NSW State Government. The Scholarship is managed by LGSA which acts as Trustee of the fund, on behalf of the Scholarship Fund Committee.

Application forms can be downloaded from the LGSA website www.lgsa.org.au.

Contact: For further information on the scholarship, please contact the Associations' Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Constance Chatfield on 02 9242 4065, constance.chatfield@lgsa.org.au or visit the website www.lgsa.org.au.



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REGISTERED NURSE SEXUAL HEALTH

Are you a Registered Nurse with experience in Sexual Health and looking for a change in lifestyle? Then come and join the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service

Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service is currently seeking an enthusiastic Registered Nurse to work in partnership with The Aboriginal Health Workers to deliver a holistic Sexual Health Program to community of Walgett and surrounding communities.

This wonderful opportunity includes assistance with accommodation and a comprehensive induction process that will include a 2 week orientation period to Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service and surrounding communities. Ability to take up to \$15,000 if Salary as a Tax free Fringe benefit. Wage in accordance to experience and qualifications

For more information and to obtain a copy of the Job Description please contact Mr. Richard Simpson (Acting Practice Manager Program Team) on 02 6828 1611 or email walggettams@bigpond.com

Closing Date: 6 February 2009

All applications in writing can be addressed to:

Chairperson
Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Ltd.
P.O. Box 396
Walgett NSW 2832

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Principal Advisor

Indigenous Services, Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit
(Temporary until 25 September 2009)

Natural Resources and Water

Salary: \$89 898 - \$95 082 p.a.

Location: Woolloongabba

REF: QLD/NRW9542/09

Key Duties: This position is responsible for managing policy and legislative issues arising from the administration of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003. The position has a state-wide role in developing, supporting regulatory and institutional policy and legislative reform to achieve the protection and management of cultural heritage in Queensland.

Enquiries: Isabel Tarrago (07) 3238 3835

Closing Date: Monday, 2 February 2009

Indigenous Advisor - Cultural

Heritage (Identified)

External Relations, Corporate and Executive Services

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Public Works

Salary: \$81 140 - \$87 005 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/GR8053/08

Key Duties: Provide high level strategic advice in relation to Cultural Heritage and Land Use Agreements. Provide supervision to staff in a team environment.

Skills and Abilities: Superior knowledge and practical implementation of the Cultural Heritage Act 1993.

Demonstrated capacity to effectively consult and negotiate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Enquiries: (07) 3238 3998 or E-Mail:

johnvac.dpw@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 2 February 2009

Senior Consultant (Identified)

Employment and Indigenous Initiatives

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Employment and Industrial Relations

Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/IR8058/08

Key Duties: Provide generic and specialised training, assessment and learning development activities in response to priority client needs on a user-pays basis. Provide a high level consultancy and advisory service to managers on organisational and human resource development in a user-pays environment.

Enquiries: (07) 3238 3998 or E-Mail:

johnvac.dpw@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 2 February 2009

Principal Program Officer

(Specified)

Employment and Indigenous Initiatives

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference

from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Employment and Industrial Relations

Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/IR8059/08

Key Duties: Coordinate and monitor specific program activities, program related budgets and associated human resource responsibilities to ensure achievement of program goals. Undertake a range of written correspondence including, briefing papers for the Minister, Director-General and other senior officers.

Enquiries: (07) 3238 3998 or E-Mail:

johnvac.dpw@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 2 February 2009

Senior Business Performance Officer

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing

Housing

Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/H08113/08

Key Duties: The purpose of the position is to coordinate organisational and planning reporting; broad research and data analysis activities and manage responses to requests for information.

The position provides high level advice through

performance reporting and planning.

Skills and Abilities: Demonstrated high level verbal

and written communication skills including experience

in preparing complex reports, submissions, briefs and

correspondence.

Enquiries: Debra Palmer (07) 3235 1306 or E-Mail:

johnvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 9 February 2009

Consultant (Identified)

Employment and Indigenous Initiatives

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Employment and Industrial Relations

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/IR8106/08

Key Duties: Provide generic and specialised training, assessment and learning development activities in response to priority client needs on a user-pays basis. Assist with the monitoring of operational performance, including assisting with research, program evaluation

and review processes.

Enquiries: (07) 3238 3998 or E-Mail:

johnvac.dpw@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 9 February 2009

Client Service Manager -

Remote Communities

Far North Queensland Area Office

Housing

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/H08079/08

Key Duties: Efficient and effective delivery of quality services/outcomes to a diverse range of clients through leading and managing a client service team.

Skills and Abilities: Undertake planning, research,

analysis, provision of advice and support in the

application of the departmental policies/procedures and

relevant legislation.

Enquiries: Renae Cunneen (07) 4039 8308 or E-Mail:

johnvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 9 February 2009

Case Manager (Rural and Remote)

Probation and Parole Directorate

(This vacancy was previously advertised as

QLD/C528/08 and applicants for this vacancy do not

need to re-apply)

Queensland Corrective Services

Salary: \$61 946 - \$67 646 p.a.

Location: Palm Island

REF: QLD/C515/09

Enquiries: Frances Talley (07) 4760 7587

Closing Date: Monday, 9 February 2009

Senior Housing Officer

North West Queensland Area Office

Housing

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 968 p.a.

Location: Mount Isa

REF: QLD/H08039/08

Key Duties: Support the delivery of quality service to

clients in housing need and supervise a small team.

Skills and Abilities: Ability to organise and deliver

integrated services to a diverse range of clients. Strong

communication, team work and problem solving skills.

Enquiries: Ron Bindeman (07) 4747 2130 or E-Mail:

johnvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 2 February 2009

Senior Housing Officer -

Remote Communities

Far North Queensland Area Office

Housing

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 968 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/H08080/08

Key Duties: Support the delivery of quality service to

clients, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander clients.

Skills and Abilities: Ability to organise and deliver

integrated services to a diverse range of clients. Strong

communication, team work and problem solving skills.

Enquiries: Renae Cunneen (07) 4039 8308 or E-Mail:

johnvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 9 February 2009

Housing Officer

Wide Bay Burnett Area Office

(Temporary full-time for 12 months)

Housing

Salary: \$46 120 - \$51 432 p.a.

Location: Maryborough

REF: QLD/H08042/08

Key Duties: Delivering a broad range of tenancy and

property management services and providing

advice to clients.

Skills and Abilities: Match and deliver services to a

diverse range of clients. Communicate effectively with

staff, clients and support services.

Enquiries: Rod Gardiner (07) 4121 1995 or E-Mail:

johnvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 2 February 2009

Housing Officer

Central Queensland Area Office

Housing

Salary: \$46 120 - \$51 432 p.a.

Location: Gladstone

REF: QLD/H08043/08

Key Duties: Delivering a broad range of tenancy and

property management services and providing

advice to clients.

Skills and Abilities: Match and deliver services to a

diverse range of clients. Communicate effectively with

staff, clients and support services.

Enquiries: Linda Hammer (07) 4979 6565 or E-Mail:

johnvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 2 February 2009

Caseworker (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide

a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres

Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Salary: \$46 071 - \$67 647 p.a.

Location: Maroochydore

REF: QLD/COM9665/09

Key Duties: To provide quality professional

casework services to young people subject to a youth

justice intervention.

Deliver best practice casework services to young people

using sound assessment and intervention skills.

Skills and Abilities: Possession of a tertiary qualification

relevant to the role.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 16 February 2009

Scientist (Aquatic Ecosystems)

Service Delivery, Water Quality and Monitoring

(Temporary until 30 June 2010)

Natural Resources and Water

Salary: \$46 071 - \$58 967 p.a.

Location: Indooroopilly

REF: QLD/NRW9613/09

Key Duties: Undertake studies and monitor aspects

of the ecology and water quality of freshwater

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Skills and Abilities: Knowledge of research techniques,

Knowledge of field, laboratory and desktop techniques.

Team work and organisation, Interpersonal skills

and communication.

Enquiries: Bill Senior (07) 3896 9158

Closing Date: Monday, 2 February 2009

Police

Liaison Officer

Central Region

Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$39 804 - \$42 622 p.a

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Indigenous Issues Unit

The Indigenous Issues Unit is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system.

As these are Identified Positions, the occupants are required to have an understanding of the issues affecting the Indigenous community and the ability to communicate sensitively with the Indigenous community.

Senior Project Officer, Monitoring and Reporting

Grade 5, \$71,671 - \$86,716, Position No: DJ4636, Ongoing

We are currently seeking a Senior Project Officer, Monitoring & Reporting to co-ordinate and maintain a quantitative and qualitative information system that supports evaluation and performance analysis activities of the AJA.

For specific enquiries please contact Lana Kolyunski on 8684 1764.

Office Manager

Grade 4, \$62,116 - \$70,477, Position No: DJ4276, Fixed Term to 30/6/09

We are currently seeking an Office Manager to manage and co-ordinate all corporate and administrative functions of the office with a strong focus on financial and budgetary monitoring and reporting.

For specific enquiries please contact Sue Haseloff on 8684 1743.

To obtain a position description and apply online please visit

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Closing date for applications is 11 February 2009
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OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH

The Australian Government is committed to closing the 17-year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a generation, and to halve the gap in mortality rates between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children within a decade. The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) aims to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have access to health care services essential to improving their health and life expectancy, and works in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations, and through collaboration with state and territory governments.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY UNIT

MEDICAL OFFICER CLASS 4

\$123,109 - \$135,507

Reference Number: 09-0356

CANBERRA

MEDICAL OFFICER CLASS 2 or 3

\$100,962 - \$118,198

Reference Number: 09-0355

CANBERRA

The Public Health Advisory Unit manages and provides technical input to policy, planning and program management in the areas of public health, clinical information, health service management and health systems necessary for the development, delivery and funding of primary health care services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Applications are sought from highly motivated medical practitioners interested in joining a dedicated Public Health Advisory Unit within OATSIH. The positions will provide professional medical and public health advice to all Branches within OATSIH on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health issues and be involved in policy development and implementation. Applicants will require an understanding of the major health issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and an understanding of the policy, program and public health approaches being taken to address these issues. An ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is also required. The Medical Officer Class 4 will also be required to take responsibility for special projects as required, liaise with internal and external stakeholders and work closely with the Senior Medical Adviser.

These positions may be accredited for training with the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (AFPHEM), in consultation with the ACT Regional Committee of the AFPHEM and taking into consideration the successful applicant's training needs.

Contact officer: Dr Geetha Isaac-Toua on 02 6289 7668 or 0421 588 389 or geetha.isaac-toua@health.gov.au

Applications close 15 February 2009, 7pm EDT.

POLICY AND BUDGET BRANCH

SEVERAL SECTIONS

SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 09-0361

Assistant Director

EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1

\$79,863 - \$91,085

Reference Number: 09-0360

Project Officer

APS LEVEL 6

\$64,988 - \$73,317

Reference Number: 09-0359

Project Officer

APS LEVEL 5

\$58,911 - \$62,179

SEVERAL POSITIONS

CANBERRA

The Policy and Budget Branch within OATSIH is responsible for developing and implementing policies relating to inter-sectoral and inter-agency linkages and strategic policy development, especially through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agenda and national agreements; and building the evidence base through research, data analysis and reporting. The Branch manages the Division's budget and financial management processes necessary for the funding and delivery of Indigenous health services.

Applications are sought from energetic and motivated persons with skills and experience that can be from a number of different backgrounds including policy development, program management, analysis and reporting, budget and finance or a combination of these. This is an opportunity to play a vital part in improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples access to comprehensive primary health care.

Contact officer: Kate Hamilton on 02 6289 3839 or kate.hamilton@health.gov.au

Applications close 12 February 2009, 7pm EDT unless noted otherwise.

Selection Documentation: An application kit and more detailed information are available online at the department's website: <http://www.health.gov.au>

Diversity is important to us. We encourage applications from mature age workers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disability and people from diverse cultural backgrounds. A reasonable adjustment policy is one element of the department's Disability Action Plan.

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\$44,380 - \$55,169

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Centrelink is currently seeking a suitable applicant to fill an ongoing position at Innisfail Customer Service Centre.

Eligible applicants must be Indigenous Australians in accordance with clauses 4.2 and 4.6A of the Public Service Commissioner's Directions 1999.

The successful applicant will be required to assist people from diverse backgrounds to access important government services. You will be required to identify needs and make decisions based on the individual requirements, policy, legislation and outcomes sought by government and client agencies.

Excellent customer service skills are required as well as competence in the use of information technology, and the ability to work in a team environment.

Further information and application documentation are available from Helen McCulloch by emailing: helen.c.mcculloch@centrelink.gov.au or by phoning (07) 4048 3025. Please ensure applications address the selection criteria as contained in the application documentation.

Closing date: 2nd February 2009

Centrelink is committed to workplace diversity and encourages applications from Indigenous Australians, people of non-English speaking background and people with disability.



For selection documentation and
more information about working at Centrelink,
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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	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/1878	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	215.24km ²	87km S/E of Pannawonica	Lat 22°24' Long 116°09'	Ashburton
46/776	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	253.43km ²	47km NW of Newman	Lat 22°31' Long 120°16'	East Pilbara

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: 28 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 any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. 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/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration licence may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 28 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 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	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/785	South Kal Mines Pty Ltd	C01/34	588.02ha	26km NW of Kambalda	Lat 31°09' Long 121°31'	Coolgardie
39/809	Oreclint Gold Ltd	306636	194.56ha	19km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°46' Long 122°28'	Laverton
		306637	150.6ha	22km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°48' Long 122°29'	
		306638	16.72ha	23km S/E of Laverton	Lat 28°48' Long 122°28'	

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 28 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 the applications. 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/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 28 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.



NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/1066-7	Abch Pty Ltd	228.48km ²	57km E of Kambalda	Lat 31°23' Long 122°14'	Coolgardie
15/1114	International Exploration Limited	32.09km ²	118km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 31°50' Long 120°21'	Coolgardie
15/1115	Avoca Resources Ltd	5.83km ²	31km SE of Widgeemoo	Lat 31°41' Long 121°49'	Coolgardie
15/1116	Heron Resources Ltd	2.95km ²	57km E of Koolyabobbing	Lat 30°44' Long 120°06'	Coolgardie
16/369	Heron Resources Ltd	5.91km ²	57km NE of Koolyabobbing	Lat 30°34' Long 120°02'	Coolgardie
28/1866	Pioneer Nickel Ltd	53.11km ²	73km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°36' Long 122°12'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1867	Sipa Gold Ltd	109.25km ²	102km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°32' Long 122°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1870	Wesley Resources Pty Ltd	11.76km ²	87km NE of Kambalda	Lat 30°53' Long 122°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1802	Cryolite Minerals Ltd	11.82km ²	107km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°28' Long 122°32'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
31/639	Heron Resources Ltd	14.86km ²	133km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°52' Long 122°24'	Menzies
38/2208	Eckarra Mines Ltd	51.11km ²	131km SE of Coonoo	Lat 28°42' Long 123°57'	Laverton
38/2209	Eckarra Mines Ltd	33.1km ²	123km SE of Coonoo	Lat 28°36' Long 123°56'	Laverton
38/2214-7	King's Pty Ltd	2406.57km ²	97km N of Coonoo	Lat 27°07' Long 122°51'	Laverton
39/1325	Tyson Resources Pty Ltd	78.29km ²	25km NW of Laverton	Lat 28°32' Long 122°10'	Laverton
39/1326	Tyson Resources Pty Ltd	33.08km ²	20km W of Laverton	Lat 28°39' Long 122°12'	Laverton
39/1403	Rubicon Resources Ltd	80.86km ²	54km S of Laverton	Lat 29°05' Long 122°15'	Laverton/Lenora
40/253	JML Resources Pty Ltd	26.9km ²	51km S of Lenora	Lat 29°19' Long 121°28'	Menzies
40/259	Rubicon Resources Ltd	11.98km ²	21km S of Lenora	Lat 29°04' Long 121°24'	Lenora
63/1231	Tyson Resources Pty Ltd	34.57km ²	12km NE of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°53' Long 121°42'	Esperance
63/1232	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	305.34km ²	106km SW of Balladonia	Lat 32°53' Long 122°51'	Esperance
63/1241	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	23.23km ²	17km E of Norseman	Lat 32°09' Long 121°57'	Dundas
63/1247	JML Resources Pty Ltd	130.86km ²	130km W of Norseman	Lat 32°09' Long 120°24'	Dundas
70/3329	State Resources Pty Ltd	82.62km ²	42km N of Mullewa	Lat 28°10' Long 115°37'	Mullewa
70/3426	Quadrio Resources Pty Ltd	153.96km ²	55km W of Jeramungup	Lat 33°50' Long 118°20'	Gnowangerup/Kent
70/3429	Quadrio Resources Pty Ltd	183.14km ²	51km SW of Lake Grace	Lat 33°30' Long 118°13'	Kent
70/3430	Quadrio Resources Pty Ltd	8.82km ²	10km W of Wongan Hills	Lat 30°52' Long 116°37'	Wongan-Balidu
70/3431	Quadrio Resources Pty Ltd	5.88km ²	4km SW of Wongan Hills	Lat 30°54' Long 116°41'	Wongan-Balidu
70/3547	Quadrio Resources Pty Ltd	170.11km ²	25km NW of Coomaling	Lat 31°12' Long 116°35'	Coomaling/Victoria Plains

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: 28 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 28 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. 28 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.



