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One year on...

'Barometer' signposts reconciliation in post-Apology era



ON the eve of the first anniversary of the Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples, new research suggests that our nation has found the will but not

yet the way to truly advance reconciliation.
This Friday, 13 February 2009,

This Friday, 13 February 2009, thousands of people throughout the country are expected to commemorate the historic day last year when Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said sorry for the grief and suffering experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, particularly as a consequence of past government removal policies and practices.

removal policies and practices.

The Apology motion received rare bipartisan support from the Federal Opposition, the Australian Greens and the

Democrats, and caught off-guard many people who had given up dreaming of acknowledgement for the Stolen Generations.

Generations.

But while Reconciliation Australia's new Australian Reconciliation Barometer indicated that both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people had appreciated the significance of the Apology, there were still apparent barriers – such as ignorance and an ongoing lack of trust – to moving their relationship forward.

RA chief executive officer Barbara Livesey said the Barometer illustrated the need for greater community education and engagement strategies.

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For our readers... inside this edition

In partnership with Reconciliation Australia, The Koori Mail is proud to bring our readers the commemorative booklet Sorry: More than a word.

This 20-page full-colour publication features images by Aboriginal photographers Wayne Quilliam and Mervyn Bishop, from the historic Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples in Canberra on 13 February 2008.

Also included are interviews with the Prime Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd, and five Aboriginal Australians who witnessed the Apology in person.

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INSIDE MY FAMILY Joanne Proctor - Melbourne



ERE I am with three of my daughters, all of them school students, at the Yalukit Wilam Ngargee event which was part of the St Kilda Festival in Melbourne

I am a Gunditjmara woman from Warrnambool in western Victoria, but we live in Melbourne. It's a great place for us.

I am a housing support worker at Ngwala Willumbong Co-operative in the Melbourne suburb of St Kilda. That keeps me very busy – our people just don't have enough

housing.
We are a very sporting family. I'm president of the Fitzroy Stars Little Athletics Club, for kids aged 5-15 years. A lot of our Indigenous youngsters are members, but there's always room for plenty more (people

interested can call Joanne on mobile 0418 511 497).

Pictured with me here at the left is my daughter Klarindah Hudson. She's 12 and is a State champion athlete.

Then there's my nine-year-old, Montannah Hudson. Basketball is her game. She loves it, and she's good at it, too.

My daughter Renae Him is also in the picture. She's 15 and goes to high school. She's much more into socialising than sport these days. I guess it's an age thing.

It's a shame that my other daughter, Crystal Him, isn't in the picture. She's 16 and socialising's also a very big thing for her.

We're a strong family and enjoy doing things together.

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UR CHILDREN



These young fellas from the Woorabinda Dancers proved a hit with the crowd at the Reconciliation Football Carnival in the central Queensland city of Rockhampton See page 49 for a report and more pictures

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Darwin land deal settled



AN epic land claim for more than 65,000 hectares on the Cox Peninsula west of Darwin has been

Larrakia traditional owner Raylene Singh said the 30-year battle for recognition had taken its toll, with many family members having passed away since the land claim was first lodged.

lodged.
The Northern Territory
Government and traditional
owners announced on 30
January they had signed an
in-principle agreement over

Under the deal almost 13,000 hectares, which includes the entire northern coastline, will be converted to freehold to allow for the development of homes and industry.

About 52,000 hectares will be designated Aboriginal land for the Larrakia people, who won the Kenbi land claim in 2000.

It is now up to Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin to approve the agreement and officially hand over the title to the Larrakia people.

people.

Ms Singh said the agreement was a win for the Larrakia

Larrakia wait 30 years to win battle

people and for all the people of

"We will ensure Kenbi is protected for the future of all Larrakia and the people of Darwin," she said. "We traditional owners, all of us, have been waiting patiently for our land, Kenbi, to be handed back to us. Today is part of that long journey – for over 30

Northern Land Council Chairman Wali Wunungmurra welcomed the announcement and supported Ms Singh's call for the Federal Government to grant the claim as Aboriginal

"This has been a long and hard struggle for the Larrakia – and they have been strong in their commitment to regain their rightful ownership of their ancestral lands," he said. "We still need to have further

"We still need to have further discussions with various stakeholders including the Federal Government, but we are confident that all interests will be met through this process in a

timely manner."
Ms Macklin welcomed the

agreement.

"This important first step recognises the needs of all groups, including the traditional owners, commercial and recreational fishermen and allows for future development and expansion of Darwin on the Cox Peninsula," she said.

"I commend the NT Government and the NLC for reaching a negotiated agreement. The Australian Government will now move to finalise outstanding issues in relation to the claim, including the status of government facilities."

Australian Greens Senator Rachel Siewert said the agreement was an historic win for Indigenous Australians.

"It is imperative that we as a nation grow and learn to achieve positive agreements between governments and the traditional owners of this land," she said.



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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Our young endeavour to be leaders



Ahoy there ... Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin aboard the Young Endeavour with sailors, from left, Rebecca Richards, Dianna Wright and Arlene McInherny.

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graduates of the Australian Government's Indigenous Leadership

Program recently completed a 10-day sailing journey across Bass Strait on the Young Endeavour.

The three Indigenous women, Arlene McInherny, Dianna Wright and Rebecca Richards, all won Australian Government-funded scholarships to take the trip.

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They joined 24 other young people and ten crew as the ship

sailed from George Town, Tasmania, to Williamstown, Victoria.

The sailors learnt valuable life skills on the voyage including teamwork, leadership skills and a strong sense of community responsibility.

Indigenous
Affairs Minister
Jenny Macklin
said the voyage
was more than

learning to set the sails and navigate; it helped build self-esteem, memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

Ms McInherny, from the Port Macquarie/Biripi tribal group in New South Wales, works at the University of Technology in Sydney and is a member of the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee.

She told The Koon Mail the Young Endeavour cruise was a great opportunity, even though 'once you get on they shove you in the deep end'.
"You learn quickly because

if you don't do anything, the ship doesn't sail," Ms McInherny said.

However, it was not her first

time at sea.
"I was born on a yacht on the way around Australia. I was born in Queensland and mum brought us three kids up on a yacht," Ms McInherny said.

It was her first time on a square-rigged ship, however, and a highlight was climbing to the top gallant.

"I'm scared of heights but we had to sit up there and do the it was the first time on a boat so big and for such a long time. I'd never been out on the open ocean before," Ms Richards said. "You can go to as many conferences on leadership as you want, but to go to something like this where it's just you, the crew, the sea and wind was an amazing experience."

Ms Wright, from the Karrajarri people of the Bidyadangol community in Western Australia, was a finalist in the environment category of the WA Youth Awards. The Koori Mail was unable to

contact her.

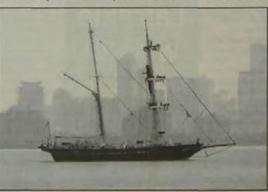
Ms Macklin
said all 27 young
people now
joined the 10,000
other young
Australians who
had sailed
Australian and
international
waters as part of
the Young
Endeavour Youth
Scheme.
The

Indigenous Leadership Program has been running since 2004 and

assists Indigenous Australians by offering opportunities to emerging and potential leaders

The British Government gave the Young Endeavour vessel to the people of Australia as a Bicentennial gift in 1988. It is operated, maintained and staffed by the Royal Australian Navy.

Applications are currently being accepted by ballot until 1 March. Applications can be made online at http://www. youngendeavour.gov.au or by phoning 1800 020 444.



The Young Endeavour training ship.

sails. After a while you got used to it," Ms McInherny said.

Ms Richards, from the Adnyamathana Nepabunna community in South Australia, is completing her internship with the National Museum of Australia and studying at Adelaide University.

She said climbing to the top of a 30-metre mast and watching the sunrise was the highlight of her sailing

adventure.
"It was amazing. It wasn't the first time I'd been on a boat, but

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Sights on violence

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



BESS Price carries the scars of domestic violence. But, far from hiding them away, she talks about how

they're now driving her on a relentless quest for a better future for Aboriginal people everywhere.

for Aboriginal people everywhere.
On 30 January, the feisty
Yuendumu grandmother stood in
front of two government ministers
and a group of her fellow
Indigenous countrymen in
Canberra and shared her
community's harrowing
experiences.
Ms Price told the gathering,

Ms Price told the gathering, including 12 Indigenous women and ten men, how one of her granddaughters was a 'punching bag' with a broken jaw, and how another died after being stabbed by her ex-husband and while waiting an hour for an ambulance to arrive under police escort.

to arrive under police escort.
She said they were stories that she and others like her lived with every day in some Aboriginal communities.

And she said she wanted things to change.
The occasion was a domestic

The occasion was a domestic violence forum convened by Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Minister for the

It must change, forum is told

Status of Women Tanya Plibersek to help Abonginal and Torres Strait Islander people to contribute to a national and united voice against abuse in Indigenous communities and, more importantly, to be part of the solution.

Also attending the forum in Parliament House were members of the National Council to Reduce Violence against Women and Their Children, which was established last May and is currently devising a national plan to address domestic or family violence.

violence.
Women delegates included member of the Prime Minister's Human Rights Consultation

Committee Tammy Williams, human rights Lawyer Hannah McGlade, Yolngu woman and Yirrkala women's resource centre manager Djapirri Munungurritj and author and winner of the 2008 David Unaipon Award Marie Munkara.

Male participants included sports broadcaster Charlie King, footballer Adrian Dodson-Shaw, academic/author Stephen Hagan, and jobs campaigner and Indigenous Chamber of Commerce Chairman Warren Mittelling

"The solutions that we seek are working now in some communities right across Australia, and we've brought together leaders of those communities, people who have been effective in tackling violence in their own communities," Ms Plibersek said.

Minister Macklin started proceedings by declaring that violence and abuse was everybody's – not just women's – business, and there was a universal obligation to keep women and children safe in their homes and communities.

"All of us here know that reducing the terrible levels of violence and abuse in Indigenous

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Minister Jenny Macklin and Bess Price at the Canberra forum.



Forum participants Sue Gordon and Tammy Williams.



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Jim's a man who knows the score



TASMANIAN Aboriginal Land and Sea Council Manager Jim Everett keeps

score of beach games during the annual Preminghana Aboriginal community camp in north-west Tasmania. The games were a feature of what is a major cultural event for Tasmanian Aboriginal people held on the 26 January weekend. Mr Everett said his council would now consider moving the date of the camp so it did not coincide with Survival Day activities in other parts of Tasmania. Full details and more

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Photo: JILLIAN MUNDY



Violence 'must end

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communities will take a lot of courage and determination," Ms Macklin said. "The determination to change entrenched community attitudes so children realise violence isn't part of growing up and part of their culture.

Ms Macklin also addressed sensitivities involved with perpetuating negative stereotypes, saying the Government recognised that violence and abuse had long been 'hidden, ignored and hushed up'.

"You don't want to be seen to be betraying your people or culture or demonising Indigenous men," she suggested to the

group.
"The courage to speak up and do something when violence occurs, speaking up when others are silent takes a lot of courage.

Some key ideas emerged from the day-long forum, including some recommendations that participants said could be implemented immediately

These included encouraging more Indigenous men to sign up to be White



Ribbon Ambassadors; providing a statement of opposition to violence by Aboriginal men along with acknowledgement of country in every speech; and having 'This Community Stands Against Violence placed on community and sporting event flyers.

A further suggestion was people linking

arms at sporting events, as was currently being adopted in some Top End communities. Players in the Indigenous All

Stars versus the Adelaide Crows match in Darwin on Saturday night made the symbolic show against violence.

Some other suggestions would require Government support, including:

• Affirmative action for women to achieve

better representation on boards.

Retention and recruitment of an

Indigenous professional social and emotional well-being workforce.

Counselling for children who witness violence to be made available at schools.

 Establishment of a men's advisory council on reducing violence, with State and Territory representation.

 Indigenous-specific anger management/healing programs for boys and men to avoid them entering the criminal

justice system.

Consistency in sentencing guidelines to

reflect a policy of zero tolerance.

Training of Indigenous community members in mediation/conflict resolution.

At the end of the forum, Minister Macklin

thanked participants and said she hoped their collective leadership, wisdom and experience would 'plant the seeds of change

"Today's forum is a platform which can be used to send a message, that we will no longer tolerate violence against women and children," Ms Macklin said.

"The right of women and children to be safe is integral to all human rights and it must be given the highest priority by men, women and children. We are prepared to speak out and take action."

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'Barometer' shows the way forward

Post-apology research highlights challenges, opportunities

By KIRSTIE PARKER



AUSTRALIA has its work cut out for it in improving relationships between its Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the post-Apology era, judging by

unprecedented new research.

But the body which commissioned the research, Reconciliation Australia (RA), is optimistic that broad community goodwill can overcome apparent barriers such as low public awareness of Indigenous history and people, and a lack of trust between the

RA launched its Australian Reconciliation Barometer on Monday, just days before the first anniversary this Friday of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples, especially the Stolen

The research was conducted by Auspoll four to five months after the Apology, and canvassed online 1007 non-Indigenous

Australians and 617 Indigenous Australians.
Designed to be repeated every two
years, it explores how black and white
Australians see and feel about each other
and compares core attitudes and values rather than differing perceptions on particular issues.

The Barometer has generated a swag of actions that would advance reconciliation, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma

suggesting it should become essential reading for politicians and policy makers. The Apology on 13 February last year was one of the then-new Labor Government's first official actions. Despite former Prime Minister John Howard's intransigence on the Issue, the Apology was supported by the Opposition and minor parties. But it still took many people by

parties. But it still took many people by surprise.

Watched by thousands of people around the country, the event was warmly welcomed by Stolen Generations members, applauded internationally and held up as a foundation upon which to build the fractured relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

This optimism was confirmed by the Barometer finding that 61 per cent of non-Indigenous Australians and 93 per cent of Indigenous Australians considered the Apology to have been important for black-white relations.

However, the research also flagged

black-white relations.

However, the research also flagged limited non-Indigenous understanding of government removal policies, with only one in five able to correctly identify the 1970s as the decade when such policies ended, compared to 54 per cent of Indigenous

Reconciliation Australia Chief Executive Officer Barbara Livesey said the





Members of the House of Representatives applaud as the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and then-Opposition leader Dr Brendan Nelson carry a glass coolamon gifted to the Parliament by the Stolen Generations. Photo by MERVYN BISHOP



Reconciliation Australia CEO Barbara Livesey.

organisation believed the Barometer would be of enormous value to governments, corporations, the education sector and others working to close the many interrelated gaps between Indigenous Australians and other Australians.

However, she said the mixed results across a wide range of issues highlighted a need for greater community education and engagement strategies.

Ms Livesey nominated the importance

which both groups placed on the relationship between Australians and non-Indigenous Australians as one of the

most positive findings in the research. They say the relationship is important and there's a real desire amongst the

general public to learn more about Indigenous history and culture," she said. "In the perceptions area, we have more in common than we think, and in the action area two-thirds of the general public say they've done something in the last twelve months to advance reconciliation."

However, only about one in 10 people overall felt there was a high level of trust between Indigenous and non-Indigenous

There was agreement that the Government should provide specific targeted programs to help Indigenous people achieve equality.

However, while 37 per cent of Australians said they personally were interested in helping disadvantaged Indigenous people, only 20 per cent said they knew how they

Ms Livesey said that as well as a finding

Some other key findings

Other key research findings were

- Only 50 per cent of the overall population felt pride in Indigenous
- About 44 per cent of the general public believed that Indigenous people were open to sharing their culture with other Australians. But 89 per cent of Indigenous people said they were prepared to do so.
- 59 per cent of the general public believed that Indigenous people held a special place as the First Australians. But most did not accept that Indigenous people, as the original inhabitants, should receive any particular benefits
- There were many shared 'Australian' values – each group was strong on family orientation, pride, an easy-going nature and sense of humour. However, while 77 per cent of Indigenous Australians saw themselves as respectful, only 29 per cent felt the same about non-indigenous people.
- Indigenous respondents rated Indigenous people behind the rest of the population on only one of 11 positive characteristics - hard-working
- Few in either group believed the media presented balanced coverage of Indigenous issues.
- Just over half (58 per cent) of Australians reported current contact with Indigenous people, but 76 per cent said they would like to have such

that most respondents placed high importance on the Apology, RA had anecdotal evidence of heightened levels of interest and activity since 13 February.

"We felt good on the day of the Apology and felt that Australians would feel so much

better if there was a good and healthy relationship with the First Australians," she

said.

Commissioner Calma said the research indicated that the Apology had generated a lot of goodwill and Australia had come 'a fair way'. However, the issues that remained needed to be tackled.

"The Apology was one of those moments in our history of Australia when we started to show a maturity," he said.

"[But] I think the research has to now quide the Government and policy makers.

guide the Government and policy makers Politicians need to focus on the positive things that are happening in Indigenous affairs and not always focus on the deficit model. It's too easy to point to the things

that are going wrong."
Friday's looming Apology anniversary
has prompted questions about just how far
the nation has moved in the year since the

Many events are planned throughout the country to commemorate the anniversary, and the Government has distributed copies of a calligraphy version of the Apology to 10,000 Australian schools.

In his Apology speech, Mr Rudd pledged action to close the 17-year life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-

Indigenous Australians - a campaign which Continued page 8

the way forward

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has received bipartisan support and drives almost all current government policy and action in Indigenous affairs.

However, Stolen Generations advocates have insisted that such measures, while welcome, were basic entitlements and should not be considered a salve for the injustice experienced by people who were forcibly removed from their families

While the Government has funded increased numbers of Link-Up workers and counsellors since the Apology, financial compensation for Stolen Generations members remains a particular sticking point

The two key Stolen Generations groups, the National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) and the Stolen Generations Alliance (SGA), continue to push for a comprehensiv response to the recommendations of the landmark 1997 Bringing Them Home report, including one which specified that reparations for the Stolen Generations should include an apology, a guarantee against repetition, restitution, rehabilitation, and financial compensation.

Commissioner Calma said he hoped the Federal Government would take a

leadership role by working with the States to develop a national compensation scheme. While in

Opposition, the Labor Party criticised the Howard Government for its refusal to consider compensation,



TOM CALMA

saying that on a compassionate level, "it had forced claimants into the adversarial court system, creating further hardship on those

who have already suffered'. However, *The Koori Mail* can reveal that Prime Minister Rudd remains steadfastly opposed to Stolen Generations compensation.

Towards the end of last month, he again ruled it out under a Labor Government.

Since the Government was elected about a year ago we have committed an additional \$4.6 billion to the decade ahead, to close the gap," Mr Rudd told The Koori

"For me, and I mean this deeply, I see that as part of this nation's debt to this generation and to all those who have gone before, to actually make it better for the next generation.

"I know that does not satisfy everybody. I completely understand that; I get it. But I don't want to mislead people into thinking I

am going to be doing anything different."

Last Tuesday, the first parliamentary sitting day for 2009, the Government was due to provide a report on its progress in closing the gap.

However, with the Parliament preoccupied with the new \$42 billion economic stimulus package, the Indigenous

report was deferred until tomorrow.

There is speculation that the Government will make a make major policy announcement on Friday, possibly about the establishment of a national healing foundation for the Stolen Generations and

 See page 18 for details of some of the events planned for Friday's anniversary of the Apology.

Research points to North Qid hit by flooding

Indigenous residents caught by downpour

Story by ALF WILSON in Townsville



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people living in the north Queensland town of Ingham were seriously

affected by heavy rains throughout the region last

week, many with floodwater flowing through their houses. After 40 days and nights of rain in the north of the State, the past fortnight has been described as the worst wet in

The impact of the floods has been compounded by very high tides and the threat of dengue fever from mosquitoes And the cost of the impact of the continuing wet weather in Queensland is expected to run into tens of millions of dollars.

By last Friday, Ingham had been cut off for six days. More than 300mm of rain fell in one e-hour period.

Sixty-year-old local man Danny Lewin spoke to The Koori Mail from his Ingham home, where he lives with his partner Pat.

"A lot of Indigenous families around here have lost all their belongings," he said. "This is the biggest flood I

have ever seen anywhere. The water rises on the high tide and there are boats everywhere. People are just walking in water; you can't go anywhere in a car."

Another resident, Donna Clemments, 38, was frustrated with the State Emergency Service (SES)

She said that at the height of the floods on 4 February her 70-year-old uncle had his house flooded and requested help from the SES to get

They said he would have to wait for a few days as disabled people and emergency cases would be given priority," she said. "Uncle had to wade through

deep water where crocodile had been sighted to get to Coles supermarket and back."

Ms Clemments told of another incident where an Indigenous single mother with four children was also told she would have to wait for assistance before eventually





'At least the drought has been broken out here'

- Richmond resident Valda Crapp

'People just want to get out of the wet weather'

- Townsville's Eddie Savage



being picked up in a dinghy. Ms Clemments said her

own family had evacuated two old women using a boat on which the motor had not been used for some time.

The water was just so deep," she said.

The Queensland Government established a community recovery centre at Ingham where residents and those from outlying areas could access information and emergency financial

assistance Some of the heavy rain around Ingham was as a result of Cyclone Ellie, which ran out of puff after several days of

In Townsville, homeless people in the city's parks had to be moved to higher ground by police liaison officers and

mmunity patrol workers. Community Patrol spokesman Eddie Savage said

workers had been run off their feet, being forced to do two-hourly patrols on the weekend because many people were coming from Palm Island due to the closure of the canteen there. "During the week our bus, which takes eight clients, has been taking an average of 55 people a day to either relatives' places or to the Bohle Diversionary Centre People just want to get out of the wet weather," Mr Savage

Evacuated

Some residents at Townsville's Happy Valley camp also had to be evacuated during the

downpours School children were supplied with roll-on repellent as a dengue fever outbreak hit Townsville. By Friday, 49 cases of the mosquito-borne disease had been reported in

the city since 5 January. Indigenous people who live on the Atherton Tablelands and travel to Hughenden regularly to see relatives won't be able to for a long time after parts of the notorious Hann Highway

were washed away. The 253km Hann from Hughenden to the Lynd Junction is mostly dirt and will be inaccessible for several

Residents of Charters Towers, 130km inland from Townsville, have been cut off in all directions. The Burdekin Bridge at Macrossan, 24km from Charters Towers w metres over and cut off for several days too. From Richmond, 500km

west of Townsville along the Flinders Highway to Mount Isa 74-year-old resident Valda Crapp said the town's residents had not seen sun for

28 days. "It has been rain and cloud, and the roads are cut to Julia Creek towards Mount Isa," she told The Koori Mail on Friday.

"We can get to Hughenden (120km away in the other direction) by road, but from Townsville to Hughenden is cut off."

Mrs Crapp, who has lived in Richmond all her life, said between 150 and 200cm (six to eight inches) of rain had fallen on some nights

She said the local Indigenous people, who accounted for about 30 of the town's 500 residents, were taking the opportunity to fish in the full Fred Tritton Lake.

"At least the drought has been broken out here," she

Video inappropriate, NT police admit

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



NORTHERN Territory police have issued scant comment about the posting by two of its officers of a video of a drunken Aboriginal man on video

sharing website YouTube NT Police Ethical and Professional Standards Command

investigated the filming and posting of the clip in December and counselled one of two police officers involved in the recording of the clip. However, the matter gained media exposure this month.

The officer is understood to have recorded the video, in which he encourages the man to dance before being arrested for public drunkenness, on his mobile phone.

A member was counselled and police acknowledge that the making of the video inappropriate," an NT Police spokesperson said. "No further comment will be provided regarding this incident."

Australian Greens Senator Rachel Siewert launched a scathing attack on the officers' actions and said they showed that police officers in the region for the NT intervention required specialist cultural sensitivity training to ensure they were serving the community responsibly.

While police said they had tried to have the clip removed, YouTube had not complied

with their requests and the clip was now hosted multiple times, albeit with vision and voices of the officers removed.

The YouTube press office failed to return emails from The Koori Mail about whether the multiple web pages now hosting the clip adhered to the site's content restrictions.

Senator Siewert said YouTube eventually

content restriction policies on offensive or discriminatory content, but the delay in removing the material was unacceptable.

She said once there was a lot of attention drawn to the clip, 'they did act under pressure to take the clip down, within 24

Negative responses

"Once it got into the mainstream media and it had gotten so many negative responses they did take it down, but I still don't think it should have been up there in

the first place," Senator Siewert said.
"It surprises me it was only when there was enough pressure put on YouTube that they said it didn't meet their protocols and it makes me wonder what process they use, if they only implement their own procedures once people complain.

vandalism of Wikipedia hit the media spotlight in late 2007 when discriminatory

content was placed on a webpage for the Perth suburb of Maddington.

But Wikipedia Foundation Advisory Board in Sydney Chair Angela Beesley said individuals were responsible for their own amendments to the content.

Complaints of a lack of monitoring have o been levelled against the Facebook and MySpace social networking sites, both of which recently had been served with subpoenas by a group of US attorneys-general, to prohibit the widespread use of their sites by registered paedophiles. Senator Siewert said the monitoring of content on Internet sites was a contentious

area, but added that 'the YouTube video was very clearly, to anybody watching it,

WA Govt responds to Narrogin crisis

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



WEST Australian health workers and community leaders have reacted cautiously over the State Government's

response to the suicide crisis in the Wheatbelt town of Narrogin, 200km south-east of Perth.

WA Deputy Premier and Health Minister Dr Kim Hames and Mental Health Minister Dr Graham Jacobs met with members of the Aboriginal Health Council of WA (AHCWA) and local community leaders in Narrogin last Wednesday to s the response.

Dr Hames announced that the Government would fit out and furnish a house donated by the WA Department of Housing and Works (DHW) as a crisis and accommodation centre, which the Narrogin Aboriginal Reference Group (NARG) has sought funding

Crisis care was provided by overseas aid agency Oxfam to fund a mental health counsellor after five suicides were reported in the community in the first half of last year, with three further attempts so far this year

NARG Chairperson Priscilla Kickett said Nyoongar psychologist Darryl Henry had been working closely with the families of the suicide victims and the rest of the local community to work through issues

"We've worked really hard," she said. "We'd like the Government to say yes to our funding proposal because we feel there's a need for us to have a men's crisis accommodation and the Darryl Henry model here in Narrogin."

Mr Henry said the model was working because it involved the local community in a culturally appropriate way.

That's a community led counselling initiative, so that people who have got the skills and



WA DEPUTY PREMIER KIM HAMES





WA MINISTER GRAHAM JACOBS



COMMISSIONER TOM CALMA



NARG Chair Priscilla Kickett ... "We'd like the Government to say yes to our funding proposal.

the knowledge in an Aboriginal way, in a family way, will actually be doing the work and helping people directly," Mr Henry said

But they'll also be referring them and shepherding those people into services that currently people feel there are actually a lot of barriers to Aboriginal people being able to access

ACHWA Executive Officer Darryl Kickett said that while he welcomed the Government's announcement that it would provide the infrastructure, any services would have to be totally controlled by the Narrogin

"Unless there's a recognition of the local Aboriginal community control of the processes and

negotiations that are needed to take place from now on to develop a whole-of-community approach into suicide prevention, we're still going to have people from government departments coming in from outside to do things," he

Welcomed

The WA Government response was welcomed by Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, who chaired a special meeting with local and State leaders in the town

"I welcome these commitments and the commitment both levels of government have made to engage with the local Aboriginal community," he said

"The whole-of-government response pursued in conjunction with the Aboriginal community in Narrogin has been, and remains, a critical aspect of improving life for the Narrogin Aboriginal community

The Chair of the Derbart Yerrigan Health Service in Perth. Professor Ted Wilkes, said that while the Government response might seem like only a small step compared with what the community was expecting, it was still a welcome step in the right

"From a perspective which I look at how governments and our communities work together, it's certainly been true in the past that the Nyoongar people living in the

south-west have not been able to get good support from government in relation to what we might call community involvement and community control of some of the issues," Professor Wilkes

"We've always been expected to access mainstream services, so I see this as a stepping stone to medical service in the Wheatbelt region around Narrogin

The WA Health Department has funded the current counselling service until the end of April, by which time the community expects the Government to approve a permanent staffing arrangement for the crisis and accommodation

Rep body nomination deadline nears



THERE are just a couple of days left for Indigenous Australians to nominate to attend an important gathering next month about a new national Indigenous

representative body.

A workshop to review submissions received during Federal Government consultations last year on the establishment of such a body will be held in Adelaide from 11-13 March.

Nominations for the 100 delegates, to be decided by a new, all-Indigenous steering

committee, close this Friday, 13 February Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma urged Indigenous Australians who wanted to positively contribute to the discussions to nominate to attend the event.

Nominees must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be nominated by an Indigenous community organisation or self-nominated with two written supporting references. They should address key selection criteria, which can be found online (details below).

Mr Calma said the national workshop

would review the representative body consultations to date but would not be endorsing a final model or deciding the body's membership.

The steering committee, which includes Stolen Generations advocate and performer Mark Bin Bakar, young lawyer Tim Goodwin, Yolngu woman Yananymul Mununggurr, NSW Aboriginal Land Council CEO Geoff Scott and Tasmanian youth representative Nala Mansell-McKenna, has been charged with developing a preferred model for a new national Indigenous representative body for presentation to the

Federal Government in July 2009; making Federal Government in July 2009; making recommendations on an interim body which would operate from July until the finalised body takes effect; and ensuring strong community support for such a model. There may be a second workshop in June 2009.

Applications can be sent by post to the National Indigenous Representative Body Unit, PO Box 7576 Canberra Mail Centre ACT 2610 or by fax to 02 6204 9349 or email indigenous reobody @fahcsia.gov.au

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For more information and a workshop application form visit www.fahcsia.gov.au/ indigenous repbody or call 1800 202 366.

Gold mine opponents have win



OPPONENTS of Barrick Gold's mine at Lake Cowal near West Wyalong in country New South Wales have had a victory in their 10-year

battle against the company. Last Thursday, the NSW Land and Environment Court handed down a decision

Invironment Court handed down a dec in favour of Wiradjuri traditional owner Neville 'Chappy' Williams. The court placed an injunction restraining the NSW Planning Minister from determining the E42 Modification Request for the proposed expansion of the Lake Cowal mine.

"We are quite pleased with the outcome," Mr Williams told The Koori Mail. "Barrick Gold tried to pass it off as a

modification. but it's an expansion of the mine." Mr Williams

said there had been a number of cave-ins at the mine site, with workers moved off-site just an hour before a major mine wall

"People could die if the wall caves in, he said. "They also use a cyanide process

NEVILLE WILLIAMS gold, and the mining results in natural

Mr Williams last year made a trip to the United Nations, where he voiced his concerns to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

He was also joined by Indigenous leaders from Papua New Guinea, Chile and the United States to speak at Barrick Gold's

"We have been fighting against the world's largest gold mining company, Barrick Gold, for nearly 10 years. We will continue to fight until we get justice,"

Barrick Gold has ridden shotgun over this ecologically significant and sacred land for far too long. As I've said before, we're

not going to give up.
"We will fight to the bitter end to protect our cultural heritage."

Mr Williams said opponents would now wait to see if Barrick Gold appealed the decision, or lodged a fresh application to

expand the mine.

The Koori Mail was unable to contact Barrick Gold for comment.

Jobs scheme wins support



AUSTRALIAN businesses have committed to providing 9000 jobs for Indigenous workers, despite the economic downturn.

The jobs had been promised under the Australian Employment Covenant (AEC), founder Andrew Forrest said last

The Fortescue Metals Group chief executive was in Adelaide on Wednesday to urge local companies to back the push to help break the welfare cycle by creating 50,000 private sector jobs for Aboriginal people.

The billionaire miner said support for the covenant was strong despite the global economic downturn.

"The initial response has been phenomenal, but we are now calling on some of the country's biggest employers
... to commit to the AEC," Mr Forrest said.
"It is a myth that this scheme is only

aimed at the mining and resources

Mr Forrest said big retailers, health care and community service providers the tourism and hospitality sectors, and state and local governments all had roles to play to reach the jobs target.

Major employers such as Westpac Bank and Crown Ltd had already shown leadership and committed to hundreds of jobs between them, Mr Forrest said.

He said he was confident that despite current tough conditions, small and

medium-sized businesses would also do what they could to support the initiative.

Every business regardless of size or industry sector, has an opportunity to be a hero, and the time for action is now," Mr Forrest

Australian

Bureau of Statistics figures show Indigenous unemployment at a six-year high of 11.2 per cent, twice the national figure, and higher in remote areas.

One particular casualty of the economic downturn has been the Ravensthorpe nickel mine near Esperance in Western Australia, recently closed by BHP Billiton.

Goldfields Land and Sea Council (GLSC) CEO Brian Wyatt estimated that



ANDREW FORREST

24 Indigenous workers from the surrounding area had been affected by the mine closure: nine direct BHP employees and a further 15 employees of contractors to the mine or employed under joint enterprise contracts with Esperance Aboriginal corporations.

Mr Wyatt said a specific strategy was urgently required for redeploying those

'It's a tragedy that any workers have



BRIAN WYATT

package, but says it must also support Indigenous communities and businesses. Indigenous Chamber Chairman and a key backer of the AEC Warren Mundine said last week's \$42 billion nation building and jobs package was the right response to shore up the Australian economy against the effects of the global

But he said the Government needed

to ensure Indigenous businesses were encouraged to maximise opportunities created by the plan, and make their contribution to the nation's economic recovery.
"Job creation

and job retention are vital to ensure that Indigenous people and their communities benef from continued

development and necessary to support initiatives, such as the AEC," Mr Mundine

The Government must ensure that the stimulus package benefits established and fledgling Indigenous businesses, particularly in the construction, mining and renewable energy sectors as liney are large employers of Indigenous workers, to people and contractors." – with AAP

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

'The Government must ensure that the stimulus package benefits established and fledgling Indigenous businesses...

- Warren Mundine

had to be retrenched at Ravensthorpe

Indigenous or non-Indigenous," he said.
"But Aboriginal workers are
particularly vulnerable because of
relatively low skill levels and cultural issues that often make it very difficult to move to other parts of the State in search

The Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce has welcomed the Rudd Government's economic stimulus

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President Burney



politician Linda risen to the top of her party, and now wants to

get more Indigenous people involved in politics.

Ms Burney, who is the NSW Minister for Community Services, took over as the Australian Labor Party's National President in December after serving as Vice-President since 2007

Of Wiradjuri descent, Ms Burney was the first Aboriginal woman to be elected to the NSW Parliament. She said one of her goals

as president was to get more Indigenous people involved in the Labor Party.

"And I don't mean just becoming Members of Parliament, I mean getting actually as party members and, importantly, getting more Aboriginal people on the electoral roll," Ms Burney said.

More Aboriginal people needed to be enrolled to vote so they could participate in the democratic process, she said.

"The other thing I think is really important (is) that we get people standing for Parliament that come from very diverse backgrounds, Ms Burney said.

Aboriginal politician new ALP national party boss

"We already have stacks of talent in the ALP, including many outstanding individuals who were elected at the last Federal Election, but we need to constantly seek out people who have the experience, skill and determination to make a positive contribution through

"We need more Aboriginal people in local councils, State and Territory parliaments and in the Federal Parliament."

Ms Burney said she would also try to raise awareness of family violence in Australia. "A lot of people think it's a public issue that's been discussed, but it's not in lots of the different ethnic cultural

groups," she said.
"As Minister for Community Services I come face-to-face on a daily basis with the level

particularly against women and children.

Domestic violence affects one in three women and we need only read the papers to understand the prevalence of violence across so many parts of the community, much of it

alcohol-related. "While governments must take responsibility for laws. policies and programs to reduce violence, to make a real difference we need cultural change and that must come from individuals and

"With over 30 years' experience in grassroots campaigning and social justice advocacy, I know the role of the community is fundamental, and as President I intend engaging with men and women across the country to raise awareness and find solutions to this insidious problem."

Ms Burney started her career as a teacher and has spent many years involved in the education sector, culminating in her being awarded an honorary doctorate in education. She was Director General of the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs

She has two children, son Binni and daughter Willuri





March on Parliament

Ray Ferguson, of Newcastle, carries the smoke during the march. Also pictured are Wayne Saunders and Burragubba



Harry Jakamara Nelson, lawyer George Newhouse, Northern Land Council Chairman Wali Wunungmurra, and Maurie Japarta Ryan were there.



Andrew Duffin, of Kuranda in north Old, Wayne Saunders, of Brisbane, Barbara Shaw, of Mt Nancy Camp near Alice Springs, and Brisbane men Steve Man and Billy Gorham



Vicki Ngurruwuthun holding seven-week-old Stephanie Whyman, with Noelene Marika, 14, Jane Gaykamangu, Kathy Marika and Shakira Marika, 5.



Greens senator Rachel Siewert spoke of her party's opposition to the NT intervention.



Greens Leader Bob Brown said there had been massive expenditure from the Rudd Government to rectify the mistakes of capitalist greed and

Protest rally in capital



HUNDREDS of people marched on Parliament House in Canberra last week to protest against the ongoing Northern Territory intervention into

prescribed Aboriginal communities.

They rallied from all over Australia to call for the scrapping of the emergency intervention and the re-instatement of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (RDA) controversially suspended by the Howard Government to allow elements of the intervention, such as compulsory welfare quarantining and leases over Aboriginal land, to proceed

And although the Labor Party had promised to reinstate the RDA if elected, it remains set aside 12 months

on from the Apology to Australia's Indigenous

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd had been expected to deliver his 'report card' on the first sitting of Parliament, but that has been delayed until tomorrow, the day before the first anniversary of the

Apology. Instead, the first sitting day was dominated by the Government's \$42 billion stimulus package in response to the meltdown of the global economy,

although a protest by Indigenous people and their supporters briefly interrupted

by Federal Police officers to question a person at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy next to Old Parliament House down the hill. The police quickly retreated after being told in no uncertain terms by numerous Aboriginal people that they were unwelcome

The previous day, protesters had

stormed the High Court after the court rejected a challenge against government-imposed leases on Aboriginal land.

Abonginal land.
Meanwhile, Professor Gordon
Briscoe told the gathering before the
march on Parliament House that
Australian politicians had 'raped our
people' when they took away human

Prof Briscoe said the removal of protections offered by the RDA meant Aboriginal people had no other option but to challenge the Government's actions in the United Nations because

here we have no protection.

"We have not yet got to the point of putting solar energy on our roof because many of us don't even have a roof," he said.

"We want change ...



convergence the actions of the Howard Government – perpetuated by the Rudd Government – had taken away the human rights of Aboriginal people.

about the way they initiated this intervention." Intervention

and we also

want a dialogue

campaigner Barbara Shaw, of Mt Nancy Camp near Alice Springs, met with Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin the morning after the protest and delivered a copy of the UN

Sydney-based human rights lawyer George Newhouse said the Australian Government's

Aboriginal clients was akin to that of a despotic third world

Former Federal Court judge Ron Merkel, QC, is also working on the case, which will be taken to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial

"The complaint will be that the intervention laws are racially discriminatory and they breach Australia's international obligations, in

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over NT intervention





Brisbane activist Sam Watson with Isabel Coe, a custodian of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra who delivered a Welcome to Country speech.



Alice Spring's Warrick Payne with his kids Samual and Alexis.



After a long protest march, Uncle Steve Man cools off.



Valerie Martin of Yuendumu, near Alice Springs, and Bertha Dickson, of Alice Springs.

Hundreds at convergence in Canberra

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convention," Mr Newhouse said. Meanwhile, speakers at the protest included Maurie Japarta Ryan, who described the apology last year as shallow, and questioned the validity of the Australian Constitution.

"The Constitution is invalid because we have never given away our sovereign rights," he said, before announcing he was forming a political party called the First Nations Ethnic and Multicultural Political

He also said the Government was only listening to a chosen elite - Warren Mundine, who lived in the suburbs of Sydney, Noel Pearson from Cape York and Melbourne academic

Marcia Langton. Irene Fisher, the CEO of the Sunrise Health Service at Katherine in the NT, which oversees ten remote communities, said Aboriginal people felt isolated.

The people of remote communities came out in force to support Labor but nothing has

changed," she said. "There were 220 submissions to the review of the intervention, but Jenny Macklin has ignored them. The health of our people is getting worse.

Ms Fisher told the crowd that rates of anaemia were rising

women were missing out on important pre-natal care because they were frightened of the intervention.

She said young males especially, were feeling shamed by the intervention, and there had been a rise in youth

"This blanket approach doesn't work in remote communities ... millions are being spent but it's all going in the pockets of the bureaucrats," she said.

Important

Harry Nelson, of the Warlpiri tribe at Yuendumu, said he had been asked to perform a ceremony in his community but had chosen to travel to Canberra because 'this is more important

Valerie Martin said Aboriginal people were being blackmailed by the Government into giving up their land (see separate

report on page 17).
"Now they want 60-year leases over our land. Without our land we're nothing. If we give up our land we are

nothing," she said. Ms Martin rejected the reasons given for the intervention.

"Our kids are happy and healthy. They've been well cared for long before this invasion came," she said.



NAIDOC 2009 Awards nominations open



Observance Committee (NAIDOC) and the

country to embrace the me of NAIDOC Week 2009

(3-12-July), Profouring our Elders, Nurturing our Youth.
Indigenous Affairs Minister
Jenny Macklin said NAIDOC
Week was an opportunity for Indigenous and other Australians to join together and recognise achievements and contributions of Indigenous people to the patient Indigenous people to the nation. National NAIDOC Committee

Mitchell said the theme reflected the great contribution made by Elders to community life.

Elders are inspirational leaders and nurturers of young people," Ms Martin said. Mr Mitchell said young

people's lives were enriched by the care and mentoring of Elders. this year's celebrations. The National NAIDOC Awards will be announced during the national ball at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Friday, 10 July. There are eight categories, as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Indigenous artists can now start working on entries for the the NAIDOC theme. The poster competition closes on Monday 6 April and the winning artwork attracts a \$5000 prize. Nominations for the 2009

Awards close on 1 May. For entry details, visit www.naidoc.org.au or see your nearest Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC).

Tensions eased

Ceremony welcomed in Logan

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



Southern Brisbane centre of Logan say a recent healing ceremony has helped ease tensions between groups of Indigenous and Pacific Islander youths, following the bashing death of Aboriginal man Richard

Saunders last October

The growing disquiet became evident when nine Pacific Islander males faced charges over Mr Saunders' death late in October, and police were forced to usher their families through the court's back door

to avoid angry protesters. Logan Elder Betty McGrady said the Samoan healing ceremony held on 26 January achieved a great deal, with young local people now able to see the sense of loss felt by both the Aboriginal and the

She added the 'serious commitment' by the Samoan community to apologise and create greater harmony with Indigenous people was obvious, with 700 Samoans and about 200 Aboriginal people at the

Ms McGrady said that since the 'lfoga' ceremony by the Samoans, the community had been able to move beyond their anger



Preparations for the Ifoga healing ceremony held in the southern Brisbane centre of Logan on 26 January and aimed at mending relations between the local Aboriginal and Samoan communities after the killing of a local Aboriginal man.

and grief and better communicate with and understand each other.

"We all came together as one to progress (the apology)," Ms McGrady said. "There were some people in the

rinere were some people in the community who had their doubts, but mostly people said it had to happen.
"It was something that they needed to see and to believe in so we could progress the community relations here in Logan."

Ms McGrady said things had been volatile among young people since Mr.

volatile among young people since Mr Saunders' death, and Elders had been calling on youth to 'keep calm' and 'play it

"We have enough of our young people in the detention centre, we certainly didn't want any more in there purely because they were voicing their anger about what happened to their brother," she said.

Ms McGrady said she and Uncle John Pale had been approached on the street by young Samoan and Aboriginal people who were now more freely communicating and voicing their opinions about 'how they want

to live in this community'.
Logan Samoan Advisory Council spokeswoman Orini Barnett said the healing ceremony resolved ill-feeling among some Samoans who had wanted the reconciliation

"I think the Indigenous and Samoan community are starting to move forward and that was the whole purpose of the

econciliation, so we can move on," Mrs Barnett said.

"I know it took a bit longer but we now realise that we've done the right thing by deciding to do the apology." Mrs Barnett said that during the Ifoga

ceremony, which is considered the highest form of apology in Samoan culture, one person was covered with a mat to represent humiliation, and 'when the Aboriginal Elders removed the pine mat that was a

reassurance from the Indigenous people that they accepted our apology.

The Aboriginal and Samoan Elders exchanged message sticks to symbolise opening a dialogue. Flags were also



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Witnessing Obama history 'a privilege'

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

HE eyes of the world have been fixed on Barack Obama in recent months, but particularly so for his much-anticipated inauguration as President of the United States on 20 January. In terms of global political events, the rise of a black man into what is arguably one of the most powerful positions in the world was viewed as a sign of hope for black people everywhere.

In Australia, some set their alarm clocks to get up in the early hours to watch the unfolding of history. They talked about it over coffee the next day at work and asked each other what they thought of 'the speech'. A small contingent of

Indigenous Australians, including 23-year-old Wongatha man Linden Brownley, actually witnessed the inauguration in Washington, DC.

Mr Brownley spoke to The Koori Mail about the experience, after his return to Australia.

The Perth law student was

officially invited to the inauguration as part of the Global Young Leaders Group, and said for him it was a time of reflection.

Getting up at 2am and making his way to Washington's National Mall through tight security including US Secret Service and national guards, he got to within 500m of

"It was an exiting time with a lot of emotion", he said, "I was standing next to a couple of older African American women and they

were crying.
"I felt privileged being there out of only a handful of Indigenous Australian people, and I know it's going to be a very big part of

Mr Brownley said the election could provide hope to other Indigenous races of the world of what they might yet be able to

"There's hope for us here, for Native Americans and other Indigenous people that one day we could have an Indigenous Prime Minister," he said.



LINDEN BROWNLEY

Mr Brownley said that although he was happy for the African American people, his thoughts were also on the many Native Americans who were often not recognised as the traditional owners of their land.

"It was a time to be happy and proud, but it really hit home because there needs to be more recognition of Native American people as the original inhabitants

of that country", he said.
"It's a start but there's still a lot more work to be done."

Mr Brownley called on the Australian Government to sign a treaty with Indigenous Australians, and said his conversations with American university students and scholars had revealed their surprise that this had not occurred.

"When we see the original inhabitants of this land being fully recognised, then it will be a time

we can fully rejoice," he said. Nunukul Yuggera group member Timothy White was also present at the inauguration. He described it as an incredible experience and one he will never forget.

He said that despite a feeling of apprehension upon arrival, the group's warm welcome and support from Tourism Australia settled nerves and ensured they

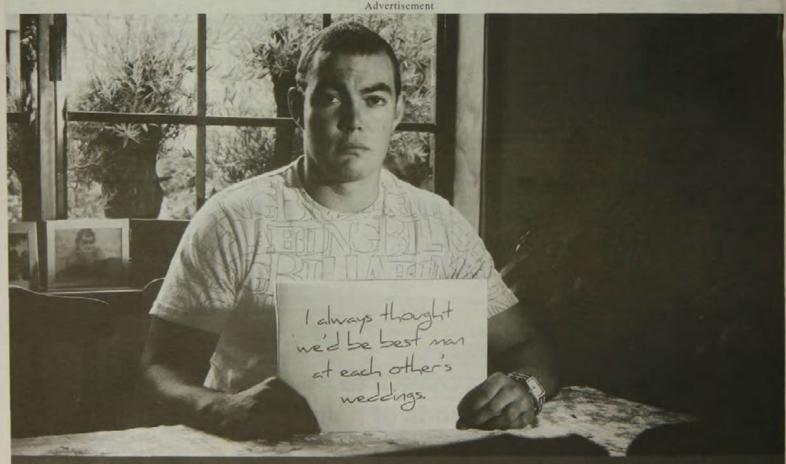
had the trip of a lifetime. Mr White said the whole experience was 'invaluable' starting with a lunch hosted by Australian Trade Commissione Peter Beattle and Queensland

Governor Penelope Wensley.
"The attitude of the audience at this luncheon and all other venues was awesome, especially when entertaining them with traditional dances," he said.

Mr White said it had been a good feeling to give something back to the people by sharing traditional dance performances and knowledge.

Post-inauguration performances were followed by an opportunity to meet Australian and American

screen and stage celebrities Mr White said Nunukul Yuggera then travelled to Toronto, Canada and was given the opportunity to dance with 'Six Nations', an American and Canadian Aboriginal dance group. He dedicated the group's performances to its mentor and manager Uncle Eddie Ruska



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Protesters storm into High Court



Inside the High Court in Canberra and clashed with Canberra and clashed with police after a judgment on Aboriginal land rights was delivered on 2 Feburary.

Dozens of protesters – Indigenous and

non-Indigenous – stormed through the front doors about 15 minutes after a judgment in the Wurridjal case was

Carrying banners and clapping, the protesters chanted, 'Always was, always

the High Court's main foyer. Security guards tried to prevent the protesters from entering the building but were overwhelmed.

