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Goomerol dancers and Toomelah school children lead visitors across the bridge to the community for the official opening of the war memorial. Photo by DARREN COYNE

Toomelah memorial leads way



A MEMORIAL honouring Indigenous servicemen and women has been

officially opened in the tiny Aboriginal community of Toomelah, north-west New South Wales.

Goomerol Elder and ex-serviceman Les Lang, the driving force behind the memorial, said he was overwhelmed with the response to the project, and urged other Aboriginal communities not to 'wait for governments' to erect their own memorials.

The opening was attended by about 200 people, with representatives from all branches of the Australian Defence Force, police and political parties.

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Jobs on track



THE Federal Government and a billionaire businessman behind the push to find 50,000 private

sector jobs for Indigenous Australians within two years appear to have resolved concerns that bureaucratic lethargy would stymie the process.

AEC red tape dispute settled

Fortescue Metals Group boss Andrew Forrest last week wrote a strongly-worded letter to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd warning that some of 10,000 jobs pledged by

Australian businesses under the Australian Employment Covenant (AEC) were at risk.

He complained that the Federal Department of Education,

Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) was dragging its feet on a Government commitment to facilitate customised training and mentoring for

Indigenous workers under the scheme, and warned that companies simply would not wait around for the process to crank up.

Backed by his AEC steering committee co-chair Noel Pearson, Mr Forrest told Mr Rudd that,

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My FAMILY Marilyn Kepple – Charters Towers, Qld



MY name is Marilyn Kepple, I'm originally from Coen and I live in Charters Towers, north Queensland. I've got four children. This photo was taken last month in Cooktown when I went up there to visit family.

It was a reunion for me and my brother Les Kepple, who I hadn't seen for over 40 years. He's been married for about 25 years and we've both been away from Coen for a long time.

I had been hesitating to come up here, but I was missing them and also my children haven't had much to do with my family in Cooktown since they were born.

So I thought it was time to go up there so they could meet their aunty and uncle and the rest of the family.

The trip had been in the planning for a good while.

I'm an artist and I paint and it was getting to the time where it was a bit busy now and I thought I better make time before it gets too hectic.

Also, it was the right time for me to go up there because I had been away for a long time doing a lot of soul-searching.

In the photo there's my daughter Courtney, who is 12, and then my cousin Rachel, who lives here in Cooktown. I hadn't seen her for a long time as well.

Then there's Trey, he's 11, and Wade, who is 14 and going into Grade 9 this year in high school. Dylan is my youngest boy. He is in Grade 2 this year.

That's me standing behind him, and then there's my nephew Dwayne Walker, who was up there on holidays from school.

I enjoyed my time up in Cooktown and am looking forward to coming back next time, maybe in September.

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OUR CHILDREN



Young 'uns Brody Paxton and Leroy Hart Jnr join didge player Tas Langford and Nikky Bomba on stage at the recent Nayri Niara (good spirit) Festival on Bruny Island, southern Tasmania. ● See our next edition for the full story.

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Prime Minister Kevin Rudd provided a helpful 'knee-up' so Nanna Fejo could sign the family artwork the PM plans to hang in his suite.

'Nanna', PM meet again

A YEAR ago, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd did something he confesses was 'quite an experience' for a politician. "I sat down, shut up and listened," he said of his meeting with Northern Territory Stolen Generations member Lorna 'Nanna' Fejo in Canberra in the week before his formal Apology to Australia's Indigenous people. Mr Rudd said that sitting down with Nanna Fejo enabled him to get a much more personal understanding of the experiences of the Stolen Generations at the hands of past government removal policies and practices. That research paid dividends for both the PM and the nation, given the kudos the historic Apology received within Australia and overseas. On the first anniversary of the Apology, 13 February 2009, it was not surprising then that Mr Rudd and the

great-grandmother should seek each other out during the opening in Parliament House of a new photographic exhibition *Sorry: More than a word*. Mr Rudd had been expected to officially open the exhibition, but was subbed at the last minute by Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, after the Victorian bushfire tragedy and political manoeuvring over the then-proposed \$42 billion economic stimulus package took his focus. But, following the exhibition opening, Nanna Fejo, her daughter and son-in-law Christine and Robert King, and representatives of the National Sorry Day Committee and the Stolen Generations Alliance were ushered back to the Prime Ministerial suite for a cuppa and a quick catch-up.

During the gathering, Nanna Fejo presented Mr Rudd with a painting by Mr King of her memories of her return to country and a meeting with the black tracker who had helped welfare authorities find her as a girl. That emotional meeting – during which Nanna Fejo declared 'Please don't worry old man, I forgive you' – led the by then-ageing tracker to apologise for his part in her removal. It was, as Christine King described it last week, her mum's 'first apology'. Mr Rudd said he'd be thrilled to hang the unique artwork in his suite, as long as Nanna Fejo signed it. As any old friend would, 'Mrs L Fejo' happily obliged.

— BY KIRSTIE PARKER

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'Footprint' big in NT



NORTHERN Territorians have the largest ecological footprint in Australia, according to new research. It found the average person in the Northern Territory needs 8.3 hectares of land to support their lifestyle and energy needs.

This compares to an average of 6.5ha for most other Australians, while people elsewhere in the world need an average of only 2.2ha per person.

The paper, conducted by Charles Darwin University's School for Environmental Research, assesses the impact people in the north of Australia have on the environment.

"The ecological footprint is a convenient way to measure the effects of our day-to-day consumption," said report author Professor Stephen Garnett. "The analysis uses huge national and global databases to show how much land is needed to produce, say, a litre of milk or a rod of steel."

Professor Garnett said the study showed the average Territorian had the largest footprint, needing 8.3ha of land to support themselves.

This was because of the NT's remoteness and the fact that so little of what people need to survive was grown and produced locally.

"We don't have much home-grown

produce so we need to import it from elsewhere," Prof Garnett said.

"Even the meat that we grow here goes somewhere else to be butchered, which alone almost doubles our footprint. This study shows that local production of food and services would have a big impact in reducing our ecological footprint."

The paper also compared the environmental impact of Aboriginal and non-Indigenous people in the NT.

It found non-Indigenous people created 54 per cent of the NT's footprint, despite the fact they make up only 48 per cent of the population.

"You might think that people living in remote areas would use more given all the travelling they have to do," Prof Garnett said.

"Instead it is we city people. We live on small blocks but import all we need from elsewhere around the globe."

But Prof Garnett said differences between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people was not unique to the Northern Territory.

"The people with the smallest footprint (in the world) are Indigenous people living in remote areas," he said.

"While this is partly because they are too poor to consume as much as city people, it is also because they are sustained by the land where they live." — AAP



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How a dugong helped this man play cricket



WHAT do you do if you are in a tinnie and the seas become too choppy? Catch yourself a dugong and drag it on

board to provide ballast, of course.

How else was Badu Islander Morris Nona going to catch his flight from Horn Island to the mainland to join the Cooktown Crocs cricket team?

Morris was the only Torres Strait Islander playing at this year's Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs.

The Cooktown Crocs won the major centres division of the 2008 Cup and went back to defend their title.

Morris realised that time was getting away when he was

making the sea trip from Badu to Horn Island. His journey was slowed by the choppy seas.

He needed a solution.

He chased down a dugong and eventually managed to get it in the bow of the tinnie.

With the weight of the dugong allowing the tinnie to pierce the waves, Morris reached Horn Island.

After that, it was pretty much plain sailing... err, flying.

Morris, who grew up idolising Australian Test stars Steve Waugh and Matt Hayden, has only really played what he terms 'backyard cricket' due to the rudimentary sporting facilities on his island. He and friends on the island follow the fortunes of the Australian team closely and cricket is a part of

their summer life.

So getting the chance to meet Matt Hayden in Alice Springs was something special that Morris took back to Badu Island.

Morris hoped to take his experiences to help improve the skills of his friends back home and work towards a goal to bring an entire team from Badu Island to the Imparja Cup in the next few years.

Morris' admiration for Hayden was matched by Hayden's admiration for Morris after the recently retired Test opening batsman – and a keen fisherman – was told of Morris' dugong adventure.

We are reliably informed that this tall tale is true.

● Full Imparja Cup coverage in our sport section



Morris Nona at the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs after his dugong adventure.

Jobs fears settled

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surprisingly, the global economic downturn did not appear to be a risk to the AEC, but DEEWR's apparent intransigence was.

He said at an operational level, key DEEWR staff were yet to support the concept and operation of the covenant, and required direct instructions from Mr Rudd and/or Employment Minister Brendan O'Connor.

"DEEWR has not made any operational changes to training mechanisms... this conflicts with the letter of the covenant," Mr Forrest's letter said.

"An AEC participant attracts no special treatment from DEEWR or the States/Territories. DEEWR will not recognise the need to nationalise the AEC."

"DEEWR have attempted to dilute the AEC to nothing more than a 'job-finder' at which point it expects the baton to be handed over to DEEWR and all its tired old mechanisms," Mr Forrest writes.

"This is not what Australia is looking for from the AEC. The success of the AEC hinges not just on funding but also on leadership, changed behaviour and changed processes."

Mr Forrest is understood to have sought a 'modest' network of state officers to support communications between the AEC, employers, mentors, employees and DEEWR.

The leaking of the letter was likely to have embarrassed the Government, given Mr Rudd's launch of the AEC last October and enthusiastic support for a more industry-driven approach to tackling Indigenous welfare reliance.

The letter appeared to do the trick, with Minister O'Connor fronting up for a meeting in Mr Forrest's home town of Perth last Thursday – although the

Minister's office said the trip had been scheduled weeks earlier.

After the meeting, both Mr Forrest and Mr O'Connor were upbeat, though somewhat vague about actual outcomes.

A spokeswoman for the Minister described the meeting as very practical and positive, and said Mr O'Connor had reaffirmed the Government's commitment to the covenant.

"That pre-emptive training and mentoring is very important," she said.

"It's quite complex and very ambitious. The delivery is often the crux and the most difficult part to work out."

Incentives

The spokeswoman said the Skilling Australia initiative being steered by Education Minister Julia Gillard was enhancing incentives for job seekers to be referred to training.

"From our point of view, we have to make sure that we get good value for money with taxpayers' money. That means that we have to be providing ongoing outcomes, and those outcomes are jobs," she said.

"We think there's still a positive relationship and the Government will continue to work with the AEC and hopefully find work for 50,000 jobseekers."

This appeared enough to satisfy Mr Forrest, with a spokesman for the ore magnate also describing the meeting as very positive.

"The Minister heard where the AEC and Andrew Forrest were coming from," the spokesman said.

"There was no agreement that DEEWR was going to withdraw or commit to 'X', but Mr O'Connor undertook to go and research the matter."

The spokesman said the first task of the AEC had been getting commitments

from employers.

"The next step is for Centrelink to now make those commitments to people," he said. "The target is still very much 50,000 jobs; there's no wavering on that."

The construction, hospitality and retail sectors have reportedly been the strongest for Indigenous job commitments, although the mining industry was fairly well established as an employer of Indigenous people.

On Friday, Mr O'Connor and Mr Forrest announced \$2.2 million in Structured Training and Employment Projects (STEP) funding for Crown Ltd to employ 300 Aboriginal people at the casino complexes in Perth and Melbourne.

The first intake of Indigenous employees will start training and employment at Crown's Burwood site, with subsequent training and employment at Crown's Melbourne site.

AEC steering committee co-chairman Noel Pearson told ABC Radio the worst thing that could happen was "that we simply don't have the training component ready to run when these organisations need it".

"Many of the people who have put their hands up are people in organisations... that need quick responses," Mr Pearson said.

Under the AEC, employers guarantee work for job and training-ready Indigenous people, job-specific training, post-placement and individualised mentor support. The Federal Government identifies, recruits and prepares Indigenous jobseekers for the workforce; and Indigenous Australians commit to appropriate employment preparation and training, and to remain in employment once placed.

— By KIRSTIE PARKER

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Relatives of the 21 Toomelah and District veterans were presented with community appreciation plaques.

Toomelah gets war memorial

By DARREN COYNE

NSW THE Aboriginal community of Toomelah now has a special place to gather this coming Anzac Day – its very own war memorial.

The memorial was officially opened on Friday at a ceremony organised by Goomeroi Elder Les Lang, and his mates from the ex-services community.

The memorial features a plaque listing the names of 21 Toomelah and district veterans who served in war zones and on peacekeeping missions since before Federation to the present day.

After a traditional welcome by didgeridoo player Matt Priestly and the Goomeroi dancers, about 200 visitors crossed the bridge into the community, led by the excited children of Toomelah Public School.

After being welcomed by Elder Reg Haines, speaker after speaker detailed the courage and sacrifices of the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who had worn a uniform over the years.

And while there were many speeches, the smiles on the children's faces – and Uncle Les Lang's – showed no signs of wilting in the stifling sun.

But then, they had every reason to be proud.

As Uncle Les told the audience, 'this will put Toomelah on the map'.

'Go on forever'

"This is a monument that will go on forever," he said, before throwing out a challenge to other Aboriginal communities to erect their own memorials.

"Instead of waiting for governments to put up a monument, they should be saying, let's do it ourselves."

Uncle Les said the monument – which is the first memorial to Indigenous service men and women in an Aboriginal community – was a testament to the people of Toomelah, especially the CDEP workers who did the hard work of levelling the ground, building the shed and erecting the flagpoles.

"I'm already trying to organise something for Anzac Day," the tireless campaigner told *The Koori Mail* just a day after the ceremony.

The day featured traditional dances, poetry readings and songs by the school children and the Toomelah-Boggabilla Church Singers.

And there was plenty of brass about, including Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Hadzi, commanding officer of the Army Aviation Training Centre in Queensland, who



Private Anthony Lagana, a member of the Australian Federation Guard, is surrounded by Toomelah Public School children. To his left is Les Knox, a Narrabri Shire Councillor, who grew up on the Toomelah community.



Goomeroi Elder Les Lang with event master of ceremony David Williams, the NSW President of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association of Australia.



Aunt Gladys Waters, widow of Len Waters, is presented a wreath by Moree RSL Sub-Branch president Tony Bruce.



praised the historic, and ongoing contribution of Indigenous people in the Australian Defence Force.

But while there was pride and joy, there was also sadness.

During proceedings it was announced

that Uncle Cecil Fisher, a veteran of the Korean War, had passed away the previous evening after travelling to Boggabilla to catch up with his old Army mates, and take part in the ceremony.

One thing is for sure, however. Like all the other ex-servicemen and women honoured on Friday, Uncle Cecil will be remembered for many generations to come.

Meanwhile, earlier in the day, a commemoration service was held in Boggabilla to honour Len Waters, the first Aboriginal fighter pilot to serve in the Royal Australian Air Force during World War II.

His widow, Aunt Gladys Waters, who attended with her five daughters, told *The Koori Mail* her husband would have been 'the proudest man around'.

Hope held for APY service provider



THE main service provider on South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands has been placed under special administration.

But one of the appointed administrators says Federal and State funding for Anangu Pitjantjatjara Services is not under threat and he expects the Aboriginal corporation to recover and improve.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven said last Monday that a 2008 review of the organisation had revealed several breaches under relevant legislation as well as its own rules.

Stephen Duncan and Peter Lanthois, of the Adelaide-based firm KordaMentha, will act as joint special administrators.

AP Services provides services and infrastructure on the APY Lands, including water and power supply, drilling and bore maintenance, collection of rubbish, construction and maintenance of sewerage systems, roads, aerodromes and other infrastructure. It was established in 1993 and has an office in Alice Springs.

Last financial year, the corporation received about \$5.8 million in Federal and State grants and other income from residents of the lands on a fee-for-service basis.

Mr Beven said last year's review report also contained comments about the corporation's operational and financial management, including that the corporation had been trading at a loss for a period of time.

In the lead up to the examination, the Registrar had monitored a dispute between two factions of the membership. The dispute related to the composition of the board of directors.

"The corporation delivers vital services on the APY lands and the appointment was needed to ensure that these services are not disrupted," Mr Beven said.

"This is a significant Aboriginal organisation, particularly for Anangu, and the special administration will address some current problems before handing it back to members."

Mr Duncan and Mr Lanthois will put measures in place to address the corporation's current trading position, working closely with the members, employees and other stakeholders to improve operational efficiency and service delivery standards.

Mr Duncan told *The Koori Mail* the bigger picture or main issue was how the organisation was going to be able to 'go forward and keep these important services running, to make sure that the service can operate and that there's sufficient funding for them to be able to do that'.

Despite reports that the corporation planned to appeal against the Registrar's decision, Mr Duncan said he was confident that would not occur.

During the special administration period, initially for six months, the Registrar's office will also offer governance training for the members of the corporation.

The Koori Mail's calls to AP Services were not returned.



The Mayiwunba Dancers from nearby Kuranda perform at the opening ceremony.



From left, Michelle Whitehall, Annjanette Idaho with baby Xia Idaho, Lucia Pressacca and Sandra King were among the guests.



Local traditional owners with Chief Magistrate Brendan Butler.



A didgeridoo player of the Muluridgi people.



Traditional Owners Christina Chong, Margaret Courtney and Valma Green in Mareeba.

Big day for Mareeba

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



TRADITIONAL owners and Elders of the Muluridgi people of far north Queensland were amongst a strong turnout of local

community members and State Government dignitaries for the official opening of the new Mareeba courthouse last week.

Attorney-General and Justice Minister Kerry Shine, other parliamentarians and about 100 guests witnessed the welcome to country and smoking ceremony by Uncle Robert King and traditional dance by the Mayiwunba Dancers of Kuranda before the formal ceremony moved inside the courtroom.

Traditional owners joined other dignitaries on the court bench to mark the first stage of the Queensland Government's \$15 million overhaul that will soon include a new police



The Welcome to Country at the courthouse opening was given by Elder Uncle Mervin Riley.

station and watch-house.

In his address, Minister Shine acknowledged the traditional owners of the country and thanked the young dancers for their 'impressive' use of traditional knowledge and skill.

To date, \$6.1 million has been invested in the project which features the work of local artists, and extra facilities to enable children to give evidence without having to face the accused in open court.

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NT mine decision attacked

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TRADITIONAL owners are disappointed that Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett has approved an expansion of the McArthur River Mine near Borroloola. Mr Garrett announced on 20 February he was approving the project but putting in place new monitoring requirements aimed at protecting the environment.

He was required to make a new decision after the Federal Court ruled that former Environment Minister Ian Campbell had approved the mine's expansion without following the correct processes.

Northern Land Council Chief Executive Kim Hill said traditional owners would obtain legal advice regarding the decision, and possible avenues for compensation.

"There has never been a negotiated agreement between the mining company and traditional owners, and a workable outcome would be the development of an agreement that would provide tangible benefits to local Aboriginal people," Mr Hill said.

Traditional owners had many cultural and environmental concerns about the mine's impact on marine life in the McArthur River and offshore, and important cultural sites, Mr Hill said.

Negotiate

"The NLC calls on McArthur River Mining (MRM) to negotiate an agreement with traditional owners, and calls on the Northern Territory Government to mandate provisions to ensure all mining companies make public their mining management plan so that the environmental impact of mining operations is known to the local community," he said.

In a statement, Mr Garrett said the extra conditions he had imposed on the mine were aimed at reducing the likely impact on the freshwater sawfish and migratory birds.

"I have strengthened the original conditions by requiring McArthur River Mining to prepare a comprehensive monitoring plan for marine sediment, mine site sediment, depositional dust, seawater, natural surface water and groundwater," he said.

"In making this decision, I have thoroughly considered all the information originally provided to the former minister on this proposal, as well as other relevant information, including submissions made by McArthur River Mining, traditional owners and my Commonwealth colleagues.

"In reaching my decision I also took into account the financial and employment benefits of the mine expansion for the region, but I have strongly encouraged MRM to pursue a more active engagement with local stakeholders, including traditional owners.

"It is clear that this area has significant cultural value to the Aboriginal people who rely on the river for fishing and other traditional practices, and while I cannot require it as a condition of approval, I have strongly urged MRM to communicate the outcomes of environmental monitoring and other reports with the local community.

Transparency

"This includes strongly encouraging them to make public their mining management plan and other key documents to ensure greater transparency of their operations and environmental impact for the local community and stakeholders."

Australian Greens senator Rachel Siewert attacked the decision.

"The extended environmental conditions imposed by Minister Garrett will not do anything to help those communities that rely on the McArthur River for fishing and traditional practices," she said.

"Minister Garrett has ignored the voices of traditional owners in the area, with some now threatening to take their case to the United Nations.

"The Borroloola traditional owners and the Northern Land Council have been trying to make their voice heard, and the Federal Court decision to halt operations should have made that voice louder. Instead, Minister Garrett is more interested in helping mining corporations than listening to the concerns of local Aboriginal communities.

"The Greens are calling on Minister Garrett to overturn his decision and require the mining company to restore the river and repair the damage they have done."

One of the devastating Victorian bushfires rages this month.
AAP image

Firefighters save station

By DARREN COYNE



FAMILY members with links to the Coranderk Aboriginal Station in Victoria managed to save the historic

homestead from the bushfires which have ravaged the State, killing more than 200 people.

Located at Healesville, the mission site was established in 1863 but formally closed in 1924. These days, the Wandoo Estate Aboriginal Corporation manages it as a site of cultural significance.

Healesville resident Doreen Garvey-Wandin told *The Koori Mail* that when the bushfires initially broke out she received word the station was on fire.

Her sons Tony and George and some other friends raced out and managed to keep the fires at bay.

"My brother Allan Wandin is the caretaker out there and they all got towels and hessian bags and put the fire out that way. Then the trees caught fire around the place but they got it under control with help from the Country Fire Authority," she said.

"The boys stayed overnight and the next morning there were still spot fires burning but we were just so glad the old homestead didn't burn down."

"If the guys weren't there the fire would've burnt out all the old heritage buildings, and that would have been such a loss for the community."

Not everyone was as lucky.

The bushfires - some deliberately lit - that swept through the north-east and north-west of Victoria earlier this month have been described as Australia's worst natural disaster.

The official death toll stood at 209 last Saturday, with an estimated 7000 people having lost their homes.

The devastation has shocked

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Australians and the rest of the world, and has prompted massive fundraising efforts and outpourings of sorrow.

And Australia's Indigenous people have been playing their part.

In Canberra on Saturday, a group of Aboriginal musicians held a benefit gig to raise funds for the bushfire victims. It was just one of many such events being held around the country.

Organiser Maurice Walker said he and a group of friends had been sitting around discussing the tragedy, and how they could help.

"Everyone's feeling sad about what has been going on so we thought we'd do something about it," Mr Walker said.

Contribute

"It's important for the wider community to realise that when something like this happens we also have the capacity to contribute. As much as we have our own issues, our people are very generous and we don't want to sit around and do nothing."

"We thought we had a hard time in 2003 when the fires hit here in Canberra, but the death toll alone in Victoria is shocking. If it's just fire and property, you can deal with it. But to lose that many lives, well people are feeling it right across the country."

Meanwhile, NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chairwoman Bev Manton has urged land councils across the State to donate to bushfire appeals.

"As a nation, we Australians band

together and help each other in times of need: This is one such time," she said. "So many families have been shattered - losing parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters and grandchildren. We can only imagine the horror, the pain and the distressing emotions that so many families are currently experiencing and having to deal with."

"It doesn't matter how much you donate, whether it's \$5, \$10 or \$200 - every cent will help."

According to the Australian Red Cross, more than \$140 million has been raised in donations from across the country and the world, and money is still flowing in.

The Federal Government has announced its reconstruction funds would not be capped, and the Victorian Government has promised a royal commission to thoroughly investigate the disaster.

Meanwhile, the ferocity of the bushfires has prompted calls from some quarters for authorities to reconsider how forest areas are managed.

There have been many calls for fuel reduction programs, similar to how Indigenous people managed forests before the arrival of Europeans.

One such measure sure to be investigated further is the introduction of a carbon-offsetting industry, mooted in a CSIRO report in December, which argues that Indigenous people were well-placed to play a role in land-management practices such as fire management.

Joe Ross, Chair of the Northern Australia Land and Water Taskforce, said Indigenous people could help manage forested areas and ease the impacts of climate change. "Our people are often best placed to help mitigate the impacts of climate change because of where they live and their unique knowledge of the land," he said.

Ridgeway the interim chair of Alice Springs business centre



FORMER Aboriginal Senator Aden Ridgeway has been appointed as interim chairperson of a new \$10 million business centre in Alice Springs.

The Remote Enterprise Centre forms part of the Federal Government's \$271 million investment in business through the Enterprise Connect Network, and its advisers conduct onsite business reviews at no cost.

Mr Ridgeway was a Democrats Senator for NSW from 1999 to 2005 and the only Indigenous person serving in the Australian Parliament during that time.

He was also the first Indigenous person to be elected as a Parliamentary Leader when he held the position of Deputy Leader of the Australian Democrats during 2001-02.

In announcing Mr Ridgeway's appointment, Industry Minister Kim

Carr said he had extensive experience with remote Australia and his appointment formed part of 'the next exciting stage of a globally unique centre aimed at providing hands-on assistance to help these businesses thrive'.

"The advisers will spend as long as it takes at your business, putting together a comprehensive business review to improve productivity and competitiveness," Senator Carr said.

"Following the review you can apply for a matching grant of up to \$20,000 to put the advice into action."

Other Interim Advisory Board members include:

- Parry Agius, Executive Officer, Native Title Unit, Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc
- Kara Touchie, Indigenous Officer, Australian Council of Trade Unions
- Kevin Fong, Managing Director, Goolarri Media Enterprises.

Mr Ridgeway also presents ABC's



ADEN RIDGEWAY

Message Stick program, and works as a consultant to various organisations including the NSW Aboriginal Land

Council, Chase Property Investments and Maari Ma Aboriginal Health Corporation. He is Executive Chairman of Indigenous Tourism Australia, and Chairman of Bangarra Dance Theatre.

Federal Member for Lingari (NT) Warren Snowdon said the new business centre would allow remote businesses to tap into a national pool of resources and experience.

"It has the potential to link a remote business in Ti Tree with expert knowledge gained from a business in Melbourne," Mr Snowdon said.

"Remote businesses are very important to the Territory economy where they face challenges of climate, isolation, staffing and infrastructure. The centre will help remote businesses overcome these challenges."

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Mundine joins the uranium 'dialogue'

By KEN BOASE in Perth



FORMER Labor Party President Warren Mundine will head a new national Indigenous reference group set

up to negotiate with the uranium industry as it gears up to open more mines across the country.

Mr Mundine has joined the board of the Australian Uranium Association (AUA), which recently established a 'dialogue group' to discuss how Indigenous land owners might benefit from uranium mining.

However, the Australian Nuclear Free Alliance (ANFA) has dismissed the move as cynical and an 'industry PR exercise'.

Mr Mundine said the dialogue group, which would meet several times a year, was set up to facilitate communication between the uranium industry and Indigenous communities.

"There are opportunities now for a number of uranium mines across Australia and they're all in Indigenous communities," he said.

However ANFA Committee member and Kokatha Mula custodian Sue Coleman

Haseldine said Aboriginal people remained 'at the sharp end of resistance to the uranium and nuclear industry in Australia'.

"And we are not about to be swayed by an industry PR exercise," she said.

ANFA Committee member and Adnyamathanha custodian Jillian



The Kintyre uranium site in the Western Desert region of WA, one of the major deposits likely to be mined after the uranium mining ban was lifted by the new WA Liberal-National Government.

Marsh said the uranium industry's attempt to 'promote itself as a cure to Aboriginal poverty' was in direct conflict to the reality of the Aboriginal experience.

"Extensive case study research and the concerns raised by Aboriginal people at the grass-roots level shows that mining agreements have not improved life for Aboriginal people, and uranium mines mean more problems," she said.

"It is cynical for the uranium industry to act as if it can deliver for Aboriginal people. The main lasting effect of uranium mining for Aboriginal people is radioactive waste on their country, and no resources to clean up the mess left by miners."

The uranium industry has been

upbeat after the Federal Government abandoned its three-mine policy at its 2007 national conference, and the WA Government overturned the ban on uranium mining put in place by the previous Labor administration. The WA Government has also promised to provide \$80 million over the next four years to aid in mineral exploration.

Mr Mundine said while the Minerals Council of Australia already had a dialogue group headed by Professor Mick Dodson, this new group was specifically targeting the uranium industry.

"We're talking about national issues at that level so we're talking about how the benefits should be set up, how information



WARREN MUNDINE

should be spread out across Australia and that we have consultation with Indigenous communities as well as the Native Title Representative Bodies.

"It's also about then having a group discussion with the industry to set the industry standards and see what is the best way that we should be driving ahead."

The dialogue group includes 10 men who are members of Indigenous community groups and mining businesses, including Native Title Services, BHP Billiton, the University of Melbourne, Energy Resources of Australia and Toro Energy.

Mr Mundine said the group would also try to avoid some of the problems of the past where Indigenous communities had

missed out on major benefits either because of the lack of support from representative bodies or inexperience in their own communities.

"We want to hit the ground running and we want to talk about a number of issues across the board dealing with uranium," he said. "And it's about being informed, it's about decision making but it's also about us sitting face to face with the industry group to have proper discussion."

Mr Mundine denied his role as an Indigenous representative in the dialogue group had been compromised by his acceptance of an AUA board position.

"I'm there for the Indigenous people, to put their viewpoints forward," he said.

AUA Executive Director Michael Angwin said he believed the uranium industry could make a major positive contribution to Aboriginal economic development and welcomed the new Indigenous dialogue group as the best way forward. He said there was 'a common interest' of enabling Aboriginal communities to have the best possible information about uranium and mining.

"We also want to explore the possibility of working with other mining companies in the same region as to how we might jointly develop some of those towns and communities and how our industry might co-operate with government in doing that," - with AAP

Coroner hits out over *Malu Sara* deaths

By ALF WILSON

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FAMILY members of five people who died when a government boat sank in the Torres Strait in 2005 are considering legal action and want

criminal charges to be laid in the wake of findings by State Coroner Michael Barnes.

The poorly-built and ill-equipped six-metre *Malu Sara* sank en route from Saibai Island to Badu Island on 15 October 2005.

The tragedy took the lives of immigration officers Wilfred Baira, 38, and Ted Harry, 54, and passengers Valerie Saub, 34, Flora Enosa, also 34, and her five-year-old daughter Ethena.

The boat was never found, and only Ms Enosa's body was found, washed up ten days later in Indonesia.

On 9 February, Mr Barnes handed down his findings that none of the five people on board the Immigration Department vessel contributed to the disaster, and that they died as a result of official incompetence.

"The people lost when the *Malu Sara* sank didn't die because some unforeseeable, freak accident swept them away before anything could be done to save them," he said. "They died because several people dismally failed to do their duty over several months."

Mr Barnes said the circumstances surrounding the loss of those aboard the *Malu Sara* were as wretched as any he had been exposed to. However, he said family and friends of those who had died remained patient, co-operative and dignified throughout the inquest process.

The *Malu Sara* set off on the 74km journey from Saibai, near the Papua New Guinea border, to Badu in conditions Coroner Barnes described as 'marginal at best'.

The boat wasn't designed for open water, had no navigation equipment except for a compass, and had taken on water during a patrol two days earlier. However, it successfully made it to Saibai for a training workshop.

Mr Baira and Mr Harry's boss, Immigration Department Regional Manager Garry Chaston, refused a request for them to remain on the island for another night until the weather cleared up. So they set off some time after lunch.

But by 4pm Mr Baira contacted the Immigration office on Thursday Island to report he had become lost in fog.

Over the following hours, a junior officer on duty, Jerry Stephen, unsuccessfully attempted to guide Mr Baira to safety. He also informed Mr Chaston of the development, but rather than come back into the office, Mr Chaston notified local police and then went to dinner with his wife at the local bowling club. He didn't return to the office until after 9am the next day.

Meanwhile, the situation on the *Malu Sara* became increasingly desperate and it began taking on water.

A subsequent inspection of its sister vessels by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) found that the fleet, built on Mr Chaston's request by Cairns boat builder Don Radke, wasn't watertight and none had foam, or other forms of positive buoyancy, to ensure they remained afloat even if overturned.

By 2.15am on 15 October, Mr Baira reported that the vessel was sinking fast.

Mr Stephen contacted the local



A file photo showing the *Malu Sara*, an Immigration Department vessel which sank in the Torres Strait on 15 October 2005 killing five people. The boat has never been recovered. - AAP Image

Families demand charges

police search-and-rescue co-ordinator Sgt Warren Flegg, who failed to pass the information on to search-and-rescue authorities.

In the conversations he had with authorities, he repeatedly played down the dangerous situation facing the *Malu Sara*.

It was 10am before an aerial search was launched, by which time most of those on board were probably already dead.

The following day an aircraft noticed a man floating in the ocean and waving his arms in distress, but by the time help arrived, he was gone.

Mr Barnes chastised Mr Chaston and Sgt Flegg over the tragedy, but cannot recommend criminal charges be laid.

The coroner said Mr Chaston had failed in his duty to ensure his staff were provided with a seaworthy vessel, while the police officer incompetently handled the response to the incident.

The fleet of vessels had been launched just over a month earlier, but Mr Chaston had not arranged any independent safety tests of the boats and had misled boatbuilder

Mr Radke about their purpose, telling him they would not be used in open waters.

Mr Barnes accused police in the Torres Strait of having a 'cavalier' attitude to maritime incidents and the inquest heard there was a belief among many officers that islanders often activated their emergency radio beacons without real cause. The Immigration and police officers will now face internal disciplinary investigations.

Not enough

But as far as the family of the victims are concerned, that's not enough.

"I'm so sad. The children have no mother, and Sgt Flegg and Mr Chaston have never been punished. They should be locked up," said John Saub, who now cares for his daughter Valerie's four children - girls aged 15 and 11 and boys aged eight and seven - plus his incapacitated wife, Henrietta.

Mr Barnes found blame for the tragedy also rested with the boat builder, who he said 'failed to meet the most basic standards of workmanship and

concealed his defective work with false certificates of compliance'.

Counsel assisting the inquiry Mark Gynther last year recommended the boat builder be charged with manslaughter and Mr Barnes has the option of referring the matter to the State's Director of Public Prosecutions.

Still, more than three years after the sinking of the *Malu Sara*, there is little comfort for the relatives and friends of those who died in what Mr Barnes labelled 'a totally avoidable tragedy'.

Three family members have called for the immediate removal of Sgt Warren Flegg from Thursday Island and say they are denied closure on the tragedy.

Fred Joe, partner of Flora Enosa and father of Ethena, his sister Gina Joe and Abigail Harry, sister of Ted Harry want Sgt Flegg recalled from the Torres Strait as a matter of urgency following the findings of the Coroner's inquest.

Mr Joe said he was satisfied with the findings, but they needed to be taken a lot further, insisting 'there would be no closure until justice is done'.

Beverly Hall, from Queensland Legal Aid, said the families were 'fairly satisfied' with the findings, but 'their real interest is what will happen next, and the recommendations, such as the search-and-rescue procedures for the Torres Strait'.

Ms Hall said the families were pleased no blame was attributed to the two Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) crew aboard the *Malu Sara*, and with the Coroner's praise for Mr Harry.

But she said there was no closure for the families and there were 'still a lot of things to be completed'.

"At least they can now obtain a death certificate," she said.

Abigail Harry said she was 'very disappointed' that no criminal charges were laid or recommended, and there should have been an independent inquiry conducted by the people of the Torres Strait.

"That would have made them accountable for their actions; and it would have given a people's focus on what happened," she said.

She suggested bodies such as the TSRA, Torres Shire and the former ICC (which was operating at the time of the tragedy) should have been involved in an inquiry.

Valerie Saub's father John said the findings were 'all right as far as they went'.

"But I was disappointed the Coroner couldn't recommend action be taken against those he thinks are responsible for the deaths of those on board," Mr Saub said. "We can only hope the investigations to be carried out by Immigration and the police will bring justice for everyone."

The Old Police Service said it would carefully consider all aspects of those coroner's findings relating to it. "As a part of this consideration, we will look closely at whether there are any police, protocol or training improvements which can be made as a result of the findings," it said in a statement.

The matter relating to Sgt Warren Flegg will be forwarded to the Ethical Standards Command for immediate attention, it said.

DIAC said it too would carefully study and respond to the findings.

Extending the department's condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of those who were lost, Secretary Andrew Metcalfe said much work had already been done to improve Immigration operations in the Torres Strait to avoid a repeat of the tragedy.

He listed the immediate withdrawal of the boats from service following the tragedy, a review of its Torres Strait operations and establishment of a north Old headquarters in Cairns, a dedicated contracts and procurement advice section and the signing of a memorandum of understanding with other Commonwealth agencies operating vessels in the Torres Strait as examples of the department's swift actions.

Mr Metcalfe said that given the coroner's findings that departmental officer Garry Chaston should be investigated for a possible breach of the Australian Public Service Code of Conduct, he would institute an investigation under the Public Service Act.

"Clearly, there are also major implications for other agencies and individuals," he said, adding that DIAC had co-operated fully with the Coroner, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau and Comcare over the tragedy.

- With additional reporting by AAP and STEFAN AMBRUSTER

Health report welcomed, but...



INDIGENOUS groups have welcomed a National Health and Hospital Reform Commission (NHHRC) interim report tackling the 'blame game' in health and recommending a greater role for the Commonwealth.

But while the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory (AMSANT) wants the Federal Government to be the sole funder for the Aboriginal primary health-care system, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) has warned that greater responsibility must be matched by greater accountability.

The NHHRC interim report suggested the Federal Government should assume total responsibility for health care provided outside the hospital system, while suggesting similar action for the hospital system could be an option.

It found the Federal allocation of resources to Aboriginal health services was insufficient and that Aboriginal people were under-served.

AMSANT Executive Officer John Paterson said the 'blame game' between Federal and State/Territory governments had led to deep inefficiencies in health services.

Federal Health Minister Nicola Roxon



MICK ADAMS

needed to take full responsibility for funding, and implement a needs-based population grant funding program, he said.

"A robust primary health care system that is adequately resourced will reduce demands on the secondary and tertiary sectors, and thereby save hundreds of



JOHN PATERSON

millions of dollars around the nation," Mr Paterson said.

He said the current system was leading to a severe shortage of doctors in remote areas 'where they are needed most'.

Aboriginal community controlled comprehensive primary health care had led

the way in the past 35 years, excelling in community engagement, governance and continuing improvement, Mr Paterson said.

He supported the idea of a national Aboriginal health authority, but said more negotiations were needed to fine-tune the concept.

NACCHO Chairman Mick Adams said that, as the main deliverer of primary health care to Aboriginal peoples, the Aboriginal community controlled sector was already largely a Commonwealth responsibility.

"However the Government's accountability for its decisions and performance is non-existent," Dr Adams said.

"We need performance benchmarks for governments to ensure our services have the resources to fully match our community's health needs.

"The Aboriginal community controlled health sector, representing over 145 urban, regional and remote services with over 30 years' experience in frontline care, is subject to the whims of the Commonwealth's Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health with little input from our sector, least of all in setting policy direction."

Dr Adams said Aboriginal people's full participation in the health service design, delivery, monitoring and evaluation was integral to improving health outcomes.