Series Producer – Indigenous Programs Unit

- Indigenous Programs Unit, ABC Television
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The role requires strong editorial and managerial skills. The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate extensive experience as a producer, manager and/or journalist. Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and the ability to communicate effectively with people from these backgrounds is essential.

The successful applicant will be required to:

- Direct or produce program material as required.
- Manage the production of a television series within budget.
- Under direction, supervise program personnel.
- Liaise with ABC publicity to promote Message Stick.
- Manage scheduling, research, production, post-production and editorial processes as required.

For further information contact Susan Moylan-Coombs on (02) 8333 4025.

Applications quoting reference EO1903009 should be sent to Sisanouk Sirimanatham, ABC Television, GPO Box 9994, Sydney NSW 2001 or email recruitment@your.abc.net.au by COB 13 February 2009.

Applicants must address the selection criteria. For information on how to apply visit abc.net.au/jobs

The ABC is an equal opportunity employer. The ABC invites Indigenous Australians to apply for this position.

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OFFICE OF THE PVC (LEARNING AND TEACHING) BADANAMI CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION Bankstown Campus

"The University of Western Sydney considers that being an Indigenous Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)"

The Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education is seeking to appoint four Lecturer Level B's, two of which will be 'identified' for Indigenous positions, as follows:

LECTURER, BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (PRIMARY) (AREP/METRO)

Ref 187/08

3 Year Fixed Term Contract

LECTURER (INDIGENOUS), BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (PRIMARY) (AREP/METRO)

Ref 188/08

Ongoing Position

LECTURER (INDIGENOUS), ACCESS AND LEARNING SUPPORT

Ref 189/08

Ongoing Position

LECTURER, BACHELOR OF COMMUNITY WELFARE (FAMILY AND COMMUNITY) (AREP/METRO)

Ref 007/08

3 Year Fixed Term Contract

The successful Indigenous applicants will contribute Indigenous perspectives to the teaching of education units in the Bachelor of Education (Primary) and Indigenous studies. The Bachelor of Education (Primary) is an Aboriginal Rural Education Program (AREP) and is delivered to Australian Indigenous students in an away-from-base block mode.

The Bachelor of Community Welfare (Family and Community) is an Aboriginal Rural Education Program (AREP) and is also delivered to Australian Indigenous students in an away-from-base block mode.

The appointees to the these positions will be expected to work closely with academic and administrative staff in Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education, across the university and with external professionals and organisations in implementing the existing program. Additionally, the appointees will be involved with developing, implementing and evaluating new initiatives, such as courses and units and support for Indigenous students with respect to the delivery of education for Indigenous students in the Bachelor of Education (Primary) and Bachelor of Community Welfare (Family and Community), and other courses as may be appropriate to their qualifications and experience.

Qualifications generic to the two Bachelor of Education (Primary) positions include an undergraduate degree in education or equivalent relevant area of the social sciences, preferably with a Masters Qualification, or experience at a level commensurate with postgraduate studies. These positions report to the Course Advisor/Senior Lecturer for Bachelor of Education (Primary) (AREP/METRO).

Qualifications generic to the Lecturer, Bachelor of Community Welfare position include an undergraduate degree in community welfare or equivalent relevant area of the social sciences, preferably with a Masters qualification, or experience at a level commensurate with postgraduate studies. The position reports to the AREP Head of Program / Course Advisor for the Bachelor of Community Welfare (Family and Community) (AREP/METRO).

The Badanami Centre also provides academic learning support to Indigenous students enrolled in UWS courses. The qualification relevant to the Access and Learning Support position is an undergraduate degree in education or the social sciences, preferably with a Masters Qualification, or experience at a level commensurate with postgraduate studies. The position reports to the Coordinator, Access and Learning Support, Badanami Centre.

Remuneration Package: Academic Level B \$85,336 to \$100,698 p.a. (comprising Salary, 17% Superannuation and Leave Loading) There will be a 4% salary increase effective from 3 April 2009.

Position Enquiries: Associate Professor Bernice Arning, (02) 4736 0695, 0424 156 562 or email b.arning@uws.edu.au

Closing Date: 6 February 2009

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- provides advice to the ILC Board and Management about land acquired by the ILC and progress towards the granting of land to Indigenous Title Holding Bodies;
- administers land management projects on ILC-held land, including coordinating assistance from other agencies; and
- provides advice to clients, stakeholders and Management on issues relating to the ILC's programs.

The successful candidate will have excellent leadership, management and communication skills that will enable them to facilitate high quality outcomes with Indigenous clients. You should also have a well developed knowledge of Indigenous social and economic issues across urban, rural and remote communities, with the skills and knowledge to be able to deal with a range of land management and/or built environment issues.

Tertiary qualifications in Land Management, Project Management or similar may be an advantage, but are not essential. Commencing salary is negotiable within the range above depending on your skills and experience and you will have access to excellent conditions including the opportunity to further develop your skills through our Studies Assistance program.

For further information, please contact Craig North, Divisional Manager on (07) 3854 4600 or freecall 1800 818 490. (Position documentation and more information on the ILC are available on our website at www.ilc.gov.au)

Applications are to include the ILC Cover Note (available on the website), covering letter and detailed current CV only. Further information may be requested if you are required for an interview.

Applications should be emailed to vacancies@ilc.gov.au or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to Mr Adam Jenkins GPO Box 652 ADELAIDE SA 5001

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Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

Indigenous Partnerships Officer

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The Condamine Catchment is located at the very headwaters of Australia's biggest river system, the Murray-Darling Basin. Our Toowoomba based client, the Condamine Alliance, is a regional body with the lead responsibility for enabling the community to achieve sustainable natural resource management (NRM) within the catchment. The Alliance is funded by both State & Federal Governments and its vision is to be an innovative leader in NRM.

Condamine Alliance is currently seeking an astute professional to engage with key stakeholder groups within the region to encourage active participation of the Indigenous community in achieving the organisations' vision and mission.

In this capacity, you will take responsibility for: facilitating and co-ordinating Indigenous knowledge, with a particular emphasis on key NRM outcomes in the catchment; Indigenous project delivery support; identifying & seeking funding opportunities for Indigenous NRM activities; acting as a conduit between the Condamine Alliance Traditional Owners Board & the Alliance; developing healthy relationships & networks with relevant stakeholders; community training; and engaging & collaborating with relevant parties so as to achieve the objectives of the regional strategy.

Your ability to liaise with a diverse range of stakeholders in relation to complex issues, coupled with your understanding of Cultural Heritage and related protocol, and your open, pragmatic and engaging style, will underpin your success in this challenging role.

Community engagement experience is required and relevant qualifications will be highly regarded although are not essential.

Our client is an equal opportunity employer and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.

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Applications addressing the selection criteria found at www.nexusexecutive.com.au should be forwarded quoting Ref. No. IP10109, by Monday, 9 February, 2009.

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

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:

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/1111	Plutonic Operations Ltd	511.56ha	44km SE of Widgeemooltha	Lat 31°47' Long 121°52'	Coolgardie
37/986	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	2.84ha	10km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°48' Long 121°15'	Leonora
37/1279	MT Margaret Nickel Pty Ltd	34.52ha	51km SE of Leinster	Lat 28°17' Long 120°59'	Leonora
38/1247	Regis Resources Limited	1219.56ha	71km NW of	Lat 27°42' Long 122°15'	Laverton
57/099	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd		Osama Newbery Mission		
57/099	Troy Resources NL	2.01ha	6km E of Sandstone	Lat 27°58' Long 119°22'	Sandstone
57/079	Troy Resources NL	21.61ha	4km W of Sandstone	Lat 27°59' Long 119°15'	Sandstone
57/083	Troy Resources NL	16.74ha	3km NW of Sandstone	Lat 27°57' Long 119°17'	Sandstone
57/364	Troy Resources NL	24.12ha	3km N of Sandstone	Lat 27°57' Long 119°18'	Sandstone
57/552	Troy Resources NL	49.45ha	7km NE of Sandstone	Lat 27°56' Long 119°21'	Sandstone
57/553	Troy Resources NL	47.43ha	9km NE of Sandstone	Lat 27°57' Long 119°22'	Sandstone
63/644-5	Spitfire Oil Pty Ltd	9656.14ha	34km NW of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°43' Long 121°26'	Esperance
77/1127	Troy Resources NL	950.92ha	4km W of Bullfinch	Lat 30°58' Long 119°04'	Yalgam

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: 28 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 any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. 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/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 28 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 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
15/5353	David Johnathan Gulee	46.52ha	40km SE of Widgeemooltha	Lat 31°48' Long 121°46'	Coolgardie
	Glyn Thomas Morgan				
15/5354	Jervois Mining Ltd	9.58ha	24km SW of Coolgardie	Lat 31°09' Long 120°57'	Coolgardie
15/5355	Jervois Mining Ltd	9.35ha	23km SW of Coolgardie	Lat 31°03' Long 120°57'	Coolgardie
15/5360-5	Heron Resources Ltd	086.83ha	23km W of Coolgardie	Lat 31°01' Long 120°56'	Coolgardie
27/1063-5	West River Pty Ltd	599.68ha	17km N of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°36' Long 121°31'	Kalbarrie Boulder City
27/1970-2	Heron Resources Ltd	564.74ha	16km NE of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°39' Long 121°36'	Kalbarrie Boulder City
31/1857	Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd	68.87ha	131km NE of Kalbarrie	Lat 29°52' Long 122°23'	Menzies
47/1467	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	144.37ha	84km SE of Willemoon	Lat 22°52' Long 118°48'	East Pilbara
63/1703-5	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	549.22ha	34km N of Norseman	Lat 31°53' Long 121°45'	Dundas
63/1706	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	182ha	36km N of Norseman	Lat 31°52' Long 121°45'	Coolgardie/Dundas

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: 28 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 28 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. 28 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.



Proposal To Grant Drilling Reservation

SECTION 29

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Drilling Reservation application/s under section 43B of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA).

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
1/08-9 DR	RED MOUNTAIN ENERGY PTY LTD	142.7km ²	The Application comprises of 2 grant- holder blocks of the 1 million map sheet (5150 Albany) and is located in the Perth Basin. The North-West corner of the application is situated approximately 5.5 kilometres south of the town of Dunsborough. The application occupies an area of 142.7 km ² and falls partly within the Shire of Busselton and partly within the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River. The GDA coordinates of the application are: - NW corner (Lat 33°39'55.84"S, Long 115°05'05.45"E) - SE corner (Lat 33°49'55.84"S, Long 115°10'05.47"E)	Shire of Busselton (91%) Shire of Augusta-Margaret River (9%)

Nature Of The Act: Grant of drilling reservation, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum for a term of 1 year from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 1 year.

Notification Day: 28th 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 any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 28th 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 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 drilling reservation may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 28th May 2009), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 in relation to the area of the drilling reservation.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum and Royalties Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 526 767 (ask for extension 23813).

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of NSW

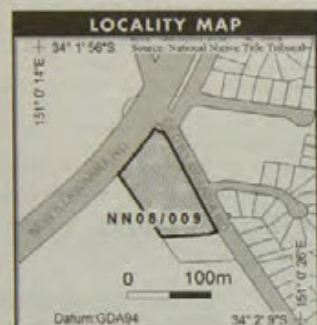
Notification day: 11 February 2009

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest in the area (which is not a native title interest), set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. **Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.**

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 10 May 2009. After 10 May 2009, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before 10 May 2009, the area may be subject to protection under section 24 FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.



Applicant's name: Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council

Non-native title interest: Freehold title in certificate of title folio 101/1028645

Federal Court File No: NSD1839/2008

Description: The area subject to this application is located over Lot 101 on Deposited Plan 1028645 in the town of Lucas Heights and covers an area of about 1 hectare, as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Sutherland Shire Council.

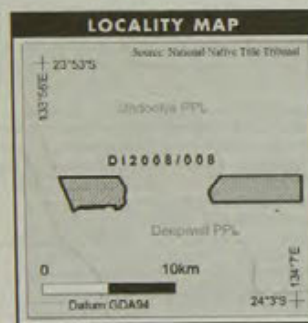
Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT.

For assistance or further information contact Nakari Thorpe on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

Notice of application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland
Notification day: 11 February 2009



DI2008/008 Urremerne ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement comprises of two proposed areas, NT6992 (A) and NT6921 (A), that cover about 23.34km² and falls within the external boundary of the Deepwell Perpetual Pastoral Lease, and is located approximately 30km south-east of Alice Springs, as shown on the locality map.

The agreement area falls within the Local Government Authority of MacDonnell Shire.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

Central Land Council
33 Stuart Highway
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0870

Northern Territory of Australia
GPO Box 1722
DARWIN NT 0800

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Clause 4.1(b) The Right to Negotiate is not intended to apply to any of the future acts described in Clause 5.

Clause 5. FUTURE ACTS EXTINGUISHING NATIVE TITLE

5.1 Upon the execution of this ILUA by the parties the Northern Territory will grant an estate in fee simple over Proposed NT Portion 6992(A) as described in Attachment "A" [to the agreement] and an estate in fee simple over Proposed NT Portion 6921 (A) as described in Attachment "B" [to the agreement].

5.2 The native title parties consent to extinguishment of native title over Proposed NT Portion 6992(A).

5.3 The native title parties consent to the extinguishment of native title over Proposed NT Portion 6921 (A).

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Central Land Council, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Darwin NT 0801 by 11 May 2009

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Northern Territory Department of Planning and Infrastructure. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Gordon Chalmers on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

National
Native Title
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Australian Government
Indigenous Land Corporation

SENIOR FINANCE OFFICER

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For further information, please contact Hanne Damgaard, Manager Finance on (08) 8100 7100 or Freecall 1800 818 490. Position documentation and more information are available on our website www.ilk.gov.au

Applications are to include the ILC Cover Note (available on the website), covering letter and detailed current CV only. Further information may be requested if you are required for an interview.

Applications should be emailed to vacancies@ilk.gov.au or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to Mr Adam Jenkins GPO Box 652 ADELAIDE SA 5001

Applications close at 12noon on Monday 9 February 2009.

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

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- Great communication and presentation skills
- Excellent administration skills
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- Report writing skills
- Work in a team environment
- Ability to travel interstate
- Research Skills
- Current Drivers Licence
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

If you would like to discuss this opportunity you can contact
Joanne Brown - Manager Indigenous Programs
Viscopy Ltd

1 Blackfriars Road Chippendale NSW 2008
02 9310 2018 or 0424 262 368
www.viscopy.com

Closing Date: 16 February 2009

Viscopy is committed to equal employment opportunity principles.

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(ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT 1977 SECT 14 (d))



This activity is supported by the Australian Government through the National Arts and Crafts Industry Support Program of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.



Senior Policy Officer

Aboriginal Services

Web Search No: 009570 (Fixed & Perm) (Pool) (Perth CBD)

Level/Salary: L6 PSCA \$74,036 - \$81,983 pa

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For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Gordon Cole on (08) 9264 6128.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Web Search No: into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday, 16 Feb 2009 at 4.30pm WGST.