About 10 police officers appeared on

the scene soon after, triggering scuttles as they forced protesters back outside. The Wurndjal case centred on a

challenge against the Government's Northern Territory intervention, which claims the compulsory acquisition of land and other property is not 'on just terms

The legal challenge, launched by traditional owner Reggie Wurridjal and a community organisation in the Arnhem land community of Maningrida, east of Darwin, also claimed that traditional owners were not being properly compensated for the suspension of their rights to use the land.

However, the High Court, in its judgment, said the intervention was legal and that provisions had been made to properly compensate those affected

Jenny Macklin later told ABC radio she always intended to pay compensation and was consulting the NT Valuer-General on

But, Charles Darwin University law lecturer, Ken Parish, said the Territory Valuer-General faced a challenge in assessing Aboriginal land for compensation purposes. Mr Parish said he's not aware of any previous occasion when Aboriginal land has been valued for compensation. - AAF

New NAAJA leader set for a battle

By DARREN COYNE



NORMAN George is well aware that he and his fellow board members have a huge fight on their hands

on their hands – they want 'real justice' for Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory.

Mr George was elected on 3 February as Chairman of the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA), which oversees Aboriginal legal services in the Katherine, Darwin and Miwatj regions of the NT.

He will preside proceed the services in the Katherine of the NT.

He will preside over a board tackling issues such as gaining long-term funding for Aboriginal legal services; finding adequate accommodation in Darwin for the agency; ongoing problems related to the NT Emergency Intervention and associated income quarantining; and recent changes to NT

Joining Mr George as his deputy is Mr Vernon Patullo, from Nhulunbuy.

from Nhulunbuy.

In the Darwin region,
Colleen Rosas, Joel McLennan,
Dorothy Fox and Hannah Roe
were elected; in the Katherine
region, Mr George, Natalie
Ellis, Ruby Walker and Fiona
Hayes; and the Miwatj region
has Mr Patullo, Vicki Darr,
Yikaki Maymuru and Tony Yikaki Maymuru and Tony Wurramarba.

Mr George told The Koori Mail Aboriginal people in the Territory had been marginalised for too long, and that the new board was determined to mprove justice outcomes for

Improve justice outcomes for Indigenous people.

"We know we have a big task ahead of us," Mr George said. "But we are also fortunate to have dedicated and talented staff who share our passion to improve the legal system and fight for the rights of our people.

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"As a board we will be working for justice for Indigenous people in the

'We know we have a big task ahead of us'

- Norman George





VERNON PATULLO

Territory because they have been victimised and stereotyped as all having problems with alcohol and violence, and that they don't work ... that's what we need to turn around."

Mr George said Aboriginal people had been hopeful that the NT and Federal governments under Labor would reverse the more racist elements of the intervention.

"But nothing has happened. They (governments) have given us false promises," he said.

He said funding for Aboriginal legal services had remained unchanged for the past 10 years, yet most people

ncarcerated in the NT were Indigenous.

We're supposed to be going forward yet we're going backwards. Where's the reconciliation," he said.

They have dismantled ATSIC, watered down the land councils and now they want to get rid of Aboriginal legal

NAAJA Chief Executive Officer Priscilla Collins said the new directors were elected in line with NAAJA's constitution.

Members from NAAJA's three regions - Katherine, Nhulunbuy and Darwin - elect four directors each to the board for a term of three years. In turn, these representatives choose who is to hold executive positions from among themselves.

"We warmly welcome the new directors and executive to the NAAJA Board," Ms Collins

*Between them they have many years' experience dealing with justice and legal issues for their people - from the practical through to the policy frameworks needed to improve justice for Aboriginal Territorians. This knowledge and expertise is invaluable in setting NAAJA's future



Australian Government

Do you need help to stay at home?

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Would you like information on:

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* Calls from mobile phones are charged at applicable rates



Australian Government

An Australian Government Initiative

The Australian Government, through the Attorney-General's Department, invites applications for funding under Section 298 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA), from incorporated, not-for-profit community groups and local government associations/agencies.

Applications are sought for projects which address one or more of the

- · Indigenous prisoner throughcare (rehabilitation, treatment and reintegration projects)
- · Crime prevention

Eligible organisations are able to seek funding of up to \$500,000 for each

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 20 March 2009. Applications must be post-marked on or before the closing date.

Application forms and information are available:

- · at www.crimeprevention.gov.au
- · from the Community Crime Prevention Section Strategic Policy Coordination Branch Attorney-General's Department Robert Garran Offices National Circuit **BARTON ACT 2600**
- by phoning (02) 6250 6711
- · by emailing poca@ag.gov.au

13 February Apology anniversary

Events planned around nation



THE 13 February anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations is being marked

with a wide variety of events, ranging from an exhibition of photographs at Parliament House, The National Sorry Day Committee listening tour and concert, a hypothetical on National Indigenous TV and celebratory community breakfasts across the country where people can reflect on what's changed and what hasn't and talk about what comes next.

Reconciliation Australia has produced a collection of resources to help organisations and individuals set the scene and make the breakfasts successful and meaningful including a 30-minute documentary about the apology, a poster, a fact sheet, a collection of quotes about the impact of the apology from members of the Stolen Generations and other Australians and a database to register your breakfast

Visit www.reconciliation. org.au to register and request resources. Further resources are also available from the National Sorry Day Committee www.nsdc.org.au and the Stolen Generations Alliance www.sgalliance.org.au

National Sorry Day Committee listening tour launches and concert (Canberra and Brisbane): Being heard is the first step in healing trauma and advancing change and the committee is returning to the grassroots to further engage with Stolen Generations around Australia in a national policy and healing

The ACT launch will take place at 12.30pm on the lawns of Parliament House with performances by Jimmy Little and the Ainslie School Choir, Tympilypa ceremony and presentation, Stolen Generations Track Home Installation, with Ministry for Installation, with Minister for Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin, Leader of the Oposition Malcolm Turnbull and Human Rights Commissioner Tom

Calma in attendance

The Queensland State Library will host the Brisbane launch at 7pm with a motorcade arrival, stalls, sausage sizzle, Timpilypa ceremony and presentation, Stolen Generations Track Home and Sea of Hands Installation followed by an evening concert featuring Jimmy Little, Angus Rabbit, Mop & The Drop Outs, Poetic Murriz, Peace Mungers, Les Collins and the Song Lines Choir. For more info go to



From left, Sherry Balcombe, Sallie Pearce, Vicki Clarke and Eva Jo Edwards let their t-shirts do the talking outside Parliament House on the day of the Apology. This photo is by Wayne Quilliam, from the Sorry: More than a Word exhibition.



Jubilation outside the parliamentary chamber. o by WAYNE QUILLIAM

Sorry: More than a Word exhibition, Parliament House, 13 to 27 February: Supported by The Koori Mail and Reconciliation Australia, this exhibition features photos by Aboriginal photographers Wayne Quilliam and Mervyn Bishop and captures the range of emotions experienced by those gathered inside and outside of Parliament House on the day of the historic

This free exhibition will be on show in the Presiding Officers' Exhibition Space, level one, Parliament House in Canberra

Reconciliation Victoria Project Launch: 'One Year On: Victorian Reflections on the Apology': Reconciliation Victoria will be launching a new project on the morning of the anniversary calling on Victorians to reflect on the Apology and send their messages to Reconciliation Victoria for display during Reconciliation Week 26 May - 3 June.

Woorrhadinda: Celebrating the National Apology, Federation Square Melbourne: Woorrbadinda is a

free event from noon to 2pm featuring a variety of Koorie performers, including Richard Frankland and the Charcoal Club, Bart Willoughby, James Henry, Brian Morley and Koorle Youth Will Shake Spears.

For more information contact Stolen Generations Victoria on (03) 9470 3477 or visit www.stolengenerationsvictoria.

Koorie Night Market, Northcote Town Hall: See locally-made traditional and contemporary artefacts, crafts, try some bush tucker and listen to performances from Joe Geia, Monica Weightman, Jarrah Brian Morley and traditional dancers. From 6 - 9.30.

Geoffrey Robertson's Hypothetical, Closing The Gap, National Indigenous TV, 8pm: NITV presents a one-hour hypothetical where barrister Geoffrey Robertson will lead a distinguished panel of decision-makers and stakeholders through a range of hypothetical scenarios and interactions, Indigenous issues and dilemmas that affect all

Behind the News Special -The Apology, ABC1 11.35am: The ABC news program for school children returns to air early to present a half-hour special co-hosted by BTN's Nathan Bazley and Message Stick's Miriam Corowa to put the apology into context and reflect on the impact of this historic moment on the lives of all Australians

William Barton concert and film screening, Canberra: Renowned didgeridoo player William Barton will perform a special concert with his mother opera singer Delmae Barton at the National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA) in Canberra (see full story page 58). He will follow the concert by introducing the films Kalkadoon Man, Brendan Fletcher's 2005 documentary about Barton's story and the world premiere of Return, a 2008 tribute to the peoples of the Stolen Generation by Jason van Genderen and Shane Emmett.

Tickets to the 7.30pm show at Arc in McCoy Circuit, Acton, are \$25, and \$15 concession. To mark the National Apology, the NFSA will also hold special screenings of Indigenous films in the Arc Cinema on Saturday 14 and Saturday 21 February For more information visit www.nfsa.gov.au/arc

The Apology, Manoora, Qld: From 3pm - 7pm, Federal Member for Leichhardt Jim Turnour and Wuchopperen Health Service will host a special event at the Wuchopperen Health Service, Rainforest Room, 13 Moignard Street, Manoora.

There will be speeches and a screening of The Apology DVD, a live broadcast by Bumma Bippera Media, a barbecue, jumping castle and face

Celebratory Breakfast, Dubbo: Held from 7.30 at 138 Darling Street, Dubbo, local agencies and organisations invite people to come together and reflect, but most of all toast the day. RSVP by noon. Thursday, 12 February, by phoning (02) 6815 9600 or emailing christine.ohrin@ interrelate.org.au

Apology Discussion and Dinner, Lismore, NSW: Lismore People for Reconciliation invite all to join them at GunnaWannaBe Café and Gallery, 18 Union St, South Lismore, from 6pm for dinner and a discussion titled 'What difference has the Apology made? followed by a viewing of the first part of The First Australians. Inquiries to Thelma or Mick on (02) 6622 7094.



MARION SCRYMGOUR

Scrymgour gets new portfolio



Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour has lost her education portfolio and gained the post of Territory Attorney-General But

she says she'll still be involved in Indigenous education through her

digenous Affairs portfolio. NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson nounced a major Cabinet reshuffle

last Wednesday, almost six months after Labor won government.

Mr Henderson will take over the education portfolio himself. Also losing a major portfolio was Dr Chris is, who had been the NT Minist

for Health.

As he announced the changes at a press conference in Darwin, Mr Henderson denied that Ms Scrymgour or Dr Burns had been demoted.

"It was time to refresh Cabinet," he said. "This reshuffle is entirely designed to focus on protecting jobs in the Northern Territory ... and doing everything we can to ride out this financial crisis."

Controversy

But controversy has surrounded the handling of both portfolios since the Labor Government was returned to

the handling of both portfolios since the Labor Government was returned to power last August.

Ms Scrymgour had been widely criticised for a failure to address appalling literacy and numeracy results, particularly in remote communities, and her handling of a wage dispute with teachers.

"She has failed in education (and) failed to accept responsibility," said Opposition Leader Terry Mills.

Despite the fact Mr Henderson will now resume control of the education portfolio, Mr Mills said he doubted the 'underlying issues' plaguing it would be effectively addressed.

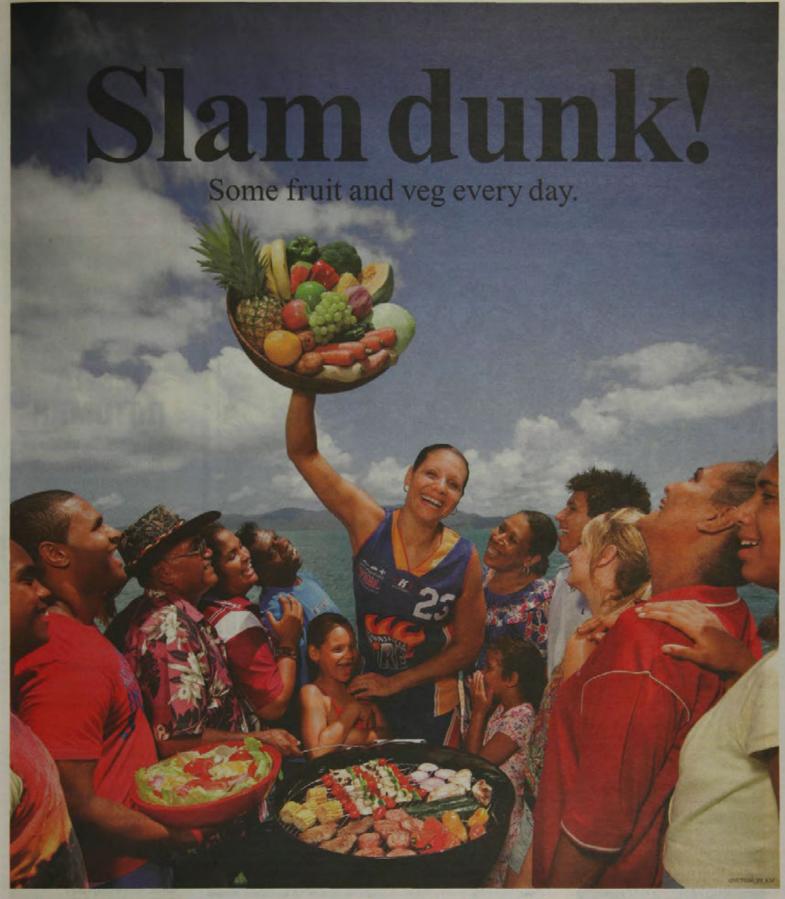
"What it demonstrates is that this chief minister, after five months, is moving the deckchairs around and I fear the 'Titanic' will still meet the same fate," he said.

Ms Scrymgour is the new Attorney-General, in addition to being responsible for racing, gaming and licensing.

There were no new backbench additions to the eight-member Cabinet.

additions to the eight-member

The Australian newspaper reported Ms Scrymgour as saying that she had struck a deal with Mr Henderson that she would maintain a close watch on remote education through the Indigenous affairs portfolio, and that a controversial policy - under which the first four hours of NT school days were to be taught in English - would - with AAP



Wanna play 'guard' just like me? Then be sure to serve your mob lots of fruit, vegies and bush tucker too. You'll not only be giving them a taste they love, you'll be helping them guard against things like type 2 diabetes, heart disease and other illnesses. And remember, if you can't get fresh, get frozen or tinned from the shops instead. For deadly recipes, go to www.gofor2and5.com.au



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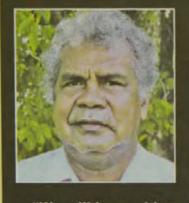


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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



4 Quote



"We will be working for justice for Indigenous people in the Territory because they have been victimised and stereotyped ..."

> New chairman of the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA), Norman George

Unquote 7

Action needed with reflection

or those of us who resist superstition – at least some of the time – and can live with references to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as 'black', this Friday the 13th will indeed be Black Friday.

As the first anniversary of the Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples, especially the Stolen Generations, it will be all about us, our families and our ancestors.

As Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma has quite rightly pointed out, the anniversary – just like the day of the Apology – is likely to stir up some very mixed emotions amongst us.

We need to remember that while some felt joy and relief at the Apology, for others it reopened old wounds, and dredged up repressed memories of terrible experiences.

This is backed up by some of the words contained in the commemorative booklet Sorry: More than a word, contained in this edition of The Koori Mail.

Joining the PM Mr Rudd in sharing their stories and recollections were five members of the Stolen Generations who were at Parliament House in Canberra for the Apology.

Without exception, all were highly moved by the Apology. To them and the majority of other Stolen Generations members, it meant and still means a great deal.

But all said that the Apology alone



could not heal them. It would take a lot of time, more gentleness and action from all concerned. It is crucial that the rest of Australia realises this too.

The Australian Reconciliation Barometer, released by Reconciliation Australia this week, shows us that while we are on the road to reconciliation, we still have some way to go.

The Apology was, indeed, a strong foundation upon which to build a better shared future for all Australians. But any foundations will crumble if left unattended for too long.

Like many of our peoples, we believe that the Stolen Generations members amongst us deserve nothing less than full reparation as spelled out in the *Bringing Them Home* report.

If non-Indigenous people exposed to trauma in institutions can receive redress, as they currently are in Western Australia and Queensland without the sky falling in, so too can our mob who were forcibly removed and suffered real trauma in the process. It is the right thing to do.

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A Yarn With...



NIKITA ROTUMAH

Family Support Worker Melbourne, Victoria

(Pictured here with her son Kanoa)

Favourite bush tucker? Damper.

Favourite other food? Lasagne.

Favourite Drink? Creaming soda.

Favourite music? House/R 'n' B.

Favourite sport/leisure? Netball.

Favourite holiday destination? Perth, WA.

What are you reading? Newspapers.

What are you watching? My son, Kanoa, growing up. He's three now.

What is the greatest highlight in your life? Becoming a mother.

What don't you like? Racism.

Who would you most like to meet?

Singer Jessica Mauboy. She's really great!

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

I like to think I'm doing something for my people in my work as a family support worker. Family is vital to our people.

Comment



No to violence

Long-time Indigenous advocate and 2009 Australian of the Year Mick Dodson (b. 10 April 1950), said in his 2003 National Press Club speech: "As Indigenous people it is sad that even if we haven't personally experienced violence, then we know somebody close to us who has."

PREFACE this article by stating categorically that I've no recollection of my father hitting my mother and I have never, nor will I ever, assault my wife Rhonda. Recently I received a telephone call from Indigenous Affairs Minister

Recently I received a telephone call from Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin's office inviting me to Canberra to attend a forum for 20 Indigenous leaders to speak on the topic of Indigenous violence. The call initially took me by surprise as I've had no history of contact with the Minister's office previously nor have I been involved at any level on deliberations on this critical subject that affects our people in endemic proportion.

My preliminary thought on receiving the Minister's invitation was to forfeit my seat at the forum for someone more deserving who works at the coal face on a daily basis and who would have more evidence to substantiate their viewpoint than myself who operates at a social commentator's level on anecdotal signals from family members and friends.

I was talked out of surrendering my seat by the Minister's office as it was revealed their approach in this instance was to bring to Parliament a cross-section of critical thinkers from Indigenous communities nationwide who would offer their views on this escalating problem.

In the final analysis I agree that this unorthodox approach delivered recommendations that perhaps otherwise may well have been overlooked.

At the forum were Ministers
Macklin and Tanya Plibersek
(Office of Women), their staff, and
executive members from the
National Council to Reduce
Violence against Women and their
children. High-profile Indigenous
leaders seated around the table
included Sue Gordon, Tammy
Williams, Marcia Ella Duncan,
Hannah McGlade, Bonnie
Robertson, Warren Mundine,
Rodney Dillion, Charlie King and
Shane Phillips.

Bessie Nungarrayi Price, from the Northern Territory, gave a heart-wrenching address during the opening session that was a precursor for raw emotional recollections from delegates for the balance of the day.

Bessie said she witnessed violence against women every day of her life in the remote Indigenous community of Yuendumu and spoke of the 'scars that decorate my body' as evidence of the personal anguish she has had to endure.

The most sobering observation for me of Bessie's reflective speech were the sombre words used to describe the farcical nature in which her fatally-wounded grand-daughter – stabbed once by her ex-husband – was attended to by ambulance officers: "The ambulance took an hour to get to her while it waited for a police escort. She could have been saved, if it had got there earlier."

In Australia 2009 it beggars

In Australia 2009 it beggars belief that public no-go zones exist in alcohol-fuelled town camps throughout the nation that continue to exist in a state of anarchy where police escorts are needed for paramedics to perform their duty in life-and-death emergencies where every minute counts.

Another delegate spoke informally to me of clients who have also been victims of grave acts of domestic violence in her community. One case that left an impression on me was the story of the efforts required to satisfy bail conditions for one of her clients who stabbed her brother after he raped her in a town camp.

The strict conditions of bail were

The strict conditions of bail were that the client return to her community and remain there until the trial. These conditions were culturally inappropriate in this case as the client informed her that she would be punished by female relatives in her home town – with a customary beating – as they would find the repugnant allegation of sibling rape impossible to accept.

When the caseworker appealed to alter the bail conditions of her client she said she was totally staggered when told: "Don't let it worry you love, she's only a drunken black from the river bed."

Thankfully for the client, her caseworker's protests on culturally appropriate grounds and threats to



Stephen Hagan

HAGAN'S VIEW

Stephen Hagan, 2006
NAIDOC Person of the Year, is an academic at the University of Southern Queensland, film-maker, award-winning author of The N Word and publisher of Australia's Blackest Sporting Moments: The Top 100 and Melly and the Bilby www.stephenhagan.net and www.ngalgawarralu publishing.com.au/

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go to higher authority brought about the desired outcome with a more flexible and satisfactory ball condition.

Delegates shared their concerns about another of Bessie's poignant points of 'children who have grown to think that violence is part of our life and that it's normal', as they grappled with potential solutions to address this growing dilemma.

THE creation of a safe home environment for Indigenous women and their children was paramount to the long-term strategy of Sgt Travis Lupton, of the Western Australian Police Service. Based in his home town of Fitzroy Crossing in the Kimberley, where he rose to the rank of sergeant,

Travis has witnessed a remarkable transformation in the way domestic violence offences are handled.

violence offences are handled.

Travis spoke of his desire to have his team of officers return to community policing of old where they ventured into the community and engaged informally with residents over a cup of tea or coffee. However, the journey, to this ideal position was not without its teething problems, as Travis reported to the forum that he had had to relieve seven dissenting officers from his team who found community policing problematic.

Travis proudly reported new domestic violence statistics that would not translate too well in Cariberra if viewed in its literal reading, but for him the increase in incidents of reported assaults in the community was a sign that community was a sign that

While other Indigenous communities' female residents fail to report acts of violence committed against them as a result of past dealings with apathetic incompetent and distrustful police officers, Fitzroy Crossing's Indigenous women are now assertively reporting abusive partners because they know their stories will be acted on.

But it would appear Fitzroy

But it would appear Fitzroy
Crossing is typical of most
Indigenous communities, where the
women have indicated they don't
particularly want to have their
partners arrested and jailed – they
simply want the violence to stop.

A case in point was a story shared by Travis when he was called to a house to investigate a stabbing incident.

When he interviewed the offender he was informed by her that she was severely beaten by her partner when he returned home drunk late the previous night. She waited until he went to sleep and stabbed him. When asked if she wanted to press charges for the obvious assault committed by her partner, she said no. When asked why not, the offender said that she loved her partner and didn't want him sent to iail.

She just wanted the violence

to stop.

High-profile Darwin radio commentator and former Aussie Rules footballer Charile King spoke of his campaign to form men's groups throughout the Northern Territory. His current project involves signing up Indigenous community Aussie Rules teams to a contract where players who assault their partners would be excluded from team selection. Teams have also agreed to link arms before each game to send a clear message of solidarity about violence against women and their whitenee.

Charlie displayed a calendar of Indigenous teams from Central Australia with them linking arms and displaying personalised team messages on domestic violence to go with each month. Charlie also encouraged men to

Charlie also encouraged men to stay strong within their men's groups; to take responsibility of men who were incarcerated from their community; to visit them on the inside; and to encourage them to undergo anger management and life-skills training during their period of imprisonment.

Charlie encourages men to meet just-released brothers at the bus or train station and take them first to their men's group to reassure them that they are there for them – even before they are reunited with their families – as a preventative measure to limit the potential for re-offending.

Men from the forum agreed to promote a national campaign where they would start all their public addresses, immediately after the official acknowledgement of traditional owners, by saying they are opposed to acts of violence against women and their children.

Minister Macklin and Human Rights Commissioner Tom Calma, who joined the forum late in the day, endorsed the proposal of the public address and offered to be part of a national promotions campaign.

Men agreed unanimously that the best thing a man can do for his children is to love and respect their mother in a safe and violence-free environment.

If Indigenous men can provide that safe and violent-free home environment for their family then we can, in our next generation, render obsolete Professor Dodson's 2003 National Press Club speech: "As Indigenous people it is sad that even if we haven't personally experienced violence, then we know somebody close to us who has."

Nature Conservation Act 1992

Draft Girraween National Park Management Plan

A draft management plan has now been prepared for Girraween National Park.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, local governments, landholders, interested groups and persons and members of the public are invited to make submissions on this draft management plan.

Copies of the draft management plan may be inspected or obtained free of charge at the following departmental offices during normal business hours:

EPA Customer Service Centre

Brisbane QLD 4000 PO Box 15155 CITY EAST QLD 4002

EPA Toowoomba Office

173 Hume Stree Toowoomba QLD 4350 TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350

Copies can also be obtained from the EPA website at www.epa.qld.gov.au/parkplans

All submissions will be considered when preparing the final management plan. Once approved, the final management plan will specify how the national park is to be managed.

The closing date for submissions is 20 March 2009

Submissions can be sent by e-mail to parkplans@epa.qtd.gov.au or by post to:

The Project Manager Draft Girraween National Park Management Plan Environmental Protection Agency Bellbowrie OLD 4070

For further information please contact The Project Manager on 1300 130 372

Hon. Andrew McNamara MP Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation



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Our People - Our Focus

GUMBAYNGGIRR PEOPLE WARRELL CREEK

Native Title Meeting Authorisation Meeting

Date: Monday 16 February 2009
Time: 9:00am, arrival and morning tea
9:30am start - 4:00pm
Venue: Valla Beach Resort,
1 Regatta Drive, Valla Beach NSW 2448

1 Regalta Drive, Valla Beach NSW 2448.
NTSCORP Ltd (formerly NSW Native Title Services Ltd), provides legal assistance to the Gumbaynggirr Peoples' Warrell Creek Native Title Claim (NTS006; NC 96/41; NSD 6054/98) and is convening a meeting of all members of the Gumbaynggirr native title claim group.
Purpose: NTSCORP is convening the meeting of members of the Gumbaynggirr claim group to discuss and authorise the totlowing:

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Report on developments in the Native Title Claim;

Review and if necessary adopt a decision making process for the further work to progress the claim;

Necessary amendments to the claim including:

a. Replacement of Any of the Applicants for the native title claim;

b. Any amendments required for the registration of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement;

Authorisation of the process for providing the State with further credible evidence.

Who should attend: The following people are invited to attend

the maeting:

- All people who hold or may hold native title for the land and
water in and around Gumma Peninsula and all the land east
of the Warrell (or Gurravembi) Creek known as Forster
Beach, the islands in Warrell Creek and land as far south as
Scotts Head.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provide

attendance and other details which may be required on freecall 1800 111 844 or 02 6651 4588.

to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP's policies. Please note that accommodation is limited and will be provided based on completed meeting registration forms received or confirmed details by

All enquiries should be directed to Natalie Rotumah -Community Facilitation Manager at the Coffs Harbour Regional Office of NTSCORP Ltd.

Preparing for (and surviving) 2009

settled back into our daily lives after the Christmas break and are ready for what looks to be another challenging year.

Perhaps like me, many of you are wondering, what is going to happen next in terms of the global economic crisis?

The signs are ominous, with predictions of recession

and job losses increasing. An important issue for Indigenous Australians is how to minimise the impact of the crisis and prepare for what is clearly going to be a

Hopefully the proposed stimulus packages by the Federal Government will have a positive impact in both regional and urban Australia

The IBA Board and I have been looking at this issue and the role we can play to support existing and new Indigenous businesses

We intend to initiate a number of measures to support existing Indigenous businesses through the



Participating in the Economy

with RON MORONY General Manager Indigenous Business Australia

provision of quality financial market information.

This year, IBA is intending to hold a number of business briefings in locations throughout Australia to give Indigenous commercial operators access to market and

industry specialists. We have received a number of offers of help that there is a real commitment to supporting Indigenous enterprise. particularly in these tough

IBA staff are making contact with lenders to see what impacts the downturn is having on business and how we may be able to assist Indigenous business survival in difficult times. Further, the IBA Board

and I will be engaging with corporate leaders to explore opportunities and encourage them to keep in mind my motto which is doing business with Indigenous Australia is good business'.

We will encourage the corporate sector to maintain focus on supporting Indigenous enterprises

Throughout the country IBA jointly invests with Indigenous groups.

We will be closely monitoring those businesses and working with our partners to retain we have been enjoying over the past few years. In fact, IBA is continuing

to look for new opportunities to advance the commercial interests of Indigenous Australians, I am encouraged by the increasing trend by industry leaders seeking discussions with IBA about new opportunities.

A point of caution is also important as we all need to be vigilant about who we turn to for commercial advice and support.

Another important part of IBA's economic strategy centres around home ownership and the social and economic benefits that can flow to those who choose to own their own

In next month's column I want to highlight the importance of participating in the construction and the ownership of homes, as this is widely considered an important means for Indigenous Australians to

'This year, IBA is intending to hold a number of business briefings in locations throughout Australia to give Indigenous commercial operators access to market and industry specialists.'

WA training is on the move



TRAINING for Indigenous people in the West Australian Goldfields has stepped up a gear thanks to a new \$500,000 mobile skills training facility.

WA Training Minister Peter Collier late last month visited Curtin Vocational Training and Education Centre (VTEC) at Kalgoorlie to view the new mobile unit, bought as part of

a \$2 million State Government initiative to provide skills training for Indigenous people in regional and remote areas of Western Australia.

The unit will be taken to communities where a trainer will teach Indigenous people pre-apprenticeship skills in mining, building and construction trades, as well as job readiness, literacy, numeracy and health and safety," Mr Collier said.

Goldfields communities set to receive the training include Coolgardie, Coonana, Kurrawang, Laverton, Leonora, Marapoi Station, Menzies, Mt

Margaret, Mulga Queen and Norseman. The Minister said that thanks to the

mobile unit, 20 students from Mt Morgans Work Camp in Laverton had already received training in Certificate I in Resources and Infrastructure Operations.

*This qualification is industry endorsed and designed to reflect the role of entry level employees in the mining

'Early signs indicate that the training is very well received by participants...

> sector," he said. "Early signs indicate that the training is very well received by participants and is providing useful, practical skills to help meet skill shortages in regional and remote areas of Western Australia."

Training already scheduled for early this year includes

 Certificate I in General Construction in Laverton, to be delivered in partnership with the Goldfields Indigenous Housing Organisation. Students will work on actual construction projects, renovating indigenous houses at Wongatha Village;

Certificate I in General Construction

 Certificate I in Resources and Infrastructure Operations in Laverton.

The mobile unit comprises a truck fitted with an enclosed pan and hydraulic tail lift, a utility, Bobcat, air compressor, generato welders, cement mixer and other small items, and mobile tool trolleys and workbenches. "Improving opportunities and rates of

employment among Indigenous people is a key focus of the Liberal-National Government," Mr Collier said.

"This program is just one of the strategies this Government is using to help close the gap for Indigenous

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YOUR SAY



Readers express a variety of arguments about Australia Day – and what it means to Indigenous Australians. Their comments are Pages 24 and 26

Brutally honest

PROFESSOR Mick Dodson has accepted the award of Australian of the Year in the same style that has characterised his career as an Indigenous statesman. He immediately called for:

 A change to the 26
January Australia Day which Aboriginal Australians see as 'Invasion Day'

 Monetary compensation for the Stolen Generations

 Bringing the Northern Territory Intervention into line with International Conventions on Human Rights.

As has been the case for his entire career, Professor Dodson states obvious truths that may unsettle us but ultimately have to be acknowledged. In this, Professor Mick

Dodson is the opposite of a politician - he is brutally honest. He cannot be

We may think here of the deep conversations

that Professor Dodson must have had about accepting the Australian of the Year award. He tells us he considered not accepting it.

But in keeping with the generosity and humility of Aboriginal people, he accepted it. We can all be grateful he did.

Professor Dodson is in my view the first choice made through the various committees at State and Federal levels which really reflects what this award should be all about.

In the past sportsmen, scientists, musicians, doctors have all been worthy winners. But Professor Dodson is someone who may unsettle our world view but will make the country better as a result.

He is the kind of person that represents the best spirit of Australia.

> PETER BOTSMAN Managing Director, Australian Prospect Barrengarry, NSW



Sometimes, we just can't win

I JUST want to make an observation about the Australia Day long weekend and young White Australians.

During the several related events here in Newcastle, it appeared to me that many young White Australians who were draped in the Australian flag or had painted bodies with Australian colours were under-age, heavily intoxicated and openly drinking alcohol in public for all to see

These people seemed to have no respect or regards for anyone

I initially asked myself, 'where are the police?" and as the day progressed and the grog took hold, thought that things would get wild and out of hand with these mobs

My thoughts were well supported when watching the evening news on Tuesday night with the main stories highlighting the towns right down the east coast of NSW where fighting had occurred amongst young White Australians on Australia Day. The news actually showed some of the fighting and I could not see one

Aboriginal Australian in any fracas. On the same night, the ABC

ws showed several Northern Territory police arresting an Aboriginal man for drunkenness, but before the actual arrest, they decided to video the man dancing and singing. The police thought that this was worthy of being placed on Youtube under the title of 'The Singing Aborigine', and yet again the media felt it their duty to highlight that Australian Aborigines have an enormous alcohol problem.

With young white Australians

drunk and brawling in mobs on what they see as their special day, presumably to be respected, no mention was made of the fact that they too clearly have an alcohol

Yet one Aboriginal man is arrested for being drunk and Aboriginal Australia's alcohol

problem is again up in lights. Geez, sometimes we just can't I'm still scratching and shaking my head in bewilderment.

> LES AHOY, JP Waratah NSW

Poetry

Gaza

What happens to the dreams of the children

Whose remains remain scattered Upon the shattered city streets, Whose blood stains the pathway Towards the impossibility of

> JONATHAN HILL Old Erowal bay, NSW

2009, Present, past and future

Money, health, the world of

Family friendships all are strained Diseases, warfare, these seem the same

Kyoto, OCED, they all play the

Innocent ordinary people stand

Pain and sorrow in public demise Australia, America rule law by the

Killing and molesting First Nation

Generations of First Nations wait Peace and justice in harmony.

> Z QUAKAWOOT Mackay, Old

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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- EDITOR



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Why change the date?

I WONDER why anyone would want to change the date of our 26 January national holiday called 'Australia Day', if that is the day the British actually arrived

and invaded this country.

The issue which needs to be decided is: What are we celebrating? Is it the takeover and domination of another nation by the British? Or are we celebrating the survival of a great nation of people who were not warriors but simple hunter-gatherers, whose customs and culture were being disrupted by a warring nation?

Those hunter-gatherers were shot. poisoned, raped, bludgeoned to death; were forced to live in confined spaces (missions) with other black-skinned people who were also foreign to each

Despite all of that, the Indigenous people of this land can now walk with pride. There are many of us of mixed blood who, due to unions between the invaders and the invaded, were cast aside from what were known as full-bloods and still not allowed to become Australian citizens.

Now we are so well adjusted to the changes that have taken place over the decades that many non-Indigenous people are looking and trying to find some connection to Australian

So surely we can all be proud of the fact that two nations of such very diverse

cultures are working towards becoming one. Is that not something to celebrate?

> HAROLD HUNT St Marys, NSW

Time has come

26 JANUARY? Yes, let's celebrate invasion, rape and murder.

Instead of celebrating and supporting the day when Aborigines were invaded. slaughtered, stripped of rights and land stolen, let's rally the Government together for a change of day that all people can celebrate.

If there's no date change, Aborigines are always going to view 26 January as Survival Day, which defeats the purpose of a day to be proud of who we are, our

culture, heritage and where we come from. We all need to come together and raily the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. The person who makes the decisions and apologised to the Stolen Generations only last year on behalf of the current and former governments for past racist policies. It's time to make a change, via www.pm.gov.au

> SARA MAYNARD Aboriginal Legal Service Hobart, Tas



The Survival Day march in Brisbane on

Church with a difference

MAY I draw the attention of your readers and supporters to a truly unique parish in Brisbane known as St Mary's.

St Mary's is part of the Catholic Church, but is facing expulsion because they haven't been 'doing things by the book', according to some more conservative visitors.

St Mary's parish is the most progressive and diverse of all parishes in the whole of Queensland. They are on the forefront on any support services for homeless – and other disadvantaged people as well as countless current social justice issues.

They also welcome women, gay and disabled people to assist in some of the actual services and have created an atmosphere that is far more tolerant and welcoming than most other average churches could ever be.

The fact that the place is literally 'packed to

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They kept asking me questions about our security systems...

The name on his credit card didn't match the one on his passport

I leit like I had to let you know

Poverheard them planning something.

It's unusual for him to be receiving deliveries like that, especially at that time of night.

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ANYBODY who was not moved by the recent ABC documentary When Natives Get Restless (Directed by Adrian Wills, 2005) – about race relations in Dubbo – is part of the problem and not the solution.

not the solution.

The one glaring feature was the denial of love, understanding and a decent fair go afforded the First Australians since colonisation to our current day.

For self-gratuitous reasons, the white man has conveniently stigmatised every Indigenous race on earth prior to or after seizing their lands. The unsightly black is now a foreign body in their own country. They are perceived to be 'in

The unsightly black is now a foreign body in their own country. They are perceived to be 'in the way' of white progress and its self-preserving sterility; a constant reminder of its superiority over dark-skinned people. Racism is not in the past. It stares us in the face every day. The documentary showed the loss of hope in a young person's face while their single mother was being evicted from their home — a regular practice in Dubbo. Once a child's hope is once

practice in Dubbo. Once a child's hope is gone, his spirit broken, there is only tragedy to follow.

Given the numbers of black kids who have had their dreams destroyed by racism, every town in Australia should be renamed Dubbo.

Race relations in Australia are locked in a

Race relations in Australia are locked in a vicious cycle. The clear answer is that attitudes simply need to change.

Since 1972, the white man has wasted billions of dollars in addressing Aboriginal 'disadvantage'. Isn't racism the hole in the bucket? How moronic it is that governments continue to fund Aboriginal disadvantage, but do nothing to address societal attitudes.

If the racism issue in Australia was

nothing to address societal attitudes.

If the racism issue in Australia was addressed, there would be no need for the Aboriginal Affairs arena and its billions of misspent taxpayer dollars year in, year out. I would love for someone to estimate a cost on how much racism costs Australia annually. With crime, prison populations, health, vandalism, funerals, etc, the figure would be nothing short

of frightening. What does Australia Day really mean in the age of our apparent modern identity? Aren't we forgetting something? Isn't there unfinished business in our nation between each 26 January? Shouldn't we be trying to maintain the Australia Day spirit throughout each year by prescribing a better ability for us to live

Do we all have to cringe each 26 January at

Church with difference

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the rafters' every time something happens,

speaks for itself.

What should be of special significance to Koori Mail fans, however, is the fact that St Mary's is one of the most advanced parishes that fought for and has integrated real reconciliation into its services throughout the year and also

made its own Treaty commitments.

Brisbane Aboriginal people like Sam Watson and others contribute frequently to its services and the entire congregation gets to hear about events related to 'Invasion Day' and other Murri

I invite anyone who happens to live in south-east Old or travel through there to consider seeing this amazing place and catch one of their inspiring services and judge for themselves before it gets shut down.

For more details either check out their

website on http://southbrisbane.wordpress.com or phone them on 07 3844 3806.

GABY LUFT Maleny, Old

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the sight of mindless morons screaming that ridiculous chant while they expect the rest of us to give our devoted attention to them and their hijacking of our national

day?
Or do we keep in mind that we are a multi-cultural country, albeit without a multi-cultural vision, that should be

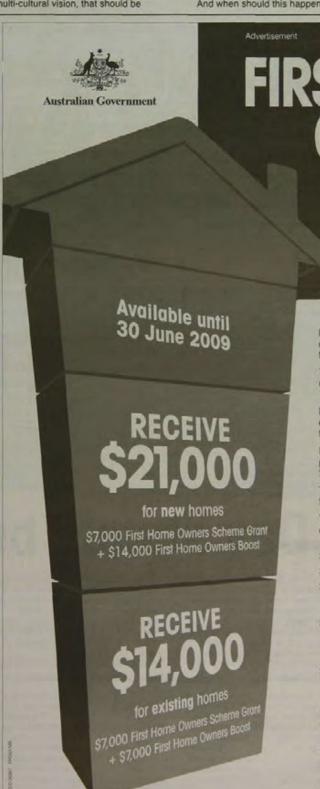
defining our own modern identity?
I suggest that we utilise Australia Day as an annual day of reflection and vision. A day in which we look back at our past year's achievements and also visualise our next year and what we want to see happen in our country.

And when should this happen? Right

smack bang in the middle of National Aboriginal Week, which should be celebrated in the spring.

After all, January is too friggin' hot to celebrate anything except New Years.

PHILL MONCRIEFF Vic Park, WA



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- > generally not have previously owned and lived in a home, or have a spouse (or de facto) who has previously owned and lived in a home in
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For more information about the First Home Owners Boost, call 1800 222 282 for an information booklet or visit the website.

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Economic Security Strategy First Home Owners Boost

We're so far behind

"... how can a government apologise for essentially racist behaviour when it is still living in sin?"

HOW would Australians feel if new Australians celebrated being Australian on Anzac Day or Remembrance Day as morning services and the 11 o'clock minute's silence were to take place and the new Australians partied aloud?

What if the Japanese were successful in their attempt to invade Australia and they celebrated with a takeover day?

I believe this would probably be the only way many could understand how Aborigines feel on 26 January.

Having other Australians having parties and celebrating on a day that marks the takeover, the loss of culture and the death of many Aborigines demonstrates no compassion.

Why is Kevin Rudd so abrupt answering with a firm 'no'? It makes the apology to Stolen Generations look like a see-through political stunt. The fact that the Stolen

The fact that the Stolen Generations have received no compensation is shameful and the first indicator of this non-genuine centre-stage act.

While Aborigines are still fighting for basic equal rights in this, their own country. New Zealand has reserved seats for its native people and America has leapt another hurdle of change by electing a black President.

Living in a country that is so influenced by America and obviously a great follower of America, why are we lagging so far behind it in terms equality for our citizens?

We still have race-based legislation, as we did with the



a government apologise for essentially racist behaviour when it is still living in sin?

it is still living in sin? How critical is the Northern Territory intervention? And this behind-the-times country still has the Union Jack upon its flag.

This country could do with some real compassion. It is no wonder Aborigines do not feel part of this country. What's really sad about that is this country is theirs.

> NATHAN MANSELL Stolen Generation Gippsland, Vic

Poetry: Celebrate, Commemorate

Celebrate! Celebrate!
Australia Day
Celebrate, celebrate,
Our historical way
Remember, remember,
Australian history we know
Remember, remember,
How it all goes...
Think about, think about,
Think about think about

It's now two thousand and nine Identify, identify, Who came to this land with greed? Identify, identify, How killing became a need, Reflecting, reflecting, to board Reflecting, reflecting, Upon the system they endured

Wondering, wondering, How cruelty and fear prevailed Wondering, wondering Why so many systems failed Remembering, remembering That greed is a disease Remembering, remembering Its justice and its peace

> Z QUAKAWOOT Mackay, Qld

Australia Day should be 27 May

AUSTRALIA Day should be moved to 27 May, the day we first recognised Aboriginal equal citizenship rights by contributional chapter in 1957

constitutional change in 1967.
In the 1967 referendum, 90.77 per cent
– the biggest majority in the nation's
history – voted in favour of Aboriginal
people being counted in the Census and
being subject to Commonwealth laws,

rather than just State laws. Prior to this, Aborigines were legally "flora and fauna" Every year the issue becomes more

Every year the issue becomes more divisive because we lack a cohesive national identity.

national identity.

26 January, the day of Captain Arthur
Phillip's arrival, is the day we started
purposely purloining Aborigines' land,
culture and identity. Today, many are

outsiders inside their own land and locked into a begging bowl approach to life.

Aboriginal people had no reading or writing as we know it before Phillip arrived. They had had no dates. They don't need dates – they are simply the oldest, living continuous civilisation on earth. They are timeless.

earth. They are timeless. But Australia needs an Australia Day to celebrate our heritage, what we have in common.

Let's realise the opening line of our national anthem, 'Australians all let us rejoice'.

ANDREW WOODHOUSE President, Australian Heritage Institute Potts Point NSW

Make the penalty fit the crime

I NOTED with much interest and apprehension the unprecedented decision by a magistrate when handing down his decision to give a custodial sentence to a young 18-year-old Aboriginal girl for graffitl.

The relationship between Aboriginal people and the legal system is not only at opposite ends of the spectrum with the police, but it is observed that chamber magistrates go well beyond that spectrum when they make outrageous custodial sentences for

first offences

It is no wonder, but one can understand as to why, the prison system is over-populated with Aboriginal people.

Surely within the judicial system the courts have the power to place this young person on a good behaviour bond, or sentence her with a community service order, starting with the payment of damages (that is what the owners want) and the cleaning of the graffit from their caté.

In this particular case, providing

a criminal record to this young girl would haunt her for the rest of her adult life. She would be rejected by future employers based on a criminal record that could very well have been deemed a 556-A offence where the offence was proven but no criminal record recorded against her name.

recorded against her name.

The now real threat of being incarcerated when she goes back to court will have a detrimental affect on her health, and the mental trauma that this young girl must be going through is of no concern to

white, upper class magistrates, who, in my opinion, have no real connection to the community at a grassroots level, but are more likely to incarcerate an Aboriginal person.

to incarcerate an Aboriginal person.
Here is some food for thought:
Maybe the Attorney-General should
consider asking all court-appointed
magistrates to undergo some
cultural awareness/appreciation
training.

WAYNE COOK Mardi Central Coast, NSW

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Quick before the next king arrives

Australian of the Year, Professor Mick Dodson, is absolutely right. We do need a all Australians can universally celebrate our

country.
That day should be the date on which Australia finally becomes a

So let's get on with it before Camilla become King and Queen of neither having ever lived here.

ANDREW HESLOP Sydney, NSW

Aboriginality More than the colour of skin

I'M writing in response to Gerard Henderson's attack (Sydney Morning Herald, 27 January 2009) on Mick Dodson's comments on changing the date of Australia Day. Henderson's comments reflect

a 200-year-old attitude, that Aboriginality is labelled and judged by others to divide a people

But Aboriginality is much more than just skin colour.

Henderson's issues are answered with his own arguments. Many Anglo cultures have tried to 'lessen' the value of the Aboriginal person's right to claim ancestry in the past by saying we are of mixed blood now, and therefore are not a true representative of being an

Aboriginal person.
Rubbish! You cannot label
'dark-skinned and 'light-skinned' Aboriginal people as a

measurement of Aboriginal people! You don't get it: Aboriginal people are not a skin colour, we are a community and people by history, spirituality, locations, country, thinking, politics, treatment, laws, cultures and most importantly, our stories. Henderson reflected that

light-skinned Aboriginal people in the south-east of Australia cannot trace our ancestry back to 1788. This is the very reason that the invasion is so offensive to all Aborginal people! That the 'other half of us' denies us as a whole part of who we really are. Because in the eyes of the rest of society, we are Aboriginal if we go to jail, we are Aboriginal people if we die early or have alcoholism. However, Aboriginality is deeper than that and many Aboriginal people take their whole lives to

cultures have mixed heritage and those in the past who mixed with Aboriginal people were also the downtrodden, the same social class and the same people who were mistreated by the invading

Europeans.
They found solace with cultures that treated people equally – our

Aboriginal cultures.
They were refugees as we,
Aboriginal peoples, were treated as refugees. They joined us, our way of living and our thinking.

They became Aboriginal.

Be educated that Aboriginality is not a skin colour. Spiritualism and stories are fundamental in Aboriginality, but if you don't feel it or speak it, then my words are useless to you.

> **DAVID TOWNEY** Peak Hill, NSW

Tribute to a great man

of the passing of the late Dr Archie Barton, AM. My wife and I became close friends with Archie during the late 1970s and early

In 1987 I visited Ceduna, in South Australia, and was taken into Archie's home, where I enjoyed the company of his family for a short while until we travelled up through Maralinga country into the Great Victoria Desert.

It was a wonderful experience to roll our swags out beside the fire and yarn well into the night with such an experienced man from that remote part of the country.

On our arrival at Oak Valley, I was introduced to the Elders of that community and the respect those people showed for Archie spoke volumes for the man.

At that time the store was a pantech with hard rations only and when people wanted stores from it, they had to summon the caretaker from about a mile away. Their only water was in 100-gallon tanks on trailers, which were topped up from a tanker carting water from 200 kilometres

However, today I understand there is an airstrip and shopping centre at Oak Valley, and the credit for that must go to the late Dr Barton, a true leader for his people if ever there was one

I feel honoured to have been considered a friend of that great man.

HAROLD HUNT St Marys, NSW



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- Sustainable management of the land.



Australian Government Indigenous Land Corporation

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A sporting goal No more about

STEPHEN Hagan (Koori Mail, 28 January) has done it again as only he can; another insightful discourse on Indigenous disadvantage in Australia

In the small market we live in, I want to see an Indigenous Australian lead an Australian team - any team onto the world stage.