Time for division to end: Dodson



2009 Australian of the Year Professor Mick Dodson speaking at the National Press Club in Canberra last week. AAP Image



IT'S time to end the false distinction between practical and symbolic reconciliation which dominated

Aboriginal affairs during the Howard years, says 2009 Australian of the Year Mick Dodson. The Aboriginal academic and leader believes the 'nonsensical' debate has divided people who could have otherwise worked together to improve Indigenous living standards.

"I want to say goodbye to this practical versus symbolic reconciliation (distinction)," Prof Dodson told the National Press Club in Canberra last Tuesday.

"Let's kiss it goodbye because it's nonsense. It's a false dichotomy with its roots in the late and unlamented culture wars."

Former Prime Minister John Howard and his Government

advocated practical reconciliation during more than 11 years in power. On the other hand, prominent Aborigines and policy experts argued reconciliation had to include symbolic gestures such as an apology for past injustice, which was finally delivered by Labor a year ago.

Prof Dodson said it was time to bury the 'misguided notion' that reconciliation came in two opposing forms - practical, 'meaning worthwhile and effective', and symbolic, 'meaning near enough to useless'.

"It never made any sense but nonetheless provided an easy way of dividing people who are essentially working towards the same end result," the Yawuru man said.

"It's been constructed on the assumption that Australians will only tolerate action and spending on Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people if they can see bricks and mortar."

But Australians were better than that, Prof Dodson said.

They knew children needed more than a roof over their head to succeed. Love, understanding and encouragement were just as important, along with dignity and self-belief.

'Face problems'

"They have profound practical effects," Prof Dodson said. "We know how people feel about themselves, whether they feel valued and respected has a whole lot to do with how they face their problems."

The Australian National University law professor said symbolic gestures, like last year's apology to the Stolen Generations, acknowledging country and recognising the first Australians in the

Constitution's preamble, were all 'practical things that change the way we think, feel and act'.

"When Arthur Phillip planted the British flag in Sydney Cove on January 26, 1788, he didn't think it was without meaning. He knew how practical that symbolism was," Prof Dodson said.

During his speech, which will be televised on the ABC, Prof Dodson outlined his priority for 2009, which is to ensure all children - Indigenous and non-Indigenous - are 'geared up' for a good education in 2010.

Northern Territory Chief Minister Paul Henderson described Prof Dodson's dream to get every school-aged child into a classroom by Australia Day next year as 'naïve', but said his Government would take up the challenge. About 2000 Aboriginal children in NT are not enrolled in school and another 2500 fail to

attend regularly. More than 60 per cent of Indigenous students in the NT failed the reading benchmark in the national basic skills tests and more than 70 per cent failed the writing benchmark.

"Even he admits his ambition is naïve, but he says the country should have a crack at it," Mr Henderson said of Prof Dodson.

"We may not get every child in a classroom, but it won't be through lack of trying."

But Prof Dodson said children would go to school only if there were buildings along with 'chairs and tables and blackboards and computers'. Schools also needed competent, determined teachers.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said enrolling every Australian child in school by next year was an enormous task, and it needed to be looked at from many different perspectives. - AAP

Priest wins support



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people are amongst supporters of a Catholic priest sacked as the administrator of a Brisbane parish last week for 'unorthodox' practices.

Father Peter Kennedy, 71, was sacked from St Mary's inner-city ministry on Thursday by Archbishop John Bathersby, but has vowed to mount a legal challenge to his dismissal.

St Mary's has for decades been a parish on the fringe. Its congregation of 700 has a unique ministry in South Brisbane, widely acknowledged as a haven for the poor, the marginalised, Indigenous people, homosexual people and broken families.

Fr Kennedy has been accused of allowing women to preach the homily, breaking rules to do with Holy Communion and blessing same-sex unions.

Archbishop Bathersby's decree said Fr Kennedy had 'caused harm to ecclesiastical communion in spite of frequent requests from me to do otherwise'.

But Fr Kennedy said his actions were all about the church being inclusive and embracing all people. During his mass on 15

February, he summarised his beliefs.

"People who are not part of our community will make judgments about us because of our so-called unorthodox behaviour," he said.

"But we can take heart from the words of Jesus himself, who was judged harshly for His unorthodox behaviour - 'By their fruits you will know them'."

Fr Kennedy argued the seeking of justice was at the centre of the Christian faith.

"It's not an optional extra for a

gays and lesbians, embraces women as equals, but this is all rejected by (Archbishop) Bathersby and the Pope," he said.

Parishioner Karyn Walsh said the community was deeply upset by the decision and would support an appeal under the church's canon law if it were possible.

"They (the Archbishop's concerns) are really no reason to take away such a strong sense of community that exists at St Mary's," she said. "There's certainly a strong feeling that people don't want to go anywhere."

According to Archbishop Bathersby, Fr Kennedy would remain a Catholic priest, but would not be authorised to lead St Mary's parish from Saturday, 21 February. From then, an administrator, Fr Ken

Howell, was expected to take over. However, on the day, Fr Kennedy refused to hand over the keys to the Parish buildings and told Fr Howell that he would officiate at all masses on the weekend.

Also on Saturday, Archbishop Bathersby became the target of a bomb threat.

As this edition of *The Koori Mail* went to print, Fr Kennedy was pressing ahead with plans to lead mass on Sunday, 22 February.

- Compiled from AAP reports

'St Mary's (ministry) embraces all races, creeds and colours...'

- Old Indigenous leader Sam Watson

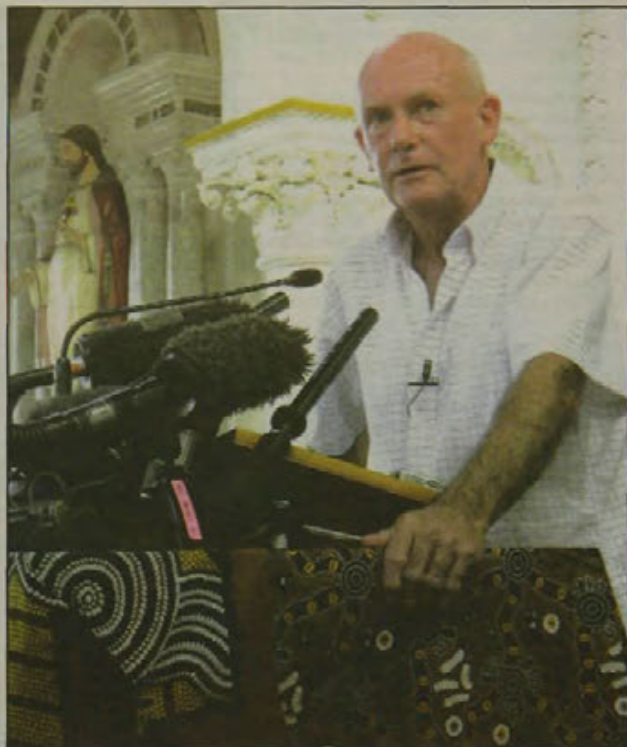
Christian community," he said.

He described the parish in an online blog as a 'dysfunctional family'.

"But it's our family. You don't just walk away because it is dysfunctional," he said.

Indigenous leader Sam Watson, who intended to set up a tent embassy at the church from Saturday, said the parish modelled 'common humanity'.

"St Mary's embraces all races, creeds and colours, embraces



Father Peter Kennedy speaks to reporters at St Mary's church in Brisbane last Thursday. AAP Image

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ON 13 February, the first anniversary of the Apology to Australia's Indigenous peoples was observed throughout the country. Some people celebrated what they considered an inspiring event, while others lamented what they saw as a lack of progress in achieving justice for the Stolen Generations.

In Canberra, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced the establishment of a new foundation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, especially Stolen Generation members and their families.

The foundation will provide practical and innovative healing services including training and research and will be co-chaired in the interim by senior Stolen Generations member and former Australian of the Year Lowitja O'Donoghue and Aboriginal trauma and grief specialist Greg Phillips.

Dr Phillips, a 35-year-old Waanyi man and author of *Addictions and Healing in Aboriginal Country*, opens up to *The Koori Mail* about his first impressions of the task ahead...

KM: What will the new foundation be called?

Greg Phillips: That hasn't formally been decided yet but, at the moment, it is being referred to as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation.

How long will the consultation process be?

Everything I'm saying is not the official view of the foundation because we are still at an interim stage, but it does represent a starting point and we will consult with stakeholders before anything is finalised. We are only a small group and there are a lot of stakeholders and experts who will have critical input.

What will be the foundation's focus?

Our core focus will be on dealing with the trauma experienced by all Aboriginal people as the after-effect of colonisation, but there'll be a particular focus on the Stolen Generations and their families and their unique needs.

There was a national forum attended by about 60 people in September, and one of the key principles to emerge out of that was that healing was a huge issue and it meant different things to different people. We think the healing foundation is only one part of an overall strategy which impacts on Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. For example, making mainstream services culturally safe, input into curricula, and justice and redress measures that we think non-Aboriginal people should undertake.

We'll focus on healing Aboriginal people and there are some big things that should be done. We think that all of the existing government services and closing the gap measures right across the board – in health, housing and education etc – should continue.

All of those measures assume that there's a basic level of social functioning in Aboriginal communities. Yet, we know that that is not necessarily the case in all our communities.

So what we're saying is that the nation needs a specific strategy to deal with the underlying trauma that causes social dysfunction. When that foundation of community functioning is stronger, we think that all of the closing the gap efforts will take more effect. And there are all of these other things, such as a national Indigenous representative body, that we think are important to help Aboriginal people to regain balance after colonisation.

What has been your personal experience of the Stolen Generations?

My older brother (born in the mid-1960s) and my grandfather were both stolen. I'm not a Stolen Generations member and I don't pretend to be. I guess the Minister was thinking it would be good to have a Stolen Generations person and a non-Stolen Generations person to represent a range of interests. Both are important. We can't prioritise pain, and that will be a challenge for the Board but, of course, we can't lose the focus of the Stolen Generations. It's just that we know many people in our communities have needs and the challenge will be balancing those.

Will the foundation deal with compensation for the Stolen Generations?

Compensation and reparations in my

New foundation co-chairs Lowitja O'Donoghue and Greg Phillips.



Healing moves a step nearer

personal view are important issues in the life of the nation. The healing foundation is not a substitute for compensation and reparations. I think both are important. The foundation will focus on healing and trauma programs, but we do not deny that compensation is a critical issue.

Why does Australia need such a foundation?

Australian public policy has been focused

on the symptoms and the problems; things like family violence, suicide and mental health problems and addictions. What we have not done is focus on the root causes. And we won't make any real progress unless we deal with those.

The main root cause, shown consistently, is unresolved trauma syndromes which need to be addressed in a culturally appropriate manner.

That's not to say that trauma is an excuse

for family violence and addiction, but it is certainly part of the explanation and it is something that needs to be addressed if we are to have an impact on changing those symptoms.

What kind of resources will the foundation need?

We would urge the Australian Government to make an allocation commensurate on need. And the need is massive. Putting a dollar figure on pain is virtually impossible, but we can look at the programs and level of investment that needs to be made and we ask the Government to take that into account.

Having said that, the foundation will need to be realistic about what it can achieve. It will not be able to meet every need.

No one organisation can, regardless of how much money it has, but any allocation will be a lot more than we had yesterday. Building a movement of healing will achieve a lot.

What will the foundation do day-to-day?

Obviously at this very initial stage communities need to have input, but we think the foundation will have three key functions.

- Grant-making: The foundation won't actually deliver healing services. It will be grant-making to fund community organisations to undertake healing work.

- Education and healing: Building awareness in the communities and skills of workers to deal with trauma and to promote what healing is.

- Evaluation: One of the key things that the Canadian Aboriginal Healing Foundation did was evaluate every single program that it funded and, through that, they came up with a wellspring of evidence about what works and what doesn't and they were able to clearly show how communities can move from crisis to recovery.

So, if we can come up with a similar set of principles and build an evidence base, that will be very helpful in moving forward with our healing.

What is healing to you?

As I said earlier, healing means different things to all people. There can be a political dimension like healing national views; or it can be a personal journey or a community journey. But based upon both my academic research and my personal and community experience, my definition of healing in terms of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is 'a spiritual process that includes therapeutic change, cultural renewal and addictions recovery'.

Do you think we'll ever reach that point?

Absolutely, but healing is not just another government program. It has taken many generations to get to this level of trauma and it will take quite a few to fully recover from it. I don't mean that in a negative sense of 'why bother if the problem is so big?'

What I'm saying is that some of our communities are healing right now and there are some good things happening around the country.

What the foundation needs to do is invest in developing that so there's a whole lot more organisations around the country to deliver good quality healing services.

One of the exciting things is that we have an association of Aboriginal psychologists now. Helen Milroy is a psychiatrist and we have a lot of people who have got great skills; people like Aunty Lorraine Peeters and Judy Atkinson and we're talking about harnessing those skills.

I'm not just talking about formal skills. I'm talking about Uncle Ron Archer on the Atherton Tablelands who runs a land-based cultural identity program; Mark Williams in Victoria who runs warrior camps for young men and women; and Yorgum Aboriginal Healing in Perth, which is helping single mums and women deal with their trauma.

How do you feel to be co-chairing the foundation?

It's an absolute honour, particularly to be working with someone of such high esteem as Lowitja. I think it was an inspired choice by the Minister and the Prime Minister and I think it represents that, if we are truly to heal our people, we have to move on.

We have acknowledged our past and our healing journey has begun. It is a real honour to be a part of this moment.

'We must move beyond rhetoric'

That's the sentiment of many on anniversary

By KIRSTIE PARKER

ON 13 February 2008, words were important. Years of discussion boiled down to the words the Parliament used to express its heartfelt Apology to Australia's Indigenous

peoples, especially the Stolen Generations.

On the anniversary of the Apology this month, Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma summed up the feelings of many people when he said, 'One year on, and we are still feeling hope, but also itching for action to follow those fine words'.

Mr Calma acknowledged a national commitment to closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians and progress towards a new national Indigenous representative body.

"However, there remain areas where we must move swiftly beyond the rhetoric," he said.

That sentiment was expressed repeatedly at marches, breakfasts, vigils, launches and other events around the country.

Stolen Generations members, advocacy groups and supporters including unions, health lobbyists and church groups expressed frustration and were united in their call to action, with a comprehensive reparations scheme including compensation high on their agenda.

Stolen Generations Victoria Chairperson Lyn Austin said the Apology had relieved some of the burdens of the past.

"But only a strong commitment to action will ensure that the future of the Stolen Generations, their families, children and grandchildren, is a future full of optimism, opportunity and equality," she said.

Some people, like Tasmania's Michael Mansell and Greens Senator Rachel Siewert, expressed a view that little had changed for Aboriginal people in the year since the Apology.

For many, the 1997 *Bringing Them Home* report and its 54 recommendations still provided a blueprint for the future.

On the day of the anniversary, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd had been expected to officially open an exhibition of photographs from the Apology.

However, mired in the Government's response to the Victorian bushfires and political manoeuvring over the its \$42 billion economic stimulus package, he sent his apologies and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin to speak on the Government's behalf.



People at the Woorbadinda event at Federation Square in Melbourne observed a minute's silence for both the Victorian bushfire victims and Stolen Generations members past. Photo courtesy of SGV



Ms Macklin told guests at the Parliament House launch that the Apology had created a new climate of hope and commitment.

"It was a first step to build a bridge of respect between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians and generate the mutual trust and respect needed for closing the gap," she said.

But the Minister said Australia must keep moving forward.

"We must help people to heal if all Australians are to have a better

future," she said.

"We understand the vital role of healing in expanding people's life chances.

We also understand the vital role of pride in culture in shaping people's aspirations and choices."

Minister Macklin announced the establishment of a foundation to address trauma and healing in Indigenous communities, "with a strong focus on the unique needs of Stolen Generations".

Professor Lawitja O'Donoghue and Greg

Phillips will co-chair an interim team that will work with Stolen Generations advocates and Indigenous communities to ensure broad ownership and support for the foundation, which is expected to provide practical and innovative healing services, as well as training and research.

"These community leaders will bring sensitivity, compassion and direction to this important work," Ms Macklin said.

Funding for the foundation will be announced as part of the 2009-10 Budget.

Ms Macklin also announced an expansion of the Link-Up program, with 11 more Link Up caseworkers and five more administrative staff aimed at supporting an extra 351 family reunions and about 100 'Return to Country' reunions.

The Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA), and the Stolen Generations Alliance (SGA) welcomed news of the consultation process about the new healing foundation.

"The Government has recognised that, as a nation, we are at a unique moment in history where we have the power to finally redress the wrongs of the past and ensure our future as a healed and healthy country and restore our dignity on the international stage," said AIDA President Tamara Mackean.

"The Apology initiated the journey, but the process of healing is one that is ongoing and it may take some time."

Dr Mackean stressed the need for wide consultation to determine how a Healing Foundation would operate in Australia.

"The development of this model must be designed and directed by our own people," she said.

SGA co-chair Deb Hocking told *The Koori Mail* on Saturday that she would like to have known more detail about the foundation before its announcement, but was pleased the Government had established it.

"It is something that we and others have been pushing for a while," she said.

"A few more details on the day would have been good so people don't have to speculate or be worried unnecessarily. But I really think we need to put any preconceived ideas aside and give it a go."

"Lowitja and Greg might be just the people we need to push forward."

The strongest response to the Government's announcement came from National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) co-chair Helen Moran.

"The buzz on everyone's lips in the lead up to the Apology anniversary was that the Government had nothing to offer, that they had done nothing substantial for the Stolen Generations in the last 12 months and that they were desperately looking for a rabbit to pull out of their empty hat," Ms Moran told *The Koori Mail*.

"Well they found a rabbit, but unfortunately it has myxomatosis. The diseased rabbit is the Indigenous Healing Foundation."

Ms Moran said she was 'hugely disappointed' by the Government's lack of consultation with either the NSDC or the SGA before the announcement. She was also critical of the Government's ongoing rejection of compensation for Stolen

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Calls for action, not just words

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Generations in favour of broader closing the gaps initiatives targeting all Indigenous Australians.

"This continual use and abuse of the Stolen Generations Apology and the Stolen Generations healing to promote the Government's agenda – which does not include the Stolen Generations – needs to stop," she said.

Ms Moran also railed against the lack of reference to the Stolen Generations in the title of the foundation, declaring it "a clear manoeuvre" by the Government to disregard the specific and unique needs of the Stolen Generations.

Ms Moran was not entirely alone in her criticisms, with other suggestions behind the scenes that the foundation's establishment had been rushed so the Government could announce it on the Apology's anniversary. Those suggestions were also fuelled by delays in the Prime Minister's annual report to Parliament on the Government's efforts to close the gap.

Due to the Victorian bushfire disaster, the report's release was first postponed from 3 February to the eve of the Apology anniversary. It is now expected some time this week.

The Apology down to a 't'

By DARREN COYNE



SYDNEY Swans AFL star Michael O'Loughlin is quick to reassure his fans he won't be trading in his footy boots to become a fashion designer anytime soon.

O'Loughlin and his team-mates Jude Bolton and Amon Buchanan, who run Jon Pumper designs, recently released a special edition t-shirt to commemorate the national Apology. O'Loughlin designed the t-shirt, which features a black and a white hand clasped together.

"We got together and they said they wanted to do something in recognition of the apology. We brainstormed the idea and came up with a few things. It was a lot of fun," he told *The Koori Mail*. "I've spoken to a lot of fellas, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, and they all want one."

O'Loughlin said the Apology delivered last year by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd had been special, as it dealt with the suffering of Aboriginal people with full recognition.

"In the end it was for those people who went through those tragic times and gave

them full recognition," he said. "The apology said this is what happened, instead of it being swept under the carpet."

"Apology Day is not just about saying sorry. It's about recognising the mistakes of the past and moving forward in a positive and constructive way."

O'Loughlin said that while the experience of fashion designing had been 'a lot of fun', his focus was to recover from his injured ankle. If everything goes well, he is on target to become the first Swans player to reach the 300-game milestone.

Proceeds from the sale of the t-shirts will go to the NASCA Sporting Chance Academies.

NASCA is a not-for-profit organisation set up in 1995 to encourage the development of Aboriginal youth, using sport as a vehicle to influence health and education. Its Sporting Chance Academies program focuses on assisting Indigenous youth living in Northern Territory communities to value education, stay in school and increase their post school opportunities through sporting role models.

Michael O'Loughlin wearing the special edition Apology t-shirt.



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'I am concerned our people are being intimidated...'

Searches irk Palm Mayor

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island Mayor Alf Lacey has slammed police checks of ferry passengers to the north Queensland island as 'an invasion of human rights'.

Cr Lacey made the comment after five police officers checked the bags of everybody boarding the midday ferry for Palm Island at the Sunferries Breakwater Terminal on 13 February, looking for alcohol.

Under current alcohol restrictions set out in an Alcohol Management Plan (AMP), Palm Islanders are allowed to take only one carton of light or mid-strength beer home.

However, the police searches – which occurred on the first anniversary of the Prime Minister's Apology to Indigenous Australians for past misguided policies and practices – is understood to have yielded no excess alcohol.

The Palm Island Coolgaree Canteen, known by many as 'the Island Hotel', was closed by the State Government from 1 December.

"I am really concerned that our people are being intimidated by police who should be trying to have a better relationship after the events of the 2004 death in custody and the riot," Cr Lacey said.

He said the 'intimidation' could be ongoing, with every person who boarded the Townsville ferry headed for Palm Island being checked before travel. It is also understood that if any of the three weekly ferry services were not inspected in Townsville, police would be on the Palm Island jetty to conduct checks.

Targeted

Island resident Tim Miller said that he felt targeted, as police always seemed to look in his bag during random checks at the jetty.

Cr Lacey said Palm Islanders and Indigenous communities in general took exception to being treated differently from others.

"Police don't do this at other outlets on the mainland and our rights are being violated," he said.

However, the Qld Police said officers had been conducting checks at Palm

Island to ensure compliance with the AMP.

"The AMP is directed at reducing the levels of alcohol-related harm in the community, particularly domestic violence and assaults," a spokesperson said.

Sunferries requested the police presence and a spokesman said it was done to ensure the company complied with the laws as it did not want to risk hefty fines.

A new state-of-the-art \$3.4 million purpose-built ferry, *MV Palm Cat*, started operations to Palm Island in January, cutting travel times to just 90 minutes each way, (a reduction of 30 minutes).

Meanwhile, locals have reported a big increase in the amount of sly grog being transported to the island in small dinghies from either Townsville or Ingham, or places in between, often putting passengers at risk in rough seas.

Cr Lacey said he hoped the matter would make the Qld Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing speed up a current application for approval of a hotel/bistro on Palm Island. "We see this all as a secret form of prohibition and we on the island don't support that. We want the same rights as others," he said.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey



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The consultations are organised by the MACA, with the support of the Office for Ageing, NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care. For further information, visit: www.maca.nsw.gov.au



MILLIE INGRAM

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Seniors Week role for Elder



WIRADJURI
woman Millie
Ingram is
amongst 20
senior

Australians announced by NSW
Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul
Lynch as ambassadors for the
State's Seniors Week

Hailing from Cowra in
central NSW and one of a
family of 11, Ms Ingram has
been at the forefront of
Aboriginal rights for many
years, and is Chief Executive
Officer of the Wyanga
Aboriginal Aged Care Program,
which is based in Redfern and
cares for Aboriginal Elders in
their own homes.

When *The Koori Mail* spoke
to the busy Elder about her new
appointment, she said she
would be continuing to lobby
the Government for a culturally
appropriate Indigenous
aged-care facility.

Ms Ingram said social
emotional health issues like
depression in the elderly played
a role in life expectancy, and
that was one thing she wanted
to see changed.

Providing older Indigenous
Australians with a comfortable
and safe place to live with
meaningful activities, she
believed, could play a part
closing the gap in Indigenous
life expectancy.

Ms Ingram said she also
wanted to promote the positive
aspects of aged care as well as
the important role of Aboriginal
Elders in the community.

"We are parents and
grandparents, and hold a lot of
wisdom and knowledge that we
can pass on to younger
people," she said.

Ms Ingram joins a host of
other well-known 'senior'
identities as an ambassador,
including journalist Mungo
MacCallum, publishing icon Ita
Burtrose and actor Stuart
Wagstaff.

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Questions remain after jail death inquest ends

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



A LENGTHY
inquest into the
overdose death
of a young
Aboriginal man at
Sydney's Long Bay Jail in 2006
has closed with no conclusive
findings on how the drugs were
obtained, or the effective
classification of at-risk prisoners.

Joshua Cameron was 19
when he died in July 2006 of
'multi-drug toxicity', with
unprescribed morphine, tramadol
and codeine in his system. After
leaving high school early to
become a shearer, the young
man was convicted as a juvenile
of a serious offence. The inquest
heard he had been intimidated
by the thought of being sent to
'the Bay', an adult prison, and
had a history of self harm which
allegedly included an attempted
suicide.

Though no conclusive
evidence was presented to
determine how those drugs were
obtained, Sgt McGrath of the
NSW Coroner's Office said the
possibilities were limited to them
having been obtained in the
prison yard.

He said the coroner had
recommended the
implementation of closed-circuit
TV for surveillance of the area,
but current privacy
considerations in the dispensing
of medication to prisoners had
the potential to circumvent



ABOVE: The
Glebe Coroners
Court in
Sydney.

LEFT: Justice
Action
Managing
Director, Brett
Collins ...
"(Drug) trading
happens."

safeguards against illegal use.

Greens MLC Sylvia Hale said
the inquest presented a number
of problems in the prison system,
such as a lack of mental health
services and a shortage of
staffing which she said was
further exacerbated by an order
to cut costs by \$10 million.

Ms Hale said the lack of
prison officers meant that what

prisoners were doing with their
medication after it had been
dispensed was unable to be
properly monitored and that drug
swapping in jails was a
widespread problem.

"When prison officers admit
they know the trade is going on
but they don't have the resources
to supervise the yards, I think
that's a clear indication there

must be a rampant problem
there," she said.

Ms Hale said the department
had a duty to all inmates to
ensure there was sufficient
supervision, 'so people can be
prevented from either harming
themselves or being harmed by
others'.

Ms Hale said Koori prisoners
were particularly vulnerable
in prison populations for a
number of social and
environmental factors, and
harmful behaviours such as
drug use could be more closely
guarded against.

"Extraordinary numbers of the
Koori community are imprisoned
and I think the jails are becoming
in some ways the de-facto
institutions, whether psychiatric
hospitals or providing housing for
people," she said.

"We've seen a complete
misdirection of funds, which
should be looking at the root
causes of disadvantage, the
mental health problems and
housing problems that people
are experiencing - especially the
Koori community."

Sydney advocacy group
Justice Action claimed drug
trading was common in NSW
prisons, with a big demand on
supply simply to relieve the
boredom of inmates.

"Drugs are important,
immensely so, as it is so boring
and hopeless. Trading happens,"
Justice Action Managing Director,
Brett Collins said bluntly.

NT Govt silent on homelands

By DARREN COYNE



A REVIEW of Aboriginal
homelands in the Northern
Territory has been completed,
but the NT Government is
remaining tight-lipped on its
recommendations.

Indigenous leader Patrick
Dodson conducted the review amid
widespread speculation that the NT
Government wanted to close homelands
deemed unviable.

Yingiya Guyula, of East Arnhem Land,
defended his homeland, saying the NT
emergency intervention had made his people
frustrated and confused, and threats to the
future of the homeland were worrying.

"The white man's way of thinking is forced
on us, and forcing us to abandon our culture,"
he said.

Mr Guyula said intervention measures such
as quarantined welfare payments were making
it extremely difficult for people to survive.

"Mapuru homeland has a co-op store which
won a national award for selling healthy food.
Centrelink won't approve it to accept
quarantined money," he said.

"This means an aircraft charter flight from

the mainland homeland at Mapuru to the
closest shop on Elcho Island costs \$560
return.

"This means it's costing a \$560 return flight
just to buy \$150 worth of food. Where's the
sense in that?"

Mr Guyula accused government ministers
and bureaucrats of failing people living on their
homelands.

"These white people and those bureaucrats
do not go out to the East Arnhem Land
communities where my people live, where
there has never been alcohol, and there is no
child abuse," he said.

Homeland centres

"There are Aboriginal people living on
remote communities of Arnhem land, in
homeland centres, away from the
binge-drinking areas, poker machines and
gambling venues.

"These are people who are able to manage
their funds and work, or want to work, educate,
discipline and practice ceremonies."

Mr Guyula, a Yolgnu studies lecturer at
the University of Darwin, said any moves to
bring people in from homelands to larger
settlements was not the right thing to do.
He said people would not feel secure

or happy living in other people's land.

"There are about 40 children who willingly
run to school every day at Mapuru homeland
because it's their home and they feel secure,"
he said.

"Yet the NT Government wants to close
down the homeland schools and bring
everyone into major communities.

"They think it's not worth spending the
money on homeland schools ... but the
Education Department provides computers
and internet and distance learning for
hundreds of cattle station and small schools
across the Northern Territory.

"Furthermore, I would like to say that these
homelands are our homes.

"There is no violence in the remote
homeland communities, no child abuse
happens, no alcohol, no pornography, because
out there in the bush are where the cultural
ceremonial grounds are, and from it is where
strong discipline comes through the spirits of
our fathers talking through the land."

Mr Guyula said homelands needed the
support of the wider community to survive.

Mr Dodson has not responded to calls from
The Koori Mail regarding the findings of his
review. The NT Government said it was
considering Mr Dodson's report.

Findings 'ignored'

Recommendations by coroners going largely unheeded, new report shows

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



NEARLY 20 years after the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths stirred the national conscience, a new report has found that coronial recommendations are going

largely unheeded by government departments and agencies.

The Royal Commission's 1991 final report called for mandatory responses by governments to recommendations made by coroners in inquests.

However, a survey in a special edition of the *Australian Indigenous Law Review* (AILR) showed Victoria acting on just one in four (27 per cent) of all inquest recommendations in that State.

The Northern Territory, where mandatory reporting of compliance to recommendations was already in place, and the Australian Capital Territory were the most adherent to recommendations.

And NSW and Tasmania – with 48 per cent and 41 per cent of inquest recommendations implemented respectively – lagged behind South Australia at 52 per cent, and Western Australia at 50 per cent.

Federal Minister for Home Affairs Bob Debus launched the special edition 'Coronial Reform and Preventing Indigenous Death' in Sydney last week at the University of NSW, which publishes AILR.

Mr Debus said that while Indigenous imprisonment was grossly disproportionate, it was reasonable to say Aboriginal deaths in custody were not disproportionate to the number of people in prison.



Aboriginal Legal Service heads, from left, Dennis Eggington (Western Australia), Gerry Moore (New South Wales) and Frank Guivarra (Victoria).

"The problem essentially is that we have not been able to effectively stop the astonishing and distressing level of imprisonment that continues," he said.

"The case studies in these articles do bring into pretty stark relief the pain and suffering in the lead up to deaths in custody and the subsequent trauma experienced by the family and friends of the deceased people."

There were studies in which coronial investigations had revealed failure in other government services like health and housing, he said.

"In context of these broader gaps in the provision of services, it is troubling to learn still of the ongoing obstacles that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people face even within the coronial system," Mr Debus said.

He said that ideally coronial recommendations should be thoroughly considered, responded to and where appropriate implemented by the government and other responsible agencies.

"It's not that every recommendation has

to be implemented, there are a number of legitimate reasons why a government may not implement a particular recommendation," he said.

"...This includes the circumstance where recommendations are found not to be feasible or consistent with government priorities or have been implemented in some other way."

Important

The survey authors, Professor Ray Watterson of La Trobe University, and Penny Brown and John McKenzie of the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT), wrote that if coronial recommendations were sufficiently important to make, they were sufficiently important to respond to and legislative reporting requirements should, therefore, apply to all coronial recommendations.

"Introduction of a uniform and universal reporting scheme, evolving from the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths, would mean that lessons hard-learned from Aboriginal

adversity had finally come to benefit the whole Australian community. Many lives could be saved," they wrote.

Mr Debus said the development of the national Indigenous law and justice framework would help to provide a consistent approach across a range of issues that adversely affected Aboriginal people.

He said the Government was also in the process of establishing a national Indigenous advisory body to better engage with Aboriginal people.

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service (VALS) chief Frank Guivarra described the special edition of AILR as a powerful document. He said the Victorian Attorney-General had already requested a meeting with VALS on the issues it raised.

"We break down the barriers," Mr Guivarra said.

"We push and push real hard to get the Government to work on legislation that will complement the great work that these people have done."

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Scrymgour resigns



AUSTRALIA'S highest ranked Aboriginal politician quit the Northern Territory Cabinet earlier this month, saying her battle with depression means she couldn't continue as Deputy Chief Minister.

Marion Scrymgour, who also served as Attorney-General, struggled to contain her tears as she told reporters on 9 February that her Government did not need 'a weak link'.

"Ongoing health issues do not allow me to continue the hectic pace of a ministerial workload," she said.

"I've had to make this decision for me and for my family."

Ms Scrymgour said she had been suffering from post-traumatic stress depression, along with other medical issues, since the death of her elderly father.

"My life fell apart 15 months ago," she said. "To find your father dead, after four days, is not the best sight. I was on my own. It is something I live with."

Ms Scrymgour denied her decision to retire to the backbench was prompted by a Cabinet reshuffle early this month, in which she was stripped of the high-profile education portfolio.

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson claimed his deputy had not been demoted, despite her connection to a string of controversies since Labor returned

Depression forces NT Minister to stand down

to power with a one-seat majority in August last year.

"Obviously, I have been aware for some time that Marion has been battling medical problems," he said. "I've been as supportive as I possibly could."

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

Her relationship with the teachers' union and senior officials unravelled when she sacked the department head last year.

She was forced to deny there was anything untoward about her family receiving government money for a private funeral, and forced to back down over a controversial plan to teach the first four hours of school in remote communities in English.

"My convictions in terms of Indigenous education and the decisions I took and that legacy ...

history will judge me on that," she told media.

Ms Scrymgour said she had been 'privileged and honoured' to become the first Indigenous woman to be elevated to a Cabinet position in the NT.

"It has been a fantastic ride to knock down that glass ceiling," she said.

Country Liberals Leader Terry Mills said the shock announcement, which comes on the eve of the NT's new parliamentary year, should have been made during the recent reshuffle.

"They are a divided team," he said. "This is a Government in disarray ... the Deputy Chief Minister has cast a vote of no confidence in the leadership of Paul Henderson."

Ms Scrymgour has now retired to the backbench, where she will remain as the Member for Arakurra until at least the next election.

Labor's precarious hold on government would have been threatened if she had quit Parliament, forcing a by-election in the Tiwi Islands.

Treasurer Delia Lawrie is the new deputy and Attorney-General, and Member for Macdonnell Alison Anderson has taken over Indigenous policy.

Her role as Minister for Central Australia has been assumed by fellow Aboriginal MP Karl Hampton, while Member for Barkly, Gerry McCarthy was promoted to Cabinet, taking on transport and corrections. -AAP



Marion Scrymgour before her resignation.

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Government urges Aboriginal skull return



THE Australian Government has intervened in a bid to get an Aboriginal skull returned to Australia and avoid a potential diplomatic row.

Museum bosses in England want to keep the skull, which has been turned into a water carrier, because it is extremely rare.

However, aware of the sensitivity of the issue, the Australian Government has written to Brighton and Hove City Council urging it to reconsider.

The authority, on the south coast of England, has agreed to delay its decision on the artefact which originates from the Ngarindjeri community in South Australia.

A delegation of officials and experts will now travel to Britain to discuss the issue later this year.

"I received a letter from the Australian Government asking me to defer the decision on the water vessel made from a human cranium, which is the subject of the council report," Britain's Cabinet Councillor for Culture David Smith told a meeting.

"A delegation from the Ngarindjeri nation will be visiting Oxford later this year.

"I will meet with the delegation while it is in the UK to discuss the water vessel.

"I will make my final decision after this meeting."

The British Government recently revealed that in 2005 it held 382 sets of

Aboriginal remains in 18 institutions but that many of those have since been repatriated under an agreement between the two countries.

A Freedom of Information request has also revealed that in 2004 South Australian Premier Mike Rann wrote directly to Britain's then-Prime Minister Tony Blair demanding that Aboriginal remains be returned.

The Ngarindjeri skull relic has been stored in Brighton since 1925 when it was donated by F W Lucas, a local collector who brought back objects from across the world.

A representative of the Office of Indigenous Policy Co-ordination visited the

Booth Museum in Brighton in 2005 to assess the scale and whereabouts of Indigenous Australian remains in museums.

They asked for five items, including two skulls and two thigh bones, to be returned to their homeland.

Although the bones and skulls have since been returned, council experts recommended the water carrier should stay because it is not intended for burial.

Only one example of such a vessel is known of in an Australian museum, and just a handful of examples exist in European collections.

The council says its policy is the same as other leading British museums holding such body parts. -AAP



Nyoongar Sean Parfitt says he's given up on ever having his own home ... "I don't know how to fill a form in for a house."



Wongatha woman Rosie O'Neil, one of the thousands of homeless Aboriginal people in Perth ... "We want a bit of help from the Prime Minister, and help for all my families here on the streets. I'd love to see them get a house."



Volunteers feeding the homeless at Weld Park in inner-city Perth.

Tough times for homeless

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



DESPITE government promises of more and better housing for Indigenous Australians, the plight of the homeless in Perth is getting worse, according to the head of a

local charity organisation.

It has been several years since homelessness in the WA capital was quantified, but it's thought more than 1000 Aboriginal families, or more than 5000 Aboriginal people, are now either living with relatives in overcrowded conditions or living rough on the streets.

The Manna organisation, which provides meals and other services for disadvantaged people, was started in 1996 by retired Victorian farming couple Bev and John Lowe after they drove past a Perth park on a cold winter's night and noticed people sitting in the park in the rain.

From those humble beginnings, Manna now produces 600 meals for people in the park each week, delivers 300 food parcels and provides breakfast for about 500 children in 11 schools through a special breakfast club sponsored mainly by the union movement.

"We started off feeding people once a week and that gradually grew, but John and I were doing all the cooking at home for the first five years and then we were approached by a friend of ours who told us that there were lots of mainly Aboriginal kids who arrived at school hungry every day," Mrs Lowe said.

"So I went to the principal and asked if we could help and she nearly hugged me to pieces. So that's how we got the breakfast club started which is sponsored by the corporate sector and we've had wonderful support from the union movement, particularly the CFMEU.

"About four years ago we noticed some kids were wearing t-shirts to

Situation 'is getting worse' in Perth

school in the middle of winter and they had ear and chest infections so we talked to the teachers and we started to provide shoes and proper school uniforms.

"That's been growing every year since then and this year we're aiming to provide 500 uniforms in time for winter."

At \$100 a child, Manna needs to raise \$50,000 by the end of March to

colonisation, Wongatha grandmother Rosie O'Neil agreed to speak to *The Koori Mail* about her struggle on the streets and her wish for her own home.

"We'd like to go home with the family but it's too crowded," she said.

"I'd like to get a house on my own to get my grandchildren with me and stay with me.

"So we want a bit of help from the Prime Minister, and help for all my families here on the streets. I'd love to see them get a house for us."