COFFS HARBOUR ABORIGINAL FAMILY COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE

Aboriginal Social Support Worker Home and Community Care Program

REQUIREMENTS

- Aboriginality or the understanding of Aboriginal dynamics
- Excellent interpersonal negotiation skills and oral and written communication skills including demonstrated computer skills
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team environment and work collaboratively with the organization and its Board, community agencies and services.
- Ability to liaise and relate with Aboriginal Elders, the disabled and all carers
- Demonstrated ability to work without direct supervision and self manage projects
- Current NSW Drivers Licence
- Demonstrated ability to write and maintain statistics and reports
- Ability to plan evaluate and improve service delivery and implement programs
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- First Aid Certificate or willingness to obtain one
- Knowledge and understanding of the HACC Service Plan and its programs

DESIRABLE

- Qualifications in Aged Care related field
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Salary and conditions are in accordance with the Social and Community Services Award Grade 4 Year 1.

Successful applicants will be subjected to Working with Children Check Legislation, and will be subject to a Federal Criminal Check. The successful applicant will be subject to a 3 month probation period.

Applications are to be received by 4pm 6 February 2009. Please forward your resume and application letter, marked 'CONFIDENTIAL', to the Chairperson Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Family Community Care Centre P.O. Box 521 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450.

For further information contact
Ms Natasha Laurie on 02 66483680

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council (LLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people who are interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position was established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

The position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the LLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's decisions in a timely and appropriate manner. The CEO will oversee the completion and implementation of the LLALC's Community Land and Business Plan.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA; the capacity to interpret and implement legislation, and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal issues, and the ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with the Aboriginal community and individuals are mandatory.

All applicants should obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria. Applications must address the selection criteria or will not be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Roslyn Field, by email: lapaland@bigpond.com or on (02) 9311 4292. The names of two Aboriginal referees should be included with the application. Applications can be forwarded via email or marked 'Confidential' and posted to:

The Chairperson
La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 366, Matraville 2036
Applications close Friday 20 February 2009
Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Notice of application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 11 February 2009



Q12008/018 KULLA (McIlwraith Range & Mt Croll) ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 2,000km² in total and is located approximately 400km north-east of Cairns in the vicinity of Coen, as shown on the locality map. The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Cook Shire Council.

Parties to agreement and their contact address:

Jennifer Creek, Bernard Singleton, Phillip Port, Alison Liddy, Gavin Bassani,
Noel Accoom, Florence Deemal, Lynette Thomas and Daniel De Busch
C/- Cape York Land Council
PO Box 2496
CAIRNS QLD 4870

State of Queensland
C/- Cape York Resolution Task Force
PO Box 937
CAIRNS QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

5.1 The parties -

- (a) consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts; and
- (b) agree to the validating of any invalid Agreed Acts done on the Agreement Area prior to the Registration Date, to the extent that they are Future Acts.

6.1 To avoid any doubt, Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P [the right to negotiate provisions] of the NTA does not apply to the doing of the Agreed Acts.

'Agreed Acts' means all acts necessary to give effect to this Agreement, the IMA and the Conservation Agreements including -

- (a) declaration by regulation of the Proposed ALA Areas as transferrable land and the issuing of deeds of grant to the Kulla Grantees, the Muluna Grantees and the Toolka Grantees for the Proposed ALA Areas under the ALA [the Aboriginal Land Act 1991 (QLD)];
- (b) dedication use and management of the Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Area as a national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land) under the NCA [the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (QLD)];
- (c) declaration use and management of the Proposed Nature Refuge Areas as nature refuges under the NCA;
- (d) dedication use and management of the Proposed Reserve Area as reserve for community purposes under the Land Act 1994, including the construction of infrastructure and works necessary for the management of the Proposed Reserve Area as set out in clause 14.2;
- (e) dedication use and management of the Proposed Resources Reserve Area as a resources reserve under the NCA;
- (f) dedication use and management of the Additional National Park (CYPAL) Areas as national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land) under the NCA;
- (g) declaration by regulation of the Additional ALA Areas as transferrable land and the issuing of deeds of grant to the Kulla Grantees for the Additional ALA Areas under the ALA;
- (h) entering into and complying with the Conservation Agreements;
- (i) entering into and complying with Indigenous Management Agreement; and
- (j) granting of the Kulla Easement.

'Agreement Area' means lot 1 on SP161903, lot 451 on SP204109, lot 16 on SP121904, lot 4 on SP189952, lot 5 on SP189952, lot 6 on SP189952, lot 7 on SP189952, lot 8 on SP189952, lot 9 on SP189952, lot 10 on SP189952, lot 7 on SP171860, lot 2 on SP171860, lot 6 on SP189915, part of lot 15 on SP121904, lot 14 on SP121904, and lot 3 on SP189930, as shown on the plans in Schedule 1.

'Proposed ALA Areas' means the areas proposed to be held under the Kulla Land Trust, the Muluna Land Trust and the Toolka Land Trust under the ALA, and described as lot 1 on SP161903, lot 2 on SP171865, lot 3 on SP189930, lot 7 on SP171860, lot 7 on SP171864, lot 451 on SP204109, lot 16 on SP121904, lot 10 on SP189952 and lot 4 on SP189952 as shown on the maps on Schedule 2.

'Proposed National Park (CYPAL Area)' means the area proposed to be dedicated as national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land), and described as lot 451 on SP204109, lot 16 on SP121904, lot 10 on SP189952 and lot 4 on SP189952, as shown on the maps in Schedule 6.

'Proposed Nature Refuge Areas' means Proposed Nature Refuge Area A, Proposed Nature Refuge Area B, and Proposed Nature Refuge Area C, proposed to be declared as nature refuges in accordance with clause 12.

'Proposed Nature Refuge Area A' means the area proposed to be declared as a nature refuge, and described as part of lot 15 on SP121904 as shown on the plan in Schedule 3.

'Proposed Nature Refuge Area B' means the area proposed to be declared as a nature refuge, and described as lot 1 on SP161903 as shown on the plan in Schedule 4.

'Proposed Nature Refuge Area C' means the area proposed to be declared as a nature refuge, and described as part of lot 7 on SP171860 as shown on the plan in Schedule 5.

'Proposed Reserve Area' means that area proposed to be dedicated as a reserve for community purposes under the Land Act 1994, and described as lot 6 on SP189915 as shown on the plan in Schedule 11.

'Proposed Resources Reserve Area' means that area proposed to be dedicated as a resources reserve under the NCA, and described as lot 5 on SP189952, lot 6 on SP189952, lot 7 on SP189952, lot 8 on SP189952 and lot 9 on SP189952 as shown on the plan in Schedule 13.

'Kulla Easement' means the easement intended to be granted by the Kulla Land Trust for access to the National Park (CYPAL), in substantially the same form as the draft easement in Schedule 12.

'Conservation Agreements' means conservation agreements in substantially the same form as the draft agreements in Schedule 7, 8 and 9.

'IMA' means an indigenous management agreement under the ALA in substantially the same form as the draft agreement in Schedule 10.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body(ies) for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by 11 May 2009.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Cairns 4870 by 11 May 2009.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on spatial reference data sourced from the Department of Natural Resources and Water (QLD). Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Lisa Serpa on (07) 4048 1521 or on freecall 1800 640 501 or email lisa.serpa@nntt.gov.au or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



Government of
Western Australia
Department of Corrective Services

Regional Community Conferencing Coordinator (50d)

Community and Juvenile Justice

Web Search No: 004694 (F/T Perm)

Level/Salary: 5 PPGA, \$63,621 - \$70,315 pa

Position Withdrawn

Please note this vacancy was advertised in the previous publication.

Due to organisational requirements this vacancy has been withdrawn, applicants will not be assessed, please do not apply.

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact
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Field Officer, Group Training: Dubbo & Tamworth

The Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) is a not-for-profit organisation that specialises in placing and mentoring Aboriginal people into employment. We are Australia's leading indigenous employment organisation, working with some of Australia's largest organisations. The AES is the link between the indigenous community and corporate Australia.

Two positions will be available, one based at the Tamworth Office, and one based at the Dubbo Office. Both Positions are part time (3 days per week).

Job Description

The AES is seeking a highly motivated and well organised individual to assist in the AES' Group Training Organisation (GTO). The successful applicant will be managing the regions Traineeship Program, working primarily with School Based Trainees. The successful applicant will manage a portfolio of trainees who they will be mentoring to ensure they successfully complete the traineeship, working closely with the corporate sector, local schools and parents.

It is an exciting opportunity for an individual interested in developing indigenous students to succeed in the workplace. A target oriented individual who can identify new business opportunities for indigenous people.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Promote with schools to promote the AES' School Based Trainee (SBT) program
- Work with existing corporate partners on recruitment and selection of trainees
- Provide ongoing mentoring support to trainees
- Provide ongoing advice and support to corporate partners
- Oversee management of trainees 'off the job' training with the Registered Training Provider
- Develop new business opportunities for Traineeship Program
- Database management
- Other duties as required

Knowledge, Experience & Skills Required

Essential Criteria

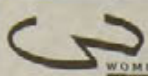
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Drivers licence
- Excellent communications and interpersonal skills
- Excellent organisational skills
- Demonstrated ability to work independently
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of indigenous Australians and the issues they face in employment
- Demonstrated project management skills
- Proficient in the use of MS Office and database operations
- Demonstrated ability to work across a range of diverse stakeholders
- Demonstrated ability to work to targets
- Police Check
- Undertake a Working with Children Check

We can offer competitive remuneration packaging arrangements to the right person. If you are well organised, have a positive approach and are ready for a new challenge, we would like to hear from you.

Applications close Friday 13th February 2009

For more information please contact

Dubbo - Amanda Short (Ph) 026882 8100 E. amanda.short@aes.org.au
Tamworth - Jason Smith (Ph) 02 6766 9388 E. jason.smith@aes.org.au



WOMEN'S LEGAL SERVICES NSW

Coordinator

Bourke/Brewarrina Family Violence Prevention
Legal Service.

35 hours per week

\$46,366.45 - \$49,776.26 p.a.
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Women's Legal Services NSW considers being an Aboriginal woman a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s.14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)

The Bourke/Brewarrina Family Violence Prevention Legal Service is auspiced by Women's Legal Services NSW, which is a community legal centre for disadvantaged women in NSW.

We are seeking a Coordinator to oversee the operation of the Bourke/Brewarrina Family Violence Prevention Legal Service. Essential criteria includes demonstrated experience working with family violence/sexual assault in a community services delivery capacity, demonstrated skills in report writing, staff supervision and coordinating programs.

Please call Women's Legal Services NSW 1800 639 789 for a full job package and selection criteria. Applications addressing the full selection criteria should be forwarded to the Coordinator, Indigenous Women's Program, PO Box 206 Lidcombe 1825 by 5pm 16th February 2009.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES
CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

ABORIGINAL MENTOR CULTURAL SUPPORT

Clerical Officer 5/6, Wellington, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number 09006. Total remuneration package valued to: \$77,406 p.a. (\$63,573-\$70,146) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. An environmental allowance (currently \$2,316 pa) also applies during occupancy of this position.

Advise on the development & delivery of spiritual, ecological & educational programs for Aboriginal offenders. Provide leadership & encourage participation in programs to promote positive change & reduce the number of Aboriginal offenders in custody.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Extensive knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal culture. Proven experience and ability to consult with Aboriginal representatives, organisations and communities. Willingness to participate as a team member in working with offenders in custody and in the community. Effective communication and negotiation skills. Understanding of the NSW Justice System.

Notes: This is a temporary appointment/employment under the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 for a period of up to 2 years. In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must include a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created for this location only and may be used to fill future vacancies. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment.

Inquiries: Joy Kirby phone (02) 6840 2861 Email: Joy.Kirby@dcs.nsw.gov.au.

Information Packages: Joy.Kirby@dcs.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 6840 2861.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 30 January 2009.

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17297	Part 1: Approx. 52 km WSW from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°27'S Long.139°20'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council and Boulia Shire Council	Area: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1240 k, o, p 1241 f	Mount Isa Mines Limited 009 661 447
EPM17313	Approx. 3 km E from Malbon Centred at approximate Lat.21°05'S Long.140°19'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 51 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 16 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 892 y, z 893 l, m, q, r, v, w 964 d, e, h, j, l, m, n, o	Activex Limited 113 452 896
EPM17424	Part 1: Approx. 35 km ESE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°22'S Long.140°08'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 51 km E from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°26'S Long.140°21'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 3: Approx. 53 km ESE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°33'S Long.140°20'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 4: Approx. 57 km ESE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°31'S Long.140°24'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 5: Approx. 51 km ESE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°29'S Long.140°21'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 6: Approx. 45 km ESE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°29'S Long.140°18'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 7: Approx. 43 km ESE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°29'S Long.140°16'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 8: Approx. 55 km E from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°24'S Long.140°24'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 99 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 31 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1322 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 1323 a, b, f, i, q, v Area of Part 2: 22 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1252 e 1253 a, b, c, g, h, m Area of Part 3: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1324 p, u, z 1325 l Area of Part 4: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1325 d, j, o Area of Part 5: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1252 z 1253 v, w Area of Part 6: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1252 s, x Area of Part 7: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1252 q, v Area of Part 8: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1181 y	Ivanhoe Cloncurry Mines Pty Ltd 106 255 216

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UPPER HUME COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

Aboriginal Health Promotion and Chronic Care Partnership

Community Development Worker

1 FTE
18 month contract. Reference Number: CHP 226

The Community Health Promotion Team is seeking the skills of an experienced, qualified and vibrant community development worker who is interested in working in an evidence based environment. The successful applicant will be responsible for coordinating the Aboriginal Health Promotion and Chronic Care (AHPACC) Partnership Workplan 2008/09 - 2009/10. They will play an integral role in improving service and program delivery for Aboriginal peoples across a variety of mainstream and Aboriginal-specific health agencies in the Upper Hume region. AHPACC is a partnership between Upper Hume Community Health Service, Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation, Albury/Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service, and Wodonga Regional Health Service. Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation is the fund holder for the partnership.

Remuneration packages are based on the Social & Community Services Award according to qualifications/experience and are enhanced by excellent levels of Salary Sacrifice. A working with children check and police check will be required.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply for this position.

Further details are included in a position description which can be obtained from our website www.uhchs.vic.gov.au along with an application kit or by contacting reception on 02 6022-8888. Flexible working hours may be negotiated with the successful applicant. Any enquiries regarding this position should be forwarded to Alison Koschel.

Written applications addressing the key selection criteria and the details of three referees (including a current manager/supervisor) should be forwarded to:

The Chief Executive Officer
PO Box 173, Wodonga VIC 3689

Applications close

5pm, Friday 13th February 2009

If selected for interview, applicants must be available on either the 19th or 20th February 2009 for interview.

"UHCHS provides a smoke free workplace and is an Employer of Choice".



Company Manager

Kurruru, one of Australia's leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth performing arts companies requires an experienced Arts Manager to take on the role of Company Manager.

Working alongside the Director and reporting to the Kurruru Board of Management you will be responsible for business development, funding, financial management and coordinating our growing staff.

The successful candidate will have experience in the arts or community sectors and an understanding of working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Remuneration commences at \$58,350 with annual increases subject to funding and performance.

Please contact Martin Sawtell on 08 8341 1150 or email info@kurruru.org.au for job specifications and selection criteria.

Applications close 5pm Friday 20th February 2009

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



THE ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE, REDFERN, NSW

Dental Therapist

The Aboriginal Medical Service at Redfern wishes to employ an experienced Dental Therapist. The duration of employment will be 12 months commencing March/April 2009.

Essential: current registration as a Dental Therapist in NSW; capacity to work as a primary care practitioner in a multi-disciplinary team; ability to relate to Aboriginal people with sensitivity and respect; knowledge of patterns of ill health affecting Aboriginal people;

Salary and Conditions of Service: salary and all other conditions in accordance with the provisions of Health Services Union of Australia (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Services) Award; 40 hour working week; 4 weeks paid annual leave; compulsory superannuation.