That would say to me that the decision-makers in these matters had really thought long and hard about the issues, particularly how we are to facilitate participation amongst disparate and distant Indigenous communities

How we are to fulfill the Federal Government's promise to use sport and physical recreation as a preventative health-care measure, for instance. And how we are to lead our young inspirational Indigenous

young inspirational Indigenous
Australians along the path to national, international or Olympic glory!
Briefly put, if we can't facilitate participation, how are we to generate physical activity, and to aspire to these lofty goals?
If sport is falling off the school curriculum, if the transition rates from grassroots to club level are below the

grassroots to club level are below the going rate, where is the physical activity to come from?

If sport does what we all say it does - aids healthy lifestyles, community development, social

integration, diversion away from the justice system and so forth shouldn't we be discussing sport up there with the other determinants of disadvantage, health, housing, education and welfare?

We shouldn't only be celebrating the success of those in the community

who achieve. We should be asking, if not demanding, that the rest of the community get the same opportunities as mainstream Australia. The issue is of too much importance to ignore, pass by, or not care about

Shouldn't we be saying that we need housing and education, but we also need one of our men or women leading Australia onto the world stage in hockey, baseball or soccer, and all the underlying infrastructure and resources that underpin this scenario?

Shouldn't we be saying, as (cricketer) Matthew Hayden did recently, that this is a desirable outcome? That what Matt wanted was to see an Indigenous player in the Australian cricket Test team?

What do we need to do to make this happen? Let's have the discussion, along with whether Australia is ready for a first black captain of a national team.

We've got to grab this stuff and run with it. If anything else transcends

race, intolerance or discrimination, it

Having recently returned from Obama's America. I can tell you that the expectation and pride amongst the black population is beyond

description.
As Stephen Hagan has pointed out, an awful lot of white folks must have voted for Obama. Black America has also spoken

with one voice on this issue, and they have what they've wanted. As one black American put it to

me, 'when Barack is referred to as simply the 44th President of the United States, rather than the first African American President, then. well, then the race is well and truly

I share the view that an Indigenous prime minister in our lifetime is unlikely. An Indigenous captain of a national sports team, though? Very possible!

How serious are we? Maybe the Pittsburgh Steelers' win in the Super Bowl, coached by African American Mike Tomlin, is a portent for things to come?

> STEVE STACEY **Executive Officer** Nyoongar Sports Association Malaga, WA

Rolf being right

I DON'T want to keep harping on about 'Rolf being right', but would like to respond to Danny Keilly of Rockhampton (*Koori Maii*, 28 January). Thank you for your response Danny, but try getting out to communities ike Woorabinda, Cherbourg, Palm Island and other places around Queensland and you'll see what I mean.

I'm not saying all Murries are lazy – just a few who rely too much on either the muggalloo or another Murrie to do things for them. I'm just going on my experiences of travelling around this country and seeing these things first-hand.

As for me knowing 'who I am', yes I do! I've been around for 57 years. Mum was from Tully, just south of Cairns, and Dad was from Darnley Island in the Torres Strait. I was born on Palm Island, grew up in Woorabinda just after the 1957 strike, educated in Woorie, Hughenden, Prairie and Tully, kicked out in 1966,

throughout this country including your Rockhampton where I lived on the banks of the Fitzroy River for a period of time. I also spent a couple of years in Mount Morgan. Pull up any Murrie in the streets of Rocky and ask

them it they know me.

By the way, before you set down to do your radio show, get the lowdown on where Aboriginal and Islander

broadcasting started. Just to kick it off, two brothers had to get off their backsides to start black broadcasting. The older one had to get sober first and pave the way to go back and pick up the younger one. Together, they started the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Media Association (TAIMA) and began broadcasting on Mount Stuari.

MICK THAIDAY

matter is now closed - Editor



The Australian Government is looking for committed community partners to help us build a more resilient, better protected, well managed and more productive environment.

For the first time the Australian Government is linking investment to a set of clearly defined outcomes and targets to help improve and protect Australia's outstanding natural environment,

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- protecting and conserving Australia's unique biodiversity and natural icons
- protecting and saving our coastal environments and critical aquatic habitats
- improving our sustainable farming practices
- improving our natural resource management in remote and northern Australia
- expanding the community's skills, knowledge and engagement in restoring and maintaining the health of Australia's natural

Projects can cover multiple priorities, outcomes and targets and can range in size and scope from \$20 000 to \$20 million.

If you want more information about Caring for our Country or how your organisation can submit a Caring for our Country investment proposal visit our website at www.nrm.gov.au or call the Caring for our Country information line on 1800 552 008.

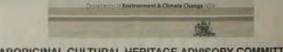
Investment proposals must be in by 6 March 2009

are currently being held around the country, to on the Caring for our priorities for investment, and further detail on how to submit a Caring for our Country investment proposal.

To find out where and when your closest information session is being held go to

earn skills your way





ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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 for please contact Vesna Cukar from the Department of Environment and Climate Change on:

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Water deal in place

Land Council Chairperson Bev Manton and Premier Nathan

Rees have signed a partnership to address unacceptable water standards faced by Aboriginal people in regional and remote regions of the State.

The \$200 million partnership agreement aims to produce a significant improvement in water and sewerage standards in more than 60 remote Aboriginal communities, most of them former missions or Aboriginal reserves.
"I won't tolerate a situation

where communities in our State have to endure unacceptable water and sewerage standards," Mr Rees said.

"This is a \$200 million investment in providing safe and effective drinking water and sewerage services for Aboriginal communities across the State.

'My Government will work aggressively at closing the gap between the health status and life expectancy for Aboriginal people and the general community, and this partnership is a significant milestone in the path to achieving

"This plan will improve health outcomes for thousands of families, with work to begin in several communities this financial year." Ms Manton said the



NSWALC Chair Bev Manton and NSW Premier Nathan Rees sign the water agreement.

partnership would improve health outcomes for many thousands of families across NSW.

"It gives me immense pride, as Chairperson of the NSWALC, to sign this agreement," she said, "By spending \$100 million of

our own money, we are signalling the depth of our commitment to an initiative that will delive

vital outcomes for NSW Aboriginal

Mr Rees said the partnership was a practical response to the NSW Government's Interim Report of the Water and Sewerage Survey in Aboriginal communities commissioned by the Department of Health. "The Water and Sewerage

Survey identified more than 60 te communities throughout the State where the drinking water and sewerage services did not meet acceptable standards, and this partnership demonstrates that we are prepared to commit to fixing this particularly important problem," he said.

"This is a targeted program that

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steer, 1 ous owner will deliver not just upgraded and repaired facilities, but also regular, ongoing maintenance and training.

Emergency work has already occurred at Toomelah, the first community visited by NSWALC and State Government representatives, to prevent the sewerage system from failing and causing sewerage spills to occur

in the community." Ms Manton said the partnership would address situations in communities where water supplies were chemically contaminated, where untreated sewage was discharged into the community and where the risk of

respiratory infections was high. "We will allocate nearly \$10 million of our commitment in

the first three years," she said.
"There has already been significant progress. There have been many visits to communities to facilitate face-to-face meetings and already broad agreement has been reached with a number of communities so that work can actually begin.

This is a new way of working in Aboriginal affairs and it will require the Government, public servants and local Aboriginal people to join with us in taking responsibility for progress

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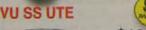
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Major upgrade for Child Protection Hotline

Department of Community

spending \$4.5 million to upgrade its Child Protection Helpline technology.

Community Services Minister Linda Burney said calls to the Heipline had risen by more than 60 per cent

"Last year, more than 303,000 reports of child abuse and neglect were made to the Helpline," she said. "With so many important

calls coming through, it's crucial that we invest in stateof-the-art technology to help us respond to these reports. With this in mind, the Government

issued a tender last year for expert contractors to undertake a major upgrade of the

Dimension Data was the successful tenderer.

Ms Burney said the Helpline operated 24 hours, seven days a week. "The Helpline was established in 2000. It is one of the largest child protection

world, operated by 190 fully qualified caseworkers," she

"It requires sophisticated technology that enables caseworkers to monitor waiting calls and manage waiting times for people reporting concerns about children. "The NSW Government's

multi-million-dollar upgrade will increase the Helpline's reporting capabilities and make it easier for callers to use its

"With this technology upgrade, our system will be more reliable, work processes more streamlined and callers to the Helpline will experience a more seamless service.



Dale Randall, from Maclean, and Bev and Don Waters look at photographs in Dawn magazine of the Kinchela Boys Home as it was in the 1950s.



Photographer Mervyn Bishop and NSW State Records Aboriginal Liaison Project Officer Sue Newman in Ballina.



Lyla Preise in front of a 1925 photo of her mother, as a ten-year-old flowergirl.

n Living Memory Balli

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



IT was a simple inscription written on the back of an old black-and-white

photograph dated more than 50 years ago, but it meant a lot to Annabelle Walker: To Dear Miss Lowe, I hope you will like this photo of myself. Taken in the dress you bought for me when I came home. Iris Drew.

Last week, Ms Walker attended the In Living Memory touring exhibition at the Northern Rivers Community Gallery in Ballina, northern NSW, and was surprised to find a picture of her mother Iris taken after her time spent at Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls' Home.

What was even more poignant for Ms Walker was the fact she had only recently discovered that her mum had ever spent time in the home.

Ballina Shire Council hosted an Elders Day at the gallery so locals could inspect some of a series of 1000 black-and-white photographs from the official records of the former NSW Aborigines Welfare Board between 1919 and 1966. Many of the photos were taken to

document the work of the Board and to promote its policies

The tour, presented by State

Records NSW and the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs, also includes contemporary images of Elders, families and communities by Indigenous photographer Mervyn Bishop, as well as some given by communities around the State.

State Records Aboriginal Liaison Project Officer Sue Newman said photos from the collection from Cabbage Tree Island, Lismore, Casino, Woodenbong, Kyogle, Coraki and Tabulam would be exhibited in Ballina until Sunday 1 March.

Reminisced

Elders from throughout the region came and reminisced about what they found.

For some it was a day of mixed emotions. Dianne Creighton stood in front of a photograph of her mum Val Cain, now 85, holding a 1962 photo of her sister playing on a slide at Moree Mission.

She said the photo, which appeared on the cover of Dawn magazine in June that year, brought back strong memories of that day on the mission

The exhibition will travel this year and next to ten other venues in NSW including Kempsey, Hurstville, Wagga Wagga, Cootamundra and Dubbo.

For more information go to www.records.nsw.gov.au



Judy Breckenridge, of Maclean, searches



Dianne Creighton stands in front of a contemporary photo of her mum holding a 1962 photo of Dianne's sister from Dawn



Annabelle Walker found a photograph of her mother Iris Drew taken not long after she left Cootamundra Girls' Home in the 1950s.

WA body set up to fail: Cook



Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs Roger Cook has accused the State Government of deliberately setting up

the new Indigenous Implementation Committee for failure.

In a speech to Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation WA (ANTAR) on 5 February, Mr Cook said the head of the committee, Lieutenant-General John

Sanderson, had no power to compel the Government to

"Lieutenant-General Sanderson has no authority, no statutory powers, and no way - other than by the force of personality - to compel the Government to do anything," Mr Cook

The State Government's recently established Indigenous Implementation Committee will be chaired by Lieutenant-General

Sanderson and includes influential people such as Fiona Stanley and such members of the Indigenous community as retired Children's Court magistrate Sue

Gordon and Mark Bin Bakar.
"I don't seek to criticise the
Lieutenant-General or any of the members of the committee for allowing themselves to be conscripted onto the committee," Mr

"They're as committed and desperate as anyone to see an end to the misery and despair faced by many Aboriginal people in WA; particularly in regional and remote

been formed through community engagement and the community has had no buy-in. It is symbolic of the low value the Government places on Indigenous consultation.

.We will only see real and sustainable change in the quality of life experienced by Aboriginal people when it is initiated

from within the themselves, rather than imposed by outside consultants. committees and

bureaucrats." Mr Cook said an example of this was Fitzroy Crossing, where liquor restrictions were driven by Indigenous women who were sick of the devastating effects of alcohol, particularly violence.

"The call for alcohol restrictions

was not thought up by a committee in Perth privileged with the ear of the Minister - it came from local Indigenous people themselves," he

The Indigenous Implementations Committee is destined to follow the path of the many committees before it. We need action from the Government; not another



LIEUTENANT-GENERAL JOHN SANDERSON

Vic forum to raise **funds for Wotton**



we highlighted a public forum to be held in Melbourne to raise funds for jailed

Palm Islander Lex Wotton and the people of Gaza.
Unfortunately, we got a little ahead of ourselves and said the Freedom Socialist Party event would be held in Brunswick on 28 January.
It is, in fact, scheduled for Saturday 28 February. So there's still time to get along to the forum, which will pay tribute to political prisoners everywhere.

everywhere.

Those attending will discuss how all people have a stake in freeing such prisoners, and there il be a panel of speakers and video highlights from the struggle.

In a capitalist society, the justice system is anything but just," the organisers say. "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 the Townsville jail."

The event at the Solidarity Salon at 580 Sydney Road, Brunswick, will feature a Middle Eastern dinner at 6:30 pm (\$10 donation). The program will start at 7.30pm 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

For more details, phone (03) 9388 0062 or email freedom.socialist. party@ozemail.com.au



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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984

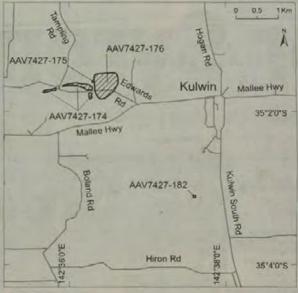
Notice of an application for protection of an area at Kulwin near Ouyen, Victoria - invitation to make representations

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, who is responsible for the administration of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (the Act), has received an application made under section 10 of the Act asking that the Minister make a declaration to protect an area near Kulwin in Victoria. The Minister may make declaration under section 10 to protect an area if the Minister is satisfied that the area is of particular significance in accordance with Aboriginal tradition and that it is under threat of injury or descration. Details of the application are outlined below.

The application has been lodged by Mr Brendan Kennedy, Chairperson of the Tati Tati Aboriginal Corporation

The area sought to be protected

The applicant describes the area in need of protection as "Aboriginal registered sites AAV-7427174, AAV-7427175, AAV-7427176 and AAV-7427182". These numbers refer to sites listed on a register maintained by Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, Sites AAV-7427-174 to176 are located to the north of the Mallee Highway about 2 kilometres west of Kulwin. Site AAV-7427-182 is located to the west of Kulwin South Road about 2 kilometres south of Kulwin. Kulwin is approximately 30 kilometres east of Ouven in north west Victoria



Claimed nature of significance

The applicant states that the sites include a 'traditional stone artefact manufacturing site and stone outcrop site'. The applicant states that application is being made 'in order to fulfil Tati Tati traditional lore and custom regarding protecting and preserving our Cultural Heritage from injury or desecration of our areas and objects in accordance with Tati Tati Tradition and Custom on our country. Our group are the Traditional Owners and Native Title Claimants/Applicants and a the Registered Aboriginal Party Applicants for our lands.'

Claimed threat of injury or desecration

The applicant states that the area specified above is under threat of injury or desecration from the Murray Basin Stage 2 Mineral Sands Extraction Project being undertaken at Kulwin by Iluka Resources Limited, because [the area] is to be used in a manner that is not in accordance with Tati Tati tradition" and "It is our strong belief that our areas will be used in a manner inconsistent with Tati Tati Tradition and therefore destroying our ability to further practice our culture."

The Minister will consider a report submitted to him under section 10 of the Act in relation to the area identified for protection before deciding whether to make a declaration under section 10 of the Act in relation to the area. The report will deal with:

- (a) the particular significance of the area to Aboriginals;
- (b) the nature and extent of the threat of injury to, or desecration of, the area;
- (c) the extent of the area that should be protected;
- (d) the prohibitions and restrictions to be made with respect to the area;
- (e) the effects the making of a declaration may have on the proprietary or pecuniary interests of persons other than the Aboriginal or Aboriginals on whose behalf the application is made;
- (f) the duration of any declaration; and
- (g) the extent to which the areas are or may be protected by or under a law of the State of Victoria, and the effectiveness of any remedies available under any such law.

I have been nominated by the Minister to prepare that report for the purposes of section 10 of the Act in relation to the area identified by the applicant for protection.

Invitation to make representations

vited to furnish representations in connection with my report to Interested persons are in

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Representations must be made in writing by close of business on 27 February 2009.

To satisfy legal requirements of procedural fairness, your representations may be made available to other persons with a particular interest in the outcome of the application. If you wish to claim confidentiality for any part of your representations, you should discuss this matter with me directly, All representations will be attached to the report a provided to the Minister for the Environment. Heritage and the Arts along with my report. You should not send your representations to the Minister.



Fundraiser for Syrons

By KIRSTIE PARKER



SUPPORTERS of Sydney-based Aboriginal artist Gordon Syron and his wife and

fellow artist Elaine Syron will hold a fundraiser tomorrow night to help the couple retain their extensive collection of

Indigenous contemporary art.
The Syrons currently live in a shed in Redfern, surrounded by 1300 paintings by more than 450 different Indigenous artists, 30 years of largely unpublished photographs of Indigenous artists, history, culture and political struggles and other material.

But they're facing eviction and the loss of the collection they've built up over the past 30 years in an effort to save it from the hands of private collectors The Redfern Waterloo

Authority allowed the Syrons to move into the shed rent-free from October 2007 so they could create a catalogue for the collection. Elaine Syron told The Koori Mail that the sheer size of the collection had made it impossible for an original six-month deadline for the catalogue to be met. However, the catalogue has now been completed with pro bono assistance from the not-for-profit Unilinc Library Network, and a valuation is now under way.

Friends of the Syrons have called for donations to support the establishment of a permanent keeping place for the unique collection.

Though support for this is trickling in, it is a sorry state of affairs that Uncle Gordon and Aunty Elaine are left without proper support and are at risk of losing all their assets and everything they have worked for, said Aboriginal lawyer Josephine Cashman, a member of the all-Aboriginal committee of The Keeping Place

"We hope that (tomorrow's)



Sydney circa 1974: One of the historic photos in the Syron collection now housed in a Redfern shed



Gordon Syron in the Redfern shed that houses he and wife Elaine's extensive collection.

event will bring awareness and help raise much-needed cash to cover living costs for the Syrons, who receive no government support and are virtual prisoners guarding this collection in a hot shed in Redfern.

"There's no way the collection catalogue could have been done in such a short period. You need expertise and Unilinc estimated that the work they donated would have cost around \$100,000.

"This collection tells our story It's so important that it be kept together. It is an absolute

treasure trove, it's unique. You would never find it anywhere

Other members of The Keeping Place committee include curator Djon Mundine and lawyer and commentator Professor Larissa Behrendt. The committee's patron is activist, Elder and 2008 NAIDOC Person of the Year Chicka Dixon.

At the fundraiser, Mr Syron will talk about his decision to donate one of his own paintings to the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) in appreciation of its decision to screen the documentary series The First Australians. The painting is similar to one that saw Mr Syron, a Worlmi and Biripi man, win the COFA Professional 2008 NSW Parliamentary Prize for Indigenous Art.

The fundraiser will be held tomorrow evening, Thursday 12 February, at 499 Wilson St in Darlington, from 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start.

Ken Canning and Rhonda Dixon-Grovenor will recite poetry Accompanied by dancers, Nadeena Dixon will sing Aboriginal Land, followed by performances by hip-hop artists Wire MC, Choo Choo and Little G. For more information, contact Josephine Cashman on 0400



Dr Aleeta Fejo, fourth from the left, with some of her AIDA colleagues, Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue and NT Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour during the 2008 AIDA Symposium in Darwin. Photo by WAYNE QUILLIAM

Doctor plays Santa for NT children

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



TRY to imagine the logistics of organising 15,000 children's Christmas presents to be donated, wrapped and

delivered within a few months across hundreds of kilometres in the stinking hot and

pouring rain. That is exactly what Aboriginal doctor Aleeta Fejo did in her spare time from June last year, with help from hundreds of volunteers and community group Rotary, donations from across Australia, a charter plane to fly the presents to island communities and those cut off from flooding ... and a truck

The seed of Dr Fejo's idea was planted during a conversation she had with her sister, Christine King, Chairperson of the Indigenous Social Workers Association, who had heard of countless Aboriginal children missing out on waking up to a present on Christmas morning, reportedly as a consequence of the NT emergency intervention.

A key measure of the intervention is income quarantining in nearly 80 prescribed communities where welfare recipients have half their welfare payments quarantined for food and household bills.

The thought of so many children and young people going without at Christmas stayed with Dr Fejo until she attended a Rotary conference last year, and got talking to a member who told her about the 'Donations in Kind' program which the organisation ran out of a large warehouse filled with toys and books.

The goal of getting 5000 presents to NT Aboriginal communities soon tripled after word got out to communities in

At the height of the present

frenzy, Dr Fejo had 4000 gifts sitting in her lounge room.
Volunteers aged from six to 83 offered to wrap gifts, and set about the mammoth task of sorting 15,000 presents into age and gender categories.
Distribution centres were set up in Alice Springs, Tenant Creek, Katherine, Darwin and Gove, and each putilving community was

each outlying community was called to ascertain the exact details of the children and young

details of the children and young people who lived there.

Dr Fejo said she was overwhelmed by the response.

While many presents came from the Rotary warehouse, health-care workers donated money; freight and charter plane companies donated their services; people from all over the country sent presents (new and used) to help the cause; and working bees help the cause; and working bees were held to bring it all together.

Together

"The people in the communities were feeling very bad, and so we wanted to bring the city to the country, white and black and rich and poor together Dr Fejo said.

Dr Fejo said.)
"People need to know that
they're cared about and this a
very simple way of doing that. I'm
sure the Government didn't
intend for this to be a
consequence of the intervention,
but we are going to do something
about it that is Aboriginal-driven,
with the support of Rotary."

Dr Feio said that with no sign.

of the intervention being rolled back from Aboriginal communities, she anticipated another busy distribution of Christmas presents again this year, but she hopes to gain corporate sponsorship to ease some of the strain on the some of the strain on the volunteers. She said the thought of children waking up on Christmas Day with a gift to unwrap made it all worth the

Grog bans put in place



sales have been

imposed on the north-western NSW town of Bourke to help curb grog-related violence.
The NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing (OLGR) imposed the restrictions on all six licensed premises in the licensed premises in the town following an application by the NSW Police.

It is the first time the OLGR has used new powers under the Liquor Act to impose town-wide restrictions.

From 16 February, takeaway sales of fortified wine in containers greater than 750ml, long necks of beer and wine casks greater than two litres will be prohibited.

The move also means only drinks with an alcoholic content of 3.5 per cent or lower in non-glass containers can be sold between

10am and 2pm. All licensed premises will also have to display and make available health information to

Voluntary

The venues have voluntarily agreed that all takeaway alcohol purchases must be placed into a motor vehicle, in the hope of

Curbing street drinking.
The restrictions
follow a visit to Bourke
by OLGR Director Albert
Gardner in December, where he consulted a number of community groups.

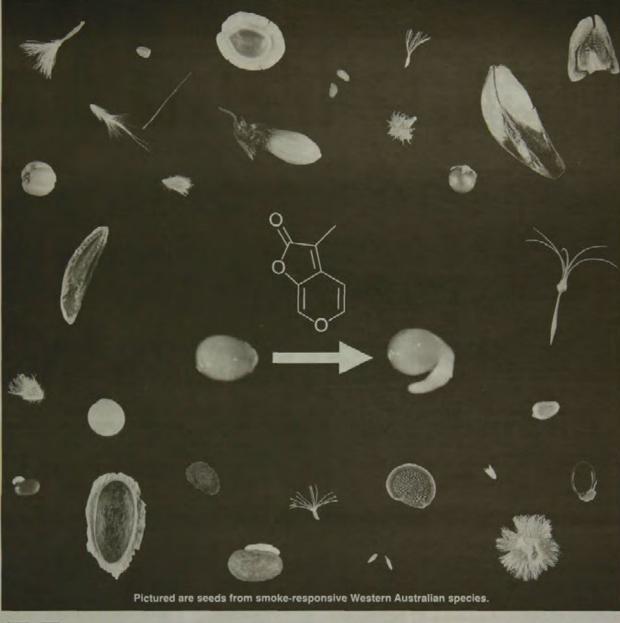
Police made a compelling case for action to be taken," Mr Gardner said in a statement last Thursday.

"Following extensive community consultation, I have reached a decision that strikes a balance between community safety and access to alcohol.

"These restrictions minimise inconvenience to the wider community while reducing the likelihood of people

alcohol-related crime." The conditions will be reviewed in three months and changes could be made to increase their effectiveness

Liquor licensees caught breaking the rules could be jalled for 12 months while businesses face fines of up to \$11,000. - AAP



Noongar nan for substance



A NOONGAR name has been given to a substance that stimulates seed germination and seedling growth in many plants after bushfires.

Researchers at the University of Western Australia (UWA), and

Kings Park and Botanic Gardens, have called the substance karrikins - derived from the Noongar word karrik,

meaning smoke.
The -in suffix is the family name for bioactive substances Only days after a bushfire

destroyed more than 40 hectares of Kings Park in Perth and threatened nearby homes and the Old Swan Brewery, the name of the substance which could help regenerate the park was

revealed in the world's most highly cited plant journal. Plant Physiology. Published by the American Society of Plant

Biologists, the front cover also features a photograph of seeds from smoke-responsive

UWA's Professor Steven Smith said the discovery of the family of compounds that stimulate seed germination had led to the launch of the new scientific name karrikins

'Second only to the original language of Sydney Cove, Noongar has given more words to the English language than any other Indigenous Australian language'

> Discovered by chemists at UWA and Murdoch University, the substance originally had a complex name. According to UWA Professor of Linguistics Alan Dench, the first recorded Noongar word for smoke from the Perth area in the 1830s is 'karrik'

"Second only to the original language of Sydney Cove; Noongar has given more words to the English language than any other Indigenous Australian language," Prof Dench

Kings Park and Botanic Garden Director

Professor Kingsley Dixon said the new name recognised that the scientific discovery was made on Noongar land, and it reflected the importance of fire and smoke to plant ecology and to Indigenous culture.

Dr David Nelson, the lead author on the latest research from the UWA team, said that the 'lab rat' of the plant world, a

cress called Arabidopsis, also responded to karrikins despite being from the temperate northern hemisphere

This discovery will enable botanists to uncover the mechanism of karrikin and its role in the life cycle of plants.



Indigenous training and recruitment initiative (INTRAIN) scholarships 2009

The department will be offering a limited number of INTRAIN scholarships to assist eligible full time or part time Indigenous tertiary students to study. The scholarship provides a fortnightly living allowance up to \$25,470 per year.

For more information please visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers or phone Project Officer, Aboriginal Employment Strategies 90967143

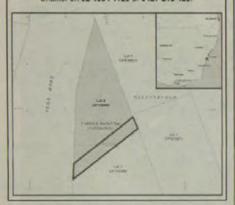
Applications close 5 pm Friday 27 Feburary 2009

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

Notice is given by Ms Glenda Chalker inviting all Aboriginal People who hold or may hold native title in the proposed agreement area shown on the map and all persons who are members of the Cubbitch Barta Clan of the Dharawal People to attend the meeting. The meeting is for the purpose of authorising a proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) between the Cubbitch Barta Clan of the Dharawal People and the NSW State Government that allows for the granting of an easement for access to two

The meeting will be held on Saturday 21 February 2009 at 2.00pm at 371 Remembrance Drive Camden Park NSW 2570.

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DVD features rangers' work







Bawinanaga Aboriginal Corporation's Djelk sea ranger Justin Cooper using I-Tracker to record sea patrol data off the Maningrida coast, NT.



Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation's Wild River ranger Billy Jackson surveying the coast off Burketown, Old.



A DVD highlighting the award-winning work of Indigenous sea rangers from north Australia has been launched.

The rangers manage and conserve dugong and marine turtle populations along the north Australian coastline.

The DVD was compiled by the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) as part of an awareness campaign delivered by the Alliance's Dugong and Marine Turtle Project NAILSMA CEO Joe Morrison launched

NAILSMA CEO Joe Morrison launched the DVD. Message Disk, on 2 February.
"Indigenous rangers provide key services that are essential for the management and protection of Australia's globally significant ecosystems in the north," he said.
"Message Disk DVD highlights the work of Indigenous rangers and offers a fly-on-the-wall opportunity for people to witness first-hand the importance to Australia of the Indigenous ranger movement taking of the Indigenous ranger movement taking place across the north today."

The DVD includes short stories that have

been filmed, photographed, scripted and directed by Indigenous ranger groups from the Kimberley, Top End, Gulf of Carpentaria, Cape York and Torres Strait.

'Front-line managers'

Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett has described the Indigenous rangers the 'front-line' managers of the north Australian coast where dugong and turtle remain abundant."

Australia is one of the last great strongholds in the world for dugong and marine turtle, and Indigenous rangers involved in the NAILMSA Dugong and Marine Turtle Project are working in partnership with communities, researchers, government agencies and industry to ensure the long-term survival of these important species

"This project is a prime example of communities and governments working in partnership to protect these internationally significant animals, so that future generations

can enjoy them as well," Mr Garrett said. NAILSMA is an alliance between Kimberley Land Council, Northern Land Council, Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and Balkanu Cape York

Development Corporation.
One thousand DVDs have been distributed, with 55 per cent to Indigenous organisations, 15 per cent to government, 15 per cent to educational institutions, and 15 per cent to non-government organisations and the public. Message Disk can be viewed

on-line at www.nailsma.org.au The NAILSMA Dugong and Marine Turtle Project is funded by the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country

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Art in Mint condition

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



THE artwork of Yamatji/ Nyoongar artist Darryl Bellotti is set to go global with the latest release by the Perth Mint of 15 new designs on a series of gold, silver and platinum coins.

The coins are part of the Perth Mint's Dreaming series featuring a total of 45 designs, which will be rolled out over the next two years under the Mint's 'Discover Australia's series and will be available

The first series portrays three different interpretations of a kangaroo, dolphin, king brown snake, brolga and echidna, designed exclusively for the mint by Mr Bellotti.

It is the first time that one artist has been responsible for the artworks of an entire coin series.

A gala launch of the coins at the Burswood Casino in Perth on 28 January was hosted by Channel 10 newsreader, Nyoongar woman Narelda Jacobs.

The event was attended by about 300 people, including WA Premier Colin Barnett, Opposition Leader Eric Ripper and other dignitaries. Richard Walley's Middar dance troupe including Common Ground dance members 'Uncle Peter' and Lee West entertained guests.

"It fills me with great pride when I learn of the outstanding achievements and level of talent that we have in our State," Ms Jacobs told

"I'm so honoured to be a part of this unveiling of the Perth Mint's new Discover Australia coin program – The Dreaming

Mint Chief Executive Ed Harbuz described the new series as one of the most significant planned by the mint, and he was



Darryl Bellotti holding one of the coins released worldwide by the Perth Mint and, left, one of the new coin designs.

confident the coins would generate wide interest around the world.

"Auction houses and galleries prove that Aboriginal art continues to be extremely popular," Mr Harbuz

said.

"Darryl's remarkable work can only extend the reach of its appeal by exposing it directly to large numbers of coin collectors workfwide

"In ancient times boya, or money in Nyoongar culture, represented the tradeable commodities of rocks, stones of quartz and granite, and naturally occurring specimens of precious metals.

"Albeit in purer form, the term boya today transcends to the gold, silver and platinum coins upon which Darryl's designs are now struck.

"It is a privilege for the Perth Mint to be involved in establishing a further link between time and cultures, in a product which continues to play a significant role in our lives."

Mr Bellotti said he was proud and excited by the fact that his particular representation of Aboriginal art would be seen by coin



Channel 10 newsreader Narelda Jacobs hosted the gala launch.

collectors around the world.

"It's another avenue that people are not aware of," he said. "I had to reinvent the way that I went about my artwork to get this series ahead."

"I could not go out and do traditional Dreaming stories or anything like that and I could not do traditional art styles. "It's promotion for me and I feel good

"It's promotion for me and I feel good about it, and it's promotion for Indigenous culture. It's also the first time the actual designer is mentioned in all the promotional and certificate copy that accompanies the coin."



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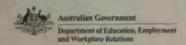
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Yalukit Wilam Ngargee:



At the opening ceremony were, from left, City of Port Phillip Mayor Frank O'Connor, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, Reconciliation Victoria Co-Chair Mikael Smith, Boonwurrung Elder Faye Stuart Muir, festival organiser Bo Svoronos and Cr Serge Thomann.



Lots of happy faces ... Suzy, Mia and Marc Willow Williams at the festival.



Constantina Bush and the Bushettes were among the acts at the St Kilda festival.

St Kilda festival popular

Photos by WAYNE QUILLIAM



CROWDS braved heatwave conditions in Melbourne for this year's Yalukit

Wilam Ngargee: People Place Gathering at St Kilda on Melbourne's bayside.

Held from 30 January until 1 February, 'Yalukit' is part of the wider St Kilda Festival run by the City of Port Phillip Council.

A wide range of events was again held this year, with the main activity being the concert and gathering at O'Donnell Gardens in St Kilda on the afternoon and evening of 30 January.

Festival organiser Bo Svoronos, of Port Phillip Council, was over the moon with this year's event.

"It's been our biggest and best program yet," he told *The Koori* Mail, which was a media partner for the festival.

r the festival.
"We had some extremely hot

weather, but that didn't stop crowds of people enjoying all that was on offer.

"There was a large program and many people came together to enjoy good art, music and company."

Performers at O'Donnell Gardens included Lee Morgan, Leah Flanagan, Ruby Hunter and more, and there were plenty of market stalls featuring local businesses and organisations.

A dance program also had the people on their feet.

Other festival events included an Indigenous Success Stories Forum on the Friday and a 'Happy Exchange' exhibition by established and emerging Koorie artists.

Also launched during the festival, and still on show at the St Kilda Town Hall, was an exhibition of art by Indigenous prisoners in jails across Victoria.

Children were also well catered for through a series of special activities.



People Place Gathering



Singer-songwriters Ruby Hunter and Archie Roach with some of the locals at the festival on the St Kilda waterfront in Melbourne. Photos: WAYNE QUILLIAM



There were entertainers young and old at the St Kilda festival.

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Have your say

We want to hear your thoughts, opinions and advice about how we should develop the following proposal. 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 this proposal 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 this proposal.

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 this proposal, contact Lydia Miller, Executive Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts

Phone: (02) 9215 9170 Toll-free: 1800 226 912

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



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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



Young offenders celebrate culture



young Aboriginal offenders at Sydney's Cobham Juvenile

Justice Centre have celebrated their culture by performing a Dreamtime story for the first

It was part of an educational program aimed at teaching young people in custody about their traditions, said NSW Juvenile Justice Minister Graham West.

To prepare for the performance, the young offenders read a selection of Dreamtime stories to understand the concept of dreaming. They then selected a Dreamtime story, chose props for the performance, and learned how to perform a traditional

"Cobham Juvenile Justice Centre's Aboriginal Cultural Program provides Aboriginal young people in custody with the opportunity to learn about the importance of their culture and enables them to reconnect to their identity," Mr West said.

"The young offenders are able to share knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture, and develop a better understanding of each other. As a result, they develop their own self-respect for self-respect and respect for others.

"The program also provides a forum for Aboriginal young offenders to develop friendships with other Aboriginal young people in custody, a positive social setting which helps keep them on the right path towards rehabilitation.

The Aboriginal Cultural

Program began in November and ran throughout the school holidays. It was in addition to the range of rehabilitation progra aimed at stopping re-offending

The young people attended program sessions once a week where they learned about Aboriginal art, history, respect, and Dreamtime stories. Art activities included painting traditional items such as traditional items such as boomerangs and creating canvas paintings. Mr West said community

representatives visited the centre to lead the important cultural discussions.

"The visits by key Indigenous figures from the local community are an ideal opportunity for the young offenders to learn about achievements of Aboriginal people," said Mr West.

NSW region ill benefit



NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch says Indigenous

communities in the State's western Murdi Paaki egion will benefit from a Regional Partnership Agreement

(RPA) signed in Dubbo. The RPA, the first of its kind for NSW, was reached by the Federal and State governments and the Murdi Paaki Regional

Assembly. Mr Lynch said it had already seen marked improvements in housing, environmental health, water and sewerage, retention in education rates for Aboriginal students and economic

outcomes for Aboriginal people The agreement will fund Murdi Paaki Young Aboriginal Leaders, local government

engagement, regional planning and partnership community

work, according to Mr Lynch, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Federal Government would lend its support to young Indigenous people wanting to become future leaders through programs such as the Young Aboriginal Leaders.

Determination

"It will take all of us working together, all of our efforts, all of our determination and all of our resources," Ms Macklin said at the signing of the agreement.

"It means we will have to re-think the old ways of doing things and come up with new solutions driven by new

Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly Chair Sam Jeffries said the agreement would also allow for greater collaboration across governments and encourage 'working in partnership' with Aboriginal people to promote self-governance, leadership and empowerment.

"It rewards us for the contribution we have made, and continue to make, to improving the social and emotional well-being of our people in the most socio-economic disadvantaged areas in NSW,"

he said.
"The agreement recognises the Murdi Paaki region and our belief in good governance ethics, in community and regional governance, its leadership and its empowering expression that hands responsibility to us.



Shaggy on stage.



Ziggy Marley, son of the legendary Bob.



Dorothy Roberts, of Ballina, and Brian Kelly, from Byron Bay. Photos by Theresa Dalton



Part of the Ballina crowd getting into the Raggamuffin spirit during a performance by Shaggy.

Reggae rocks Bullinah

By THERESA DALTON



SEVERAL thousand fans, many of them Indigenous, turned out for some

world-class reggae at the Raggamuffin 09 festival in the northern New South Wales town of Ballina – or Bullinah in the local Bundjalung language –

on 26 January.
Acts on the nine-hour
program included Ziggy Marley,
Shaggy, Ali Campbell (UB40),
Inner Circle, Eddie Grant and New Zealand group Bonjah.

Organisers were pleased with the turnout, and the crowd enjoyed well-known hits from reggae greats.

Spokeswoman Chrissie Camp said that while nothing had yet been set in place, organisers were hopeful that Raggamuffin would again be held on

Bundjalung country next year. Local Bundjalung woman Jacqui Williams, of Casino, was among the crowd.

we all had a great time. I really hope Raggamuffin comes back next year," she said.



Katrina Ball, Shileigh Richardson Chantel Togo and Pixie Sevcik were happy to be among the crowd in



Peter Phillips, of Lismore, and Blair Hickling, of Tabulam, were there.



Arrested Development shook up the stage.



Wrapped in the flag ... Steven Kelly, of Cabbage Tree Island.



Enjoying the day were, back from left, Darnzie Hall and Loretta and Dennis Smith and, front, Delma Cavanaugh and Jacqui Williams.



Kelly Raymond and her partner Lee Sagisagi with their children Jade, 8, and Jaymee, 2



Members of the Pupangamirri family from Mullumbimby and the Tiwi Islands, from left, John, Rebecca Reno, Mandala, Lincoln and Linda

Expression of Interest

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Documentation including Artists brief along with contract requirements can be obtained by contacting, Bob Sutherland, contact details below.

Closing date for Tenders is 2:30 pm 20th February 2009.

Bob Sutherland Aboriginal Community Partnership Facilitator North West Aboriginal Heritage Region Baradine NSW 2396

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South West Queensland **Domestic and Family** Violence Service Funding

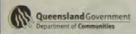
The Department of Communities has triennial funding of up to \$748,558 per annum available to organisations wishing to operate a regional Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Service in south west Queensland.

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MID WEST NATIVE TITLE GROUP

AUTHORISATION MEETING

AUTHORISATION MEETING.

Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd invites all persons who assert native title rights and interests in the area that is currently claimed by the Wulli Wulli (QUD8006/00) (please see diagram below), and in particular the descendants of the following ancestors. Tommy (father of Wongs Pope), Jessie Fuller, Grace (mother of Fanny Joyce), Tilly (mother of Harry Blucher), Jack father of Jack (homet), Jackanapes, Thomas Clancy, John/James Serico, Maria (the mother of Isabella Hooper), Mary Ann (mother of Maggie Mothean), Birly Buttone & Mergsin, Arny (wife of John Bond), Rosie Ah Sue, Maggie (wife of Harry West), Billy & Selina (parents of Jacob), Jinnie (wife of George Logan) and Ginalene (mother of Emest Pope) - to attend an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday 14th February 2009
Venue of Meeting: Mundubbera Shire Hall, 28 Lyons Street, MUNDUBBERA QLD 4626
Time of Meeting: 8,30am - 4,00pm

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Time Willi Wulli Peoples have made Application to the Federal Court of Australia under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) for Determinations recognising their native title rights and interests ("Native Title claims").

The purpose of this meeting is to:

1. Authorise the Applicants for the claim and the removal of Applicants on the existing Wulli Wulli Peoples claim under Section 668 Native Title Act;

2. Amend the claim group description of the claim;

3. Approve the rights and interests claimed;

4. Instruct QSNTS to take all necessary steps to lodge with the NNIT and the Federal Court such documents as are necessary to give effect to the resolutions of the meeting.



QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the meeting. However, morning & aftermoon tea and lunch will be regarded.

Mid West People are invited to contact byan on 0428533801 or the QSNTS Con action on 1800663693 to register their esent at the meeting.



Order of Australia for Top End chef



Territory chef and cooking lecturer Steve Sunk has been recognised with an Australia Day honour for

services to Indigenous

communities.

Mr Sunk was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to education through curriculum design and development at Charles Darwin University (CDU), and as a teacher to the Indigenous communities of the NT and to professional organisations.

Mr Sunk said he was humbled by the award, which recognised the time he had spent teaching cooking to Aboriginal women and young people in remote communities

It's a huge honour to receive the Order of Australia, especially because nominations come directly from the community," he said. Mr Sunk, who won the

Northern Land Council's 2007 Top Trainer award for his work teaching cooking and nutrition in Indigenous communities, said he felt the message of healthy eating was beginning to register with Indigenous communities.

"There is no doubting nutrition has been a big problem, but it's starting to change," he said.

"The kids know fats are no good for them, and they're less fond of cola and sugars. They're even asking for more vegetables, which is all good

In early 2007, Mr Sunk launched his book Walkabout Chefs, which detailed his



Charles Darwin University chef and VET cooking lecturer

experiences in the bush, accompanied by some 40 recipes for Aboriginal bush food created with remote communities while teaching them how to cook with natural

The Medal of the Order of Australia is the pre-eminant way of recognising the

Free travel tears held



CHILDREN from Alice Springs town camps and outstations could miss out on free travel to school,

Territory Council of Social Services (NTCOSS) has warned.

The council congratulated the NT Government for providing free travel to students on public transport, but said some already disadvantaged groups would miss out.

NTCOSS Central Australian Policy Officer Jonathan Pilbrow said the free transport scheme meant many families would

save \$160 a year per child. But he said children from the Alice Springs town camps and outlying outstations generally lived too far away from public

bus stops to take advantage of

the new scheme.
"Only a small number of public schools offer their own bus service and only to camps from which they draw enrolments and not to any

outstations," he said. "Children living on outstations face extensive travel to attend school in a major centre, with no access to free public transport. It's too far for many children to walk to the closest bus stop and transport options for many families are very limited. So family support services and independent schools are carrying the financial burden of getting these children to school.

Mr Pilbrow said an effective school transport system was needed to ensure that such children received the education to which every Australian child

was entitled. He said without it, the NT Government's requirement for schools to achieve 90 per cent attendance rates would prove

attendance rates would prove very difficult.
"If government policy is to include town camps into the broader community then the Government has an obligation to improve public transport in these locations," he said.
NTCOSS Executive Director Wendy Morton said the Government must ensure every child could get to school.

child could get to school.
"NTCOSS eagerly awaits the outcome of Chief Minister Paul Henderson's undertaking that he will help these kids get to school," she said.

"Standardisation of town camps requires standardisation

of services.

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Preminghana Aboriginal community camp



The young ones were divided into two teams for sports and other competitions, pictured here are Yula (mutton bird) and Mangana (black cockatoo) teams



Jock Morris (centre) gets a birthday 'bashing' - or maybe tickling - on his 14th Birthday from Shane Hughes and Chip Maynard.

Fiona Hughes, Shane Hughes, Christi Hogan and Charmaine Hogan enjoy a feed of shellfish.

New date is planned

Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY THE annual



Preminghana Aboriginal community camp that has coincided

with 'Invasion Day for the past decade is set to be

Jim Everett, Manager of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, the body which Sea Council, the body which organises the camp, said that from next year Preminghana would probably be moved a week earlier or a week later so that it does not clash with Invasion Day protests in other parts of Tasmania.

You can't move the protest march to another day, so we'll have to move the camp to another time," he told The Koori Mail.

Our protests are valid, the community people want to be there and we want people to be at

wanted to be at the march."
Like most years, though, there was little mention of the 26
January date at the camp.

The get-together on Tasmania's far north-west coast provided an escape from whitefella celebrations rather than an event that gave credence to that date. It also provided young Aboriginal people with a chance to experience their community and culture away from cities and suburbia

Connection

"Most or our kids now are urban based. Just to get out and be in connection with community and country, enjoy a bit of cultural stuff and just to enjoy being out of cites and suburbs is important," Mr Everett said.

He said the experience was about self-esteem and confidence building

the most important thing. Kids grow up sometimes thinking that to be Aboriginal you've got to go out and hate whites and protest all the time," he said.

"it's not that way at all. We've got issues with the white Australian community. But it's also about acknowledging the good of being Aboriginal, we understand this country better than anybody." Preminghana is a 525-hectare area of land which was returned to

Tasmania's Aboriginal community through the Aboriginal Land Act 1995 and is managed by the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council. It stretches along 5km of coastline and has an abundance of bush tucker and craft resources

The property features petroglyphs (rock art), thought to have been created between 1500 and 6000 years ago, along with many midden and artefact sites.



Kiora Hogan, Janice Ross, Annika Scott, Jock Morris and Colleen

Karlie Goodwin, Amy Young, Fiona Hughes, Rebecca Digney, Angela Richardson and Janice Ross pictured in front of Preminghana, the mountain from which the area's name is derived.



TALSC staff Jay-Dee Jackson, Sheldon Thomas and Jarrod Hughes, who helped set up the camp.

Survival Day 2009 - Adelaide

Keriba Sagul performing.

From left, Duane Rankine, Lee-Ann Buckskin, Warren Milera and Neville Highfold.





John Packham and Verle Williams of Survival Band.



Jimmy Rankine on stage in Adelaide

Plenty to be

proud about

Photos by NATHAN PARKER



HUNDREDS of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community celebrated

Survival Day 2009 with a cultural

festival in the city precinct. Tandanya, the National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, hosted the afternoon of performances, film screenings, storytelling, comedy acts

workshops, dance and face painting – all kicked off by a Kaurna welcome to country.

The event, telecast live on NITV, celebrated 'the strength and spirit of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first peoples of this land

Tandanya Director Philip Watkins declared it a fantastic day. "It was the

second time we'd run a Survival Day event and with about 1200 people there throughout the day - about double last year's numbers we were thrilled with the turnout," he said.

But, aside from that, the sense of pride shown by both the performers and the audience, and the spirit of sharing, was amazing.

There were also a lot of non-Aboriginal people from other cultures there too, sharing with us. That was really special for me, to see that others wanted to join in and acknowledge our

people on that particular day.
"Survival Day is often a sad day of reflection for us because of what happened to our people But being able to celebrate our survival, our strength and spirit together was great."

A free barbocue put on by Tandanya and run by Mari Yerta Aboriginal Men's Group kept everyone well fed, and shade was at a premium for activities on the Rymill Park extension next door to the Institute. next door to the Institute.

There were performances by Kuma Karro, Keriba Sagul, Kurruru Indigenous Youth

Arts. Kineman MERRIG Warren Milera Band, Owen & Daniel Karpany Cyclone Sun, Betty and Monty Sumner Survival Band, Darknis, Sista Ngarrindjeri Boyz, Sista Soul and One Blood Hidden

Tandanya staff member Kel Rankine Karnage and Darknis performing in Adelaide plays in Cyclone Sun,

Image

while other Tandanya staff made up Survival Band.

Throughout the day, Betty Sumner ran Ngarrindjeri weaving workshops, Aunty Stephanie Gollan ran workshops on art and jewellery making and Bevan Baxter ran art and

storytelling workshops. Local Aboriginal health service Nunkuwarrin Yunti ran a mini-clinic, and organisations including the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, ANTAR SA Reconciliation SA, SA Domiciliary Care and Link-Up had information stalls

Survival Day 2009 - Adelaide



Rankine family members, back, from left, Jimmy and Jamie; centre, from left, Susan, Natalie and mum Jean. with Kemisha Rankine in front.



Diat Alferink hosted the NITV live telecast of the Adelaide Survival Day celebrations.



Jardine Kiwat and Eddie Peters of Keriba Wed.





Tandanya Director Philip Watkins addresses the crowd, watched by MCs Kevin Agius and Natasha Wanganeen.



Kineman Karma performing.



Kel Rankine of Cyclone Sun with singer and stage performer David Campbell.