Ms O'Neil said she had been told by Homeswest she would have to wait at least four years before she could get a house.

The situation was even worse for people like Nyoongar Sean Parfitt, who said he had given up hope of ever living in his own home.

"I don't know how to fill a form in for the house, unless I get someone else to do it for me," she said.

Mrs Lowe said she feared for families living on the streets, especially the children who were kept from school

because of their desperate circumstances.

"There are kids who have lost their home. They're living in a car. They've lost their bedroom. They've lost their pets," she said.

"It's awful to see these kids who haven't got anything. They've got a bit of a seat to sleep on or they're sharing a house with other families, and they still don't get to school, because the parents are scared. They're scared that welfare will find out and they'll lose their kids."

Mrs Lowe said that while she and her husband had worked hard for the past 13 years with little noticeable impact, there were some success stories which made their efforts worthwhile.

"We've had young people who've come to us and said that because we believed in them they got off the drugs and got a job and a place to live and they're doing fine. That's enough reward for us," she said.



Manna co-ordinators Bev and John Lowe in Perth.

deliver warm school uniforms for the coming winter, and it's hoped that corporate sponsors will once again come to the fore.

Manna also runs a Santa workshop in the Southern Perth suburb of Cannington to provide toys at Christmas for families who cannot afford them.

At Weld Park in inner-city Perth, a traditional meeting place for Nyoongar people dating back to before

A Yarn With...



**Administration officer
North Rockhampton,
Queensland**

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Indigenous people?
Ensure there was employment.

Pain is pain, we all feel it



● See report page 30

One of our readers told us that when they rang a television newsroom to ascertain if they'd be covering the Apology anniversary, they were callously told to



And the fight for other forms of justice including compensation simply goes on.

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Children having children

Rhonda and I don't engage in social drinking nor do we entertain any form of gambling or consumption of illicit drugs. Our son Stephen is now 16 and daughter Jayde is 13 and at all times, day and night, we are aware of their location and the friends they are with.

When our children go to a school social we drop them off and pick them up at a pre-arranged time and place immediately after the event. And the same rules apply when they go shopping or to the cinema with friends. Rhonda and I are there at our pre-arranged time and have an expectation that they will not be a minute late when our car pulls up.

I know we can't keep our children in cotton wool all our lives, but we certainly can ensure they enter adulthood with a high degree of confidence in reading signs of unacceptable behaviour or advances from those they choose to associate with.

But mostly we talk to our children regularly about the dangers of alcohol, drugs and inappropriate relationships with the opposite sex. Where once I used to spend most of my Saturdays at the pub betting recklessly on slow horses, pressing unlucky poker machine buttons and buying drinks for friends who didn't reciprocate, I now spend quality time with my children at sporting events or social gatherings.

I hope parents who allow their children to wander free during the day and night with no restrictions do not become the subject of national media scrutiny like those parents were in early 2008 when their children allegedly engaged in prostitution with truckies in Boggabilla and Darwin.

For those defenceless parents, single mums in particular, who are physically intimidated into turning a blind eye to perpetrators accosting their under-age children in their community, I recommend strongly that they show some ticker and report them to the police. If the local police don't take their complaint seriously then report them to a higher authority.

It also appalls me that parents allow their children to consume alcohol and smoke cigarettes at home, believing that it is best to control their consumption. Their action in condoning this behaviour is unlawful and should also be reported.

It is also beyond comprehension for me that parents allow their child to bring their boyfriend or girlfriend home and allow them to go into their bedroom for privacy. Parents have got to be kidding themselves if they seriously think their child is exchanging school notes or iTunes when in all probability they are venturing into risky sexual activity.

And that is exactly what Chantelle Steadman's mother thought when little Alfie visited her house to play games behind closed doors.

Ignorance of our children's behaviour should never be an excuse. Just ask Jack Handey, who once said: "I believe in making the world safe for our children, but not our children's children, because I don't think children should be having sex."

Jack Handey (b. 25 Feb 1949), American humourist once said: "I believe in making the world safe for our children, but not our children's children, because I don't think children should be having sex."

THE world woke to sensational news headlines of 'DAD AT 13' in the British tabloid *The Sun* on Black Friday, 13 February.

Alfie Patten, from Hailsham, East Sussex, whose voice has not yet broken, admitted he had not yet thought about how he and his 15-year-old girlfriend Chantelle Steadman would support their baby daughter Maisie Roxanne – who was born five days earlier – but vowed to be a good father.

The most troubling of the saturation coverage to date for me on this issue was Alfie's response to a journalist's innocuous question of how he would manage financially. Alfie's unbelievable but innocently plausible reply of 'What's financially?' further highlights inherent problems associated with under-age pregnancy.

The lucid television coverage of the giggle and wry grin offered by Chantelle on hearing Alfie's naive response further exacerbates the broader problems associated with children having children without the protection of wisdom that is only afforded parents through the accumulation of age.

If poor little Alfie doesn't know the meaning of the word 'financially' then what hope is there of him comprehending his daughter's potential health concerns that will arise: Sleeping problems, reflux, teething, nappy rash, tantrums and how to reduce the risk of cot death. The image of little 13-year-old Alfie walking the floor in the dead of night trying to calm his crying daughter Maisie Roxanne from unexplained discomfort is a disturbing thought.

And what chances are there that little Alfie will fulfil his responsibility to Chantelle by providing support, understanding and care when she endures excruciating back and neck aches, incontinence, bowel problems, sore breasts and the myriad of other post-natal ailments she will inevitably experience.

The coming weeks will provide many new twists to this intriguing story that has already thrown up some surprises: Several teenagers from the neighbourhood have also publicly claimed to be the father of baby Maisie Roxanne; and Nicola Patten, Alfie's mother, has been charged with 'failing to send a child (Alfie) to school'.

In Australia, the teenage fertility rate has significantly decreased over the past three decades (55.5 births per 1000 women in 1971 compared to 16 births per 1000 women in 2005).

However, the most amazing statistic in my home state, based on Queensland Health data in 2005, reveals a fertility rate for Indigenous mothers aged 15-19 was 67 babies per 1000 compared to 20.5 per 1000 for mainstream mothers.

From Queensland Health's data the group deemed to be most at risk of falling into the category of teenage pregnancy includes those who are from

family situations with regular conflict between members, violence and sexual abuse in childhood, unstable housing arrangements, poor school performance, poor school attendance, low socio-economic background, family history of teenage pregnancies, low maternal education and homes where fathers are absent.

The report further highlights that those young girls who have low self-esteem, who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and are living in rural and remote areas are at greatest risk of falling into the category of teenage pregnancy.

You don't need to be a rocket scientist to work out that these indicators would be more perceptible in discrete Indigenous communities because of our statistical standing as the most marginalised group in the nation.

Nothing much changes from one national survey to the next, every five years, from the Australian Bureau of Statistics that consistently identifies Indigenous people as occupying the lowest rung of the ladder on all social indicators.

So it stands to reason that there will be high levels of family households that do not have both parents around and if so, one or both of them will be unemployed or be engaged in casual employment.

There is also a high likelihood that overcrowding, alcoholism, substance abuse and neglect is, or has been, apparent during the children's formative years for many families.

But do these ill-fated circumstances excuse negligent parent(s) of their responsibility to provide the ultimate protection of their under-age children from older predators or from unhealthy relationship arrangements with children of similar age?

I offer an emphatic no to the above question and in turn



Stephen Hagan

HAGAN'S VIEW

● Stephen Hagan, 2006 NAIDOC Person of the Year, is an academic at the University of Southern Queensland, film-maker, award-winning author of *The N Word* and publisher of *Australia's Blackest Sporting Moments: The Top 100 and Melly and the Bilby*
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question whether negligent parents are indeed fit to be their children's legal guardian. If counselling is the answer to concerns about child-rearing practices or financial management, then pressure needs to be placed on government to provide these critical services as a matter of urgency to protect the protectors of our future generation.

I lived in a fringe camp with 300 displaced traditional owners from disparate tribes on the

outskirts of a rural community when I was young, but my parents didn't use our impoverished environment as an excuse not to provide love, care and security at all times.

Today, my wife Rhonda and I err on the side of caution on all matters concerning our children.

There have been many occasions where I've offended associates from Indigenous organisations who enquire about staying at my house when in town on business – aware of the fact that I have ample capacity to oblige with spare rooms to take in guests – because I choose not to take unnecessary risks with a young son and daughter under the same roof.

Now that may sound alarmist from someone who grew up in a community where caring and sharing was a redeeming feature of Indigenous families in the past. But with the arrival of the new millennium, a plethora of new social ills have also permeated Indigenous communities that weren't apparent in previous generations, such as stress, mental illness and so on.

I argue that it is impossible to know the sanity of people you meet in a false and controlled environment of a community forum where everyone is on their best behaviour. For all we know, the person who has a calm demeanour, is clean shaven and the most well groomed of all delegates at the meeting may well be the person who has the darkest of secrets of past association with under-age children.

It's better to be safe than sorry. Who cares if you offend people. At least in the final analysis you won't be burdened in years to come for making a grave error of judgment by allowing a complete stranger into your house overnight – especially if he wanders into your children's room during the night.

Room for improvement

In the 15 years since the Native Title Act, many successful native title outcomes have been achieved. But the system could still be improved.

The *Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993* began operating on 1 January 1994, following the High Court's historic Mabo decision of 1992, which recognised native title in Australia for the first time.

Under the Act, 117 decisions about determinations of native title have been made, including 71 consent determinations. Altogether 82 determinations have been made that native title exists, covering about 11.6 per cent of Australia's land mass (889,477 sq km) and an additional 27,380 sq km of sea (below the high water mark).

All determinations recognising native title in 2008 were by agreement.

The Act provides a platform for broader agreement-making options, such as Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs), so that parties are not required to go down

the long and sometimes divisive litigation path towards a possible native title determination.

To date, 364 ILUAs have been made and registered. They cover about 14.3 per cent of Australia's land mass (1,101,467 sq km) and an additional 2555 sq km of sea (below the high water mark). Hundreds of other agreements have also been made through the native title processes.

Some groups will be able to benefit directly from the native title system while others may not.

When the Mabo decision was made and the *Native Title Act 1993* was developed, it was made clear that not all Aboriginal groups would be able to achieve recognition of native title. This is stated in the preamble to the Act.

Native title has been extinguished over much of southern and eastern Australia. This is why the Indigenous Land Corporation was established — to purchase land for groups who would not be able to prove native title.



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Although there have been many good outcomes, there is always room for improvement.

Over the 15 years, successive governments have amended the

Act to improve the process and expand the options for settlement. Leading court decisions have clarified the law so that parties are working with clearer parameters than in the early days.

The current Australian Government has released a discussion paper on proposed native title amendments, following its announcement that it would be making changes to the role of the Federal Court in relation to native title applications.

The Federal Court has managed the progress of native title claims from lodgement to finalisation since the Act was amended in 1998.

Under the proposed changes, the Federal Court will have additional powers in relation to the mediation of native title applications, the discretion to decide if and when to refer matters to mediation and whether the Tribunal or the Federal Court will conduct mediation.

Parties currently have a broad range of options for settling native

title claims under the Act, including ILUAs and agreements about related matters. It is important that this flexible approach remains under the proposed changes so that all parties can negotiate outcomes that meet their local circumstances.

There are 473 native title claimant applications currently in the system and it is essential to find ways to facilitate faster determinations of native title.

Parties need to explore creative ways of settling claims. These may not necessarily include a determination that native title exists, but may include ILUAs, grants of title to land and joint management of conservation areas.

These options, which can be negotiated under the Act, have already been embraced by many Indigenous groups and other groups around Australia.

The Federal Government is encouraging more negotiated settlements of native title and the Tribunal welcomes this.

It is important that a flexible approach remains under the proposed changes

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YOUR SAY



Jeanie Bartley, of Bondi Junction, finds similarities between the Victorian bushfire victims and the First Australians.

● Her letter is on Page 24

Time to act

OVER the years there have been a number of steps towards the righting of wrongs against the true owners of this land. The Referendum of 1967 was one such step; the Apology to the Stolen Generations was another. Much, however, still remains to be done.

Some time in the next couple of years, there will begin the process of consultation on the form of a new Constitution for a truly independent Australia.

Perhaps now is the time for Aboriginal people to stand together to fight for justice so long denied.

The time for talking and fancy phrases is over. There can be no justice without the granting of real representative power to Aboriginal Australians.

At the very least, the new Constitution

should provide for the same number of Senators as are provided by the Parliament in respect of each State (at present 12 Senators) to be chosen by the Aboriginal peoples of the Commonwealth voting as one electorate.

After all, Tasmania with only 498,000 people, has 12 Senators while there are more than 500,000 Aboriginal Australians.

There should also be a clause providing that the President immediately enter into a Treaty of Reconciliation with the Aboriginal peoples within the Commonwealth, acknowledging that they are the original proprietors of the lands of Australia and that they were dispossessed of their sovereign rights progressively from the year 1788.

Such a treaty should further acknowledge the suffering caused by dispossession for

which the Aboriginal peoples are entitled to just compensation and the right to self-determination, including the right to elect their own representative Assembly having the power to review, amend or reject proposed laws of the Parliament relating particularly to the Aboriginal peoples.

A new Constitution is the greatest opportunity in 221 years to bring to a close the shameful wrongs of the past.

It must not be allowed to pass.

Aboriginal Australians should speak out with one voice and refuse to accept a new Constitution that does nothing to empower them.

MORRIE KELLY
Melba, ACT

Poetry

Radio Larrakia 94.5

There's a radio station by the Arafura Sea
Her easy-going music comforts like the breeze
On Sunday mornings it's angels in a choir
Spiritual songs to lift your spirit higher

Miss Patsy is in charge, spiritual revival
Songs and quotes straight from the Bible
Every Monday mornings there's the brekkie show
Marty White Snr is always on the go

Local Indigenous music to wake us from our sleep
A switch to the Dixie Chicks – something very sweet
Variety of music, that's Marty's style, he says
Great entertainment to help start your day

Marty's Breakfast show an act hard to follow
Willy G has it covered, a voice deep and hollow
He will always play your very favourite track
He sounds like Will Smith – that man in Black

Cruising with Billy D after work each day
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Every Monday nights, the campfires aglow
Slim Dusty singing *Rib Bones on the Coals*
Lucky Luke's very happy in this environment
He even wrote a poem called the *Drovers Lament*

Slim Dusty singing songs driving this vast land
Lawson and Patterson wrote on sacred ground
Their words a legacy to Australians like you and me
Ensuring that our spirits remain young and free

Lorraine has a great country mix
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This broadcasting service keeps culture alive
Darwin's Radio Larrakia 94.5

LUKE S MORCOM
Darwin, NT

A day for all to celebrate

THE 2009 Australian of the Year, Professor Mick Dodson, is absolutely right. We do need a national day when all Australians can universally celebrate our country.

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

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

ANDREW HESLOP
Sydney, NSW

MICK DODSON



26 January an insult

MICK Dodson a well respected Aboriginal man who was given the title of Australian of the Year because of his efforts for the betterment of Aboriginal people.

His stand against the Australian establishment and views on government mistreatment of Aborigines is legendary.

The statement about the change of Australia Day to a day that would be enjoyed by all Australians is just common sense.

It is an insult to Aboriginal people that Australians choose to celebrate the day that the English invaded Australia. This is something that future Australians will look back on in disgust as they do today when looking back at the treatment of Aboriginal people in the past.

The Americans don't celebrate the day when they invaded America – instead they have a Thanksgiving Day to commemorate the survival of the pilgrims who landed on Plymouth Rock. Their 4th of July

celebration is about the day when they kicked the British out of their country.

Perhaps Australians should have a real hard long think about what day they should celebrate. Any day but 26 January.

Australians are living in a fantasy world if they think that Aboriginal people condone their racist actions.

Aboriginal people will never celebrate Australia Day as a united nation on 26 January as it is a spiteful reminder of the invasion of our country.

Change the day so that we can celebrate together as a truly united Australia.

As Dr King said in his unrivalled *I have a dream* speech to the American nation at Lincoln Memorial on 28 August 1963:

"Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children. It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment..."

LISA BUNDA
Via email

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Jeanie Bartley and other marchers make their way down Macquarie Street towards Parliament House on Sorry Day 2008.

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An open letter to the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd:

I AM sure at this time that you are being inundated by mail, with the fire disaster in Victoria and the first anniversary of the Apology for what was Australia's very worst natural disaster.

As a victim of past policies, I am compelled to see the parallels made by our national grief at this time in my ancestral land.

When you made your speech last year, you called us the First Australians, yet there were no half-mast flags and no public holiday suggested. In fact, there is no public holiday for any great Aboriginal Australian.

I was one of the very few who had the opportunity to represent the 10,000 survivors of the Stolen Generations to sit in the Southern Gallery last year to hear your special words and I spoke to you about my FAIRGO (For Australian Indigenous Really Getting On) at the morning tea.

What I really find difficult to accept is that when you said sorry last year, it sent the nation into a flood of tears; it not only opened doors to Australians' hearts, but doors of our past, covered with a two-day media report.

You said sorry for the deaths of thousands of our family units, with some still displaced. Now with these fires in Victoria and the deaths of family units, the nation is not only opening their hearts, but their wallets with the tally at many millions and still climbing.

Mr Rudd, would you be prepared to match the tally for the displaced First Australians?

You said that the fires amounted to 'mass murder', so what were past policies? I lost my mother, father, brothers and sisters – and not to a fire.

Speaking about looters; doesn't being a looter mean stealing someone else's goods? The First Fleet sailed in under the Union Jack and looted our ancestral lands and the corporate sector continues that today.

You, the international visitors who call our ancestral land home, have more respect for our flora and fauna. The Government sits under the emu and kangaroo and passes laws; the Southern Cross for your flag; the green and gold from our wattle, and the kangaroo on the side of planes.

But when are you really going to acknowledge the ancestral kin of this land and their knowledge of how to manage it.

I am sorry to have to say this, but you, our visitors to this land, are your own worst enemies through your ignorance, greed and self-righteousness. Stop playing with us, the First Australians and especially the Stolen Generations.

We do know how the people in Victoria are feeling at this time. I feel these fires have marred a significant historic event that took place this time last year with the Apology.

Not one of the mainstream TV stations I called made mention of the anniversary on the eve of the Apology.

In closing, Mr Rudd in your victory speech what did you mean when you said 'without family you are nothing'?

This is how I am feeling.

JEANIE BARTLEY
FAIRGO
Bondi Junction, NSW

● ED: This is an edited version of Jeanie Bartley's letter to the PM.

Take the next step

An open letter to the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd:

I'D LIKE to support Professor Mick Dodson's call for a discussion on the relevance of celebrating Australia's national day on 26 January.

As you would know, Australia as a constituted nation only came into existence on 1 January 1901. Prior to that date the Australasian sub-region was administered by seven independent and autonomous colonies governed from London.

It is interesting to note that the seizure of the Australian continent was based on a claim of 'terra nullius', which, thanks to Eddie Mabo, has been proved to be a falsehood.

So why celebrate Australia's national day commemorating the

establishment of a jail on land seized under false pretences by a foreign government?

In 2008, you said sorry to our Stolen Generations; isn't it time now to take the next step?

Cease celebrating Australia Day on 26 January and start

celebrating Australia's national day on a day that all Australians can support.

I humbly submit that 1 January should become our national day.

TERRY KIERNAN
Canberra, ACT

Oodgeroo's words carried special meaning

I WATCHED the live television coverage of the inauguration of US President Barack Obama and felt the joy and hope of the people of America.

When I went to bed at 5.30am, dawn was breaking and the sky here was beautiful. I thought of the late Oodgeroo (Kath Walker) and her wonderful poem *A Song of Hope*, with the opening verse of 'dawn breaking into a bright new day'.

I felt how appropriate her poem was to the change that was happening in America.

Later that morning, I responded to a radio program in Melbourne asking for listeners' views about the TV coverage. This program had a brief link-up with a radio station in the US, and I was invited to read Oodgeroo's poem to the listeners in America.

I felt overwhelmed to know that Oodgeroo's wonderful words were being heard in America, and at such an amazing time in history.

The American radio presenter became interested in Oodgeroo, and it was good to be able to tell her and her listeners about this wonderful Aboriginal woman.

MARGARET BENSON
Burnie, Tasmania

A Song of Hope

Bound and frustrated
Till hate be hated
And caste deposed
Now light shall guide us
No goal denied us
And all doors open
That long were closed.

See plain the promise
Dark freedom-lover!
Night's nearly over
And though long the climb
New rights will greet us
New mateship meet us
And joy complete us
In our new Dream Time.

To our fathers' fathers
The paid, the sorrow;
To our children's children
The glad tomorrow.

Look up, my people,
The dawn is breaking
The world is waking
To a bright new day
When none defame us
No restriction tame us
Nor colour shame us
Nor sneer dismay.

Now brood no more
On the years behind you
The hope assigned you
Shall the past replace
When a juster justice
Grown wise and stronger
Points the bone no longer
At a darker race.

So long we waited

OODGEROO

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Was Gillespie the first Aboriginal Test cricketer?

PETER Argent recently wrote (*Koori Mail*, 28 January 2009) 'Gillespie, a 71-Test veteran was the only Australian Test player... to have any Aboriginal ancestry' and Mathew Hayden has also recently expressed similar views.

Growing up in a predominantly white community during the 1960s, I looked to other Aboriginal people for inspiration. Outside of my family, they included Jimmy Little, Vic and Eric Simms, Auriel Andrew, Lionel Rose, John Sattler and Grahame Thomas.

I remember particularly the debate over whether Grahame Thomas would be selected to tour South Africa (1966-67) during the apartheid era.

Respected cricket writer Jack Pollard later wrote: '... the Australian Board of Control were assured before the tour that the South Africans had no objections to the inclusion in the Australian team of Grahame Thomas, who had American Indian blood and was a coloured person under their laws'. (Pollard, 1992:421).

Although I have not had the pleasure of meeting Thomas, I believe that he, like many of us, is of mixed descent; in his case, of both native American and Wiradjuri heritage.

He played for Australia before the 1967 Referendum and I believe it

is now generally accepted that players of the calibre of Twopenny, Eddie Gilbert, Jack Marsh and Sam Anderson could not rise above prevailing racism to gain Australian selection as per merit.

This may explain Thomas' Aboriginality being overlooked in the media.

Andrews, in the *Encyclopaedia of Australian Cricket*, referred to Thomas as: '... one of the most dynamic batsmen of the 1950s and 1960s. A hard-hitting opener from Sydney, he would attack from the first ball. He was especially fond of the hook'. (Andrews, 1980:133).

Ideal indeed for the currently struggling Australian Twenty/20 and 50-over teams.

Apart from the tour of South Africa, he also played for Australia in the West Indies and New Zealand. For NSW, he was involved in three record partnerships – 308 opening partnership against WA (with Bob Simpson), 332 for the sixth wicket against SA (with Neil Marks), and 255 for the seventh wicket against Victoria (with Richie Benaud).

If my memory of one of my boyhood idols is correct, I would love to see him given proper recognition as an elder statesman of Aboriginal cricket.

JOHN HEATH
Via email



We must carry on the tradition

I'M Stolen Generation (1960-61) and grew up around Fremantle, in Western Australia.

I have met many Murri, Koori and Nunga mob along my way. I was lucky enough to meet the late Aunty Maureen Watson and she left a fine imprint for me to carry.

The vicious cycle of life is that we must go back to the ground.

It has hit our mob very hard, but even though the road is rough, we must carry on the tradition for our great warriors who have fought for the struggle and for our people.

I'm a long way from the place I call home, but I take beautiful memories of the late Aunty Maureen with me. I was also honoured to meet some of her children and grandchildren.

I send my condolences to all who are in deep mourning and grief through this difficult time.

May each ray of sunshine each morning give you the strength to continue your journey each day.

FAITH GARLETT
Bibbulman-Barladong Nation
WA

Great time at Noosa

RECENTLY I was on holiday at Noosa, in Queensland, and on 21 January I was invited to attend a Boon Gari Festival at Tewantin.

'Boon Gari' comes from the Kabi Kabi (Gubbi Gubbi) language and means 'come this way'.

There were a range of guest artists and performers. Adrian Ross was there too.

Activities included learning circles, workshops incorporating story telling, didgeridoo playing, sand art, bush tucker discussions and tastings of roo, emu and more.

I would like to thank the event organiser Beryl Morrall and all who put such an event on to make a great day of culture for a mix of mobs – Murri, Koori like me, Gubbi Gubbi and more.

It was a day of us being one mob, learning, laughing and having fun together.

NAJELLA GREEN
Palm Beach, Qld

Family tree research

I'M helping my family do the Daley/Carr family tree. I'm a direct descendant of Edward William and Katte (Catherine) Carr and have a copy of their marriage certificate, but have been unable to find a birth certificate for Katte Carr.

My Aunty Violet Carr asked me to get as much information as I can but I've come to a standstill. I hope someone out there can help.

If anyone can help me, please contact me via email at melohm@tpg.com.au.

PAUL MELOHN (DALEY)
Plumpton, NSW

Hold on... it's gonna be a wild ride!

Ms KOORI
LOVE
mskoorilove@koorimail.com

A BLACK man did WHAT??? Just when you think you have seen everything, a black man gets voted President of the USA.

Welcome to 2009 you fullas – and what a year it's been already.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge was turned into a Koori flag during the New Year's Eve fireworks; the one-year anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations has just passed, and my second husband Barack Obama now has his black finger on the button (you will always be No 1 Aaron Pedersen my baby, so don't worry, I'm not replacing ya).

This new world where blackfullas are right in the public eye has got me thinking that there's been a little thawing of a little thing I call 'Black Fatigue'.

I'm sure you know what Black Fatigue is, you just didn't know it's pretty new name. Black Fatigue is that thing where whenever

you mention anything to do with Aboriginal people, the person you're talking to contorts into various faces. Some people look at you like you are talking Dhunghutti and they only know Wiradjuri.

Others are looking for the nearest exit.

The vast majority practically scream at you with their eyes 'Now what do you blacks want'?

But since my second husband's election and Jessica Mauboy doing Telstra ads, I've seen people a bit more interested in Aboriginal things. Imagine what they'd be like when completely engaged and genuinely interested.

It's true that 2009 is shaping up to be a huge year in the history of the modern world, but let's turn our attention to a much more interesting topic... me!

While the world is starting to see one black man in a new light, I'm still waiting to see any black men in any light!

During the holiday break I had some nice times, but I'm still looking for that special long-term someone.

The essential criteria is still the same: Single, Aboriginal male aged 30-35, preferably no children but, if so, baby mother lives in Perth. Maybe this year will be the one? Let's hope!

I'm back on board for another year of sharing with you all my thoughts and tips about love, relationships and whacking a sane path through it all.

This year I'm seriously committing to increasing my love tips, sharing with you and being a tad more risqué in the love-finding efforts.

I hope you'll join me, so pull up ya bloomers cos 2009 is gonna be another wild ride.

Add me as a friend on Facebook!
Check out my group <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/aboriginalsingles/>

Academics back Dodson

WE wholeheartedly support the call by 2009 Australian of the Year, Professor Mick Dodson, for a national 'conversation' about changing the date and name of Australia Day.

Professor Dodson's call opens dialogue, and that open discussion encourages thinking about the issue.

This dialogue educates the public about different thoughts and perspectives, which hopefully leads to an informed discussion rather than dismissing Professor Dodson's call.

By raising this issue, Professor Dodson has represented our people extremely well

because he has highlighted the very salient point that by continuing to celebrate national citizenship on 26 January, we, the first people of this great country, are effectively marginalised from feeling joy and pride in being Australian.

Because of our shared history, Australia Day on 26 January is a politically charged day.

While it represents the anniversary of the birth of modern Australia for non-Indigenous Australia, for us it represents an Indigenous day of mourning and a day of survival.

As an Indigenous day of mourning, we

stop to think about and commemorate our forebears, who suffered and who perished in the name of nation building.

As a day of survival, we mark that our cultures remain strong, our identities remain vibrant, positive and dynamic, despite all that we have suffered through the onslaught of colonisation.

Perhaps 26 January would be better thought of as First Fleet Day, and perhaps a new citizenship day of celebration can be constituted on a day neutral to the politics of relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia.

To our minds, Australia Day can be

likened to Anzac Day, in that 26 January is a solemn day of remembrance for Indigenous Australians, and as long as it continues to be a time of solemnity, it can never be a day of positive celebration.

GARY SHIPP,
Head of Campus and Director of the
Centre for Indigenous Studies
CSU Dubbo

DR SHAYNE WILLIAMS
Senior lecturer, School of Teacher
Education
CSU Bathurst

Give our flag its rightful recognition

When is the Rudd Government going to include the modern Aboriginal flag on top of Australia's national flag in place of the foreign flag of another land. No wonder we missed out on a seat on the United Nations Security Council and lost the cricket in India.

By the way, *The Koori Mail* is doing a top job.

TALC ALF
Lyndhurst, SA

Major role for communities

This is a letter that I wrote to Steve Stacey in response to his letter 'A sporting goal' (Koori Mail, 11 February 2009):

Steve, congratulations on your letter in *The Koori Mail*.

I am enclosing the prospectus and report on the Australian Indigenous Games Foundation for your information and comment. I feel sure you will find it interesting and in line with promoting the development of Indigenous communities and sport, recreation and lifestyle in Indigenous communities.

Perhaps the difference in thinking is that the AIGF is advocating for the Indigenous people to take on the management of

community activities within their respective communities and for training and knowledge to be gained and delivered within communities.

I admire what Matthew Hayden and many national sporting organisations are advocating, but there is a major role for the Indigenous communities to play.

Participation is the all-important factor and, from there, the Australian Indigenous people will develop great pride and self-esteem in the emergence of champion Indigenous sportspeople.

We must stop taking the talent away from communities to be trained and skilled because

few return and they get buried in the major Australian communities.

Sure, it's a form of integration, but the development of Indigenous communities must happen if Indigenous people are to develop and survive.

Keep up the good work. Your support and your organisation's support for the AIGF would be appreciated. As we say in our slogan 'Together we can make it happen'.

BOB McCULLOUGH, OAM
President, Australian Indigenous Games
Foundation (AIGF)
Via email



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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

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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.

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Accommodation Grants Program call for applications

The City of Sydney invites not-for-profit organisations to submit applications to lease the following three spaces under the Accommodation Grants Program. Applications close 5pm Monday 16 March 2009.

Waterloo Library Office Space:

- Ideal for a creative community group, this office space is 43m² over two connecting rooms

Cook and Phillip Community Rooms:

- Suitable for a community or youth/recreational group, this 65m² space offers two rooms and a kitchenette

Riley Street Depot:

- Perfect for artist studios, the depot offers 200m² of clean space with basic amenities

Application Forms and property information is available on the City's website cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/community/grantsandawards or call 9265 9333 or email communitygrants@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au



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Trust for Nature (Victoria) Board Positions Expressions of Interest

The Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Mr Gavin Jennings MLC, is seeking expressions of interest for five positions on the Trust for Nature (Victoria) from 16 August 2009.

The Trust is established under the Victorian Conservation Trust Act 1972. The Trust encourages and assists in: the preservation of areas which are ecologically significant, of natural interest or beauty or of historical interest; the conservation of wildlife and native plants; and the conservation and creation of areas for scientific study relating to these matters.

Applicants will be short listed on the basis of their skills and experience in one or more of the following areas: Aboriginal cultural heritage; asset management; community interests and needs; community liaison, education or training; financial management or accounting; and legal affairs.

Skills and experience in: business management; committee and meeting procedures and administration; environmental management; fundraising and philanthropy; human resource management; tourism and marketing, and knowledge of the natural environment will also be highly regarded.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring the diversity of our boards represent the diversity of our communities. Women, indigenous persons, people with a disability, young persons and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Application forms can be obtained from the Department of Sustainability and Environment's website: www.dse.vic.gov.au under 'What's New' or by contacting David Shelton on (03) 9637 8183 or by email to david.shelton@dse.vic.gov.au

For further information on the Trust go to <http://www.trustfornature.org.au>

Expressions of Interest close on Sunday 15 March 2009.

www.dse.vic.gov.au

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A local child during a community protest over delays in building a new State primary school on Mer Island.

Battle over Mer school

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Queensland Government has denied claims that it has abandoned plans to replace the overcrowded and

under-resourced State primary school on Mer (Murray) Island in the Torres Strait.

Traditional owners of the island, which came to national attention after the late Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo and several other plaintiffs won native title over it, last week staged a protest over slow progress in the matter, which they say has dragged on for four years.

The parents and teachers said the delay centred on the Government's unwillingness to pay proper compensation to the traditional owner of a four-hectare site proposed for the new school, whereas the Government 'would not take white people's land for a school without paying them adequate compensation'.

"We will fight to protect our rights, our community and our human rights," they declared in a statement.

It is understood that every adult Meriam Islander signed a petition to the Qld Parliament.

The school currently has 102 students enrolled, but the department has reportedly projected a doubling of that number to 200 within five years due to population growth.

The statement, issued by community representative James Bon, said Mer State School classrooms were overcrowded, its playground was too small, there was only one tank for drinking water and there was no

Islanders vow to 'fight for rights'

basketball court or football field on the island.

It claimed that on days when the community barge arrived, forklifts raced back and forth in front of the school and dodged schoolchildren who spilled out of the grounds and onto the road - 'an accident waiting to happen'.

"The children still use the main road that runs by the current school as their playground," the residents said.

"Their basketball court was sacrificed to two demountable classrooms due to growing numbers. This was to be an interim measure, but four years later the children of Mer still shoot hoops from the road (over a culvert).

"On sports days the children used to use the airstrip but have been stopped and now they use the church yard for recreation. There is not enough space for a 100m sprint so the children run in a circle.

"Teachers themselves remark at the appalling situation and difficulty of teaching in the school environment."

The residents said they'd been unable to get a commitment from the State Government as to when they

would have a new school.

However, a spokesperson for Education Queensland told *The Koori Mail* on Friday that the existing school on Mer Island was still to be replaced, with the new school due to open in 2011.

"Negotiations are continuing, but Education Queensland will ensure that all students have access to the best possible education infrastructure and technology," the spokesperson said.

"We are working closely with the island's school community to ensure the new school meets the needs of students and the community."

However, the department declined to comment on the value placed on the proposed site for the new school by two valuations late last year.

The protesters said the department had only reluctantly agreed that some form of compensation or consideration was payable to the traditional owner, but the offer was 'inadequate'.

"The community say they cannot see that this is right because the department would not take white people's land for a school without paying them adequate compensation," the statement said.

"...We are aware that there is more behind the department's decision not to build a new school on Mer. We are aware that it may not want to set a precedent of compensating traditional owners for the long-term use of their land.

"(But) ... our children are our future, we hope they will become our future academics, professionals and sports champions. They need proper facilities to live out their dreams."



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ALBERS RESIDENCY

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CLOSING DATE 31 MARCH 2009

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board is calling for Expressions of Interest from established Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander visual artists to undertake a period of professional development at the Albers Foundation Studios in Connecticut, USA from 1 September to the 28 November 2009. The Albers residency fits within our core aim of Showcasing the Best international strategy to provide international professional development opportunities for individual Indigenous artists.

Additionally, this activity will create a broader impact for artists to:

- Promote and profile Indigenous arts and cultural excellence internationally
- Maximise exposure of Australia's Indigenous arts and culture to international audiences
- Stimulate the ongoing viability for Indigenous artists presenting their work internationally

What are the selection criteria?

- Artistic and cultural value of the new ideas of the project
- Experience of the artist involved with skills appropriate to the project
- Sound financial and project management with evidence of thorough planning, adequate resources and support
- Contributions to the cultural diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture
- Major representation in major national and international exhibitions.

How do you apply?

To apply for the Expression of Interest you will need to provide the following:

- A three A4 page proposal of what you intend to do. Applications will be selected that best demonstrate the following:
 - Title of the project
 - Artistic and cultural value of the new ideas of the project
 - Experience of the artist involved with skills appropriate to the project
 - Sound financial and project management with evidence of thorough planning, adequate resources and support
 - Contributions to the cultural diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture
- Please provide a concise outline of your proposal.
 - What do you plan to do
 - How you plan to do it
 - What are your aims and expected outcomes
- Please provide an artist's biography of no more than two A4 pages.
- A letter confirming the artist's Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander identity
- CD Rom or DVD or Powerpoint presentation of 10 images

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Burru action urged

By ELIZABETH MURRAY with AAP



WEST Australian Premier Colin Barnett has been urged to honour a pre-election commitment to support the relocation of heavy industry away from the Burrup Peninsula, despite a new report that indicated no damage to 40,000-year-old rock art on the site since 2003.

The Burrup Peninsula is home to the largest and oldest collection of rock art in the world. Several multi-national mining corporations co-reside on the site, including the Burrup Park LNG project which is being developed near Karratha to support the offshore Pluto gas fields discovered in 2005.

Woodside Energy Ltd subsidiary and project owner Woodside Burrup Pty Ltd also started construction in 2007 and the plant is scheduled to be delivering gas for export by the end of 2010. Burrup Holdings Ltd also operates Australia's only merchant ammonia plant in the area.

Last August, when he was the Opposition Leader, Mr Barnett called for development in the region to be shifted away from the heritage-listed Pilbara site to the existing Maitland industrial estate area further south.

However, Premier Barnett last week released the Rock Art Monitoring Management Committee's report which said heavy industry had caused no damage to the rock art during the past five or six years since the study was commissioned.

"The conclusion of four years of exhaustive studies, including state-of-the-art monitoring of air quality at 10 sites and petroglyphs at seven sites, shows this rock art can co-exist with industry," he said.

"The release of the final three scientific



WA Premier Colin Barnett and petroglyphs at Deep Gorge on the Burrup Peninsula.



reports by the Burrup Rock Art Monitoring Management Committee show air pollutants and dust levels are generally very low, and there is no measurable difference in colour contrast and microbial diversity on the petroglyph (rock art) surfaces between remote sites and sites located closer to industry."

Monitoring committee chairman Frank Murray, of Murdoch University, said tests on rock art near and away from the area's industry showed no differences in colour contrasts or backgrounds.

Professor Murray said rocks from the area had also been taken to Melbourne and etched, where they went through fumigation and bacterial tests after being subjected to pollution much more intense than anything

the Burrup industries could generate.

"We found no evidence of any effect on the rock art," Professor Murray said.

However, Australian Greens Senator Rachel Siewert was critical of what she said appeared to be a post-election backflip by Mr Barnett on protection of the sacred area.

"Mr Barnett knows full well that the results of a recent interim air quality impact study he released this week are based on four years of monitoring, and provide no confidence damage won't occur over a longer timeframe, especially as emissions are likely to increase from the expansion of nearby industry," she said.

"I also ask why Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett is not doing more on this issue. One of Mr Garrett's predecessors,

David Kemp, began steps to secure world heritage listing for the Burrup rock art seven years ago."

Maitland, south of the Burrup, is designated as a long-term strategic heavy industrial area, and the WA Liberal-National Government is committed to its development, according to a Department of Premier and Cabinet spokesperson.

The committee that compiled the research was made up of experts on atmospheric science, archaeology, chemistry, land conservation and rock science.

Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation spokesman Andrew Dowding said the group believed the testing in this report was 'one of many that should be required as part of a comprehensive long-term strategy for protection'.

"In recent years we have begun a measured relationship with mining and industrial companies in the hope we can protect and preserve the physical rock art, but also our intangible heritage that still exists within our community such as botanical knowledge of the area, our stories and songs that are attached to the rocks and our historical connection with this area," he said.

The Ngarluma people's main concern was to address issues of management and the damage that could occur from the unmanaged activities now happening on some areas of the Burrup, he said.

A further report, regarding the scope and management of future monitoring, including whether air quality monitoring should continue, will be released in July, and both reports will be hosted on the Department of State Development website <http://www.dsd.wa.gov.au/burrurockart>



QANTAS YOUNG AND EMERGING INDIGENOUS VISUAL ARTS AWARD

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

CLOSING DATE 31 MARCH 2009

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board in partnership with Qantas offer this exciting new opportunity. We are calling for Expressions of Interest from young and emerging Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander visual artists to apply for the Qantas Young and Emerging Indigenous Visual Arts Award. This award acknowledges a young and emerging Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander visual artist who is making an outstanding contribution to Indigenous visual arts. The award highlights the role that young and emerging artists play in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in maintaining culture from elders. It also recognises their artistic skills and potential to develop further as an artist.

The Qantas Young and Emerging Indigenous Visual Arts Award is open to young and emerging Indigenous visual artists from the ages 18-26 years who are in the first five (5) years of their professional practice.

What are the selection criteria?

- The artist must be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- The artist must be a young and emerging artists aged between 18-26 years of age and within the first five (5) years of their professional practice
- artistic merit (of the artists' work to date)
- a proposal that outlines what the artist intends to do with this award to contribute to their professional development.

How do you apply?

To apply you will need to provide the following:

- A two A4 page proposal of what you intend to do. Applications will be selected that best demonstrate the following:
 - Title of the project
 - Artistic and cultural value of the new ideas of the project
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Burney pledge on kids in care

NSW INVOLVING Aboriginal communities in the placement of children in care was a strategy that won wide support at a meeting between Indigenous representatives and NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney. Ms Burney told *The Koori Mail* the meeting on 9 February discussed the safety and well-being of Aboriginal children in the lead-up to the Government's response to the Wood inquiry into child protection.

Last November, NSW judge Justice James Wood handed down 111 recommendations following his Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW.

Since then, Ms Burney has held a series of meetings with stakeholders including non-government organisations, government agencies and ministers, to garner views on an improved child-protection model for the State.

Ms Burney said that Aboriginal opinions would now always be heard when it came to Aboriginal policy.

The meeting with Aboriginal community representatives was 'excellent', the Minister said.

"The meeting brought an Aboriginal cultural perspective, including the notion of kinship and the importance of kinship," she said.

"Justice Wood said there must be more Aboriginal community involvement in the placement of children, and the people were very enthusiastic with that proposal.

"At the moment there is no Aboriginal involvement, so we've got to get more appropriate

placements for children. There were also interesting discussions about domestic violence and child protection, with a focus on men, because if you don't include men you won't achieve the best outcomes.

"I am determined that we will work together – Government and community – to give Aboriginal children the best chance in life.

"The fact that 30 per cent of children in care are Aboriginal is intolerable. We must not allow another generation of Koori kids to get locked up in either the welfare system or jail.

"The likelihood of an Aboriginal child going into care is ten times more than for non-Aboriginal children."

A key message from Justice Wood was the need to broaden responsibility for child protection to government and the community.

"Of course this is nothing new for the Indigenous community. In Aboriginal culture, we share responsibility for the children in our extended families and communities," Ms Burney said.

The Minister said the Wood Commission had generated 'healthy debate'

about what a new child protection system might be, particularly around some of the recommendations affecting Aboriginal communities.

She said the Government would release its response to the Wood report in March.

"As the first Aboriginal Community Services Minister in NSW, I can say the days of Government dictating policy in Aboriginal affairs without reference to the views of the Aboriginal community are over," Ms Burney said.



NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney ... "I am determined that we will work together – Government and community – to give Aboriginal children the best chance in life."



Enjoying the walking track are, from left, Ursula More, trainee tourism officer Natasha Stewart, Wagonga Aboriginal Land Council CEO Vanessa Mason, Martin Mason, Garry Daley and Land Council Chair Vivien Mason.

Wagonga land council plans cultural centre

By LAURELLE PACEY



AN Aboriginal cultural centre and tourist facility is planned for the shores of

Wagonga Inlet at Narooma, on the far south coast of NSW, 20 years after the land was handed back.

"Elders and the community are over the moon about this," said Wagonga Local Aboriginal Land Council Chair Vivien Mason. "Everyone is delighted that something is at last happening here."

The land council has had the 29 hectares on Wagonga Inlet for about 20 years.

"It was one of our first land grants," Mrs Mason said. "The first time I came here I knew it was a special place. We agreed then we should keep it for cultural purposes – educational talks and interpretation to share with everyone, not only Kooris.

"We had a plan for part of the area drawn up by a local architect years ago, but we couldn't get any funding to do anything. We lobbied everyone we could think of, but no one wanted to know."

Plans started to move ahead after Mrs Mason's daughter Vanessa Mason took over as Land Council Chief Executive Officer two years ago, and she has pulled together 'bits of funding from everywhere'.

"The plan has also grown," Vanessa said. "It's a real challenge but I have a lot of support from consultants,

friends from other jobs I've had, as well as the full support of the board.

"We're now preparing a draft plan of management for the whole site, which will be for a staged development over five years."

Vanessa said the rate of progress would depend on what funding the land council could attract and getting zoning and other approvals in place with Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Landcare gave them the first grant of \$3000 for a chainsaw and some tools.

The Department of Employment Education and Workplace Relations has funded a tourism trainee position for Natasha Stewart, who is helping co-ordinate the project.

Assistance

Other assistance has already come from the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority, Landcare Australia, Envirofund and Auswide Projects.

The first stage of the development is well under way, with the planting of bush tucker and the construction of a walking track through the forest towards the water.

"You've no idea how thrilled I was when they brought me out here to show me what they were doing and to see our own mob here working," said Vivien Mason.

Vanessa said the next stage would be to build an art shed and workshop near the entrance to the property.

The major project to follow on from this would be the construction of a conference centre with a restaurant specialising in bush tucker and a keeping place.

Some kind of tourist accommodation is also being considered – cabins or camping – as well as an Elders walk.

"We've already had inquiries from Indigenous and other organisations about having conferences here," said Vanessa. "And we have a trained Koori chef who is keen to be involved."

The land council intends that the centre and tourist facility will be entirely self-sufficient once established.

Consultants have been brought in to help with funding submissions, manage finances and to co-ordinate workers.

"Employment is the main thing," Vanessa said.

"We've got to make this so it can provide long-term employment for our mob.

"We're looking at jobs for about 20 people in five years in maintenance, hospitality and tourism."

The land is between Paradise and Black Bream Point, about 10 minutes out of Narooma, but Vanessa Mason sees this distance as an attraction, rather than a deterrent.

"The journey here through the bush and beside the water is part of it," she said, adding that the neighbours to the property were supporting the project.

Funny business is Deadly Funny

WHAT do you get when you bring together Australia's funniest blackfellas in one room? The Deadly Funny Comedy Competition, that's what. The competition, produced by the team at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, is now in its third year and is reportedly proving a huge success.

Yorta Yorta man and competition producer Jason Tamiru has been with the Deadly Funny team since the competition started in 2006.

Mr Tamiru said the competition was born out of frustration at a lack of blackfella stand-up comics in Australia and had come a long way.

"I was extremely frustrated by how my people were portrayed," he said. "Most of all, we wanted to put on a comedy show that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities would really be proud of and all the mob could enjoy."

Deadly Funny contestants participate in intensive comedy workshops hosted by some of Australia's brightest and most popular comedians, and Mr Tamiru is excited by the enthusiasm of the wannabe comics.

"They go through workshops which are facilitated by some of Australia's best stand-up comics including Damien Callinan, Rachel Burger and Dave



JASON TAMIRU

Williams," he said. "The contestants put in a lot of hard work."

Workshop facilitators assist the budding stand-up comedians in fine-tuning their performances, but do not influence or change the original style of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander humour.

"When facilitating the workshops, the professional comedians do not change the unique style of humour that we have in our communities," said Mr Tamiru.

"They simply provide invaluable advice in helping write comedy routines, comedy delivery, and performance structure, all to ensure an all-round Deadly Funny, professional performance."

Since the birth of Deadly Funny three years ago, entry numbers have increased and organisers says they could not

be happier. "When we first kicked off the competition, we had no deadly funny comedians, but now there has been 22 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander comedians who have come through the Deadly Funny ranks," Mr Tamiru said, declaring that 2009 was shaping up to be a great year for the contestants and audiences.

"This year's competition promises to be the best ever," he said. "With increased numbers of entrants the competition will reach record audience numbers."

Mr Tamiru said the comic performances were aimed at all community members.

"They're produced mainly for black Australian audiences but, at the end of the day, all Australians of all ages can enjoy them," he said.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander funny men and women have the chance to take part in comedy workshops and state heats this month and next. Aboriginal communities in Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Sydney will host the competition this year, and each State winner will go on to compete for \$2000 in prizemoney in the Deadly Funny 2009 National Grand Final to be staged in Melbourne.

Comedian and all-round entertainer Sean Choolburra will MC the Deadly Funny events across Australia. For more information on Deadly Funny, go to www.deadlyfunny.com.au or contact Jason Tamiru on phone (03) 9245 3700.

Gold miner to appeal

By DARREN COYNE

MINING company Barrick Gold, which operates a mine at Lake Cowal near West Wyalong in NSW, plans to appeal against a recent court ruling that has halted its expansion plans.

The *Koori Mail* reported in its last edition that the NSW Land and Environment Court had handed down a decision in favour of Wiradjuri traditional owner Neville 'Happy' Williams.

The court placed an injunction restraining the NSW Planning Minister from determining a modification request for the proposed expansion of the Lake Cowal mine.

Mr Williams told *The Koori Mail* the miner was trying to pass off its expansion plans as modifications, and he vowed to fight the miner 'until we get justice'.

Barrick spokesman Bill

Shallvey told *The Koori Mail* the company would appeal the decision.

"The Cowal Mine, located in West Wyalong, is a major contributor to the economy of NSW, employing around 320 people," Barrick Gold said in a statement. "Mining contractors provide additional employment opportunities for around 200 people."

"In 2007, total wages and salaries for employees and contractors were around \$16 million. Statutory payments and royalties to local and state governments amounted to \$4 million."

Mr Shallvey said the modification proposed to extend the mine life and employment opportunities in the region.

"Barrick believes it has taken the appropriate avenue for seeking approval to modify Cowal Gold Mine," he said.

"The Department of Planning has granted 133 approvals to modify major projects under Section 75W since the provision

came into effect in 2005. These have included modifications to other mining operations, industrial sites, large public infrastructure projects, hospitals and resorts."

"In addition to launching an appeal, Barrick will discuss further options for its Cowal mine modification with the relevant government departments."

Mr Shallvey said the Cowal Mine had been the subject of eight previous, ultimately unsuccessful legal challenges by Mr Williams, including other cases in which Land and Environment Court decisions affecting Cowal had been successfully appealed in favour of Barrick.

Mr Williams has been fighting the mine for nearly 10 years, and last year made a trip to the United Nations, where he voiced his concerns to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

He also attended Barrick Gold's shareholder meeting in Canada, where he confronted the company's CEO.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Notice of Commencement of Aboriginal Heritage Studies for the Area 20 Precinct of the North West Growth Centre

Precinct Planning for the Area 20 Precinct has commenced in the North West Growth Centre. Following the Precinct Boundary Review process the Minister has declared a part release of the Riverstone East Precinct to allow Precinct Planning to commence on this land in conjunction with the current Area 20 Precinct.

This notice is to inform Aboriginal stakeholders that Aboriginal heritage studies will be commencing in the near future and to request that Aboriginal stakeholders register their interest in participating in the planning process for Area 20.

The studies to be undertaken will be based on the Protocol for Aboriginal Stakeholder Involvement in the Assessment of Aboriginal Heritage in the Sydney Growth Centres. Groups and individuals already listed in the Protocol will be consulted throughout the process and other groups and individuals are now invited to register their interest in participating in the process.

The purpose of this notice is to highlight that Aboriginal cultural heritage studies and consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders will:

- inform the precinct planning process and the assessment of any Section 87 and Section 90 applications made pursuant to the National Parks and Wildlife Act to destroy and/or salvage Aboriginal objects within the project area;
- acknowledge that the groups and individuals specified in the protocol will be consulted with; and
- invite any other interested parties to register their interest in writing to the Department of Planning, providing their name, address, phone number and information on their connection to the area and the skills and experience they would bring to the process.

Any group or individual wishing to participate in the Aboriginal Heritage Study process for the Area 20 Precinct should register their interest by writing to the Department of Planning at PO Box 1457, Parramatta NSW 2124 by 11 March 2009, providing the information requested above.

Copies of maps identifying the Area 20 Precinct can be obtained from www.gcc.nsw.gov.au or by contacting the project management administration team on (02) 9660 1519.

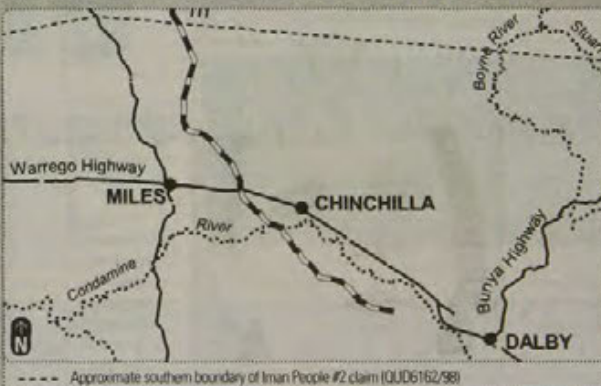


NEW GOVERNMENT
Department of Planning

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ALL PERSONS ASSERTING NATIVE TITLE IN AN AREA OF THE WESTERN DOWNS



SURAT GLADSTONE PIPELINE PTY LTD ACN 133 104 855 (SGP) proposes to construct part of a gas pipeline in the corridor approximately shown on the above map.

This part of the proposed pipeline corridor is located approximately halfway between Chinchilla and Miles. It is generally south of Guluguba (itself south of Wandoan on the Leichhardt Highway) and northwest of Dalby. The area is not covered by any current registered native title claims and in particular is **outside** the boundaries of the current Iman People #2 claim (QUD6162/98).

This Notice invites all persons asserting that they hold native title in that area to attend a meeting at the time and location below.

Date of Meeting: 28 and 29 March 2009

Venue of Meeting: Chinchilla Palms Motor Inn, 64-70 Warrego Highway, Chinchilla

Time of Meeting: Commencing 9.00am on 28 March 2009

Purpose of this Meeting is to receive a briefing about the project and a proposal by SGP to negotiate an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) specific to this part of the pipeline corridor. **Any persons asserting native title in the area and interested in participating in the ILUA should register their interest at this meeting.**

For persons travelling to the meeting SGP will, where receipts for travel and accommodation expenses are provided after the meeting, reimburse travel expenses to a maximum of \$200.00 and motel accommodation for the nights of Friday 27 March 2009 and Saturday 28 March 2009.

All persons interested in attending are invited to contact Russell Dunn or Greg Blackman on 0438 089 375 to register their intention to attend or for further information.

Educate your community about the new renting laws.



Announcing the RTA's 2009 grants scheme

With the introduction of the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008 on 1 July 2009, it is important for all members of Queensland's rental community to understand their rights and responsibilities under the new laws.

In 2009, the Residential Tenancies Authority (RTA) is providing grants of up to \$15,000 to help non-profit community groups promote awareness and understanding of Queensland's new renting laws.

Community and industry based organisations, local government agencies and tertiary institutions are invited to apply. Preference will be given to projects targeting:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tenants and housing providers
- residents and providers of rooming accommodation
- tenants/residents/lessors/providers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- tenants and/or residents with a disability.

Contact the RTA on (07) 3361 3123 or visit the RTA website at www.rta.qld.gov.au to download grant guidelines and an application kit.

Applications close on Friday 27 March 2009



Government of South Australia

PUBLIC NOTICE

Review of the Aboriginal Lands Trust Act 1966

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, the Hon. Jay Weatherill, MP is conducting a review of the Aboriginal Lands Trust Act 1966 (the ALT Act).

The Aboriginal Lands Trust was established under the ALT Act to hold land for the benefit of Aboriginal South Australians. The land holding is diverse and currently covers almost half a million hectares. Land held by the ALT includes former mission and reserve land, as well as pastoral land, conservation areas, and metropolitan and residential land.

The Review will include consultations in metropolitan and regional centres, and ALT residential communities in the coming months. Details of consultations will be advertised locally and also posted on the website.

The Discussion Paper and other information can be downloaded from the Review website at www.aboriginalaffairs.sa.gov.au

Alternatively, copies of the Discussion Paper can be requested either by email (aboriginallandstrustreview@dpc.sa.gov.au) or by telephoning 08 8226 8900.

Submissions from all parties with an interest are welcome. The closing date for submissions is 27 March 2009.

SES training at Toomelah



At the Toomelah training were, standing, from left, Regina McGrady, Leon McGrady, Reg McGrady, trainer Jean-Mary Botfield, Alex McIntosh and Kerry McGrady; seated from left, Malcolm Peckham, Nick Imishev and Lonnie Duncan; and kneeling in front is trainer Lisa Armstrong.



RESIDENTS of Toomelah, in north west NSW, recently participated in induction training by the State Emergency Service (SES) North West Region which organisers have hailed a success.

The training, carried out in partnership with the Community College Northern Inland, also allowed participants to complete their first aid qualifications.

Several of the participants indicated they would go on to further SES training including general rescue.

North West Region Controller Steve Martin said the success of the course highlighted the ability of the SES to deliver flexible training programs to suit the learning needs of the participants.

As part of the program, which has been endorsed by the Moree Plains Shire Council Local Emergency Management Committee, residents of Toomelah will also receive training from Rural Fire Service and NSW Fire Brigades in fire management.

"This course has again demonstrated the potential for the SES to engage with and empower local Indigenous communities to manage emergencies," Mr Martin said.

Violence target of new NT law



THE Northern Territory has become the first jurisdiction in Australia where it will be illegal not to report incidents of domestic violence.

The new laws to protect women and children were passed by the NT Parliament last Wednesday in what NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson called 'a significant and historical day'.

It is now illegal not to report domestic violence if a woman's life is believed to be in danger.

Police must also be contacted if a person has caused or is about to cause serious harm to another in a domestic relationship.

Mr Henderson said the NT was the first jurisdiction in Australia to consider mandatory reporting under the Domestic and Family Violence Act.

"Domestic violence tears families apart, and women and children are often the most vulnerable," he said.

"Enough is enough ... this will not be tolerated anymore."

About half of reported assaults in the NT each year involve violence against women, with almost two thirds of these alcohol-related.

Almost 3000 domestic violence incidents were reported to police in the 2007-08 financial year resulting in 2594 Domestic Violence Orders (DVOs). More than 1800 DVOs were subsequently breached.

But some MPs questioned whether mandatory reporting could do more harm than good, particularly in small communities.

"Are we going to make it worse when someone tells the police this is happening and they are threatened with violence (as

'It won't be tolerated...'

A NORTHERN Territory judge says a man who smashed his wife's finger with a piece of timber is 'yet another example of violence by Aboriginal men'. Anstelm Reid, 19, pleaded guilty to causing serious harm to his wife over the attack on 12 August last year. Reid was 18 at the time of the offence while his wife, who he had been married to for less than a year, was 17.

The attack took place at the central Australian community of Papunya, when Reid told his wife he wanted to go to a funeral.

"It seems that the funeral was an important occasion for you and that your wife was not showing proper respect, as you saw it, to your need to go," Justice Trevor Riley told the NT Supreme Court in Alice Springs.

The court heard Reid smashed his wife's hand with a piece of timber.

The man's wife was flown to Alice Springs for surgery for fractures to the left middle finger.

In a victim impact statement, the woman said she was frightened by the attack, which 'hurt a lot', but did not want the offender to go to prison.

Justice Riley said attacks against women were too common in the NT.

"This is yet another example of violence by an Aboriginal man upon an Aboriginal woman," he said.

"It involves the use of a weapon and the violence caused her serious harm ... such conduct will not be tolerated."

Reid was sentenced to 24 months' prison, suspended after 10 months.

Justice Riley said Reid had a prior conviction for assault against his wife but he did not intend to resume the marriage when he was released from prison. -AAP

well)?" said the independent Member for Nelson Gerry Wood.

The Country Liberals' Jodeen Carney supported the legislation, but said it did not go far enough because it restricted reporting to the threat of 'serious harm'.

"It provides the ultimate out ... I didn't hit her hard, she wasn't bleeding," she said.

NT Minister for Children and Families Malarndirri McCarthy said the amendment to the Act was designed to 'change society's attitudes'.

It was also important for children to know that if their 'mother or aunty won't

speak up for themselves others can', she said.

Several domestic attacks made headlines in the NT late last year, including that of a man charged with murdering his wife.

A 35-year-old woman was also stabbed in the head while a 16-year-old promised bride, who had tried to kill herself twice, was assaulted by a 50-year-old man.

The NT Government will commit \$15 million over four years to support more crisis accommodation, increased counselling services and public education campaigns about the new law. -AAP

Upgrading the Pacific Highway Ballina bypass

This project is jointly funded by the Federal and New South Wales governments

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has formed an alliance with Leighton Contractors, Mounseil AECOM, SMEC and Coffey Geotechnics to design and construct the Ballina bypass.

Progress update - February 2009 to April 2009

- Continue boundary fencing, utility relocation and construction of an on-site plant workshop near Ross Lane.
- Implement a temporary closure of Sandy Flat Road access to the Pacific Highway and provide alternate local access via Duffloys Lane.
- Switch traffic onto the Pacific Highway diversion currently under construction north of Cumbalum.
- Continue bulk earthworks between Ross Lane and Bruxner Highway including hauling of fill from Sandy Flat and Ross Lane to the southern end of the project across the floodplain.
- Start construction of the Ross Lane interchange and retaining walls around the Sandy Flat area.
- Continue construction of the Ross Lane bridge deck, Sandy Flat Road underpass and piling platforms for the Emigrant Creek central bridge.
- Complete pile driving at the Cumbalum flood relief bridge.
- Continue construction of the balanced cantilever bridge at Emigrant Creek south and piling at Teven Road bridge site.

Traffic conditions

Where necessary for safety reasons, changes to traffic conditions and speed limits will be implemented along sections of the project as the works progress.

Safety

Please observe all project signage and traffic control directions during construction.

Construction hours

Monday to Friday from 7am until 6pm and Saturday from 8am until 1pm. Nearby residents will be advised of any construction works to occur outside normal working hours.

For more information contact the project information line on 1800 209 484 (toll free), or email communityenquiries@ballina.bypass.com.au or visit the project website www.ballina.bypass.com.au (click on Ballina bypass).

NT centres to benefit from deal



FOUR Aboriginal communities have signed 40-year leases with the Northern Territory Government that will deliver more than \$159 million of housing and infrastructure works.

The communities are Galiwinku, Gunbalanya, Maningrida and Wadeye.

Northern Land Council Chief Executive Kim Hill said traditional owners had agreed to the terms of the leases after negotiating increases in the number of houses, as well as a boost in related infrastructure.

Each of the communities will receive major works including new houses and refurbishments, and include the following allocations: Gunbalanya \$28.7 million, Wadeye \$48.7 million, Galiwinku \$33 million, and Maningrida \$48.7 million.

Mr Hill said the NLC consulted with the traditional owners of the four towns over the nature of the lease agreements, and they had agreed to the terms.

"The NLC also welcomes the fact that these housing stocks will be managed and maintained by Territory Housing which should provide further employment opportunities for local Aboriginal people in Gunbalanya, Wadeye, Galiwinku, and Maningrida," he said.

Mr Hill said access to adequate and appropriate housing was one of the



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cornerstones of boosting the numbers of healthy Aboriginal communities in the NT, adding that the new housing infrastructure would help other areas such as education and employment.

Work on the projects is expected to start late this year. The lease agreements are granted under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976*.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the leases were part of the \$672 million Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP), a joint Federal and NT Government program to improve housing in Indigenous communities throughout the Territory.

"The traditional owners of Galiwinku, Gunbalanya, Maningrida and Wadeye have

shown vision and commitment in their negotiations with government to improve living conditions and housing in their communities," Ms Macklin said.

She said the funding would provide for about 300 new houses and the refurbishment of 250 existing houses.

"In addition to these major capital projects, more than \$15 million will be provided to refurbish existing houses in smaller communities in these regions," the Minister said.

"The Australian and NT Governments are determined to address the appalling living conditions in remote Indigenous communities.

"Decent housing is essential for protecting children, improving health, education and employment and re-building positive community norms.

"This housing will help reduce overcrowding in communities. This major agreement will also create more jobs and training opportunities for Indigenous people.

"The flow-on effects of providing work for people in these communities is an important step in closing the employment gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"Following consultation with the four communities, work is expected to start this year."

Territory Housing has responsibility for delivering the SIHIP on behalf of the NT and Federal governments.

Manyallaluk's store is back in business



AFTER being without a local store for five years, the residents of Manyallaluk, 100km north-east of Katherine, are able to shop locally again.

The good news comes after Outback Stores formed a partnership with a local committee to manage the store on their behalf.

Outback Stores is a company which manages remote stores on behalf of remote Indigenous communities and returns profits to the community.

It was set up in 2006 in response to a growing need for functional and viable shops able to meet the health and nutritional requirements of Indigenous populations.

The Manyallaluk store began

trading in January, and Outback Stores Chief Executive Officer John Kop said trading so far had exceeded expectations.

The store will receive weekly deliveries of fresh food and create full-time employment and training opportunities for local people.

Merchandise

Mr Kop said it would stock a range of food and general merchandise, which would dramatically reduce the need to travel by taxi into Katherine, at great cost.

Meanwhile, the effectiveness of Outback Stores and other models, forms part of a Federal standing committee inquiry into the operation of remote community stores in Indigenous communities, with submissions closing last week.

Food supply, quality, cost and competition issues and the impact of these factors on the health and economic outcomes of communities are also under scrutiny.

Chair of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Richard Marles said the quality and cost of supplies in remote communities was of critical importance to the health and economic outcomes in those communities.

"The committee will consider the food security and cost-of-living pressures of these remote Indigenous communities, which may go some way to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians on life expectancy, educational achievement and employment opportunities," he said.

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Funding available for a new Indigenous Domestic and Family Violence Counselling Service

The Department of Communities is funding a new service to provide specialised counselling services for children and the victims of domestic and family violence.

Funding of \$209,000 per year, for three years is available along with one-off establishment funding of \$99,807 to provide professional services in the Cooktown district and outreach services to Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Laura.

Information packages are available from www.communities.qld.gov.au or by phoning our Far North Queensland regional office on 4048 9333.

Applications must be lodged by 4 pm on Tuesday 14 April 2009



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ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Call for Nominations

Nominations are invited for appointment of members to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee. The Committee will advise the Director-General of the Department of Environment and Climate Change and the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment on matters relating to the identification, assessment and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW.

The Committee will consist of 11 members appointed by the Minister. The members of the Committee are to consist of one member nominated by the NSW Aboriginal Land Council and ten other members appointed from the following:

- nominees of Aboriginal elder groups,
- registered native title claimants, or
- Aboriginal owners listed on the Register, Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

Committee members must have experience in Aboriginal cultural heritage matters and an understanding of cultural heritage management issues. Members are entitled to receive sitting fees and reimbursement of travel and other expenses.

The Committee will consist of at least 5 female and 5 male members representing a range of cultural areas across NSW.

For information about the Committee and to obtain an information kit and application form please contact Vesna Cukar from the Department of Environment and Climate Change on:

Phone enquiries: (02) 9585 6593

1300 361 967 (local call cost)

Email enquiries: ach.advisorycommittee@environment.nsw.gov.au

Web: www.environment.nsw.gov.au

Post: PO Box 1967, Hurstville BC NSW 1481

Written applications should be forwarded to:
Director Aboriginal Affairs Strategy & Coordination
Culture & Heritage Division
Department of Environment and Climate Change
PO Box 1967, Hurstville BC NSW 1481

Closing Date: 27th February 2009.



Australian Government

Department of Families, Housing,
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Program Funding Submissions

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYMENT PROJECTS (CDEP) PROGRAM

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is calling for submissions from eligible organisations to provide services to Indigenous Australians in the 2009-12 financial years under the CDEP program.

The CDEP program will provide work readiness services and community development projects to develop Indigenous job-seekers' skills, improve their employability and assist them to move into employment, primarily in remote areas of Australia.

Details on how to apply online, the services to be funded and other important information can be obtained at www.indigenous.gov.au/eSub. Organisations will need to apply using Electronic Submissions Online (eSub).

Information sessions to assist applicants will be held from 2-6 March 2009.

For more information or to register for an information session, contact your local Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) toll free by phoning National 1800 079 098, Nhulunbuy 1800 089 148, Kalgoorlie 1800 193 357 and Kununurra 1800 193 348.

Funding submissions for the CDEP program must be lodged online by 5pm (AEDT) 27 March 2009.

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The Mutawintji Local Aboriginal Land Council Meeting

will be held at 10 am on Saturday morning

The Aboriginal owner meeting to elect the Mutawintji
National Park Board of Management Aboriginal owner
representatives will follow the land council meeting on
at 2 pm on Saturday afternoon.

You are encouraged to stay on park.

Please come prepared to camp.

Both meetings are important to the continued success of
Mutawintji National Park.

Meals will be provided by the Mutawintji National Park
Board of Management.

Mileage payments will be covered by the
Office of the Registrar.

Please RSVP by phoning Kylie McLeod, Office of the Registrar
on 02 9562 6327 or Kylie.McLeod@daa.nsw.gov.au by 30
March 2009 to assist us with organisation.

Important information for the Local Aboriginal Land Council meeting

Current members of the Mutawintji Local Aboriginal Land Council will
be able to attend this meeting. If you are a voting member of the land
council, you will be able to fully participate in the meeting. To confirm
your status as a land council member, call Maurice Stewart in the Office
of the Registrar on (02) 9562 6328.

There will not be any proxy voting at this meeting (voting prior to
meeting or someone voting on your behalf). You must be in attendance
at the meeting to participate in any voting process.

Important information for the Aboriginal owner Board nomination meeting

Registered Aboriginal owners will be able to attend this meeting. If you
are not sure you are registered as an Aboriginal owner for Mutawintji
National Park, please call Kylie McLeod in the Office of the Registrar on
(02) 9562 6327.

If you cannot attend the nomination meeting on the 11 April 2009 and
wish to nominate yourself or someone else as a potential
representative to the Board of Management, you are encouraged to do
so in writing prior to the meeting date. Written nominations will be
accepted by the Office of the Registrar until the close of business on 9
April 2009.

The nomination should clearly state: who is being nominated (the
nominee); who is nominating them (the nominator); and which family
group they will represent.

There will not be any proxy voting at this meeting and you must be in
attendance to participate in any voting process.

Important information for the weekend

Mileage payment: A mileage rate (0.35c per km) will be paid to drivers
travelling to Mutawintji National Park in their own vehicles. The
payment is to assist people attending the meeting but will not cover all
travel costs. Mileage forms are available at the meeting but payment
requests take approximately three weeks to process. No cash
payments are available at the meeting. The Office of the Registrar is not
responsible for any damage done or repairs needed to vehicles
travelling to the meeting. One mileage form per vehicle.

If you are travelling by bus or train to get to the meeting, keep your
ticket and receipt and you can be reimbursed; however we are unable
to give cash payments at the meeting. Please note that airfares cannot
be reimbursed.

Secret Yolngu ceremony is now on Youtube

By DARREN COYNE



A SECRET Yolngu ceremony has been posted on YouTube in an effort to bridge the gap

between Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultures.

The ceremony is called Riyawarra, which means Common Ground, and brings together all Yirritja clan tribes from across north east Arnhem land to take part in a House of Representatives-type meeting called Ngarra.

Discuss policies

The three-month ceremony honours Yolngu customary law and gives the clans an opportunity to discuss policies for education, land management, the justice system, employment, marital laws, child protection and the environment.

Jane Miyatawuy, of Ramingining, in Arnhem Land, spoke about the ceremony at a gathering in Canberra recently to mark the first sitting of Parliament.

She said the intervention into Northern Territory Aboriginal communities had prompted Elders to reveal the secret ceremony "so people from the outside could understand how rich and complex Yolngu law is".

"Aboriginal customary Law and the Federal Justice Law must work together to solve all matters with both



Jane Miyatawuy shares the story behind Riyawarra, an ancient ceremony which links all clans from north-east Arnhem Land.

laws, so we can be recognised for who we are," Ms Miyatawuy said.

"We need to justify and explain our system (Rom) and how we manage our cultural way of life to the balanda (white) way of justice system, policy, education, employment and cultural management.

"We are wanting balanda policy makers to recognise and respect Yolngu Law, as just as important as white law.

"For example, it is Yolngu Law that we take part in ceremonies such as Dhapi

(initiation ceremony), Ngarra (paying respect to the deceased and celebrating a new life for all the Yirritja tribe), Bapuru (funeral), and other ceremonies as well.

'Accept'

"As tribal Indigenous people all over eastern Arnhem Land, we want you to identify us and accept who we are so we can stand firm.

"Please, all Yolgnu and Balanda, plan together, learn together and teach together in both ways.

"This way everyone can

be happy and free to live. Let us share our knowledge, understanding and education of both laws, Balanda and Yolngu."

Ms Miyatawuy said that for too long, both societies had been working apart.

"This is our chance to come together, to share knowledge, experiences, understanding and wisdom with truth and sincere honesty aiming to improve our education and futures," she said.

To view the ceremony, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=yftq1LWdQI

The circle expands



NEW SOUTH WALES Attorney-General John Hatzistergos has

announced the expansion of the State's Circle Sentencing program to Nambucca Heads, on the mid-north coast.

Mr Hatzistergos said the expansion brought the total number of locations where the Aboriginal justice program operated to ten.

Travelling to nearby Kempsey to observe a circle sentence taking place, Mr Hatzistergos said the program was being adjusted to ensure it met its key objective of reducing re-offending.

"Circle sentencing is an innovative program for Aboriginal offenders which involves respected community members in the sentencing and rehabilitation process," he said. "However, as we continue to roll it

out across the State, it is important that the program meets all the objectives it was set up to achieve."

Last year an evaluation of the program by the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research found it had a limited impact on re-offending among participants.

Mr Hatzistergos said the program was now being adjusted to:

- Increase the number of offenders referred to the program by setting targets and monitoring each location.

- Improve follow-up of offenders after sentencing by increasing access to rehabilitation and support to be provided by Corrective Service and Health departments.

- Improve training and support for Elders involved in the circles.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said circle sentences were conducted in a less formal setting

than conventional courts.

Elders discussed the impact of the crime with the offender and help the magistrate to determine an appropriate sentence.

"While the sentences are generally similar in severity to those imposed by conventional courts, facing a panel of respected Elders can have a profound impact on Aboriginal offenders," Mr Lynch said.

Last week, a circle was convened in Kempsey to sentence a man charged with assault and malicious damage.

Local MLC Kayee Griffin said she was delighted the program was being expanded on the mid-north coast.

"In the past year we have seen an increase in referrals to the Kempsey program which reflects the confidence the court and the local Aboriginal community have in the process," said Ms Griffin.

NT council will help close gap



THE Northern Territory Government has announced its first Indigenous Affairs Advisory Council, to be chaired by domestic violence campaigner Bess Price.

The announcement was one of the final duties of Territory Deputy Chief Minister and Indigenous Policy Minister Marion Scrymgour before her surprise resignation from the NT Cabinet on 9 February, citing depression (see separate story on page 18).

Ms Scrymgour, an Aboriginal MP, congratulated the 13 people appointed to the Council, saying they would play a crucial role in Territory efforts to close the gap in health and life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"More than 40 Indigenous Territories applied to join the council, allowing the Government to appoint members with a wide range of experience across the community," Ms Scrymgour said.

"I'm pleased to announce that Bess Price, a well-respected Warlpiri woman, has accepted my invitation to become Chair of the IAAC. Ms Price will be

supported by Mark Motlop as Deputy Chair.

"Importantly, there are also representatives from the four land councils, ensuring the IAAC will be a strong voice for Indigenous Territorians."

Other members of the council are:

- Lisa Mumbin, Jawoyn Association
- Pat Brahim, Julalikari Council
- Maratja (Alan) Dhamarrandji
- Ronald Lami Lami
- Pricilla Collins, NAAJA
- Andrew Ross, DET Indigenous Priority Projects Unit
- Zania Liddle, Ti Tree Primary School
- Vanessa Harris
- Laurie Magaldagie, Maningrida Child Safety Service
- Dhalulu Ganambarr
- Merrilyawuy Ganambarr
- Robert Tipungwuti
- Tony Wurramarrba
- Lindsay Bookie
- Wali Wunungmurra

The council was scheduled to hold its first meeting on Monday and Tuesday this week, with discussion expected to centre on programs being implemented under the Government's \$286 million Closing The Gap initiative.



New NT Advisory Council Chairwoman Bess Price.

Problems are being addressed



A SPECIAL administrator has been appointed to NSW's Hunter Valley Aboriginal Corporation.

The move by Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven came at the request of the Muswellbrook-based corporation's board.

Mr Beven said directors had asked for an administrator because they recognised the corporation, which owns and manages 31 rental properties for local Indigenous people, 'needed assistance to put its affairs back in good order following a period of internal problems'.

"We hope that by placing the corporation under special administration it will be able to continue its operations without interruption," he said.

The administrator will work to improve management policies, address rate arrears and, with the registrar's office, provide governance training for corporation members.

PUBLIC NOTICE

DUNGHUTTI ELDERS COUNCIL (ABORIGINAL CORPORATION) ICN 2867 ("DEC")

Notice is hereby given that The Directors of DEC duly elected at the 2008 AGM are:

- Ruth Campbell-Maruca (Chair)
- Mary Button (Treasurer)
- Mary-Lou Buck (Secretary)
- Eileen Button
- Muriel Vale
- Mavis Davis
- Cecilia Flanders
- Brian Bradshaw
- Cedric Button
- Gary Morris
- Kevin Stewart

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Telephone: 02 9264 9933

Department of Environment & Climate Change NSW

Aboriginal Land Management Framework for NSW Healthy Country, Healthy Communities

The NSW Government acknowledges the role that connections to land – or 'Country' – play in the spiritual, cultural and economic wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

We are now asking you to have your say on how these connections can be strengthened. The Aboriginal Land Management Framework project is taking a fresh look at access, use and co-management of public land by Aboriginal people and government services for Aboriginal landowners.