Applications close: 7 February 2009 and should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal Medical Service, 36 Turner Street Redfern NSW 2016 or emailed to the Chief Executive Officer at amsredfern@amsredfern.org.au.

For further information, please contact Ms Janice Nixon on 02 93135823 or jnixon@amsredfern.org.au



Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Grade 1

Southern Region

Nowra

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-09-17882

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,398 per annum (Salary: \$48,173 pa - \$67,420 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: To work as part of a multi-disciplinary team providing occupational therapy services including assessment, therapy and consultancy services to people with an intellectual disability, their families and carers living in the area.

Selection Criteria:

- Degree or Diploma in Occupational Therapy and eligibility for appropriate professional body.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
- Understanding of and commitment to the Disability Services Act 1993.
- Understanding of working with children and adults with intellectual disabilities, their families and caregivers.
- Demonstrated ability in providing services within a community setting.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: Taryn Bracken (02) 4429 4900

Information package:

www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or (02) 6200 5820

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Closing date: Friday 6 February 2009

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17453 This Application consists of five separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 8 km N from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°17'S Long.139°53'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 1103 j, o, s, t	Mt Dockerell Mining Pty Ltd 009 242 997
	Part 2: Approx. 10 km SSW from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°26'S Long.139°49'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 2: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 1246 d, j	
	Part 3: Approx. 11 km S from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°27'S Long.139°50'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 1246 p	
	Part 4: Approx. 6 km NE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°19'S Long.139°55'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 4: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 1103 z	
	Part 5: Approx. 12 km N from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°15'S Long.139°53'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 5: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks: 1103 c	

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code e.g. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek 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 3, 6 November 2008 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, COORPAROOK, 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.

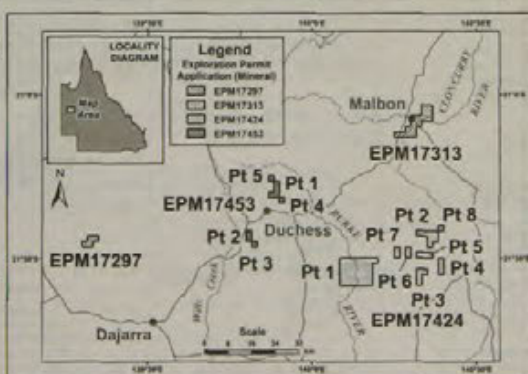
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 18 February 2009



NGUNYA JARJUM ABORIGINAL CHILD AND FAMILY NETWORK INC.

Aboriginal Team Leader Case Management Team

Essential: Aboriginality. Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or a minimum of 5 years relevant experience in human services areas such as, out of home care, social welfare, or working with communities, families, children and young people. A demonstrated understanding of Child Protection and Out-of-Home Care legislation and Office of Children's Guardian requirements and casework standards. Demonstrated ability in case management with disadvantaged children and families and an ability to initially carry a small caseload. Demonstrated experience in supervision of caseworkers, team management and performance management. Ability to achieve work plans and demonstrated effective time management and organizational skills. Demonstrated ability to effectively work as part of a management team. Experience in policy development and implementation of required procedures. Experience in working with local Aboriginal organizations, especially in the health, welfare and child support areas. Ability to liaise and work collaboratively with Government, Non-Government agencies and Aboriginal communities. Experience in working with the issues important to Aboriginal people, knowledge of Aboriginal communities and cultures on the Far North Coast. Excellent verbal and written communication skills including report writing. Demonstrated ability to collect and analyse program data and sound computer and record keeping skills. Understanding of relevant OH&S issues. A current NSW driver's license.

Salaries: A generous remuneration package from \$72,664 will be negotiated plus superannuation and leave loading and including salary sacrifice.

In this position an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Location: Casino

Contact: Lenore Marlowe - Manager phone 02 66 628044

Information Package: must be obtained prior to completion of the application and is available on request.

Applications to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 646 Casino, NSW, 2470

Closing Date: Friday 13th February 2009.



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



ABORIGINAL FAMILY WORKERS

Casino Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated is seeking to employ 2 Aboriginal Family Workers up to 30 hours per week under a contract to the 30 June 2009 with the Brighter Futures Program.

Rate of pay \$29.30 per hour with hours and days of work negotiated.

Applications close:

6 February 2009.

For an Application Package telephone

66 622898

or email

cnci.noeline@bigpond.com

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977



City of
Whittlesea

Aboriginal Early Years Project Officer

(Job Reference Number: 200903 - 894191)

Remuneration: Band 6 (pro rata) \$58951 - \$64149

Key Responsibility

You will work with Whittlesea's local Aboriginal communities and key stakeholders to develop a culturally inclusive Aboriginal Kindergarten at Nebel Street, Lalor for local Aboriginal children and families.

The ideal candidate will have experience working with and engaging Aboriginal communities and demonstrated experience working across a range of family and community services.

Benefits include comprehensive learning and development programs and our award winning corporate health program.

For any enquiries please contact Kathy Panjari on 9217 2364

For a Position Description and application please visit our website www.findyourbalance.com.au

Applications close 5pm Friday 13 February 2009



Aboriginal Apprenticeships Building & Construction Trades

Awesome jobs in the construction trades are now available.

We can offer you apprenticeships, if you want a job for the next 4 years. You need to be reliable and hardworking. You will start in Redfern but the job may take you to other areas. No experience necessary just a good work attitude.

You will get: wages, training, mentoring and support for the duration of the apprenticeship!

We want you to get a start so you can one day run your own business or manage major construction jobs.

How to apply: Call Leo or Annette on 02 46 27 1388.



YIRRA YAAKIN ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Salary range \$72 - \$80K

- Are you an indigenous artist with a passion for theatre and storytelling?
- Do you want to lead a vibrant, internationally acclaimed, award winning performing arts company?
- Do you share Yirra Yaakin's commitment to enabling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to tell and perform their own stories, their own way?
- Would you like to find, develop and bring to life new original theatre works by Australia's finest and emerging playwrights?

LOOK NO FURTHER!

The Board of Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Corporation is recruiting a new ARTISTIC DIRECTOR to drive the creative vision of Australia's leading Indigenous theatre company.

Yirra Yaakin is based in the heart of the Noongar nation, but it tours mainstage works, school shows and community theatre works locally, nationally and internationally.

The company is located on Murray Street in the Perth CBD and it has its own 80 seat black box theatre.

If you think you have what it takes to be Australia's Deadliest Artistic Director, Yirra Yaakin's Board of Management would like to hear from you.

To obtain a copy of the selection criteria and an application package, contact Operations Manager Paul MacPhail on 08 9202 1866 or paul@yirrayaakin.com.au.

An attractive remuneration package will be offered to the successful applicant.

Expressions of Interest from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists should be marked confidential and sent to: The Chairperson, Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Corporation, GPO Box 51598, Perth, WA, 6845.

All applications should reach Yirra Yaakin by close of business 13/02/09

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
EPM17478	Approx. 44 km WSW from Bedourie Centred at approximate Lat.24°31'S Long.139°04'E Local Government Area: Diamantina Shire Council	Area: 446 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 143 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 301 z 302 v, w, x, y, z 372 h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 373 c, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 374 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 444 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 445 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 446 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 447 f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 519 a, b, f, g, l, m	Krucible Metals Limited 118 788 846
EPM17510	Part 1: Approx. 82 km N from Bedourie Centred at approximate Lat.23°38'S Long.139°27'E Local Government Area: Diamantina Shire Council and Boulia Shire Council	Area: 380 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 121 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 3042 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3043 q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 3113 k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3114 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 3115 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 3185 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 3186 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 3187 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o	Holloman Minerals Pty Ltd 120 314 016

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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 3, 6 November 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1a, 22 August, 2003.

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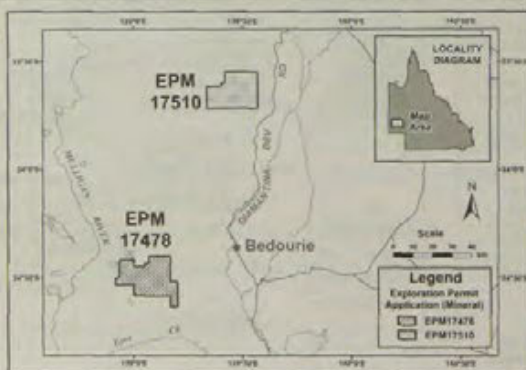
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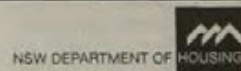
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Notification Day: 18 February 2009



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



HOUSING NSW TECHNICAL OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6

Asset Operations

Northern NSW Housing Services Division

Far North Coast, Tweed Heads

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-09-17843

Total remuneration package valued up to \$77,406 per annum (Salary: \$63,573 pa - \$70,146 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Improve the technical standards, responsiveness and understanding of client needs by Housing NSW area contractors through the timely identification and resolution by contractors of service delivery or asset related issues.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated capacity to deliver outcomes that meet client expectations within budget and contract parameters with experience in dealing proactively with contractors.
- Demonstrated capacity to provide technical interpretations of, and to apply, asset standards.
- Working knowledge of QA Systems and audit procedures.
- Sound written and verbal communication skills, including good interpersonal and negotiation skills.
- Ability to identify, interpret and resolve technical issues with demonstrated practical application in an asset services environment.
- Working knowledge of and a commitment to OH&S standards.
- Post trade Certificate IV or equivalent qualifications or sound work experience in an asset related field (ie: construction, skilled trades, project management).
- Demonstrated technological capability and computer literacy in standard PC software packages and a current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the inquiries person prior to submitting their application. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Mark McKiernan (02) 6659 2591

Information Packages:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/AboutUs/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 6 February 2009

BREAKFAST CLUB WORKER (ATSI NUTRITION PROGRAM)

PENRITH LOCATION **SACS Grade 3**

HOURS: 7am-9.30am weekdays
12 hours/week in School term only

We are currently seeking a person for our Cranebrook Breakfast Club who:

- Is very RELIABLE
- LOVES mornings and
- ENJOYS working with children

Duties include food preparation, cleaning, purchasing supplies, interacting with and supervising children.

To Apply Call: 0247 218 520

ACYFS Learning & Development Project Worker

Family Worker Training + Development Programme is a training provider for the community sector based in Western Sydney. We are currently looking for an

Aboriginal identified person to fill the position of Project Worker for the ACYFS (Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Strategy) Learning and Development Project.

Applications close 5pm Monday 23rd February 2009

This is a part time fixed term position for 2 years 2 x 7 hours days (Mon - Thurs) / SACS Grade 5 / Year 1 (\$28.52 / hour) + travel allowance and some above award conditions.

This position includes ongoing internal and external support for the Project Worker.

The position will be located in our office at Seven Hills and begin ASAP.

Being Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under Section 14(d) and Section 31(2h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

The main role of the worker will be:

- To build connections with ACYFS funded and other Aboriginal workers across the Metro West region to identify and meet current and ongoing professional development needs
- To co-ordinate the development and delivery of flexible delivery styled learning and development activities and resources that are culturally appropriate and informed by local Aboriginal workers.

All Applicants MUST refer to the full job description and selection criteria package which is available on our website www.fwtdp.org.au or by phoning: 9620 6172.

Return your supporting statement and a copy of your current resume:

The Manager
Family Worker Training + Development Programme Inc.
P.O. Box 390 Seven Hills NSW 1730
admin@fwtdp.org.au
Phone 02 9620 6172

Successful applicants will be informed of interview times. FWT+DP is a non-profit organisation funded by the Department of Community Services.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, PARKS AND WILDLIFE GROUP

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

ABORIGINAL CO-MANAGEMENT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 7/8, Kyogle, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC09-011. Total remuneration package valued to: \$88,249 p.a. (\$72,247-\$79,972) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Act in the role of Executive Officer for the Githabul National Parks Management Committee. Assist the Area Manager with the implementation of the Githabul People's Indigenous Land Use Agreement and the co-management of parks in the Kyogle Area.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality and cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities. Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills, strong interpersonal skills and demonstrated skill and experience in consultation and engagement with Aboriginal people and Communities. Demonstrated organisational and project management skills. Demonstrated ability to work with minimal supervision and as part of a multidisciplinary team and deal with internal and external stakeholders. Knowledge and understanding of local Aboriginal cultural and cultural heritage management issues. Demonstrated liaison, consultation and facilitation skills and experience in dealing with cross cultural issues. Demonstrated analytical, conceptual and problem solving skills. Demonstrated experience in use of computer based information systems and sound skills in word processing and spreadsheet applications. A Current Drivers Licence and an ability to operate 4wd vehicles.

Notes: Aboriginality and cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities. Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills, strong interpersonal skills and demonstrated skill and experience in consultation and engagement with Aboriginal people and Communities. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Amanda Bryant phone (02) 6632 0000 Email: amanda.bryant@environment.nsw.gov.au

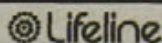
Information Packages: (02) 6632 0000

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 06 February 2009

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Lifeline Darling Downs and South West QLD has an exciting opportunity for a part-time Elders Coordinator to join their St George team. Make a real difference, as you provide the link between the community's Elders and young people, with the potential for this role to turn full time. Join an organisation with a spotless reputation for employee care, and be rewarded with competitive remuneration, salary packaging options and genuine job satisfaction!

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Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573

WIRRINGA BAIYA ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S LEGAL CENTRE INC.

Aboriginal Community Development Worker

(Part time, fixed term @ 21 hrs per/week)

Wirringa Baiya works with women and children in relation to issues such as domestic violence, adult and child sexual assault. The position will be responsible in assisting in the delivery of information to Aboriginal women and children regarding their rights.

Being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification under sections 14 & 31 of the Anti Discrimination Act (1977).

Rate of pay Grade 4 Year 3 as per the (SACS) Award

To obtain a job package contact Christine Robinson on (02) 9569 3847

Closing date: Friday 27th February 2009.

Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE

PROJECT OFFICER, GIPPSLAND (LAJAC)

Indigenous Issues Unit

Grade 4, \$62,116 - \$70,477

Position No: DJ6752

Working with the local Koori community and key stakeholders, the Local Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (LAJAC) Project Officer will facilitate programs and initiatives to improve justice outcomes for the Koori community.

The position of LAJAC Project Officer will be responsible for servicing and maintaining the Gippsland LAJAC as well as promotion of all AJA2 initiatives within the Region.

The successful candidate will need to have an understanding of the Koori community and the issues impacting on it, and the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with the Koori community and stakeholders.

This position is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position policy.

To obtain a position description and apply online please visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 15 February 2009

www.justice.vic.gov.au

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16844	Part 1: Approx. 52 km ENE from Middleton Centred at approximate Lat.22°18'S Long.142°03'E Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 100 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 57 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1921 y, z 1922 v, w, x, y 1923 c, d, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1993 d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1994 h, i, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Vlado Joseph Prpic (66.66%) John Joseph Plumb (33.34%)
	Part 2: Approx. 50 km ENE from Middleton Centred at approximate Lat.22°15'S Long.142°01'E Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council	Area of Part 2: 16 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1920 z 1921 v, w 1993 h, g	
EPM17301	Approx. 85 km WNW from Middleton Centred at approximate Lat.22°00'S Long.140°45'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 29 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1833 j, o, p, t, u, y, z 1844 q, r	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684

* 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 3, 6 November 2006 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3218 1814.

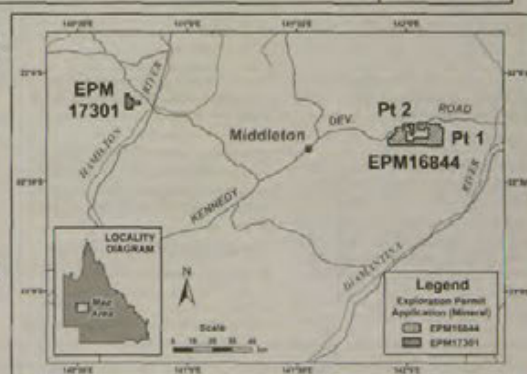
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification 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@fedcourtnsw.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 Procedures: 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: 18 February 2009



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Bindal Sharks chase TSI players

By ALF WILSON



A YOUNG boy from Yam Island, in the Torres Strait, who was a water boy back in 1998 at the Island of Origin rugby league series, had no idea he would be the catalyst for talented TSI footballers being highly sought after in Townsville. Then 11-year-old Trevor Wosomo was at the Origin series on Badu Island and volunteered to carry the drinks for the Bindal Sharks United team, which has its base in the north Queensland capital.