Proud grandparents Claudine and John Buckskin with (clockwise from back left) Gavin, Dakotah, William, Lorraine, Kalvin, Molly and Jiarah.



Front, from left, Noelene Fielding, Deborah Hampton, Alison Fielding and Vicki Whichello. Back, from left, Russell Waye-Hill, Georgette Fielding, Kerima Fielding holding Janola Waye-Hill and Allira Hampton.



Matthew Hein of Survival Band drummed up a storm.

Survival Day 2009 - Western Australia



The Survival flag on show in Broome.

Wily women ensure our flag flies high in Broome

WHILE the Australian flag flew prominently in the Kimberly town of Broome on Survival Day, apparently Aboriginal flags

weren't so easy to find. Wanting to acknowledge Aboriginal people on 26 January, three local non-Aboriginal women embarked on a mission to sew and fly their own Aboriginal flag.

We decided as a bit of a protest to make our own survival flag and hang it in the main street of Broome," said one of the women, who asked to remain anonymous.

We considered it a gross

Kimberly that nothing was being acknowledged in a public forum for them over what is supposedly a 'national' day.

'We couldn't buy a flag for love or money, although everywhere we went there was

Union Jack paraphernalia.

"After much shopping, sewing, discussion and a couple of reconnaissance missions, in the wee hours of Sunday morning the day before Survival Day we drove on to the kerb and clambered on to the roof of my four-wheel-drive and hung the

cars and taxis and had a girlfriend set up as 'lookout'. We also wrapped up Boab trees around Broome with the appropriate colours.

"I guess we wanted to have other voices heard apart from loud, strident non-Aboriginal ones... we also did it as a mark of respect and acknowledgment for

First Australians everywhere."

Apparently, the word went out on the grapevine that the flag wasn't to be touched. It was still there last week as The Koori Mail went to print. Thanks girls.

Focus on Fremantle



Nyoongar Elder Theresa Walley, in a Barack Obama t-shirt, talks to the crowd at Fremantle



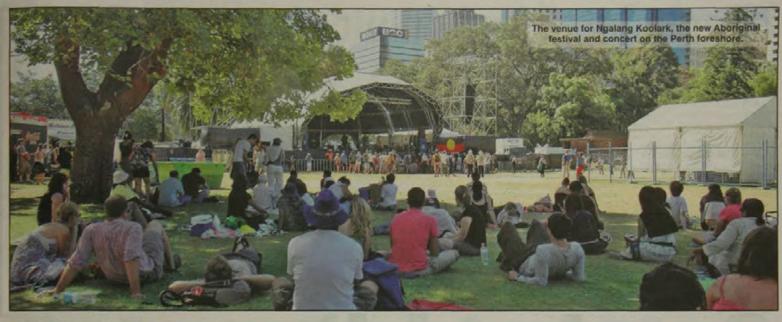


Yarran in Fremantle. See our report on the facing page.



entertainment was a feature of the Survival Day program.

Survival Day 2009 - Western Australia



By WA Correspondent KEN BOASE Photos by ALITA BOASE



THE decision by the Coalition of Peoples to move the customary Survival Day concert from the Perth foreshore to Fremantle this year meant that the local

community had two ligenous festivals to choose from, and

Indigenous testivals to choose from, and both were well attended.

The Survival Day concert was held at Fremantle Park after eight years on the Perth foreshore, while the Perth City Council sponsored an event organised by Nyoongar people Hannah McGlade and Gina Williams called Ngalang Koolark (our home).

The Perth concert was a cross-promotional event for Nyoongar Radio

cross-promotional event for Nyoongar Radio 100.9FM which returns to the airwaves

100.9FM which returns to the airwaves within weeks after closing in controversial circumstances in September 2006.

The organiser of the Fremantle event, Coalition of Peoples Chair Marlene Jackamarra, said that although the Perth City Council and Survival Day concert organisers had parted ways, in the end it might have been the best result.

"In a way the City of Perth has done us."

"In a way the City of Perth has done us a favour (by putting the survival concert out to tender) because we've been able to maintain the integrity of the concert and retain ownership of it, because this event is owned by Aboriginal people," Ms Jackamarra said.
"We've had a wonderful response and it

will be even bigger next year because it will be the 10th anniversary of the Survival Day

Bitter-sweet

It was a bitter-sweet day for Ms
Jackamarra, whose mother passed away
on the morning of last year's event.
Nyoongar Elder Janet Hayden joined
other Elders to give the official Welcome to
Country at Fremantle Park, and most
speakers mentioned the historical ificance of the venue.

"Today we remember our past and remember our people and acknowledge all of those who made this day possible," Ms

"While this day is celebrated as Australia Day, we remember it as Survival Day and to me this place is special because we have a story here, at this site, which is the beginning of the story of Western Australia in 1829."

WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim Hames also referred to history, acknowledging the hardships that WA's Indigenous population faced after Captain James Stirling came ashore at Fremantle in June 1829

"When the white settlers first landed in what became known as Perth, they first came ashore at this site and later Captain Stirling travelled further up the river and met Yallagonga and other Nyoongar tribal leaders and Elders," Mr Hames said.
"In those days white people were welcomed to this country and we all know."

Two events for capital

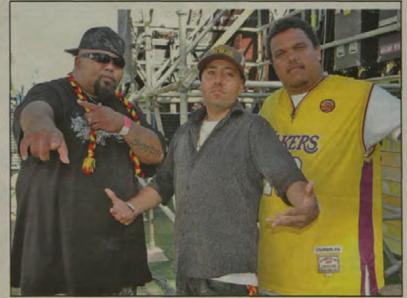


Ngalang Koolark organiser Hannah McGlade

the long-term consequences of that arrival and what it did to Aboriginal people, but this is a day to celebrate survival and to put those hurts aside and move forward

together." Nyoongar Elder Theresa Walley, sporting a Barack Obama t-shirt, called for governments and businesses to stop destroying sacred Nyoongar sites, and made a direct appeal to Mr Hames on the 'shocking living conditions many Aboriginal people in WA still face'.

"Our people, our children, are still living in overcrowded conditions," she said. "We need more houses for our families.



Hip-hop band Obstruct were among the many acts to perform at the Perth and Fremantle Survival Day concerts.

Too many of our koolangahs are homeless and living with their grandparents and we need the Government to help us."

Hannah McGlade said she hoped the Perth event would become an annual concert for the Ngalang Koolark organisers as it was a great way to showcase Nyoongar and other Aboriginal musical talent live on stage and on Nyoongar Radio 100.9 FM

The radio station will be back on air ery soon and we'll be having the official launch in April so this has been a great opportunity to showcase two of our top announcers in Michael Bowden and

arla Hart as MCs of this event." Ms McGlade said.

This concert will be put out to tender from now on and it's something that the radio station would be interested in looking at as an annual event to promote the radio station and showcase the best Aboriginal talent.

The Perth event was also witness to two up-and-coming hip hop acts, Bryte MC and Obstruct, who'll both appear at the Good Vibes concert on the Gold Coast on 21 February. If crowd reaction is a measure of success, these fellas are on their way to the

Beachside Survival picnic in Frankston

TALENTED young artists Indigenous Hip Hop Projects wowed and shocked the audience with flips off the stage at the Stepping Stones Indigenous Art Project's first Survival Day Picnic on the Frankston foreshore

Lukas (BBoy Wild Rock), Michael (BBoy Wrinkle Rock), Peter (BBoy Ugly Betty), Alex (BBoy Ninja) and Jerome of the Jungle smiled and laughed as they performed a showcase of dance and hip hop

The boys entertained toddlers to Elders and everyone in between and shared messages of how to be more confident and overcome personal fear.

Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter also performed their songs of culture, history and hope.

Adam Magennis delivered the Welcome Ceremony with a traditional Local Indigenous performers Allyson, Chris and Luke Walkers' voices set the mood while MC Choco Edwards' personality lit up the stage. Peninsula resident Dicky (Eric)

Bedford, who has family and cultural links throughout the Kimberley in Western Australia, shared his songs about the region.

The beachside Survival Day Picnic came about because local Indigenous people wanted to celebrate their survival and achievements and the success of Stepping Stones, a project where Indigenous artists share skills in a wide range of art mediums.

The project is a partnership with Peninsula Health, Frankston Arts Centre and is funded by Vic Health, Peninsula Health, Frankston City Council, Frankston Arts Centre and



The beachside Survival Day picnic in Frankston. Photo: TRACEY-LEA SMITH

Great spirit was shared



PERFORMERS and music fans alike took the name of Melbourne's Share

the Spirit concert on Survival Day to heart. Aboriginal musicians performed alongside young and emerging Koori talent, and hundreds of people in the audience soaked up the resulting friendly vibe throughout the afternoon in Melbourne's Treasury Gardens. The concert is an annual event

and hosted by Songlines Aboriginal Music Corporation and Melbourne's Aboriginal radio

This year, the main stage featured country, rock, hip hop and jazz music. Headline acts included country music singer Bart Willoughby, Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter. D J Deadly mixed continuous solid sets of hip hop beats and kept young and old alike entertained.

The One Fire Dance crew showcased their blend of traditional-meets-urban rhythms, moves and sounds. Later, the young urban dance crew Indigenous Hip Hop Projects left the crowd wanting more of their energetic brand of contemporarystyle old-school break dance moves with a twist.

The Payback Records hip hop artists also rocked the crowd with MC Little G, and the audience were treated to upbeat live sets from Sol Nation, Rakia and DJ Deadly.

Indigenous performer and former Songlines CEO Grant Hansen was presented with an award for his contribution to Indigenous Music.

Hansen said he was humbled and proud to have been acknowledged for his efforts, but felt he could have done more if government funding bodies and



Bart Willoughby rocks the crowd at Treasury Gardens on Survival



The Indigenous Hip-Hop Projects crew rip it up in Melbourne.

their staff were more supportive of Indigenous music

Not far from the main stage, concert-goers also took the

opportunity to browse a range of stalls at the Koori Market featuring arts, crafts and wares from Indigenous designers and artists



A performance by Nigel Wilkes and the Healesville

Hills alive for concert No 2

annual Survival Day concert in the Melbourne hills suburb of Belgrave proved

popular. Performers at the Cameo **Outdoor Cinema** included Lee Sonnyboy Morgan and Band, the Healesville traditional dance troupe and children's entertainer Sparkleland.

Elder Aunty Dot Peters gave a welcome and there were stalls selling Indigenous craft and bush foods

The event was organised by a group of Belgrave residents, and supported by the Shire of Yarra Ranges, the **Belgrave Traders** Association, Cr Samantha Dunn, Cinema, and Burrinia.



Elder Aunty Dot Peters



Sam Walker-Wilson with a stall for BNYM Indigenous Designs in Morwell.

Survival Day 2009 - Brisbane



Cries for justice



Elder Des Sandy of the Yuggera people does a Welcome to Country.



Aunty Mulinjarlie joins the procession.

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



SURVIVAL Day or Invasion Day in Brisbane took on added significance this year because of the controversial Northern Territory intervention

Territory intervention and calls for a royal commission into the death in police custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee, according to local activist Sam Watson.

A large crowd gathered at Parliament House for a welcome to country on the land of the Jagera people (northside) and Turrbal people before making their way through the city streets of Brisbane, stopping only for a minute's silence in memory of those who had passed on.

Pausing briefly outside police headquarters to call for answers into the treatment of Indigenous people, some marchers as young as ten got their turn on the megaphone.

The Koon Mail walked the city

The Koori Mail walked the city streets with the crowd to Musgrave Park to document this year's rally. Following on from photos in our last edition, these photos offer a further glimpse of the Brisbane proceedings.



Sam Watson presents petitions to Speaker Mike Reynolds' representative seeking a Royal Commission into the Death of Palm Island man Mulrunji Doomadgee.









ABOVE: Three generations of the same family, from left, Sam Watson, his grandson Buddie Canning and son Rob Canning.

LEFT: The
Saunders family
from Brisbane
were there.
Back, from left,
Steven, Wayne,
Allan, Alice and
Frank. Front,
from left, Elgan,
William,
Frances
(holding
Owenmiah) and
Samuel.

Survival Day 2009 - Sydney



Woggan ma gule artistic director Peta Strachan performing for the appreciative crowd.



A small section of the crowd at this year's Yabun festival in Sydney.



Long-time Indigenous campaigner Sol Bellear was a speaker in the Speak Out tent.

Celebrations of our culture



Gadigal Information Service general manager Brad Cooke.



in Sydney offered a celebration of Indigenous

culture, with an early morning ceremony in the Royal Botanic Gardens, followed by the Yabun festival, held in Victoria Park.

The Koori Mail attended both events on 26 January, and while we ran a selection of pictures in our last edition, here's a few more.

Both events were well attended, with about 300 people gathering for the Woggan ma gule ceremony in the Botanic Gardens, an area considered an important meeting and ceremonial site to the Gadigal people.

The site marks the original

shoreline of the harbour and is close to a site where male initiation ceremonies were once conducted.

Meanwhile, the Yabun festival, which was organised by the Gadigal Information ervice, the home of Koori Radio, attracted thousands, and showcased all art forms

The festival featured a live music stage, dance stage, children's stage, the inaugural Kevin Cook lecture, and political discussions.

There were also a number of awards presented at the festival by NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch.

The winners of the 2nd annual Yabun awards were drawn from within the Koori Radio 93.7FM footprint, which spans Greater Sydney, the Central Coast, the Blue Mountains and Wollongong regions.
The winners were:



This mob includes the Kelly family of Akeisha, Tyrone, Akira, Pam and Kayden; the Murray clan of Calita, Mick, Elias and Calita junior, as well as Danny Allende.

Person of the Year: Shane Phillips for his tireless work in the Redfern community with a special acknowledgement of his Family Days on The Block tackling Drugs

 Elder of the Year: Merle May for her commitment to the Elders in the Inner West community despite her battle with breast cancer

· Artist of the Year: Blake Ralph for his ongoing efforts to break into the musical mainstream and his mentoring

 Koori Radio Volunteer Broadcaster of the Year: Daniel Conifer. Last year's Young Person of the Year won the award voted by Koori Radio peers as the station's



best. Koori Radio Sport Saturday 9am - noon. Young Person of the Year: Villawood Koori Kids for

their efforts in spreading Indigenous culture to young people via song, dance and

language.

Aunty Pansy Hickey of Singleton and Bundjalung performer Clarence Slockee. 48 THE KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009.



Having a Knockout time were, from left, Edward Prior (Yarrabah), Edward Walsh (Palm Island), Justin Prior (Cherbourg), Inga Geia (Palm Island – front), Jesse James (Palm Island), Ivan Saltner (Cherbourg) and Jade Prior (Palm Island).



The Woorabinda Dancers were a big hit with spectators. They performed a couple of times during the carnival. Photos by GRAHAM HUNT



Rockhampton's Russell Kemp with his nephew Ronan Blair, eight months, of Maryborough.



Kareen Ghee, of Brisbane, and her aunty lvy Minniecon, of Lowmead,

Great time in BOCKY

PEOPLE travelled from throughout Queensland for the second Central Queensland Reconciliation Rugby League Knockout Carnival held in the city of Rockhampton during the 26 January long weekend. The Koori Mail was there and took these pictures of people having a good time.

See pages 88-89 for coverage of the football action



Rockhampton's Irene Currie with her greatgranddaughter Rhiannon Blair, 7, of Maryborough.



rom left, rear, Isabell Blair (Woorabinda), Ida Lammermoor (Duaringa), Kathy Lammermoor (Duaringa); front, Philomena Blair (Woorabinda) and Crystall Ross (Duaringa).



Brooke Shannen, 16, Tori Warkill, 15, Yale MacGillivray, 16, and Roland Lucas, 16, all of Rockhampton, were there.



Strappers Graeme Smith, Jodi Tull and Juanita Kyle, all of Rockhampton, had a busy time at the carnival. They went through 60 rolls of tape that was just on the first day!

We need to be strong!



Doctors Advice

A column from the Australian Indigenous **Doctors' Association**

with Danielle Arabena*

IABETES is something I feel passionately about. Like many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, my family has a significant history with

Both my grandmother and father have had serious complications due to diabetes

The figures for diabetes in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations continue to rise, with diabetes three times more common in Indigenous populations compared with others.

The good news is non-insulin dependent diabetes is preventable. We need to exercise

regularly and we need to eat well.

As I get older I have noticed changes to my metabolism. The stress and time demands of studying medicine with a family

reduced and hence my weight has gone up. For me the time for excuses must end as I know what can happen if I am overweight. No longer can I say 'I've just had babies' (my children are 15 and 13

For me it is time to get serious and be a good role model. I hope that by reading this, you too shall

throw away the excuses (no more 'I'm just big boned!'), say no to the junk food and get walking!

What is diabetes?

Diabetes occurs when the body is unable to make proper use of the sugars and starches we eat due to inadequate production of insulin. Insulin is a hormone produced by the

pancreas (a gland found near the stomach) and it controls the entry of glucose (from the sugar and starches) into

I like to think of insulin as a key that opens a door of a cell. If the door opens, the glucose is taken into the cells and used as energy to fuel the body. If there is not enough insulin, the door remains shut and glucose can't get into the cell. As a result, the amount of

when it is too high some glucose can spill into the urine.

High glucose and poorly controlled diabetes can lead to many serious complications including nerve damage and narrowing of the blood vessels These complications can cause chest pain or heart attacks, kidney failure and blindness. Damage to

Do you feel like you have no

energy?

Are you always thirsty?

Are you always going for a wee, especially at night?

Do you have sores that never get better? Or maybe you are getting boils?

getting boils?

Do you feel itchy anywhere?

Do you have blurred vision or has your vision just 'gone bad?'

• Have you put on weight or

maybe lost weight? • Do you

have numbness or tingling in your feet?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please see your local health centre for a diabetes check up right away.

As a healer, Lencourage people to take responsibility for their own health. One definition I read recently of responsibility

was the ability to respond.

I urge you all to consider this how do you respond in a crisis or when you are stressed? Do you have a smoke, drink some grog or cram a large packet of chips down your throat?

There are better ways of

dealing with stress.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have warrior hearts. We need to be strong, we responsibility for our health, our healing and our lives. We can't hide behind excuses

I now acknowledge I do not have a junk food gene that forces me to gorge on said junk food, nor does the hand-to-mouth action (that is, food going into my mouth when studying) make my brain work.

These are just excuses that won't cut it any more.
So my brothers and sisters, my family. I am going to ask you to take responsibility for your health.
We are fantastic and have the

capacity to be role models for the rest of our families and future journey together, we can achieve better health.

For those readers out there who might be thinking about becoming doctors, we really want to hear from you! Write to us cithe Editor, The Koori Mail, PO Box 117, Lismore 2480 or email

editor@koorimail.com

• Danielle Arabena is a descendant of the Meriam People from Murray Island in the Torres Strait. Before studying medicine, she worked as a massage therapist/healer for 12 years and ran a holistic health clinic in a medical centre. She has worked as a registered nurse and has also worked in Indigenous education as a university lecturer and tutor. Danielle is the Student Director on the Board of the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association. She is in her final year of medicine at the University of Queensland. where she will soon add medicine to her collection of university degrees (communications



Danielle Arabena talking to kids at the AIDA community event in Darwin last year about what it's like to study medicine.

the blood vessels in the feet or

amputation.

legs can lead to infection, ulcers or

So diabetes is some serious

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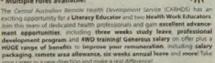
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Qld facility for mums-to-be

CONSTRUCTION of a 24-bed facility for expectant mothers in North Queensland will begin in April. The facility is specially designed

to give Indigenous mothers and their babies greater access to ante-natal and after-birth care

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin made the announcement with local MP Jim Turnour. Ms Macklin said the

expand these services' - Minister Jenny Macklin Federal Government was contributing more than \$5 million towards the facility, which would

be managed by the Mookal Rosie Bi-Bayan Corporation. Since 1983 the corporation has managed a 12-bed facility in Cairns caring for Indigenous women from the Cape York, Torres Strait and Gulf regions in Queensland.

"Many Indigenous mothers cannot access obstetric services in their home communities and need to travel to Cairns to have their babies," Ms Macklin said. "This facility will provide accommodation, referrals, advice, education and support for these

"There is such a high demand for 'There is such a high demand for services that

Mookai Rosie currently turns away at least one

dining area and kitchen, plus a meeting room for post-natal education programs and other support services.

"The need for this type of facility was identified in the Australian Labor Party's May 2007 policy paper New Directions: an equal start in life for Indigenous children," Mr Turnour said.
"It will help close the gap between

non-Indigenous Australians by improving outcomes for new mothers in remote parts of far north Queensland."

woman a day. It is clear there is a real need to The funding comes from the Government's new Indigenous Mothers' Accommodation

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Fund, announced in this year's Budget, which provides \$10 million in capital funding over three years for accommodation for expectant mothers travelling from remote communities to access medical and related services in urban centres.

services that Mookai Rosie currently turns away at least one woman a day. It is clear there is a real need to expand these services.

it will include two living areas, a large

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Police swoop on kava bound for remote centre



ABOUT 60kg of kava, an intoxicating drink originally from the Pacific Islands, has been seized by police on a flight to a remote Arnhem Land community. The flight was

intercepted at Millingimbi, east of

Darwin, last Wednesday afternoon.

Inside the plane, police say they discovered about 60kg of Kava - worth about \$50,000 - hidden in a number of

They arrested a 36-year-old man and charged him with possessing a commercial quantity of kava. He was

bailed to appear in the Darwin Magistrates Court on 4 March

Kava was introduced into Arnhem Land during the 1980s as an alternative

It has been officially banned from Aboriginal communities as part of the ederal Government's Northern

Territory intervention to combat child

Made from the crushed root of a pepper plant mixed with water, kava can cause weight loss, malnutrition, liver damage, hypertension and skin disorders when consumed in large quantities. - AAP





By ALF WILSON in Townsville



ABORIGINAL and Islander people have praised the latest Go for 2 & 5 launched recently

in Townsville

Australian Opals basketballer Rohanee Cox joined with Queensland Health Minister Stephen Robertson during the campaign launch at Townsville High School last Monday to encourage Indigenous families to 'slam dunk' fruit and

vegetables at each meal.

The Beijing Olympics silver medallist and Deadly Award winner appears on posters and television advertisements for the new Old Health campaign, which encourages Indigenous Queenslanders to eat two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables each day.

Community leader Linda Saltner said it was a great campaign aimed at improving the health of Indigenous people and promoted by a well-known sporting star.

"Rohanee is a great role model as a top sportswoman and mother and this is a good campaign," she said.

Six-year-old Zana Sampton told The Koon Mail she tried to eat fruit and vegies every

I hope other Indigenous people do too, especially up in the Torres Strait," she said.

Toni Grant, Leah Lenoy, Liela

Slam dunk top tucker - Rohanee

agreed that eating fruit and vegies could prevent illness and prolong life expectancy.

Luke Duffy, originally from Mount Isa, encouraged his people to think about the message behind the health

Thursday Island-born Velma Gara, the manager of local Indigenous radio station 4K1G, said it was very important for

Indigenous people of all ages to

eat well. Minister Robertson said the campaign was part of the Bligh Government's Toward Q2 strategy to make Queenslanders Australia's healthlest people

This is just one of several initiatives in place to encourage people to change their lifestyle by eating more fruit and vegetables, and get more physically active," he said

There is overwhelming evidence that people who regularly eat a diet high in fruits and vegetables are at substantially lower risks of a range of chronic diseases, including coronary heart disease, stroke, type two diabetes, obesity and several major cancers.

"Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are particularly at risk from chronic disease.

They are more likely to develop diabetes and have a life capetes and nave a life expectancy 13 years lower than that of other Australians. "That's why this new campaign, which complements

the existing statewide Go for 2 & 5 campaign, is so important. It's part of our strategy to close the life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Queenslanders.

Ms Cox, a 29-year-old Townsville Fire guard selected as the Women's National Basketball League 'Player of the Month' for the past two months, knows the importance of eating healthy food

"Having a balanced diet with plenty of fruit and vegetables helps maintain my energy levels and helps me back up after tough games," she said.

"Eating more fruit and vegetables and bush tucker will help guard you and your family against diseases like type two diabetes, heart disease, and even some cancers.

Mr Robertson said Ms Cox was a strong role model for Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people.
Research showed the statewide Go for 2 & 5 campaign had helped increase Queenslanders' consumption of fruit and vegetables by almost one serve a day, the

minister said. This represented an estimated annual health-care saving of \$35 million in relation to cancer and cardiovascular disease alone," he said

Diane's thanks from the heart

By DARREN COYNE



DIANE Christensen, of Bendigo, has been given a second chance

at life thanks to the quick action

of her colleagues.
Although she doesn't
remember the day, on 19 January
she arrived at work as usual in
the rural Victorian city, but

the rural Victorian city, but collapsed in her office soon afterwards.

Her colleagues at the Bendigo District Aboriginal Co-op correctly guessed she had suffered a heart attack and immediately began resuscitation.

Charlie Knight, Aimee Brabazon and Corey Ilsley worked on Diane for 15 minutes until ambulance officers arrived. "Corey reckoned I looked like

"Corey reckoned I looked like a werewolf, my hair was grey and my eyes were yellow and open," Mrs Christensen told *The Koori* Mail

"But I don't remember anything about that day. I only remember waking up in hospital.

"I had felt uncomfortable for a couple of days but I thought it was just asthma. I had no pains in my heart, only my throat." And although she doesn't



remember the incident, Mrs Christensen said she would be thankful to her rescuers for the rest of her life.

"How do you thank them for saving your life? We'll probably go out together when I'm 100 per cent," she said.

"I can only thank them from the bottom of my heart." Her colleague, Charlie Knight, told *The Koori Mail* that Mrs Christensen deserved her second chance at life.

Best mate

"She wasn't meant to go. She's my sister-girl, work colleague and best mate. She's got three daughters and grandchildren, and a loving husband," he said.

Mr Knight said that after the ambulance had taken Mrs Christensen to hospital, they waited anxiously for news.

"She was on life support and they put her in an induced coma but she woke up herself. The staff in intensive care were amazed because she was up the next day, talking and laughing," he said. "Then the visitors started to arrive and the whole family was grateful for what we had done.

"The ambos also praised us to the hilt and said if it wasn't for us she would have been deceased." Mrs Christensen told *The* Koori Mail she would now have to

Mrs Christensen told *The*Koori Mail she would now have to
undergo surgery to have a
defibrillator implanted in her heart
in case of another attack, but
otherwise her prognosis was very
good.

good.
"The doctors have told me that from now on I have to eat healthy food and give up smoking," she said.

"They say I've got to focus on different things, but I've got three beautiful grandchildren, three daughters and a great husband so it should be all right."

Mrs Christensen also urged other Aboriginal organisations to ensure their staff received first-aid training.

"It blew me away because not too long ago, about three months, we all did our first aid training course," she said.

"That training saved my life,"
"Rural Ambulance Victoria
has indicated it will give an award
to Mrs Christensen's colleagues
for their quick action.

Partnership bears fruit



ABORIGINAL children in a number of remote communities will be eating a guaranteed 200 pieces of fruit a

year as the result of a new agreement between Red Cross and Outback Stores.

The fruit will be added to Red Cross' Good Start Breakfast Club menu in any community in which an Outback Store is located.

"We've estimated that over a child's primary school years, that's around 1200 pieces of fruit they probably wouldn't have eaten," Outback Stores Wellbeing Manager Julie Croft said

"Inadequate fruit and vegetable consumption accounts for a six per cent mortality rate among Indigenous Australians, according to a study quoted in the Australian Bureau of Statistics report The Health and Welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples (2008).

"Having one piece of fruit a day will provide half of a child's necessary daily fruit intake."

necessary daily fruit intake."
Red Cross has been
operating breakfast programs in
remote areas of the Northern

Territory since 2006 and is now working with 33 communities and 13 homeland centres to achieve improved nutrition for children. More than 102,150 nutritious

More than 102,150 nutritiou breakfasts were provided in remote communities in the NT last year alone.

"The breakfasts include fruit when available, but not all communities have a reliable source of good quality items and the supply can be inconsistent," Red Cross Executive Director, Northern Territory, Sharon Mulholland said.

Commitment

"By working with Outback Stores, which has as part of its business charter a commitment to maintain a reliable supply of fresh fruit and vegetables for communities, Red Cross can access a guaranteed supply of seasonal fruit every single day.

"For some children, this will mean tasting certain fruits for the first time, such as Central Desert youngsters trying tropical fruit varieties they have never seen." The breakfast program

The breakfast program partnership springs from the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the two organisations.

The memorandum sets out a

framework for co-operation between Outback Stores and Red Cross with the aim of encouraging closer ties that will be of benefit to the communities

they are operating in.
"Both organisations are focused on health outcomes in Indigenous communities and this partnership will see the development of joint policies based on the provision of healthy food and the promotion of healthy eating patterns," Ms Mulholland said.

"It will also encourage community participation in co-operative initiatives that will improve the availability, accessibility and affordability of healthy food."

Outback Stores is committed to improving health outcomes in remote Indigenous communities and has introduced policies and set targets to help increase sales of fruit and yegetables.

of fruit and vegetables.
"We look at the amount of fruit
and vegetables being sold as a
percentage of total food and
tobacco sales at a store," Ms
Croft said.
The first communities to

benefit from the partnership will be Yuendumu, Imanpa, Ali Curung and Bagot.



Young Katirina Thompson helps launch the fruit program in Darwin.

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Wyong council to continue partnership

continue its

partnership with a local high school to help improve Indigenous

ucation in the area. Council Aboriginal Youth

Development Worker Matthew Sonter has been working with Gorokan High School on the NSW central coast for four years implementing programs in the school. The aim of the programs are to encourage students' participation and to show them the different options available outside of school as well as getting back to their traditional roots through art and culture

Mr Sonter said he ran programs in conjunction with the school's Aboriginal Education Unit, Muru Bulbi

(meaning 'pathways to learning'), to help increase Indigenous pride in the school and local area.

"One way we will be continuing our support to the school's Indigenous students will be through an annual award named after the

Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO) Lesley Armstrong," he said

Lesley has been an AEO with Gorokan High School for more than 15 years and is the reason the school is a leader in Aboriginal Education.



MATTHEW SONTER



The Year Nine group with the computer-driven robot at The University of Western Australia.

Pupils get scientific



you think Barack Obama?

going to be the first Indigenous Prime Minister of Australia?"

Cheers and hands-up greeted these questions from Professor James Trevelyan, Discipline Chair of Mechatronics Engineering at The University of Western Australia in Perth. His audience was 20 Indigenous Year Nine students from all over the State taking part in a science camp at the beginning of the month

Many of the students had never been to Perth, much less had the opportunity to drive a robot from a computer, experiment with green chemistry, or be encouraged to design a space representative of their favourite person.

Prof Trevelyan told the students the way to achieve their



study physics when he leaves school.

dreams was to 'learn to think straight'. In this way they would be able to overcome challenges such as climate change.

At least one member of the group needed little encouragement. James Mallard, who goes to Hamilton Senior High School and whose family

originally came from Carnarvon, said he wanted to study physics when he finished school.

UWA School of Indigenous Studies Community Liaison Officer Ray Garrett said the three-day camp, attracting students from as far afield as Newman and Port Hedland in the north and Manjimup and Mount Barker as well as metropolitan areas, was one of a series aimed at attracting more Indigenous students to tertiary studies

There was also a Year Eight day camp and another for students in Years Ten to 12, as well as Tertiary Entrance Examination revision, Mr.

Garrett said.

As well as discovering the wonders of science, the students visited the university's Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts, and Scitech and Kings Park, where they went on a walk and were taught about local bush foods.



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NSWALC funds to help our students

ABORIGINAL students are being urged to continue their studies by applying for educational scholarships with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC).

NSWALC Chair Bev Manton said investing in children's education was the best way to enhance the life opportunities that would be available to them in later

"I am firmly committed to ensuring that Aboriginal people have the opportunity to participate in the land council's educational revolution," she said. "I am determined to ensure that our students are equipped with the tools they need for the workforce of today and tomorrow.

"Given our current economic climate, I believe it is imperative that our people avail themselves of the financial assistance being offered by NSWALC."

Application forms and full details for the scholarships for the 2009 academic from the NSWALC website at www.alc.org.au

Nominations close on Friday 13

NSWALC Central Region councillor Stephen Ryan said the

scholarships could make the difference between a person completing their education or dropping out.

Cr Ryan, whose region includes communities in the NSW Central West,

communities in the NSW Central West, said Government funding was not involved in the scholarship initiative.

"They are entirely funded by the land council," he said. "They are a wonderful initiative, one I am particularly proud of."

Cr Ryan said there were two types of

scholarships - those funded under NSWALC's \$30 million Educational Endowment Fund and Freddie Fricke scholarships. "Broadly, however, they are meant to assist students from primary school up," he said.

Cr Ryan said the scholarships were different to Government-sponsored

scholarship systems.
"They more readily recognise the difficulties many Aboriginal people are facing trying to achieve educational improvement," he said. "We are investing

in the future of our people."
The elected councillor for the Wiradjuri
Region, Craig Cromelin, said scholarships under the Education Endowment Fund covered six broad areas, including those students in primary and secondary education, students in boarding schools, tertiary students or those undertaking and vocational courses

Cr Cromelin said a new feature was employment-specific scholarships on offer Aboriginal students willing to undertake TAFE or tertiary studies in those vocations

where there were labour market shortages

A further new addition was scholarships to Local Aboriginal Land Council Chief Executive Officers and younger LALC members to undertake leadership and other accredited training to assist them in their operations and professional

development. "The financial support for these applicants will aim to attract younger members of our

NSW Aboriginal Land Council Sydney-Newcastle region councillor Roy Ah-See. He says the scholarships are a great initiative and he has urged people in his area to apply for one. Local Aboriginal Land Councils as well as encouraging young leaders to become more involved

in Aboriginal affairs generally," Cr

He said Freddy Fricke Scholarships offered financial assistance to Aboriginal students to undertake study in a discipline with a university or TAFE college.

"These are one-off payments for scholarship holders to purchase text books, pay enrolment fees and/or HECS fees and other approved course-related expenses," he said.

Further details on the selection criteria and scholarship application forms are available by contacting Marlene McFarlane, Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), on (02) 9929 9633.



Jessica Sore, 17, sits in the seat of the simulator at Townsville watched by fellow

Mining jobs the goal of **Qld** courses

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Story and photos by ALF WILSON



A SIMULATOR similar to one used to train pilots to fly large commercial aircraft is being used in north Queensland to teach Indigenous youths and adults to drive giant trucks which will enable them to

gain jobs in the mining industry.

Indigenous school students and adults from as far away as Cape York, Yarrabah, Palm Island and the Torres Strait were in Townsville recently to use simulators to learn about jobs

in the mining industries. Many of the 50 students go to Townsville schools and attended the one-day mining awareness program at the Australian Technical College North Queensland.

Simulator trainer Dave McMillan said the highlight for the students was their chance to operate a Caterpillar 777D Haul truck simulator, which he said was very close to

operating the real thing. The courses have been designed as a direct response to shortages in the resource sector despite a generally gloomy employment outlook in Australia.

Indigenous mining company Northern Project Contracting has developed a mobile mining school for Indigenous people to provide an accelerated career pathway into sustainable employmen in the mining

The Koori Mail spoke to some of the students who were confident they would gain well-paid jobs in the mining industry after taking part

Among the 50 were Michael Presley, Sasha Abednego, Maurice Masso, Fred Mills, Doug Saylor, Tyrone Yasserie, Robert Sagigi, Donald Pedro, Jason Douglas, Jessica Sore and Justin Neal.

NPC Director Brad Foster said there were still labour and skill shortages across Australia, particularly in mining

Australia, particularly in mining and civil works.

"In many of the regions where these shortages are acute, Indigenous Australians are available in significant numbers and their physical proximity to most mines makes them ideal candidates to meet these skills." to meet these skills

to meet these skills shortages," he said.

Mr Foster said the mining sector was the largest employer of Indigenous people and this trend would continue to grow while the resource sector was strong.

The program included an

introduction, overview of NPC and of the mining industry, mining methods, career pathways, mining lifestyle and general obligations.

Northern Project Contracting will also offer placements in a six-week work-readiness program, which will be introduced nationally if successful.

The program has been co-ordinated in partnership with Education Old's Learning and Engagement Centre.

School's in for triplets-

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



to school hundreds of little ones all

over the NSW Northern Rivers - and none were more excited than Lismore's Bundjalung triplets. Kadeesha, Kobe and Kyle

Bird, who turned five last October, couldn't wait to start Kindergarten at the city's Goonellabah Public School.

The excitement of starting their first day at school began at dawn, according to parents Paul King and Joann

"They were up since 6am asking when they could go to school," said their proud

Because we're a working family, they're used to day care and also have a lot of cousins and two older siblings at the school to look out for them.

Older sister and school captain Chloe King, who is in Year Six, was an official school 'helper' for the

assisting the younger students with the transition into their classrooms.

It was definitely a family affair, with older brother Paul King Jnr in Year Four, and their Grand-dad and a group of other cousins and aunties on hand to see them off.

The triplets, who've featured previously in The Koori Mail, seemed to take it all in their stride, joining in a few games on the oval before filing into their new classroom for the year, with mum and dad by their side.

Settling in

Goonellebah Public School Principal Mark Spencer said the school's 2009 additions were settling in well, although it always took the kids a while to get used to a big

With an average of 250 students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Mr Spencer said the school had a large Indigenous population, and a variety of programs aimed specifically at supporting Aboriginal students.



NT teachers to be held to accoun



TEACHERS will be held accountable for the academic performance of their students in a bid to improve

appalling literacy and numeracy results in the Northern Territory.

include a strengthening of performance management processes' for teachers while all schools will be required to aim for at least

90 per cent attendance. There will also be a whole of school approach to numeracy and literacy' to ensure students undergo consistent learning programs

Teachers and school principals across the NT have received a letter from Minister Marion Scrymgour, who was moved from the Education portfolio last Tuesday, in which she outlined her expectations for 2009. "We cannot be satisfied with our current numeracy and literacy results across the Territory. We need to raise the bar and expect better outcomes from our students," Ms Scrymgour said the day before her portfolio change. The NT Government is under

'There will be a renewed focus on accountability processes ... principals and teachers will be accountable for improving the performance of every child in their classrooms'

> pressure to improve the academic performance of students, particularly those from

> remote Aboriginal communities. About 2000 Aboriginal children are not enrolled in school, and another 2500 fail to attend regularly.

More than 60 per cent failed the reading benchmark in the national basic skills tests, and more than 70 per cent failed the writing benchmark. NT Chief Minister Paul

Henderson said on Monday that student performance had to

"There will be a renewed focus on accountability processes within schools - principals and teachers will be accountable for improving the performance of every child in their classrooms,"

"Education is crucial to the future of every Northern Territory child and

we need to improve the education outcomes of all

Territory students."

Ms Scrymgour said the
Government had also decided last year to require Fleracy and numeracy testing to be published on the internet. -



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Crayon drawings inspire exhibition



contemporary Yolngu art which draws its inspiration from crayon drawings completed by Yolngu Elders in

1946 is about to go on display. The exhibition of north-eastern Arnhem Land works will be opened at Mossenson Galleries in Subiaco, Western Australia,

on 17 February and continue until 7 March.

Berndt Museum of Anthropology Director John Stanton will open the exhibition, which features works by Yolngu Elders including Galarrwuy Yunupingu, Djalu Gurruwiwi and

Djambawa Marawili. Organisers said that back in 1946, anthropologists Ronald and Catherine Berndt arrived at Yirrkala in north-eastern Arnhem Land, where they were immediately struck by the complexity, beauty and power of the ancient knowledge systems.

They encouraged the Yolngu



One of the Yolngu crayon works about to go on exhibition at Messenson Galleries in Subiaco,

Elders to use paper and crayons to record their stories, and about 300 works were produced, and

For more than 60 years they

sat in the Berndt collection in Perth and were rarely exhibited

But in January last year, Buku-Larrnggay Art Gallery staff members Araluen Maymuru and

Dindirrk Mununggurr made the reverse journey and travelled from Yirrkala to Perth.

With the co-operation of Dr Stanton they were able to get

copies of 120 of these historic

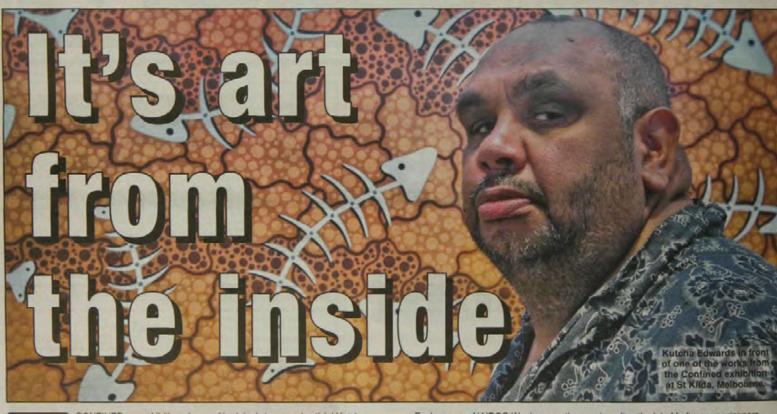
After 60 years, those records of Yolngu life were taken home. where they provided inspiration to the modern-day Elders.

In 2008, in collaboration with printing company Basil Hall Editions, the contemporary Yolngu Elders began creating a new series of etchings inspired by the crayon drawings.

The master printers at Basil Hall Editions developed a new technique of soft-ground etching, which allowed the Elders to depict their stories in pencil on an etching plate.

The effect of the finished print emulated the 1946 crayon drawings, honoring their Yolngu legacy as cultural artistic forebears.

This new medium – as strange to the artists of today as crayons were to the artists of 1947 – produced works that the gallery says captures the spirit of innovation and pride of the crayon drawings





CONFINED, an exhibition of art by Indigenous men and women in Victorian prisons, is showing at The Gallery in St Kilda Town Hall. The

exhibition, which runs to 4 March, is part of the fourth Yalukit Wilam Ngargee: People Place Gathering Festival. It also is the first time such an exhibition has been held in the City of Port Phillip.

The exhibition consists of 24 paintings from Indigenous inmates at the Dame Phyllis

Frost Centre (formerly Deer Park
Metropolitan Women's Correctional Centre),
the Metropolitan Remand Centre in Deer
Park and Loddon Prison in Castlemaine,
Artworks by Indigenous artists in the City
of Port Phillip's collection are also featured—
Six photographs from Ricky Maynard's Urban
Diary series a photograph and parts are priced to the control of the control o

Six photographs from Hicky Mayhere's Ord, Diary series, a photograph by Destiny Deacon and painting by Julie Gough. The standout paintings are five large canvases, which arrived at the last minute from Loddon Prison.

Aboriginal singer and activist Kutcha Edwards launched the exhibition with Port Phillip Deputy Mayor Judith Klepner

"When you've been denied a voice as these Indigenous prisoners have, art offers a powerful means of self-expression, Edwards said.

During the past seven NAIDOC Weeks. Edwards and other Indigenous broadcasters have presented Beyond the Bars, live broadcasts from Victorian prisons, on radio station 3CR. The program won the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) Radio Award in 2005 for this work. Edwards has also championed art programs to Indianous prisoners. for Indigenous prisoners.
Through the broadcasts and exhibitions

like this, Indigenous prisoners feel like they're part of the community. They might be shut in, but hearing their voices on radio or loaning their works out for exhibitions means they don't feel as shut out. Art offers them a window to express themselves in their own forms and styles," he said.

Each year, as NAIDOC Week nears, the Port Phillip Prison holds a reception which nominates a painting by one of the inmates to become the image used on the official NAIDOC Week t-shirt.

Gr Klepner said Aborigines started to be jailed soon after 1788 when Australia was established as the largest prison in the world. "The earliest recorded examples of Aboriginal prison art dates back to 1872-73 in

Albany, where the rainbow serpent and various small lizards were engraved into the wooden walls of a cell," she said.

Disproportionate

*Aborigines have continued to be incarcerated in vastly disproportionate numbers ever since.

The situation for Aboriginal people in jail remains dire.

"Art remains a beacon of hope under these circumstances and sensible prison administrations realise that art classes are a powerful counter to the despair which is

too often the lot of Indigenous prisoners.
"Art can rebuild self-esteem, can allow

some Dreaming, even when the artist is confined to the four walls of a jail. It helps maintains Indigenous culture.

Cr Klepner said the council hoped the exhibition would become an annual event as

part of the Yalukit Wilam Ngargee: People Place Gathering Festival. Eighty per cent of funds raised from

the artworks goes to the charity nominated by the individual artist, with the remainder going to Indigenous arts programs in the

prison system.

Depending on the prisons, artists get to spend around two hours a week on art programs. Resources are often quite limited and each prison has its own rules. In Deer Park Metropolitan Women's Correctional Centre, artists are restricted to doing

watercolours on canvas.

The exhibition is at The Gallery, St Kilda
Town Hall, corner of Carlisle Street and St
Kilda Road. Mon-Fri, 9-5 to 4 March.

Goldfields colours feature in textiles



AN exhibition of hand-dyed silk textile pieces inspired by and created in the rugged landscape around the West Australian Goldfields town of Laverton will open in Perth on Friday. Marlu Kuru Kuru, to be

exhibited at the John Curtin Gallery's Access Gallery, is the culmination of a joint project involving Laverton's Indigenous Marlu Kuru Kuru group and Curtin University of Technology (CUT)

It will feature installations of textiles as well as photographic and audio-visual documentation.

Wongi women, who make up the Marlu Kuru Kuru group, and the students harvested native vegetation growing in and around Laverton to

vegetation growing in and around Laverton to produce unique dyes to colour cloth. Exhibition Curator Annette Nykiel said the Wongi women used their traditional knowledge of the plants, passed down to them through the generations, to harvest and prepare the dyes that produced beautiful, natural colourations. "The dyes were created by boiling or steaming plants such as flannel flower, bush lemon, gimlet, quandong and 'sticky bush' in large pots of water," she said.
"Different colours and hues could be obtained."

Different colours and hues could be obtained from the one plant, depending on the plant parts used and the season in which it was harvested."

The idea for the project grew out of a Curtin Volunteers Weekend in Laverton in May last

Ms Nykiel, who is enrolled at Curtin, completing her Bachelor of Arts (Hons), said she and a group of student volunteers came up with the idea from a desire to share knowledge and celebrate culture.

Ms Nykiel said the group hoped to develop a viable business enterprise from the sustainable organic art.

Marlu Kuru Kuru will be open to the public from 13 February to 13 March. Entry is free. The Kent Street, Bentley gallery is open 12pm to 5pm Monday to Friday.





Clockwise, from left:

- Rene Powell (front) gathering native vegetation to make silk
- Examples of dyed silk using plant material from Laverton
- Artist Rene Powell and Doreen Harris



million for far north arts centres

Story and photo by Townsville correspondent ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS arts centres in Aurukun, West Cape York, Erub and Thursday Island (Torres Strait), Lockhart River, Pormpuraaw, Mornington Island, Hopevale, Cairns, Townsville and Mossman George have received a \$1 million State Government funding boost. Arts Minister Rod Welford was in

Townsville on 1 February as part of a week-long Cabinet tour when he named the recipients of the latest round of grants from the 'Backing Indigenous Arts Program'. The Umbrella Studio in Flinders Street

Townsville was packed for the announcement, which Mr Welford said was an investment in arts projects and Queensland artists.

TSI dance group Western Blue consisting of Tom Neliman, Carol Mooka and 14-year-old Jacquie Mooka performed for a large audience, which included Townsville City Councillors Jenny Lane and Ray Garfrell.

They were joined after several dances by Jai Cummings, who has family at Mapoon, on Cape York, and is heading to Japan in February to

James Cook University (JCU) Associate Professor Gracelyn Smallwood was also there

These great projects include the development of full-length dance production inspired by Native Title campaigner Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo and the revitalisation of a cultural museum in a rainforest," said Mr Welford.

Mr Mabo's daughter and artist/entertainer Gail Mabo also spoke

Aurukun Shire Council will receive \$100,000 for exhibitions, artist-in-residence programs, and attendance at the Laura Aboriginal and Cultural Festivals. The funding will also support artists and centres during the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair next

Mr Weiford said that earlier funds had already seen strong results for Indigenous artists. "Printmaking workshops in Townsville last year

led to a major commission for nine Indigenous artists to create 400 works for a newly refurbished Townsville hotel and an accompanying exhibition both to open in July 2009," he said.

The Minister said that Indigenous arts centres

played a vital role in communities as well as ensuring artists could create and sell their work.

Their welcoming atmosphere makes them key contributors to strong and productive communities. They are also meeting places for Elders to share their knowledge and stories," he



At the announcement were, from left, Carol Mooka and Gracelyn Smallwood.

Search begins for next **Yarning Up TV** series



series of Yarning Up documentary series

kicked off in Darwin last week with ten writers from remote communities participating in a three-day writing

workshop. The Northern Territory Film Office-developed series will eventually screen on ABC Television

Like the first series the second series of Yarning Up will be produced in partnership with Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting (TEABBA), the ABC Screen Australia and the Department of Education and Training.