For a copy of the discussion paper call 131 555, or download it from the web at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/nswcultureheritage/almf

- Come along to a workshop from 10am to 2pm on the following dates:
- 25 February 2009 at The Crossing Theatre, Exhibition Room, 117 Tibbereena Street, Narrabri
 - 28 February 2009 at Carlton House, 212 Darling Street, Dubbo
 - 18 March 2009 at the DECC Office, 11 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan
 - 23 March 2009 at the DECC Office, 24 Moonee Street, Coffs Harbour
 - 25 March 2009, at the Glen Innes Land Council, 181 Lang Street, Glen Innes
 - 26 March 2009 at Yooloe-la IDAI, 71 Prospect Street, Garden Suburb, Newcastle
 - 31 March 2009 at Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation, 22 Kenny Street, Wollongong

Lunch will be provided.

If you have any questions please email: almf@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing date for ideas and comments is 31 March 2009.



Australian Government
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Australian Government Land and Coasts Division

Caring for our Country Facilitator – Indigenous Land Management Executive Level 1

Reference: 6331

Location: Western Australia, Northern Rangelands

Salary range \$74,983 - \$87,525

The Australian Government Land and Coasts team is a unique alliance of staff from the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry who work together to implement Caring for our Country (www.nrm.gov.au). This initiative invests in the protection of our precious natural environment and Australia's rich agricultural resources. We recognise that the future wellbeing of these assets depend on close collaboration between governments, regions, industry and communities.

The facilitator positions sit within the Australian Government Land and Coasts team and will play a strategic role in building a more resilient natural resource management community to deliver on-ground results focusing on the six Caring for our Country national priority areas. These are: a national reserve system; biodiversity and natural icons; coastal environments and critical aquatic habitats; sustainable farm practices; natural resource management in northern and remote Australia; and community skills, knowledge and engagement.

The primary purpose of the position is to identify and maximise opportunities to establish strategic partnerships for the delivery of Indigenous investment outcomes and build capacity within the broader Indigenous community. This includes encouraging participation in natural resource management at all levels. The position will also demonstrate leadership in supporting Australian Government capacity building objectives by promoting better business practice, knowledge sharing, partnering and participation.

Selection documentation can be obtained from www.environment.gov.au/jobs

Telephone enquiries may be directed to Mr Ron White, Director, Western Australia State Team, ph: (02) 6271 6365.

Applications must be received by COB 9 March 2009

Please note: To be eligible for employment with the Department, applicants must be Australian citizens.

A merit list may be used to fill positions over the next 12 months.

All positions are based in Canberra unless stated otherwise.

Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

Additional information about the Department may be accessed via the Internet address: www.environment.gov.au

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New boss for Reconciliation Australia



RECONCILIATION Australia has appointed the former head of an international aid and development organisation as its new chief executive officer. Paul O'Callaghan will take over from Barbara Livesey, who has led the national not-for-profit organisation since 2005 and will leave at the end of the week. For the past four years, Mr O'Callaghan has been the Executive Director of the Australian Council for International Development, an independent national association of

non-government organisations working in the field of international aid and development.

Before that, he was Deputy CEO at the National Industry Association for Disability Services, where he played a major role in shaping the national disability employment reform agenda. He was Australia's High Commissioner in Samoa (1998-2000) and also held diplomatic posts in Malaysia and Thailand.

According to media reports, Mr O'Callaghan's appointment had a mixed reception from the organisation's staff, several of whom are understood to have

backed an internal Indigenous applicant for the position.

However, Reconciliation Australia Co-chairs Mick Dodson and Mark Leibler said Mr O'Callaghan's depth of experience in cross-cultural environments, and his track record in community engagement and development made him an excellent appointment to the position.

"Paul has considerable experience in managing diverse stakeholders across different sectors," they said.

"He is sensitive to complex issues and respects that people bring different points of view to the

table — essential qualities in leading an organisation like Reconciliation Australia."

Professor Dodson and Mr Leibler also paid tribute to Ms Livesey for 'an outstanding job in building Reconciliation Australia's standing and influence, extending its networks across different sectors and developing new avenues for people to become actively involved in reconciliation'.

Ms Livesey oversaw the organisation's burgeoning Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program and the first Australian Reconciliation Barometer, attitudinal research released last month.



BARBARA LIVESEY



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Women lined up for some straight talk



PARLIAMENT House in Canberra will resonate with Indigenous stories of hope, hardship and resilience from across the country and the generations this week.

Some of the country's most inspirational and courageous Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women will gather in the national capital on Friday, 27 February, for the historic 'Straight Talk' national summit.

Joining the 88 participants at the forum hosted by international aid agency Oxfam Australia will be women from all sides of politics, sportswomen and performers.

The summit is taking place in the same week as Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is due to hand down the first report card into progress on closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, and the week before International Women's Day.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin will speak at the summit, together with Olympic gold medalist and health advocate Nova Peris OAM, and actress Georgie Parker. Performing will be singer Ruby Hunter, Indigenous actress Ursula Yovich, and former ARIA winner Clare Bowditch. Julie Bishop, until this month Deputy Leader of the Opposition, is also scheduled to speak.

Governor-General Quentin Bryce will host a reception for the Indigenous women at Government House on the evening before the summit.

Straight Talk will give participants — from Geraldton in WA to Bateman's Bay in NSW, from the Torres Strait's Badu Island to Launceston in Tasmania — an

opportunity to meet with female Federal parliamentarians to find ways to work together to improve the lives of Indigenous people.

Queensland participants include Rockhampton's Ethel Speedy, 62, who lost a son, grandson and two nephews to suicide. "To be able to attend Straight Talk and speak with other Indigenous women may assist me to develop some strategies to help my community," she said.

Brisbane participants range from 18-year-old Clarice Stanley, who says she 'has a passion for making my community a better place in which to live', to 56-year-old Florence Watson

some of them never had the opportunity to continue past primary school. Most of them are mothers; some of them were taken away from their mothers as part of the Stolen Generations," Ms Pride said.

"All of them are hard-working, determined and committed to finding solutions for their communities, and all of them are excited about meeting and working with women in Parliament."

Oxfam Australia has worked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities for 30 years in the areas of health, youth and self-determination.

Ms Pride said through Oxfam Australia's work in 26 countries, the organisation had seen time and time again women's ability to work with each other across traditional, cultural and political boundaries.

"We've seen many examples of women coming together to bring about change, from women parliamentarians in Malawi to warring tribes in the highlands of Papua New Guinea," she said.

Ten per cent of participants are Torres Strait Islanders. Nineteen per cent come from remote locations, 32 per cent from major cities, 26 per cent from inner regional locations and 23 per cent from outer regional areas. There will be three participants from the ACT, 27 from NSW, five from the Northern Territory, 18 from Queensland, ten from South Australia, three from Tasmania, 11 from Victoria and 11 from Western Australia.

International Women's Day (IWD) will be held on Sunday, 8 March. The global celebration honours the economic, political and social achievements of women.

'To be able to attend Straight Talk and speak with other Indigenous women may assist me to develop some strategies to help my community'

— Rockhampton's Ethel Speedy

who, after experiencing racism, set about developing and delivering Indigenous cultural awareness programs, set up local reconciliation groups and developed and delivered a mentoring program and leadership programs for Indigenous women throughout Queensland. She also made a film about the people of Yarrabah Mission, where she was born and raised.

Oxfam Australia summit co-ordinator Jo Pride said participants ranged in age from 18 to 77 and came from diverse backgrounds.

"Some of these women have completed multiple university degrees;

Canoe builders on the job in Hobart



TONY BROWN

Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL men from the Tiwi Islands in the Top End joined others from Tasmania to promote the

revival of traditional boat-building techniques at the recent Wooden Boat Festival in Hobart.

A Tasmanian 'ningher', or paperbark canoe, and a Tiwi 'tumprumpunga', or dugout canoe were a highlight of the three-day festival in Southern Tasmania.

The passionate canoe builders had a busy weekend yarning with the constant stream of fascinated visitors to the Federally funded Indigenous water craft display.

Both canoes are the result of a recent cultural revival in traditional canoe construction by Aborigines from either end of Australia.

The ningher constructed by Buck Brown, Sheldon Thomas and Shane Hughes is the first of its kind to be built in almost two centuries. It follows the successful construction of a similar one, a tollinne or stringybark canoe, that the group built last year for the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG).

The TMAG in Hobart houses four miniature canoes, the only ones known in Australia made by tribal Tasmanian Aborigines, who had been exiled to Wybelena in the 1840s. Until recently there were no full-size canoes in existence.

These miniatures were CAT scanned in sections at the local hospital to reveal internal structures and see how they were bound. Archival documents and French drawings from around the time of invasion were studied, research was contributed from the Tasmanian Maritime Museum and a little trial and error used.

It seems the revival is well on



Proud canoe builders from either end of Australia, back, Nicholas Hunter, Vivian Kerinaiaua, Tony Brown and Leon Puruntatameri and, front, Willy Rioli, Kim Wommatakimi, Colin Kerinaiaua and Shane Hughes.

its way, with plans for more canoes to be built.

Curator of Indigenous Cultures at the TMAG Tony Brown explained that canoes in Tasmania were built from three different materials, specific to locality. The ones made from stringybark were predominantly from the south-east, the paperbarks from the north-west and canoes on the east coast were built from reeds.

Mr Brown said a full-scale canoe built from reeds was planned and that down the track he would like to have an exhibition of Australian Indigenous watercraft from across the country.

Tiwi Elder and ranger Kim Wommatakimi, who was among the group from the Tiwi Islands,

told *The Koori Mail* the last tumprumpunga was built in 2001 for the Arafura Games. Before that, none had been built for at least 20 years and it was feared the tradition was slipping away as the old people passed on.

Knowledge

"We (have brought) back our knowledge and keep on furthering our studies and continue our canoe making and pass it on to our young people. We go in our schools and keep on educating our young ones," Mr Wommatakimi said.

"I used to hang out with the old people, grandfather and uncle, watch what they used to do. They had axes bought in. Long ago they used stone axes and softer trees, they used to use mussel

shells to hollow them out.

"They used to paddle across from Tiwi Islands to mainland Australia, 80 nautical miles, to hunt on the mainland.

"Tools these days are pick-handle axe, chainsaw and grinder. Nowadays they are built for display."

The one on display in Hobart was made from the trunk of a paperbark by four Tiwi Elders and seven Tiwi rangers and transported to Hobart.

Mr Wommatakimi said he and the other Tiwi men were proud to be in Tasmania showing their culture. He would like to see his people again paddling across the Strait in traditional canoes.

Likewise the brothers in Tasmania are proud of their achievements, and they would



Tasmanian Aboriginal canoe builders Brendon 'Buck' Brown (centre) and Shane Hughes (foreground) spent their long weekend demonstrating their technique and explaining the tradition to visitors at the 2009 Wooden Boat Festival.

also like to see their canoes hit the saltwater once again.

Buck Brown said there were records of his people travelling 14 nautical miles over treacherous seas from mainland Tasmania to Pedra Blanca.

"We aim to construct one with the kids on Cape Barren Island and take it across to Long Island, one nautical mile away," he said.

He said when canoes are again built by the Aboriginal community and launched into the water, away from funded projects, he feels that will be when it can be said that the tradition is truly revived.

Both the Tiwi and Tasmanian canoes that were on display at the Wooden Boat Festival are now housed at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

Youth justice fears



WESTERN Australia's Commissioner for Children and Young People Michelle Scott has expressed concern over the large number of young people detained in the State's two juvenile facilities.

Speaking on the release of an inspection report on Banksia Hill Juvenile Detention Centre, Ms Scott said the continuing increase in the detainee population – particularly the remand population – reinforced the need for the Government to prioritise youth justice.

"While 96 per cent of WA children have little or no contact with the justice system, we must work harder to ensure government and the community co-operate to better support the kids with problems that result in

Commissioner in call for more government action

offending, instead of locking so many of them away," she said.

Ms Scott said she recognised the recent good work of WA agencies in this area, but some other States were far more advanced with a range of effective services in place leaving detention as a last resort.

"Despite having a far larger population, the number of young people detained in

Victoria is less than one third of Western Australia's juvenile detention centre population, for example," Ms Scott said.

"More needs to be done to address the trends identified by the Auditor-General which shows fewer young people are being directed away from court in WA.

"These trends show that WA authorities are not using detention as the absolute last

resort as required by the *Young Offenders Act 1994*. Therefore I support the report's statement that strong leadership and better planning are required to help guide both the future of the juvenile detention centres and of the youth justice system more broadly."

Ms Scott said with Aboriginal young people representing about 75 per cent of the total number of young people in detention, she fully supported the Inspector for Custodial Services' recommendation for a cohesive Aboriginal strategy at Banksia Hill detention centre.

"If kids do end up in detention, we need to focus on practical programs for Aboriginal young people, including education, training and employment, so they can successfully rejoin the community as soon as possible," she said.



Aboriginal Connections Director Noel Lockwood and South Kempsey Pre-school Director Shirley Kelly get some help from Jannali Parson and Shianne Dickson during the sod-turning ceremony.

Planning pays off



A YEAR of planning and consultation is paying dividends as an important new project begins to take shape in South Kempsey, northern NSW.

The South Kempsey Pre-school in Nicholson Street is about to get a new building and it will be constructed by a local Indigenous building company.

Funding from the NSW Department of Community Services will provide a bigger and better pre-school to cater for the 25 to 30 children who use the existing centre, as well as for a new administration area.

Plans have been made for a second playroom, able to cater for an additional 25

children under the age of three.

With the new facility to be built alongside the existing pre-school, no disruptions to services are expected during construction.

There are also plans for the existing 20-year-old building to eventually be converted into a family centre.

Pre-construction work is under way, with construction expected to start on phase one this month for a July completion.

About 85 per cent of the pre-school's clients are Indigenous, and Director Shirley Kelly is a Dunghutti woman with 20 years' experience and a degree in early childhood education.

Ms Kelly said the

successful tender by Aboriginal Connections Pty Ltd for the job was a huge bonus and gave the local community an enormous sense of pride and ownership in the project.

The South Kempsey company, operating under the Gurri Wa Ngundagar CDEP, has trained a number of apprentices through to tradespeople, and currently has 13 local Indigenous apprentices on its books.

Ms Kelly said the efforts of Kempsey Children's Services in involving the local community, and the appointment of Aboriginal Connections to deliver the project, were huge stepping stones on the pathway to reconciliation and a united community.



Some of the building team from Aboriginal Connections in Kempsey.

Invitation

Aboriginal clients, families and carers 2009 Client & Carer Forums

Again this year the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) Metro South Region is hosting consultative forums for Aboriginal clients, families and carers in the Metro South region. These forums give you an opportunity to have a yarn about the services you receive and to share your thoughts about the delivery of services to Aboriginal clients (older people, people with a disability, their families and carers) in the future. Also, DADHC will keep you up to date on regional developments.

When: Thursday 12th March 2009, 11.00am - 2.00pm	When: Thursday 30th April 2009, 11.00 am - 2.00pm
Where: Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, 187 Riverside Drive, Airds (Campbelltown)	Where: La Perouse Public School Multi Purpose Room, Yarra Bay Road, La Perouse

Aboriginal clients, families and carers can register their interest in these forums by contacting **Clayton Freeman** on (02) 9334 3732 or 0458 293 774 or emailing clayton.freeman@dadhc.nsw.gov.au

RSVP is appreciated for catering purposes as a lunch will be provided.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Sue Mathieson, Regional Director.



Program funding to help inmates



FEDERAL Employment Participation Minister Brendan O'Connor has announced Australian

Government funding of \$745,400 to expand a program providing Indigenous inmates in Western Australia with pre-release work, life and social skills training.

Mr O'Connor said on Friday that the program, run by Outcare Inc, would now be rolled out to operate at six WA prisons - Casuarina, Karnet, Wooroloo, Hakea jails as well as at Acacia Prison and Banksia Hill Juvenile Detention Centre.

The program provides pre-release training in building and construction skills to prisoners within three months of being released. Participants are also offered post-release

employment training and mentoring.

"Ensuring that offenders have access to training that provides work and social skills is a major step in helping them to move into a job once they are released, and helps them to reconnect with the community," Mr O'Connor said.

"Outcare has provided re-entry services, employment and training and family support, youth services and accommodation to offenders, ex-offenders and their families for more than 40 years.

"The Australian Government is delighted to provide funding for an extra 40 pre-employment and employment places to help offenders."

Previous pre-release life and social skills programs run by Outcare have been successful, with 27

participants completing the course and 12 going on to building and construction training, four progressing to apprenticeships and three finding work.

"It is terribly important that we focus on giving more Indigenous people the right skills that will lead to sustainable employment," Mr O'Connor said.

"The Australian Government is committed to halving the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous employment rates and prospects within a decade. Projects like this make a very important contribution to that effort.

"Employment is one of the foundations of social inclusion, financial independence and personal fulfilment, and these programs help participants work productively towards a better future."

Document resurfaces



THE National Museum of Australia has acquired an important historic document presented by an Aboriginal leader to a former Premier of Victoria in 1886.

The document, an illuminated address*, was presented by William Barak, a Wurundjeri Elder, to former Victorian Premier Graham Berry at the Treasury Building in Melbourne in 1886 to mark Berry's return to England.

As Premier, Berry earned the trust and confidence of the Wurundjeri people by supporting their move to secure their right

to live at Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, near present day Healesville.

The Wurundjeri Elder, William Barak, was well aware of the elaborate etiquette of the colonial era and used the illuminated address as a gesture of thanks to the departing Premier as well as a powerful political message to his successors.

"William Barak today stands as a monumental figure of his time, a diplomat and communicator who was called on to operate in a European world while defending the rights of his people," said Craddock Morton, Director of the National Museum of Australia in Canberra.

Earlier this month, the National Museum presented a reproduction of the Barak illuminated address to Wurundjeri Elders in the Executive Council Chambers of the Old Treasury Building in Spring Street, Melbourne – the same



The presentation of William Barak's illuminated address facsimile to representatives from the Wurundjeri Elders Council at the Old Treasury Building, Melbourne.

— Photos by George Serras, National Museum of Australia



William Barak's illuminated address.

room where Barak presented the original document.

Descendants of the Wurundjeri men who were present in 1886 attended the presentation on 12 February 2009.

* An illuminated address is an

elaborately scripted and illustrated written 'address' which was popular in Australia in the 1860s and 1890s to present to dignitaries on special occasions such as retirement or anniversaries. Barak's illuminated address perfectly bridged the two cultures in which he lived.

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Department of Health and Ageing

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DELIVERY OF SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING WORKFORCE SUPPORT AND TRAINING

The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking applications from capable and experienced organisations or consortia that can deliver a range of Social and Emotional Wellbeing Workforce Services to the health workforce providing services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This will include the provision of workforce support services and/or training for Social and Emotional Wellbeing and mental health staff.

Organisations must have proven experience providing support and/or training to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce or have the ability to partner with or form consortia with organisations that have this experience.

Applicants for training services must be Registered Training Organisations with experience in the delivery of social and emotional wellbeing and mental health training to workers in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health community.

Training across a range of Australian Qualifications Framework levels in both the Vocational Education and Training and Higher education sectors is required.

The funding will be for 12 months from 1 July 2009 in the first instance, with the option to renew for a further 12 months subject to satisfactory performance.

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Applicants must address the criteria in the format outlined in the Funding Application Kit, which is available by registering on the Department's internet site at www.health.gov.au/tenders.

For further information contact the Project Officer, Ms Jacky Lacey, on: Phone: (02) 6289 5455 or email jacky.lacey@health.gov.au.

Applications close at 2pm (AEST) on Wednesday 1 April 2009.



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New Qld Council meets



A NEW Indigenous body set up to advise the Queensland Government has met for the first time amid speculation that an announcement on the date of the next State election was imminent.

The 14-member Qld Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council (QATSAC) will advise Premier Anna Bligh and her Cabinet on a range of Indigenous issues.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr said the council's first meeting, on 13 February, the anniversary of the Prime Minister's Apology to Indigenous peoples, discussed a parliamentary inquiry into recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Preamble to the State's Constitution.

The council is also expected to consider a new whole-of-government Reconciliation Action Plan, help shape the State's strategies to 'close the gap' and contribute to a national Indigenous reform agenda. Its next meeting is scheduled for May.

Ms Nelson-Carr, who chairs the council, said the new body was committed to providing frank and forthright advice to the Government, which had, in turn, 'made a serious commitment to



At the first meeting of the Qld Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council (QATSAC) were, seated from left, Max Lenoy, Georgina Archer, Robyn Parkes Sandri, Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr, Estelle Bowen and Rachel Nolan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister). Standing, from left, Kevin O'Brien, Selina Hill, Nathan Jarro, Napau Pedro Stephen, James William, Dr Mark Wenitong and Norman Clarke.

listen to the views of this group and work in genuine partnership with its members'.

"The Council members were chosen because of their professional expertise and strong

connections to community, and their ability to bring a strong cultural voice to assist the Government close the gap in policy and practice," Ms Nelson-Carr said.

"Members of the advisory council have already indicated an interest in improving the way governments deliver programs and services, and building on the strengths and capabilities

of individuals and Queensland communities.

"I was pleased with the enthusiastic and insightful discussion at the first meeting of the council."



Government of
South Australia

PUBLIC NOTICE

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 1988

Application under Section 12 - Consultation

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation has received an application under section 12 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (the Act) from Walker Corporation for Stage 1 of a proposed residential development at Buckland Park, 32km north of Adelaide. The development is approximately 62.4 hectares and is adjacent to the township of Virginia. A map of the development area is available on request.

The section 12 application requires the Minister to decide whether any of the development area is an Aboriginal site or contains Aboriginal objects. Section 13 of the Act requires the Minister to take all reasonable steps to consult, prior to making a determination, with:

- the Aboriginal Heritage Committee;
- any traditional owners; and
- any Aboriginal person or organisation;

that in the opinion of the Minister have a particular interest in the matter.

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

11.00am on Friday 6 March 2009
Adelaide Riviera Hotel Yorke Function Room
31-34 North Terrace Adelaide SA 5000.

Separate meetings can be held if requested. AARD can provide a per-kilometre allowance for fuel to assist people to attend the meeting. 48 hours notice is required.

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

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All comments and submissions to be received by Wednesday 11 March.

Nerida Saunders
Executive Director
Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division

WA Board has action agenda



THE nine-member board charged with improving the social and economic opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Western Australia has set an action agenda

following its inaugural meeting last week.

State Indigenous Affairs Minister Dr Kim Hames said he was very pleased with the progress the Indigenous Implementation Board had made and its strong and passionate commitment to driving reform.

"There was robust discussion during their two-day inaugural meeting, and the board already has an action agenda for the first 100 days," Dr Hames said.

Items on the agenda include starting regional dialogues, beginning in the Kimberley in March and moving across the State; facilitating meetings of senior Aboriginal law men and women to advise the board; ensuring the development and empowerment of Indigenous leaders; and commencing the redesign of Government process and decision-making in partnership with the Aboriginal Affairs Co-ordinating Committee and Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee.

Chairman Lt General John Sanderson, the former WA Governor, said that while the board had a big job to do, it was clear its most critical success factor would be to



KIM HAMES

give Indigenous people a strong voice to better influence decisions affecting their lives.

"It is no secret that Indigenous people feel a sense of frustration and alienation with previous policies that have not worked," General Sanderson said.

"This board has a strong focus on engaging Indigenous people in developing



JOHN SANDERSON

regional-wide visions for the future.

"Its focus is also to devolve resources and decisions to the people that know what will work and to build strong regional governance."

"This is a paradigm shift in the policy framework. We must listen to Indigenous people and work with them to achieve our mutual goals."

The Apology – One Year On



The Sorby sisters from Burrabeedee, Coonabarabran. From left, Brenda McDonnell, Jilby Sorby and Barbara Asplett.



Aunt Lorraine Peeters spoke at the launch.

Journey goes on



Photographers Wayne Quilliam and Mervyn Bishop were chuffed to see the exhibition of their work officially opened at Parliament House on the Apology anniversary.



NSDC co-chair Helen Moran and Jimmy Little sang the Journey of Healing song. The Ainslie School Choir 'Voices of Ainslie' also performed.



Then-Deputy Opposition Leader Julie Bishop receives a set of Tympilpa (music sticks) from NSDC Patron Bob Randall.



Dindima Johanna Huckle-Moran and Caleb Clifford-Jones carried the Tympilpa (music sticks).

Photos by WAYNE QUILLIAM and NATHAN QUILLIAM



JUST as the Apology to Australia's Indigenous peoples held in Canberra a year ago was a bipartisan affair, so too was the event's first anniversary. Members of the Rudd Labor Government joined Opposition MPs at the two main events held in the national capital to mark the milestone.

But the most revered guests at both events – and others all around the country – were surviving members of the Stolen Generations.

In the morning, they attended the launch of the *Sorry: More than a word* exhibition featuring images by Aboriginal photographers Wayne Quilliam and Mervyn Bishop.

The exhibition, supported by *The Koori Mail*, Reconciliation Australia and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), captured many complex emotions felt on the day inside and outside Parliament House.

On the day of the Apology, Aunt Lorraine Peeters presented the Parliament with a glass coolamon on behalf of the Stolen Generations.

She returned to Parliament House to speak at the exhibition launch, telling those gathered there was still much more healing required for Indigenous Australians, now into their ninth generation of trauma since colonisation.

Healing Foundation

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin represented the Prime Minister at the launch, and announced the establishment of a national healing foundation to be chaired in the interim by Lowitja O'Donoghue and Greg Phillips (see separate story on page 12).

At lunchtime, the National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) launched its Consultative Listening Tour on the lawns of Parliament House.

NSDC co-chair Helen Moran told those gathered that while the Apology had created considerable hope and its symbolism remained important, there was still a great deal more to be done to support the Stolen Generations.

"There is still the need for reparations and compensation," she said.

"There is still the required comprehensive response to the *Bringing Them Home* report, promised by the Labor Party before the election."

Ms Moran said the listening tour would allow the Stolen Generations to continue to be heard. Encompassing meetings and other community gatherings around Australia, the tour will take two years and will discuss implications from the Apology for healing, reparations and compensation as well as the *Bringing them Home* report recommendations. It will also gather evidence of programs that were working.

A key element of the listening tour launch was the handover to Minister Macklin and Julie Bishop, representing the Opposition, of Tympilpa or music sticks that symbolised that the Journey of Healing is a shared journey.

The first state to be visited by the tour will be Queensland, with a two-day workshop next month.



Stolen Generations Alliance Indigenous co-chairs Debra Hocking and David Hollinsworth at the exhibition launch.



Ngunawal woman Janet Philips was moved to see a photo including her granddaughter Djnaya-Cyla Fraser-Chalmers holding a photo of Janet's mother Daphne Williams.



Members of the Koorana Dancers brave the rain to perform in Brisbane on the anniversary of the National Apology.



Auntie Valda Coolwell and Natalie Chapman at Musgrave Park.



Wayne Cleary, Billy Gorham and Jack Gibbs were there.



Stolen Generations member Auntie Joan Bowman and Queensland Parliament Speaker Mike Reynolds watch the ceremony.



Les Collins performs his song *Great Moments*, which was inspired by last year's National Apology.

Brisbane joins the activities

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



HUNDREDS of people braved rain to gather at Brisbane's Musgrave Park Cultural Centre to commemorate the first anniversary of the National Apology to the

Stolen Generations by the Australian Parliament on 13 February.

The event was held in partnership with the Queensland Parliament, and as the Apology by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd played on a large screen in the background, people recalled where they were on that historical day a year ago.

Among them were traditional Elders and members of the Stolen Generations, many describing the emotions uncovered by the Apology, and how it had become a part of their ongoing healing.

Others said that, while it had been an historic day in the nation's history, it was only the first step towards meaningful improvements to the health and well-being of Indigenous Australians.

Some Elders who spoke with *The Koori Mail* said their ongoing search for history and identities of siblings and other family members was proof enough the apology had only 'scratched the surface'.

A welcome to country was made by Raymond Walker on behalf of Yuggera Elder Uncle Billy Bonner, followed by traditional dance by the Musgrave Park Dancers, St Peter Claver College (led by Mooli Fogarty) and Yulay Yulu-gi.

Qld Parliament Speaker Mike Reynolds led a call to action for the

Federal Government to work towards increasing the life expectancy of Indigenous Australians, referring to the 17-year gap as a 'blight on the soul of this nation'.

Mr Reynolds said the Apology, although long overdue, was meaningful and supported with good intentions.

"It meant we are finally able to admit the truth, admit our failures and mistakes of the past so that we can build a better future," he told those gathered. "The 13th of February is an important date in Australian history; it is a day on which we should reflect on the past as well as the road ahead."

Auntie Rhonda Collard also reflected on the Apology and what it had meant to her and her 'mission brothers and sisters', some of whom she was overwhelmed to be reunited with at Parliament House last February after more than 50 years.

"The Apology honours the memories of the people that have gone before us, and for those that didn't make it through," she said. "The journey of healing started on that day in Canberra, the word 'sorry' helped to release the tears that were drowning us."

"I grew up feeling alone, a black girl in a white world, and I resented them for trying to make me white but they couldn't wash away thousands of years of dreaming."

The event, also supported by Link-Up Qld, the Stolen Generations Alliance, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service (ATSICHS) and the Qld Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC), was among a host of other anniversary events around the country.



Suzzett Jones with her niece Florence Yock (Brisbane) of the Koorana Dancers.



Department of Communities Regional Director Michael Ramalli with Indigenous Services Support Officer Henry Nona.



Auntie Joan Bowman with one of the first paintings done by four of the original members of a Link-Up support group.



Kenny Murphy, Annette Daisy and Adam Hopkins, all from Brisbane.



Auntie Jeanette Kirk, of Inala in Brisbane, and Margaret Gass, from Rockhampton.



LEFT: From left, Simon Kore (Papua New Guinea), Nancy Bamaga, Ricky Pascoe, Jordana Angus and Mick Coyne were there.

The Apology – One Year On



Perth National Apology anniversary breakfast organiser Christine Ross.



Elder Joan Winch addressing the anniversary breakfast in the WA capital.



Nyoongar entertainer Fred Penny performed his song *Sorry is such a little word* at Derbarl Yerrigan.

By KEN BOASE in Perth



THERE were two low-key events in Perth on 13 February to mark the first anniversary of the Prime Minister's Apology. But

frustration at the lack of action in the year since echoed that of people in other parts of the nation.

The day started with an Apology anniversary breakfast at the WA Health Department cafeteria, where several key speakers told their stories about their experiences of being removed from their families under the policies in WA between 1905 and 1972.

One of the speakers was Elder Joan Winch, who criticised the Labor administration in Canberra for not following the Apology with 'real action on the ground' on some key issues, especially compensation for the Stolen Generation.

"I'm really not happy with some of the things that are happening to the Aboriginal people today, because it doesn't seem to be that much different to when (Former Prime Minister) Johnny Howard was there," Ms Winch said.

"People are fighting for getting their money and they're discriminated against in the same sort of way. So there's still a lot of work to be done."

"Although they have said 'sorry' and it was great to hear that, we've still got a lot of work to do

Calls for action from WA

and things are not right yet."

Yamatji leader Craig Somerville called on the Federal and State governments to make a realistic offer of compensation instead of 'linking around the edges' with schemes like Redress WA which offers up to \$10,000 for people

who can prove they were abused while in state care.

"I called on them, 12 months ago when this came on. I said to the Government, you recognise the damage that was done by the removal," Mr Somerville said.

"Make an offer of what you think in your mind is just recompense, and then the individuals and the families can make their decision as to whether they want to accept it."

Elder Mary Terszak spoke of the suffering she endured while

in state care as a confused 12-year-old. "I was given the first hug of my life in a women's environment which I didn't know anything about, which created a whole range of different things," Ms Terszak said.

"It tore me apart because not understanding what a hug is, and to be given that all of a sudden by someone, you suddenly realise someone cared about you, but it wasn't that. It was abuse, as a 12-year-old."

The other event commemorating the Apology was held at the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service, where new President Ted Wilkes acknowledged Stolen Generations members.

"People who come from the Stolen Generation are doing it tough," he said.

"You're doing it tougher than the rest of us, even us Aboriginal people who are just in the mainstream living and trying to get on with it."

"Those of us who were able to stay with our mums and dads under all of that racism, under all of that duress that we went through, we came out a little bit better."

"And those of you who were taken away from your mums and dads, we all respect and appreciate that you suffered a little bit more than us."

Lunch was provided at the Derbarl Yerrigan event, followed by storytelling and entertainment into the afternoon.



Yamatji leader Craig Somerville at the anniversary breakfast at the WA Health Department.



Elder Mary Terszak telling her story during Apology anniversary commemorations in Perth.



Ted Wilkes speaking at the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service gathering.



A young supporter found a good place for a rest at Federation Square.



Archie Roach, Brian Morley, Ruby Hunter and Richard Frankland all performed at the Woorbadinda ceremony.

'Just the first step'



Mona Ray-Greig and Rhani Dean-Talbett dressed up for the event in the red, black and yellow.

Several thousand pack Melbourne commemoration



AMIDST the sadness and drama of the Victorian bushfires, several

thousand people turned out at Melbourne's Federation Square to commemorate the National Apology on 13 February.

Speeches and performances honoured Stolen Generations members at the event, which was called Woorbadinda (a Woiwurrung expression of sincere and painful regret) and hosted by Stolen Generations Victoria (SGV).

Aunty Caroline Briggs gave the traditional welcome, followed by a speech by SGV Chairperson Lyn Austin who described the range of emotions she felt when she joined other Stolen Generations members in Canberra for the Apology a year ago.

"I remember many tears of sadness and joy. But I also remember a feeling of relief when finally the hurt and suffering of the Stolen Generations was acknowledged in the Federal Parliament of Australia," Ms Austin said.

However, Ms Austin said 'Sorry' had been only the first step and there was still much work to be done.

The anniversary of the Apology coincided with the recent release of SGV's report 'Unfinished Business', detailing the current and ongoing needs of Stolen Generations members.

Included in these recommendations is the need for a national healing fund with which to address the ongoing health, education and employment challenges faced by many members of the Stolen

Generations," Ms Austin said.

She said SGV had been disappointed to learn that the State Government would not be renewing its funding for Reconciliation Victoria.

"Organisations such as these are vital in continuing the healing process between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australia," she said. "Stolen Generations Victoria calls upon the Government to seriously reconsider their decision."

Afterwards, Ms Austin was honoured for her work for the Stolen Generations and received a framed copy of the Apology from representatives from the office of Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

Speakers

Other speakers were State Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Richard Wynne and Richard Marles, the MP for Corio.

Later, there were performances by Archie Roach, Ruby Hunter, James Henry, Bart Willoughby, Richard Franklin and the Charcoal Club, Brian Morley and Koorie Youth Shake Spears.

In the days before Woorbadinda, SGV CEO Brad Brown said it was hoped that the music and performance at the event would bring comfort and healing to all people.

"The bushfires are a terrible tragedy; a lot of our mob were caught up in them," Mr Brown said. "But it's heartening to see the generosity of spirit shown by people around Australia, to help rebuild families and communities. We hope this generosity of spirit is extended into the future."

— Additional photos and reporting by SHAREE HARPER



Lyn Austin and Brad Brown from Stolen Generations Victoria.



Above and below: Some of the mob in Melbourne.



Alan Brown Jr and Richard Williams.



Aunty Maria Starevic was at the Stolen Generations Victoria stall.



Aunty Caroline Briggs welcomes people to country.



Time for reflection

SA

IN Adelaide, reflection on the Apology began early with a breakfast hosted by Reconciliation South Australia.

Speakers at the breakfast included Aboriginal educator Lillian Holt who told those gathered that she was searching for 'kindred spirits' who could – in the words of Queensland Aboriginal woman Kerrie Tim – 'help me grow up my country'.

"(I need) kindred spirits who have the courage to look within and not just without and thus understand themselves, spiritually, rather than researching others, statistically," Ms Holt said in a broad-ranging speech that also drew upon the wisdom of Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Charles Perkins and others.

"Kindred spirits who are prepared to take that road less travelled and look at how they too are implicated and diminished by racism, the 'gangrene of the soul of this nation' as I choose to describe it.

"Kindred spirits who have the ability to laugh at themselves and who come armed not only with a glimmer of hope but also an ounce of courage and a pinch of indignation."

Ms Holt said she was not convinced that Australia needed so-called 'experts' when building relationships for



Rostrevor College students of different nationalities had a RAP of their own.

Photos courtesy of IVAN COPLEY and MIA FANTASIA-COPLEY

reconciliation, 'given that all are players in the process and we can call on our own strength within'.

At lunchtime, Rostrevor College students hosted others from Kaurna Plains School, teachers and special guests.

The Kaurna Plains children welcomed people to country in the Kaurna language,

and there were speeches by South Australian of the Year Ivan Copley and local MP Lindsay Simmons.

The Indigenous students at Rostrevor provided the entertainment with their band the *Sunset Boys* and read out the Apology, while guests inspected a framed copy of the speech.

In central Adelaide, a display in the



Ivan Copley with Chairman of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Frank Lampard.

Rundle Mall enabled workers and shoppers to learn more about the Stolen Generations and the historical issues behind the Apology from local Link-Up workers, staff from State Records and others working in the field.

A copy of Reconciliation Australia's documentary *The Apology* was also screened.

Townsville crowd joins in

Story and photos by ALF WILSON

QLD

A LARGE crowd turned out at St Theresa's Church in the Townsville suburb of Garbutt for the first anniversary of the Apology.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags flanked a large 'Sorry' sign on a fence outside the church. Inside, another sign bore the message 'Reconciliation: It is up to us'.

Many of those in attendance were at Townsville's Flinders Mall a year earlier to watch the telecast of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's speech.

Sisters Gracelyn Smallwood and Florence Onus gave emotional speeches.

The Ngulumburu Boonyah group consisting of Barbara Leftwich, Tammie Matthews and Stephanie Miller performed dances including a clearing dance 'to sweep away any negative and bring in only positive energy'.

Pastor John Anderson played his guitar during a sing-a-long.

"I am happy today that inside of us we can move on as individuals, which will help the community too," he said.

Nyoongar woman Jillian Miller, from Perth, who now lives in Townsville, said the day was important for Aboriginal people all around Australia.

Palm Island Elders Bernadette Johnson and Mary Twaddle agreed, adding that the impacts of removal policies were still being felt.



MC for the day Nathaniel Prior and Bernadette Johnson from Palm Island were at St Theresa's Church for the anniversary.



Dancers, from left, Barbara Leftwich, Tammie Matthews and Stephanie Miller.



Pastor John Anderson led the sing-a-long.



At the hand printing tent were, from left Billo Oui, Raylene Oui, Genevieve Meldrum, and Gordon 'Cowboy' Ross with Aidan Ross.



Celebration MC Nathaniel Prior was all smiles in Townsville.

New book's focus is on our history

By MARGARET SMITH
in Sydney



THE first known photograph of an Aboriginal person is thought to have been taken as early as 1847.

The photograph features a group of Koori people in Melbourne gazing out at the intruder photographer Douglas Kilburn, and it is included in a new book called *Portraits from a Land Without People*.

Author John Ogden is himself a talented photographer and cinematographer, and spent several years combing State and private records and 300,000 photographs for the 228 photographs he ultimately selected.

He told *The Koori Mail* that producing the book had involved many phone calls to distant parts of Australia to gain permission.

He had help from NSW Minister and Aboriginal woman Linda Burney with certain photographs, but conducted most of the research himself.