That has resulted in Sharks United official Kevin Aldridge chasing talented TSI youngsters to play in the strong Townsville

rugby league competition in 2009.

Not only will they get to line up in the club competition, they also will be assisted with employment and accommodation.

Aldridge is well known around the TSI, Cape York, Northern Peninsula Area, Townsville and Cairns because of his association with All Blacks carnivals.

Aldridge told *The Koori Mail* he was offering TSI players aged 17 to 20 an opportunity to play with his Bindal Sharks United club.

"We would help them get accommodation and find a job and they would have the chance to get noticed down here," Aldridge said.

Aldridge closely watched the 2008 Island of Origin series matches being telecast on NITV during December and January.

It was Wosomo who unwittingly provided

the inspiration for Aldridge to try and lure TSI players to Townsville.

"I was on Badu Island in 1998 when we won the Island of Origin carnival and two young fellows aged 10 or 11 were running the water and helping us out in the dressing room," he said.

"I had no idea who they were, and then last year Trevor turned up in Townsville and told us he had been one of those youngsters. He played with Sharks United in the 2008 A-grade season and was a great success and also was a member of our Ray Aldridge Memorial side which won the All Blacks carnival here in October.

"So we want more TSI players. They have great flair."

The offer extends to Cape York and NPA players.



Trevor Wosomo in the colours of the Townsville Bindal Sharks United.

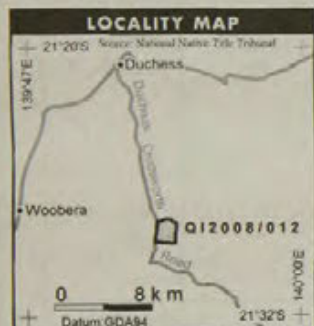
Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 11 February 2009



National Native Title Tribunal



Q12008/012 Trekelano Term Lease ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 300 hectares and is over Lot 12 on plan CW20 and former Lot 109 on plan USL703 located approximately 13km south of Woobera on the Darling River, as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Concurry Shire Council.

Parties to agreement and their contact address:

Barrick (Osborne) Pty Limited
ABN 84061 300 025
Environment Manager
Barrick Osborne Mine
PO Box 5170
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

Dorrie Prowse, Hazel Sullivan, Valery Punch and [Name Withheld for Cultural Reasons] on behalf of the Yulluna People
C/- P&E Law
PO Box 2337
CAIRNS QLD 4870

State of Queensland
Executive Director,
Indigenous Services
Department of
Natural Resources and Water
Locked Bag 40
Coorparoo Delivery Centre
COORPAROO QLD 4151

The agreement contains the following statements:

7.1 Consent

The Parties consent, for the purposes of s 24EB(1)(b)(ii) of the NTA, to the doing of the following Future Acts:

- the grant of the Term Lease to Barrick (or a Related Body Corporate);
- the renewal, re-grant, re-making or extension of the term of the Term Lease;
- the surrender of native title rights

and interests in relation to the ILUA Land pursuant to clause 2.3(a) and 2.4; and

(d) the conversion of the Term Lease to freehold and the grant of a deed of grant of freehold to Barrick (or a Related Body Corporate) pursuant to clause 2.3(b).

7.2 Non-extinguishment principle

In accordance with section 24EB(3) of the NTA, the non-extinguishment principle in section 238 of the NTA applies to the Future Acts authorised

by clause 7.1(a) and (b).

7.3 Extinguishment

The Native Title Holders acknowledge, for the purposes of s 24EB(1)(d) of the NTA, that the surrender of native title rights and interests in relation to the ILUA Land pursuant to clause 2.3(a) and 2.4 is intended to extinguish those native title rights and interests at the time set out in clause 2.4.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by 11 May 2009.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE QLD 4001 by 11 May 2009.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on spatial reference data sourced from the Department of Natural Resources & Water, Queensland. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Mick Rodd on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

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

NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE (Darling River, Wentworth weir pool)

SCOTT ANDREW LOCHHEAD for 1 x 380MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP AND PIPELINE, 1 x 460MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP AND PIPELINE and for irrigation of 589.8 hectares of wine grapes, all at Lot 2 DP1108411 Parish AVOCA, County WENTWORTH and at Lot 2 DP1108411 Parish TUGIMA, County WENTWORTH. (Application No.2143)

LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

AGLINE PASTORAL PTY LTD for 1 x Bore on Lot 1 DP33375, Parish Dahwilli, County Townsend for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 2160).

An application to amend an existing Water Supply Works & Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE (MURRAY RIVER)

BAMA IRRIGATION TRUST for 1 x 125 mm Pump (additional) on Lot 53 DP751140, Parish Bama, County Cadell for stock and domestic purposes. (Application No. 50CA503133).

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-Chamry, Manager Licensing South
(02) 3344 0441

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMIT (PETROLEUM)

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN, NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) that an application has been made for, and the Minister intends to grant, an Exploration Permit (Petroleum) ("Permit") under Division 2 of Part II of the Petroleum Act (NT) as follows.

Application to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit 151 sought by UNITED OROGEN LIMITED, ACN 115 593 005 over an area of 66 blocks (4745 Sq Kms) depicted below, within the NEWCASTLE WATERS locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of a permit under the Petroleum Act, gives the person to whom it is granted the exclusive right, for a term of up to 5 years, to explore for petroleum and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the area covered by the Permit including (but not limited to) use of machinery and equipment for carrying out works, removal of material for testing, use of water resources for domestic use and to seek renewals. A permit may be

renewed no more than twice. If petroleum is discovered in the permit area, production licences and/or retention licences may subsequently be granted. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000, Darwin NT 0801, or Centrepont Building 40-50 Smith St Mall, Darwin NT 0800.

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

Notification Day: For the purposes of section 29(4) of the NTA, the notification day is 28 January 2009

Origin back to TI

Badu gives up hosting rights for 2009

By ALF WILSON

Last year's event had been originally scheduled for TI and advertised as the 25th carnival. However in April, the carnival was given back to Badu Island to host because of the condition of the upgraded TI Oval, which was not regarded as being suitable for safe play.

It has also been discovered that the last carnival, held in August, was in fact the 23rd event.

Ken Brown Oval was the venue for the Zenadth Kes Carnival (formerly Torres Cup) held on TI from 31 October to 2 November won by Stingers over Kubin side Arkai Brothers. Cowboys star Travis Burns was a special guest.

Badu councillor Wayne Guivarra has organised the Origin on his home island for many years and also was MC at the Zenadth Kes carnival and conceded on 22 January that TI would have the next carnival.

"One of the main reasons that

the 2009 Origin will be held in TI is because they had secured funding to hold the event in 2008 but were unable to go ahead due to the state of their football oval (Ken Brown Oval)," he said.

"The amount secured was approximately \$30,000 and unfortunately they could spend it on any other event as it was specifically a government grant for the Origin only and for no other event."

"We at Badu Island also appreciate that we need extra time to organise the 2010 jubilee event."

Already several teams from Townsville, Cairns, Cape York and the NPA have indicated they will nominate for the 2009 Origin carnival.

The emergence of Arkai Brothers and Mabaug Island side Wagadagam Storm and the expected influx of southern

players for a Boigu Island side should make it one of the best carnivals on record.

Wagadagam Storm reached the semi-finals of the latest Origin and Zenadth Kes and have improved sharply in recent years.

Nominations for the 2009 Origin close on 22 May and cost \$2000. Early birds will receive a discount of \$200, but late entrants will be slugged \$2400.



THE 2009 Sea Swift Island of Origin rugby league carnival will be hosted by the Kaiwalagal Rugby League and played at the Ken Brown

Memorial Oval on Thursday Island over the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June after being held on Badu Island for many years.

Regarded as one of the premier sporting events in the Torres Strait, TI and Badu have been past rivals for hosting rights, and *The Koori Mail* has covered the past two.

The 2008 series featured six teams and was covered by NITV. The grand final was won by Badu Island side Kulpiyam 26-16 over Mulga Tigers.

Then North Queensland Cowboys forward Jacob Lillyman, now with the Auckland Warriors, was a guest at the carnival.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 25 February 2009



National Native Title Tribunal

LOCALITY MAP



Q12008/024 Gunggari People ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to the agreement is located approximately 55km south of Mitchell. The agreement covers about 6.9 hectares and is over specific lots located in Dunkeld as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of the Roma Regional Council.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

State of Queensland,
C/- Crown Law
GPO Box 5221
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Robert John Munn on his own behalf and on behalf of the
Gunggari People
C/- Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd
PO Box 30832 Adelaide Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Clause 6 - Consent to Acts

6.1 For the purpose of section 24EB(1) (b) of the NTA (Native Title Act), the parties consent to the Surrender and the Agreed Acts.

6.4 The parties agree that the Surrender is intended to extinguish any Native Title that may exist in

relation to the Surrender Area

6.5 To the extent that any of the Agreed Acts is a Future Act [which has the meaning given in the NTA], the parties acknowledge that the Non-Extinguishment Principle [which has the meaning given in the NTA] applies to the Act.

6.6 Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA [the right to negotiate] is not intended to apply to the Surrender or the Agreed Acts.

Definitions

'Surrender' means the surrender to the State of any Native Title in relation to the Surrender Area

'Agreed Acts' means the declaration of Lot 46 on KE92 as transferable land under the ALA and the grant of Lot 46 to the Land Trust as Aboriginal Land under the ALA

'Surrender Area' means Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30 on D4801 and Lot 1 on USL45451

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services Limited, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE, QLD 4001 by 25 May 2009.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Natural Resource & Water, Queensland. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

WAYNE GUIVARRA

Farmer, Sampi at WAFL's Bulldogs

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



THE leading Aboriginal goalkicker in AFL history and another spectacular goalsneak who has a premiership with the West Coast Eagles will line-up for WAFL club South Fremantle in 2009.

Former Melbourne and Fremantle star Jeff Farmer has responded to being shown the door by the Dockers by signing on with his original WAFL club for the 2009 season, as has West Coast 2006 premiership forward Ashley Sampi.

The pair, along with former Fremantle captain and North Melbourne dual premiership player Peter Bell, immediately ensures that the Bulldogs will start as premiership

favourites for the coming season.

Farmer still showed good form in 2008 with Fremantle, especially when given licence up the ground after growing stale as a small forward.

With 483 goals in his 249-game AFL career with Melbourne and Fremantle, he will clearly be a handful for rival defenders if motivated.

Remarkable career

His 483 goals is the most kicked in the VFL/AFL by an Indigenous player, and his remarkable career began with Melbourne in 1995. He played 118 games and kicked 259 goals with the Demons, including being part of the 2000 grand final team and an All-Australian.

He returned home to Western Australia to play with Fremantle in 2002 and became a favourite son of the

Dockers before not being offered a new contract at the end of 2008.

Last year – his first in competition year outside the AFL – Sampi decided he wanted to get away from WA and spent time in country Victoria where he signed with Port Fairy, but he only played a handful of matches.

His conditioning is certainly lacking as he joins in pre-season training with South Fremantle, and it's unlikely he will be ready to play by round one as he works on getting in playing shape.

Sampi always showed all the ability in the world to take big marks or kick freakish goals in his 78-game career with West Coast, so if he's motivated the 25-year-old can make a massive impact.

Dockers team-mates

Bell was a team-mate of Farmer's at Fremantle for seven years and is looking forward to reacquainting himself with him, while also playing with Sampi for the first time.

Bell also hopes to spend time in the forward line, but knows it will be tough to find touches up there with Farmer and Sampi also floating around.

"Having Wizard and Samps there certainly helps me in the knowledge that we can have some success this year. I would have played for no other club than South Fremantle and it's great that we have a good team together," Bell said.

"I might not spend as much time in the midfield as I did in my AFL career, I don't mind the idea of playing across half forward. The only problem will be trying to get near the ball with Wiz and Samps around, but I'm sure we can work it out between us."

The addition of Farmer and Sampi continues South Fremantle's rich history of Aboriginal footballers, including Nicky Winmar, Stephen Michael and Maurice Rioli. Currently, captain Toby McGrath, veteran

Ashley Sampi, who will join Jeff Farmer at South Fremantle for the WAFL competition in 2009.



Keren Ugle and dashing and tough defender Shane Tipuamantameri are carrying on the tradition.

With Farmer at South Fremantle, whose home is Fremantle Oval, where the Dockers are also based, fans could begin to question why he was cast aside before he felt ready to retire from AFL football.

However, Fremantle assistant coach and Brisbane dual premiership player Chris Scott is comfortable the Dockers are heading in the right direction despite Farmer, Bell and Heath Black all now in the WAFL. He was shocked to see them all pop up, though.

"I couldn't believe it to be honest. I know how I felt after my career and they are obviously in a lot better shape than I am. They could have played AFL level, but having that little bit of football will keep that competitive side of their mind going," Scott said.

"We know how good they are and that they will perform, but the club made a decision to go in a direction where we're focusing on the long term. That meant we've got 14 young players into the side, most of them 19 or under, and we know it's going to take a little bit of time."

Pickett stays on

In other WAFL news, star Subiaco veteran Allistair Pickett has decided to play for one more season as he attempts to add to a career that has seen him win two Sandover medals as the WAFL best-and-fairest player, four premierships with Subiaco, play 153 games between Peel and the Lions, and represent Western Australia three times.

Turning 36 in August, Pickett will once again be the oldest player in the competition, but after a slow start to the 2008 season he showed he still has the ability to influence matches by being a key player in the team that won Subiaco's first ever premiership hat-trick.

His oldest son, Alliston, is also progressing through the ranks of Subiaco, but with 2009 set to be his dad's last year, it's unlikely he will progress higher than the colts while his champion father is still playing.



Jeff Farmer and the Nyoongar Gyangoop dance troupe.

Memorable fight



The open-air Sydney Stadium at Rushcutters Bay during the Jack Johnson-Tommy Burns heavyweight fight on Boxing Day 1908.

Photos courtesy of the State Library of NSW

'Great moment for black people all over the world'



THERE was a humorous sidebar to the historic Jack Johnson-Tommy Burns heavy-

weight fight at Rushcutters Bay, Sydney, on Boxing Day, 1908 – and it involved an Aboriginal man.

The man was watching the fight from a fence surrounding the open-air stadium.

Jack Johnson, an African-American, was asked after the fight why he smiled during the fight.

Brad Cooke, who attended a ceremony to commemorate the Johnson-Burns fight 100 years to the day after the bout, recalled the incident.

Cooke, who is General Manager of Gadigal Information Service and Koori Radio and presenter of *The Sweet Science* national boxing radio program, said: "It was after the fight that the world learned about the Aboriginal presence at the fight.

Shadowboxing

"When Jack was asked why he was smiling during the fight, he replied that he had noticed an Aboriginal man on the fence shadowboxing, mimicking his combinations.

"During one flurry, he overbalanced and fell off the fence, causing Jack to laugh."

Cooke said Johnson's defeat of Tommy Burns marked a great moment for black people all over the world 'for it provided an opportunity for the black man to be of equal standing to the white man and in this case prove to be a greater man in boxing'.

"Five years after the fight,

Brad Cooke, left, and Alan Moore at where the Sydney Stadium once stood.



Australia had its first Aboriginal national champion in Jerry Jerome.

"The Indigenous community of Sydney, and I'm sure I can speak for the rest of the country, acknowledge the achievement of Jack Johnson, the first black heavyweight champion of the world and the memory of that fight 100 years ago today."

Cooke joined an enthusiastic crowd to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the Johnson-Burns fight.

The ceremony was held at the site of the old Sydney Stadium in Rushcutters Bay, which is now the sporting fields of Sydney Grammar School.