"The writing workshop held by tutor Martha Ansara is the first step in a long process, and is an opportunity for story ideas to be captured on the page," Ms McDonald

The written submissions will then be presented for selection at the end of the week with only four projects chosen for production and broadcast on ABC

"It is great to see stories coming to screens nationally and internationally that tell stories from our remote Territory communities and we are excited to see new faces in this workshop, as well as some writers returning for a second time

From the first series Tom E Lewis' One River, All Rivers and Frank Djirrimbilpilwuy's Yolgnu Guya Djamamirr, a documentary about the Chooky Dancers' international hit Zorba the Greek, Yolgnu style, were particularly successful and screened at many festivals internationally. "TEABBA is in it 20th

year, and we are proud to be working with so many fantastic story tellers from remote communities," Ms McDonald said.

TEABBA Manager Don Bayliss said the Yarning Up initiative provided a great opportunity for Indigenous Territorians to get their yarns to

Tour to follow Bartonis Ganberra gig

didgeridoo player William Barton will mark the first anniversary of the Apology to

Australia's Indigenous peoples on 13 February by playing a special Canberra concert with his mother opera singer Delmae Barton and others.

The evening performance at the National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA) is expected to be particularly poignant as Aunty Delmae is a member of the Stolen Generations and was present in Parliament House during the Apology.

Also featuring DJs Frank Madrid and D'Opus and percussionist Mario Gordon, the show will see William Barton perform a range of music from reflections for solo didgeridoo to hip hop-driven creations and incorporate images and sounds from the Apology.

After the concert, Barton will introduce the films, Kalkadoon Man, Brendan Fletcher's 2005 documentary, and the world premiere of Return, a 2008 tribute to the peoples of the Stolen Generations, by Jason van Genderen and Shane Emmett.

The Canberra show will kick off a whirlwind tour of Barton's Kalkadunga Man show to

Melbourne, Sydney and regional NSW during February and March

Kalkadunga Man is a collaboration between Barton and vocal ensemble The Song Company. Described as a 'sonic and visual feast', the concert presents an experience of the Australian night and day, as seen through Barton

Photographer Allan Chawner's powerful images of the Kalkadunga land are projected on a large screen, while the sounds of Barton's didg combine with vocal music, including scores by the world-renowned composer Ross Edwards.

The Song Company's Artistic Director Roland Peelman said the collaboration with Barton had enabled the vocal ensemble to delve into fresh and

exciting musical territory.
"Our ensemble can do some amazing things with their voices but William is a truly unique artist who vocalises the didgeridoo to produce a sound much lower than any human voice could ever sing. said Peelman.

Kalkadunga Man tour dates,

WILLIAM BARTON

with all shows starting at 7.30pm,

18 Feb: Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Casula 19 Feb: Newcastle Conservatorium, Newcastle 21 Feb: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, Bathurst 23 Feb: National Museum of

25 Feb: City Recital Hall, Angel Place, Sydney 27 Feb: Campbelltown Arts

Centre, Campbelltown

28 Feb: Orange Civic Theatre,

4 March: Melbourne Recital

Centre, Melbourne 7 March: Frensham School -Clubbe Hall, Mittagong

Central Desert art comes to town



creativity of Central Desert Aboriginal painters is a mesmerising experience, according to Anna Kanaris.

"I love seeing the expressions on the face of the artists upon completion of a painting," said the West Australian art dealer.

"The responses can be anything from indifference for the painting that the artist obviously doesn't think is their best work, to a little smirk of satisfaction, to an all-out burst of pride and exclamation of mwarre anthurre! (pronounced murun-dora) - which means good one

That painting gets the big thumbs

" Ms Kanaris said.

Next month will see the Earlywork Gallery in South Fremantle open an exhibition of works from the Central Desert communities of Utopia and Mt

Mwarre Anthurra - Good Onel will feature works - collected by Ms

Kanaris' Artitja Fine Art - from some of the better-known artists of the region in amongst a talented pool of newer, younger artists whose artistic expression is 'an intertwining of traditional storytelling resulting in a new, fresh and more contemporary approach to Indigenous art'.
"Some of these artists who have

begun painting more recently have grown up watching their Elders tell their stories on canvas, and are now taking that to the next stage of cultural expression – mixing the old with the new," Ms Kanaris said.

"I think it is very exciting seeing this development and what is slowly emerging is a new wave of artists from the desert, and if you like, a new stylistic direction.

The exhibition also features

weaves by Nyoongah bush sculptor
Janine McAullay Bott.

• Mwarre Anthurre – Good Onel
will be exhibited from 7-22 March,
10am to 6pm daily, at Earlywork
Gallery, 330 South Terrace, South Fremantle. Admission is free

Wanted: 2009 cards, 2010 calendar designs



and Torres Strait Islander artists and designers for its 2009 Christmas cards and 2010 Indigenous art reconciliation calendar

Fair Trade says it is committed to reconciliation, to learning from the past and finding fair ways of co-existing and ensuring the basic rights of Indigenous Australians

"This includes the right to land as recognised by the law and the right to have a say in their future," the importer and retailer of fair trade commodities and

world craft said. "The Oxfam shop is looking for lively and colourful artworks that portray subjects of personal and communal significance, dreaming stories, the wisdom of bush culture, the realit of the physical and social environment and the joy of creating and creation."

Fair Trade, which currently pays artists a royalty of eight per cent for retail stock, has Oxfam shop supporters, corporations, businesses, institutions and international fair trade partners amongst its customers.

Selected artworks must be compatible with the Oxfam shop and Oxfam Australia vision of 'A fair world in which people control their own lives their basic rights are achieved and the environment is sustained'.

Submissions must be original works and suitable for commercial reproduction. Cards, gift-wraps and calendars will feature a high quality, colour-matched print of the selected artwork

Anyone wanting to be part of this initiative and who would like to submit designs for consideration, is invited to forward an expression of interest and good quality visuals to the selection committee by 28 February.

 Submissions should Submissions should be forwarded to Nele Schmidt-Teuteberg, Oxfam Australia Trading Pty Ltd, PO Box 184, Kilkenny SA 5009. Contact Nele on phone (08) 8240 7640 or email neles-t@oxfamshop org.au to obtain submission specifications

The Voice of Indigenous Australia



A painting by the late Minnie Pwerle, of Utopia, in the Mwarre Anthurre - Good One! exhibition (105x90cm)

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By MAHALA STROHFELDT



A QUIET picnic on the beach with her three children was an unlikely way for energetic performer and writer Tammy Anderson to mark her recent 40th

birthday. The Palawa woman admits that her tendency in life is to 'dive in head first', but offstage and away from the bright lights and a heavy touring schedule, she relishes the

solitude and time spent with her family. And no wonder. The Koori Mail caught up with Anderson about the return of her one-woman show I Don't Wanna Play House to Sydney after an exhausting eight years on the road in Australia and

The stage performer is also a busy mum, getting her children – aged 17, 14 and three - off to school, making lunches and planning birthday parties. She said her children were her greatest achievements. "The thing that saved me was becoming

Another important part of her life has been the cathartic process of writing about and performing in her story through the eyes of a child.

Growing up in Tasmania and Victoria, the show explores the themes of

alcoholism, violence and sexual abuse. "In the first 15 years of my life, I lived in 16 houses, three caravans and went to 12 schools," Anderson said.

Something in common

Anderson's writing process began a decade ago. After yarning with fellow female university students, Anderson realised that not one of the group had escaped some form of abuse, so she started writing. And once she started, could not stop.

"In the very early stages, it was very rough and raw, it was like my pen was possessed," she said.

Anderson said that although some

members of her family were a bit cautious in the beginning, the process got them talking, crying and laughing together over things that had been unspoken for a long

And she said the sensitive topics explored by the show were universally understood by audience members the world

Anderson still remembers conversations she had with people who first saw her perform a decade ago, and the way they said her characters reflected something

about themselves and their families.

She said this was one of the things that kept her going. Another was that her story was not quite finished yet.

She has just been commissioned by Indigenous theatre company Yirra Yaakin to write the sequel to I Don't Wanna Play House, looking beyond her childhood and into her early 30s.

Anderson said that so far, her writings revealed more of herself than ever before, and had given her reason to contemplate her achievements as well as her mistakes. She said she would need to delve back into a world that she had left behind, and confront her old demons before she could articulate the story to audiences

She would like to take people on another ride through her days as a young vulnerable girl who fell into the very relationship she had been running from to her new life as a mother and wife.

And then there is Anderson's father, a blackfella from Tasmania now in his 60s, who 'grew up in the system', and outside of prison, dependant on alcohol, and who

found he couldn't cope with a family.

She recently visited him in the nursing home where he now lives and instead of anger or resentment, she said she thought only of what a hard life it must have been for Aboriginal men in those times

All of this which will inform her new writing while she tours I Don't Wanna Play House for another 32 weeks starting with the Q Theatre in Sydney from 24-28

Karla comes to Perth



Indigenous short film Karla will feature in the 2009 Perth International Arts Festival at the traditional

Noongar Welcome to Country.

ScreenWest Chief Executive Ian Booth said the film was a fitting addition to the Welcome To Country

"Karla is a Dreamtime story of how fire came to the Noongar people of the Pinjarra region, told through painting, dance and visual storytelling," Mr Booth

The screening of Karla at the Welcome to Country will be a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy the work of our talented local film-makers and celebrate the unique storytelling of

the Noongar people." First-time director Karrie-Anne learing said that through Karla and the arts, she ensured that the history of her people was recognised alongside the

history of modern Australia

"I am very proud to have my work selected to be screened at the festival Welcome to Country," Ms Kearing said. Karla producer Naomi Ashcroft is equally pleased to share her work with the Perth Festival audience.

Ms Kearing cut her teeth as the writer of the Indigenous short film, Weewar and she is an active member of the Pinjarra Katijin Corporation. working to develop art and cultural programs for her community.

Along with Karla, three West Australian short films have been selected to screen at the 2008/09 Lotterywest Festival Films season during the Perth Festival. Clouds, Edgar and Elizabeth and Legacy will each screen for one week prior to the

main program feature film.
The Perth Festival Welcome to Country is part of the Lotterywest Festival Celebration, a free family event at the Supreme Court Gardens from 8.30pm on Friday February 13.

Dubbo to host workshop



A FIVE-DAY intensive workshop aimed at helping regional Indigenous artists gain valuable skills and

knowledge of the music industry will held in Dubbo, in western New South Wales,

The Whichway Regional Music Development Program will be held at the Yarradamarra Centre at the Western Institute of TAFE Dubbo Campus from 23-27 March.

Expressions of interest are being ccepted for the program, which is free,

but has limited places.
Participants will network and participate in essential workshops, seminars and panels with industry professionals, established artists and performers and key members of various support organisations, who will share first-hand experiences and knowledge of

the contemporary music industry. There will also be a day of production

workshops that will focus on improving songwriting and performance skills with an opportunity to record a demo at the end of the week.

Whichway is a project of Music NSW, funded through Arts NSW, and exists to assist in the development of the Indigenous music industry in NSW. The project incorporates a number of

programs, including workshops, album launches, recording opportunities and ongoing support, advice, referral and the

auspices of grants.
Previous artists to go through the Whichway program include Sharon Lane, Emma Donovan, Radical Son, Sharnee Fenwick, The Last Kinection, Wire MC, Konnect A Dot and many

Expressions of interest in next month's program should be forwarded to Frank Trotman-Golden, Indigenous Music Project Manager by email frank@musicnsw.com or by phone on (02) 9699 9706

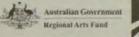
Dancing OutWest





MORE than 70 young people took part in an Aboriginal dance development project in central western New South Wales in December.

Indigenous choreographer and dancer Jo Clancy led the Arts OutWest's 2008 Contemporary





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Arts Projects for Regional WA Communities

Projects and Residencies – up to \$20,000 or up to \$25,000 for applicants above the 26th parallel

To support communities to work with professional artists to create innovative, high quality work in any artform, whilst developing partnerships and developing creative skills in the community.

Closing Date: 13 March 2009.

Mentorship Program - up to \$25,000 or up to \$30,000 for applicants above the 26th parallel

To create partnerships between creative people to share knowledge and experience while developing new networks and skills. Two mentorships will be offered – one to an emerging artist and one to a mid-career artist.

Closing Date: 13 March 2009.

Quick Response Grants - up to \$1,500

To support small-scale arts development initiatives and professional development opportunities that need to be responded to quickly.

Closing Date: open all year round.

Arts Agencies - up to \$150,000 over 3 years

To assist WA arts and cultural agencies to deliver programs/ positions in partnership with regional communities. For more intermation contact the Regional Arts Development

Closing Date: Expressions of Interest due 13 March 2009.

Strategic Regional Partnerships - up to \$150,000

To assist regional communities to develop programs/ positions that have long-term impact and strategic intent. For more information contact the Regional Arts Development Management

Closing Date: Expressions of Interest due 13 March 2009.

You must discuss your application with the project officer prior to completing the application form to ensure you understand the guidelines and fully address the funding critists. For more information on 26th parallel jurisdictions of the control of the control

For more information:

Regional freecall 1600 811 683 or 08 9200 6200 Web www.countryartswa.asn.au

The Regional Arts Fund is an Australian Government initiative supporting the arts in regional rural and very emotes souther Australia. Country Arts WA manages the program in Western Australia. Aboriginal Dance Development Project. Wrapping up the year of workshops,

55 students from the four communities of Cowra, Wellington, Kelso and Condobolin came together to perform at Wellington High School.

"The networking opportunity provided by bringing the four communities together to perform will have an ongoing impact on the region, creating the impetus for further performances and workshops together and possible exchange programs for young people between communities" said Ms Clancy.

The choreographer worked with students in each of the towns throughout 2008 to develop new contemporary dances based on traditional forms.

The project developed participants'

skills in contemporary Indigenous dance creation and development and performance. It was also a professional development opportunity for the community mentors and teachers and an affirmation of the region's rich Wiradjuri culture.

One of the senior students from Wellington High School recently auditioned and was accepted for entry to the National Aboriginal and Islander Skills Dance Association (NAISDA) this year

A video documentary was produced out of the project and copies will be distributed into each of the participating

The Australian Government funded the project through the Australia Council



Jo Clancy (in headband) with students who participated in dance workshops at Cowra.

Conference to yarn about textiles



A CONFERENCE addressing contemporary Indigenous craft and design practice will

be held in Canberra in March.

'Selling Yarns 2: Innovation for sustainability' follows the success of another conference held in Darwin in 2006 that looked specifically at Indigenous textiles practices.

It will be held at the National Museum of Australia (NMA) from 6-9 March, and presented by the NMA, the Australian National University (ANU) and Craft The conference will expand on the themes of the first conference and focus on innovative Indigenous craft and design practices, the relevance of mentorship,

networking and skills development. Importantly, the artistic work and experiences of Indigenous urban artists from the south-east region will be paralleled with those of Top End and non-Indigenous artists.

The aim of the conference is to demonstrate that through cultural practice, a dialogue can be had that draws all interested parties together for the benefit of a rich and sustainable Indigenous culture.

A series of practical workshops

will be presented for conference delegates and the general public, addressing artistic professional development and traditional craft techniques.

There also will be a public Indigenous craft and design mart held on the lawns of the museum, with all proceeds going to the artists.

● For more information and to download a Registration form, go to http://www.sellingyarns.com/ 2009/std.php or contact Louise Hamby at the ANU Research School of Humanities on phone (02) 6125 8986 or email papers.

No Bush Meeting for Yirra Yaakin



YIRRA Yaakin Aboriginal Corporation says it has been forced to cut the

production

Jila's Bush Meeting from its

2009 school touring program
after negotiations with the
writer, and former Yirra

Yaakin producer, Sam Cook
failed.

But the West Australian Indigenous theatre company's operations manager Paul MacPhail says the company instead will tour Windmill Baby, by David Milrov.

Milroy.
"Yirra Yaakin is proud to be able to present such a high calibre piece of Aboriginal theatre to school audiences in Perth, the mid-west and Gascoyne," Mr MacPhail said.

"David Milroy is an internationally-acclaimed Indigenous playwright and Windmill Baby is a multi-award winning play." The play, a one-woman redemption piece about an old Aboriginal woman who faces the ghosts of her past when she returns to the deserted Kimberley cattle station where she once worked, has won numerous major awards, including 2007 Kate Challis RAKA award and the Patrick White award for Best Play in 2003.

for Best Play in 2003. The Yirra Yaakin production of Windmill Baby has already received international acclaim with seasons in Canada, Ireland, India and the United Kingdom.

Windmill Baby will be performed at:

 Yirra Yaakin's theatre space, 21-29 May

 Koorlliny Arts Centre, Kwinana, 3-5 June

 Don Russell Performing Arts Centre, Gosnells, 9-12
 Iune

Camel Lane Theatre,
 maryon, 16-19 June

The Voice of Indigeneus Australia

Carnarvon, 16-19 June

• Queens Park Theatre,
Geraldton 23-26 June.

THE KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009

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.simplicity.crm.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 griding games against high schools in the USA. Details: Richard Young on (0422) 866 201 or email id@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@talensw.edu.au or 131601 or (02) 6586 2249 or email nci.courseinfo@tafensw.edu.au

Ongoing: Goori Women's Yarnin' Circle. The Yarnin Circle is a time of sharing, listening and learning for Aboriginal Mothers, Aunties and Sisters. The Circle will enable us to support each other in our parenting and make the things happen that we value and strive for as Aboriginal Parents. All welcome with morning tea provided. Transport can be provided. Held every Wednesday at the YWCA, 101a Rous Road, Goonellabah from 10am-12.30pm. Details: Chrissy Franks (02) 6625 5804 or (0450) 840 179 or email chrissy@ywcansw.com.au

Straight Talk

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 gall 1800 088 110 or
visit www.oxfam.org.au.

Until 7 March: After Berndt 1947-2008 Crayon to Etching Art Exhibition, Held at Mossenson Galleries, 115 Hay St, Subiaco, WA. Details: (08) 9388 2899 or email art@mossensongalleries.com.au or visit www.mossensongalleries.com.au

Until 6 April: National NAIDOC Week Poster Competition. The annual NAIDOC poster competition is open for entries from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people The winning artwork must be based on this year's theme – Honouring our Elders, Nutruring our Youth – and will be reproduced on the 2009 NAIDOC Week poster. Prize \$5000. Details: Email info@naidoc.org.au or visit www.naidoc.org.au

Until 6 April: Austswim Courses. ustswim 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

Until 1 May: NAIDOC Awards submissions. Each year the National NAIDOC Awards recognise the special achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Australia. There are awards in nine different categories which include apprentices, artists, Elders, sportspeople, youths, and scholars. Nominate a special person in your community for the 2009 NAIDOC Awards. Details: Email info@naidoc.org.au or visit www.naidoc.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

12 February: Indigenous Photography
Portraits from a Land Without People. The
Jimmy Little Foundation and sponsors invite
you to the launch of Australia's most
comprehensive anthology of Indigenous
photography book launch. All proceeds from
the sale of this book will be donated to the
Jimmy Little Foundation, which aims to help
improve kidney health in Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander communities. Held at
Transfield Holdings, Pier 8-9, Walsh Bay
from 6.30-9.30pm. Details: Helen Kemsley
on (02) 9037 7100 or email
rsvp@transfield.com.au

13 February: Koori Night Market.
Celebrating and promoting Indigenous art, culture and business. Locally made traditional and contemporary artefacts and crafts, T-shirts and bags, bush tucker, coffee, massive variety of arts, crafts and clothing and much more. Performers include Joe Geia, Monica Weightman, Jarrah, Brian Morley and traditional dancers. Featuring the Documentary film *The Apology*, presented by Stolen Generations Victoria. Held at Northcote Town Hall, Vic from 6-9.30pm. All welcome. Details: Eva-Jo on (0419) 750 399 or Khi-Lee on (0419) 764 251.

13 February: Film screening Karla. This is a dreamtime story of how fire came to the Noongars of the Pinjarra (Bindjareb) region told through painting, dance and visual storytelling. All welcome. Held at the Welcome to Country, Supreme Court Gardens, Perth International Arts Festival from 8.30pm onwards. Details: (08) 9224 7340 or email info@screenwest.com.au or visit www.screenwest.com.au

14, 21 and 28 February: Deadly Funny Workshops 09. This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander comedy competition. If you can tell a five-minute funny yarn or joke and can come to our comedy workshop, then you could be in the running to win \$2000 at the grand final on 6 March. Held at the Redfern Community Centre. Details: Jason on (03) 9245 3700 or Lily on (02) 9288 5713 or visit www.deadlyfunny.com.au

16-22 February: Film Screening Clouds, This is a short drama film about a young boy that becomes lost in the bush and uses his vivid imagination to get back home to safety. All welcome. Held at Somerville, Outdoor Cinema, University of WA, Crawley from 8.30pm ortwards. Details: (08) 9224 7340 or email info@screenwest.com.au or visit www.screenwest.com.au

19 February: Northern Rivers Aboriginal Workers Meeting Circle. The purpose of the meeting circle is to bring together Aboriginal workers in the Northern Rivers area only with the aim of forming a support and networking group. Every month the meeting will explore issues such as working with you own family, effective management of stress etc. Held at the Family Relationship Centre, 5 Market St, Lismore, from 11,30am-1,30pm. Details; Mel on (0448) 800 789.

21 February: Family Day at The Block. Come along and enjoy some family time with your kids, friends, community and family. Hear some history, share some history and make a statement that Blak Fullas are strong and proud. There will be a sausage sizzle, face painting, live and deadly acts, jumping dastle, arts and crafts market and more. Entry by gold coin donation. Held at The Block, Redfern from 1-4pm. Details: Shane Phillips on (0414) 077 631.

22 February-6 March: Film screening Valces From the Cape. Voices from the Cape are upcoming screenings on ABC of a documentary that was made in 2007 in the remote community of Aurukun (far north Old). Episode 1 screening on 22 February at 1,30pm, 23 February at 5pm and 27 February 6pm. Episode 2 screening on 1 March at 1,30pm, 2 March at 5pm and 6 March at 6pm. Details. (02) 9417 4122 or (0427) 560 120 or email Mikaela Dockrill on mdockrill@rockchallenge.com.au

23 February: Family Drug Support
'Stepping Stones to Success'. Do you have
a family member or loved one with drug and
alcohol problems? This support group
offers a place to talk and listen with others
struggling with similar problems. Held at the
Guide Hall, Carlyle St, Byron Bay, from 79pm. Details: Margaret Reid on (0427) 857
092 or FDS Office on (02) 4782 9222 or
visit www.fds.org.au

23 February-19 June; Black Pearls Film-makers Course. Opix's Black Pearls is a breakthrough screen training course designed especially to train Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and prepare them for building their own careers and businesses in the screen industries. Subjects covered will include; camera, lighting, sound, editing, producing, directing, writing and small business. Your will receive a certificate 4 in Screen and Media. Duration is 16 weeks. Details on times and locations call: (07) 3392 2633 or email qpix@qpix.org.au

2-8 March: Film screening Legacy. This is a short drama film set back in 1943 on leave from the Front. Donald makes one last attempt to save his brother from the life their father has unwittingly/prepared for him. All welcome. Held at Somerville, Outdoor Cinema, University of WA, Crawley from 8.30pm onwards. Details: (08) 9224 7340 or email info@screenwest.com.au or visit www.screenwest.com.au

6-8 March: WOMAdelaide 09.
WOMADelaide returns to Adelaide with a magnificent program of music, arts and dance from across the globe. Performances feature across seven stages and throughout the park with workshops for adults and children, visual arts, street theatre program and a KidZone. The 2009 line-up features artists from Argentina. Cuba, Senegal, UK, Nigeria and more. All welcome. Held at Botanic Park, Adelaide, SA. Details: Danika Gael-Krieg on (02) 6684 7907 or (0408) 804 504 or email danikagk@bigpond.com or visit www.womadelaide.com.au

6-9 March: Selling Yarns 2 'Innovation for Sustainability'. This is a conference and

workshop program that addresses contemporary Indigenous craft and design practice. Held at the National Museum of Australia, Canberra. Details: Louise Hamby on (02) 6125 8986 or email info@sellingyarns.com or visit www.sellingyarns.com/2009

9-15 March: Film screening, Edgar and Elizabeth. This is a short comedy film about lust, loneliness and finding love in the workplace. All welcome. Held at Somerville, Outdoor Cinema, University of WA. Crawley from 8.30pm onwards. Details: (08) 9224 7340 or email info@screenwest.com.au or visit www.screenwest.com.au

21-22 March: Yarrawarra Women's Gathering. This is a spiritual and cultural retreat for women. Activities include; basket weaving, bush tucker cooking, beach activities and screen printing. You will be able to take home your own personally screen printed T-shirt and a water urn you have weaved. Women from all cultures and all age groups are welcome. Dancing and stories around the campfire. A variety of packages are on offer including accommodation with meals, camping and participation without accommodation. Held at Corindi Beach. Details: Sally on (0409) 824 803 or email yarrawarra_womens_network@bigpond.com

25-29 March: Heart of Gold International Film Festival 09. This festival exists to encourage the telling of stories that give us hope and make us laugh. This is a four and half days of fun, inspiration and stimulation. Highlights include some special 'featured' features and documentaries, parties, seminars, intimate Q/A sessions with filmmakers and a sensational award dinner. First prize of \$5000 cash. Held in Gymple, Qld. Details: (07) 5483 7000 or email info@heartofgold.com.au or visit www.heartofgold.com.au

1-26 April: Melbourne International Comedy Festival. This festival literally takes over Australia's comedy capital, Melbourne, each autumn with an enormous program of stand-up comedy, cabaret, theatre, street performance, film, television, radio and visual arts. Details: (03) 9245 3700 or email into@comedyfestival.com.au or visit www.comedyfestival.com.au

27-29 May: Yulkuum-Jerrang; The 2nd Indigenous Economic Development Conference 'Growing Out Future'. This unique Conference will provide hey stakeholders with an opportunity to share perspectives, increase business and create employment opportunities. Featuring international and local speakers, Indigenous youth forum, business and social networking opportunities, gala dinner and more. Held in Melbourne: Details: (03) 9870 2611 or email events@conferenceworks.net.au or visit www.kbconference.vic.gov.au

5-12 July: NAIDOC Week. Theme 'Honouring our Elders, Nurturing our Youth'. Wherever you live, you can take part in NAIDOC week celebrations. To find out about NAIDOC Week activities in your area, contact your nearest Indigenous Coordination Centre on free call 1800 079 098, except Nhulunbuy 1800 089 148, Kalgoorlie 1800 193 357 and Kununurra 1800 193 348.

10 July: National NAIDOC Awards Ceremony and Ball. Brisbane is the national focus city for NAIDOC 09. Held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Details: Email info@naidoc.org.au or visit www.naidoc.org.au or ticketek on 132 849.

7-14 October: Fifth anniversary of the East Coast Christian Indigenous Youth Network. This is a week long camp in the Gold Coast hinterland, visiting four theme parks, mixing with youth groups from Old and NSW. Held at Camp Bornhoffen, 3510 Nerang-Murwillumbah Road, Natural Bridge Cost involved. Ages 11 up. RSVP by 1 April with \$50 deposit. Details: Mark Naden on (02) 4393 6965 or (0404) 233 603 or email germo05@aapt.net.au



A DEFENCE FORCE CAREER

SEE OUR AD ON PAGE 35 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY

Careers @ Justice



SENIOR POLICY OFFICER

Grade 5, \$71,671 - \$86,716

Position No : 0.13030, Fixed Term 6 Months

The Indigenous Issues Unit, within the Department of Justice's Community Operations and Strategy Branch, is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and

We are currently seeking a Senior Policy Officer to provide policy advice to support the Department of Justice contribution to whole of government policy frameworks including the Victorian Indigenous Affairs Framework, the Indigenous Family Violence Strategy and the implementation of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA2).

This is an Identified Position and requires the occupant to have an understanding of the issues affecting the Indigenous Community and the ability to communicate sensitively, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For specific enquiries please contact Lisa Moore 8684 1731.

To obtain a position description and apply online please visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 18 February 2009 www.justice.vic.gov.au

Our Values: Community - Together - Integrity - Respect - Happen & One Justice

Namatjira Haven Drug & Alcohol **Healing Centre**

Alstonville NSW

Namatijra Havei is a government funded 14 bed residential AOD treatment centre based on the far north coast of NSW servicing the needs of Aboriginal men requiring assistance in dealing with substance use problems.

Currently we are seeking a new team member to fill the

Finance Officer

Requirements: Relevant qualifications &for experience with a high degree of professionalism. Minimum of 2 years experience in a similar role as finance officer for an NGO with several funding bodies. Demonstrated ability in finance management, funding applications and reporting. An understanding and appreciation of issues faced by Aboriginal men & communities, excellent communication skills, high level PC skills. The ability to work well within a multidisciplinary team and a current driver's licence and reliable transport.

Reception/ Admin Support

Secs Grade 2. Part time 5 days 27.5 hours per week Remuneration depending on Qualifications and experience Requirements: Applicants will need to have relevant qualifications & or experience for the position and experience in a drug & alcohol or a welfare service would be an advantage, excellent verbal and written communication skills, High level PC skills using MS applications and Quickbooks. The ability to work well within a multidisciplinary learn and a current driver's licence and reliable transport.

This is an identified position and Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section S14 of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.)

Applicants must address the essential and common selection criteria as outlined in the information pack and complete the Prohibited Employment (Child Protection) and Criminal Records Check forms. Information packs may be obtained by phoning Dian on 0256281098 These appointments are subject to a 6 month probationary period and salary sacrifice will be available after this period. Applications close on 27/02/09 at 5.00 pm. Interviews will be on or near 11/03/09.

Principal Advisor Workforce Development

Department of Health, Adelaide CBD Indicative Total Remuneration: \$78,402 - \$85,105 - Perm F/T - ASO7

You'll assist with developing and implementing the Department of Health Aboriginal Workforce Development Strategic Plan. Coordinating, evaluating and sourcing funding for a range of recruitment and development initiatives, you'll make a substantial contribution to the South Australian Aboriginal health services workforce. You'll have significant experience in workforce development and commitment to the goals and aspirations of the Aboriginal people. Job Ref: 543.

Project Officer Workforce Development

Department of Health, Adelaide CBD Indicative Total Remuneration: \$61,039 - \$68,678 - Temp F/T (Contract 12mths) - ASO5

You'll contribute to the development and implementation of the Department of Health Aboriginal Workforce Development Strategic Plan. Assisting in the review of the Aboriginal Health Workers workforce, you'll provide advice in relation to Aboriginal workforce matters. You'll have demonstrated experience in a significant area of human services, be competent in managing complex projects, and have high level interpersonal skills. Job Ref: 547.

Enquires to: Marsha Uppill, Manager Workforce Development, on 8226 7038 or email marsha.uppill@health.sa.gov.au

Application Package and Job and Person Specifications are available from John Evans, on 8226 7358 or email john evans@health.sa.gov.au

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COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Senior or Principal Policy Officer

[50(d)]

Level/Salary: Level 6 or 7, \$74,036 - 92,574 pa, PSGA 2008. Location: PERTH

Location: PERTM
The Commissioner for Children and Young People is an Independent statutory office holder who reports directly to Parliament. The Commissioner's powers and functions are set out in the Commissioner for Children and Young People Act2006 (the Act). The Commissioner represents and advocates on behalf of all children and young people under the age of 18 years in Western Australia. Under section 20(I) (a) of the Act.

section 20(f) (a) of the Act.

The Commissioner is required to have special regard for the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people and of paramount consideration and the Commissioner is dedicated to ensuring the voices of children and young people are of paramount on whether to appoint at L6 or L7 will be dependent on the skills and experience of the successful applicant(s). Intending applicants are advised that CCVP will also be conducting a search for suitable candidates for this vecancy. Currently one position is being offered for permanent appointment, however, applicants assessed as being suitable for appointment may be considered for any future opportunities as they arise, within 12 considered for any future opportunities as they arise, within 12 months of this process. There is flexibility in the conditions of employment by negotiation.

employment by regosation.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ROLE

The Principal or Senior Policy Officer undertakes high level research and policy development, to enable the CCYP to perform its functions and meet its objectives particularly in relation to issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people

Sensitivity and a commitment to the wellbeing and advancement of the interests of all Western Australian children and young people are highly regarded, as are strong

WORK RELATED REQUIREMENTS

In the context of the position, all of the work related requirements must be addressed. Aboriginally in accordance with Section 50(d) of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 is a requirement for this position

- ESSENTIAL

 1. Considerable experience in policy development, implementation and evaluation as it relates to the requirements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

 2. Highly developed communication (oral and written) and negotiation skills including liaising effectively with Aboriginal communities and organisations.

 3. Highly developed research, conceptual and analytical skills.

 4. Experience in the management of projects.

 5. Proven ability to identify innovative solutions to complex and sensitive issues and problems.

 DESIRABLE

- Knowledge and understanding of contemporary issues and trends related to children and young people, and, in particular, Aboriginal children and young people.

Applicants will need to view the Job Description Forms on www.jobs.wa.gov.au to determine the level to which they are

Visit: jobs wa gov.au and key in the Web Search No IRC14690 to access detailed information or Ph. (08) 9258 0988 to be mailed an information Pack.

For Specific Job Related Information: Please contact Helen Shurven on (08) 6213 2212 or toll free 1800 072 444. (Not to be contacted for information Pack)

Closing Date: Monday, 23 February 2009 at 11.45pm.

INNER WEST ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY COMPANY

Positions Vacant (Aboriginal Identified)

- Manager
- Respite Services Co-ordinator
- · Elders Group Activities Officer
- · Transport Driver Officer
- · Elders Activities Officer Assistant
- · Caterer
- · 2 Respite Workers

For package which is inclusive of Role Profile & Selection Criteria, contact Tonette or Mary on (02)95727066 or email Tonette® iwacc.org.au. Applications to be in writing to Manager Inner West Aboriginal Community Company PO Box 181 Petersham 2049.

Applications close 25th February 2009



Reconciliation Australia

Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Advisor

Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Advisor Reconciliation Australia is a non-government, not-for-greate organisation with an ambition of closing the 17-year gap is like expectancy between bridgenous and non-indigenous children.

Our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program provides organisations in all sectors with opportunities to contribute to closing the gap in their areas of influence. Government departments, major corporations, indigenous organisations, schools and not-for-profits are implied in this ambitious program to turn good intentions into action. As one of the RAP Advisors you will be working with a small team to maximize the potential of the RAP program by continuing to attract and support diverse organisations in the development, implementation and reporting on their Reconciliation Action Placs. As a RAP Advisor you will have experience in networking with bidigenous and other stakeholders and a proven capacity to build and maintain positive relationships delivering real results. Experience in evorking with the corporate sector and in corporate affairs is highly desired.

with the corporate sector and in corporate affairs is highly desired. Information about the RAP program and the job description are available from our website at www.reconciliation.org.au. The successful applicant will work in a dynamic team environment, have excellent interpersonal and organisational skills and be able to deliver in a fast paced environment. They will work independently and be able to influence across diverse stakeholder groups.

alary will be determined depending on experience, expertise and

Applicants of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

Applications close Friday 20 February 2009

Written applications for Kate Leonard, His Manager Reconciliation Australia PO Box 4773, Kingston ACT 2604 phone: 02 6272 2633, email: Kate Leonard@recor

conciliation.org.au

NSW DEPARTMENT OF



HOUSING NSW

DIRECTOR, RESOURCE PLANNING

Senior Officer Grade 1 Resource Planning Central Sydney Housing Services Division Sydney Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-09-17998

Total remuneration package valued up to \$146,256 per annum (salary: \$123,260 pa - \$132,816 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual

Job Description: Responsible for managing the housing assistance process for the Division, including developing key strategies to meet the needs of housing markets & ensuring strategic asset management activities are aligned with the broader housing assistance plan.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- High level strategic thinking and analytical ability.
- . High level strategic planning experience.
- Demonstrated financial/business management skills.
- Demonstrated knowledge of asset management issues in a public service environment. Extensive experience in working as part of a management
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, and demonstrated ability to engage stakeholders through community consultations and briefings.
- Demonstrated ability to analyse complex problems and identify the most appropriate response.

A commitment to the ethos of public services and accountability for the effective and efficient use of government resources to deliver services to the community.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. Inquiries: Kathy Roll (02) 9268 3524

Information Backages.

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package Closing date: Friday 20 February 2009

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Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities



FOGS on the job

League greats score ld deal



designed to improve the levels and skills of Indigenous

Queenslanders is now in place. Construction Skills Queensland joined Former Origin Greats (FOGS), including FOGS Executive Chairman Gene Miles and Mal Meninga, at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, last month to sign an agreement to fund the FOGS to fund the FOGS
Indigenous Employment
and Careers Expositions as
part of the Department of
Education, Employment and
Workplace Relations employment strategies

The sponsorship aims to assist in the funding of employment and training initiatives, including construction careers through expos in the Queensland regional centres of Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Mackay and Mt Isa.

The initiative aims to provide an opportunity for to discuss employment possibilities with construction businesses.

The new agreement follows Construction Skills Queensland's involvement year in the trial of a FOGS Employment and



Former Original Greats Gene Miles, left, and Mal Meninga, right, with Construction Skills Old's Rod Camm at Suncorp Stadium, where the contract was signed.

Careers Expo, which attracted 1600 Indigenous people. One of the expo

participants was Paul Yeaman, who found work in the construction industry as a direct result of attending

the FOGS Indigenous and

Careers Expo.
The FOGS expo was great. I was 21 and after calling a few companies beforehand, I was worried that I was too old for an apprenticeship," he said.

"I spoke to a lot of people at the Expo and they were all helpful. I signed up with a few people to get further information and they all contacted me.

"East Coast Apprenticeships asked me to come in for an interview and signed me up straight away for a carpentry

apprenticeship.
"I have just finished my probation and am looking forward to starting TAFE next month.

"The expo really helped

me start my career." Construction Skills Queensland CEO Rod Camm said his organisation was proud to be sponsoring the initiative and looked forward to forming an alliance with the FOGS.

"To work alongside an organisation of the calibre of FOGS on an initiative so worthwhile is a rare opportunity that we will take great pride in," he said. "The FOGS do an

amazing amount of good work across Queensland each year and they are to be commended again for their commitment to helping Indigenous people gain

employment. The major objective of Construction Skills Queensland is to help people find jobs through training and consultation with industry, so this relationship is the perfect fit for both organisations. It will also provide an opportunity to involve some of Queensland's greatest sportsmen in our other careers expos."

In addition to business exhibitors, several training institutions and industry bodies have also been invited to attend this year These organisations will provide valuable information about Indigenous education programs and advice on finding work

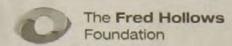
The announcement of the expansion of the program is sure to bring a smile to many FOGS faces, with 30 per cent of the 166 Former Origin Greats being of Indigenous heritage.

 For more information on the upcoming FOGS Indigenous Employment and Careers Expositions, telephone Construction Skills Queensland on 1800 798 488.

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the Koori Mail's Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish hundreds of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website - www.koorimail.com

Koori Mail – Our ABC audit means our readership is guaranteed. No other newspaper aimed at the Indigenous market can offer this!



Deputy Manager - Indigenous Program

The Fred Hollows Foundation is an agent for development; we focus on blindness n and Australian Indigenous hi

This is a full time position based in the Darwin office. This role is responsible for supporting the management of the Foundation's inter-related development initiatives in rural and remote Aboriginal communities.

Responsibilities for the position include

- High lovel project management
 Supporting the program's monitoring and evaluation framework
 Internal review and evaluation of programs
 Staff support and management across all program offices
 Needs analysis and project design for new projects
 Support the Manager in strategic program development

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply for this position.

Application process

For full selection criteria and further details, job descriptions and job profiles go to www.hollows.org.au/employment or call Alison Edwards on (08) 8941 5145. Address selection criteria, provide current work referees details, resume and cover letter to tht@hollows.org or fax to (08) 8941 5815 by COB Monday 16 February 2009.

www.dhs.vic.gov.au



Project Officer, Koori Human Services

\$62,116 to \$70,477 plus superannuation

Do you have a commitment to making a difference to the health and well being of Aboriginal

Do you enjoy working with a wide range of Aboriginal and non Aboriginal people inside and

The Position contributes to national and State initiatives to improve data on Aboriginal health and wellbeing, which will support DHS in addressing the entrenched disadvantage of Aboriginal people in Victoria. The position requires strong data analysis, conceptual and writing skills and the ability to provide creative, culturally appropriate solutions to complex issu

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Daniel James on (03) 9096 0511. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/ careers and click on vacancies.
Please quote reference no DHS/PSP/37865

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices. Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values - DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employe and values Diversity

www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers





Government of South Australia Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO MANAGE NATURAL RESOURCES IN YOUR REGION?

ALINYTJARA WILURARA NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD VACANCY

The Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board was established in December 2004 under the Natural Resources Management Act 2004.

A suitably skilled person is being sought to serve on the board. The person being sought to fill the vacancy will have knowledge, skills and experience in one or more of the following areas:

- · community affairs at the regional level;
- · soil conservation and land management; and
- conservation and biodiversity management.

The board has up to nine members, including a Presiding Member and is responsible for preparing and implementing a regional natural resources management plan for the region.

Board members are appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Minister for Environment and Conservation and the position is remunerated. Members should be willing to provide an average of three-four days per month for their service on the board. The successful applicant will be appointed for a term ending in April 2011.

Applications should be provided in the form of a letter that details the skills, knowledge and experience of the applicant as well as a current curriculum vitae.

The State Government's policies with regard to gender balance, cultural diversity and representation of indigenous Australians will be adhered to in the selection process.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 13 March 2009.

Requests for Nominee Information Packs and completed applications should be addressed to:

Mrs Kelly Ridley

Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation

GPO Box 2834

ADELAIDE SA 5000

Email ridley kelly@saugov sa gov au

ADMIN OFFICER

(Crisis Award Level 2.1)

15 hrs/wk perm p/t pos avail at Murrigunyah A & TSI Corp for Women in Logan

Duties include reception, typing, filing, mail, petty cash & general office support. Office exp, good communication & computer skills req.

Please phone reception on 07 3290 4254. Applications close 5pm 27/02/2009.



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TEACHING POSITIONS

ner includes delivery of educational rograms using a range of delivery strategies, development of carner resources, administrative duties related to the role, and providing advice and assistance to students, employers, and the community in regard to educational programs. Further information on the role and conditions are available in the jobs @ Illawarra

Retriuneration package up to \$85,230 pa including salary (\$65,124-\$77,236), employer's contribution to superannuation,

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (ABORIGINAL)

HOW TO APPLY

The information package, including selection criteria and application forms, is available from www.illawarra.tafensw.edu. au or telephone Recruitment on [02] 4221 8951. including selection criteria and

Applications Close 20 February 2009

Equality of Employment Opportunity and appointment on merit are TAFE NSW Policy.



The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Heath and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

Local Facilitator, Schools **As Community Centre** Program - (3 Positions) various locations

Clerk Grade 7 - Temporary Part-time Positions:

- 140111 Dareton Public School 28 hours per week.
 138681 Dubbo West Public School 14 hours per week.
 138674 Buninyong Public School 28 hours per week.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$82,109 pro rata p.a. (salary \$72,247 to \$74,408 pro rata p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Implementing and facilitating the Schools as Community Centres Program

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated experience in community development, consultation, project management and evaluation. Demonstrated ability working with families in disadvantaged communities in an interagency approach. High level oral, written and negotiation skills and good computer skills. Sound knowledge of early childhood development, parenting issues and services available to families from the participating departments. Demonstrated ability to coordinate resources. Experience working with Aboriginal and NESB communities. Current NSW Drivers Licence or willingness to obtain one. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal Education policies.

Notes: These positions are part-time temporary appointment up to 30 June 2011. 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 autho Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Inquiries for positions numbers 140111, 138681 and 138674: Julie Killiby (02) 9266 8728.

Email: Julie.killiby@det.nsw.edu.au

Information Packages: Ava Shrestha (02) 9244 5660.

Email: ava.shrestha@det.nsw.edu.au

oplications Marked 'Confidential' to: 140111 - Dareton Public School - Sharon Kelly, Principal,

- Dareton Public School, Matong Street, Dareton, NSW 2717. 138681 Dubbo West Public School Peter Aird, Principal, Dubbo West Public School, East Street, Dubbo
- 138674 Buninyong Public School Sharon Murray, Principal, Buninyong Public School, Myall Street, Dubbo NSW 2830.

please visit our website: www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs Closing Date: 27 February 2009

YAPPERA CHILDREN'S SERVICE COOPERATIVE LTD

PROJECT OFFICER

Indigenous Professional Support Unit - Victoria

Position Description: Project Officer Professional Support Unit - Victoria.

Hours per week: 24-32 hours per week-negotiable Position Duration: March 2009 - June 2012

Salary Range: Federal Social and Community Services Award \$45,000 - \$50,000 per annum-negotiable (exclusive of Superannuation). Salary classification according to skills. knowledge & expertise.

Contact Yappera Children's Service Cooperative LTD for a full position description & key selection criteria address on (03) 9416 8787.

Please address the selection criteria in your application. All applications should be marked confidential and addressed to:

sed to:
Stacey Brown
Chief Executive Officer
CC: Board of Management
Yappera Children's Service Cooperative LTD
28 Watt Street, Thombury, Vic. 3071

PO Box 123, Northcote, Victoria , 3070

Email to: stacey.b@bigpond.net.au

Fax to: (03) 9480 0690

Applications Close: Friday 27th February 2009 6:00pm

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSIN



HOUSING NSW

BUSINESS ANALYST

Clerk Grade 9/10 Corporate Finance & Planning Blueprint Program Head Office, Ashfield Permanent Full-Time Position No: DOH-09-18000

Total remuneration package valued up to \$100,147 per annum (salary: \$82,356 pa - \$90,754 pa) includes employer's contribution to superennuation and annual lesve toading.

Job Description: The role for the Business Analyst is to document, analyse and evaluate business processes, systems, and user needs for Finance projects. The Business Analyst will also be involved in the review of solution designs and User Acceptance Testing.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Consultation with emphasis on strong relationship management and communication skills.
- Analytical analysis with a drive for business improvement.
- Capturing and documenting business requirements, processes and procedures (flowcharting using Visio).
- Finance background, including General Ledger and Chart of

 Working knowledge of SAP 'FI' and 'CO' in version ECC6 or at a minimum version 4.6C. Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Chris Lewis (02) 8753 8819

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 20 February 2009



The New South Wales Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Childhood Service Advisory Group Incorporabed (ATSIECSAG Inc.) is an independent body that was established by the Commonwealth Government through Department of Employment Training and Youth Affairs (DEETYA). ATSIECSAG is the recognised peak colidren. The committee provides the Aboriginal children. The committee provides the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander point of reference for consultation and negotiation on all issues to do with early childhood Education and plays an advocacy and advisory role in line with the its objectives.

PROJECT OFFICER

Part-time 3 days (21 hours) per week Salary package: \$28,000 plus employers' contribution to

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES: To provide efficient and effective support to Aboriginal Early Childhood Service in relation to operational and training needs.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA: Aboriginality

DESIRABLE CRITERIA: Driver's License.

DESTRABLE CHITERIA: Driver's License.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Aboriginality, excellent liaison and communication skills, proven ability to collate and record dalls, high level of computer skills, knowledge and understanding of DoC's Centre-based and Mobile Children's Service Regulation 2004, organisational skills, knowledge and understanding of Early Childhood issues, demonstrated understanding of O&HS, EEO, Ethical Affairs Priority Statement (EAPS) Ethical Practice.

Please Note: All positions will be employed on a contractiva basis under funding agreement with funding body.

Applicants must be propared to submit to a 'Working with Children check'.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for these positions and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act, 1977. For information package please contact Damita McGuinness or email admin@atsiecsag org au

Applications marked CONFIDENTIAL and posted to. T President, ATSIECSAG PO Box 276 ENMORE NSW 2042.

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Closing Date: Friday 6th March 2009



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Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor in Indigenous Studies

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- · Dubbo

The Faculty of Education is one of the largest Faculties of Education in Australia with over 5500 students and 140 academic and general staff. The Faculty offers a wide range of courses in teacher education, information studies and human movement studies and is recognised internationally for the quality and diversity of their distance education programs.

The Centre for Indigenous Studies in collaboration with all faculty staff and the executive has a charter that includes responsibility for the promotion of teaching and learning of Indigenous Education. This is an exciting era for the University whereby indigenous staff housed within the Centre will have an opportunity to increase the universities profile on Indigenous research, teaching and learning for all students, ensuring that the principles of cultural competence are embedded within curriculum design and aligned to the CSU graduate attributes.

The Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor in Indigenous Studies will be responsible for driving the Centre's research profile whilst contributing towards the ongoing development of the Centre's teaching responsibilities. The Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor in indigenous Studies will have a proven record of research and academic leadership including experience in funding submissions and supervision of post-graduate students.