He was relieved to find that most families and communities were willing to give permission for images to be included.

Some of the people who contributed to the book's research and production were present at its launch in Sydney. They included Jimmy Little, from the Jimmy Little Foundation, which helped with some of the production costs because of the important history the book contains; Professor Larissa Behrendt, who wrote a thought-provoking foreword; Jeff McMullen, who MC'ed the recent book launch in Sydney; and didgeridoo player William Barton, who brought his talent and his instrument.

Profits from sales of *Portraits from a Land Without People* will go to the Jimmy Little Foundation for its work in Indigenous health and in tackling chronic ill health.

Aboriginal leader Patrick Dodson wasn't present at the launch but his foreword set the tone for the event. He wrote of his complex emotions on seeing the book's profits.

"On perusing the contents of this collection of images of the Indigenous peoples of Australia taken since the arrival of the British, I was caught between the emotions of anger and pity," he said.

"Anger at the denial of the existence of proud, cultured peoples full of their own sense of worth and value by interlopers from other lands intent on the theft and reallocation of the Indigenous peoples' estates.

"And anger that the invaders



Three Worora girls, Sale River, north-west of Western Australia, about 1938-39. Photograph courtesy of the WA Museum



Yolngu Nation, North East Arnhem Land, NT, 1998.

Photograph by Peter McConchie

found it expedient to deny the existence of a prevailing system of law, culture, language and ceremony in favour of the nonsense of terra nullius (empty land)....

"The challenge for those who read this collection is to look beyond the window and gaze into the heart and soul of the nation."

The book is something of a window on Australia's Indigenous history, starting with early Indigenous/white contact in the south, traditional hunting and fishing and ceremonies in the north, images of early oppression such as shocking WA photographs of men in chains, native police and horsemen, soldiers in World War I, street waifs, and then the years of fighting back, with Canberra's Tent Embassy, Redfern, sporting heroes, and modern singers and dancers such as Yothu Yindi and Bangarra.

Professor Larissa Behrendt

said she was moved by many of the images in the book, and spent a lot of time reflecting on the many faces and attitudes it contains.

"I was very proud to be involved with the book. The photographs all tell a story and all were approved by the Indigenous families and communities," she told *The Koori Mail*.

Jeff McMullen also found many of the images confronting, in the way Europeans approached their subjects. He told *The Koori Mail*, "you can see the anthropologists gaze and the missionary gaze".

"But there is still a nobility about the work in this book, and it's a window on Aboriginal Australia our country hasn't taken the time to know," he said.

Portraits from a Land Without People can be ordered online at www.aboriginalportraits.com and will soon be available at bookstores.

He's hot ...
Thomas Lammon
on the job in
Townsville.



Thomas is a hot tradie!

Story and photos by
ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS man Thomas Lammon has finished second from a large field in a competition to find the 'Hottest Tradie' in the north Queensland city of Townsville.

The 26-year-old plumber lined up among 12 finalists at a gala function attended by 350 people at Townsville's Bombay Rock.

The competition was run by the *Townsville Bulletin's* 'Savvy' lift-out section and had been the talk of the town for weeks.

Readers nominated who they thought was the hottest tradesman around a city where the building industry is booming despite the economic downturn.

The final field of 12 was narrowed down from a nominated 50 contenders.

Voting was done by SMS text message to the organisers, and the text section of the *Bulletin's* letters to the editor pages had been flowing with messages from fans and readers.

Burdekin-born Thomas was the only Indigenous finalist and has worked for Townsville company Hilditch Plumbing for about five years. He won \$500 for his second placing behind 25-year-old single carpenter Brad Simmons, who pocketed \$1000.

Each entrant had to walk on stage in tradies' gear.

The Koori Mail visited Thomas on a worksite in the suburb of

Mountview a few days after the competition, to get the lowdown.

Thomas has a big mob living in the Burdekin towns of Ayr and Home Hill, and is looking forward to a contest of another kind – the Townsville and District Rugby League competition.

"I have played second row for the Burdekin Roosters since I was 19 and we should have a good year," he said.

Unfortunately, for any keen singles out there, Thomas is happily married with two children – Hayden, 4, and baby Harrison, 1.

"My wife Melissa told me she was going to nominate me," Thomas said. "I didn't think she would, but she went through with it and was there in the crowd at the final cheering for me."

Thomas has been delighted with the experience, and hopes the publicity generated by his second placing will encourage Indigenous youth to take on a trade, providing them with a secure future.

He hasn't been so keen on reaction from his fellow tradies, however.

"Every tradie who has seen me since then has been ribbing me," Thomas said.

Meanwhile, his brush with fame will continue when he makes an appearance in the national magazine *Men's Tradie* in a few months.

But will he enter the 2010 competition?

"No I don't think so," he revealed. "It's been good, but once is enough."

Pregnant smokers targeted

By DARREN COYNE



CAREENA Roberts, of Ballina, is the type of women a new program is targeting – Aboriginal women who smoke during pregnancy.

With twins on the way, Ms Roberts knows she shouldn't be smoking, but said the stresses of life, and community made it difficult to quit.

The 20-year-old was present at the announcement of a new project in Lismore last week, which will develop strategies and support for Aboriginal women trying to kick the habit.

Page MP Janelle Saffin announced the \$620,000 funding allocation for the 'Stop Smoking in its Tracks' program, which will operate in four rural communities.

Ms Saffin said the funding would be used for research and practical measures such as resource kits, group meetings and individual support.

Not only mothers would be targeted, but also their partners, family and the wider community.

Vital program

She said it was a vital program as evidence showed that smoking harmed unborn babies, and the latest figures showed that more than 50 per cent of Indigenous mothers smoked during pregnancy.

That compares with 14 per cent of non-Indigenous mothers.

"Smoking in pregnancy increases the risk of complications such as premature birth, still birth, and low birth weight babies as well as the risks of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and respiratory problems, so this research is an important step in prevention," Ms Saffin said.

"The Stop Smoking in its Tracks project is being led by Dr Megan Passey, the senior lecturer in primary health care research at the Northern Rivers University Department of Rural Health, who has an outstanding background in health research and Aboriginal health."

"The funding for this project is part of the Rudd Government's \$14.5 million

Indigenous anti-smoking package announced last year as one of the range of measures aimed at closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous health rates in Australia.

Dr Passey said the project was a collaboration between academics, local Aboriginal community members and the North Coast Area Health Service, and followed earlier research involving interviews with local Aboriginal women and service providers about the most helpful ways to support women to quit smoking while they were pregnant.

"The research will explore the reasons for the high rates of smoking and the

barriers to quitting for Aboriginal women and use the information to develop a program of be run in four rural communities," Dr Passey said.

Dr Passey told *The Koori Mail* that the concept of the program was to support women at an individual level, but also at a

wider community level.

That support would include stress management groups, quitting information and products, and antenatal care.

She said workers in the Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Strategy would administer the program.



Careena Roberts chats with midwife Catherine Leatherday, who is also pregnant with twins, and Page MP Janelle Saffin.

Exercises the key to avoiding hearing loss



AN ABORIGINAL health service on the New South Wales mid-north coast has produced a new resource aimed at educating school children about simple exercises that could help prevent hearing loss.

Durri Aboriginal Community Medical Service (ACMS) in Kempsey says conductive hearing loss affects up to 70 per cent of local students at any given time.

"Yet this simple yet effective program of nose blowing and exercise can alleviate the symptoms considerably and also assist in preventing onset," said Durri's resource development officer and conductive hearing loss teacher Sammi Fatnowna.

The BBCWC project demonstrates the 'breathe, blow, cough, wash, and chew' technique using photos of local Indigenous pre-school students in a booklet and poster.

"The aim of our resource is to teach students the importance of ear health by regularly doing the BBCWC program," said Ms Fatnowna.

She said the program was intended to empty the nose to clear the ears. It also

included exercises such as jumping and running with a focus on nose breathing instead of mouth breathing and coughing into the elbow as well.

The program was based on a 'breathe, blow, cough' program originating from the Northern Territory.

"We have expanded on it to include hand washing as well as chewing crunchy foods to also clear the ears," Ms Fatnowna said.

The resource is essentially a visual teaching tool for teachers and students to use every day before learning time, and before they went home in the afternoon. There's also a section on ear testing and what students can expect so they won't be fearful of the experience as well as a page on the role of a roving support teacher for hearing/conductive hearing loss.

The resource was a joint initiative between Durri ACMS and the Department of Education and Training in Kempsey. The project was also assisted by Families NSW, especially support worker, Delya Smith.

To order copies of the book and poster, call Durri ACMS on (02) 6560 2353 or 312 or by emailing ibradshaw@durri.org.au



Hearing health worker Michelle Bolt (front left) and conductive hearing loss teacher Sammi Fatnowna (front right) with representatives of key agencies that have supported the BBCWC project.

Call to give midwives greater authority



MIDWIVES would be able to provide taxpayer-subsidised drugs and care under recommendations made to the Federal Government by its Chief Nurse.

But Commonwealth funding for home births has been rejected.

A review of maternity services, headed by Chief Nurse Rosemary Bryant, recommends changes to Commonwealth funding arrangements to support a greater role for midwives.

It recommends expanding Medicare and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme access to appropriately-qualified midwives.

It also suggests the Government provide professional indemnity insurance support to midwives, but rejects Commonwealth funding for home births.

Ms Bryant said the review, released on Saturday, found there was a case to expand the range of models for maternity care, giving women greater choice.

"There is a lack of unanimity within and between some groups of the medical and midwifery professions on the issue of how to deal with risk and consumer preferences," she said.

"While it is acknowledged that safety and quality of care is an overarching goal, it would be remiss to always use it as an excuse not to change practice."

There were differing views as to what extent taxpayers should fund extra services to meet the preferences of individuals, Ms Bryant said.

Birth outcomes for Indigenous Australians was a pressing national issue, with the review recommending an

expansion of maternity services programs.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are almost three times more likely than non-Indigenous women, to die while pregnant, during labour or up to six weeks after giving birth.

The high rate of maternal mortality among Indigenous women has not abated since first measured in the early 1990s.

Other recommendations contained in the report include:

- A single pregnancy-related telephone support line, providing clinical and non-clinical support services

- New national cross-professional guidelines to support collaborative multidisciplinary maternity care

- Improved data collection and analysis. The review received more than 900 submissions from a range of stakeholders

and individuals.

Its recommendation that more funding be devoted to midwifery services was in line with calls from groups, including the Australian Nursing Federation.

Homebirth Australia said in its submission there had been a rise in the number of women giving birth at home without medical assistance due to the current lack of funding and professional indemnity insurance for midwives.

Health Minister Nicola Roxon said she was determined Australia's children received the best start in life.

"That means giving women the choices they need, wherever they live, and whatever the challenges confronting them," she said.

The review will help the development of a national maternity services plan. -AAP

Don't sleep with bub

Indigenous baby deaths over-represented



ABORIGINAL parents are being urged not to sleep with their babies.

NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney has issued a reminder that it can be extremely dangerous to let babies sleep in the same bed with their parents, especially if they are affected by drugs or alcohol.

Ms Burney said that between January 2005 and December 2007, 35 babies in NSW died while sleeping in the same bed with one or both parents, and that babies from Indigenous backgrounds were alarmingly over-represented in these statistics.

"About 40 per cent of babies who died sleeping in the same bed as their parents were Aboriginal. This is despite Aboriginal children making up less than four per cent of the child population in NSW," Ms Burney said.

"Investigations into the deaths revealed that in most of these cases, either one or both parents had been using drugs or alcohol.

"Parents need to remember that even in small quantities, drugs and alcohol make you sleep more deeply, and you may not be as conscious of the presence of your baby as you would normally be.

"A baby can easily suffocate if a parent inadvertently rolls over on to the child while they are fast asleep. They may not even hear the baby cry. "Aboriginal communities have a

long cultural tradition of sleeping in the same bed as our babies, but parents need to be aware of the serious risks involved."

Ms Burney said she understood

sleeping in the same bed as your baby could help promote bonding and can make it easier to breastfeed.

"However, the benefits and convenience of sharing the same bed as your baby does not outweigh the risk to your baby's life."

Sleeping kit

The NSW Department of Community Services has developed a Safer Sleeping kit specifically designed for Aboriginal parents and carers. The kit includes posters, wallet cards, caseworker fact sheets and fridge magnets.

"The Safer Sleeping kit is a wonderful tool to help parents understand the importance of having a separate place for their baby to sleep," she said.

"With Community Services caseworkers using this resource in their daily work with Aboriginal families, we aim to reduce the number of these tragic, yet preventable child deaths.

- To access the Aboriginal Safer Sleeping brochure and poster along with other parenting tips visit the Community Services website www.community.nsw.gov.au



Marion Green of Walgett and her two-year-old daughter Deekiah.

Tips on safe sleeping

- You can sleep with the baby in the same room, but not in the same bed
- Don't sleep with the baby on the sofa - the baby's head can get caught between the cushions
- Put your baby to bed on his/her back, not on his/her sides or tummy
- Make sure your baby's head is not covered while they sleep - avoid soft toys, doonas and cot bumpers because they can suffocate the baby.

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Twin 'miracles' for a determined duo

By KIRSTIE PARKER



MARILYN Pittman and Anthony James Proberts know that the universe works in mysterious ways.

And they know there's usually nothing for it but to accept the bad with the good.

The couple live in Goonellabah in northern NSW and are the proud parents of lively twins Anthony Adam and Meyah May. Almost two years, Anthony is sweet natured, while sparky-eyed Meyah is a little cheekier.

The babies came along relatively late in Marilyn and Anthony's lives, and only after their parents had won battles with alcohol addiction and other personal demons.

Marilyn, a 53-year-old Yuin woman originally from the NSW south coast, has endured setbacks that even her training as a palliative care nurse couldn't prepare her for.

In October 2003, she was diagnosed with breast cancer, for which she underwent a partial mastectomy, removal of her lymph nodes and radiation treatment. She might also have undergone chemotherapy but an oncologist failed to recommend it.

Then, a month after the arrival of their two 'miracle' babies on 12 April 2007, Marilyn and Anthony learned that Marilyn's cancer had returned to her breast, requiring a double mastectomy. In November, Marilyn broke her hip and hip replacement treatment found the cancer had spread to there too, as well as her ribs, back, brain and elsewhere.

The spread of the cancer saw Marilyn's classification for the disease leap from stage two to stage four, or terminal.

"Once you are stage four, it's incurable," Marilyn told *The Koori Mail* early this month. "All they can do is manage it, which is what they are doing with my medication now."

"I worked in palliative care and it is very strange now to be on the other side of the process and to have to come to terms with your own death."

Prognosis

When Marilyn's cancer re-occurred in 2007, her doctors gave her 18 months to live. Mid-last year, that prognosis dropped to six months, and later just two.

"When doctors told me 'six months', I said 'Thank you for that information because I like to know,'" says Marilyn. "But I want to be around to see my babies go to school."

Despite obvious exhaustion after countless hospital visits, medical tests, chemotherapy and radiation treatment – not to mention the demands of two tots – Marilyn and Anthony are astonishingly positive.

"He is a good man and he loves our babies," says Marilyn, marvelling at her husband's patient attitude. And Anthony, a Wiradjuri man born in Trangle, speaks proudly of Marilyn's expertise in nursing, holistic healing and mental health.

Two weeks ago, on Valentine's Day, family and friends joined them in celebrating Anthony's 16th year of sobriety.

And there was another reason to celebrate: after whole-brain radiation, tests showed that six metastases in Marilyn's brain had disappeared. Blood tests revealed her tumour markers to be at normal levels, which – despite the need for ongoing chemotherapy – meant technically that she was in remission.

The good news spurred the couple on to do what they could to help other cancer sufferers and their families. They contacted *The Koori Mail* around World Cancer Day on

Marilyn Pittman and Anthony James Proberts at home with twins Anthony Adam and Meyah May, who'll turn two in April.

BELOW: Anthony's painting *Sharing our stories makes us stronger*.



4 February to try to raise awareness of the disease and the need for early diagnosis and greater resources and support for sufferers and their carers.

"Aboriginal women are more resistant to seeing their doctor, which means they are often diagnosed later. And the later you get diagnosed, the less chance you have of recovery," Marilyn says. "Getting sick can be very confusing but this attitude of 'if it's cancer, I don't want to know' is not okay. We owe it to our people to think differently."

Marilyn and Anthony give thanks to the Bundjalung owners of the country where they live.

With more than 100,000 Australians diagnosed with cancer every year, it is no surprise that cancer resources are stretched.

Marilyn worries about the impact of her illness on Anthony, saying "It's a full-on job looking after me and the babies".

"It has been huge," Anthony concedes. "I am a carer for everybody so it's really taxing but it just has to get done. If I get a sleep, I do. If I don't, I don't. I could be doing the washing at 2am. It's easy to feel down."

The couple would like to see more short-term respite, counsellors, support groups, accommodation assistance, and in-home care for the children of cancer sufferers.

Having secured two years of *Brighter Futures* funding for Monday to Friday in-home care for the twins, they know what difference it can make.

"It has been so good for us because I get to be at home with the babies where every

moment is precious," Marilyn says. "Without that, I don't know what we would do."

In his rare spare time, 47-year-old Anthony likes to paint and he recently created a painting about his family's experiences with cancer. *Sharing our stories makes us stronger*, which is for sale, features a white circle with a pink dot representing the person with breast cancer surrounded by family. It depicts breast cancer support groups, which help prevent sufferers from becoming isolated and promote the value of information and support for carers. And dark and light-coloured footprints shows that breast cancer does not discriminate.

The future

So what does the future hold for Marilyn, Anthony, Anthony Jnr and Meyah?

In the short term, Marilyn and Anthony hope to attend an international conference *Reach to Recovery* in Brisbane in May.

For the twins' longer term care, they plan to establish a foundation. Currently, the 'Junior and Sissy Foundation' operates as a bank account and can receive donations. The foundation's motto is 'It takes a whole community to raise a child – or two'.

In the meantime, Marilyn is making memory boxes for the babies. Inside are their birth certificates, photos and messages from both of their parents.

"It's really important for the bubs to know who they're connected with," Marilyn says. "It's important that is not lost."

● Any readers who would like to help the Proberts/Pittman family can call them on (0438) 677 895 or (0404) 878 647 or email healingplace@bigpond.com.

● For information on breast cancer, go to the Cancer Council Australia website at www.cancer.org.au or that of the Breast Cancer Support Network at www.bcna.org.au

What a line-up!

Indigenous stars come out for the Easter Bluesfest

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



THE Byron Bay Bluesfest celebrated its 20th birthday party last week by launching the new InDIG stage, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander showcase of musicians to be held in conjunction with the festival.

Local Arakwal (Byron Bay) woman Yvonne Stewart announced the stage name as 'Bunbaline' in tribute to the local ancestor or chief tribesman of the Byron area and also as an acknowledgement of the sacred Aboriginal land the festival is held on.

The upcoming Easter weekend festival boasts a plethora of acclaimed Indigenous artists, including Saltwater Band, Stiff Gins, Christine Anu, Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter, Dan Sultan and far north Queensland band Tribe of Jubal.

Culturally appropriate

In her welcome to country address, Ms Stewart said she was sure the festival organisers and local Indigenous community could work together to create a unique but culturally appropriate musical experience for everyone.

Bluesfest director Peter Noble said he welcomed the InDIG stage as an important part of the festival, but all of the performers were free to utilise any of the stages over the weekend, as they had always done. The InDIG stage has also been supported by Events NSW.

"I'm extremely proud to see this wonderful fruition of all our efforts to date as an expression of reconciliation following the nation's official Apology to our Indigenous peoples," Mr Noble said.

Other artists on the Bluesfest bill include the John Butler Trio, Jason Mraz, Ben Harper and Xavier Rudd.



Pictured at the launch were Byron Bay Mayor Jan Barham, Events NSW representative John Montgomery, Arakwal woman Yvonne Stewart, country singer Troy Cassar-Daley and Bluesfest Director Peter Noble.



● ABOVE: From left, Bundjalung Elders Lillian King and Hazel Rhodes and Arakwal custodians Linda Vidler and Dulcie Nicholls.



● LEFT: Family members Lewis Walker, Mick Kay and Hector Walker at the launch.



● RIGHT: The Arakwal Dancers.

BLUESFEST

Byron Bay Bluesfest and The Koori Mail are offering our readers the chance to win one of two three-day passes to the Bluesfest. One pass is from the Thursday to Saturday inclusive, the other from the Saturday to Monday inclusive. All you have to do is give us the name of one of the artists/bands appearing at this year's Bluesfest. Email your answer to: editor@koomail.com
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30 years on, play highly relevant



WESLEY ENOCH



THIRTY years since Australian playwright, feminist, poet and communist Dorothy Hewett wrote the classic Australian musical comedy, *The Man from Mukinupin*, Company B and the Melbourne Theatre Company are bringing it back to life.

Directed by award-winner Wesley Enoch and featuring a cast that includes Australian favourites David Page, Lillian Crombie, Kerry Walker, Max Gillies and Amanda Muggleton, *The Man from Mukinupin* opens at Belvoir St Theatre on 1 April and at Melbourne Theatre Company on 6 June.

Hewett uses black and white and day and night to paint a picture of a country bursting with light and song.

Set in dusty Mukinupin, in WA's wheatbelt during the Great War, *The Man from Mukinupin* is one of Australia's great theatrical creations from one of our favourite ratbags, peopled with a rabble of broken-down vaudevillians, twins and war heroes.

Jack Tuesday loves snow-white Polly Perkins, daughter of the general store owner. So does the travelling lingerie salesman, Cecil Brunner. Polly loves Jack, but when the sun sets, it's Touch of the Tar who tickles Jack's drunken fancy.

Director Wesley Enoch, whose previous credits include *Yibiyung*, *Parramatta Girls* and *Capricornia*, said 30 years after it was written, Dorothy Hewett's work still focused on 'crucial issues like reconciliation and land use'.

"In this sense it's interesting to see how the story has maintained its value and depth, yet speaks to us in a completely different way now, as if the fullness of our history was always going to pan out this way," he said.

"Then, Dorothy has wrapped this all up in a way that people can understand and connect with – as a picturesque and happy-go-lucky musical."

Dorothy Hewett was born in Perth and grew up in a small town in the West Australian wheatbelt. She is best known for her poetry

and plays, many of which include a musical element, yet has produced work from nearly every writing genre. Much of her work focused on societal issues that were, at the time, otherwise unmentionable such as sex and promiscuity, feminism, gender and race.

Hewett – an avowed atheist – joined the communist party in 1946 while studying English at the University of Western Australia. Her other works include *Babbin' Up*, *This Old Man Comes Rolling Home*, *Mrs Porter and the Angel* and *The Chapel Perilous*. Hewett, who was known as the 'Grande Dame of Australian Literature', died at 79 in 2002.

● *The Man from Mukinupin* season runs 1 April-17 May, Tuesday 6.30pm, Wednesday to Friday 8pm, Saturday 2pm & 8pm, Sunday 5pm at Belvoir St Theatre, 25 Belvoir St Surry Hills. Phone (02) 9699 3444 for ticket bookings or visit www.belvoir.com.au. Tickets cost \$56 or \$34 conc, student rush \$25 for Tuesday 6.30pm and Saturday 2pm, available from 10am on the day. Previews 28 and 29 March, all tickets \$34.

Didgeridoo and more as Atkins joins the WOMADelaide line-up

SA ONE of Australia's finest didgeridoo players, Mark Atkins, is preparing to share a few yarns and wow the audiences at WOMADelaide.

Atkins, a descendant of the Yamatji people of Western Australia and of Irish-Australian heritage, is widely regarded as a master of the didgeridoo, a storyteller, drummer and visual artist.

He will perform his solo show, *Grungada: A Journey of Music and Song*, which he describes as like 'a campfire chat', accompanied by didgeridoo, guitar and harmonica.

The versatile performer is no stranger to the big stages. He has performed around the world, working with musicians such as Led Zeppelin, Donal Lunney in Ireland, Peter Sculthorpe, Phillip Glass,

John Butler, Ornette Coleman and more.

He will perform on each day of the festival, from 6-8 March. The Adelaide festival is one of eight held across the globe each year featuring the finest in world music and the arts.

Another Indigenous talent set to take the stage is Dan Sultan, sometimes referred to as the Black Elvis because of his on-stage moves.

Inner-city soul

WOMADelaide audiences enjoyed a taste of Sultan's sultry inner-city soul music last year, and the Melbourne singer/songwriter is expected to share a few new songs from his next album.

The festival in Adelaide's Botanic Park will also feature singer/songwriter Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, who last year collected two ARIA awards, three

Deadly awards, and four other honours at the NT Indigenous Music Awards.

He is among a line-up of 380 artists from more than 30 countries. The program includes bands, street theatre, a full line-up of activities for children, and a wide program of visual arts.

A feature for art lovers will be Anangu artists from Central Australia who will be conducting painting and dance workshops, as well as sharing their traditional stories.

Over the three days WOMADelaide runs six outdoor stages and features a Global Village of 100 arts, crafts, international cuisine and educational display stalls and three bars.

After last year's turnout of 75,000, organisers are again expecting a huge event. For more information go to www.womadelaide.com.au



Mark Atkins on stage

Adding fuel to the fire

By BRENDAN McCUMSTIE

ANI DiFranco has spent two decades campaigning – through her music – for social justice and cultural change.

The American poet, songwriter, businessperson and activist recently caught up with *The Koori Mail* in Brisbane during an Australian tour to promote her new album *Red Letter Year*.

It's an apt title for DiFranco's home country given the new political era it entered late last year, and for DiFranco personally, having recently discovered the challenges and joys of motherhood.

Some might argue it could also reflect the past 12 months in Australian Indigenous affairs, book-ended by the national Apology and the announcement of Aboriginal activist Professor Mick Dodson as 2009 Australian of the year.

DiFranco sees what has happened in the world over the past year as a spark that could really inspire Indigenous people toward greater things. That there's now a source of fuel for the fires of change; perhaps enough to justify Indigenous nations believing more in the possibility of hope.

While she revelled in 'the power of being able to participate in the global moment of joy', as DiFranco describes the election of Barack Obama as the first black American President, does she ever see a time

when a native American could hold that office?

"Two years ago, to say that there would be a black dude... even myself would be like 'yeah sure, that's possible' but not really believing it," she replied.

"It took the whole world by surprise so that in itself makes all those other things we think are impossible much more possible."

"I think that the air of possibility changes everything. So I now feel much closer to it than last year."

Commenting on a lyric she wrote more than a decade ago that

thinks it becomes a problem when there's a tendency to criticise each other constantly.

"I very much hope that as a society we can move beyond the knee-jerk criticism and try to embody that spirit of mutual support, respect and unity," she says. "So we can get some movement forward... an apology is great for a nation."

"I'm interested to look at the struggles of Indigenous people... and realise that in my heart I know that they're not the struggles for any particular group, but for all of us."

"There's a gross feeling where you look at your society and say there is no change, there is no improvement or empowerment for those people, but suddenly there is a cultural awareness."

"If you hang on and you pursue it, you see that the cultural changes start to change the political landscape."

DiFranco played her sold-out Brisbane concert wearing a t-shirt with the Union Jack of the Australian flag in the Aboriginal colours of red, black and yellow emblazoned across the front.

A member of the audience called out for an explanation of the gesture.

"When culture begins to change, then you will eventually change politics. Just look at my country!" DiFranco replied.

"It begins with t-shirts and TV shows and movies; you can change a nation with a t-shirt."

'Down beneath the impossible pain of our history, beneath unknown bones, beneath the bedrock of the mystery... beneath the good and kind and the stupid and the cruel, there's a fire that's just waiting for fuel'

– Taken from the poem 'Fuel' by Ani DiFranco (pictured), 1998



professed 'it is easy to discover someone, it is hard to support them', she draw some parallels between the US and Australia.

"(Our leaders) don't have to be perfect. I trust that (they) are a public servant. Beyond that, it's our job to fix everything," she says.

And 'with the injustice that is a product of our endless regurgitation of the past, and imagination of the future, we then punish ourselves endlessly for our mistakes'.

DiFranco says that living under an awful government, it can become habit to mistrust and to criticise. She



Ani DiFranco on stage in Brisbane, wearing an Australian flag t-shirt with an Aboriginal twist, the Union Jack in red, black and yellow. Photo by SOPHIE ANDERSON

Enora flies again

By Cairns Correspondent
CHRISTINE HOWES



THE children's book *Enora and the Black Crane*, recognised internationally for its style and substance the first time around, has been re-published and re-launched in Cairns.

The first edition of the Arone Meeks book was awarded the Ezra Jack Keats UNICEF International Children's Book Award, one of the top honours in the children's literature world.

It was also short-listed for the CBCA Children's Book of the Year Award.

Hosted by KickArts Contemporary Arts, the re-launch was attended by more than 100 people including Cairns Mayor Val Schier and Magabala Books General Manager Susie Haslehurst, and featured the original artworks painted in the early 1990s to illustrate the story.

Ms Schier addressed artist Arone Meeks as she recalled the book when it was first published.

"I'm delighted to see those original works and I understand, Arone, you haven't seen them for a long time. They've actually been stored away with the original publisher, so this is an experience for you," she said.

"It's wonderful that it's back in print, it really does deserve to be, not just in schools and TAFE colleges but it will be in people's homes and read to children, and I imagine that will be over and over again."

Susie Haslehurst said Magabala Books was excited to have the opportunity to publish again.

"One of the things that really excited us about this particular publication was that the illustrations were so beautiful. They absolutely stood the test of time," she said.

"We feel really confident that 18 years later it still has life so we've taken the beautiful story and the beautiful



Author Arone Meeks with his book *Enora and the Black Crane* next to the original artwork.

illustrations, re-designed it all and packaged it together and hope it will have another life out there."

KickArts Director Rae O'Connell said the original works, currently hanging in the organisation's foyer, had already attracted the interest of students.

Blown away

"We had some students from TAFE come in a couple of days ago who saw the works and were blown away because they were reading the book when they were at school, so it was a treat for them to see the actual artwork on the wall," she said.

Author and artist Arone Raymond Meeks said he heard the story of *Enora* from his grandfather who heard it from his father before him.

"Enora took flight in 1991 and after

doing three previous books with a very well-known anthropologist, my publisher suggested I write and illustrate stories of my own," Meeks said.

"My grandfather was a Kuku Midjimi man from Laura, so it's an important story that his father told him that was passed on to me. It's a story that gives a sense of culture and a sense of place. It's a story about respect and coming of age and that connection back to culture."

"I did it in such a way that children could copy the illustrations very easily and also to parallel with those elements of traditional culture by using traditional colours."

"When people started to ask me where they could get the book, because they couldn't get it in libraries even, I didn't want it to fall into history. *Enora* had to take flight again."



ARONE Meeks told *The Koori Mail* this photograph of him with famous actress Audrey Hepburn was taken when he won the UNICEF International Children's Book award in the Hague, Holland, in 1992.

"Audrey Hepburn, who was a member of UNICEF, gave me the award with (James Bond actor) Roger Moore," he said. "I was a bit blown away."

"Audrey was just amazing. She was just like she appears in her movies and she wore only black and white."

"She invited me to a cocktail party. I was really nervous, and when I got there, I took the book with me and I said to her 'this book is for you', then I plucked up even more courage and asked if she'd mind if we had our photo taken."



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Brisbane hosting Culture Warriors



ARTWORKS by leading Queensland artists Vernon Ah Kee, Richard Bell, Dennis Nona and Judy Watson are

on display at the Gallery of Modern Art in Brisbane.

The *Culture Warriors: National Indigenous Art Triennial* exhibition will be on display until 10 May.

Brisbane is the fourth venue to stage the exhibition, which was developed by the National Gallery of Australia. It has already been held in Canberra, Adelaide and Perth.

Organisers said the exhibition offered an opportunity for Queensland audiences to experience the range and diversity of contemporary Indigenous art practice.

The exhibition features more than 90 works created in the past four years by 30 leading Indigenous Australian artists

from every State and Territory.

Some use traditional materials in highly original ways, some revitalise cultural practices, and others employ contemporary technologies and cross-cultural references.

Paintings on canvas by Daniel Boyd, Turbo Brown, Julie Dowling and Christopher Pease are featured, with a bronze and pearl shell sculpture by Dennis Nona and with textiles, weaving, new media, photo media, printmaking and installation by artists including Destiny Deacon, Treahna Hamm and Ricky Maynard.

Inspiration

Brenda L Croft, Senior Curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art at the National Gallery of Australia, has curated the exhibition. It draws its inspiration from the 40th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum.

Culture Warriors pays specific tribute to a core group

of artists whose careers span the four decades since the referendum including Jean Baptiste Apuatimi, Phillip Gudthaykudhay, John Mawundjul, Lofly Bardayal Nadjamerrek and Arthur Koo'ekka Pambegan Jr.

The exhibition is supported by BHP Billiton, the Australia Council for the Arts through its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Board, Visual Art Board, and Community Partnerships and Market Development (International) Board, the Contemporary Touring Initiative through Visions of Australia, an Australian Government program, and the Visual Arts and Crafts Strategy, an initiative of the Australian Government and State and Territory governments, the Queensland Government through the Queensland Indigenous Arts Marketing and Export Agency and Australian Air Express.

Pushing limits

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



WHEN other children his age were watching Saturday morning cartoons and playing tag in the backyard, Tony Albert was busy collecting kitsch Aboriginal iconography, dating as far back as the

1950s. 'Aboriginalia' is the term Albert gives to it these days, and the artist has moved from merely feeling a connection to the self-described 'cheap collectable junk' to being fascinated by the way it depicts Indigenous Australians.

It had, he admits, almost overtaken his small Brisbane home before he sensed a far greater use for it.

"It started to inform my work and then I started using it and eventually it became my work," he told *The Koori Mail*.

Albert was born in Cardwell, far north Queensland, and spent most of his formative years in Brisbane, where he still lives and is a member of an Indigenous art collective called proppaNOW.

He is uncomfortable with labels and is informed, he says, at just 28, by everything that goes on in the world around him. At present he is reading *The Tall Man* by Chloe Hooper and delving into the contemporary world of African American art.

When working in the studio, Albert listens to a broad spectrum of music. He's a chameleon of sorts and says that, for him, it is more important to push himself to new limits than to be commercially recognised for his art. That's why his work is always changing and so too are the mediums he chooses to express his messages.

His latest collection, 'ASH on me', displayed at the Jan Manton Art Gallery this month, features 100 vintage ashtrays all adorned with Aboriginal ephemera to explore the idea of what it means to ash on somebody's face.

Albert said the idea for this started to take hold in the days just after the death in custody of Palm Island man Mulrunji Doomadgee, and the subsequent conviction of Lex Wotton while police officers involved in the riots were receiving bravery medals.

He believes artists as social stirrers can do more than just comment on political issues — they can use creative ways to make change.



Artist Tony Albert with his artwork which featured in the recent *Optimism* show at Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art.

One such idea was the production of 500 signed exhibition posters with all profits going to support Wotton's family.

Other works include high-gloss still photographic images of himself as alter-ego Aboriginal 'gangsta supastar' 50perCENT with his entourage of proppaNOW fellow artists NOTORIOUS B.E.L.L. and Lil 'Gin.

Enamoured with the lyrical content of hip-hop that dared to talk about youth suicide, poverty and drugs, Albert said he had always been excited by hip-hop as a musical medium.

And so the creation of an Aboriginal hip-hop artist was born, consciously created for

and by Aboriginal people, a part-satirical and part-serious nod to the rise of emerging Aboriginal hip-hop in Australia.

Within any of Albert's works, including photography, paint, text and 3D objects, each imbedded with deeper messages, he says people will find experimental and shifting pop culture references and socio-political undertones.

He wants people to be drawn into his work without being too aggressive, so they might walk away and contemplate on it long after they have seen it.

Neither painter nor photographer nor sculptor, Albert says some find it difficult to

define what kind of artist he is, but a more important issue is to pick the medium that will best convey his message.

And it seems his eclectic approach is working, between two galleries and with one major show a year, he will soon be off to represent Queensland in the 10th Havana Biennial in Cuba, an 'edgy' artists playground with the theme this year being globalisation and its effects.

After that, Albert will be back to his not quite 9-to-5 job as an artist, hoping to produce yet more works that will get all of Australia thinking about what it means to be Indigenous.

Darwin the place for even more *Yarning Up*



THE second series of the *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. And once more *Yarning Up* will be produced in partnership with Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association (TEABBA), the ABC, Screen Australia and the Department of Education and Training.

NTFO director Penelope McDonald said the writing workshop held by tutor Martha Ansara was the first step in a long process.

"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," she said.

"It's 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 Djirimbilpilwuy's *Yolgnu Guya Djamamir*, 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 its 20th year, and we are proud to be working with so many fantastic storytellers 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 television.

Money for Artists and Artswriters Indigenous Arts Grants March Funding Round

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Department of Culture and the Arts

It's a dream come true!



NEVER one to let a disability or two get in the way of honouring his Mum, Kuku Yalangi artist Brian 'Binna' Swindley and his close family friend Mary Williams celebrated the opening of their own art gallery in Mossman earlier this month.

Binna is deaf and shares a house in the small tourist/cane town north of Cairns, with his wheelchair-bound brother Clarence.

"I am very proud of what my brother has done," Clarence says.

The pair lost both their parents and another sibling over the past seven years, but with another brother still in town keeping an eye on them, along with friends like Mary Williams and her husband Russell, Binna's dream of owning and running the gallery has finally come true.

"I feel a very proud Kuku Yalangi man," he told *The Koori Mail*. "The gallery

is not only for myself it is for everybody in the community.

"I will be able to share my culture with everybody and soon I will have my own Aboriginal art classes at the gallery."

Mrs Williams, also an artist, said the Janbal Gallery opening was attended by about 60 people.

"We just did a nice little opening and everybody came through the gallery and had a look," she said. "I do paint but it's mostly for Binna, he's got all his work in here."

Named for mother

"We named the gallery after his mother Shirley, whose Aboriginal name was 'Janbal'."

"We have prints of her work which we'll be selling through the gallery as well, but the next step is we want to invite other Aboriginal artists to display their work."

Mrs Williams said the gallery's location on the Mossman Gorge road would mean

thousands of potential visitors every year.

"Hopefully we should get a few people coming through," she said.

"This is Binna's dream come true, we've been good family friends for 25 years."

"Binna's dad died in the early 2000s, and then his mum died a few years later, then another brother died."

"His mother used to paint and she wanted to have an art gallery underneath her house."

"But Binna was left here with a hearing disability and he also has another brother who lives here with him in a wheelchair. So it could seem sad, yet you come and see the boys and they really laugh all the time. For what they've been through, they have a really good sense of humour."

"My husband is a builder and they've been asking us for years and we finally said okay. They're a beautiful family."

For more information see <http://www.janbalgallery.com.au>



Sharon Lane with her award.

Sharon Lane thrilled with latest award



SHARON Lane has just returned home from the Victorian and National Country Music Awards, ecstatic after being named Hawking Brothers Best New Talent.

Accepting the award on the same stage as The McClymonts, Catherine Britt and John Williamson, Lane was thrilled to accept the award for *I Cried*, the song she wrote after doctors found a debilitating brain tumour in 2006 and which features on her debut album *Second Chance*.