The function was organised by the Australian National Boxing Federation in partnership with Koori Radio Boxing program *The Sweet Science*, and the State Library of NSW.

The ceremony began with a minute's silence at exactly 11.07am, the time of the start of the fight in 1908.

Australian National Boxing Federation President Alan Moore was the keynote speaker.

"This fight was the most famous in Australian boxing history," he said.

"A few people here today have asked me why these fighters (American) came to Australia and there are a couple of answers. The first is that there used to be two separate heavyweight champions and in America they wouldn't allow the white champion to fight the black

champion. At that time, Australia was globally in boxing terms second only to the United States."

The ceremony was particularly nostalgic for Moore, himself a former Australian welterweight champion who fought in the last card before the old Sydney Stadium was demolished in 1970.

"Where we stand today in Rushcutters Bay has marvellous history in the fight game," he said.

"Names like Burns, Sands, Hassen, Carruthers, Patrick, Dawson, Darcy, Sands, Rose, Bennett, Barnes, Sinn and, of course, the great Tony Mundine. I was lucky enough to fight on the final card of Sydney Stadium alongside Tony and what an emotional night that was."

Cooke paid tribute to 'the original great Australian fight promoter Hugh McIntosh, who provided an opportunity for the world to finally have a champion of colour'.

"To be standing here exactly 100 years to the hour brings an emotion that makes you feel like you are part of something special," he said.

● A Jack Johnson 'Boxing Day Battle' collection is available for viewing until June 2009 at the State Library of NSW in Macquarie Street, Sydney. The collection includes the Johnson-Burns painting by famous artist Norman Lindsay which was recently purchased by the library for \$38,000.

Sharks release Bird from contractual obligations



GREG Bird has been released from his contract with Cronulla and won't play for another National Rugby League (NRL) club in the 2009 season.

After months of speculation, the former Test player's fate was announced on

16 January in a joint statement by his management and the Sharks.

He had been suspended by the club since last August after being charged with assaulting his girlfriend Katie Milligan. The charges will be heard in April.

The two parties have signed off on a document (Deed of Release) which

releases both the Sharks and Greg Bird from their respective contractual obligations and arrangements," the statement said.

"While the terms of the release are confidential, it can be confirmed that included in the conditions Greg Bird will not register an NRL contract for 2009 nor play for another NRL club during the

2009 season. The Sharks, Greg Bird and his management have agreed that following this press statement no further public comment will be made in relation to the details of the release."

There has been speculation that Bird will seek a playing contract with an English rugby league club. – AAP



Jeff Cook turns a ball to square leg during the Australian Country Cricket Championships in South Australia's Barossa Valley.

Cook finishes SA carnival with a flurry

By PETER ARGENT



INDIGENOUS player Jeff Cook finished the 25th annual Australian Country Cricket Championships in the South Australian Barossa Valley with a chanceless century.

Playing for NSW against the East Asia Pacific team, which included players from Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu and Japan, Cook made a impressive 105, being involved in a championships-high 210-run fourth-wicket partnership with Mark Littlewood, who went on to a competition record of 223 not out. Cook's impressive innings, his second century in the 2008 competition, was a commanding display.

"I was certainly keen to end the championships on a high note," he said.

"I wanted to be patient and continued to turn the strike over. I think it also helped having a

left- and right-hand combination.

"From a team perspective, we started well and our bowlers did a great job.

"Unfortunately, our top order didn't give us any starts until the final game." In the final game, Cook faced 211 deliveries, clubbing seven boundaries and a six in his 224-minute innings.

A former Imparja Cup winning captain of the NSW, Cook was playing his second year at the ACCC.

Mixed results

The NSW country side was inconsistent during the 25th anniversary tournament. The Blues beat Victoria in their first game at Eudunda oval, 'and we just one wicket away from outright points', Cook said.

In round two's one-day fixture, they lost to eventual winners Queensland by 143 runs, then went down to South Australia in a low-scoring game at Nuriootpa Oval.

In the Saturday contest with Western Australia, again at Eudunda, NSW lost again by less than 20 runs before their comprehensive 285-run

victory over the EAP in the final round.

In what general was regarded as a low-scoring championships, Cook finished among the top ten run-getters, making a total of 173 runs at an average of 24.71.

Fellow Aboriginal cricketer Nathan Price, who plays for Wallsend in the Newcastle competition, had a modest start to the carnival and missed the last couple of games due to injury.

Batting in the top order for the NSW Country team, Price played in the opening three games, but struggled to get a start, with his highest score being in single figures.

"Nathan was asked to do a job as a makeshift opener, but injured his groin in the second game against Queensland and didn't play in the last couple of matches," Cook said.

"He is also a more than handy medium-fast bowler."

Price has been named in the NSW team to contest the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs next month.

Cook, who captained NSW to Imparja Cup victory in 2007, is unavailable for the 2009 series.

McGrath to compete in Gillespie Twenty/20 testimonial

By PETER ARGENT



FORMER Australian fast bowling team-mate Glenn McGrath will be the star attraction in the Gillespie testimonial year exhibition Twenty/20 match at Glandore Oval, Adelaide, on Sunday 8 February.

Gillespie, a 71-Test veteran who was the only Australian Test player during the 20th century to have any Aboriginal ancestry, is being honoured with the match by his foundation South Australian Cricket Association club - the Adelaide District Cricket Club.

Joining Gillespie in the 'Dizzy' International All-stars XI will be a number of fellow Australian cricketers from one of the most dominant periods in world cricket. They will include former Victorian and Test opener Matthew Elliott, Queenslanders Jimmy Maher, Redbacks team-mates Greg Blewett, Darren Lehmann, Wayne Phillips and Brad Young, along with media personality James Brayshaw, leg-spinner Peter McIntyre and - in an interesting twist - an old mate from Gillespie's school days, Adelaide turf cricketer Jono Grant.

The 'Dizzy' International All-stars will be coached by Gillespie's bowling mentor and former Test cricketer Jeff 'Bomber' Hammond.

Gillespie's opponents will include some of his team-mates at the Adelaide Buffaloes.

Merchandise from Gillespie's testimonial summer will be sold during the game, and the participants' playing shirts will be auctioned at the completion of the match.

McGrath, whose foundation on behalf of his late wife, Jane, raises funds for breast cancer, will be strongly featured on the day at Glandore Oval.

The stumps, balls and uniforms will be dotted with pink, and a percentage of the proceeds will go towards the charity.

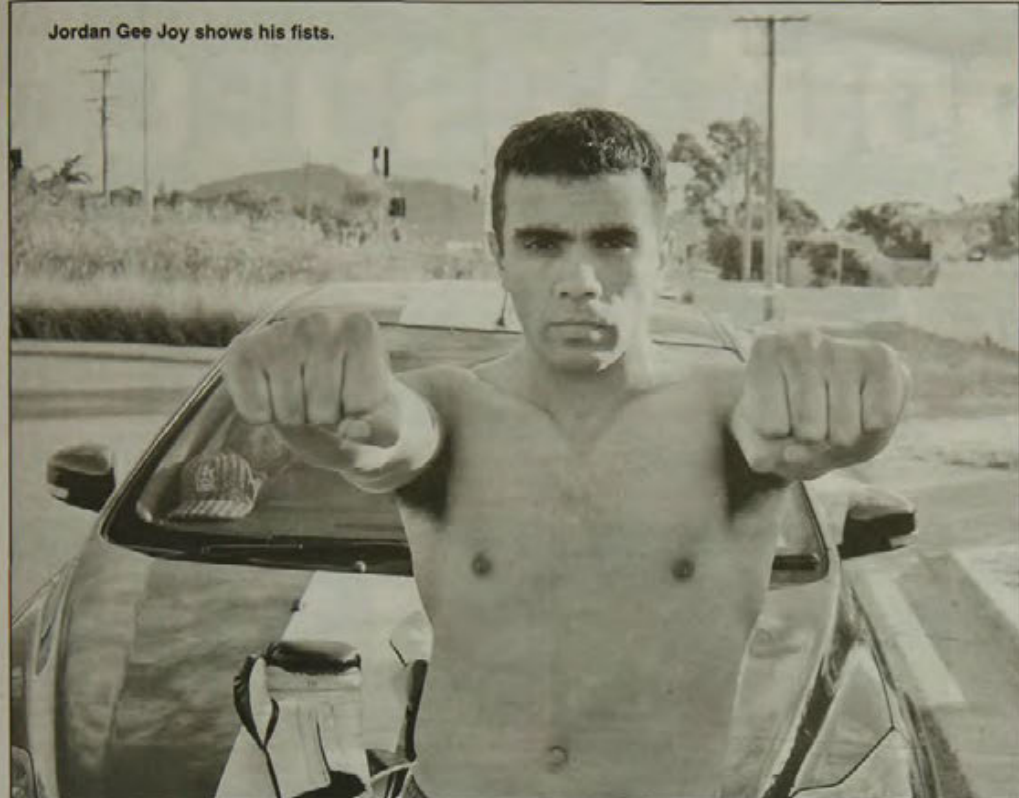
After making his senior debut with the Buffaloes in the summer of 1992/93 as a 17-year-old, Gillespie went on to play 55 games between first-class and international appearances for his State, country and a couple of county clubs in Britain.

Since retiring from first-class cricket last year, Gillespie has been playing in the Indian IPL Twenty/20 competition.



Glenn McGrath, left, and Jason Gillespie.

Jordan Gee Hoy shows his fists.



He's ranked Australia's No7 welterweight, but sees himself as a future world champion...

Boxer travels life's fast lane

By ALF WILSON



MELBOURNE boxer, actor and snappy dresser Jordan Gee Hoy won his first two professional fights late last year and believes that 2009 can be a springboard for him to win an Australian title.

The 25-year-old Gee Hoy is ranked seventh in the Australian welterweight division professional rankings. The weight limit is 66.68kg and the Australian champion is Oywale Omotoso, also a Victorian.

After a career spanning more than 50 amateur fights which included ten losses, Gee Hoy turned pro last August and in his first fight beat Chris Meyers on points in Melbourne.

World title ambition

"I was sick of winning trophies for amateur fights and wanted to turn pro and my ambition is to win a world title before I turn 30," he said.

Gee Hoy also won his second pro bout over Tim Hunt on points, also in the Victorian capital.

"My trainer and promoter Keith Ellis is organising another bout in late February or early March and I want to win the Victorian title as well," he said. Born and bred in Townsville, Gee

Hoy started boxing at Murgon and Cherbourg and later moved to north Queensland.

"I did a lot of my amateur fighting from Townsville where some of my trainers were Bob Miles, Chris Condon, Gonzo Hooper and Wayne Parker Senior," he said.

Gee Hoy was back in Townsville on a working holiday on 21 January when *The Koori Mail* caught up with him.

"I have been training at Scott Lindgren's gym and also got a job as a leading hand at a steel factory, but have to go back to Victoria soon," he said.

Gonzo Hooper is a former champion pro boxer and is now a successful trainer and promoter. He has a high opinion of Gee Hoy.

"In his two pro fights, Jordan has proved to be a smooth boxer with a lot of potential and he should have a big year," Hooper told *The Koori Mail*.

Boxing is not the only thing that Gee Hoy excels at – he has been an award-winning actor, and fashion dresser.

"I won the best-dressed man award at Cluden Racecourse during the big Townsville Cup meeting in 2007 and the year before was runner-up. In 2008 I was late for the judging," he said.

Describing himself as 'sexy and gorgeous', Gee Hoy also played a part in the short film *Days Like These*, directed by Townsville media student Marty Adams.

It won a number of awards at the Gulaibi Short Film Fest, including Open Category – Best Film, Best Direction, Best Actor, and Best Editing.

Life is looking good for this confident young man who lists his pride and joy as his new baby son Lorenzo, who was a month old when this interview was done, his partner Amy and his flashy XR-5 Ford Focus car.

He weighed in at 69kg when this picture was taken and said his ideal fighting weight was about 66.5kg.

Religious

Gee Hoy is also a deeply religious man who thanks Jesus for his success in life.

"Jesus had made all this possible," he said.

One thing that Gee Hoy would like is to gain a sponsor in his bid to make a name for himself.

"I would like to hear from any potential sponsor. If I get one, I won't have to go to work when I wake up and can concentrate on training," he said.

Bowen is still a chance for match against the Broncos



FRIDAY the 13th may turn out to be a lucky day after all for recovering North Queensland Cowboys fullback Matt Bowen. Already buoyed by Johnathan Thurston's official return to training last week, the Cowboys have not

ruled out Bowen from chiming into their NRL season-opener at Brisbane on 13 March after an 'encouraging' comeback from a serious knee injury.

Bowen is lightly jogging for the first time since undergoing surgery last July.

Cowboys football manager Dean Lance was cautiously optimistic when asked if Bowen was on track for the Suncorp Stadium blockbuster against the Broncos – on a Friday the 13th no less.

"We are aiming for that. If he's ready for Friday the 13th at Suncorp against the Broncos, then great – if not he will be ready to play when he is ready to go," he said.

"But we are hoping to get Matty back for the first couple of rounds of the competition.

"If he's ready to play in the last (pre-season) trial, then we will give him a go, but I don't know.

'Training hard'

"All we are doing is watching him train at the moment. But he's coming along well and training hard – it's all been really encouraging."

Lance said Bowen had done a 'little bit' of running since easing into cycling, swimming and weights work earlier this month.

"When I say he is running, it is very slow at this stage. He's not sprinting or doing anything out of the ordinary," he said.

"He is just trotting along, it is as per program for Matty. We said all along we would take it steady with Matty.

"We are not going to do anything that will jeopardise him coming back as soon as he possibly can. But it seems comeback king Thurston is at it again.

Despite attending only his first training session on the Monday of last week, the Cowboys captain wants to make his competitive return from December's groin surgery a fortnight early in their opening NRL pre-season trial against Cronulla at Mackay on 14 February.

He was initially scheduled to return in the final trial against Penrith at Cairns on 28 February.

"He's pretty keen to make amends after what was a disappointing season for the club – he wants to be out there leading the charge," Lance said of Thurston.

Thurston is making a habit of surprising the Cowboys' medical staff.

He returned four weeks early from shoulder reconstructive surgery in the 2008 NRL opening round at the Gold Coast. – AAP

Basketball on NITV

THE first episode of the 2008 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Championships will be televised on NITV (FOXTEL Channel 180) on 3 March at 10pm and will run for 18 weeks.

The carnival was held in Darwin.

The 2009 carnival will be held in Cairns from 21-25 September.

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It's about respect



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IHAD the privilege in my career to be coached by the master in Jack Gibson.

The man had an aura about him that demanded respect. But it was a respect grounded in the fact you knew Jack was interested in you as a person more than simply having a personal investment in you as a player.

You wanted to play for him. There is no mystery as to why Wayne Bennett is considered to be the modern-day equivalent to the great Gibson.

Discipline. Team first. Be true to yourself. These are the key philosophies Bennett has interlarded between life and football for 30 years.

Like Gibson, Bennett has quietly established an aura at the Dragons.

Players got a rude shock the day he strolled into the gym, loaded up 70kg, and started banging out bench presses.

"It's something we haven't had in the past," centre Matt Cooper said. "Nothing against Brownie (former coach Nathan Brown). I thought he was a great coach, but Wayne is a lot older ... he's got that leadership quality about him."

Bennett looks and sounds as if he is right at home.

"The guys have been really committed and focused and all the things you need in a football team in the pre-season, I'm more than happy with it," Bennett said.

"I live in a different town but nothing else has changed. I spent 21 years in one place, but I managed to do that because the players kept responding, just like these guys are here at the Dragons. That's my cue. The day I lose their respect and their confidence then I won't coach."

"This is a great club with a great history. Those things are important, they help you enormously."

"There's already something built in the place, it's not something you've got to start from scratch."

"There's been huge changes for the players and they've embraced the change so I can't be happier."

"Nobody's fought the change and nobody's had a whinge about it. They've been completely compliant."

To me the key in all Bennett said was the simple word respect.

It is something that players must strive for personally, and Bennett's approval would give any aspiring player a boost in confidence.

Also in the world of

professional sport a team can only be successful if members respect each other and have a collective respect for the coach.