In accordance with CSU's indigenous Employment Strategy, applications are sought from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

Applications Close: 11 March 2009

For more information about this position, plus the benefits of working at CSU please contact the Division of Human Resources on (02) 6338 4738 or visit:



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Friday, 27 February 2009 by 5.00pm.

Any questions?

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DRUG HEALTH SERVICES

Male Project Coordinator – Aboriginal Health (HSM Level 1)
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Temp F/T or P/T up to 12 months at Drug Health Services, Croydon Community Health. Eng: Kate Conigrave, (02) 9515 8650.
Closing Date: 27 February 2009.
Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
Being male is recognised as a genuine occupation.

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 Being male is recognised as a genuine occupation qualification and is authorised under Section 31(2h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Apply online at: www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au or email application quoting Ref No. to: jobs@sswahs.nsw.gov.au or send application to: Retruitment Unit, Locked Bag 7050, Liverpool NSW 1871.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Program and Service Adviser **Indigenous Communities**

\$62,116 - \$70,477 + Superannuation Full time fixed term for 12 months

A Program and Service Adviser is responsible for broad service system planning and development, funds allocation

This role will contribute to the development of partnerships with indigenous communities to improve access to disability and other DHS-funded services and support initiatives to achieve better health and wellbeing outcomes

This position will work within a team structure and will focus on delivery and development of a range of support and services for people with a disability across the region

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Emma Watene on (03) 97678627. To apply online and to view a copy of the job description you are invited to visit www.dhs.vic.gov.

Exemption number A6/2009 refers

Please quote reference no DHS/STH/23348 Closing date for applications, 26.2.2009





NEWMONT Boddington Gold Mine

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Boddingson Gold Mine's (BGM's) joint реплите опшет: -Ltd (66,66%) and AngloGold Ashanti Australia Lud (33, 33%) - are developing this large tonnage gold and and associated infrastructure.

ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI

Indigenous Affairs Coordinator

As we transition from construction to operations you will pioneer all Indigenous outcomes for Boddington Gold Mine. We will be the largest gold producer in Australia and want to ensure that the Traditional Owners and local Indigenous population gain social and

In this integral and challenging professional role, you will deliver foundation strategies and programs for a mine life expectancy of over 20 years. You will significantly increase Indigenous participation at the Boddington Gold Mine. Reporting to the Regional Senior Environment and Social Responsibility Manager and working closely with the site General Manager and operations team, you will drive the implementation of the Community Partnership Agreement between the Traditional Owners and the Mine Owners. This will include Indigenous training and employment, career progression, business, comm development and cultural heritage management.

A committed and experienced leader, you will develop strong collaborative relationships with all site functions, Traditional Owners, the Land Council and other external stakeholders as required, to achieve the objectives of Community Partnership Agreement. Your demonstrated negoriation skills and years of experience in this area will equip you to identify Indigenous business opportunities, retention programs, training needs, develop career pathways and establish a mentoring program.

With relevant qualifications and 7 years practical experience (or 10 years related experience) you have at least 3 years experience in, and a practical understanding of, the mining industry you have at least 3 years experience in, and a practical understanding of, the fitting industry. You will be both a self-starter and team player with a good working knowledge of computer systems. Highly organised and proactive, you are sensitive to, and respectful of, the needs of Indigenous communities. Your high level of awareness in Indigenous affairs, government agencies, and relevant statuses, coupled with your advanced consultation and interpersonal skills ensure your success in this challenging role.

This position is based in Boddington however extensive travel in the south west and metropolitan area will be required to develop effective community based relationships

Applications close Wednesday, 4 March 2009.

Please apply online at www.boddingtoncarrers.com.au

For further enquiries please contact: Michelle Clark - HR Recruitment Specialist

Indigenous Australians and in particular Noongar and Gnaala Karla Booja people are encouraged to apply

www.newmont.com

NEWMONT

Murrigunyah A & TSI Corp for Women

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

(Crisis Award Level 2.1)

15 hrs/wk perm p/t pos avail at Murrigunyah A & TSI Corp for Women in Logan

Duties include reception, typing, filing, mail, petty cash & general office support. Office exp. good communication & computer skills req.

Please phone reception on 07 3290 4254

Applications close 5pm 27/02/2009.



Government of South Australia

Department of Water, Land and

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO MANAGE NATURAL RESOURCES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA?

NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

The Natural Resources Management (NRM) Council was established in South Australia under the Natural Resources Management Act 2004.

The NRM Council has up to nine members, including a Presiding Member, and is responsible for the provision of advice to the Minister for Environment and Conservation on the management of the State's natural resources.

A suitably skilled person is being sought to serve on the NRM Council. The person being sought to fill the vacancy will have knowledge, skills and experience in water resources management, as well as the ability to contribute strategically across all areas of natural resources management.

NRM Council members are appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Minister for Environment and Conservation, and the position is remunerated. Members should be willing to provide approximately three to four days per month for their service on the NRM Council. The successful applicant will be appointed for a term ending on 29 April 2011.

Applications must be in writing on the application form provided and must include a current curriculum vitae.

The State Government's policies with regard to gender balance, cultural diversity and representation of indigenous Australians will be adhered to in the selection process. Women and Aboriginal people are encouraged to consider nominating for membership.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 27 February 2009.

Requests for Nominee Information Packs and completed applications should be addressed to:

Mrs Kelly Ridley NRM Support Division Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation GPO Box 2834 ADELAIDE SA 5000

Phone: (08) 8463 6930 Email: ridley.kelly@saugov.sa.gov.au

Careers with Victoria Police



ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

ginal Advisory Unit, Community & Diversity Division, Operations Coor

VPSG-3, Salary Range: \$50,175 - \$60,922 Position Number: Liaison 067 - City of Darebin

Fixed Term 12 Months

Unit objective: The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) will perform a liaison role between Victoria Police and the Indigenous communities, fostering mutual trust, understanding and respect between Police and local Indigenous communities. The ACLO will contribute to the accomplishment of the key objectives of the Victoria Police Aboriginal Strategic Plan. Victorian Implementation Review of the Recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC), Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (Phase 2) and the Victoria Police Way Ahead Strategic Plan 2008-2013.

- In partnership with Indigenous groups, develop and maintain knowledge of Indigenous issues within the local area and maintain a contemporary knowledge of relevant legislation, policies and procedures.
 Contribute to establishing effective communication and networking between Police
- Contribute to establishing erroctive communication and networking octiveer Police members, local Indigenous community members and other government and non-government agencies.

 Establish and maintain a positive partnership environment in which Indigenous communities are encouraged to communicate and interact with Police members to resolve issues and actively promote awareness of the role of Victoria Police within Indigenous communities. Assist in developing, implementing and providing appropriate training programs dealing with Indigenous issues.
- Assist in developing, implementing and pro-with Indigenous issues.

 Represent Victoria Police as required at meetings, forums or events that relate to
- hangeing issues.

 Participate in the development and implementation of appropriate strategies to improve service delivery to customers based on customer needs. Prepare briefing notes and reports.

Industrial Relations Exemption Applies – only Abariginal & Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position. For this role you will be required to apply and pay for a Working With Children Check' prior to receiving a job offer. A receipt of payment is quired as evidence of this

This position involves a security clearance, which will include fingerprinting. The successful applicant will be bound by the Victorian Public Service Agreement 2006.

Applicants must address the Key Selection Criteria in detail in their application. The position description including Key Selection Criteria can be downloaded from the

carecravic gov.au. Applicants please apply online at

www.careers.vic.gov.au

If you need help applying please contact Kristy Antonopoulos on 9247 3350. For further information about the position please contact Jacqui Marion on 9247 6197. This position closes at midnight on March 1, 2009.

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CASUAL INDIGENOUS RESEARCHERS WANTED

CIRCA is a market leader in Indigenous research for government

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We are looking for indigenous researchers in NSW, QLD, VIC, NT and WA who we can work with on a crossal basis. This tele sucts someone who works part time, is parenting or is between jobs, and is interested in research work

The work involves recruiting insearch participants, running group, discussions and report writing, We're looking for Indigenous people with strong community networks, experience running group discussions and good

People who are interested in being on our database for future jobs should send a copy of their GV and a statement addressing the following selection

- Research experience including face-to-face/felephons interviening or tunning focus groups. If you have no direct research experience, please detail any experience you have in community education, training, mediation or facilitation. Demonstrative.
- Demonstrated experience working with your local community, or the satent of established networks in the community.

 Demonstrated reporting or strong written communication skills.

Email your CV and statement addressing selection criteria to

Closing date for applications is Sunday March 8th, 2009 you have any questions, please call Kristine Giddy or Johanna Bell on 8585 1353 - Or you can email us at kristine@circaresearch.com au or





OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION

Solicitor

Legal Officer Grade I-III, Aboriginal Identified, Family Law Division, Head Office. Permanent Full-Time. Job Reference No.: FL09/008.

Total remuneration package valued to \$94,387 pa including salary (\$57,691 - \$85, 534), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provide high quality legal advice and representation to clients in accordance with the Commission's policies and guidelines and assist them to resolve their legal problems.

- Hold or eligible to hold current NSW Practising Certificate issued by the Law Society of NSW and eligible for admission to the High Court roll.
- eagues for admission to the regit Court foil.

 Knowledge of family law.

 Capacity to represent legal aid clients and undertake an advocacy role af Court as well as provien capacity to identify and understand legal and cross cultural issues facing socially and economically disadvantaged
- Strong interpersonal skills and an ability to provide quality customer service in a high volume work
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to conduct community legal education and to prepare court documents, correspondence, submissions and other written
- Ability to meet deadlines, work without close supervision
- and to manage a diverse workload.

 Demonstrated computer skills and class C driver

Job Notes: This position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. The successful applicant will need to have a willingness to drive in metropolitan and country locations as well as a willingness to travel by plane and stay overnight or longer to undertake outreach work or training, as required.

Inquiries: Norman O'Dowd on (02) 9219 5777.

Information Packages: Kathy Trajkovski on (02) 9219 5884.

Applications to: Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket NSW, 1238; or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 6 March 2009

BULGARR NGARU MEDICAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

2 POSITIONS AVAILABLE

1. Alcohol & Other Drugs Worker 2. Male Mental Health Worker

For selection criteria please contact Scott Monaghan

Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation PO Box 1256

131-133 Bacon Street, Grafton NSW 2460 Ph: 02 6643 2199

Company Manager

Kurruru, one of Australia's leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander youth performing arts companies requires a experienced Arts Manager to take on the role of Company Manager.

rking alongside the Director and reporting to the Kururu and of Management you will be responsible for business elopment, funding, financial management and coordinates

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

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.



Careers in Health

Health Worker Senior - Child and Youth Mental Health Services, Royal Children's Hospital, Brisbane North (Including Pine Rivers), Children's Health Services District. Remuneration Value up to \$68 077 p. a., comprising salary between 336 585 - \$59 666 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (12.75%) and annual leave leading (17.5%) (1006) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: Ho9RCH01205. Dutles/Ablitiles: Provide high level Indigenous mental health input to service delivery and to coordinate the work of advanced bealth workers (1004/1005) in the Mental Health Alcohol Tohacco and Other Drugs (MHATODS) team to optimise their effectiveness in previding services to young people in Brisbane Youth Detention Centre and in community services and treatment programs to young people in detention. Provide MHATODS clinicians with cultural insights to belp them assess and treat indigenous young people who have a mental health or substance use problem. Work with the MHATODS or Child Youth Forense Outreach Service (CYFOS) chinicians as required to ensure the best and most appropriate interventous for this group of young people. Assist Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYAGS) clinicians to engage with indigenous young people in a range of settings including the Brisbane Youth Detention and the community in both Central and Southern Areas. Provide cultural supervision to Advanced Health Workers (IOVAINS) clinicians to engage with indigenous young people in a range of settings including the Brisbane Youth Detention and the Community in both Central and Southern Areas. Provide cultural supervision to Advanced Health Workers (IOVAINS) addelgated, and Isaise the relevant other Indigenous positions to ensure coordinated staff support for cultural issues. Provide support and advice and assistance to Royal Children's Hospital Archit-Discrimination of Advanced Health Workers (IOVAINS) deams and specialist projects on indigenous soutes and their impact on service provision, Under x25 of the Anti-Discrimination

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus Closing Date: Monday, 23 February 2009.

Closing Date: Monday, 23 February 2009.

Health Workers Advanced (Men's Business)

- Q Clinic - Wide Bay Sexual Health, Community Health,
Bundaberg Hospital, Sunshine Coast-Wide Bay Health Service
District. Remuneration value up to \$34-510 p.a., comprising
salary between \$41-449 - \$47-791 p.a., employer contribution
to superannuation (up to 12.5%) and annual leave loading
(17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for 12 months)
JAR. Ho9WB01395, Duties/Abilities; While maintaining
professional and operational accountability to Queensland
Health, to enhance the health and well being of Indigenous
people living in the Wide Bay Health Service District and
Fraser Coast through the provision of high quality, culturally
appropriate services focused on the sexual health of the
Indigenous community. Under \$25 of the Anni-Discrimination
Art 1991 ([Jd], there is a genuine occupational requirement
for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres
Strait Islander Community.
Enquiries: Jeany Springham [07] 4150-2755.
Application Kit: (07) 4150-2066 or
www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus Closing Date: Monday, 2 March 2009.

You can apply online at www.health.gld.gov.au/workforus

LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

(ABORIGINES AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS) - (2008/1145)

(Permanent, full time position - 35 hours per week)

Liverpool City Council is seeking an entitusiastic, self-directed community development worker to join the Community Planning team.

You will have relevant experience in developing and delivering community development programs or in a similar role. You will have strong verbal and written communication skills. You will have an excellent understanding of the issues and needs of the ATSI communities. You will have the ability to work as part of a team and possess a current NSW driver's licence.

If is a desirable requirement of this position for the successful applicant to identify as an Aborigine or Torres Strait Islander.

This position has been assessed as a Grade 13, with a salary range of \$56,302 - \$61,685 pa within Council's salary system.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria in the Person Specification and include minimum of two recent referees should be forwarded to Council by Friday, 20th February 2009.

Council prefers applications to be sent in via our online job application website http://www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au/council/jobs.htm.

Written applications should be addressed to:

Recruitment Coordinator Liverpool City Council Locked Bag 7064, LIVERPOOL BC, NSW 1871

lcc@liverpool.nsw.gov.au

is you have not obtained a response within this 6 week period then unfortunately your application has not be successful this time around. We thank you for your interest and wish you the best of luck in your job search

Everpool City Council is a non-smoking workplace and is committed to the principles and practices of Equal Opportunity and Cultural Diversity

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSIN

HOUSING NSW SENIOR TAXATION ACCOUNTANT

Senior Officer Grade 1
Corporate Finance & Planning
Policy, Strategy & Finance - Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time. Position No: DOH-09-18080

Total remuneration package valued up to \$146,255 per annum (Salary: \$123,250 pa - \$132,816 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave

Job Description: This role exists to provide strategic taxation advice and technical expertise, including leading cross-functional teams in addressing complex taxation matters to achieve an optimum tax position and ensure compliance with tax legislation.

- Proven comprehensive knowledge, interpretation and application of taxation compliance and reporting requirements (major focus on GST) applicable to an organisation that operates within the "property" industry.

 Substantial experience in developing, writing and implementing strategic taxation policy for large organisations, for organisations with complex property related GST issues.

 Substantial experience in providing expert oral and written taxation advice to all levels of staff, including senior and middle managers.

 Proven strong relationship management, networking and negotiation skills to deal with a range of internal and external stakeholders and service partners.

 High level analytical and problem solving skills demonstrated by the ability to lead multi-functional teams in analysing complex taxation issues, identifying multiple pathways for resolution and implementing the most appropriate solution.

 Tertiary qualifications in Accounting, Taxation or related discipline.

 Ob Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Elizabeth Borbe (02) 8753 8751.

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers Apply on-line; As per link in the Information Package. Closing date: Friday 20 February 2009.

Join the National University of Inland Australia



Charles Sturt University is a dynamic and progressive employer whose innovative approach to education has earned it an international reputation for excellence. The career opportunities for supporting our research and teaching initiatives at CSU abound.

Administrative Assistant

- Full Time, Continuing
 HEW General Level 4 \$52.834 \$56.050 (Including 17% Superannuation)

The Division of Student Services is dedicated to providing students with holistic support in all areas of the student experience. For academic support, health and welfare, social and sporting activities, accommodation, and food and beverage services, student services is the place to go if you're a student at CSU. You can access Student Services regardless of how or where you're studying your CSU course. Student Services has developed an extensive online support environment and staff can make contact with you in person or virtually.

The Indigenous Support Unit is dedicated to the provision of support to the Indigenous community within CSU and linking students to support and service.

The Administrative Assistant provides high level administrative, clerical and secretarial support to the Manager of the indigenous Student Support, located within the Division of Student Services. The Administrative Assistant will provide a range of administrative functions in support of operational programs including; completing analysis and producing reports on operations as requested; management of the Manager's diary; preparing correspondence; preparing and maintaining operational statistic records and undertake a full range of work processing, spread sheeting and

Applications Close: 18 February 2009

For more information about these positions and other employment opportunities, plus the benefits of working at CSU please contact the Division of Human Resources on (02) 6933 2213 or visit.



www.csu.edu.au/jobs



TAMWORTH ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Position Number: 01/09

Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service has an exciting opportunity for a CEO with demonstrated experience in management and or experience in the health industry to lead their dedicated health beam in Tamworth. A deep understanding of, and sensitivity to, Aboriginal cultural Issues is a distinct advantage.

TAMS provides a public primary health care service incorporating a general practice, visiting specialists, mental health services, health screening and health promotion activities. The organisation was founded to address the health needs of the Aboriginal community of Tamworth and surrounding districts.

North West Slopes Division of General Practice is the current auspice organisation for TAMS and consults with the community through the Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service Incorporated.

- Oversee and maintain the administrative and financial functions
 Establishing and maintaining effective relationships with government and non-government agencies and local Aboriginal
- Manage all tenders, grants and acquittals and ensure that all

reporting standards are met

* Supervise support and mentor all staff

This is an executive position for a person with high level communication, supervision and policy skills, proven computer skills and a demonstrated ability to work with other agencies and local

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for this position.

You will be rewarded for your dedication, passion and comm neration package to match your skills, qualifications and experience

Applications addressing the selection criteria are to be

Position 01/09 Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service: 131 Marius St, Tamworth NSW 2340

For an application package, please contact Graeme Kershaw on (02) 67661394

Applications Close: 20 February, 2009 at 5pm





Indigenous Relations Unit

- Public Works

 3 Permanent (Identified) positions

 Brisbane CBD location

The Department of Public Works is proud of its commitment to reconciliation and has created a newly formed indigenous Relations Unit to implement the department's reconciliation agends.

To achieve this, the Unit is responsible for:

- Initiating strategic direction that supports reconciliation across the department
- · Implementing departmental and community based
- Indigenous employment programs

 Providing expert policy advice on Indigenous issues
- Developing and delivering cultural awareness programs and other activities relating to Indigenous issues

We are seeking three skilled individuals to work within the Indigenous Relations Unit:

- Indigenous Support Officer, AO3 \$46,120 to \$51,432
 Indigenous Employment Officer, AO4 \$54,534 to \$59,968
- Indigenous Employment Coordinator, AD6 \$72,515 to \$77,584

(All solories do not include superannuation and leave loading.) (All solares do not mesure superiormulation and serve bloomy, If you are interested in any of the above roles, please visit www.jobs.qid.gov.au ("Search" under "Organisation" "Public Works") for further information about applying or phone (o7) 328 3998 quoting job reference:
QLD/GR8209/08 - Indigenous Support Officer OR
QLD/GR8215/08 - Indigenous Employment Officer OR
QLD/GR8210/08 - Indigenous Employment Coordinator. For further enquiries regarding the Indigenous Relations Unit. and available positions, please contact Ms Karen O'Brien Manager Indigenous Relations on (07) 3224 5206.

Closing date: Monday, 23 February 2009.

Smart jobs in Queensland

To view position descriptions, apply and see more jobs at www.jobs.qld.gov.au

A CAREER WITH **PURPOSE**



Community Development Coordinator Indigenous

Community Services designs and delivers services for the people of Brisbane that support and enrich cultural life, social and neighbourhood connections and healthy lifestyles.

The Community Development Coordinator Indigenous works specifically with North Brisbane's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) communities, as well as broadly across the city, to help build inclusive, active, healthy, connected and engaged communities

Specific projects that the Community Development Coordinator Indigenous will work on are:

- · partner with the community and other government organisations to implement Council's Indigenous Aspirations Strategy within Brisbane
- partner with the North ATSI communities to develop, implement and evaluate priority programs and projects that deliver on Council's Citywide Outcomes.

Ideally you will have:

- · experience in developing and implementing community and organisational projects
- understanding of and experience in applying community development principles and practices.

- · Flexible working hours and work arrangements
- . Our commitment to your personal and professional development
- · Access to Council's free Wellness Centre and gym facilities

Duration: Up to six months with possibility of extension

Salary: AUD \$67.526 - \$75.084 pa

Closing Date: 17 February 2009

How to Apply: Apply online (Job Number: KMA 525579)

Remuneration stated is for full-time positions. For more information and to apply, visit our website below or phone (07) 3403 4998.

Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/careers

Council is made up of people dedicated to a better Brisbane.

Brisbane City Council offers over 4000 different jobs, with diverse and interesting career paths. As a Council employee, you get to make a real difference working on something that's truly worthwhile.



Dedicated to a better Ri

Want to be your own Boss? or looking for help finding a job?

Then give the Hunter Region BEC a call today to secure an interview.

The Hunter Region BEC supports Aboriginal people to move into self employment and also assists people to gain employment or training towards employment.

Our Aboriginal Enterprise Development officer and New Careers for Aboriginal People officer are available Monday to Friday to answer your

Phone today on 1300 304 794 for a confidential

Proudly supported by the NSW Department of **Education and Training Aboriginal Community** Programs.

Hunter Region BEC PO Box 195 Kurri Kurri NSW 2327 www.hunterregionbec.com.au





Koori Juvenile Justice Support Worker

Opportunity for a skilled individual to connect with and support indigenous youth who have come into contact with the youth justice system.

Working within the Eastern Metropolitan Region, you will have the capacity to identify issues and work with a range of programs to support those at risk of offending. You will liaise with a range of services including Indigenous support services, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service and Community Justice panels.

You will need effective communication skills and the capacity to establish or build on links with the local Indigenous community. You will need knowledge and understanding of the community and an understanding of the services involved in the youth justice system.

Please go to www.anglicarevic.org.au for a position description or phone 5962 3255. Please apply to Gaby Thomson, Program Manager, Integrated family Services, Anglicare Victoria, 282-284 Maroondah Hwy, Healesville 3777 or email gaby.thomson@anglicarevic.org.au. Closing date 20 February 2009.

www.anglicarevic.org.au

NSW@HEALTH SYDNEY WEST

ABORIGINAL SEXUAL HEALTH NURSE - RN

Blacktown 60 Drum Hearth Ac No. 83422 Circle Date: 58.81.09
Please visit the Area's webpage on www.wsahs.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



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Government of Western Australia Department of Agriculture and Food

Trainee – Indigenous Australian

Position No: 20085150

Level/Salary: Clerical Trainee \$236 - \$557.40 per week,

Tenure: 12 month Traineeship.

Take advantage of this great opportunity to work in a large organisation and gain extensive experience in all espects of admin/clencal work.

This opportunity offers personal development along with enhancing your customer service and communication skills in a triam orientated environment. The successful applicant will be trained in all aspects of administrati clerical work including finance, purchasing, reception, record and asset management.

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Tanya Denholm by phone (08) 9366 2315.

Application Package: Please visit www.jobs.wa.gov.au and enter the position number or job title into the keyword box to search for the position.

Closing Date: Tuesday, 3 March 2009 at 5,00pm (WST).

Australian Government Aboriginal Hostels Limited



House Manager

Dubbo

Oxley Circle IYMP Hostel \$41,231 - \$49,216 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Manage a safe and supportive residential
- · Provision of nutritious meals
- Provide mentoring and support to
- Work closely with the IYMP Training
- Maintain records relevant to the management of the house including financial transactions

Want to know more?

Contact Rebecca Greer on 02 9310 2777.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Marlee

How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783 Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

Closing date

By 5pm 27 February 2009.

This is an Indigenous Youth Mobility Programme hostel.

Assistant Hostel Manager

Melbourne, Fitzroy

George Wright Shelter

\$264.54 - \$315.76 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- · Part time 15.20 hours per week
- · Operation of the hostel
- · Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- · Provide reports to Regional Manager

Want to know more?

Contact Rita Stewart on 03 9642 2775.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Jamone Maynard on 03 9642 2775.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G Melbourne VIC 3001.

Closing date

By Spm 27 February 2009.

This is a Homeless (Men Only) hostel.

Hostel Manager

Melbourne, Fitzroy

George Wright Shelter

\$38,089 - \$45,469 pa, plus superannuation

- · Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
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- · Manage a budget
- · Provide reports to Regional Manager

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Closing date

By 5pm 27 February 2009.

This is a Homeless

(Men Only) hostel.

Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people
Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

Conditions of Employment The successful applicant is required A probationary period applies.

These are identified positions.

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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.

Foodborne Diseases Epidemiologist Population Health, Wallsend

Population Health, Wallsend
Temp Full Time
Position No: 61993
Jobsharing or part-time opportunities will be considered
and the contract may possibly be extended until June 2011.
Enquiries: David Durnheim, 102) 4924 6395.
Closing Date: 20 February 2009.

Aboriginal Health Worker – Birra-li Maternity & Gynaecology, New Lambton

Perm Full Time Position No. 59381

Creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp,
Full/Part Time and Casual positions.
The positions is identified for Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander people under Section 14(d) of the AntiDiscrimination Act (1977).
Enquiries: Carol Azzopardi, (02) 4921 4390.

Abordinal Material 8, Infant Houlth

Aboriginal Maternal & Infant Health Strategy Health Education Officer Antenatal Clinic, Quirindi

Antenatal Clinic, Quirindi
Perm Part Time, 8 hpw
Position No. 61712
The position's is identified for Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander people under Section 14(d) of the AntiDiscrimination Act (1977)
Applicants must be female. This is a genuine occupational
qualification under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination
Act (1977).
Enquiries: Luke Sams, (02) 6746 0200.

Aboriginal Mental Health Worker Trainee

Narrabri Pull Time Position No: 62081 This position is located at the Narrabri Mental Health Service and is an opportunity for a person of Aboriginal descent to undertake a three-year traineeship in mental Health, including the Bachelor of Health Science (Mental Health) degree at Charles Sturt University (paid by health service) and workplace training. At the conclusion of this traineeship the employee will be qualified as a mental health worker.

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role.

nealth worker.
This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander ro
Exemption is claimed under Section 14(d) of the AntiDiscrimination Act (1977).
Enquiries: Kylie Whitford, (02) 6757 0246.
kylie whitford@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 6 March 2009.

Aboriginal Environmental Health Officer Trainee Population Health, Negotiable

2 x Temp Full Time Position No: 62024 Enquiries: Philippe Porigneaux, (02) 4924 6494.

Closing Date for all positions (unless specified): 27 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 Tearmwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics Excellerse. Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

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Indigenous Curriculum and Pedagogy Coordinator

- Full Time, Fixed Term (3 years)
 HEW Academic Level B/C \$82,618 \$116,697 (Including 17% Superannuation)
- Bathurst

The Division of Learning and Teaching Services (DLTS) offers a range of services to support quality learning and teaching. DLTS has teams of Educational Designers, Administrative and Production staff who work with Schools and Faculties to design and develop learning resources including e-resources and a team of logistics staff responsible for resource reproduction and dispatch. DLTS is committed to quality enhancement through a suite of evaluation services, professional development programs in learning and teaching for academic staff, and the creation and enhancement of technology-supported learning and teaching environments.

The Indigenous Curriculum and Pedagogy Coordinator will work closely with the Centre for Indigenous Studies in the development of a cultural competence pedagogical framework for the incorporation of an Indigenous perspective into the University's undergraduate programs. The Indigenous Curriculum and Pedagogy Coordinator will be responsible for working with course and subject coordinators across faculties in the development and design of inclusive curriculum and will collaborate with Educational Designers to embed an Indigenous pedagogy into the design of effective learning resources.

Applicants of Australian Indigenous and Torres Straight Islander descent are

Applications Close: 11 March 2009

Applicants need to complete all aspects of the online application form and

Eligibility to Apply: Due to Australian immigration requirements preference may be given to citizens and permanent residents of

Equal opportunity in employment is University policy.

CHARLES STURT

www.csu.edu.au/jobs



Australian Government



join us in **Keeping Culture Strong**

Assistant Program Officer

Are you a hard working, dedicated and confident person who believes in Keeping our Culture Strong for our elders, young and

We are looking for an Assistant Program Officer to assist in the smooth running of the programs/grants area. You will be working with a dynamic team assisting a diverse range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and organisations across the country to realise their art and cultural projects through grants management, analysing and reporting art and cultural information and provide culturally appropriate client services. As you will be required to travel across the nation a current driver's licence is essential.

What you can expect:

Full-time, permanent. Central Sydney office. Starting salary is \$54,729 p/a, plus superannuation.

More information:

www.australiacouncil.gov.au/employment

Applications close:

Friday, 13 March 2009 by 5.00pm.

Any questions? Contact:

Chris Bonney

Tel: (02) 9215 9167 or toll free on 1800 226 912.

Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply

KEEPING CULTURE STRONG



Indigenous Men's Family Violence Outreach Worker and Net Worker

Eastern Region Full Time to July 2009

Full Time to July 2009

This Full time position is a combination of two roles that over-lap. One role is to provide assertive outreach support to Indigenous men referred to the Family Violence program, to help them access services designed to assist them to stop using violence and/or abuse to their families, and the other is to provide a cultural network for Indigenous men in the EMR and organise activities which strengthen indigenous men, their families and community by building social and cultural capacity.

The worker will provide support, counselling and information to indigenous men and advocacy where needed with Services in the Eastern Metropolitan Region of Melbourne.

A sound knowledge of the Victorian indigenous community and culture, issues for indigenous men and ability to communicate sensitively with indigenous people is essential.

An exemption has been obtained to employ a male VCAT Exemption A111/2007.

A current drivers licence, clear police records check and working with children check are essential. The position will be located at Anglicare Yarra Ranges in Lilydale and Mullum Mullum Indigencus Gathering place in Croydon with outreach locations in the Eastern metropolitan region

Indigenous men are encouraged to apply and all applicants must have a sound knowledge of Victorian Aboriginal Community and Culture and issues for indigenous men.

Contact Jim Allen on 9735 4188 for a position Contact Jim Allen on 9735 4188 for a position description or see www.anglicarevic.org.au. Please apply to Jim Allen, Team Leader Family Violence, Anglicare Victoria, 51 Castella Street Litydale 3140 or email Jim.allen@anglicarevic.org.au. Closing date Friday 97 February 2009.

For Position Descriptions, please visit our website at

www.anglicarevic.org.au

NSW DEPARTMENT OF

HOUSING NSW

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

Greater Western Sydney Division, Campbelltown Permanent Part-Time (17.5 hpw)

Position No: DOH-08-16852

Total remuneration package valued up to \$65,072 per annum (Salary: \$53,855 pa - \$58,969 pa). Full-time salary quoted includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate: \$29,49 ph - \$32,29 ph.

Job Description: To provide a broad range of administrative and project support to the Asset Operations Team/ Quality Assurance Team.

Selection Criteria

- Selection Criteria:
 Ability to understand program management.
 High level of oral and written communication skills including the ability to research and prepare correspondence, minutes, brietings and other documents.
 Significant administrative support experience with demonstrated capacity to provide high level support to a professional learn in a flexible manner.
 Experience in basic accounting functions including preparation of petty cash claims and budget monitoring utilising basic numeracy skills and high level accuracy.
 Extensive skills in Excel and spreadsheet manipulations, word processing, database packages and on-line research.

- tools.
 Good interpersonal and negotiations skills.
 Ability to work independently or in a team environment and ability to meet deadlines.
 Good research, analytical and problem solving skills.

Good research, analytical and problem solving skills.
Job Notes: This is a permanent part-time position (17.5 hours per week). The successful applicant will be required to work 3.5 hours each day - Monday to Friday, with start and finish times to be negotiated. Applicants are advised that reference checks may be conducted on all short-listed candidates PRIOR to conducting interviews. An eligibility list may be created as part of this recruitment and used to fill other permanent or temporary vacancies for this role within the Division. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Farhad Sadafi (02) 4629 3240

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 20 February 2009





Operations Coordinator

Housing
Salary \$81 140 - \$87 005 p.a.
Location: Cairns
REF (DD/H08148/08
Key Dutles: Co-ordinate and manage the operations of the
Community Program Delivery Unit to ensure effective delivery

Community Program Delivery Unit to ensure effective delivery and reporting of program outputs.

Skills and Abilitiess Co-ordinate the service delivery aspects of Communities Program Delivery in order to ensure departmental outputs targets are achieved. Assist with the management of the delivery of the capital grants program and monitor delivery compliance.

Enquirless Terry Wallace (07) 4046-3011 or E-Mail: jobvac.hog@xsa.qld.gov.au.

Closing Date: Monday, 16 February 2009

Service Development and Integration Officer (Specified)

Community Capacity and Service Quality
(Three temporary full-time positions available until 26
February 2010 with possible extension. Specified - Applicants
will need to provide a reference from a member of an
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Aberiginal or Torres Strait Baander Communities
Salary: 572-515 - 577-584 p.a.
Locatiom Aurukun, Yarrabah, Hopevale
REF: QLD/COM9792/09
Key Dutles: Provide leadership and support for local alcohol reform
projects and leadership of service system integration strategies where
required. Monitor trends and provide advice in regard to alcohol and

wenture trends and provide advice in regard to alcohol as welfare reform processes.

Skills and Abilities: Demonstrated ability in developing and managing initiatives within community and individual support and alcohol diversion. Ability to supervise and support staff and develop partnerships with non-government optable and stakeholders.

Expansive.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 Closing Date: Monday, 16 February 2009

Client Service Manager

Housing Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

jobvac.htg@ssa.qld.gov.an Closing Date: Monday, 16 February 2009

Housing Officer

day Area Office, Client Services

Salary: \$46 120 - \$51 432 p.a.

Location: Mackay REF: QLD/H08140/08

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. and support services.

Enquiries: Dennis Leicht (07) 4967 0982 or E-Mail:

jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au Closing Date: Monday, 16 February 2009

Caseworker (identified)
Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland
(identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Salary: \$46 071 - \$67 647 p.a.

Location: Woodridge REF: QLD/COM9746/09

REP (LLD) COM9 74-0/19

Key Dulies Deliver best practice statutory youth justice casework services, engage with families, community organisations and other key stakeholders, represent the Chief Executive in Childrens Court, management of information and records and active participation in training and professional development activities.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 Closing Date: Monday, 16 February 2009

Team Leader (Specified)
Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland.
(Four full-time permanent positions available. Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities Salary: \$43 987 - \$48 294 p.a

REF: OLD/COM9677/09

Key Dulless Develop, coordinate, munitor and supervise activities of Support Workers in the delivery of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are home or have alcohol-related social issues.

Enquiries: (07) 3006, 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 23 February 2009

Smart jobs in Queensland

To view position descriptions, apply and see more jobs visit www.jobs.qld.gov.au



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 Prain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978.

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
20/472	Midwest Corporation Etd	30.96ha	61km NW1y of Cue	Ltd 26"57" Long 117"34"	Cue
20/474-5	Midwest Corporation Ltd	24,44hu	62km NW1y of Cue	Lat 26"59" Long 117"30"	Cue
37/720	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	1.92ha	31km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 121°36'	Leonora
57/511	Troy Resources Nt.	27.79Na	8km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°54' Long 119"18'	Sandstone
57/538	Tirby Resources NL	71.11ha	12km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27"52" Long 119"18"	Sandstone
57/539	Troy Resources Ni.	25.79hv	11km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27"53" Long 119"18"	Sandstone
57/540	Troy Resources Nt.	73.1hs	7km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°55' Long 119°20'	Sandstone

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: 11 February 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 to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period clos on 11 May 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. 11 June 2009), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cltr) in relation to the area of the mining leas

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

of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum Break Parth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO.	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1829	Sandfire Resources NL	615.98km²	119km SE'ly of Broome	Lat 18"37" Long 123"08"	Broome
04/1834	Blackfin Ptv Ltd	209.22km²	123km S'ly of Derby	Lat 18*21' Long 124*00'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1836	Culten Exploration Pty Ltd	1201.38km²	65km S'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18"45' Long 125"44'	Derby-West Kimberley
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	Culter Exploration Pty Ltd	655.47km²	69km Wily of Fitzyoy Crossing	Lat 18"15" Long 124"56"	Derby-West Kimberley Broome/
04/1839	Drill Gold Pty Ltd	000.47KB0	101km Sily of Derby	Lat 18"11' Long 123"24'	
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04/1840	Drill Gold Pty Ltd	78.15km²	60km S'ly of Derby	Lat 17"50" Long 123"39"	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1841	Chill Gold Pty Ltd	19.5km²	101km S'ly of Derby	Lat 18109' Long 123"59"	Derby-West Kimberley
20/692	Windy Knob Resources Ltd	112.77km²	32km NE'ty of Cue	Lat 27°11' Long 118°04'	Cue
31/661	Jackson Minerals Ltd	23,74km²	143km NE'ly of Kalgoorie	Lat 29°59' Long 122°41'	Menzies
31/842	Heron Resources Ltd.	101.35km²	101km Ely of Menzies	Lat 29"35" Long 122"04"	Menzies
31/843	Western Copper Pty Ltd	20.87km²	66km E'ty of Menzies	LM 29°35' Long 121°42'	Menbes
36/693	Linger & Die Pty Ltd	9.16km ²	64km N'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°22' Long 120°54'	Leonora
36/696	Venture Minerals Ltd.	18.21km²	33km NETy of Leinster	Lat 27*43' Long 120*56'	Leonora
37/975	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	24.34km²	93km NETy of Leinster	Lat 27°23' Long 121°26'	Leonora
37/991	Bernfried Gunter Franz Wasse	48 18km²	46km NETy of Leonora.	Lat 26"32" Long 121"35"	Laverton
37/992	John Calesari	3.01km ²	54km NW ty of Leonora	Lat 28*34' Long 120*54'	Leonora
37/993	Pacrim Energy Ltd	175.43km ³	64km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°06' Long 121°19'	Leonora
37/995	Laurence John Molloy	54.27km²	53km N'ty of Leonora	Lat 28°25' Long 121°29'	Leonora
		128.18km²	123km NW ly of	Lat 27°01' Long 122°17'	Laverton
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2000	Regis Resources Limited		Cosmo Newberry Mission		
38/1946	Regis Resources Limited	18,31km ²	130km NW ly of	Lat 27'00' Long 122"11	Laverton
	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd		Cosmo Newberry Mission		
38/1947	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	3.05km²	122km NW1y of	Lat 27"05" Long 122"10"	Laverton
	Regis Resources Limited		Cosmo Newberry Mission		
38/1948	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	9.14km ²	113km NW'ly of	Lat 27"09' Long 122"14'	Laverton
	Regis Resources Limited		Cosmo Newberry Mission		
38/2173	Electora Mines Ltd	3.02km²	82km E'ly of	Lat 28"09" Long 123"42"	Laverton
			Cosmo Newbery Mission		
38/2174	Eleckra Mines Ltd	24.17km?	78km E'ly of	Lat 28°07' Long 123°40'	Laverton
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38/2175	Eleckra Mines Ltd	187.41km²	82km E'ly of	Lat 28"08' Long 123"42'	Laverton
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nomenan	Crescent Gold Ltd	3.02km ³	38km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 122°45'	Laverton
38/2210	Gregory John Keeley	8.95km²	96km Sily of Laverton	Lat 29°29' Long 122°32'	Mercies.
39/1394	Rubicon Resources Utd	2.99km²	51km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29'09' Long 121'45'	Menzies
39/1406	Rubicon Resources Ltd	5.98km²	48km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°08' Long 121°44'	Menzies
39/1407	Anthony Pilkington	17.95km²	69km SW ty of Laverton	Lat 29°11' Long 122°06'	Leonora
39/1409	Rubicon Resources Ltd	11,95km²	79km Sily of Laverton	Lat 29"19' Long 122"14"	Leonora
39/1410	Rubicon Resources Ltd	20.94km²	67km Sily of Laverton	Lat 29"13" Long 122"16"	Leonora
47/1345	Creydon Gold Pty Ltd	224.2km²	20km NETy of Roebourne	Lat 20"39' Long 117"55'	Port Hedland Town/
-					Roebourne
47/1927	Royal Resources Ltd	34.76km²	59km SE'ly of Wittencom	Lat 22"40" Long 118"40"	Ashburton:
47/1964	Murchison Metals Ltd	192.84km²	13km N'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22"35' Long 117"49'	Ashburton
53/1355	Aragon Resources Limited	3.05km²	89km E'ly of Willuna	Lat 27°02' Long 120°58'	Wiuna
53/1440	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	39.74km²	92km Nily of Sandstone	Lat 27"10' Long 119"28'	Wiluna
53/1441	Redport Exploration Pty Ltd	88.4km²	89km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°15' Long 121°12'	Leonora/Wilung
53/1442	Redport Exploration Pty Ltd	152.64km²	105km NE by of Leinster	Lat 27°04' Long 121°11'	Wiuna
53/1446	Colour Minerals Pty Ltd	180.14km²	81km SWTy of William	Lat 27°08' Long 119°41'	Wilina
53/1448	Golden West Resources Ltd	205.12km²	49km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°54' Long 119°52'	Wiluna
57/780	Cashmere iron Limited	3km²			
			117km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°59' Long 119°39'	Sandstone
59/1510	Standard Mining investments Pty Ltd	53.68km²	70km SW ty of Paymes Find	Lat 29"32" Long 117"02"	Perenjori
59/1512	Standard Mining Investments Pty Ltd	38.78km²	71km Wily of Paynes Find	Lat 29°29' Long 117°00'	Perenjon -
59/1513	Standard Mining Investments Pty Ltd	29.78km²	55km SW ty of Paymes Find	Lat 29"40' Long 117"21"	Yalgoo
59/1536	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	3.01km²	69km Wily of Paynes Find	Lat 29"07" Long 116"59"	Perenjon
70/3435	Rocia Pty Ltd	5.79km²	20km N'ty of Mandurah	Lat 32'21' Long 115'48'	Rockingham City
70/3506	Whinnen Resources Ltd	101.79km2	25km W'ly of Quarading	Lat 32°00' Long 117°08'	Beverley/Quainsting/
					York
80/4172	Gellard Enterprises Pty Ltd	369,96km²	159km NE'ly of	Lat 17"08" Long 126"37"	Derby-West Kimberley
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80/4174			Filtroy Crossing		

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: 11 February 2009

Notification day: 11 February 2009

Matthe title parties: Unider 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 11 May 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 Averune, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9258 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each increase may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 11 June 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 losence 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 Terraise. Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act fincluding extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plan Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

CASUAL TUTORS FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS

Expressions of Interest are invited to provide learning assistance to CQUniversity's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students under the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (funded by DEEWR). Please note that these expressions of interest are for possible vacancies only, not guaranteed employment

Requirements: You must be a university graduate or have at least two years successful completion towards a degree.

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You will support the Local Indigenous Networks and the Regional Indigenous Council in your region, and actively broker access to programs, lunds and services to build the capacity of local Indigenous communities, and sterices to build the capacity of rocal fraggenous communities, and strengther the ability of local fraggenous people to be actively involved in economic, social and civic activity. This means being alert and responsive to community needs, and deliveting practical solutions. Your well developed community engagement skills, ability to consult and communicate with people from all walks of life will be critical to this role. Detailed knowledge of and experience working with Indigenous communities is essential for this

Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply

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refer to position number DPCD/PACA/500179 Closing date for applications is Friday 20 February 2009





Collection Management Division

BLACK SCREEN COORDINATOR NATIONAL PROGRAMS BRANCH

Salary Range: \$55,990 - \$59,997pa plus superannuation Reference: 89027

Closing Date: 25 February 2009

We are seeking to employ an Aboriginal Australian who understands Indigenous audiovisual culture and wants to share this with Aboriginal communities and the wider Australian public

Black Screen is part of the NFSA's National Programs and provides Indigenous munities and the broader Australian public with access to Indigenous films The Black Screen Coordinator will deliver numerous Black Screen cultural activities and events throughout regional and remote Australia. The role requires a professional who can actively participate in community development, planning delivery, and administration of Black Screen events and activitie

Enquiries: Brendan Smith T: 02 8202 0119 E: brendan.smith@nfsa.gov.au

Selection Documentation: For all necessary selection documentation please visit www.nfsa.gov.au/about_us/employ-jobs.html

For further information concerning recruitment processes please contact Renee Faulds T: 02 6248 2235 E: recruitment@nfsa.gov.au

Please note: The successful applicant must undertake an Australian Federal Police

The National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA) collects, preserves, interprets and provides access to Australia's historic and contemporary moving image and recorded sound culture. As the treasure house of Australia's audiovisual history, the NFSA's commitment to building and providing access to the national collection of more than 1.4 million items makes for a dynamic work environment, From its own state-of-the-art cinema to exhibitions, special events, education programs and more, the NFSA has much to offer. The NFSA is an Australian Government Agency.

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ABORIGINAL HERITAGE **OFFICER**

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- Desire to foster better communication between Council and the Aboriginal community?
- Skilled to advise on Aboriginal cultural heritage issues and
- Keen to play a role in the economic development of the Aboriginal community?

Aborginal community?

Council's Aboriginal Heritage Officer works across all these areas liaising with the Aboriginal community at the local government level.

This placement is expected to run for approximately 7 months to fill a vacancy created by malernity leave. If you have a sound knowledge of Aboriginal cultural heritage issues and the ability to work effectively with local Aboriginal communities, government agencies and other organisations you are invited to apply.

Applicants must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal. This is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).

The successful applicant for this position will be required to undergo a Police Record check.

Salary Range: \$949.74 to \$1,053.85 gross per 35 hr week.

Applications: To apply for this position you will need a copy of the selection criteria/information package which can be obtained by phoning (02) 4474 1016, downloading from Council's website www.esc.nsw.gov.au or emailing positions⊛eurocoast.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Wednesday, 25 February 2009



OAK VALLEY (MARALINGA) INC Oak Valley is a Traditional Aboriginal Community situated 540km North West of Ceduna in the Great Victoria Desert.

COMMUNITY STORE KEEPER COMMUNITY STORE ASSISTANT

A community store keeper and assistant are sought for the Oak Valley General Store. This position would be ideal for a couple with retail experience and the ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal people. Both roles include training and supervision of CDEP participants, reconciliation of daily takings & preparation of weekly reports, day to day running of the store and other duties as outlined in the job and person specifications.

A current Drivers Licence and a good understanding of OH&S policies and procedures are required to apply.

An understanding of Aboriginal culture and ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal people are desirable for these positions. Experience in living in a remote Aboriginal community

ort-listed applicants will be interviewed in the Dak Valley

All positions at Oak Valley (Maralinga) Inc are awarded on merit, however people of Aboriginal descent are strongly encouraged to

ie job and person specification can be obtained from Mrs Tanniny iller at the Marailing Tanutja Office in Ceduna on (08) 8625 2946. gned applications addressing all of the position objectives and key suit areas and the contact details of three referees must be lodged

Mr Jeff Scott Maralinga Tjarutja, PO Box 435, CEDUNA SA 5690

By 5:00pm (CST) on Friday 27th February 2009.

Electronic applications (in Word document form) can be lodged by email to maretter@bigpond.com however; electronic applications must be followed by a hard copy signed application that should be POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN Friday 27th February 2009.





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Applications close: 27 February 2009

Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of South Australia Notification day: 25 February 2009



S12008/012 - Koweridda Pastoral ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement is located west of Lake Gairdner and covers an area of 696km³ over Pastoral Lease number 2330B (Koweridda) as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the unincorporated Local Government Authority area.

LOCALITY MAP 4



Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 3,370km³, located west of Lake Gairdner and is over Pastoral Lease number 2393 (Lake Everard) as shawn on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the unincorporated Local Government Authority area.



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Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 1,130km², located approximately 20km southwest of Lake Gairdner and is over Pastoral Lease number 2330A (Vardea) and Allotment 500 depicted in Deposited Plan 59476 as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the unincorporated local Government Authority area.



S12008/016 - Wilgena Pastoral ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 2.830km², located north-west of Lake Gairdner and is over part of Pastoral Lease number 2364 (Wilgena) as shown on the locality map

The agreement falls within the unincorporated Local Government Authority area.



S12008/017 - Hiltaba Pastoral ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 730km³, located approximately folken south-west of Lake Gairdner and is over Pastoral Leave number 2301 (Hillaba) as shown on the locality map

The agreement falls within the unincorporated Local Government Authority area.