"I was ecstatic to just be nominated, so to win the award was absolutely fantastic," she said.

"What made it even more special and emotional for me was the fact that I wrote the song *I Cried*."

Following the recent success of her radio singles *Hello, Something You Said* and *I Don't Want To Fall To Pieces*, Lane is back with a fourth release of the classic *It's All Over Now Baby Blue*.

Lane's rendition of the Bob Dylan classic also features on *Second Chance*, which won her Album of the Year at the 2008 Deadlys.

In the wake of the Victorian bushfires, Lane has organised a benefit concert at the Dubbo RSL Club Auditorium on Sunday 1 March from noon-6pm. She will be joined by other local performers and tickets cost \$10 adults, \$5 children and concession, with under-twos free.



At the gallery are, front, Russell Williams and Clarence Swindley; middle, Marie Swindley, Rodney Swindley, Pat Swindley, Mary Williams, Merl and George Eddleston; and at the back Brian 'Binna' Swindley. Photo: WARREN ANNING

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Major production funding for Marrugeku Theatre Company



BROOME-BASED Marrugeku Theatre Company has been named the first recipient of the WA State Government's Major Production Fund.

Marrugeku creates contemporary dance theatre works in remote Indigenous communities and has been granted more than \$280,000 for the final development stage, remount and premiere of its most recent work *Burning Daylight*.

The work was originally created in

Broome using local people and their stories through a series of training and workshop sessions in 2005 and 2006, and featured a combination of Belgian, West African and local Indigenous dance through the work of choreographers Dalisa Pigram and Serge Aime Coulibaly.

Development

As part of its initial development, *Burning Daylight* was showcased at the Zürcher Theatre Spektakel in Zurich, Switzerland, in August 2007, and in 2009

it will tour nationally through the Mobile States consortium.

Culture and Arts Minister John Day said the funding would help Marrugeku 'realise the full potential of the original concept'.

"This fund enables the arts and cultural sector to fully engage their imaginations, consolidate great ideas and, with funding, bring them to fruition," he said.

"It is also intended to provide opportunities to present the works to a wider market."

Plenty of HOPE from youth of Mildura



ARTWORK created by talented Mildura Primary School students has

gone on display at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre at the Melbourne Museum.

The new exhibition of paintings is the result of the Mildura HOPE (Hope, Opportunity, Purpose and Education) project, which was established for Indigenous students in Years Five and Six at Mildura Primary School in 2007 to support their transition to Year Seven at Chaffey Secondary College.

The 14 Koorie and seven Tongan students involved in the HOPE program created paintings and descriptions reflecting their beliefs about who is important to them, where they feel connected and safe and the difference that being part of the project has made in their lives. The result is a remarkable collection of artworks, each with a unique personal story attached.

The aim of the HOPE project is to encourage strong school attendance, improve student learning outcomes and to strengthen cultural identity. For the Mildura students, it offered the opportunity to become more involved in their community through the arts.

"The HOPE exhibition is the culmination of a learning journey," said Tina de Groot, a co-ordinator of the HOPE project.

"It has been one of discovery, awakening, sharing, deep learning and personal growth."

"The stories of these students come from the heart and reflect young people deeply proud of who they are and with much to offer. These artworks reflect a belief in



Mildura Primary School students who took part in the HOPE project.

themselves, deep connections with others and hope for their future."

The HOPE project came to Bunjilaka following a showing at the Mildura Regional Art Gallery, where it was enjoyed by locals and visitors.

The project was deemed a huge success by Mildura Primary

School and the Mildura community.

"It is a great honour for Bunjilaka to have the opportunity to share these young students' hopes for the future with our Melbourne and international audiences," said Bunjilaka Manager Caroline Martin.

"We are also very enthusiastic

about the potential that this exhibition has to encourage and inspire many other young Koorie people to share their own stories about their hopes and dreams for the future."

The HOPE Project was funded by the Australian Government through the Attorney-General's Department, the Department of

Health and Ageing and the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

The exhibition will be on show at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre until 26 June 2009.

Admission is \$8 for adults and free for children. The museum is open daily, from 10am to 5pm daily.

Grandfather proud of Mathew's efforts



CASINO grandfather Charles Moran could not be prouder of his grandson Mathew.

Not only did 18-year-old Mathew recently become the first person in his family to complete Year 12, he did so despite suffering from the condition of autism.

Last year, Mathew attended a special school in the south Brisbane suburb of Woodridge. He was one of several students who received their graduation certificates at a ceremony in Brisbane in late December.

Mr Moran, a Bundjalung Elder, said the graduation ceremony was special for all of Mathew's family, but especially Mathew's mum Desley, who had Mathew at Grafton Base Hospital on Mother's Day 1990.

"Desley moved around a lot, but settled in Woodridge when Mathew was four-years-old. She realised Mathew had special needs so she settled down and encouraged him to attend school," Mr Moran said.

"It has been a struggle for her, as a sole

parent, but she hung in there and the result was a great reward for all her hard work.

"I was there as a proud grandfather. Travelling from Casino to be there was a night to remember because Mathew is not only my eldest grandson, but a special person to me as well."

"To me this shows that if you set your mind on something, you can do it. My one wish now is for Mathew to settle down and do something constructive with his life."

Since his graduation, Mathew has enrolled in a sheltered workshop in the nearby suburb of Trinder Park – a placement organised by mum Desley and the principal of his old school.

Uncle Charles sincerely thanked Mathew's teachers and school principal.

The feeling of family pride cuts both ways for Mathew and his grand-dad, with Mr Moran a revered long-term campaigner for justice for Indigenous people suffering poor health after working in the Baryulgil asbestos mine for James Hardie Industries.



Bundjalung Elder Charles Moran, far right, with his daughter Desley, grandsons Mathew and Raymond, and brother Bevin.



Four of the five successful Indigenous students with their certificates at the SACE Merit Ceremony at Government House. From left, Emanuel Ellis-Yolmen, Robert Edgar, Ashleigh Benson and Vanessa Scoble. Mathew Longman, not pictured, also received a merit award.

SA students leading way

SA FIVE Indigenous students have received an Outstanding Achievement (merit) in a South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) subject for 2008, two more than in 2007. The students received their certificates at the SACE Merit Ceremony at Government House on 10 February.

Vanessa Scoble, of Mitcham Girls High School, who received a merit for Communication and the Community, attributes her success to enjoying her work with disabled children at Ashford Special School.

Undertaking work experience at the centre as part of her studies, Vanessa said she was able to talk to disabled children and better understand their needs. She is now looking to pursue a career in child care.

Merit students Robert Edgar, of Brighton Secondary School (merit for Performance Special Study) and Mathew Longman, of Cardijn College (merit for Work and the Community), both have a passion for music. Robert, who has

ambitions to study music at the University of Adelaide, recently attended an audition where he demonstrated his singing ability.

Mathew's dedication to sound and music was recognised by his school with many awards for his contribution to music service.

Ashleigh Benson, of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, who gained a merit for Business and the Community II, has gained entry to the Wilto Yerlo Foundation, where she plans to study before gaining entry to a degree course that will provide her with the skills to become a social worker.

Experiences

Emanuel Ellis-Yolmen, of Henley High School, received a merit for his work in the Lifestyle and Community subject, which allowed him to draw on his experiences through Surf Life Saving and the Air Force Cadets.

SACE Board of South Australia Chief Executive Paul Kilvert said the success of this group of students showed efforts to ensure Indigenous students were supported to stay in school and complete their SACE were achieving results.

"Schools work closely with parents and strive to give Indigenous students a challenging and relevant curriculum that suits their aspirations," he said.

"This year we have seen that these very successful merit students achieved their results through a genuine passion for what they were studying."

The number of Indigenous students awarded the SACE has also been steadily increasing over recent years, with 133 Indigenous students receiving their certificate in 2008.

South Australian Education Minister Jane Lomax-Smith said the students were successful because they were inspired to succeed, through a supportive teaching environment where they were encouraged to develop skills relevant to something they were passionate about.

"I am delighted to see so many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students achieve their SACE, giving them the best start towards a successful future," she said.

"It's a tremendous personal achievement for each one of the students and their families."

Qld program success for Govt workers



FORTY Indigenous people working for 15 different Queensland Government departments, agencies and

commissions graduated in Brisbane recently with a Diploma of Government from the Wal-Meta Leadership Program.

Queensland Employment Minister John Mickel said the graduates, who come from Thursday Island, Cairns, Innisfail, Townsville, Rockhampton, Clermont, Gladstone, Brisbane and Toowoomba, were ready to take on more responsibilities in their workplace or apply for a job that requires their new knowledge and skills.

He said the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations' Wal-Meta Unit offered the leadership program as a pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to further their careers.

"Improving the employment outcomes of Indigenous Australians isn't just about lowering the unemployment rate, we also need to ensure that talented and motivated individuals can climb the ladder and reach their goals," he said.

Graduating student and Department of Employment and Industrial Relations Indigenous Employment and Training Support Officer Melita Ware is based on Thursday Island and said her studies would help in her current job as well as in the future.

"My attitude is more positive now and the subject on emotional

intelligence will help me support the Indigenous apprentices and trainees and the employers I work with," she said. "Juggling my own work, family and study commitments has helped me understand the issues that can come up during an apprenticeship or traineeship as well."

"Thanks to the Wal-Meta Leadership Program I'm also prepared to step out of my comfort zone, ready for the next big challenge that comes along."

Executive Director of the department's Employment and Indigenous Initiatives Division Bernie Carlon said the Diploma of Government would open job opportunities in management or other supervisory roles.

"The Queensland Public Sector is a major employer of Indigenous people, and according to the 2006 Census, 3.5 per cent of the State's population are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander," he said.

"To deliver effective services to Queenslanders the public sector needs to have people on the front lines and higher up who represent all parts of the community."

"The Wal-Meta Leadership Program builds up the skills of Indigenous people in the Queensland Public Sector so they are prepared for those higher positions."

The Wal-Meta Unit is now recruiting 25 students for the next leadership program. Applications close on 27 February. For more information on how to apply contact Senior Program Officer Sonia Williams on (07) 3225 2439 or email sonia.williams@deir.qld.gov.au



At the Wal-Meta Leadership Program graduation in Brisbane on 13 February were, from left, Melita Ware (DEIR, Thursday Island), Craig Heron (Queensland Health, Cairns) and Christina Canendo (QBuild, Brisbane).

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Cultural commitment helps to secure award



GOROKAN High School Year 11 student Layne Bailey received the Lesley Armstrong

Award at a presentation earlier this month.

Sponsored by Wyong Shire Council, on the Central Coast of NSW, the award is named after Gorokan Aboriginal Education Officer Lesley Armstrong and acknowledges student excellence in Aboriginal culture and education and school in general.

Council Aboriginal Youth Development Worker Matthew Sonter said 16-year-old Layne deserved the award, having matured into a proud, young Aboriginal man and also becoming a mentor for younger Aboriginal students.

"He is an active member of council-run programs. He was a part of the PCYC Sevens team, has attended Aboriginal culture camps, was involved in the Alenarra Art Project and participates in all my PCYC programs," Mr Sonter said.

"He is also a member of the Gorokan Didge Group and has represented his school on a number of occasions. He has also performed at both Starstruck and the School Spectacular."

As well as his cultural and



Award-winner Layne Bailey with Lesley Armstrong, left, and Wyong Council's Matthew Sonter.

dancing abilities, Layne is also a keen sportsman and at the same presentation he received awards in his age group for swimming,

cross-country and athletics.

Mr Sonter said the Lesley Armstrong Award came about through Lesley's 15-year

commitment to Aboriginal education at Gorokan 'and is the reason the school is a leader in Aboriginal education'.

Shahni rises to the challenge

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



NSW high school student Shahni Wellington has hit the ground running since starting a three-year scholarship with the Presbyterian Ladies College (PLC) in Croyden, Sydney.

Shahni was awarded the scholarship under the Wyong Shire Council's Aboriginal Education Program, and has been boarding at the school for a month.

Council Aboriginal Youth Development Worker Matt Sonter said Shahni had taken on the challenge well, despite a more intensive study routine and living away from family for the first time.

Mr Sonter said the 14-year-old hoped to use her scholarship to achieve her many goals, one of which includes playing for the Australian Indigenous netball team.

"As well as her academic achievements, Shahni also has a

passion for her culture and has become an integral part of the Gorokan High School Aboriginal Dance Group and has participated in many NAIDOC celebrations and Aboriginal performances," Mr Sonter said.

The council program operates in four of the shire's schools of Wyong, Gorokan, Lake Munmorah and Northlakes, and aims to help Indigenous students stay in school and further their education.

It has secured scholarships for one male and one female Indigenous student for the next three years in two Sydney boarding schools.

Shahni joins fellow student 16-year-old Trent Lake who last year secured a two-year rugby union and education scholarship with St Ignatius College for his athletic talents and dedication to schoolwork.

The scholarships will become available again at the end of the three-year term and Mr Sonter said he hoped to find two more eligible Indigenous students for 2012.



Scholarship recipient Shahni Wellington

WA pair win Rob Riley prizes



TWO secondary school students from Perth's northern suburbs have

been acknowledged as the top West Australian Year 12 Indigenous public school students in 2008, each winning the \$5000 Rob Riley Memorial Prize.

Carine Senior High School's Judd Harris won the Tertiary Entrance Examination (TEE) prize, and Mirrabooka Senior High School's Shayne Moore won the Vocational Education and Training (VET) prize.

The scholarships are named in memory of Rob Riley, an advocate of Indigenous human rights at a national and state level.

Judd is taking a year off to travel around Europe before beginning a degree in chemical engineering at The University of Western Australia or Curtin University. He is keen to work in the mining or greenhouse emissions industries.

Demanding

He studied five demanding subjects - Chemistry, Physics, Biology, English and Applicable Maths - to achieve his tertiary entrance rank of 94.8. Judd said he hopes his achievement will encourage other Indigenous students to study TEE subjects.

"Winning this prize is such an honour and I feel I can be a role model to other Indigenous students," he said.

Shayne, who has been accepted to study teaching at Edith Cowan University, attributes his academic success to Mirrabooka SHS Principal Barry Rose and his teachers.

"I struggled to apply myself in Year 11, but my principal and teachers said they believed in me and that made me not want to give up," he said.

Shayne's determination helped him achieve four A grades and four B grades, while completing a Certificate II in Information Technology.

A passion for writing instilled in him by English teacher Corina Markich has inspired Shayne to become an English teacher himself.

"I enjoy writing, analysing and reading and I also had great teachers in years 11 and 12. I think that is why I did really well in English. I want to help others like they helped me," he said.

Education Minister Liz Constable congratulated the students and said they were both obviously committed to their studies.

Torres Strait students receive support

TSI

FOUR Indigenous university students from the Torres Strait have been awarded scholarships by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) through its Assistance with Tertiary Education

Scheme (ATES). TSRA Chairperson Toshie Kris said ATES was established to provide financial assistance towards living and

study expenses for students who wanted to undertake study at a mainland university campus.

Thomas Ahwang, studying for a Bachelors degree in Fine Arts (print making), Sayuri Fujii, a Bachelor of Justice student, and Shayne Ahboo, studying a Bachelor of Medicine, are the 2009 scholarship recipients. Each will receive a scholarship worth \$6000.

And for the first time this year Queensland Senator Sue Boyce is also funding a \$6000 scholarship, named after her paternal great-grandfather Fredrick E Morey, who operated a fleet of pearl luggers in the Torres Strait.

Business management student Stacey Ketchell is the recipient of the inaugural Morey Scholarship, which is being administered in conjunction with

the TSRA, through ATES.

Mr Kris said he wanted to congratulate the four recipients and wish them the best in their chosen fields of study.

"ATES assesses applicants against a number of criteria including the student's commitment to undertake full-time study and their intention to return to work in the Torres Strait after acquiring their qualification," Mr Kris said.

Scholarships ease burden

NSWALC's Cr Patricia Laurie with education information ...
"These scholarships have been developed to assist our students to reach their true potential."

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NSW

ABORIGINAL students in the North Coast region of NSW are being urged to continue their studies by applying for educational scholarship with the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC).

NSWALC Councillor Patricia Laurie said the educational scholarships were established to give Aboriginal students the opportunities to succeed in their educational pursuits, and she urged students throughout the North Coast to

apply. "I am determined to ensure that our students are equipped with the tools they need for the workforce of today and tomorrow," Cr Laurie said.

"I know how hard our people are doing it at the moment and these scholarships have been developed to assist our students to reach their true potential.

"For too long our promising students have had to forgo their educational ambitions because of the lack of financial assistance."

Cr Laurie said that given the current economic climate, it was all the more imperative that young Indigenous people avail themselves of the financial assistance being offered by NSWALC through the scholarships.

"Now they are being given the opportunity to fulfil their dreams," she said.

Application forms and full scholarship details for the 2009 academic year are available from the NSWALC website at www.alc.org.au



New CDU Pro Vice-Chancellor Steve Larkin

University welcomes new leader

NT

CHARLES Darwin University's new Pro Vice-Chancellor for Indigenous Leadership, Steven Larkin was officially welcomed earlier this month with a traditional smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country where

he met with Indigenous staff.

Mr Larkin holds a Bachelor of Social Work, a Master of Social Science (Welfare and Social Policy) and is completing his PhD on the topic 'Race matters? Indigenous employment in the Australian Public Service'.

He was formerly the Principal of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies in Canberra and has extensive leadership experience in Indigenous organisations including the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, the Aboriginal Health Strategy Unit in the NT Health Services and the Community Development and Social Health Branch of the Federal Department of Health and Aged Care.

CDU Vice-Chancellor Barney Glover said he was delighted to announce Mr Larkin's appointment to the University Executive, where he would be responsible for the Indigenous components of CDU activities.

"Steven Larkin has a record of strong and innovative leadership, and proven academic standing," Professor Glover said.

"He is currently an Adjunct Professor with CDU and has fostered close working relationships between CDU and AIATSIS. We are delighted to announce his appointment."

Mr Larkin said he wanted to position CDU as Australia's leading university in Indigenous studies.

National Calendar

● To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, write no more than two sentences with contact details to email calendar@koorimail.com or fax it to (02) 6622 2600.

Ongoing: Living Black on SBS Television. Held every Wednesday at 6pm on SBS. Details: (02) 9430 2828 or 1800 500 727 or email news@sbs.simplicitycrm.com

Ongoing: Australian Indigenous Global Sports Academy (AIGSA) and Prokick Australia are looking for Koori male youths ages 15-17 to play a series of American gridiron games against high schools in the USA. Details: Richard Young on (0422) 866 201 or email ld@bold.net.au

Ongoing: The Aboriginal Heritage Projects is providing grants of up to \$75,000 to conserve Aboriginal heritage and encourage greater understanding of Aboriginal culture. The program assists in the conservation of culturally significant Aboriginal sites, documents community events and contributes to Aboriginal tourism. Details: Richard Sharpter on (02) 9873 8577 or email richard.sharpter@heritage.nsw.gov.au

Ongoing: Day Club provides social and recreational activities for veterans, their spouses, war widows/widowers and any other members of the community. Details: Margaret Morgan on (02) 9213 7225 or Erica Greig on (02) 9213 7482 or visit www.dva.gov.au/health/day_clubs

Ongoing: Certificate IV in Training and Assessment for Aboriginal people who want to become TAFE teachers or workplace trainers. Held in Ballina. Details: Deb Evans on (02) 6681 8911 or email debbie.evans@tafensw.edu.au or 131601 or (02) 6586 2249 or email nci.courseinfo@tafensw.edu.au

Ongoing: Goori Women's Yarnin' Circle. The Yarnin Circle is a time of sharing, listening and learning for Aboriginal Mothers, Aunties and Sisters. The Circle will enable us to support each other in our parenting and make the things happen that we value and strive for as Aboriginal parents. All welcome with morning tea provided. Transport can be provided. Held every Wednesday at the YWCA, 101a Rous Road, Goonellabah from 10am-12.30pm. Details: Chrissy Franks (02) 6625 5804 or (0450) 840 179 or email chrissy@ywcansw.com.au or visit www.ywcansw.com.au

Until 28 February: 'Artgang' Art Exhibition featuring artists including Marjorie Accoom, Joanne Butcher, Lorraine and Sammy Clairmont, Denise Fruit Ivy Hobson, Fiona Omeony, Leroy Platt Maureen Sandy and many more. Held at the Woolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Woolloongabba, from 11am-6pm. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or email email@wag.harryscollar.com or visit www.wag.harryscollar.com

Until 28 February: 'Across Country' Art Exhibition. This is a selection of Aboriginal art from the Ken Hinds Cultural Collection and includes watercolours from the 1940s Namatjira school, works from the Papunya and Kintore schools, and art from the Torres Strait Islands. Free. All welcome. Held at Redcliffe City Art Gallery, 470-476 Oxley Avenue, Redcliffe, from 10am-4pm. Details: (07) 3283 0415.

Until 1 March: Indigenous Australians Defence Force careers - This is an eight-week Indigenous pre-recruitment course that will be commencing in March 2009. This course will give you a real insight into Defence Force life and prepare you for the Defence enlistment process. Details: 1300 657 925 or email info@alliancepeople.com.au or visit www.alliancepeople.com.au

Until 6 March: Film screening *Voices 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 Qld). Episode 1 screening on 22 February at 1.30pm, 23 February at 5pm and 27



Photographer Mervyn Bishop and NSW State Records Aboriginal Liaison Project Officer Sue Newman at the Ballina opening of the travelling exhibition, *In Living Memory*. The exhibition is touring NSW this year and next year and will visit another ten venues. It ends in Ballina on 1 March.

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@rockchallenge.com.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 15 March: Still Black Exhibition. This is a visual statement by Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists of various sexualities exploring the concepts of categorising, profiling and identifying. It is about accepting the different aspects of our person while refusing to be kept in one little box. Featuring artists: Tony Albert, Brook Andrew, Lis Doust, Jenny Fraser, Adam Hill, Daniel Wallace and many more. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-Operative, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt, from 10am-4pm. Free all welcome. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or 1800 063 060 or visit www.mardigras.org.au/calendar

Until 27 March: Wynnum Aboriginal Art Gallery Exhibition is dedicated to providing access to Aboriginal culture through the beauty of art. Free. All welcome. Held at Wynnum Aboriginal Art Gallery, 4/124 Florence Street, Wynnum. Details: (07) 3396 8841 or visit www.ourbrisbane.com

Until 30 March: Salt Water Murrumbidgee. For the Indigenous communities of Minjerribah (Stradbroke Island) and the Quandamooka region, artists are the storytellers of their people. Visit the gallery and see the wide variety of Indigenous arts and craft. The members of the Yulu Burri Bah Dance Group also perform traditional songs and dances. Free and all welcome. Held at Salt Water Murrumbidgee, 3 Ballow Road, Dunwich from 10am-3pm. Details: (07) 3415 2373 or visit www.swmq.net

Until 31 March: Didgeridoo and Aboriginal Dance Show. The Didgeridoo Show, you can listen to the unique tones played from the didgeridoo and come to understand the history of this traditional instrument. The Aboriginal Dance Show performed by the Jaran (Freshwater) Dance Group presents an interactive dance performance full of colour and cultural references. Cost \$39 per adult and \$21 per child. Held at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, 28 Tomewin Street, Currumbin, at 9.30am and 3.30pm. Details: (07) 5534 1266 or visit www.currumbin-sanctuary.org.au

Until 31 March: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Performances. This is a free weekly program of traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural performances. Internationally renowned Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal Dancers and the ever popular

Wagga Torres Strait Islander Dance Troupe are just two of the many groups that will be showcased. All welcome. Held at Queen Street Mall, Queen Street, Brisbane City, from 10.30-11.30am. Details: (07) 3006 6200 or visit www.queenstreetmall.com

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, Nurturing 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. Austswim accreditation provides participants with the knowledge and skills needed to instruct learn to swim and water safety programs. The Austswim certificate is valid for three years and includes both theory and practical sessions. Participants must be 16 year and over. For details on the locations, dates, times and costs call Deb Grant on (02) 6618 0400 or deb.grant@dsr.nsw.gov.au or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

Until 16 April: Spirit 'A journey to a sense of belonging' Art Exhibition. This exhibition is a creative artwork that uses a stitching method of still photos to create a moving image. Held at Sydney Historic Customs House from 8am onwards. Details: Kevin on (02) 6556 5103 or email kw@shamanfilm.com or visit www.shamanfilm.com/spirit

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 5 February-1 March, Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina; 12 March-2 April, Kempsey Shire Library; 11 April-28 June, Regional Gallery, Penrith; 9 July-24 September, St George Regional Museum, Hurstville; 30 September-7 November, University of Newcastle; 1-16 December, Mechanics Institute, Moruya; 6-18 April 2010, Museum of the Riverina, Wagga

Wagga; 22 April-6 May 2010, Cootamundra Library; 15 May-25 July 2010, Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo. Details: Andrew Williams on (0408) 602 936 or Susan Charlton on (02) 8247 8660 or visit www.records.nsw.gov.au

Until 31 December: Dandiri Maiwar at Queensland Museum. Explore the cultural diversity, innovation and creativity of Queensland's Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders. Dandiri Maiwar celebrates, from a traditional and contemporary perspective, Queensland's two distinct Indigenous cultures through stories, artefacts, photographs, art and music. Free. All welcome. Held at the Queensland Museum, South Bank from 9.30am-5pm daily. Details: (07) 3840 7555 or email inquirycentre@qm.qld.gov.au or visit www.southbank.qm.qld.gov.au

27 February-1 March: *Belonging* Theatre Play. Karrikarrinya presents *Belonging*, by Tracey Rigney. This is a heartfelt story about a teenage girl's life and her struggle with acceptance and her own identity. Warning: language and sexual references. Cost \$10 each. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide from 8pm onwards. Details: Liz Nowell on (08) 8224 3234 or email visualarts@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

27 February-21 March: 'Cultural Presentations' a mixture of song and dance. Educational sessions exploring some of the historical, cultural, geographical and social aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and included an extended descriptive presentation and performance of the yidaki (didgeridoo) and Torres Strait Islander dance. Cost \$5 adults and \$3 concession. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide, from noon onwards. Details: Liz Nowell on (08) 8224 3234 or email visualarts@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

28 February-1 March: House of BlackSTAR-Dance Party featuring International Headliners The Ones and Peppermint. The House brings a new era of dance party to the 2009 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras season with a showcase spectacular that brings New York to Sydney for one amazing night of music, dance and cultural performance. Held at the Oxford Art Factory, 38-46 Oxford St, Darlinghurst from 7pm till late. Cost \$25 per person. All welcome. Details: Cassandra on (02) 9206 2113 or free call 1800 063 060 or Shaun on (02) 9206 2000 or visit www.acon.org.au or www.moshitix.com.au

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

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

3 March: Local History Reclaimed. Come and attend the public screening premier of the recently launched and acclaimed Woodford Bay *Journey of the Spirit* DVD. Learn more about the Black/White history of the Lane Cove area. Refreshments provided. Free and all welcome. Held in The Cove Room at Lane Cove Civic Centre, 48 Longueville Rd, Lane Cove, from 7-9.30pm. All welcome. Details: (02) 9428 1197 or (02) 9428 1150.

3-5 March: Film Screening *Belonging*. Karrikarrinya presents *Belonging*, by Tracey Rigney. This is a heartfelt story about a teenage girl's life and her struggle with

Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities



Doorn-Djil team members, back, Morris McGuire of Perth, Patrick Birch of Wyndham and Peter Mckie of Carnarvon, and, at front, recruiter Yvonne Austin, Paul Mckie of Port Hedland, Raymond Ryan of Geraldton and Administrator Tara Martin.

ABORIGINAL contracting business Doorn-Djil Yoodanah has welcomed its first employees. The five team members, all from different regions in Western Australia, joined the fledgling business last month and will work on a contract that forms part of BHP Billiton Iron Ore's Rapid Growth Project 5 (RGP5) at Finucane Island in the WA north-west.

The team members – all experienced in the mining and construction sectors – will serve as mentors for new employees of Doorn-Djil.

Doorn-Djil General Manager Tony Noonan said the men were 'chuffed' to be the first employees of the business, but were also motivated by the prospect of teaching aspiring up-and-comers.

"These guys will become the foundation of Doorn-Djil in terms of mentoring future employees and they are all very keen to develop the young fellas," Mr Noonan said.

Doorn-Djil on the job

"Once the project on Finucane Island has been completed, the next job this group goes to, they will become instrumental on the training side.

"They are all experienced in these

sectors, are all wise men who want to pass on their knowledge because they've done it tough to get where they are."

A stand-alone business within the Macmahon Group, Doorn-Djil is backed by

a company which has a track record for Aboriginal employment and training since 1963. Macmahon is one of Australia's leading contractors, providing services to customers in the mining and civil construction sectors.

Last December, Macmahon announced it had been awarded the RGP5 contract which involves preliminary work to facilitate dredging at Finucane Island.

Mr Noonan said this project required the services of experienced people, which is why Doorn-Djil was initially on the outlook for employees with these qualities.

"From a Doorn-Djil perspective, we can either run programs to develop new entrants into the construction or mining industry, or we can supply experienced operators," he said.

"A group like this is what the project needed. It is on a tight timeline and isn't a good place to train new people."

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or see our website for a job description
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Closing Date 4th March 2009

Southern Health

Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer

P/T (33.75h/w), Perm, Aboriginal Health
Greater Dandenong Community Health Service, Dandenong
(Melbourne)

The Greater Dandenong and Cardinia-Casey Community Health Services in partnership with the Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-operative is seeking to employ an Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer for the Aboriginal Health Promotion and Chronic Care Program. This position will preferably be staffed by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person (subject to Equal Opportunity Act 1995, Section 13 Exemption).

The position is a permanent position for 0.9 FTE or 4.5 days a week.

The position will be based out of the Greater Dandenong Community Health Service, Thomas Street site, and the geographical area covered by this position includes the municipalities of Greater Dandenong, Cardinia and Casey.

The position will contribute to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Promotion Plan and to embedding a sound health promotion approach to all the services and activities of the Aboriginal Health Team. Other significant responsibilities will include complementing the Teams outreach, chronic and complex model of care as well as supporting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community member's access to timely and required services.

The position will be expected to liaise and work in partnership with other community based health programs and services, government bodies as well as programs and service representatives at the local and regional Aboriginal organisations.

The applicant will be required to have at a minimum the Aboriginal Health Worker Certificate III qualification, or alternatively, be willing to enrol in the Aboriginal Health Worker Certificate III training within 2 months of commencement of employment.

Applicants interested in part time roles are encouraged to apply.
ENQUIRIES/APPLICATIONS (Ref No 10018): Kari Hawke on (03) 8792 2264. Please apply through 'Careers' on our website
www.southernhealth.org.au

Applications close: 2 March 2009.

Aboriginal Client Support Worker

P/T (22.5h/w), Temp (end 30.09.09), Aboriginal Health
Greater Dandenong Community Health Service, Dandenong
(Melbourne)

The Greater Dandenong and Cardinia-Casey Community Health Services in partnership with the Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-operative is seeking to employ an Aboriginal Client Support Worker for the Aboriginal Service Development Program. This position will preferably be staffed by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person (subject to Equal Opportunity Act 1995, Section 13 Exemption).

The position is a contract position for 0.6 FTE or 3 days a week until the 30.9.2009.

The position will be based out of the Greater Dandenong Community Health Service, Thomas Street site, and the geographical area covered by this position includes the municipalities of Greater Dandenong, Cardinia and Casey.

The position will support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients understand and access community based health services and in turn contribute to improving their health and wellbeing. The position will be expected to liaise and work in partnership with other community based health programs and services as well as the programs and service representatives at the local and regional Aboriginal organisations.

The applicant will be required to have at a minimum the Aboriginal Health Worker Certificate III qualification, or alternatively, be willing to enrol in the Aboriginal Health Worker Certificate III training.

ENQUIRIES/APPLICATIONS (Ref No 10027): Kari Hawke on (03) 8792 2264. Please apply through 'Careers' on our website
www.southernhealth.org.au

Applications close: 2 March 2009.



Government of
Western Australia
Western Australia Police

Community Diversity Officer

Web Search No: 83756

Level/Salary: Level 4, \$57,192 - \$60,444 pa (PSCIA)

Hours: Full-time

Location: East Perth

Provides assistance and informed advice by researching and consulting with Aboriginal groups across the state of Western Australia and other relevant stakeholders on Aboriginal policing issues. Undertakes work activities consistent with the Indigenous and Community Diversity Units business objectives, to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of policing services to Aboriginal people.

Further Job Related Information: Contact Ms Winita Bartholomew on telephone number (08) 9301 9517 or 0403 993 940 (Not to be contacted for Job Application Packages)

Job Application Packages: To access information about this position, visit www.jobs.wa.gov.au If you are unable to access this website please telephone (08) 9268 7895 (24-hour answering machine). No faxed, late or pro-forma applications will be accepted.

Closing Date: Monday, 16 March 2009 at 4:00pm.



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Applications close: 27 February 2009

www.dhs.vic.gov.au



Aboriginal Family Decision Making Convenor

North & West Metropolitan Region
Child Protection, Child Youth & Family
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Ongoing, Part Time (38 hrs per f/n)
\$75,345 - \$86,716 (pro rata) +
Superannuation

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The Aboriginal Family Decision Making (AFDM) Program is a partnership initiative between Child Protection and the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA). The position will be responsible for co-convening AFDM meetings in respect to Child Protection clients in collaboration with the VACCA convenor and an Aboriginal Elder. The Convenor must have strengths in engaging large family groups and developing culturally appropriate plans for Indigenous children, youth and their families. The successful candidate must have the ability to communicate well with and see issues from the perspective of Indigenous people.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Dominique Swift on (03) 9275-7000. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies. Please quote reference DHS/NWR/27415

Closing date for applications is Thursday 5 March 2009

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE 13 March 2009



THE AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION

Project Officer

Salary Range \$68,000 to \$74,000
Plus Statutory Superannuation.

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The Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) is a leading organisation on Indigenous medical education and workforce matters and the sole body representing Indigenous medical graduates and students in Australia. Our purpose is to strive for excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, wellbeing and life outcomes through leadership, partnership and scholarship, and in the spirit of cultural integrity, incorporating the philosophy that Life is Health is Life.

If you have a

- strong commitment to improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- demonstrated ability to develop, implement and evaluate policy and projects
- proven ability as an effective communicator
- ability to work in a changing and challenging environment

we'd like to hear from you.

AS AN INDIGENOUS ORGANISATION WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE TO CONSIDER JOINING OUR TEAM

Selection documentation can be obtained from the AIDA website at www.aida.org.au. Please contact Ms Mary Guthrie on 02 6273 5013 if you have any questions about the position.

Applications should address the selection criteria in full and be forwarded to:

Mr Romlie Mokak, Chief Executive Officer
Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association
P.O. Box 3497, MANUKA A.C.T. 2603
Attention: Ms Mary Guthrie
02 62735013 or via email mary@aida.org.au
Closing date for applications: COB Friday 6 March



Australian Government
Indigenous Land Corporation

FINANCE OFFICER - BUSINESSES

- Excellent opportunity based in Adelaide
- Interesting and challenging work
- Salary Range \$48 - \$51K (plus 15.4% Superannuation)

An opportunity has arisen to join the Finance Team of a national organisation with its head office based in Adelaide. The organisation conducts business across Australia and uniquely operates in both the public and private sector.

We are looking for an energetic, highly focused individual to work in a challenging, diverse and rewarding team environment. We are seeking a person who has had experience working with financial accounts such as Accounts Payable/Receivables.

Reporting to the Manager, Finance, specifically you will be required to:

- Undertake the accounts payable/receivable function for ILC Commercial Properties;
- Monitor budgets, assess request for procurement of goods & prepare purchase orders;
- Assist in compiling monthly and year end accounts for management;
- Assist in the preparation of the FBT return; and
- Monitor and maintain registers - livestock and assets.

The successful applicant will need well developed interpersonal skills, very clear and concise communication skills (including written and verbal) and experience in the provision of effective financial services.

Experience within an agriculture/pastoral setting would be an advantage as the position is involved in the finance function of the ILC's pastoral, horticultural and tourism enterprises.

Completion or near completion in accounting studies to TAFE Certificate or near completion of tertiary qualifications would be desirable. Knowledge of GST and experience with Technology One Financials would also be highly desirable.

The commencing salary will be within the range above depending on your skills and experience.

For further information, please contact Hanne Damgaard, Manager Finance on (08) 8100 7100 or Freecall 1800 818 490. (Position documentation and more information on the ILC are available on our website at www.ilc.gov.au)

Applications are to include the ILC Cover Note (available on the website), covering letter and detailed current CV only. Further information may be requested if you are required for an interview.

Applications should be emailed to vacancies@ilc.gov.au or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to Mr Adam Jenkins, Indigenous Land Corporation, GPO Box 652, ADELAIDE SA 5001

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 6 March 2009.

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.



Oolong Aboriginal Corporation Executive Assistant

• Small Corporation • Nowra based
• Salary sacrifice available after qualifying period

We are looking for an enthusiastic & motivated person with business management skills to assist the CEO in the day to day administration and liaison with internal and external stakeholders. Attention to detail & an ability to work as part of our small team is a must.

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Management of correspondence;
- Invoice verification;
- Review & report monthly administered financial transactions;
- Preparation of monthly reports for internal & external stakeholders;
- Preparation of Government funding submissions and compliance reports;
- Development of a policies and procedures manual;
- Preparation of guidelines and communication plans;
- Preparation and maintenance of Client rent accounts;
- Assist the CEO as required.

Essential Qualifications:

- Diploma in Business Management, progress towards same or at least 3-5 years related experience;
- Strong Communication skills;
- Ability to multi-task.
- Drivers Licence (NSW class 1c)

Desirable:

- Experience in government administrative requirements or willingness to learn;
- Recent experience in MYOB accounting software or similar accounting package;
- Experience in accounting and reporting practices and principles.

Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply

To be eligible to apply for this position you must have an appropriate Australian or New Zealand work visa.

Applications are to be made in writing marked 'Confidential' to:
Mr. Ivern Ardler, Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 700, Nowra NSW 2541
and received no later than 12 March, 2009



Co-ordinator with Indigenous Parenting Support Program

Full Time 35 hours per week

Family Worker

Part time 14 hours per week
ATSI identified position.

ANGLICARE's vision is "Lives changing and communities growing by care through Jesus Christ". Our Family Services program is located in Mt Druitt and is currently seeking both a Co-ordinator and a Family Worker who would like to join a team of committed and caring professionals.

Applicants must be able to co-ordinate across the non-government sector to support indigenous families to achieve a better quality of life for their children and identified needs.

Qualifications: Tertiary qualifications in social work, welfare, nursing or relevant field and/or experience in providing Family Services to Indigenous communities.

Applicants must be able to support and promote the Christian mission and values of the organisation.

Enquiries: Alice Wheatley - Regional Manager on 98322300

Applications can be sent to ANGLICARE Community Care Centre, PO Box 217, Rooty Hill, NSW, 2766 or awheatley@anglicare.org.au

Applications Close: Friday 13 March, 2009.