It is why Bennett can communicate on an equal level with players of different character and experience.

Wendell Sailor and Jamie Soward provide the perfect example of what I am talking about.

The arrival of his former

a premiership, but I think it certainly helps.

"I love the bloke, I love having him here and I just think the guys are going to get so much from him."

You would expect Sailor to thrive under Bennett, but I really believe that Jamie Soward will be one who benefits most from Bennett's guidance.

Soward came to the Dragons mid-season looking to resurrect a promising career that threatened to finish before it really began.

His arrival sparked an immediate form improvement from the Dragons and he looked certain to return from injury when the Dragons made the finals.

But when Nathan Brown stuck with Ben Rogers at five-eighth for the finals match against the Sea Eagles instead of reinstating Soward, one could forgive the young player if his confidence was shattered.

Soward had been the attacking dynamo for the side throughout the season, so when Brown – and, by all reports, the senior Dragons players – decided to go with Rogers, it left many of the fans and critics confused.

Bennett – who was at the Sydney Football Stadium on the day – would have noted how Soward used a man-of-the-match performance in the Indigenous Dreamtime team's game against the New Zealand as his first opportunity to respond to his sacking.

Soward's resilience is something Bennett would have admired, particularly as Soward had shown some growth throughout the year.

I expect Soward to be the Dragon's main game-breaker in the coming season.

The early tip is the side will be mid-table at best and Bennett has his work cut out to be involved in his 18th consecutive finals series.

The Dragons returned to the NRL finals in 2008 but at the end of the day they only made up the numbers, after getting hammered in the first week to the eventual premiers Manly.

But experience makes the difference – particularly when it is combined with enthusiasm.

The energy injected into the Dragons team is already infectious and is etched on the players' faces at training as Bennett barks out the orders.

A proven winner with six premiership, you can't help but listen.

"Everyone is enjoying the change and the new regime. He's a hard marker at training, but then he's got a really great sense of humour once training's over," back-rower Ben Creagh said.

This is Bennett's great secret.

When it's time to relax, he's just one of the boys. Sharp, funny.

But come game day or training, he's all business.

It's why Bennett will be remembered as one of the most successful coaches in Australian sporting history.

It's also why Dragons fans can't wait for the season to kick off.

I expect the Dragons to confound all and make the finals, with an early positive start sure to put immediate pressure on the likes of the Knights, Wests Tigers and Parramatta whose fans will be looking for immediate success.

Bring it on!



New Dragons coach Wayne Bennett

Broncos mentor has excited Dragons winger Sailor.

"I think when you talk about success and obviously Wayne, his record speaks for itself," Sailor said.

"As much as I hate to say it, even the Kiwis, it's not by luck that Wayne helps them out and they win."

"Just because he's here doesn't mean we're going to win

Idris' big leap into top rugby league

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combination since Andrew Farrar and Chris Mortimer during Canterbury's most successful era in the mid-1980s.

However, Bulldogs fans shouldn't expect too much from Idris and at this point in his career – he's still only developing and will take time to mature into a seasoned first-grader.

But he is going about it the right way as he has teamed up with one of the great professionals in Hazem El Masri as he nears the end of his first full off-season of training.

"Training is bloody hard," he laughed. "At the moment I am just trying to keep up!" "Hazem has been great. He always ensures that I give 110 per cent and focus on my recovery as much as my training."

"He's a great bloke and he and 'Noddy' (Brett Kimmorley) are two players I try to model myself on."

If Idris can keep his head in this zone, his body will surely do this rest.

This is one athlete who also has the potential to be a great footballer!

Kangaroos hop to it in Aboriginal program



develop an Aboriginal Youth Community and Sports Program.

The program will provide Aboriginal youth with educational programs, healthy lifestyle activities and exposure to AFL football that will be facilitated by Kangaroos players.

"This partnership will provide education to children of all ages about the significance and history of Aboriginal culture," said North Melbourne CEO Eugene Arocca.

"Our club has a long and proud history

of Indigenous players that stretches to the current day; however we have only recently discovered the cultural significance of the area around Arden Street (North's home ground) to the Aboriginal community.

"We think it is important that when the redevelopment of Arden Street is complete, we use the Learning and Life Centre to acknowledge that significance and to make a positive contribution to the Aboriginal youth of Victoria and their future."

A program development team has been formed to research and develop the key components of the program over the next 12 months.

Former Hawks player and current MAYSAR Chairman Mick Edwards said:

"We applaud North Melbourne's courage to be the first club in AFL history to form an equal partnership with Melbourne's Aboriginal community."

"North Melbourne recognises the importance of the Arden Street redevelopment site for not only their mob, but for ours too."

"MAYSAR will now be able to fulfil its mission that seeks to support all Indigenous people in all kinds of sports across Melbourne."

"The North Melbourne Football Club has discovered how to work with and for its Indigenous players and Melbourne's Aboriginal community. This is how MAYSAR wants to work with the rest of the Melbourne-based AFL clubs, in equal partnership."

Boxing is back at The Block



ABORIGINAL boxing, basketball and culture will return to Sydney's Aboriginal heartland of Redfern on Friday 13

February as part of a major community event to raise funding for the Indigenous Sporting Academy and Indigenous Boxing Academy.

The event will also celebrate the first anniversary of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's parliamentary apology.

Vibe Australia is the hosting partner and the event will be held at The Block, on land owned by the Aboriginal Housing Company.

Organisers say the 'Black Friday' event will feature the cream of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait professional and amateur boxers together for the first time on the same card.

Headlining the professionals will be hot prospect, Perth's Yamatji warrior, Cool Willie Kickett, on the comeback trail after losing his Australian title.

The undercard will feature Australian title contender Edgar 'Brown Sugar' Wymarra, said to be one of the slickest and sweetest movers in Australian boxing, and former NRL star Joey Williams, now following in his father Wilfred's footsteps by taking up the fight game.

Top amateurs

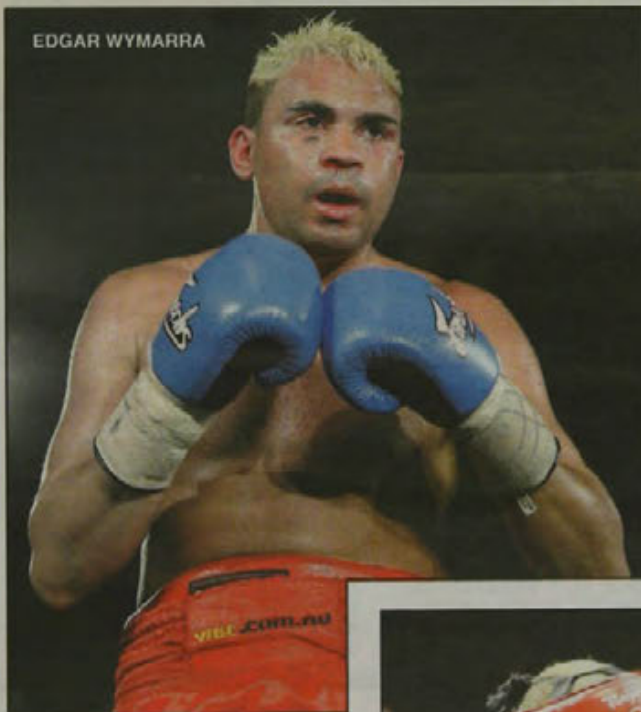
The amateur events boast a star-studded line-up of Australia's most talented Indigenous fighters, including hard-hitting Olympian Luke Boyd, Campbell Cobbo Riley, and Jason Morris, the Australian Indigenous middleweight champion.

The boxing will be interspersed with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultural acts featuring Indigenous star Casey Donovan.

The event will also feature Vibe 3on3 basketball games showcasing Sydney's young talent, market stalls, food stalls, jumping castles and children's entertainment.

Alex Wymarra, the head of the Indigenous Sporting and Boxing Academy, said: "The Academy is being launched to address the crippling lack of culturally relevant opportunities available to inner-city Sydney Indigenous youth."

"Boxing changes lives and a formal program has already delivered great results in reaching at-risk youth, providing them with focus, self-esteem and respect



EDGAR WYMARRA



JOEY WILLIAMS



● LEFT: CAMPBELL COBBO RILEY



LUKE BOYD (in red).

for their bodies. The Aboriginal boxing community at The Block has a rich history and boxing and culture have always brought our people together and given us a platform to show our skills and bravery.

"This event will showcase our best boxers all together on one card for the first time and in particular we also want to show Cool Willie Kickett that the community supports him and we want to give him a loud and proud return to the ring."

● Vibe Australia is the hosting partner for the event and supporting partners include Redfern Police, John McGrath Real Estate, Salvation Army Oasis Group, Boxing NSW, L J Hooker, Hungry Jacks, PCYC, Aboriginal Housing Company, Gadigal Information Services, Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, NSW Aboriginal Land Council, Redfern and Waterloo Authority.

Program: Vibe 3on3 basketball 3-6pm, Black Friday boxing 6pm 9pm
Tickets: At the door \$12.50 each.

A matter of time



STRIKER Tahj Minniecon may have missed selection in the Socceroos squad to take on Indonesia in the Asian Cup 2011 qualifier in

Jakarta today, but it seems just a matter of time before he wears the green and gold of Australia.

Minniecon burst on to the scene last year and has been one of the reasons for the Brisbane Roar's impressive performances in the Australian A-League competition.

But Roar has lost a bidding war for Minniecon's services, and the 19-year-old is off to Gold Coast United as part of a three-year deal.

It is understood Minniecon will earn \$130,000 a season with Gold Coast United.

The Queensland excitement machine rocked Roar fans when he announced he would join Gold Coast United next season... and then promptly had them grinning with delight just days later following a five-star display against the Central Coast Mariners on 9 January

Memorable display

The speedy Minniecon showed just how much he will be missed by the Roar with a memorable display in Queensland's pulsating 4-3 win over the Central Coast Mariners at Bluetongue Stadium.

Minniecon tormented the Mariners with a superb all-round performance that included a goal, an assist and scorching pace.

"I thought Tahj was man-of-the match - he was just outstanding," Roar coach Frank Farina said.

Farina reiterated the Roar had no chance of matching Gold Coast's lucrative offer to Minniecon.



Tahj Minniecon at training with the Queensland Roar. He has signed a deal with Gold Coast United.

"That's the reality of football. The offer that the Gold Coast made Tahj, we could not fit it in our cap - it's as simple as that."

Mariners coach Lawrie McKinna lamented his side's misfortune at catching Minniecon on arguably the best display of his fledgling career.

"Sometimes he's hot, sometimes he's cold and he was on fire tonight," McKinna said after the game.

United's head coach Miron Bleiberg said: "We are more than happy to have Tahj."

"He's a match-winner and I plan to give him a free role across the front line. I don't see him as somebody who just plays on the wing (as he does at the Roar)."

Brisbane's *Courier Mail* reported that for someone so shy, it seemed odd that fame first drew Minniecon to soccer.

Even during schoolyard scratch matches, he was lured deeper and

deeper into the code by the attention he received from scoring goals, *The Courier Mail* said.

Despite one attempt by a junior coach to convert him into a sweeper, there was only going to be one role that would command his enthusiasm.

"I developed a love for the game," said Minniecon, who was born in Cairns and learned his football smarts in Canberra and Brisbane.

"I love scoring goals, the glory you get and the fun you have when you win."

"I'm an attacker, have been most of my life."

Minniecon was trialling with Perth Glory last summer when Farina invited him to return to Brisbane.

The 19-year-old has a cricketer's bloodline - his uncle Phil, a fiery quick from Cairns, terrorised batsmen throughout country Queensland - but the Roar are delighted he has applied his athleticism to football.

Goalkeeper Liam Reddy is not surprised by Minniecon's early impact.

"He's always had it in him so I'm glad he's taken the opportunity," Reddy told *The Courier Mail*.

"He's a lot more laidback. Sometimes you have to give him a bit of a shake, but I think that's just his personality."

Speed to burn

Minniecon was signed by the Roar from the Australian Institute of Sport in 2007. His favoured position is striker, and he is known for his quickness and speed around the penalty box.

On signing the two-year deal with Roar, he said: "This is my home-town club and ever since the Hyundai A-League started, I always wanted to start my career with Queensland Roar. My family and friends are in Brisbane."

Minniecon grew up in Brisbane and went to Cavendish Road State High School.

All eyes on Tristan as he enters new phase in athletics career

By GRAHAM HUNT



INDIGENOUS leaders in Queensland are closely guiding and monitoring the athletics career of Tristan Nelliman-Adams, from Thursday Island.



Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV), a Brisbane-based organisation, has appointed John Thaiday as a mentor for the young man.

ICV made the link through the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA).

Thirteen-year-old Tristan is expected to move to Townsville to

start secondary school after attending Tagai State College on Thursday Island.

Tristan is a sprinter and late last year competed in the Pacific School Games in Canberra, where he finished fifth in the 12 years 100m, fourth in the 200m, and won a gold medal running for Queensland in the 4x100m relay.

In 2007 he was the Tagai College 11 years boys champion and in the regional championships in Cairns last August he won the 100m and 200m, was third in the long jump and sixth in the 800m.

In the 2007 State championships in Cairns in October, he was the 11 years 200m champion, and finished second on the 100m and fourth in the 4x100m relay.

Then, at the primary school national titles in Launceston in December 2007, Tristan came ninth in the 100m, sixth in the 200m, first in the 4x100m relay, first in the 4x200m relays and first in the 8x100m relay.

Last year Tristan again was the Tagai College boys' champion, this time in the 12 years division.

From there he competed in the regional championships in Cairns and set records in winning the 100m and 200m sprints, and won the long jump.

At the State titles in Brisbane in September, he came second in the 100m and third in the 200m.

In the lead-up to the Pacific School Games in Canberra, John Thaiday met Tristan in Cairns and they spent a week together.



Indigenous Community Volunteer mentor John Thaiday on the track at Cairns with Tristan Nelliman-Adams.

Idris leaps into league

DEANO'S LEAGUE



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In an age when footballers are often referred to as professional athletes and commentators often lament the recruitment of athletes trained to be footballers, the Bulldogs have unearthed a footballer whose athletic claims cannot be questioned.

In a year when injuries, the loss of Willie Mason, the defection of Sonny Bill Williams and the demise of coach Steve Folkes dominated the headlines, the emergence of Jamal Idris from SG Ball to first grade while still at school was a great positive for the club.

At the end of the year, his achievements were further recognised when he was selected in the Indigenous Dreamtime Team that played the Welcome to Country against the New

Zealand Maori to open the World Cup. Jamal's memories of the game and the week preceding are similar to mine. "It was a great experience," Jamal said.

"It's a special feeling when you're part of a team that's not only playing for each other, but is also playing for your people and your culture."

Jamal found it difficult to highlight any special moment with the playing group, but was overwhelmed by the support of all the fans.

"Training and playing with all the boys was an amazing experience - I learned so much it is hard to isolate anybody," he said.

"Preston (Campbell) was great and had the respect of all the boys and Neil (Henry) was the perfect coach because he allowed the team to get to understand each other."

"But the support of all the Aboriginal people - at 'The Block', training at La Perouse and at the game - was amazing."

"It made me so proud to be wearing our peoples' colours and flags."

Jamal's pride was evident to all at the end of the game when he and his 'Fro Bro', Daine Laurie, took as much time as was necessary to do a lap of the ground and acknowledge the support of all the fans.

Mature, laid-back

This humility was not a one-off.

I had the opportunity to get to know Jamal during the week and was impressed by his maturity despite having a laid-back approach to life.

He must have needed all that maturity when he had to make a decision between heading down the Olympic path as a world-ranked junior athletics champion or to play rugby league.

Idris still features on the International Athletics Association Federation and Athletics Australia websites with his best

javelin throw of 70.21m at a Hobart athletics meet last year, placing him ninth in the nation behind Beijing Olympian Jarrod Bannister.

While he was never a chance to compete in the Beijing Olympics, he was considered a strong prospect for the Australian track-and-field team for London in 2012.

Having started athletics when he was five, he was part of the Australian team that competed in the World Youth Championships staged in Ostrava, in the Czech Republic, last July.