The agreement falls within the Streaky Bay District Council and the unincorporated Local Government Authority area. Parties to the agreements and their contact address:

S12008/015 - Lockes Claypan Pastoral ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to the agreement covers about 153km² and lies approximately. 30km north-east of Poochera over part of Pastoral Lesse number 2530 (Lockes Claypan) as shown on the

Parties common to all of the agreements

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Elliot McNamara, Howard Richards, Andrew Dingaman and Ken Smith, on behalf of the Cawler Ranges Native Tile Group C/- Andrew Beckworth, South Australian Native Title Services Lid Level 4, 345 King William Street ADELAIDE SA 5000

Other parties to the agreements

Koweridda Pastoral ILUA - SI2008/012

Lake Everard Pastoral ILUA - SI2008/013 AND Hiltaba Pastoral ILUA - SI2008/017

Yardea Pastoral ILUA - SI2008/014

Lockes Claypan Pastoral ILUA - SI200R/015

Wilgena Pastoral ILUA - SE2008/016

The State of South Australia C/- Peter Hall, Native Title Claim Resolution Unit GPO Box 464, ADELAIDE SA 5001

Richard Rosslyn Morris, C/- Ian Morris, Thurlga Station, PMB 6 via PORT AUGUSTA SA 5710

Lake Everard Pty Ltd C/- Alistair Angas, PO Box 332, CLARE SA 5453

Richard Rosslyn Morris & Deborah Howard Morris, C/- Sandy Morris, PMB 112, via PORT AUGUSTA SA 5710

Pine Vale Pastoral Company Pty Ltd, C/- Dean Schlink PO Box 35, WUDINNA SA 5652

AJ & PA McBride Pastoral Company Pty Ltd C/- Matt Kerin - North Well Homestead & James Cabson - Wigera Homestead CMB 100 via PCRT AUGUSTA SA 5710 - North Well CMB 134 via PCRT AUGUSTA SA 5610 - Wilgena

The agreements contain the following statements: [Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

[The agreements do not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in paragraphs 24EB(1)(h), (c) or (d) or 24EB(1)(a) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlib).

The agreements deal with the relationship between native title rights and interests and other rights and interests in relation to the agreement areas (s. 24C B/d) of the Act) and the manner of exercise of native title rights and interests or other rights and interests in relation to the agreement areas (s. 24C B/d) of the Act).

In summary, the agreements provide for access to the ogreement areas by members of the Gauder Ranges Native Tille Group for the purpose of undertaking traditional activities in accordance with the terms of the agreements.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified These six applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by South Australia Native Title Services Ltd, the representative body for the areas concerned. The area covered by each agreement is shown in the respective maps. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason in your view, the applications to register the ILLAs have not been properly certified, as stated in section 2018(E)(s) and (b) of the Native Talle Act 1991.

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Adelaide, SA, 5001 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. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permissions of the Department of Environment and Heritage (SA) and Geoscience Australia. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the turns of the agreements are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, contact Greg Jervis on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of South Australia Notification day: 25 February 2009



SI2007/003 - Thurlga Pastoral ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 690km², located south of Lake Gairdner over Pastoral Lease number 2305B (Thuriga) as shown on the locality map.



S12008/009 - Part Hiltaba Pastoral ILUA

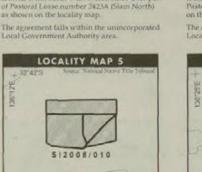
Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 48km?, located approximately 55km north-east of Poochera and is over Pastoral Lease number. 7294 (Pt Hiltaba) as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the unincorporated Local Government Authority area.



S12008/007 - Siam North Pastoral ILUA

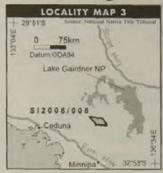
Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 465km; located 47km north-west of Iron Knob over part of Pastoral Lease number 2423A (Siam North) as shown on the locality map.



SI2008/010 - Yeltana Pastoral ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 93km², located approximately 13km north-east of Buckleboo and covers part of Pastoral Lease number 2529 (Yeltana) as shown on the locality

The agreement falls within the unincorporated Local Government Authority area.



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S12008/008 - Yarna Pastoral ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 480km*, located south west of Lake Gairdner and is over Pastoral Lease number 2253 (Yarna) as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the unincorporated Local Government Authority area.



SI2008/011 - Siam Pastoral ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers 772km² located 33km north-west of Iron Knob and is over Pastoral Lease number 2254 (Siam) as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the unincorporated Local Government Authority area.

ABORIGINAL FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND LEGAL SERVICE VICTORIA (FVPLS VICTORIA)

We are seeking experienced, enthusiastic workers to fill the following positions:

Legal Secretary for our Melbourne office Paralegal Support Worker

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Job descriptions are available from our website www.hpls.org
or by telephoning 03 9654 3111

FVPLS Victoria was established to provide assistance to Indigenous victims/survivors of family violence and sexual assault, and to work with families and communities affected by violence.



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 Aberiginal 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.

and Section 31(2n) of the Anti-Discomination Act 1977.

The main role of the worker will be:

- To build connections with ACYFS funded and other Aborignal workers across the Motro 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
administration on au
Phone 02 9620 6172

Successful applicants will be informed of interview times. FWT+DP is a non-profit organisation funded by the Depart Community Services.

Parties to the agreements and their contact address:

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Other parties to the agreements

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Siam North Pastoral ILUA - SI2008/007 AND Siam Pastoral ILUA - SI2008/011

Yarna Pastoral ILUA - SI2008/008 AND Part Hiltaba Pastoral ILUA - SI2008/009 Yeltana Pastoral ILUA - SI2008/010

Thurlga Pastoral ILUA - Sl2007/003

The State of South Australia

GPO Box 464, ADEAIDE SA 5001

Richard Rosslyn Morris & Deborah Howard Morris C/- Ian Morris, PMB 6 via. PORT AUGUSTA: SA: 5710

Yarrah Nominees Pty Ltd C/+ Anthony Burge, PO Box 110, CEDUNA SA 5690

C/- Peter Hall, Native Title Claim Resolution Unit

Lake Everard Pty Ltd C/- Alistair Angas, PO Box 332, CLARE SA 5453

Yelfana Holdings Pty Ltd C/- Martin Whyte, 508 The Parade, ROSSLYN PARK 5A 5072

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You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Adelaide, SA, 5001 by 25 May 2009.

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Data statement: agreement area boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Environment and Hentage (SA) and Geoscience Australia. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreeme available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, contact Greg Jervis on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

BOGGABILLA CENTRAL SCHOOL Gamilaraay Language Tutor

SIX MONTH APPOINTMENT (POSSIBLE EXTENSION)
Initial three month probationary period

Deliver Gamiliarasy language and culture classes to students from Pre-school to Year 8. This position calls for a reliable, motivated, self-starter with a passion to share their language and knowledge with the

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act. 1977.

15 hours per week

Essential

section

- Sound knowledge of Gamilaraay language and culture

- Proven ability to speak the language

- Proven ability to work as part of a team

- Proven ability to maintain accurate records

Excellent communication and presentation skills
 Familiar with Microsoft Office, Desktop Publishing and Internet use

Willingness to undergo linguistic training

Altend overnight conferences
 Ability to develop own resources
 Current Driver's Licence

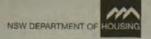
Adherence to the Department of Education & Training "Code of Conduct" and "Policy & Procedures" is a condition of of Conduct" employment.

It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. A Consent For Screening and Prohibited Employment form must be completed and submitted with your application.

Applications close: 27 February 2009

Applications close: 27 February 2009
Applications to: The Principal
Boggabilla Central School
PO Box 218
BOGGABILLA NSW 2409
Email: Boggabilla-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Fax: (07) 46762442
For further information and application packages, please contact: Carmel Fox
Telephone: (07) 46762104
Email: carmel.fox1@det.nsw.edu.au

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HOUSING NSW

CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 2/4 Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division Riverina Team, Wagga Wagga Temporary Full-Time

Total remuneration package valued up to \$65,072 per annum (Salary: \$50,972 pa - \$58,969 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: To manage public housing waiting isses, tenancies, properties and contractors. Substantial fieldwork involved, specifically visiting clients in their homes, inspecting properties, office-based client service and administrative responsibilities.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated ability to work with clients and community groups to assess their needs and provide appropriate services.
- Sound decision-making and problem-solving skills and demonstrated negotiation and interviewing skills.
- Effective interpersonal, oral and written communication skills and demonstrated capacity to work as an effective team member.
- Strong organisational and administrative skills and ability to manage competing priorities in a complex service environment.
- Sensitivity to the needs of diverse client groups, including Abonginal/Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds and people with disabilities.
- Computer literacy and capacity to manage computer-based information systems
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: These are people orientated positions which will provide personal growth opportunities and experience in a dynamic and changing organisation. This is a temporary full-time position for a period of up to six (6) months with a possibility of extension, in terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Scott McKee (02) 6921 0026

Information package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers or NSW Businesslink (02)

Apply on-line: As per link provided in the Information Package or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 20 February 2009

Careers @ Justice



DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

ces Review (OCSR)

The Official Prison Visitor (OPV) Scheme is a Manisterial advisory function involving members of the public who volunteer their time to visit prisons, and provide the Minister for Corrections with an independent and object community perspective on prison operations, processes and initiatives. The Office of Correctional Services review is responsible for the management and administration of the scheme on behalf of the

The Department of Justice (OCSR) is looking for three talented and energetic professionals to join the Official Prison Visitor Scheme who have:

- experience working with volunteers or in a community-based program; preferably one that performs a Ministerial advisory function.
- highly developed planning, organisation and interpersonal skills
 the ability to work effectively within a team environment.
- a proven ability to prepare comprehensive reports, complex correspondence and briefings on a wide range of significant and sensitive issues to a Ministerial level. preferably in a correctional environment.

Senior Program Officer, Official Prison Visitor Scheme

Role No: DJ7202, VPS5 Salary range: \$71,671 - \$86,716 + superannuation, Ongoing

This position will take a lead role in assisting with the management and administration of the scheme. The successful applicant also requires a demonstrated knowledge of the Victorian Koori community, and demonstrated experience and understanding of Indigenous programs and services within the criminal justice system.

- This position is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified
- · Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply

Program Officer, Official Prison Visitor Scheme

Role No: DJ7203, VPS4 Salary range: \$62.116 - \$70,477 + superannuation, Ongoing

This position also requires excellent administration and time management skills as well as the ability to prioritise tasks and work within strict timelines. The successful applicant will also be responsible for co-ordinating all event-management for the scheme

Senior Project Officer, Official Prison Visitor Scheme

Role No: DJ7201 VPS5 Salary range: \$71,671 - \$86,716 + superannuation, Fixed term

This position also requires highly developed program design, project management and change management skills. The successful applicant will be responsible for the design and delivery of a range of recommendations to enhance and strengthen the scheme.

For a full role description and further information regarding interview requirements, contact Victoria Wilson on 9447-1642 or email OCSR@justice.vic.gov.au

Send your on-line application, addressing the key selection criteria as detailed in the role description, by visiting

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 16 February 2009

www.justice.vic.gov.au

Our Values: Community - Together - Integrity - Respect - Happen @ One Justice



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 this tollowing amademation agreement and

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
38/1652	Carbon Energy Ltd.	252029 308921 308924	79.63ha 11.55ha	34km 51y of Laverton	Lat 28"54" Long 122"23" Lat 28"53" Long 122"24"	Lawron

Nature of the act: Grant of emalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 11 February 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 netive title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 11 May 2009. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Devision 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to fing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Foderal Court of Australia. 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (DB) 9268 1100.

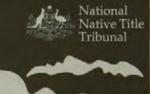
Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of a months after the notification day (i.e. 11 June 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the license is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Engineer in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal. Level 11, 233 Adelaids Terrace, Porth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9288 9700.

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

Notice of application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Northern Territory

Notification day: 25 February 2009



LOCALITY MAP



DI2008/006 Lot 828 Town Of Borroloola ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to the agreement is located within the town of Borroloola in the Northern Territory and covers approximately 0.17 hectares over Lot 828 on Survey Plan \$2001/152, as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of the Roper Guif Shire.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

Northern Territory of Australia C/- Solicitor for the Northern Territory GPO Box 1722, DARWIN NT 0801

GPO Box 1222, DARWIN NT 0801

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory sotes in brackets inserted by the National Native Tillé Tribunal]

Recital C: The Northern Land Council as the representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander body for the area wishes to consent to the surrender of native title rights and interests in the Land to allow the grant of Freehold Title to occur.

Clause 3 Statement for the Purposes of the Native Title Act

31.3 Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 NTA like right to negotiate provisions] is not intended to apply to any Future Act described in Clause 4.

Clause 4 Febure Acts:

- 4.1 Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the NLC as the representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander body for the area consents to the surrender of native title in the Land.
- 4.2 The Parties agree that the surrender of native title under this Agreement is intended to extinguish all native title rights
- 4.3 The Parties agree that the surrender of native title in the Land shall take affect upon the grant of Freehold Title to the

Interpretation:

'affect' in the context of affecting native title rights or interests has the same meaning as ascribed to that expression by \$227 of the Native Title Act 1993.

'Agreement' means this Indigenous Land Use Agreement.

'Freehold Title' means an estate in fee simple granted under the Crown Lands Act (NT) to Radovic Investments Pty Limited in respect of the Land

'Future Act' has the same meaning as ascribed to that expression by \$233 of the Native Title Act 1993.

"Land" means the land comprised by Lot 828 in the Town of Borroloola in the Northern Territory of Australia (as shown on the map at Attachment A to this Agreement and as described at Attachment B to this Agree

'NLC' means the Northern Land Council and its successors

'The Parties' means the NLC and the Northern Territory.

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 Northern 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

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 203BF(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwith)

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 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 from data provided by 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 Lorna Gregory on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

The successful applicants will be subject to a police records check



Government of Western Australia ent for Planning and Infrastructure

NOTICE OF INTENTION

TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170 AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

l Brendon John Grylls, MLA, Minister for Lands, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the Land Admin Act (LAA) 1997 that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified. AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HERIEBY GME NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993. (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified. It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 188 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

PARCEL OF LAND NO 1: LAND DESCRIPTION:

Whole Lot 300 on Deposited Plan 231540 Volume 3151 Folio 871. Area: 16.1874 hectaries; 2. Whole Lot 301 on Deposited an 231540 Volume 3151 Folio 870. Area: 4.0469 hectares: LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of lowin NATURE OF INTERESTS DISE TAKEN. All registered and unregistered interests including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the sading DESCRIPTION OF LAND other than interests of the Crown. PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED: For sale by amalgamation to adjoining Lots. PROPOSED DISPOSITION/ GRANT: For sale to adjoining owners. REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT: Land is surplus to Crown requirements DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED; 30-6-09 DPI FILE: 02904-1958-0290 DPI REF::050290

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: DPI, Midland Square, Midland, 6056. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pussell Bartinop, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 or by telephoring (08) 93475096. OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED: Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1675, Midland 6936 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than 25th May 2009. Dated 17 January 2009. MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND: A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(2) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. an application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued inacept with the approval in writing of cause the building or military any improvement to the sind to be commenced or continued succept with the approval in writing of the first term of the Lands. NATURE OF THE ACT: In respect of the land described in the Schedus, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and inforests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, ower, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancitary and incidental purposes. NOTIFICATION DAY: The notification day is 25th February 2009. NATIVE TITLE PARTIES: Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 25th May 2009. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9269 7272. Dated 17 January 2009.

HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA MINISTER FOR LANDS



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 Plan Street Facts NA 600d may great the following programming because applications under the Alicen Act 1075:

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5/5339	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	196:21ha	27km SETy of Widglemoolthu	Lat 31°42' Long 121°42'	Coolgardie
5/5341	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	46.23ha	33km SE'ly of Wildgemoothus	Lat 31"44" Long 121"46"	Coolgardie
5/5342-3	Zeedam Enterprises Ptv Ltd	215.99ha	34km SE'ly of Wildglemoolthis	Lat 31*44' Long 121*47'	Coolgardin
5/5344.5	Zeedam Enterprices Pty Ltd	287.77ha	37km SE'ry of Widglemoothtu	Lat 31*44' Long 121*50	Coolgardie
15/5346-8	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	581.51ha	42km SE'ly of Widgemooltha	Lat 31°48' Long 121°49'	Coolgardie
5/5349	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	70.27ha	40km SE'ly of Widglemooths	LM 31°49' Long 121°44'	Contgardie
5/5350-1	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	366.05hu	39km NTy of Norseman	LM 31°50' Long 121°45'	Doolgardie
5/5352	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	97.8ha	34km 5"ly of Widgemootha	LW 31'47' Long 121'30'	Coolgardie
80/2068	Peter Androw Witshire	4.93ts	4km E'ty of Cure	Lat 27°25' Long 117°55'	Coe
20/2088-9	Legend Resources Pty Ltd	234 36Ns	3km N'ty of Que	Lat 27°24 Long 117°52'	Ove
31/1889	Avoca Resources Ltd	70.55hs	113km 57y of Lawedon	Lst 29*38' Long 122*24'	Mergles
38/3521	Dukelon Resources Pty Ltd	134.26ha	63km Why of Coston Newberry Mission	Lat 27°51' Long 122°16'	Laverton
39/4713	Hawthorn Resources Limited	154.94ha	78km S'ly of Liverton	Litt 29°19' Long 122°16'	Leonora
39/4714	Hawfhorn Resources Limited	143.79ha	79km Sily of Laverton	Lot 29°19' Long 122°16'	Leonora
53/1413	Echo Resources Ltd	125.56ha	B8km E'ly of Williams	Lat 26°52' Long 121°02'	Wilma
59/1831	DSO Vectures Pty Ltd	72.300	81km Wily of Payoes Find	Lat 29"05" Long 116"52"	Perenion
59/1907	Wittom Bennett	6.8688	2km Ety of Paynes Find	Lat 29°15' Long 117°42'	Yalgoo
59/1908	William Bernett	0.58hu	2km N'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29*14" Long 117*40"	Yalgoo
59/1909	William Bennett	0.12%	2km NTy of Payous Find	Lat 29"14" Long 117"41"	Yalgoo
63/1709	Paul Richard Martin	177.02hs	4km SW ly of Norseman	Lat 32*13" Long 121*44"	Dundas
63/1719-4	Paul Richard Martin	355.63ha	9km Sfly of Norseman	Lat 32"16" Long 121"44"	Dundati
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77/3508	Baracus Pty Ltd	137.25ha	84km N'iy of Koolyanobberg	List 30°05' Long 119°15'	Woam
77/3700	Gondarana Resources Ltd	351 68ha	62krtt Sity of Southern Cross	Litt 31"44" Long 119"34"	Yilgam
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77/3723-6	Orion Resources N.	1107-5803	54km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31"36" Long 119"39	Vilgam
8 77/3730-2	Gasgoyne Gold Mines NL	1100,0000	arminute of an execution process	200 AL 100 TANK (13.10)	Transfer of
80/1694-7	Phylis Mane Broznan Alan Nelville Brosnan	756.77ha	75km SWNy of Hoas Creek	Lat 18*46' Long 127*15'	Halts Crees

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date

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 11 May 2009. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural nights 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) 9208 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. 11 June 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Tim. 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 shall be directed to the National Native Title Tiblunal, Level 11, 233 Adetaide Tenace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (16) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (notuding extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plan Street. East Perit WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222-3828.



TO ADVERTISE IN THE KOORI MAIL NEWSPAPER **CONTACRT CHRIS** OR STUART ON 02 66 222 666





Aboriginal Education Program Coordinator

Are you passionate about improving the health of Indigenous people?

Cancer Council Victoria (an Independent charity) is seeking an Aboriginal Education Progra Coordinator to join our Cancer Prevention Centre.

Coordinator to join our Cancer Prevention Centre.

In its efforts to reduce cancer in Victoria, Cancer Council Victoria is committed to developing and implementing culturally appropriate education programs for Aboriginal Communities.

The Aboriginal Education Program Coordinator will be primarily responsible for developing and implementing initiatives targeting Aboriginal communities for PapScreen Victoria. They will also provide advice and direction for other programs within the Cancer Council and promote our services and programs within Aboriginal networks.

The successful candidate will have experience in the Aboriginal health sector. A knowledge of and experience in working with Aboriginal communities is essential. Aboriginal and Torres Strat Islanders are encouraged to apply.

This is a full-time position. For a position description visit www.cancervic.org.au or contact Kaye on (03) 9635 5363.

Applications close Friday 27 February 2009

Cancer Council Victoria

NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, DIVISION OF CORPORATE SERVICES

FARM ASSISTANT - GARDEN

Operational Staff Grade 1, Menangle, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Total Remuneration package valued to \$47,270 p.a. (\$38,872-\$42,837), cy Number 09/68MG.

Provide support to the horticultural research/diagnostic activities. Maintain garden and lawns Develop and maintain conservation areas.

- Qualifications in accordance with the Crown Employees (NSW Department of Primary
- Industries) Operational Staff Award.

 Industries) Operational Staff Award.

 Knowledge of plant production in shade/glass houses, gardens and landscaping maintenance, including lawns and irrigation systems.

 Ability to use farm horbcultural chamicals following Occupational Health & Safety guidelines.
- Ability to operate and maintain horticultural equipment. Ability to work with minimal supervision. Ability to work in a team environment.

- Good oral and written communication and numeracy skills.
- · Current driver's licence.

Notes: This is a permanent full-time position. This position is targeted for employment of an aboriginal person with funding by Department of Education & Training through The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program, which has been granted an exemption under x126 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Salary progression subject to meeting competency criteria.

Inquiries: Grant Dell (02) 4640 6333

Email: grant dell@dpl.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'confidential' to: email to employee services@dpl.nsw.gov.au or post to Employee Services Officer (Recruitment), NSW Department of Primary Industries, Locked Bag 21, Orange NSW 2800.

Bay 21, Orange NSW 2800.



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Grade 1 Community Access Western Region, Mudgee Temporary Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-09-17967

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: Work as part of a multi-disciplinary team to provide occupational therapy services and service co-ordination to children and adults with intellectual disability and provide support, education and information to their families/carers.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- ELECTION CRITERIA:

 Current understanding of the issues, trends and approaches underpinning the provision of services to people with a disability and their families and carers.

 Recognised Degree/Diploma in Occupational Therapy and eligibility for membership to professional association.

 Expenience in, or the ability to provide the provision of occupational therapy services to people with a disability with a range of needs.

 Demonstrated analytical and problem solving skills.

 High level oral and written communication skills.

 Ability to work collaboratively as a member of multidisciplinary teams and in partnership with other services.

- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period of up to 1 February 2010 under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. New Graduates are encouraged to apply. Clinical supervision is provided. Where the applicant is based may be negotiated. An Expibility List may be created for future reference. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the

Inquiries: Jenny Shumack phone (02) 6363 8670 or email: jenny.shumack@dadhc.nsw.gi Information Package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02)

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: Manager, NSW Businessink, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing date: Friday 13 February 2009

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Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services Inc Wingham NSW

Aboriginal Specialist Support Worker

for the Taree Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service - 21 hours per week osition subject to viable fundin SACS Award (NSW) Grade 3

We are seeking to employ a highly motivated, experienced and professional individual to be part of our team who will:

- Provide women and their children with support, advocacy, referral and information. The Service aims to empower women and their children to use the legal system to end the domestic violence they have been
- orker is responsible for assisting the Coordinator in ensuring the se is of high quality and is accessible to indigenous women in the

An information package MUST be obtained by calling 02 6553 5121.

A "Working with Children Check / Police Check" will apply to this position.

Applications close 5pm Friday 20th February 2009

PROJECT WORKER

Aboriginal Women Against Violence - a project funded by the Australian Government

Australian Government
We are a women's demestic violence service: based in S.W. Sydney and
would file a bemiploy an experienced worker to continue the coordination of
a peer education program for Indigenous women that trains and mentics
local Aborriginal women to become trainers & advocates in their
communities. The project includes the co-ordination of a local Violence
Against Women committee to address specific issues identified by local
Aborriginal women, ideality you would have relevant program and community
development appreciace and a understanding of the dynamics and effects
of domestic violence as well as good written and verbal communication
skills. This position is for 15 months. The salisty is based on the SACS
Award, with above award constitions and salary sacrificing available. For an
into pack call (02/9602-9180).

Closing date: 27 February 2009

Being a woman is a genuine employment requirement under Section 31-2 of the Anti-Discrimination Act and Aboriginality is a genuine employment requirement under Section 14 of the Act.



An Australian Government Initiative



BIRIPI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEDICAL CENTRE (TAREE, NSW)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EX OFFICIO POSITIONS (ABORIGINAL DESIGNATED)

Biripi is seeking the services of two Aboriginal professionals who have expertise in the finance or legal fields; you would be required to advise the Board on important matters in these respective areas of business; the Board meets on a monthly basis.

As an ex officio member of the Board you would not have voting rights, however you would be assisting the other Board members to determine the best course of action required in relation to financial or legal matters that would benefit the ongoing sustainability of Biripi AMS.

Should involvement in community decision making be of interest to you, please make enquiries about these important

Contact: Ray Matthews Chief Executive Officer Telephone: 02 6591 2415 Email: rmatthews@biripi.org.au Applications close: Friday 6th March, 2009

DIOCESE OF BATHURST CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

AEW (Aboriginal Education Worker)

position at: James Sheahan High School, Orange There is the possibility that this position may also entail illaison with the three Catholic Primary Schools in Orange

- Criteria Applicants must be able to:
 Demonstrate an understanding of, and sincere commitment to, the aims and philosophy of Catholic Education.
 Provide confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

- Demonstrate a sound and exemplary employment history.

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 Demonstrate an exemplary level of skill in literacy and numeracy especially as it relates to assisting students.

 Demonstrate knowledge of educational issues which affect indigenous students and knowledge of local issues which impact on Indigenous students.

 Applications will close: Monday, March 9, 2009, COB.

Please ring 0268 827355 (Catholic Education Office, Dubbo) for an information package which will contain an application form, job description and relevant information about the position school.

Please note that the application form will ask for the names and phone contact details of a local Catholic Parish Priest, a previous employer and one other professional person as referees. Supporting documentation of experience and/or qualifications will also be requested.

All AEW positions in the Bathurst Diocese are funded by the Commonwealth's IEP program. These positions are permanent depending on the continuation of the IEP funding

Child Protection Legislation requires preferred applicant to be subject to employment screening



NOTICE TO GRANT GENERAL PURPOSE LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following general purpose lease applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
2/280	Pilbara Chromite Pty Ltd	7.43ha	42km SW'ly of Newman	Lat 23°29' Long 120°16'	Meekatharra
59/40	Extension Hill Pty Ltd	531.5ha	67km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°36' Long 117°07'	Yalgoo

The purposes for G52/280 are: waste dump facilities

The purposes for G59/40 are: erecting, placing and operating machinery, depositing and treating minerals, roads, pipelines, transport facilities, storage and transportation of minerals and mineral concentrate, water management facilities, power generation facilities, fuel facilities, workshop maintenance facilities and office administration facilities.

Nature of the act: Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

Notification day: 11 February 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 11 May 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. The leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 11 June 2009), there is no native title party in relation to the area of the leases. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Additional Surface Area within Mining Leases

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Holder named below gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the No within the Mining Leases shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld). thise Title Acr 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of Additional Surface Areas

ML5648 and ML5649, when granted on 12 February, 1976, did not include the surface of the land to which they relate. The current holder has now applied under Section 275 of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qid) for the additional areas of surface of the land to which the Mining Leases relate, to be included in the Mining Leases as described below

Mining Leases to which this notice applies:

Surface Area on Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Surface Area on Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Additional Surface Area Application		Current Holder ACN Norton Gold Fields Limited 112 287 797
Surface Area on ML5648 Morgan 10	Approx. 2 km West from Mount Morgan Local Government Area: Rockhampton Regional Council	Current Lot 12 on USL47036 - State Land (mining and access) Land Lot 3 on RP601353 - Freehold (access only) Tenures: Lot 1 on RP860374 - Freehold (access only) Area of Additional Surface Area applied for within the Mining Lease: 2.023 ha		
Surface Area on ML5649 Morgan 9	Approx. 1.8 km West North West from Mount Morgan Local Government Area: Rockhampton Regional Council	Current Land Tenures:	Lot 12 on USL47036 - State Land (mining only) Lot 63 on USL42977 - State Land (mining only) Lot 64 on USL42977 - State Land (mining only) Lot 65 on USL42977 - State Land (mining only) Lot 66 on USL42977 - State Land (mining only) Lot 67 on USL42977 - State Land (mining only) Lot 68 on USL42977 - State Land (mining only) Lot 68 on USL42977 - State Land (mining only) Lot 10 on MPH1057 - State Land (mining only) Lot 1 on MPH1057 - State Land (mining only) Lot 3 on RP601353 - Freehold (access only) Lot 1 on RP860374 - Freehold (access only)	Norton Gold Fields Limited 112 287 797
		Area of Addit 9.895 ha	tional Surface Area applied for within the Mining Lease:	

Nature of the acts: Grant of Additional Surface Area within a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Additional Surface Area within the Mining Leases be granted under the Mineral Resource Act 1989 [Qld] by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, QLD 4002.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Additional Surface Area within the Mining Leases, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Additional Surface Area application within Mining Lease 5648 and Mining Lease 5649, can be obtained from the Office of the Mining Registrar, Rockhampton, Department of Mines and Energy, Level 5, 34 East Street, Rockhampton, QLD 4700. PO Box 548, Rockhampton, QLD 4700. Phone: (07) 4938 4126.

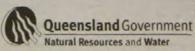
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any pe is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Additional Surface Area within a Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the Matire Title Act 1999 (Cttl) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brishane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brishane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: ????????? 2009





SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE WORKER

Family Violence Protection Legal Service

KEMPSEY

The Family Violence Prevention Legal Service provides legal advice and representation to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people in regard to family violence and sexual assault and related areas of law and in accordance with the FVPLS operational

The FVPLS is seeking an enthusiastic and self-motivated person to join a challenging work environment. You will deal with a wide range of stakeholders across the public and private sectors and draw upon strong analytical, communication and people skills to achieve desired

Salary in the range of \$47,000 plus superannuation with salary packaging offered.

For the position package, ring 02 65625856 or contact Kylie at kylief@gurehlgam.com.au People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close 1st March, 2009



Registered Nurse

Galambila is seeking to employ a Registered Nurse in the position of Galambila Clinic Nurse. The successful applicant will have the ability to work with Aboriginal people in a culturally sensitive and appropriate manner. Further information and an application package are available from David Kennedy telephone 02 6652 0650.

Closing Date:

23 February 2009

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permit

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACN
EPM16847 This application is in 5 separate parts	Part st Approx. 23 km South from Ravenswood Centred at approximate Lat.20°18°30°S Long.146°52°E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council.	Area of Part 1: 148 km ³ Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 46 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 179 w 250 g, b, m, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 251 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 252 l, m, q, r, v, w, x 322 c, d 323 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, o, p 324 a, b, c	Carpentaria Gold Pty Ltd 010 706 966
	Part 2: Approx. 17 km South West from Ravenswood Centred at approximate Lat.20*12*30*S Long.146*46*E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area of Part 2: 109 km ³ Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 34 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 105 u, y, z 106 v 177 b, c, d, e, h, j, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z 178 c, d, c, g, b, j, k, l, m, q 179 f 249 b, c, d, j, k	
	Part 3: Approx. 34 km South South East from Ravenswood Centred at approximate Lat.20'23'30'S Long.147'00'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 4: Approx. 31 km South South West from Ravenswood	Area of Part 3: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 324 u 325 l. q. v Area of Part 4: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont	
	Centred at approximate Lat 20°22'S Long 146°46'30"E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 322 g. m	
	Part 5: Approx. 30 km South West from Ravenswood Centred at approximate Lat. 20°18' 30°5 Long. 146' 42' 30°E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area of Part 5: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 249 5	

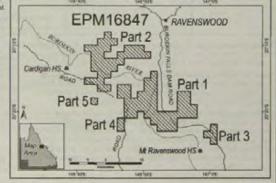
* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Departmen of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

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.

Back Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to '2' omitting 'T Each Slock 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 Indentification Map with the number of the Block [mon 1 to 3450] 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 (Old) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period
not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5)
years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources
Act 1989 [Old].



Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permit will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (QId) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

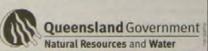
Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Pennit, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238-3814.

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 Permit. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three [3] months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native little 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.nu

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226-8200 or 1800-640-501.

Notification Day: 04 March 2009





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The Murray and Goulburn Rivers and the Victorian ski fields.

Executive Manager - Justice Services FULL TIME The successful applicant will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Justice programs.

Executive Manager - Health Services

The successful applicant will be responsible for overseeing service delivery of all programs within the Health Service.

For a position description please contact: Schene Moulton on (03) 5825 2111 or email: schene@ractimited.com.au

All applicants will be required to undergo a Victorian Police Check/Working with Childrens Check.

Applications to be received by 5.00pm Tuesday 3rd March 2009

Human Resources Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-Operative PO Box 614 Mooroopna 3629

Applications will not be accepted via email.

"We encourage applications from members of the Indigenous Community"

WAMINDA SOUTH COAST WOMEN'S HEALTH AND WELFARE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

in partnership with the South Coast AMS Aboriginal Youth Worker / **Project Officer**

"Koori Chicks" Binge Drinking project 2 positions, 2 year contracts as per grant duration.

This is an opportunity for two Aboriginal Women to enter the workforce and work with other young Koori women in order to reduce the impact of hazardous binge drinking in Aboriginal communities of the Shosihaven.

Applicants need to exhibit an interest in Aboriginal health and welfare and must commit to further training. Both workers will be employed by Warninda Women's Health & Welfare Aboriginal Corporation Nowra. This project is a formal partnership between Warninda and the South Coast AMS.

This position is for a limited period of 2 years as per the grant duration and is a trainee level position.

- Essential Qualifications Include:
 Must be female and of Aboriginal or Torres Islander
- descent;
 Must have a current NSW drivers licence or working
- towards one;
 Must be able to work as part of a multi disciplinary team. Equiries/Applications: closing date 18th February 2009

Att: Faye Worner Manager
South Coast Women's Health & Welfare Aboriginal
Corporation - Warninda
P.O. Box 978 NOWIPA NSW 2541
Ph: (02) 4421 7400 Fax: (02) 4421 5004
Email: faye@warninda.org.au

upon request



Wollongong City Council supports and encourages career development, personal and professional growth, appreciates the importance of workfills balance, recognises and rewards performance and embraces change.

Community Development Worker -**Aboriginal Services**

(Readvertised)

(Permanent Part Time 28 hours per week)

(This position is available only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons and is authorised under section 126 of the Anti-Islander persons and is a Discrimination Act 1977)

Salary up to \$1,016.96 per week (plus superannuation) Depending upon qualification Recruitment No: 08097KM

We are seeking a Community Development Worker to plan and facilitate the development of programs and services for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

To succeed in this role you will need well developed communication and interpersonal skills, a good understanding of community development and the ability to deliver identified

Enquiries: Armando Reviglio on 02 4227 7253. Previous applicants will be reconsidered and need not reapply

Applications close: 18 March 2009

For further information visit the Council's website at www.woilongong.nsw.gov.au. Applications must be in writing, explaining clearly how you meet the Selection Criteria. Envelopes to be marked "JOB APPLICATION" - PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL" and addressed to the Manager Human Resources, Locked Bag 8821, Wollongong NSW 2500 or via email to jobs@woilongong.nsw.gov.au or faxed to 4226 9834.

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** (Lower Darling River within the Wentworth weir pool)

NSW MURRAY WETLANDS WORKING GROUP INCORPORATED for 1x300MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP at Lot 3 DP134705 Parish TAPIO, County WENTWORTH, for Environmental rehabilitation purposes within Andruco lagoon at Lots 3 and 4 DP134705 Parish TAPIO, County WENTWORTH (Application No. 2179).

LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

PATRICK JOSEPH and PATRICIA DAWN MCGUINNESS for 1x50MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP on the Lachlan River at Lot 1 DP1107508, Parish INI, County FRANKLIN, water supply for irrigation of 10 hactares (lucerne & pasture) on Lot 1 DP1107508, Parish INI, County FRANKLIN. (Ref. 70CA604589)

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

MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

WARWICK HUNTER ANDERSON AND OTHERS for 1 x 50MM SUBMERSIBLE PUMP at/adjacent to Lot 115 DP754552 Parish GOBBAGAULA, County MITCHELL, for a stock and domestic water supply scheme. (Ref.40WA405434)

LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

Douglas George THOMAS & Carson THOMAS for 1 x BORE on Lot 16 or 14 or 17 DP756391, Parish Booroobanilly, County Urana for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 2177)

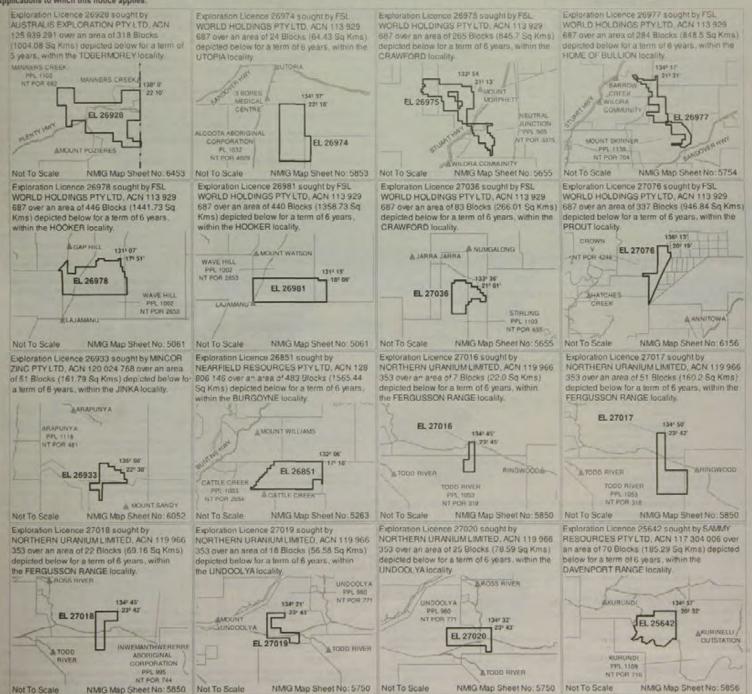
Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 4224 9600. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 53, Wollongong NSW 2520, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Marwan El-Chamy, Manager Licensing South

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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



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

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

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

Notification Day: 11 February 2009

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

The State of Victoria, through the Department of Primary Industries, GPO Box 4440, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Energy & Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following exploration licences under section 25 of the *Mineral Resources* (Sustainable Development) Act 1990:

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
EL5040	NAME: Strategic Energy Resources Ltd & RAMM Australia Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Deigholm, Red Cop Creek, Dunrobin & Casterton as shown on attached plan.	Despholin Nameere Red Cap Creek EL 5040
	LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 53: E7-E9, F7-F9, G8-G9, H8-H9, J9; Map 71: E2-E3, F2-F3, G2-G3, H2-H3, J2-J3	Tupon Dymotin
	AREA: 500 km2	TAGE BURN
	MUNICIPALITY: Glenelg & West Wimmera Shires	Centre MSA Co-ord 532000E 5850000N Z54 Centre 100k map 7123
EL5145	NAME: South East Gippsland Resources NL LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 8km south of Tambo Crossing.	Terrist Consum
	Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 84: E4, F3 F4, G3 G4, H3 H4	EL5145
	TERM: 5 years AREA: 99 km2	The state of the s
	MUNICIPALITY: East Gippsland Shire	Centre MGA Corord 578000E 5838000N 255 Centre 100k map 8422
EL5161	NAME: Beaconsfield Gold Mines Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Colbinabbin, Cornella, Toalleen & Redcastle as shown on attached plan.	Opening Cubrishin
	Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 45: C7-C9, D3-D8, E3-E8	FL5161
	TERM: 5 years AREA: 222 km2	representation and an arrival
	MUNICIPALITY: City of Greater Bendigo & Campaspe Shire	Healthooks 19 Centre MGA Corord 3000006 5930000N 255 Centre 100k nop 7824
EL 5164	NAME: Navarre Discovery No 1 Pty Utl	Workson 2 21
	Over Wach(pager, Mooralla & Cavendish os shown on attached plan.	Geturn Moorpile
	LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 54: G8-G9, H8-H9; Map 55: 87-89, C7-C9, D7-D9, E7-E9; Map 72: H2-H3; Map 73: B2, C2	EL5164
	TERM: 5 years	Cavendah Application area subject to Countilysava determination
	AREA: 363 km2 MUNICIPALITY: Southern Grompions Shire	Centre MGA Corord 595000E 5857200N ZS4 Centre 100k mop 7323
EL5168	NAME: Cascade Coal Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Picola, Barwa, Barmah & Yambuna as shown on ottoched plan.	Application area subject to section 29 notification Application area subject to Yorka Yorka Yorka determination
	LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 22: AB-AP, BB-BP, CB-CP, DP; Map 31: F3-F4, G1-G4, H2-H4;	Barron EL5168 Saves
	Map 32-82-84, C2-C4, D2-D3 TERM: 5 years AREA: 496 km2	Variable Variable
		Centre MGA Co-ord 324000E-6011000N 255 Centre 100k map 7925
EL5169	NAME: Cascade Coal Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Wangaratta, Loceby, Docker & Byrne as shown on offached plan.	143
	Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3	EL5169 Tapana
	Map 34: E6-E9, F6-F9, G6-G9, H7-H9, Map 48: E2, F2-F3, G2-G3, H2-H3 TERM: 5 years	Cooper Application area subject to
	AREA: 412 km2 MUNICIPALITY: Wongaratio Rural City	Centre MGA Co-ord 439000E 5968000N ZSS Centre 100k map 8125
EL5175	NAME: Cascade Coal Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Yeodene & other towns as shown	-Coraquiac Vinchesses
	on attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3	Color Barners Chars March
	Map 92: A8-A9, B8-B9, C7-C9, D7-D9, E8-E9, F8-F9, G7-G8, H6-H8; Map 93: B6-B7, C6-C7; Map 101: A2, B2, C2, D2	Kowaner - Samon Down

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
EL5176	NAME: Cascade Coal Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Brimin, Dugays Bridge & Borolma as shown on attached plan.	Organ Brigas Phorengen
	Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 34: E2-E6, F2-F6, G2-G6, H2-H6	EL5176 Springhami
	TERM: 5 years	Killawafra Sophoshon area subject to
	AREA: 309 km2	Yorla Yorla determination
	MUNICIPALITY: Wangaratta Rural City, Indiga & Maira Shires	Centre MGA Carard 438500E 6005000N 255 Centre 100k map 8125
EL5189	NAME: Nogombie Mining Ud	- Boorpoine
	LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 12.5km south east of Booroolite.	
	Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 63: G5	EL5189
	TERM: 5 years	Sec.
	AREA: 6 km2	
	MUNICIPALITY: Monsfield Shire	Cristin MGA Co-ord 441,400E 5882000N Z55 Centre 100k map 8123

Nature of the acts: The grant of an exploration licence, which authorises the holder to explore for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to 5 years.

The State of Victoria, through the Department of Primary Industries, GPO Box 4440, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Energy & Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following mining licences under section 25 of the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990:

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
MIN5491	NAME: Gurrleof Gold Pty Ud LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 2.8km north west of Dunolly.	MIN5491
	Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 43: D7	
	TERM: 5 years	
	AREA: 5 ho	DUNNY
	MUNICIPALITY: Central Goldfields Shire PARISH: Barp	Centre MGA Co-ord 741070E 5919200N ZS4 Gentre 100k map 7624
MIN5493	NAME: Brian H Foster & Nathan Perkins LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 3.8km north west of Wedderburn. LOCATION REFERENCE:	MIN5493
	Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 29: B8	
	TERM: 5 years	
	AREA: 4.9 ho	- STEELER
	MUNICIPALITY: Loddon Shire	Westerpura Centre MGA Co-ord 731752E 5969150N Z54 Centre 100k map 763
	PARISH: Wedderburne	Cesse WOW Colors 1311/275 346312/15 T24 Cesse 1078 such 108

Nature of the acts: The grant of a mining licence, which authorises the holder to mine for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to 20 years (unless the Minister decides otherwise)

The State of Victoria, through the Department of Primary Industries, GPO Box 4440, Melbaurne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Energy & Resources or delegate is considering the request to include the following former mining licence land within the surrounding exploration licence under regulation 29 of the Mineral Resources Development Regulations 2002.

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
EL4574 (former MN-4422 land only)	NAME: Tech-Sol Resources Pty Ud LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 0 6km north east of Mount Egerton.	ELASTA
	Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 77: C3-C4	Former MINI422 land as be equipment within the surrounding EL 474
	TERM: 2 years AREA: 43.32 ha	Mount Loonon
	MUNICIPALITY: Moorobool Shire PARISH: Bungal	Centre MGA Corord 244800E 5832200N ZSS Centre 100k nop 77

Nature of the act: The inclusion of former mining licence land within the surrounding explanation licence, which outhorises the holder to explore for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to 5 years.

Notification Day: 11 February 2009
Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 persons have until 11 May 2009 to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the potential grant of the licences. Inquiries about becoming a native title party may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Aelbourne Reguty, slephone 1800 660 501.
Further Information: Further information about the potential grant of the licences, including identification maps, may be obtained from the Minerals and Petroleum Business Centre at Level 16, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000, telephone (0.3) 9658 4634. For further information about notive title and the right to regulate process, coelect Zuzonna Lelita, Native Title Coordinator, Department of Primary Industries, telephone (0.3) 5172 2181.



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Don't write me off yet - Johnson

By PETER ARGENT

E'S been off the radar, but Australia's fastest man, Patrick Johnson, hasn't given up home of competing in the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi.

After the disappointment of missing Beijing Olympics last year, Johnson isn't planning too far ahead, knowing that he is in the twilight of his

What he is hoping, is like other 30-plus sprint specialists from the 1990s - including Jamaican-born British star Lindford Christie the maturity and experience of being a

enhance his chances of forcing his way into the national team.

2003, started the long

road back to the top in

Hobart in late January.

in the Briggs Classic Athletics meet in

Hobart, but his 'Jump

Start to London' team, which also included

Jacob Groth, Otis Gowa and Sean Wroe, didn't

To qualify for the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Johnson needed a time

of 10.21 seconds. His best was 10.31, so he

make the final.

missed out.

contested a 4x100 relay

He recently

It needs to be remembered while Johnson is a 12-year veteran of the circuit, he was a late arrival in the world of running.

"I'm looking at two more years, putting my utmost into it and seeing what I can get out of it," the 36-year-old said in a

recent interview.
"(My Focus is on)
the Commonwealth Games (in New Delhi in 2010), then I'll decide what to do after that."

Johnson, who clocked the fastest 100 metre time by an Australian of 9.93 seconds, back in

TAKE NOTICE that SOUTHERN IRON PTY LTD ACN

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINING ACT 1971 SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that SOUTHERN IRON PTT LTD ACN 119 611 068 ("Southern Iron") of Level 9, Kyle House, 27-31 Macquarie Place, Sydney, NSW 2000 proposes to undertake mining operations in an area located within Exploration Licence 3196 held by Southern Iron

A description of the various areas of Land ("Land") upon which mining operations may take place is as

Hawks Nest Area (Exploration Licence 3196) approximately 120 kms north of Kingoonya bounded as follows:

AREA A

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°56°S and longitude 135°11°E, thence east to longitude 135°17°E, south to latitude 30°05°S, west to longitude 135°01°E, north to latitude 29°57°S, east to 135°11'E, and north to the point of commencement.

(All of the above latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on page 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette No. 84 dated 6 October

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

Southern Iron proposes to carry out exploratory operations on the Land to determine the geological structure of the Land and presence of mineralisation. structure of the Land and presence of mineralisation, including in particular iron ore mineralisation. Those operations (without limiting that general description) may include reconnaissance, geological mapping, rotary mud drilling, downhole-probing, sampling and radiometric testing of drill cuttings, hand held photography and may include: gridding; mapping; aerial photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromacostic radiometric seriors. electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical sampling, water sampling, hydrological studies; rotary air-blast drilling; core drilling; and include all things necessarily incidental to any such operations.

The proposed operations are authorised by Exploration Licence 3196 (which is subject to Native Title Determination Application SC95/7 (Registered) Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatara Native Title Claim and Native Title Determination Application SC08/1 Dawn including any extensions or renewals of this Exploration Licence and any future exploration authority under the Mining Act over the Land or any

Southern Iron seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 (SA)

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after the notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relation to the Land, where are no native title parties in relation to the Land to which this notice relates, Southern from may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to section 63N of the Mining Act 1971 (SA) authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land.

ANY PERSON who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact the proponent, Southern Iron, for the purposes of negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the

TAKE NOTICE that if within six (6) months of the initiation of these negotiations, Southern Iron and any native title party or parties have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment, Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the Mining Act 1971 (SA) for a determination in relation to the conduct of the mining operations on the Land.

If you require further information please contact:

Southern Iron Pty Ltd Attn: Heath Roberts (Company Secretary) Level 9, Kyle House 27-31 Macquarie Place SYDNEY NSW 2000

Tel: (02) 9251 1044 Fax: (02) 9247 3434

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Native Title

Tahu says he's coming to grips with rugby code



WARATAHS centre Timana Tahu claims his cross-code transition is complete and believes his Wallabies tour experience will translate into

results on the field this season

Tahu starred in the Waratahs' 60-nil

Tahu starred in the Waratahs' 50-nil thumping of the Fiji Warriors in Newcastle in late January, scoring a try and sending winger Lote Tuqiri over for another.

The former Newcastle and Parramatta NRL star, who returned early from the Wallabies spring tour with a hamstring injury, said his 12 months in the 15-man game will be evident on the field this season.

"I feel like I'm a better player, I think after the Italy game (with the Wallabies) I sort of worked things out," Tahu said.

"It probably took a year for me to scratch up my knowledge and know how to play rugby, so this year I'm coming in confident and I'm expecting big things from myself. "Hopefully I'll have a good season."

Hamstring problems

A long line of hamstring injuries have limited Tahu's time in rugby, but the outside back said after the Fiji hit-out that he was feeling fit and confident in the work he'd done during his rehab.

"I think our training staff has got everything down pat. You really don't get to rest when you're injured, they find ways to flog you," Tahu said with a smile.

"... I trained through the Christmas break and was expected to come back at the start of training to be fully fit.

"My conditioning is pretty good I think It's only going to get better as I get more

Notice of application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of South Australia Notification day: 25 February 2009



S12006/001 Marla Township ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement cabout 18,660 square kilometres and is located north west of Oodnadalta including the Maria township as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the unincorporated local government area

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are

Attorney-General for the State of South Australia C/- Peter Hall, Native Title Claim Resolution Unit 3rd Floor, 45 Piric Street ADELAIDE SA 5000

Jean Wood, Lallie Lennon and Sadie Singer, and the Yankunytjatjara Native Title Aboriginal Corporation, C/- Tim Woodey, South Australian Native Title Services Level 4, 345 King William Street ADELAIDE SA 5000

The agreement contains the following statements:

(Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal)

Clause 3.1: Future Acts

The parties agree to the validation of all invalid past acts and Future Acts done by the State that have already been done invalidly within Area A and those parts of Area B to which Schedule 2 applies before the Registration Date.

(Schedule 2 of the Agreement identifies those areas within the Determination Area ("Area 8") where native title has been found not to exist.)

Clause 3.2. Extinguishment of Native Title

The Applicant surrenders all of the native title rights and interests in relation to all land and waters within Area A. The surrender of native title rights and interests extinguishes the surrendered native title rights and interests.

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 South Australian 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 2008E(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1893 (Cwith). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Adelaide, SA 5001 by 25 May 2009

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Monica Khouri on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

Foley Shield revamp

Torres Strait, NPA, Cape York players in bid for selection

By ALF WILSON



THE Torres Strait/Northern Peninsula Area/Cape York Foley Shield rugby league team will be selected after a Possibles v Probables match on Thursday Island on 21 February. Players interested in

taking the field in the region's Foley Shield debut campaign have until 13 February to nominate for the trial. Torres Strait Island rugby

league identity Wayne Guivarra said this was one of the decisions made at a meeting on Thursday Island in late December involving all parties associated with the newly admitted Torres Strait/NPA/Cape York team.

"The meeting was attended by Northern Division Chairman Greg Sutherland and Cairns and District Rugby League President Nigel Tillett, along with representatives from the four areas which will comprise the team - Kaiwalagal Rugby League, Outer Islands, NPA and Weipa," Guivarra said.

The side will contest the Foley Shield over the Easter weekend in a competition which will also include Cairns. titleholders Townsville Mackay, Mt Isa/Mid-West and Innistail/Eacham.

"Once the Foley Shield is over, all stakeholders will again come together to look at ways to provide positive growth for Foley Shield fixtures for 2010 and beyond, Guivarra said.

An interim committee, consisting of Florrie King-Smith, from Central Cape, Sireli Vola Vola, from NPA, Alex Woodcock from TI, and Rita Kebisu, representing the Outer Torres Strait, was formed to assist in guiding all necessary arrangements

That will include the appointment of team officials, including coaches, selectors, medical staff etcetera, player selection trials and other information relative to our regional representative team's commitments," Guivarra said.

A squad of 25 players and five officials will be selected, with those chosen to contribute \$400 each towards the five-day Easter trip to Townsville.

The \$400 levy will cover all costs. including travel, accommodation, food,



From left are Nigel Tillett, President of the Cairns District Rugby League; Greg Sutherland, Chairman of the Northern Division of the QRL; and Harry Cook KRL President, at the meeting.

apparel, registration and insurance. The interim committee is urgently

seeking sponsorship and donations from anyone to assist with offsetting the associated costs.

Officials are negotiating with one potential sponsor who has indicated a willingness to contribute \$10,000.

This venture by the Torres Strait/Peninsula team to the 2009 Foley Shield is expected to cost in excess of

Torres Strait Youth and Recreational

Sporting Association President Alan Filewood voiced his support to the current developments saying 'establishing career pathways for Torres Strait sportspeople has always been our goal and all regional stakeholders need to capitalise on this occasion now that an opportunity has been provided'

Interested sponsors can also register support

at the TSY&RSA by phoning (07)4069 2484. Hughenden-based rugby league identity Ler Carter has described the new format of the 2009 Foley Shield as exciting for the Mid-West area. Carter has been the long-serving chairman of

the Mid-West Rugby League and can't wait for Easter. He said that many of the players would be Aborigines.

This will give players from the Mid-West clubs Hughenden, Normanton, Richmond, Julia Creek and Cloncurry a great opportunity," Carter

On Good Friday, Cairns will play Cape/Torres; Innisfail/Eacham will take on Mount/Isa/Mid West, and Townsville clashes with arch rival

Mackay Sea Eagles. Easter Saturday pits Townsville against powerhouse centre Cairns, which always boasts quality TSI players who compete in that club

Mackay will meet Innisfail/Eacham and Cape Torres will face Mount Isa/Mid-West.
At 12.30pm on Easter Sunday, the third and

fourth qualifying teams will meet, followed by at 2pm when the Foley Shield grand final will be

Push for All Stars game to be annual

HE ever-increasing number of Aborigin players featuring on AFL club lists has led to a push for the biennial match involving the Indigenous All Stars to be played every year

And Crows superstar Andrew McLeod – who led the All Stars in Darwin last Saturday night against his club side Adelaide – hopes other States will get in on the action.

"There is certainly some opportunity for it to grow and to take it to Victoria or Western Australia," said the 32-year-old dual Norm Smith Medallist, who conceded that Saturday's clash was the last time he donned the All Stars jersey. The veteran player was backed by All Stars coach and triple Brisbane Lions premiership star Chris, Johnson.

"Everyone should have the opportunity to hold an All Stars game," said the All Stars coach. "You could do all sorts of things with it, it's just

your imagination. "It's like a stepping stone for young players'

careers," he said "It only comes around every two years ... it's very important for us.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Mining Leases

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 Mining Leases shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qtd). Mining Leases to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)			
ML90180 Mt Gordon South No. 1	Approx.3km North West from Gunpowder Local Government Area: Mount Isa City	Current Lot 5 on CP865892 - Pastoral Holding 13/4151 (mining and access) Land Tenures Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 49.9654 hz	Birla Mt. Gordon Pty Ltd 106 396 801	
ML90181 Mt Gordon South No. 2	Approx. Jkm North West from Gunpowder Local Government Area: Mount Isa City	Current Lot 5 on CP865892 – Pastoral Holding 13/4151 (mining and access) Land Tenures Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 49.9617 ha	Birla Mt. Gordon Pty Ltd 106 396 801	
ML90182 Mt Gordon South No. 3	Approx.3km North West from Gunpowder Local Government Area: Mount Isa City	Current Lot 5 on CP865892 – Pastural Holding 13/4151 (mining and access) Land Tenures Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 49.972 ha	Birla Mt. Gordon Pty Ltd 106 396 801	

Nature of the Acts: Grant of a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (I)Idl authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 [Old], for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) years.

Name and address of person doing Acts: It is proposed that the Mining Leaves be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1909 [Qld] by the Governor-in-Council, cf- the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Leases, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease applications, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) Landeentre, Corner of Volture and Main Streets, Woollboogsbba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238-3737; DME, Office of the Mining Registrar, 13 has Street, PO Box 334, Mount Isa, QLD 4825, Telephone: (07) 4747-2104.

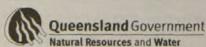
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a native title party is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Leaces. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three 30 months after the Nordication Day to 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 Qiasy, Brisbane, Qdd 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the visitional Native Title Tribural, Brisbane Registry, Level 90, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Old 4000. Telephone: 101) 2226 8200 or 1800 640 540.

otification Day: 4 March 2009





Big celebration

Northern United's plans for debut fixture

By GRAHAM HUNT



NORTHERN United are planning a big day for their debut in the 2009

Northern Rivers Regional Rugby League competition on Saturday

Northern United are drawn to meet Lower Clarence in their opening game at Oakes Oval, - one of two home grounds the club will use.

The team has a proud history in Aboriginal rugby league knockout carnivals, but until this year had been rejected by mainstream rugby league after several applications to join the NSW northern rivers NRRRL

After assuring NRRRL
officials that they would not drain
other clubs of players, the
NRRRL imposed a cap of not
more than three players being
allowed to transfer from any club

to Northern United. Northern United is an Indigenous-based club, but spokesman Grantley Creighton

said it was not Indigenous-only. He said that up to ten of the 50 players attending training were non-Indigenous. Creighton thought this may increase once university students returned to

Lismore after the long Christmas

The club has appointed Chris Binge as coach. Binge is regarded as one of the best coaches in the region and in addition to coaching clubs such as Ballina, has coached Northern United at Aboriginal carnivals.

Former Casino coach Sam Walker will coach Northern United's reserve grade team and Paul Williams will coach the under 18 side

Northern United has arranged a trial match against Macksville at Macksville on 21 February

The club also plans to compete in sevens competitions, including the Ella rugby union 7s rugby at Coffs Harbour on 7

In their NRRRL debut match on 18 April, United officials are planning cultural celebrations such as a Welcome to Country.

Creighton said he expected Northern United to be competitive from the very

beginning.
"I expect we'll hit the ground

running," he told The Koori Mail. Local newspaper The Northern Star reported that United had signed former NRL and NSW Waratah (rugby union) star Milton Thaiday, but Creighton said he could not confirm Thaiday's availability.



GRANTLEY CREIGHTON





ABOVE: Northern United players working on their fitness at a pre-season training session in Lismore, northern NSW. The Koori Mail is principal sponsor of Northern United.

• LEFT: Northern **United Coach Chris** Binge directing operations at

High-profile footballers join the SANFL

By PETER ARGENT



NORTH Ballarat player Eddie Sansbury and fellow North Melbourne-listed AFL footballer from 2007, Djaran Whyman, have been signed up by South Australian clubs Central District and North Adelaide.

Sansbury, now 25, was collected from the Bulldogs after his stellar performances in the 2003 season which culminated with a ive-goal effort in the north Adelaide-based

live-goal effort in the north Adelance Could the following the made his AFL debut in 2004 after being collected in the previous November's AFL draft as the Shinboners' four selection and completed 40 games at the top level.

"Sansbury will be looked upon to replace the likes of Luke McCabe and Elijah Ware as runging players in our side," five-times

running players in our side," five-times premiership coach at the Ponderosa, Roy

Laird said. "He is a smart footballer who has good goal sense and now has a lot of football experience. Eddie has raw pace, excellent skill level and is a constant danger around goals "His speed gives him the opportunity to

break lines and be a good attacking option.
"With his wealth of football knowledge collected since leaving us at the end of 2003, hopefully he'll bring a level of professionalism

into our group."

Whyman played with the Bendigo under 18s after being collected on the Hawks' rookie list in 2002, and before having a second

opportunity with the Kangaroos.

He was elevated to the senior North
Melbourne squad in 2006.

Also a 25-year-old, Whyman is a skilled midfielder and half forward.

North Adelaide coach Daniel Healy is hoping he will add goal kicking options and X-factor to the Roosters' forward line.

The 179cm, 77kg Whyman played three

enior games in the blue-and-white North Melbourne colours

From what we've seen of Djaran, he is one of those electric footballers," North Adelaide football manager James Moore said. "He's quick and clever and he is also an

inside ball-getting type. Already working as an Aboriginal liaison officer, he has quickly gained the respect of the group.

"Djaran is good friends with another Roosters recruit Rhys Archard and after a year with Moama, on the Victorian/New South Wales border, in 2008, he wanted to return to a stronger level of football."

North Adelaide has a strong Indigenous group, including the Thompson brothers Wade and Kriston, Daniel and Marlon Motlop, Zac Millar and now Whyman.

Other Aboriginal footballers Matt Campbell, Shane Edwards, Stephen Motlop and Jason Roe came through the system at Prospect and are now on AFL lists.





Beachside fun



SPORTING heroes Cathy Freeman, Layne Beachley and Steve Waugh paid a special visit to the Australian Sports Commission's

(ASC) Indigenous Sports Program (ISP) surfing project in Jan Juc, near Torquay, Victoria, on 4 February. The athletes were joined by

The athletes were joined by American all-round water super star Robby Naish and British athlete Daley Thompson.

Beachley and Nalsh, who won more than 30 world titles between them, also gave a surfing demonstration for the young people.

Thompson is a double Olympic decathlon gold medallist.

All five sporting super stars are Laureus Sport for Good Foundation Academy Members – a key supporter of the ASC's ISP.

During the event, it was announced that Laureus, a global charitable organisation, was doubling its current contribution to the ASC.

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Director of Community Sport at the ASC Judy Flanagan said: "We're excited about this – it means more opportunities for Indigenous people to play, coach and organise sport. This funding will be used wisely and will assist the many organisations and communities that the ASC works with."

Laureus supports existing ISP projects by providing funding for coaching/officiating training opportunities, purchasing necessary sports equipment and better enabling Indigenous Australians from regional and remote communities to stay

involved in sport over the longer term.
The doubling of the Laureus contribution has been welcomed by the ISP, which works to increase the



How good does it get... tips from living legends: A young Wathaurong girl is pushed on to a wave by Cathy Freeman and Layne Beachley at Jan Juc, near Torquay. Pictures: Getty Images

number of Indigenous people participating in sport at all levels.

At the event, children from the Wathaurong community took to Jan Juc Beach and were joined by the academy members. Beach activities included surfing, traditional Indigenous games, athletics, surfing

technique lessons, safety and ocean awareness.

The attending sporting heroes are all Laureus World Sports Academy members who use their services to promote the use of sport as a tool for social change.

2001 Laureus World Sportswoman

of the Year Cathy Freeman said:
"The Indigenous Sports Program is
something very close to my heart
and I am delighted that so many
people are here to support our work
to help the Indigenous community.
This really can make a difference to
these young people."

Who's who of cricket hierarchy at Imparja Cup

Hayden to speak



RETIRED Test cricketer Matthew Hayden will be guest speaker at the Imparja Cup dinner in Alice Springs on Friday 13 February.

Hayden will spend several days at the 9-14 February cricket carnival.

When announcing his retirement and through his columns in The Koori Mail, the big Queenslander said he was keen to advance Indigenous cricket.

His first move in this direction will be attending the Imparja Cup, which brings together the best Indigenous cricketers

Every State and Territory is represented and they play each other in rounds of Twenty/20 and 40-over games, with the two teams with the highest points aggregate fighting out the final at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, on

As a further indication of the status of the Imparja Cup, Cricket Australia Chairman Jack Clarke and CEO James Sutherland will be in Alice Springs.

Other high-ranking CA officials also

Imparja Cup convenor Michael McGregor said the outdoor dinner at the Crown Plaza would be a highlight of the

At that dinner, the Imparja Cup Honours team will be announced. The team is scheduled to play an Australian Cricketers Association Masters XI in a Traeger Park on Saturday 14 February. The ACA Masters team is likely to

feature the likes of Matt Elliott, Greg Matthews, Wayne Holdsworth, Ryan Campbell and Terry Alderman. The Masters XI/Imparja Cup Honours

game will start at 11am and will precede the Imparja Cup final

McGregor said a feature of this year's carnival was the increasing

number of younger players chosen.
"The States and Territories have come to realise the importance of blending youth with experience," he

"It's also a good indicator of the rise of young Indigenous players around

"I think we'll see a more evenly



Hayden, former Test opening batsman and now a Koori Mail columnist, will speak at the Imparja Cup dinner at the Crown Plaza, Alice Springs on 13 February

VT cricket scholarships availal



generation of the Northern Territory's budding elite aspire to become the next Ricky

Ponting, Michael Clarke or Mitchell Johnson are being encouraged to apply for a place in the Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) cricket squad scholarship program.

Applications are open for talented cricketers aged between 13 and 20 who live in the Northern Territory. NTIS Director Dr Ian Ford said

going from strength to strength with new coaching initiatives high-quality performance enhancement services and world-class training facilities

"Our high-performance cricket squad coach is former Tasmanian cricketer Shane McDermott, who was working with the Bangladesh national team before being recruited to the NTIS last year," Dr Ford said.

"Under his tutelage, we've seen the cricket squad program progress to new heights and players who are accepted will be in one of the best youth cricket

development programs across

"Last year's scholarship holders Cameron Francis and Bradley Rossborough were selected in the National Under 19 Team of the Championship in 2008/09 and Cameron was recently awarded the Adam Gilchrist Scholarship to spend a season playing with English club side Richmond.

Cameron Francis, Kane Richardson and Ken Skewes are recent scholarship holders who have progressed through the Northern Territory pathway and are now representing South

Australia at Cricket Australia Cup and first-class levels.

Cameron Francis, 18, is currently playing Second XI games in Adelaide with the hope of making the Sheffield Shield team. He said his scholarship with the NTIS was instrumental in his development.

The NT Institute not only helped me improve physically and mentally as an athlete, but through the athlete career education services they helped me finish Year 12 and combine sport at an elite level with my education," Francis said.

Or Ford said the NT

Government through the NTIS contributed more than \$200,000 each year to run squad scholarship programs which included cricket.
'The NTIS is the Northern

Territory Government's centre of sporting excellence for the identification, development and support for the Territory's talented athletes," Dr Ford said.

For more information and to download application forms, go to www.ntis.nt.gov.au or contact NTIS Head Cricket Coach Shane McDermott on (08) 8922 6807. Applications close on Friday

Mills injured



Patrick Mills is expected to be sidelined for up to four weeks after breaking two bones in his

night hand during a game for his US college team St Mary's.
Scans on 30 January revealed the worst for the St Mary's point guard who suffered the injury late in the first half of the 29 January 69-62 loss to Gonzaga.

Mills was in the midst of a spectacular night

out, having already scored 18 points against Gonzaga before being injured. He accompanied the team to Portland before heading back home, with team officials admitting surgery remained an option.

That was the longest half I've ever had, ever, Mills said.

"Even now, you just can't do anything but sit and watch. I've fallen like that so many limes before. I've jammed my fingers a whole number of times, but it usually goes back into place. I was hoping to get better straight

Mills, who was on the Australian team at the Beijing Olympics, has been having a brilliant second season and is his team's

eading scorer with 18.7 points per game NBA draft.

'Choc' says he's right to fight, despite injury



BOXER Anthony Mundine says he is fit to fight Shannan Taylor in

Wollongong, south of Sydney, tonight despite a hip injury. The former world super middleweight champion was limping when he walked into his media conference with Taylor on 2 February.

The winner of the fight is likely to challenge Germany's Felix Sturm for the WBA middleweight world title in July. Mundine said he was fit enough to win

'It's been hampering me for the last year or so. I'm not going to use that as

an excuse, " he said.
"I can still move around the ring. I can

still do the things that I want to do.

"This hampers me a little bit when I go in certain positions or I sit down too long.

I'm not going to complain and talk about my hip. I mean, most of my fights I've fought with injuries."

Meanwhile, the Illawarra Mercury has reported that Taylor has a few surprises in store for Mundine in and outside the ring at WIN Entertainment Centre.

The 36-year-old 'Bulli Blaster' hopes to humble Mundine in more ways than one after the former National Rugby League player banned Advance Australia Fair from being played before the fight.

"It's so un-Australian," Taylor said. "I have fought around the world and everywhere I have gone they have played our national anthem.

"If 95 per cent of people hated Mundine before this stunt, everyone will hate him now.

Taylor plans to have the national anthem heard in his home town whether Mundine, who is promoting the fight,

He has enlisted a couple of models to hand out the words to the anthem before the fight and has tipped an expected

sell-out crowd to burst into song as he comes into the ring.

"We are not allowed to play the anthem, but everyone will have the words and at a certain time someone will get up and start singing it," Taylor said.

'And that's when we want everyone to join in. He doesn't know what he's in for down here.

"I'm ready for the fight of my life and I'm ready to destroy Anthony Mundine.

There was plenty of spice at the pre-fight media conference. Taylor didn't hold back on Mundine,

telling him he was 'hated on the streets' Mundine responded by warning Taylor

that 'the mouth is the open grave Mundine told reporters afterwards that

Taylor would need 'a gun' to beat him.
"I don't mind if he's fired up," Mundine said. "It don't matter what he comes with. The only thing that's going to help him on the night is a gun, and he can't bring that

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New rule for TS league carnival:

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By ALF WILSON



IN what is sure to prove a controversial decision, the Kaiwalgal Rugby League has ruled that players competing in the 2009 Torres Strait Island of Origin rugby league series must represent the

island on which they actually live at the

time.
This will stop teams from playing quality ring-ins from mainland competitions such as Townsville and Cairns.

It will also prevent players who were born on any island which has an Origin team from playing if they live away from

The 24th series will be played at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island over the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June after having been held on Badu Island for some years. Originally the Island of Origin was

Kaiwalgal

Rugby League Harry Cook

organised under the format which allowed only players from their homes to play for their island.

But since the 1990s, that has slipped by the wayside, with most teams opting to fly in ring-ins in a bid to win the series and the rich prizemoney. Kaiwalgal Rugby League president

Harry Cook said the carnival would be for island teams only, with no imports allowed.

"We want to encourage the community boys to participate, and we want to see more of them involved in

playing sport," he said.
"Teams will have to come from players on their respective islands rather than as has been the practice in the past, to pick a few and then bring in players from down south.
"The KRL wants to sit down with the

steering committee and get those rules finalised and have them endorsed for

Inalised and have them endorsed for the Island of Origin."

The 2009 carnival, which along with the Zenadth Kes Carnival (formerly Torres Cup), is regarded as the premier

sporting events in the Torres Strait A women's competition will add to the attractions at the next Origin carnival

The new format will ensure a great following in the Torres Strait, but will affect the chances of teams which have dominated previous carnivals

Tigers 36-16 in the 2008 grand final, but included a number of quality ring-ins, including star Townsville back Billo Mosby and champion Weipa based forward Garreth Smith.

Smith is a non-Indigenous footballer

who has been a stalwart of rugby league carnivals in the TSI and NPA. Under the new rules, both will be ineligible as Mosby hails from Yorke Island, which did not field a team, and Smith is not of TSI origin.

It is already rumoured that a Yorke Island team consisting of many Mosby family players could nominate for the Origin. However Billo Mosby would be ineligible unless he was a resident of Yorke at the time.

A no ring-in rule would surely also be enforced at the Zenadth Kes carnival, which is usually held at TI in October or

TI Stingers beat Arkai Brothers 36-6 in the last final and each of the six teams included guest players.

For the record

N a report '12 more join ranks of AFL' in Edition 442 of *The Koori Mail* (P90), we reported that Casey Sibosado was from

A reader has pointed out that Sibosado

s actually from Lombadina They are two different communities and two different mobs," the reader said.

oat for cricket

ORMER Australian captain Steve Waugh believes more Indigenous Australians should be playing cricket.

Waugh visited the Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative in Geelong last week with sprint queen Cathy Freeman and world wind-surfing champion

He said Cricket Australia wanted to change the lact that not many Indigenous people played cricket

Eddie Gilbert was probably the most famous Aboriginal Test cricketer. He was a bit like Bradman (in terms of reputation), said to be the quickest bowler around," Waugh said.

Cricket Australia was keen to have Indigenous representation in the Australian side, Waugh said. "There is no reason why we shouldn't. The kids

are talented, pick up ball sports very quickly and are gifted in hand and eye co-ordination," he said.

A chance to shine

Magic⁹s MOMENTS



WITH MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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THE match between the Indigenous All Stars squad and the Adelaide Crows will be decided by the time you read this article, and whatever the result, I am certain that a number of young hopefuls will have used the opportunity to stake their claims for an

opportunity to stake their claims for an AFL debut this season.
The young squad included eight players yet to make their AFL debuts, as well as five Crows, among them dual Norm Smith Medallist Andrew McLeod and fellow running defender Graham Johncock, taking on their own club.

This alone makes the match an interesting challenge, but when you also add in the experience of other stars in the line-up, including Port Adelaide's Shaun Burgoyne and Daniel Motlop, West Coast's Daniel Wirrpanda, Melbourne's Asses Pages Georgie Mathews Stakes Aaron Davey, Geelong's Mathew Stokes and Hawthorn's Cyril Rioli, then the game had something for everybody on paper.

I am sure the younger players would use Rioli as a source of inspiration as he was part of a premiership in his first season in 2008 with the Hawks.

Next generation

For many – including myself – there was a large contingent of inexperienced players whose names may be unfamiliar, but they are certain to produce the next Adam Goodes, Michael Long or

Carlton recruit Chris Yarran, the No 6 pick in last November's national draft, is one yet to play at AFL level, but all the experts have huge wraps on the

I, along with all other fans, will be keen to see the kid in the flesh as hype surrounding the forward/midfielder ahead of the Draft suggests this Perth native could be almost anything.

The others are Adelaide's Jared

Petrenko, Geelong's Nathan Djerrkura, Melbourne's Liam Jurrah, North Melbourne's Cruize Garlett, West Coast pair Liam Bedford and Adam Cockie, and Western Bulldog Brennan Stack.

My good mate former Brisbane Lion player Chris Johnson, now the Lions' development coach, was Head Coach and Adam Goodes and other senior players were on hand to lend their

'I'm delighted to have the chance to coach such an impressive group of players," Johnson said. "The young Indigenous players'



● LEFT: Gantas Indigenous All-Stars selector and three-times AFL premiership player Darryl White with children at Wugularr south-east of Katherine, during the week of activities in the Top End that led up to last Saturday night's match between the All Stars and the Adelaide Crows in

opportunity to train with some of the game's best such as McLeod, Burgoyne

and Wirrpanda is outstanding."
Chris needed only turn to our side's captain to gain inside knowledge ahead of the clash, with Adelaide's superstar Andrew McLeod named the All-Stars' skipper with Shaun Burgoyne as his

Johnson said 32-year-old dual Norm Smith medallist McLeod showed great

commitment to the biennial clash.
"It's fantastic that Andy's made himself available after having post-season surgery," Johnson said. "He's been the professional he is and

that just goes to show how much it means to him."

But it was the squad's youngsters he expected to gain most from mixing with

McLeod and other Aboriginal stars.
"I'd love to get out of the game that we can showcase a couple of these young kids and get them that extra step closer to playing senior football with their clubs back in the AFL," Johnson said ahead of

But as important as the game was, the kids have been receiving an invaluable education off-the-field, as the game was planned to coincide with the AFL Players' Association Indigenous Camp.

Old friendships

The best things about attending this camp is renewing old friendships and meeting the next generation of young Indigenous players coming through the

This season, a record 82 players will on the senior or rookie lists of AFL clubs, which reflects the continued growth of the

game in Indigenous communities.
The camp kicked off with a short discussion about the expectations of the

60 AFL players in attendance. It is great to see how this camp has grown from its humble beginnings, to its current format of Indigenous Camp and All-Stars Week.

As a young player, you get the opportunity to meet players who were or are your heroes.

For the older blokes, it is important to remember how you felt as a rookie

and to share all your learnings with the next generation.

The sheer enthusiasm of the young guys is something they bring to the table and both parties can take something from the meeting.

An important part of the first day was the dinner session, which included a group shot of all the boys and a Welcome to Country from a Larrakia Elder, which led to every player introducing themselves, their family/cultural background and positive aspects about being an Aborigine

Create links

This allowed all the boys to create links with each other and was a great ice-breaker for friends - new and old.

This social gathering was important as it helped all the players prepare for the second day when the Indigenous Leadership Program began.

This program covered a lot of information about leadership, including understanding culture, what it involved and what it meant to different people. But it was not all theory with

interactive components of the sessions making it easy for everybody - including the young guns - to ask questions or give opinions.

It was also great to make a connection between leaders in sport and leaders in the community and to see the strong

At the end of the day all the boys enjoyed the opportunity to get out on the training paddock and help in preparation for the game and to remind ourselves that despite the fact that we are professionals, we all still play the game because we love it.

The second day of the leadership program was just as intense with the main topics for the day included values and

Within the values session, it was interesting to see how family values seemed to be a common link among all 60 players

During the visions sessions, we looked into developing a community and the understanding of what it took to create a community from scratch and the leadership involved.

It also gave us all a glimpse of what we could take back into our clubs and it will be interesting to track the development of Indigenous leaders within

Before the actual squad finalised preparation for the game, visits were made to remote communities, including Croker Island, Goulburn Island, Ramingining, Barunga, Jabiru and Beswick to promote the Government's Indigenous education and employment

programs.
As always, these visits prove to be an education and an inspiration in their own rights. It reminded the team and all the players in the game of why we come together on these occasions and who we represent.

In my next article I hope to give you an insight into the game and on our next generation of stars.

Until next time, jeep dreaming!

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Guits apart

DEANO'S LEAGUE



With DEAN WIDDERS

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HIS will be my last words for The Koori Mail for a while as I prepare for my first season in Super League in England.

I may write the occasional update of how some of the Aboriginal boys are going in the Northern Hemisphere, but I have contacted a few of the boys in the NRL to provide you with a unique update into what is happening on and off the field.

Given the record snowfalls we are having in England at the moment, I could think of no better person to write this column than Brenton Bowen, who has just returned from the flooded Gulf Territory which is certainly gulfs apart from where I'm sitting.

Over to you BB!

HANKS Deano, and although I wouldn't mind experiencing a northern winter, I wouldn't swap it for the trip I just had to Mt Isa,

Doomadgee, Burketown and Normanton. I travelled up with my-team mate Mark Minichiello along with Roosters players Ryan Williamson and the player all Queenslanders love to hate - Willie

For the first part of the trip in Mt Isa, we were also joined by Wests Tigers players Beau Ryan and Taniela Tulaki, as well as Aaron Payne and Scott Bolton from the North Queensland Cowboys

The major aim of the trip was to promote the launch of the 'Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well' program, where players promote healthy lifestyle messages to kids.

So as soon as we landed in Mt Isa, the players broke into groups and we visited' all the schools in the town, talking to kids starting out, to those studying rugby league as part of their program in high school.

The program is great because it gives us a focus when we visit schools and helps to reinforce what the teachers are

trying to achieve in the classroom.
We still had a lot of fun with the highlight, being Willie Mason being asked if he still thought 'Queenslanders looked like 'red necks'

Willie put on his best State of Origin stare as he looked around the room and joked 'Not all of you'!

We knew the school visits had some impact because when we turned up to the local oval for a coaching clinic and registration day, there were hundreds of kids waiting to see us.

Willie and Aaron Payne helped the two local school sides prepare for a trial match and you could see that they are both primed for the NRL season as they

both fired up their team to take the field.

At one point I thought Willie was going to take the field with his side.

It was great to see the interest in the game as Mt Isa has produced a number of stars, including Scott Prince and Nathan Fien.

Officials said it was the best roll-up

they have had in years.

The next morning, we split up, with our group heading off to Doomadgee in a small charter plane.

Up in the air we got our first glimpse of the true impact of the Big Wet, with rivers and creeks swollen with water and plant life greening up in contrast to the red soil that is the colour of the outback

Having grown up in Hopevale, I was



Willie Mason and new-won fans during the rugby league star's trip with other NRL players to the Queensland Gulf country.

looking forward to going to Doomadgee, but for the others this was their first visit

to a remote Aboriginal community.

They could not have had a better first-time experience!

We were met by a reception committee led by Mayor Fred O'Keefe and they took us straight from the landing

The school and community put on a great show for us, with all the kids from the three and four year-old 'preppies' to the older students all ready in their class groups.

Like all kids in remote communities the Doomadgee kids were just happy to have visitors even though they all marvelled at the sheer size of Willie

Question time

We had some fun asking the kids questions and then giving the kids a

chance to ask questions from the floor. The highlights for us were a young four-year-old telling us that the school rule he had learned was that 'Q is for quality' and the girls trying to find out

whether Willie had a girlfriend! Unfortunately for them, the answer was 'yes', but that didn't stop them lining up for photos and autographs

The other players couldn't get over how happy and natural the kids were and how appreciative they were of anything

the players did or said. It really had an impact on them and I must admit I was really impressed by the community and was not surprised when I heard some of the school staff had been in the community for up to six or more

We were all sad that our visit had to be so short, although the farewell the kids gave us when they formed a tunnel is something we will not forget.

Our next visit was 'up the road' to

Burketown, where we were lucky to land because the tarmac had almost been lifted by the floodwaters over the previous two days.

Once again, the kids were fantastic and we had a good chance to get to know the kids as this was a comparatively small group.

As with all the kids I spoke to on the trip. I tried to tell them that if I could achieve my dream to play in the NRL from a small community like Hopevale then they should all believe that their dream - whatever it was - could

It became emotional for me at times as I recounted how homesick I was when I first went to boarding school in

pursuit of my dream. But perhaps the thing that made an impact on a few of the older kids was when I told them how important it was for me to finish Year 12 and how I hoped to study to become a teacher and return to Hopevale or another community to teach

These kids deserve the opportunity of a good education and it is something will fight for well beyond when I retire from football.

Our last stop was Normanton and we could not get over the extent of the recent rain as we could not distinguish where the ocean began and the land finished.

The Norman River's width had

extended to kilometres! When we landed, school had finished, so we headed straight to the home ground of the Normanton Stingers for a

registration and training day.

The Stingers made national news last year when their 'Domestic Violence – It's Not Our Game' helped reduce the incidence of domestic violence by 64

You could feel the great sense of community in the club and it was not long before Mark, Ryan, Willie and I found ourselves in a 'pick-up' game of 50-a-side touch with all the kids.

'Mini' and I then waited for the first grade side to start training for the 2009 season, where they hope to retain their premiership title from last season.

Which just goes to show you can be winners on and off the field.

It is a message I carry with me back to the Gold Coast Titans where I hope to improve on what was an injury-affected

season last year. Although I am already determined, I will only have to remember the smiles on the faces of all the kids we met when I

need any extra inspiration.

They should be the inspiration for all of us because their present will determine

their future. And their future is our legacy.



Brenton Bowen gets to meet some of the locals during his visit to the Gulf.







The all-Indigenous Black Bream, winners of the B-2 division at the Goldfield Ashes cricket carnival at Charters Towers, north Queensland.



Black Bream XI batsman Steven Davison after being dismissed for 30.



Brendan McKinnon wore a dress after dropping a catch for Reg Regan's XI. John Anderson from the West Indigles is in the big hat.

Victors over 125 teams

By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS team Black triumphed in what is arguably the most difficult cricket event to

win in Australia when they took at Charters Towers over the Australia Day long weekend. The Black Bream XI won the B-2 section of the Ashes,

which was contested by 126

It was the 61st carnival and to make it the most successfu ever for Indigenous players and supporters, the Roksoff Sisters, consisting of a large percentage of Aboriginal players, won the women's

and beyond battled it out in five men's divisions and one women's grade from 24-26 January on 66 fields. Twenty-one teams in B-2

grade won all three of their games, with points awarded for each win, total runs scored, and for wickets taken.

After day three, Black Bream finished with three wins, scoring 808 runs, taking

Second was the Bloody Huge XI with 21.75 points, and third was Bumbo's XI on

Indigenous players competed, but only Black Bream and another B-2 team, West Indigies, consisted entirely of

Hughenden team Ranbuild Renegades and Tropix also had a high percentage of

Indigenous players. West Indigies and Ranbuild Renegades were first and Black Bream were ninth and

Indigies finished 72nd, Renegades 29th and Tropix

Black Bream were formed in 1994 by stalwart Dick Davidson and named after the popular fish that team players catch from the Burdekin River near Charters

Some playing grounds had too much grass (top) and some not enough (above).



The Black Bream ladies XI at Charters Towers school oval.



Ten-year-old Indigenous lad Kaleb Raleigh travelled from Cape York to support the Weipa Crocs which contested the B-1 grade. He is pictured with some of the Weipa players.



● LEFT: West Indigies bowler Glenn Butler indicates the number of wickets he took in as many balls.

Central Queensland Indigenous



ABOVE: The **Cherbourg Hornets** celebrating after beating Ghungalu in the final of the Indigenous Reconciliation Shield at Rockhampton.









Hornets stung into action

By GRAHAM HUNT



THE Cherbourg Hornets had too much sting for local team Ghungalu in the final of the Indigenous Reconciliation rugby league carnival at

Rockhampton during the 26 January

long weekend. The Hornets stormed home 46-8 in a one-sided Shield final, while in the Plate final, Central Queensland Warriors, shock first-round losers, beat Palm Island side Moondahgnara 55-22 in another lopsided match.

The two-day carnival at the Saleyards Fields was organised by Central Queensland Indigenous Development and was limited to just 16 teams

Teams came from throughout Queensland, with two sides from Palm Island, and another from Brisbane.

The Cherbourg team was never really challenged during the two days, winning its first-round game 34-0 against Fitzroys, then beating the Outback Ironmen 46-4 in a quarter-final

On the second day, the Hornets stung Yeppoon 28-12 to set up their grand final appointment with Ghungalu.

Ghungalu had a tougher passage to the final, beating Central Highlands All Blacks 22-4 and Cannonballs 8-4 on the first day.

Ghungalu ran away from the Palm Island Barracudas in the semi-final on the second day,

winning 40-14.

At the conclusion of the carnival, a Merit team was announced. It included former National Rugby League fullback David Peachey, who starred for the Central Queensland Warriors (Woorabinda)

throughout the carnival. Some of Peachey's manoeuvres were all class.

The inclusion of six Cherbourg players in the Merit team came as

no surprise. Nigel Williams (Cherbourg) was named player of the carnival, while team-mate Stafford Saltner was named fastest player of the carnival, and Brendan Saltner, also of Cherbourg, was judged best back of

The best forward award went to Ghungalu's Brad Toby.



LEFT: The Merit team chosen at the end of the carnival. Also
pictured is
Woorabinda
Mayor
Roderick
Tobane (rear
left) and
local Federal
MP Chris Trevor (rear right).

Reconciliation league carnival



They're mates back home: The Central Queensland Warriors (Woorabinda) and the Woorabinda Warriors after their Plate semi-final, won 28-22 by the CO Warriors.



A Cherbourg Hornet is brought down by two Yeppoon defenders in the shield semi-final.



Defending Hornets zero-in on a Ghungalu attacker



LEFT: A Bundy Panther negotiates through some heavy traffic in the Plate match against Moondahgnara (Palm Island).



RIGHT: A Cherbourg Hornet tries to burst through strong defence by Yepoon players in a Shield semi-final. The Hornets won that match 28-12 to advance to the final.









In this sequence, Palm Island Barracuda Alan Brown runs through an opening, then accelerates down the touchline before beating a last-gasp diving tackle by a Ghungalu defender to score a try. The match was won, however, by Ghungalu.

Results

Round of 16 games: Yeppoon 18 d Mackay 4, Storm United 20 Central Queensland Warriors 18, Cherbourg Hornets 34 d Fitzroys 0, Outback Ironmen 18 d Woorabinda 10, Ghungalu 22 d Central Highlands All Blacks 4, Cannonballs 24 d Moondahgnara (Palm Island) 0, Palm Island Barracudas 16 d Bundaberg 12. Gladstone United 22 d Brisbane Natives 6.

Quarter-finals, Plate: Central Queensland Warriors 38 d Mackay 6, Woorabinda Warriors 20 d Fitzroys 6, Moondahgnara (Palm Island) 24 d Central Highlands All Blacks 6, Bundy

Panthers 12 d Brisbane Natives 10. Shield: Yeppoon 24 d Storm United 10, Cherbourg 46 d Outback Ironmen 4, Ghungalu 8 d Cannonballs 4, Palm Island Barracudas 18 d Gladstone United

Plate semi-finals: Central Queensland Warriors (Woorabinda) 28 d Woorabinda Warriors 22, Moondahgnara (Palm Island) 24 d Bundy Panthers 16.

Shield semi-finals: Cherbourg 28 d Yeppoon 12, Ghungalu 40 d Palm Island Barracudas 14.

Plate grand final: Central Queensland Warriors 52 d Moondahgnara (Palm Island) 22. Shield grand final: Cherbourg 46 d Ghungalu 8.

Women's touch match: Rocky Milbi 10 d Gladstone Outlaws 1 Individual awards (sponsored by Chris Trevor – Member for Flynn). Women's sprint winner, Jean

Fastest player of the carnival, Stafford Saltner (Cherbourg). Best back of the carnival, Brendan Saltner (Cherbourg). Best forward of the carnival, Brad

Player of the carnival, Nigel

Williams (Cherbourg).
Player of the match, women's

touch, Theresa Anderson (Milbi Player of the match Plate final, George Jarrett (Central Queensland

Player of the match Shield final,

Corey Saltner (Cherbourg). 2009 CQID Indigenous Reconciliation Carnival Merit team: 1 Denis Sandow (Cherbourg), 2 Ashley Kris (CQ Warriors), 3 James Waterton (Ghungalu), 4 Brendan Saltner (Cherbourg), 5 Stafford Saltner (Cherbourg), 6 Anthony Toby (Ghungalu), 7 Steven Lowatta (Palm Island Barracudas), 8 Luke Major Island Barracudas), 8 Luke Major (Yeppoon), 9 Corey Saltner (Cherbourg), 10 Buloo Davui (CQ Warriors), 11 Ivan Munns (Woorabinda), 12 Brad Toby (Ghungalu), 13 Nigel Williams (Cherbourg), 14 Lewis Hopkins (Cherbourg), 15 Darryl Pearson (Moondahgnara Palm Island), 16 George Jarrett (CQ Warriors), 17 Algon Congoo (Cannonballs), 18 Jacob Skeen (Woorabinda), 19 Tony Mathers (Ghungalu), 20 David

Peachey (CQ Warrriors) Coach: James Saltner (Cherbourg)

Focus on the Indigenous All-Stars v



The wet conditions made play challenging for both sides.



Before the start of play, both teams as well as Top End footballers and AFL officials linked arms in a public display of their opposition to domestic violence.



Winner of the Polly Farmer Medal for best on ground was Matt Campbell (Kangaroos), originally from Alice Springs.



All-Star Nathan Djerrkura gets the thumbs up from these countrymen at the Darwin game. All photos by MONICA NAPPER and FRANCINE CHINN



Jarrod Atkinson with a group of All-Stars just before the start of the game.

II-Stars reig

From the back page

the first goal of the second half before a second attempt by the All-Stars skidded narrowly wide.

With rain bucketing down the Crows worked hard to slow the match against a younger, shorter and faster side, which boasted five of Adelaide's own players

But Campbell slammed home another All-Stars goal to set up a decisive last-change margin, and it was clear to which team the night belonged. McLeod – who showed no signs

of his recent knee problems - was

But his absence could not stop the Indigenous side from ramming home a win on the back of superb tackling and outstanding ball skills.

Medal winner

All-Star Matt Campbell said he was 'embarrassed and humbled' to win the Polly

Farmer Medal for best on ground. He said the Ali-Stars, who worked up a game plan as late as last Thursday, had

relied mostly on instinct.
Rookie coach and triple Brisbane Lions premiership star Chris Johnson said the

map' and given some of the team's younger players their first run in a professional football game.

"A lot of those kids haven't even played

for their clubs yet," he said.
"They have really stepped up to the mark ... it's just unbelievable what some of those boys achieved.

The 2009 Qantas Indigenous All-Stars; Jarrhan Jacky (Adelaide), Jared Petrenko (Adelaide), Jonathon Griffin (Adelaide), Graham Johncock (Adelaide), Andrew McLeod (Adelaide), Ashley McGrath (Brisbane Lions), Jeffery Garlett (Carlton), Chris Yarran (Carlton),

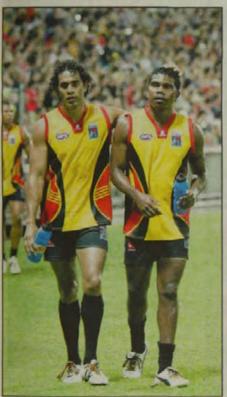
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Adelaide Crows AFL clash in Darwin

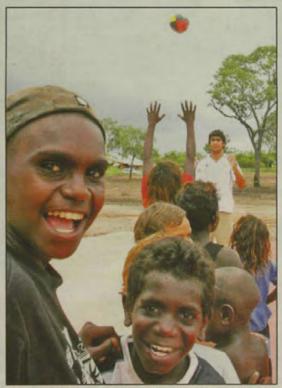




A tense Daniel Motlop checks the score



Aaron Davey and Austin Wonaeamirri.



Wugularr kids Dennis Anderson and Terah Ashley get ready to do some ball skills with All-Star Matt Campbell.



Action from a juniors game in the lead-up to the All-Stars clash.



All-Stars players and officials with school students in Katherine.



All-Stars Warren Benjamin, Matt Campbell and Darryl White get mobbed by kids at the Wugularr community.

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Our Bo to play rugby sevens for Aust

NDIGENOUS Australian touch football representative Bo De La Cruz (pictured) has made a national team in another

sport – rugby sevens. She will play for Australia at the 16-team women's Rugby World Cup Sevens which will be conducted alongside the men's event at Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates, on 6-7 March.

The squad will assemble at the AIS in Canberra on 24 February where it will prepare alongside the Australian men's team before departing from Sydney on Sunday 1 March. De La Cruz, from the

Warringah club in Sydney, is one of two newcomers to the team. The other is Shelley Matchem, from Cottesloe (Perth).

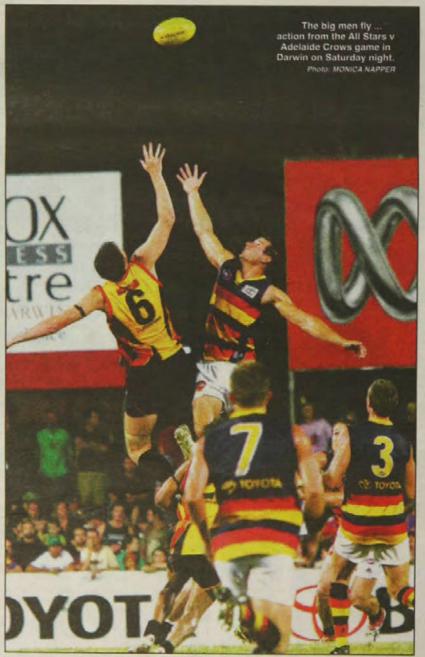
Both impressed while playing in the women's section of last month's Hottest Sevens tournament in Darwin.

Eight of the players selected in the Australian team featured for the Sydney-based Zonnators side, which won that tournament

While De La Cruz wasn't among them, playing for Queensland instead, participation in that tournament was still satisfying given that she originally hails from the Northern Territory and had arrived in Sydney just six years ago to further her

sporting career

All-Stars a class in NT



Adelaide no chance in **Fop End rain**



rings around Adelaide to defeat the AFL club by 54 points in the pre-season match at Marrara Oval in Darwin on Saturday night. The All-Stars, well suited to the tropical wet conditions.

raced to a 25-point quarter-time lead and were never headed, eventually winning 14.13 (97) to 6.7 (43) in the fifth such match to be played in the Top End.

Among AFL sides only Essendon, in 2007 emerged victorious over the All-Stars.

The game was blown open in term three, as the All-Stars leapt from a 23-point margin at the half to a safe 39-point advantage with one quarter to play.

While much of the pre-match talk had centred on the fitness of key Crow and All-Stars captain Andrew McLeod, it turned out to be the men in Crows jumpers who were

troubled by injury.
Young back flanker Greg Gallman suffered an apparent broken collarbone, while 2007 first-round Draft pick Patrick Dangerfield was seeing stars after a heavy head knock.

Highly-touted Adelaide forward Taylor Walker did not even suit up, citing a leg strain. The tone was set early, with Port Adelaide collareals Danial Mallon scoring the first and

goalsneak Daniel Motlop scoring the first goal for the Indigenous side only 90 seconds in Robert Shirley was quick to even the soon for the Crows, but the speed and quick play of the All-Stars – along with some classy work

from popular Kangaroo Matt Campbell – ensured a clean break for the Aboriginal team Campbell was a stand-out performer in the first quarter, with the Territory livewire playing sensationally in attack.

The heavens opened at quarter time, with typically brief wet season deluge adding slop as well as heat to the difficult playing

McLeod showed his first signs of brilliance in the second quarter, with the 32-year-old dual Norm Smith medallist ensuring the Indigenous team continued to dominate play despite an obvious lack of height.

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