"Athletics is what he's concentrated on over the last four years because he has only played league spasmodically," Idris' manager Sam Ayoub said. "But he just decided he wanted to play league. His goal now is rugby league long-term and that's what we're looking at."

The Australian Schoolboys star learned of his first grade promotion less than 30 minutes after finishing an exam at De La Salle College, Bankstown, last year.

He was heading home in the family car with his mother, Alana, when the call came through from assistant coach Kevin Moore.

"It felt pretty good. I was pretty excited," Idris said.

"I'm into athletics as well, but footy's looking good at the moment. I'm having fun playing that."

Idris moved from Forster, on the NSW mid-north coast, to Sydney at the end of 2007 and attracted interest from South Sydney and Parramatta before settling on his future with the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs' former recruitment manager, Keith Onslow, recalls that while



The Bulldogs' Jamal Idris catches a bomb during the National Rugby League round 24 match against Parramatta at ANZ Stadium last 23 August.

- AAP image

Idris may have turned his back on a possible Olympic career for one in football, he still showed a fair deal of athletic ability at an early training camp.

"On the Sunday afternoon of the last session, we were catching the high ball and it was like a circus act," Onslow said.

"I nicknamed him 'The Mantis'. He can do anything with the ball in the air."

"He was climbing up people's backs and catching the ball over his head. He was just unbelievable."

"He's a great kid, a great team member, has always got a smile on his face and his football has been outstanding."

Big challenge

The progression to the full-time squad has been a big challenge for Idris and he said training five days a week was the major difference. Idris said his goal for 2009 was to play as many first grade games as possible.

Idris has showed the promise and talent to cement a centre position alongside Josh Morris this year and form the Bulldogs' most imposing centre

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MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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Lance is everybody's Buddy

LANCE Franklin is struggling to regain his fitness, but the Hawthorn hero aims to be ready for the start of the 2009 AFL season.

Franklin remains on a modified training program as he recovers from surgery on his right shoulder and left thumb.

"Over the last four pre-seasons, I've basically done nearly everything. This is the first pre-season in which I've only done less than 50 per cent," he said last week.

"It's a little disappointing, but I just have to keep working in pre-season, just pushing myself and hopefully get right for round one."

"The body is coming along all right. I'm doing skills at the moment, but not doing any touch. It

should be right for round one."

The operations were the downside of a stellar year when Franklin rose to superstar status, kicking 113 goals to win the Coleman Medal.

He joined in a light simulated match practice workout at Waverley Park last week, roaming across half-back to avoid any unnecessary body contact in marking duels.

Franklin looks certain to be under-prepared even if he's fit to play in round one against Geelong as the Hawks are unlikely to risk him in next month's NAB Cup.

"We'll see what happens. If it feels all right, I'll get out there and play. But if it's not right, I'll leave it and wait for round one," he said.

Asked whether he would carry any long-term restrictions, Franklin said: "Definitely not. That's why you

have surgery to get the body right and, as long as you don't do anything wrong with it during pre-season, it's going to be right for round one."

Franklin said the Hawks would relish the chance to be the benchmark in 2009.

"Obviously, last year was a big one for us, winning the premiership," he said.

"But we're putting that behind us now. It's a new year and we're having a strong pre-season and we're in that phase of working hard as a team."

"Hopefully, we can put in another good, hard pre-season and put together some good games and see how far we can go again. We're going to be hunted this year and, I suppose, as a team we're going to like that, too."

"We're just going to keep playing the same football and, hopefully, it will take us back to where we were last year."

Franklin recently helped Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, an avid Cats fan, launch a partnership to further develop football in Western Australia's remote Kimberley region.

The Federal Government, in partnership with the Hawks and the WA Football Commission, has pledged an extra \$250,000 to help training and development of umpires, team managers and administrators in the areas around Broome and Kununurra.

"The money from the Government is going to give Indigenous people the chance to get an education and a healthy lifestyle," Franklin said.

Action from the Ghungalu Knights-Cannonballs game.



A Mackay Dolphin is set upon by two Central Queensland Warriors in a Plate game.



There's just no way through for this Central Highlands All Blacks player in the game against Palm Island Moonangnarras.

Football reigns in Rocky



DRIZZLE didn't dampen the spirits of players and spectators at the Indigenous Reconciliation Rugby League carnival in Rockhampton, central Queensland, last weekend.

Officials said the rain in fact offered welcome relief following a hot spell.

Organisers capped the competition at 16 teams, but

said they had fielded inquiries from many other sides throughout Queensland.

First-round winners proceeded to the quarter-finals on Sunday, while first-round losers took part in a plate competition.

● Full details and more pictures will be published in the next edition of *The Koori Mail*.



This Cannonball is going nowhere as he is set upon by two Knights. Photos: GRAHAM HUNT



A Palm Island player looks for a way through the Central Highlands All Blacks defence.



How's your mother ... Central Queensland Warriors (in blue) have a difference of opinion with their Mackay Dolphin opponents.



Plenty of big hits ... a Yeppoon Seagulls player carries the attack up to Storm United.

Cathy to join other sporting greats at the beach



LAUREUS World Sports Academy members
Cathy Freeman, Robby Naish, Daley Thompson and Steve Waugh, along with 2004 Laureus

World Alternative Sports person of the Year Layne Beachley, will visit the Indigenous Sports Program surfing-based project at Jan Juc, near

the famous Bells Beach, Torquay, on 4 February.

The Australian Sports Commission's Indigenous Sports Program, supported by the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation, helps to increase the number of Aborigines participating in sport. In the Jan Juc area, the sport is surfing – one of Australia's most popular sports.

The project, run by Surfing Australia, promotes healthy lifestyles and provides the local community with the opportunity to experience surfing in a fun, safe and supervised environment and gives individuals the opportunity to become coaches and officials.

The Laureus Academy members will join the children from the Wathaurong community to take part in activities on

the beach, which, because of the tides, will take place between 9am-11am and will include traditional Indigenous games, surfing technique lessons, safety, ocean awareness surf lessons and a mini surfing competition to end the event.

Former world champions Layne Beachley and Robby Naish will also give surfing demonstrations.

Timing was just right

Imparja Cup draws near

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and Jack Manning-Bancroft (Sydney) aged 23.

With the emphasis on youth, New South Wales selectors obviously are looking to the future and may not be looking to win back the Imparja Cup this year.

DEFENDING champions Queensland have announced a strong squad built around the nucleus of last year's winning combination.

Queensland has dominated the Imparja Cup, winning four times in the Cup's eight-year history.

Their opponents in the final last year were Tasmania, but the challenge next month could come from the west.

The West Australians beat Queensland in a qualifying game last year and came perilously close to qualifying for the final.

The Imparja Cup will begin on 9 February and end on 14 February.

THE NSW Imparja Cup squad is:

Ryan Bulger (Manly/NSW 2nd XI) (c) 26.

Ryan Donovan (Bankstown) 20.

Damien Duroux (Strathfield) 33.

Andrew Gordon (Ballina) 27.

Kris Halloran (Tamworth) 19.

Tyson Jolly (Karuah) 19.

Andrew Julian (UNSW) 19.

Farran Lamb (Western Suburbs) 19.

Jacob Lalor (Blacktown) 15.

Joshua Lalor (Penrith/NSW 2nd XI) 21.

Jack Manning-Bancroft (Sydney) 23.

Nathan Price (Newcastle/NSW Country) 21.

Jake Turner (Glen Innes) 17.

Officials: Russel Grimson (Cricket NSW Indigenous Program Co-ordinator), Peter Cooley (Manager).

The NSW Aboriginal Women's team is:

Julie Muir, Katrina Cain, Breeanne Cawley,

Breanna Collier (NSW U17 squad/Aust U18 indoor

cricket), Jessica Collier, Veronica Gordon, Samantha

Hinton (NSW Wolfblass Breakers squad), Nicole

Honeysett (former NSW U19), Rheanna Lotter

(Emerging Breakers squad), Kelly Salis, **Officials:**

Darren Beckett (Coach), Donna Collier (Manager).

An occasional column by former Australian Test cricket batsman MATTHEW HAYDEN – with a focus on Indigenous cricket



Daniel Tye could be the difference for the ACT.

Victoria: Hot and cold last year, will be looking for more consistency in 2009. On their day the Vics can compete with the best. Players to watch: Malcolm Dow shows a lot of promise, and captain Barry Firebrace will be important.

Northern Territory: The hosts showed real improvement in their performance last year. They just need to translate that into more wins. Player to watch: Ian Redpath is a talented cricketer who the team will need to bat around.

South Australia: Didn't fire at last year's Imparja Cup, but hope to have a stronger squad in Alice Springs this time around. Player to watch: Willie Searle impressed in 2008, and was part of the National Indigenous Development squad.

and have been talking to a few people closely involved with the competition, so I can make some informed predictions about each team in the senior men's division tournament:

Queensland: The defending champions and winners of the Cup four of the past five years, my Queensland heart says they will be tough to topple in 2009. Players to watch: Preston White destroyed Tasmania in the final last year with six wickets, but also look out for 18-year-old leg-spinner Chris Swain – with his peroxide hairdo you won't miss him!

Tasmania: Runners-up last year, after a consistent campaign. Expect them to be around at the business end this year. Players to watch: Bernie Lamont, a true legend of the Imparja Cup, still churns out the runs year after year, while youngster Josh Walmsley is starting to show the same kind of consistency.

Western Australia: Slow starters in 2008, they came with a rush late and almost stole a spot in the final – those in the know say they could be the real danger to Queensland's dominance. Players to watch: The Ugle boys have a stack of all-round ability and will be vital to WA with bat, ball and in the field.

New South Wales: Winners in 2007, they slipped back slightly in 2008, but this proud cricket State is synonymous with success, so don't discount them from repeating their 2007 triumph. Players to watch: NSW Blues rookie squad player Josh Lalor is the obvious one here, but his 15-year-old brother Jake could be the surprise packet, recently taking 6/40 in his first grade debut.

ACT: Produced some encouraging performances in 2008 and will look to go to the next level by consistently pushing the top teams. Players to watch: Captain Peter O'Callaghan is a class act and will be the key to his team, while a successful tournament from younger players like

Jawai makes NBA debut

FORMER Cairns Taipans player Nathan Jawai has become the first Indigenous Australian to play in the big US National Basketball Association (NBA).

The 22-year-old rookie played just over three minutes but did not take a shot for the Toronto Raptors in their 19-point loss to Detroit.

The ABC reported that the Torres Strait Islander missed the first 43 games of the season with a heart problem.

The ABC also reported that the Cairns Taipans basketball club had officially been placed into liquidation after a meeting of administrators and creditors.

The NBL team has been struggling with debts of about \$6 million, and a buyer must be found in the next few weeks or its assets will be sold.

Scott Derwin, from Basketball Australia, told the ABC there had been several expressions of interest.

"In the meantime, because they're worth more money by having an ongoing business, they continue to operate the business, which, in layman's terms means the team will continue to play and see the season finished off," he said.

"Hopefully in the meantime the liquidators will find some people interested in buying it."



Nathan Jawai, the former Cairns Taipans basketball player now playing in the NBA.

WELL, what a big few weeks it has been since I last wrote for *The Koori Mail*!

Retiring from international cricket was a huge decision, but one that my family and I are very comfortable with.

You often hear retired sportspeople say that 'you'll know' when it's time to go, and sometimes I wondered how that actually happens. That moment for me was sitting in my backyard with my daughter Grace, picking tomatoes, having a great time, and the things I'd been weighing up suddenly hit home – this was where I wanted to be, with my family.

It wasn't an easy decision as international cricket has been the most wonderful thing, but after having a good think about things, I knew that this was the right time to finish.

In the number of press conferences, interviews and during my farewell lap at the Gabba, I got the chance to tell a wider audience about something I chatted to *Koori Mail* readers about in my last column: My dream to see Indigenous cricketers wear the baggy green.

And I can tell you that I'm not the only one who now shares this vision. During my last Test, there was a knock on the SCG dressing room door and none other than Prime Minister Kevin Rudd was there to have a chat about Indigenous cricket – so I think I'm safe to say that I've sold the PM on the dream too!

ONE of the really positive things about retiring is that it frees up my time to pursue this dream with vigour, and that will start by attending my first Imparja Cup in Alice Springs in a couple of weeks.

The Imparja Cup is the national Indigenous cricket carnival, running from 9-14 February. It features representative Indigenous teams from each State and Territory in the country, as well as women's, major centres and communities divisions. It's truly a week-long festival of cricket and it caters for men and women of all abilities.

I can't wait to get out there, where I'll be speaking at the gala dinner.

For those who won't be in the Alice, you can see the action on NITV. The final will be broadcast on 14 February while the rest of the series will be screened through March.

NEVER having been to the Imparja Cup, I can't pretend to be an expert, however I've kept tabs on previous results



Jawai hits basketball's big league

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Hornet strikes



LES WRAGGE dives over for a try for Cherbourg Hornets in their game

against the Outback Iron Men at the Indigenous Reconciliation Rugby League carnival played last weekend in the central Queensland city of Rockhampton. A total of 16 teams took part.

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Teen leads WA

Imparja Cup competition draws near

By GRAHAM HUNT



WESTERN Australia has created history by naming a 16-year-old captain for next month's all-Indigenous Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs.

Lewis Upton, who represented his State as a 15-year-old in last year's Imparja Cup, is the new WA skipper, taking over from Matt Abrahamson. Abrahamson, one of the West Australian stars last year, is one of six players returning from 2008.

Upton, a wicketkeeper/batsman, is from the WA mining town of Newman, and attends Wesley College in Perth. He is one of a growing number of teenagers being blooded at the Alice Springs carnival.

Also in the West Australian team is Julien Freeman, who was selected as a 14-year-old but will turn 15 before the carnival begins. The Perth youngster is an all-rounder, but won selection when he took 5/20 with his fast deliveries in the WA Imparja Cup selection trials last week.

He will be a frontline bowler, as will other youngsters Jay Collard, 15, from Mandurah, and Kirk Ugle, 17, a leg-spinner from Bunbury.



Above left: Lewis Upton, at left, and West Australian team-mates celebrate the winning runs at Albrecht Oval during their 40-over qualifying match against eventual 2008 Imparja Cup winners Queensland. Above right: Queenslander Preston White bowls to West Australian Matt Abrahamson last year. Abrahamson starred with the bat as the West Australians won that match to inflict the only defeat on the eventual Imparja Cup winners.



Another teenager in the WA line-up is batsman Michael Bailey, from Perth.

WA manager Peter Hill told *The Koori Mail* his team was 'coming to Alice Springs to win, there's no doubt about that'.

He said selectors were looking to the future when they chose a blend of youth and experience.

NEW South Wales selectors look to be going down the same path, as they have blended youth with experience.

Making his debut for the Blues will be 15-year-old, Jacob Lalor, brother of the well-established Joshua Lalor.

Jake made a sensational recent debut

in Sydney grade cricket, taking 6/40 — including a hat-trick — for Blacktown against Manly-Warringah.

Josh Lalor is a contracted player with the NSW Blues and has played for the NSW Second XI. He is one of three Indigenous players in State squads. The others are Worrin Williams (Queensland) and Dan Christian (South Australia).

Sam Hinton is a female Indigenous player contracted to the NSW Breakers.

If Jake Lalor continues with success, he is almost certain to join his brother at the elite levels of cricket. His appearance at the Imparja Cup is eagerly awaited.

Jake Lalor is the 'baby' of the NSW team,

but the Blues will 'blood' a number of promising Indigenous players in Alice Springs, including 17-year-old Jake Turner (Glen Innes).

There are four 19-year-olds in the NSW squad: Kris Halloran (Tamworth), Tyson Jolly (Karuah), Farran Lamb (Western Suburbs) and Andrew Julian (Uni of NSW).

Ryan Donovan (Bankstown) is just 20, and Josh Lalor (Penrith) and Nathan Price (Newcastle) are 21.

The 'seniors' of the squad are captain Ryan Bulger (Manly) at 26, Damien Duroux (Strathfield) 33, Andrew Gordon (Ballina) 27.

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