It is a requirement of this position that full police checks and Working with Children Checks will be conducted.

ANGLICARE is a full equal opportunity employer.

Indigenous Disability Advocacy Service

Case Manager

- Part Time, 4 day week
- Flexible work conditions
- Harris Park Location

The Indigenous Disability Advocacy Service (IDAS) is a non-profit organisation specialising in an advocacy service for disabled Indigenous people. Funding is provided by State and Commonwealth Governments.

IDAS is currently seeking a qualified individual to take on the position of Case Manager. This is a permanent part time position of 4 days a week with flexible working conditions.

As a Case Manager you will assist clients/carers of the program to maximise their quality of life and to continue to live independently in the community as long as possible.

Aboriginality (a genuine occupational qualification as specified under section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977) as well as knowledge/experience and strong commitment to working with Indigenous people & communities is essential.

You must also possess a broad understanding of the issues experienced by frail aged and disabled Indigenous persons and their carers living in the community. Experience in the provision of community/health care services and knowledge of the current service system is desirable.

For further information or a position description please contact Betty Salvatori, CEO on (02) 9687 7688 or email betty.salvatori@idas.org.au

Applications close COB Friday 13th March, 2009.

Please note all offers of employment are provisional pending the outcome of a National Police Records Check.



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APS Level 3
\$41,231 - \$49,216 pa, up to 5 weeks annual leave, plus superannuation
Includes meals and a rent-free, modern style, 2 bedroom unit for self and dependants. Relevant training and support will also be provided.

Duties

- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager

Want to know more?

Contact Brett Hill on 08 9325 6770.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone
Sharna Collard on 08 9325 6770.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, 12th Floor, Septimus Roe Building, 256 Adelaide Terrace PERTH WA 6000.

Closing date

By 5pm 13 March 2009.

This is a Transient hostel.

Relief Houseparent

Cairns

Joe McGinness Hostel
APS Level 2
\$264.54 - \$315.76 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 15.20 hours per week
- Operation of the hostel whilst on duty
- Ensure that appropriate recreational, educational and other support facilities are available to the students

Want to know more?

Contact Irene Laifoo on
07 4051 2141.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone
Syreeta Mills on 07 4051 4588.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1143, CAIRNS QLD 4870.

Closing date

By 5pm 13 March 2009.

This is a Secondary Education hostel.

Hostel Manager

Rockhampton

Neville Bonner Hostel
APS Level 3
\$41,231 - \$49,216 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager

Want to know more?

Contact David Collins on
07 3221 3866.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone
Peter Hassell on 07 3221 3866.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 10122, Adelaide Street PO, BRISBANE QLD 4000.

Closing date

By 5pm 13 March 2009.

This is a Transient hostel.

Registered Nurse

Alice Springs

Hetti Perkins Home for the Aged
APS Level 4
\$690.85 - \$826.70 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 30.40 hours per week
- Under the direction of the Clinical Nursing Coordinator, lead a team and be responsible for the delivery of quality, holistic care to the residents

Want to know more?

Contact Deb Lyons on
08 8952 5811.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone
Deb Lyons on 08 8952 5811.

How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1945, ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871.

Closing date

By 5pm 13 March 2009.

This is an Aged Care home.

Assistant Project Officer

(expected vacancy)

Canberra

Human Resources Division
APS Level 4
\$42,896 - \$51,595 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Manage the AHL recruitment function
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- Assist with other human resources tasks

Want to know more?

Contact Alan Coxhill on
02 6212 2035.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone
LaToya Hall on 02 6212 2040.

How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Alan Coxhill, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, WODEN ACT 2606.

Closing date

By 5pm 13 March 2009.

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Arts Law Centre of Australia Indigenous Lawyer

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Post-admission experience is desirable.

For selection criteria and job description contact: (02) 9356 2566 or artslaw@artslaw.com.au or speak to Robyn Ayres.

Applications close: March 6, 2009.

This is an Aboriginal Identified position.

NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL

**Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer
Aboriginal Health Education Officer/
Social Worker**

Perm Full Time Position No: NNPOW0992

An applicant's race and gender is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enq: Jane Dennis, (02) 9382 2361.

Apps: phhpowhr@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 13 March 2009.

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or contact the enquiries person.

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The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

Client and Community Contact Officer

Clerk Grade 7/8 - Permanent Position - Darlinghurst Total remuneration package valued to: \$88,249 p.a. (salary \$72,247 to \$79,972 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Develop and manage client and community contact strategies for the Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate. Develop and disseminate information for the public and the media.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Substantial experience in client and community contact and relevant experience. Excellent written and oral communication skills including speech writing. Demonstrated ability to develop and coordinate the production of promotional materials including information for public release. Ability to identify potentially controversial issues and develop strategies to address them. Experience in all aspects of electronic media including the development of internet services and skills in desktop publishing. Understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal students. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal Education policies.

Notes: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Inquiries: Caroline Vale (02) 9244 5723

Email: Caroline.Vale@det.nsw.edu.au

Information Packages: Jason Elia (02) 9266 8012

Email: Jason.Elia@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:

Carol Vale, Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate, Department of Education and Training, Level 14, 1 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst NSW 2010.

You may also apply for these positions online. To apply online please visit our website: www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs

Closing Date: 13 March 2009.

National Indigenous Development Centre CAMP MANAGER Sydney Urban Camp

The YMCA of Sydney is one of Sydney's most recognisable community organisations. In partnership with the Indigenous Land Corporation, the YMCA is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced

CAMP MANAGER

to manage Sydney Urban Camp at NIDC.

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Facilities within the Sydney Urban Camp include:

- Flexible, group accommodation; 100 people
- Kitchen & dining facilities catering; 130 people
- Outdoor BBQ and recreational areas
- Flexible activity/conference rooms

The successful applicant will be a strong leader with a hospitality/accommodation background who is comfortable working within a diverse community.

You will need to be able to demonstrate experience in hospitality and facility management, human resource management, community strengthening, financial management and business development.

Salary range: \$70,000 to \$85,000 package

Submit applications and enquiries to:

hr.sydney@ymca.org.au

or call 02 9687 6233.

Applications Close:

Friday 6th March 2009.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply



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Department of ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE NSW Parks and Wildlife Group

Field Officer (Aboriginal)

Field Officer Grade 1/4

Hunter/Newcastle/Central Coast; Nelson Bay

Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy Ref: DECC09-014

Total remuneration package to \$60,668 p.a. including salary \$35,658 p.a. to \$47,572 p.a.

Salary package includes base salary (inclusive of annual leave loading), an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, and employer contributions to superannuation. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale.

Undertake maintenance and improvements to park infrastructure (facilities and grounds) including buildings, roads, fire trails and fencing. Operate and maintain plant and equipment. Facilitate visitor relations and law enforcement activities.

Selection Criteria:

- This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job as well as cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities.
- Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources and a willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement.
- Ability to maintain grounds, facilities and workplaces such as buildings, essential services, roads, walking tracks, fences and recreational and accommodation facilities including a willingness to safely undertake hygiene maintenance duties.
- Demonstrated ability and experience to carry out all duties safely and obtain relevant WorkCover Authority certification to appropriately operate and maintain small plant and equipment and ability and willingness to obtain a First Aid certificate.
- Certification and demonstrated experience, or ability to obtain, in operating a chainsaw to crosscut or simple tree felling standard. Ability to operate two-way radios.
- Effective communication and community relation skills are required. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. Administrative skills.
- Ability and willingness to carry out fire fighting duties and support roles including a willingness to fly in light aircraft.
- Current Drivers licence and ability to drive 4wd vehicles.

Job Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. The position of Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Applicants must obtain 4wd certification within the probationary period (12 months). Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Phil Peacock: (02) 4984 8255, 0429 144 883 or Phil.Peacock@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Jackie Henderson (02) 4984 8209

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 6 March 2009

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Duties may include:

- building and maintaining networks with Indigenous communities and organisations;
- promoting statistical awareness;
- developing the capability of Indigenous communities and organisations on the use of and access to statistical information;
- providing guidance in obtaining statistical information from Indigenous people in urban, regional and remote areas especially in regard to 2011 Census; and
- extensive fieldwork and liaison within the ABS and external organisations, stakeholders and data users.

As the successful applicant you will need to be the holder of, or have the ability to quickly obtain, a current driver's licence and have the ability to travel and conduct field work throughout NSW and the ACT.

If this opportunity appeals to you then find out more by first obtaining an applicant information kit at www.abs.gov.au/careers or contact Grace Kim on (02) 9268 4092.

Please quote reference no. 09-014-NSW in all correspondence.

Applications must be received by 6pm Thursday, 5th March, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

Rekindling The Spirit Program, Clerk Grade 7/8, Lismore District Office, Temporary Full-Time.

Vacancy Number: 09059. Total remuneration package valued at \$88,249 pa including salary range \$72,247 pa to \$79,972 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Work with Aboriginal communities and clients to implement the Rekindling The Spirit Program to reduce re-offending by Aboriginal offenders.

Selection Criteria: Experience in the criminal justice area and an understanding of community based corrections. Ability to gather information and undertake research. High level of written, oral and interpersonal communication skills. Well developed liaison, networking and conflict resolution skills particularly with Aboriginal communities. Ability to meet deadlines and prioritise work. Computer literacy and experience in the use of word processing and the application of associated software. Well developed knowledge and understanding of issues related to Indigenous culture, particularly as it impacts on the Criminal Justice System. Current NSW driver's licence and willingness/ability to within travel.

Notes: This is a temporary appointment/employment under the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002 for a period of up to June 2009 with a possible extension for a further three years, until 2012. All staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to 2 weeks at the commencement of their employment. Applicants must obtain the information package. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. Applicants with tertiary qualification in a related discipline should include details in their application.

Inquiries: Mark Nott or Julie Webber - (02) 6622 1277

Mark Nott@dcsc.nsw.gov.au or Julie.Webber@dcsc.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: David Harradine - (02) 6622 1277

Email: David.Harradine@dcsc.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: 6 March 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES TEACHER (ABORIGINAL)

INDIGENOUS STUDIES AND/OR LITERACY OR LITERACY AND NUMERACY

Tamworth Correctional Centre, Permanent Full-Time.

Vacancy Number: 09042. Total remuneration package valued at \$81,165 pa including salary range of \$65,611 pa to \$73,552 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Responsible for delivering accredited Indigenous Studies and/or Literacy or Literacy and Numeracy programs to Aboriginal offenders and providing administrative and case management support for these programs.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Degree or Degree plus Diploma in Education or equivalent. Degree or Diploma including Indigenous Studies &/or subjects relevant to Literacy or Literacy and Numeracy. Experience teaching adults or demonstrated knowledge of adult teaching principles. Demonstrated knowledge of quality assurance practices which comply with national standards. Ability to undertake administrative duties related to teaching and to work effectively as part of a multi-disciplinary team. Understanding of Case Management and ThroughCare strategies. Well developed interpersonal and communication skills.

Notes: In this position the applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. A Degree or Diploma in Education which includes teaching subjects in the core learning area will meet both qualification criteria. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form and copies of qualifications and academic transcripts. Originals must be brought to interview. Note that overseas qualifications must be accompanied with relevant statement of Australian equivalent. Applicants must provide email addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to 2 weeks at the commencement of their employment. An Eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary positions within the area.

Inquiries and Information packages: Anthony Gearin, ph: (02) 6764 5313. Email: Anthony.Gearin@dcsc.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked 'Confidential' to: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: 6 March 2009.

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MANY RIVERS DIABETES PREVENTION PROJECT

Vacancy No. 1130

The Many Rivers Diabetes Prevention Project (MRDPP), is implementing and evaluating a community and school-based intervention, to reduce the risk of Type-2 diabetes and other chronic diseases among Aboriginal children in rural NSW.

This is an outstanding opportunity for an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, with experience in community based health promotion projects, to implement, monitor and evaluate the MRDPP in collaboration with rural Aboriginal communities, Aboriginal Medical Services and relevant Government agencies.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

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Manager Aboriginal Employment and Capabilities

The position is located in Sydney in a temporary full-time capacity of up to 18 months in terms of Section 86 or 27 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002.

Clerk Grade 11/12

Position Number: DADHC-09-18333

Total remuneration package valued up to \$121,562 per annum (Salary: \$95,253 pa - \$110,160 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) provides support and services to older people, people with a disability and their carers in NSW. Within DADHC the Aboriginal Employment and Capabilities Framework aims to develop employment opportunities and the capabilities of Aboriginal staff over the next two years.

In this role you will lead a team (including central and regionally based Aboriginal Support Officers) to:

- incorporate Aboriginal people's skills, knowledge and experience in all aspects of DADHC's business
- promote DADHC as an employer of choice for Aboriginal staff in NSW
- equip and enable DADHC managers and other staff to develop Aboriginal employment and capability.

You will be skilled in engagement and consultation and be able to support all stakeholders.

Selection Criteria

1. In this position an applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine qualification authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977
2. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and contemporary issues affecting Aboriginal communities
3. Demonstrated understanding of workforce planning and capacity development issues affecting large human services organisations

Please refer to the Job Information Package for additional criteria

To apply and obtain full details, please visit DADHC's website dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or phone 1800 185 466.

Enquiries Officer: Pauline Brown (02) 4978 6200

Applications close Friday 6 March 2009

This position is partially funded by the Australian Government Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations under the Indigenous Structured Training and Employment Program (STEP).



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Teacher in General Education for Adults (Yakanarra Community Annexe)

Karayili Adult Education Centre is seeking a mature, self motivated teacher to work with adult Aboriginal people in a small isolated community in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. The successful applicant will develop and deliver literacy, numeracy and computer activities and assessments based on the Certificates of General Education for Adults. The activities will be developed from the interests and needs of people in the community. Other duties include maintaining and providing information of student enrolments, attendance and assessments in accordance with the Australian Quality Training Framework.

Karayili Adult Education Centre, is an Independent Aboriginal Registered Training Organisation, located in Fitzroy Crossing Western Australia. The annexe is located on Yakanarra Community about 100kms from Fitzroy Crossing and training delivery occurs in Yakanarra and surrounding communities.

Karayili delivers Vocational Education and Training including Certificates in Environmental Health, Business and General Education to people in the Fitzroy Valley. The successful applicant will work under the direction of and in collaboration with the Board of Directors and the Principal based in Fitzroy Crossing.

Attractive salary and conditions including subsidised accommodation is available. Contact the Principal, Carolyn Davey, on (08) 91915333 or principal@karrayili.org.au for information package including duty statement and selection criteria.

Applications must address selection criteria. Applications close on Wednesday 4th March. (Those applicants who proceed to interview must provide the selection panel with a Federal Police Clearance, a certified copy of qualifications and other documentation)



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Applications close:

Friday, 13 March 2009 by 5.00pm.

Any questions?

Contact:

Chris Bonney

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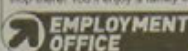
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Top End Remote - Darwin

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You will consult with the community and the local clinic team to plan and support implementation of a program that will include clinical updates in relation to Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and Blood Borne Virus (BBV), including undertaking regular chart audits and participating in community activities including STI/BBV screens where requested and appropriate.

Quote vacancy number: 1996

For further information, please contact the Sexual Health Coordinator - Top End Remote on (08) 8922 6912, or email david.adams@nt.gov.au

Closing date: 11th March 2009

APPLICATION INFORMATION

All applications should address the selection criteria. A full job description can be obtained by visiting www.nt.gov.au/jobs Further information about these positions can be obtained by FREECALL 1300 659 247 or email recruitment@nt.gov.au

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Suitable applicants are sought for the positions of:
Executive Manager - Justice Services
FULL TIME

The successful applicant will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Justice programs.

Executive Manager - Health Services
FULL TIME

The successful applicant will be responsible for overseeing service delivery of all programs within the Health Service.

For a position description please contact:
Scherie Moulton on (03) 5825 2111 or email:
scherie@racimltd.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

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT COURT SERVICES PROJECT OFFICER

Circle Sentencing (ATSI Identified)

Clerk, Grade 5-6, Armidale or Mt Drutt Locations, Position Number AG09-098. Total remuneration package valued to: \$77,406 p.a. (\$63,573-\$70,146) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The position is responsible for the co-ordination of circle sentencing in Armidale or Mt Drutt.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Extensive knowledge of local Aboriginal culture. Extensive knowledge of the local Aboriginal community. Knowledge of the NSW justice system, particularly sentencing. Ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally with people of all socio-economic backgrounds. Experience in negotiating with Aboriginal organisations, and government departments. Experience in organising information sessions, workshops and other educational forums. Current NSW driver's licence.

Notes: There are currently 2 positions, one permanent full time at Armidale Local Court and one permanent full time position at Mt Drutt Local Court. Applicants must state which position and location they are applying for. This position is identified under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement. **Inquiries:** Bradley Delaney phone (02) 8688 8656 Email: Bradley_delaney@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Business Systems Unit (02) 8688 7477.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: by email to agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 13 March 2009

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BATCHELOR INSTITUTE
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Academic Coordinator - Business & Management

(Re-advertised)

Position No.: 14672

Fixed term appointment commencing March 2009
to Dec 2011 - Batchelor, NT

Remuneration Academic Level B - \$67,006 - \$79,570

A tertiary qualification equivalent to four years of higher education in Business, Management, Administration, Human Resource Management or related discipline relevant to this position is required. This course coordination position is responsible to the Senior Lecturer (Dept of Business) for the development, delivery, assessment of Business & Management units (including moderation) and ongoing renewal of delivery methodology within the newly accredited Bachelor of Business program. Subject to specialisations, it may also require some work within the Graduate Diploma of Management and Administration. It requires the maintenance of student course records, other Institute administrative requirements and adherence to the Institute's and Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA) national quality standards. Liaison work with various industry professional bodies and community representative groups is required, with some work related travel being essential.

Applications close Friday 13 March 2009

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

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

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

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Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN)

Team Coordinator

Child Safety Services Division

(One permanent part-time position available
(16.25 hours per fortnight))

Child Safety
Salary: \$10 973 - \$13 824 p.a.

Location: Mount Isa
REF: QLD/CHS0011/09

Key Duties: Co-ordinate the effective functioning of teams with the SCAN System.

Skills and Abilities: Coordinate the function of SCAN Assessment and Management (AM) Team in a manner that assists in effective and professional discussion and recommendations that are responsive to case needs.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693

Closing Date: Monday, 9 March 2009

Child Safety Support Officer (Identified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Child Safety
Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 969 p.a.

Location: Redcliffe
REF: QLD/CHS0011/09

Key Duties: Provide prevention, early intervention, and family support strategies to children and families; Implement/maintain appropriate case work and individualised service plans; Liaise and develop links with relevant stakeholders including families, community agencies and relevant government agencies.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693

Closing Date: Monday, 2 March 2009

Indigenous Enterprise Development Officer (Specified)

Northern Region, Regional Development and Services

(Four positions available, temporary full-time for two years. Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Tourism, Regional Development and Industry
Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Various
REF: QLD/TRD18264/08

Key Duties: You will facilitate, support and manage Indigenous economic development projects and develop networks and relationships with Indigenous clients, other government agencies and industry. To support your work you will develop a regional plan. You will deliver a range of departmental products and services.

Enquiries: (07) 3224 5048 or E-Mail: jobvac.dtrdi@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 2 March 2009

Indigenous Enterprise Development Officer (Specified)

Southern Region, Regional Development and Services

(Four positions available, temporary full-time for two years. Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Tourism, Regional Development and Industry
Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Various
REF: QLD/TRD18263/08

Key Duties: You will facilitate, support and manage Indigenous economic development projects and develop networks and relationships with Indigenous clients, other government agencies and industry. To support your work you will develop a regional plan in consultation with Indigenous clients and other agencies. You will deliver a range of departmental products and services.

Enquiries: (07) 3224 5048 or E-Mail: jobvac.dtrdi@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 2 March 2009

Senior Project Officer

Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit, Indigenous Services

Natural Resources and Water

Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Woolloongabba
REF: QLD/NRW0015/09

Key Duties: This position is responsible for the management of spatial information and provides project support to the Director, Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit.

Enquiries: John Schiavo (07) 3406 2387

Closing Date: Monday, 9 March 2009

Senior Native Title Research Officer

Indigenous Services, Claim Resolution

(Two positions available)

Natural Resources and Water

Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Woolloongabba
REF: QLD/NRW9972/09

Key Duties: Implement, evaluate and provide advice on policies; Assist in the administration of the Government's response to native title claims; Liaise and consult with relevant stakeholders; Supervise staff; Prepare documents including submissions, briefs and reports.

Enquiries: Adrian Flesser (07) 3406 2284

Closing Date: Monday, 2 March 2009

Senior Policy Officer

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing

Housing

Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Brisbane
REF: QLD/HO8303/08

Key Duties: Contribute to the development and implementation of strategic policy frameworks to maximise delivery of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing output and other related products and programs.

Skills and Abilities: Undertake extensive social research, comparative policy analysis and evaluation.

Enquiries: Jenny Fern (07) 3225 1933 or E-Mail: jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 9 March 2009

Indigenous Enterprise Development Officer (Specified)

Northern Region, Regional Development and Services

(Temporary full-time for two years. Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Tourism, Regional Development and Industry
Salary: \$81 140 - \$87 005 p.a.

Location: Cairns
REF: QLD/TRD18262/08

Key Duties: You will facilitate, support and manage Indigenous economic development projects and develop networks and relationships with Indigenous clients, other government agencies and industry. To support your work you will develop a regional plan in consultation with Indigenous clients and other agencies. You will deliver a range of departmental products and services.

Enquiries: (07) 3224 5048 or E-Mail: jobvac.dtrdi@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 2 March 2009

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NORTHERN TERRITORY OFFICE OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH

APS LEVEL 5

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

\$58,911 - \$62,179

Reference Number: 09-0372

DARWIN

The primary roles of the Northern Territory Office (NTO) are to implement departmental programs which require engagement with organisations at the local or regional level (including negotiating and monitoring funding agreements with service organisations and contributing to the development of those organisations); and to facilitate departmental communication to stakeholders and gather information on health issues for dissemination within the Department.

Responsibilities of this position include consulting with funded organisations, community representatives, other areas of the department and other Australian Government and Territory agencies in relation to the delivery of health and related services to progress these objectives of the NTO. Responsibilities also include providing advice on development of new services or projects, administrative support to the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) programs and monitoring OATSIH funding agreements relating to health and substance use service delivery to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including financial analysis, risk assessment and related tasks. Rural and remote travel will be required.

Contact officer: Christine Tylor on 08 8919 3458 or christine.tylor@health.gov.au

Selection Documentation: An application kit and more detailed information are available online at the department's website: <http://www.health.gov.au>

Applications close 12 March 2009, 7pm EDT.

Diversity is important to us. We encourage applications from mature age workers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disability and people from diverse cultural backgrounds. A reasonable adjustment policy is one element of the department's Disability Action Plan.

Hearing or Speech impaired applicants can obtain the selection documentation by calling the departments TTY number (02) 6289 5945.

The Department of Health and Ageing is a member of the Australian Employers Network on Disability.

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Positions Vacant

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

Aboriginal Bookkeeper/Administration Officer - Permanent Part-Time
Administrative Receptionist (12 months Maternity leave placement)

GENERAL MEDICAL CLINIC

Community Nurse - Permanent Full-Time

MUMS & BABIES PROGRAM

Child & Family Health Nurse - Temporary Full-Time (12 months leave placement)

Clinical Midwife Lactation Specialist - Permanent Full-Time

Administration Support Officer - Permanent Full-Time

Clinical Aboriginal Health Worker - Permanent Full-Time

Dietician - Temporary Part-Time

SEXUAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Aboriginal Health Education Officer - Permanent Full-Time

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL BEING CLINIC

Aboriginal Youth Mental Health Worker (Female) Permanent Full-Time

AMSWS is offering challenging employment opportunities for community minded Aboriginal people with strong communication skills, a good listener, prepared to become part of a holistic health team committed to the delivery of primary health care services to the local Aboriginal community of Western Sydney from our centre at Mount Drutt.

Established in October 1986 we have been providing primary health care services to the local Aboriginal community since August 1987. AMSWS is a vibrant non-government community run organization with Public Benevolent Institution status, our main source of income comes from federal and state government grants.

Notes: An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorized by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

All applications will be assessed against a selection criterion that includes essential and desirable qualifying factors.

Relevant criminal record checks will be conducted on successful applicants recommended for employment or appointment.

Enquiries: Joanne Delaney phone (02) 9832 1356 or email Joanne@amsws.org.au

Information Packages: Jean Blair (02) 9832 1356 or email Jean@amsws.org.au

Website: www.amsws.org.au

Written applications: The Chairperson, Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney, PO Box 3160, Mount Drutt Village NSW 2770

Closing Date: Friday, 6 March 2009 @ 4:30pm



Aboriginal Medical Service
WESTERN SYDNEY



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Grade 1

Western Region

Central West Area

Bathurst, Orange or Mudgee

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-09-18234

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: As part of a multidisciplinary team the position is responsible for providing therapy services to children & adults with a developmental disability across a range of settings including group homes, schools, early childhood services & the workplace.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Current understanding of the issues, trends and approaches underpinning the provision of services to people with a disability and their families and carers.
- Recognised Degree/Diploma in Physiotherapy and eligibility for membership to professional association.
- Experience in, or the ability to provide the provision of physiotherapy 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 multi-disciplinary teams and in partnership with other services.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This position involves travel within the Central West. New Graduates are encouraged to apply. An eligibility list may be created for future reference. Work with children and adults with intellectual disability and their families. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Inquiries: Nick Packham (02) 6339 5811 or email: nick.packham@dadhc.nsw.gov.au

Information Package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6392 8250.

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: Manager, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing date: Friday 6 March 2009

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Field Officer, Aboriginal

Field Officer Grade 1/4, Hunter/Newcastle/Central Coast, Great Lakes, Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy Ref: DECC09-012

Total remuneration package to \$60,668 p.a. including salary \$35,658 to \$47,572 p.a.

Salary package includes base salary (inclusive of annual leave loading), an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, and employer contributions to superannuation. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale. Undertake maintenance to facilities & grounds, operate & maintain plant & equipment to ensure enhancement & preservation of natural resources, natural and cultural heritage; ensure the public have access to high quality, safe, recreational facilities.

Selection Criteria:

- This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job.
- Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources and a willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement.
- Ability to maintain grounds, facilities and workplaces such as buildings, essential services, roads, walking tracks, fences and recreational and accommodation facilities including a willingness to safely undertake hygiene maintenance duties.
- Demonstrated ability and experience to carry out all duties safely and obtain relevant WorkCover Authority certification to appropriately operate and maintain small plant and equipment and ability and willingness to obtain a First Aid certificate.
- Certification and demonstrated experience, or ability to obtain, in operating a chainsaw to crosscut or simple tree felling standard. Ability to operate two-way radios.
- Effective communication and community relation skills are required. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. Administrative skills.
- Ability and willingness to carry out fire fighting duties and support roles including a willingness to fly in light aircraft.
- Current Drivers licence and ability to drive 4wd vehicles.

Job Notes: The position is based at Bombah Point Works Depot, within Myall Lakes National Park. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. The position of Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must to obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Applicants must obtain 4wd certification within the probationary period (12 months).

Inquiries: Kent Harris or Dave Smith (02) 4997 4422 or 0428 278 692 or kent.harris@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 6591 0300 Great Lakes Area Office

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 6 March 2009

Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



PROJECT OFFICER, KOORI PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

Grade 4, \$62,116 - \$70,477 + super Position No: DJ3195, Fixed Term until 30 September 2009

The Koori Programs and Initiatives team implement the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (VAJA) initiatives that are the Courts portfolio responsibility. The Project Officer, will support the delivery of key projects within the Programs and Strategy Branch.

This role involves developing effective working relationships with stakeholders and providing administrative support for core functions within Koori Programs and Initiatives in the Courts environment.

This is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department of Justice Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

To obtain a position description and apply online please visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 9 March 2009

www.justice.vic.gov.au

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

The NSW Department of Juvenile Justice is calling for expressions of interest from persons to be appointed as a Youth Justice Conference Convenor in the Western NSW Area.

Youth Justice Conferencing (YJC) is a community based response to offending behaviour by young people.

CONFERENCE CONVENOR

Conference Convenors facilitate youth justice conferences in our local communities with young people, victims and other stake holders to help young people take responsibility for their offending behaviour.

Conference Convenors will be contracted for each conference and paid at an hourly rate of \$39.50.

For further information about Youth Justice Conferencing or to apply, please visit our website: http://www.djj.nsw.gov.au/careers_yjc.htm. Closing Date: Friday, 6 March 2009.



VICTORIA POLICE

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

ABORIGINAL ADVISORY UNIT, COMMUNITY & DIVERSITY DIVISION

OPERATIONS COORDINATION DEPARTMENT

VPSG-3, SALARY RANGE: \$50,175-\$60,922, FIXED TERM: 30/6/2010

POSITION NUMBER: LIAISON 55-DANDENONG

Industrial Relations Exemption Applies - only Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.

Unit objectives: The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) position is based at the Dandenong Police Complex. The 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 (RCIADHC), Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (Phase 2) and the Victoria Police Way Ahead Strategic Plan 2008-2013.

Duties:

- 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 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.
- Represent Victoria Police as required at meetings, forums or events that relate to Indigenous 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.

Note: This position requires security clearance, which will include fingerprinting. 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 required as evidence of this. The successful applicant will be bound by the Victorian Public Service (Non-Executive Staff-Victorian) Agreement 2006.

To obtain position description (including Key Selection Criteria) and to apply for the position online please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au or alternatively applications addressing the Key Selection Criteria should be forwarded to HR Combined Services Group, 5th Floor Building C, 637 Flinders Street Melbourne VIC 3005.

Applications addressing the Key Selection Criteria, including 3 referees and quoting LIAISON 55 can be submitted online at www.careers.vic.gov.au. Please contact Kristy Antonopoulos on 9247 3350 if you need help applying. Applications close midnight 11th March 2009.

For more information about this position please contact Jacqui Marion on 9247 6197

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



HOUSING NSW SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER SPECIALIST

(PRIVATE RENTAL)

Clerk Grade 5/6

North West Access Team

Northern NSW Housing Services Division

New England, Tamworth or Moree

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: DOH-09-18227

Total remuneration package valued up to \$77,406 per annum (Salary: \$63,573 pa - \$70,146 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The Private Rental Brokerage service aims to help homeless clients to access and sustain tenancies in the private rental market. This position provides specialist advice and consultation to support the provision of private rental assistance.

Selection Criteria:

- Appropriate tertiary qualifications in Social Sciences or demonstrated extensive relevant work experience.
- Excellent communication skills, in the areas of negotiation, facilitation, mediation and problem solving.
- Demonstrated experience in case management of people with complex support needs.
- Understanding of and demonstrated ability to work with human service agencies.
- Capacity to develop an understanding of the private rental market business environment and relate to real estate agents and landlords.
- Ability to advocate on behalf of clients to facilitate access to housing and support services.
- Ability to contribute to a team and find innovative solutions to issues.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time position for a period of up to two (2) years under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act, 2002. This position is "targeted" for the employment of an Aboriginal person and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. People of Aboriginal descent are encouraged to apply, however this is not an essential criteria. An eligibility list may be created as part of this recruitment and may be used to fill other permanent and temporary vacancies for this role. General induction and job specific training for the successful applicant will be conducted in Sydney following appointment. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Kathy Kirkwood (02) 6784 5519

Information Packages:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink on (02) 6626 4100.

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Regional Service Centre, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480.

Closing Date: Friday 6 March 2009

DAJ 7/2009/01

DAJ 8/2009/01

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of NSW

Notification day: 11 March 2009

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest in the area (which is not a native title interest), set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. **Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.**



Applicant's name: Gwydir Shire Council
Non-native title interest: Department of Lands licence for investigation purposes
Federal Court File No: NSD65/2009
Description: The area subject to this application covers about 5.6 hectares over selected lots within the township of Bingara NSW.
 The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Gwydir Shire Council.
Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT.

For assistance or further information, including a clearer map of the application area, contact Tom O'Reilly on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1830-1	Century Hill Pty Ltd	844km ²	65km SW'y of Derby	Lat 17°40' Long 123°09'	Broom/Derby West Kimberley
04/1832	Century Hill Pty Ltd	94.34km ²	90km SW'y of Derby	Lat 16°00' Long 123°12'	Broom/Derby West Kimberley
04/1846	Kode Kasash	647.46km ²	113km SW'y of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 19°07' Long 125°10'	Derby West Kimberley
15/1094	Avoca Resources Ltd	23.36km ²	29km SE'y of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°38' Long 121°50'	Coolgardie
15/1095	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	20.41km ²	35km SE'y of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°46' Long 121°44'	Coolgardie
15/1117	Avoca Resources Ltd	14.59km ²	32km SE'y of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°40' Long 121°50'	Coolgardie
15/1118	Heron Resources Ltd	2.83km ²	27km W'y of Kambalda	Lat 31°17' Long 121°24'	Coolgardie
15/1119	Heron Resources Ltd	23.49km ²	24km SE'y of Coolgardie	Lat 31°08' Long 121°16'	Coolgardie
16/360	Western Resources Pty Ltd	5.9km ²	30km N'y of Coolgardie	Lat 30°41' Long 121°08'	Coolgardie
16/362	Dragon Minerals Pty Ltd	14.76km ²	50km NW'y of Coolgardie	Lat 30°37' Long 120°48'	Coolgardie
16/364	Western Resources Pty Ltd	26.57km ²	36km NW'y of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°36' Long 121°07'	Coolgardie
16/365	Wayne Craig Van Bitterwijk	20.68km ²	55km NW'y of Coolgardie	Lat 30°34' Long 120°48'	Coolgardie
16/370	Polaris Metals NL	20.71km ²	64km NE'y of Koolyabobbing	Lat 30°30' Long 120°04'	Coolgardie
16/371	Western Resources Pty Ltd	11.8km ²	34km N'y of Coolgardie	Lat 30°33' Long 121°08'	Coolgardie
26/131	Kirin, John Lucass	41.12km ²	19km NE'y of Kambalda	Lat 31°04' Long 121°47'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/397	LSA Exploration Pty Ltd	70.98km ²	56km NE'y of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°24' Long 121°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1950	Atlix Pty Ltd	111.24km ²	122km N'y of Balladonia	Lat 31°23' Long 123°30'	Dundas/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1952	Pioneer Nickel Ltd	76.66km ²	71km E'y of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 122°12'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1959	Smy Nickel NL	90.77km ²	87km E'y of Kambalda	Lat 31°21' Long 122°33'	Dundas/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/707	Mendelby Pty Ltd	18.03km ²	80km W'y of Leonora	Lat 28°52' Long 120°30'	Menzies
29/708	Wild Acre Metals Ltd	6.02km ²	87km S'y of Leonora	Lat 28°40' Long 120°25'	Menzies
31/174	Jindalee Resources Ltd	170.01km ²	106km S'y of Laverton	Lat 29°33' Long 122°08'	Leonora/Menzies
36/629	Plutonic Operations Ltd	6.06km ²	34km E'y of Leonora	Lat 27°55' Long 121°02'	Leonora
37/997	Millers Resources Pty Ltd	12.04km ²	47km NW'y of Leonora	Lat 28°37' Long 120°57'	Leonora
38/2089	JML Resources Pty Ltd	148.8km ²	83km NW'y of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°56' Long 122°10'	Laverton
38/2155	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	41.99km ²	30km S'y of Laverton	Lat 28°55' Long 122°27'	Laverton
38/1425	Gryphon Minerals Ltd	9.00km ²	25km W'y of Laverton	Lat 28°38' Long 122°09'	Leonora
39/1426	Anthony Pilkington	2.99km ²	63km SW'y of Laverton	Lat 29°07' Long 122°06'	Leonora
45/3261	Newcrest Operations Ltd	79.6km ²	18km N'y of Telfer	Lat 21°33' Long 122°10'	East Pilbara
45/3311	Sinclair International Pty Ltd	252.34km ²	185km N'y of Telfer	Lat 20°04' Long 121°53'	East Pilbara
47/1089	Holix Resources Ltd	67.00km ²	41km S'y of Kalbarra	Lat 21°06' Long 116°45'	Roebourne
47/1269	Fox Radio Hill Pty Ltd	31.90km ²	42km SW'y of Dampier	Lat 20°51' Long 116°22'	Roebourne
47/1346-7	Croydon Gold Pty Ltd	448.04km ²	25km E'y of Roebourne	Lat 20°45' Long 116°00'	Port Hedland Town/Roebourne
47/1925	Mamba Resource Management Pty Ltd	72.71km ²	107km S'y of Panamonica	Lat 22°35' Long 116°28'	Ashburton
58/1523	Kiamora Pty Ltd	192.88km ²	21km NE'y of Mullewa	Lat 27°59' Long 115°53'	Mullewa/Murchison
58/1545	Frika Investments Pty Ltd	38.94km ²	31km NW'y of Paynes Find	Lat 29°04' Long 117°27'	Yalgoo
58/1550	Peter Romeo Gianni	95.52km ²	65km W'y of Paynes Find	Lat 29°22' Long 117°03'	Perenjori/Kalgoorlie
58/1555	Mount Magnet South NL	39.43km ²	40km S'y of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°25' Long 117°48'	Mount Magnet
74/424	Heron Resources Ltd	8.58km ²	22km E'y of Ravensthorpe	Lat 34°39' Long 120°16'	Ravensthorpe

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: 25 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 applications. The 3 month period closes on **25 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.

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. **25 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 licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Aboriginal Affairs

Partnership Community Project Officer

Clerk Grade 7/8, Various Locations,
Temporary Full Time/Temporary Part Time,
Job Reference No. DAA09/ & Preferred location No.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$84 655 p.a. (\$69 468 - \$76 896) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Temporary employment for up to three years with flexible working arrangements. You will work with 2 or more of the 40 Aboriginal Partnership Communities from the following office locations: Bourke (017), Broken Hill (018), Coffs Harbour (020), Newcastle (025), Wagga Wagga (019), Dubbo (023), Tamworth (024), Batemans Bay (021) and Sydney (027). You must submit a separate application for each location you wish to apply for, quoting the location reference number. Refer to positions shown in package.

Current driver's licence needed. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply and an eligibility list may be created for future vacancies.

You will be required to liaise with Elders, young people, representatives from the Local Aboriginal Land Councils & other Aboriginal organisations.

Inquiries & Information Packages: Reception (02) 9219 0700 or www.daa.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: post to: The Recruitment Clerk, ServiceFirst, GMT, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 Fax (02) 9228 5267 or email: recruitmentbligh@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 6/03/2009

Community Development Worker

1 FTE
18 month contract
Reference Number: CHP 226

Are you passionate about improving services for Aboriginal people in the health and community sector?

We are seeking a vibrant community development worker to work in partnership with mainstream and Aboriginal-specific health and community organisations across the Upper Hume region. The successful applicant will be responsible for coordinating the Aboriginal Health Promotion and Chronic Care (AHPACC) Partnership Workplan 2008/09 - 2009/10. The aim of AHPACC is to improve cultural competency in the region through developing partnerships and capacity building initiatives.

Dependent on skills and experience, position-specific responsibilities may include:

- Engaging Aboriginal peoples, community groups & key stakeholders
- Planning & project management
- Capacity building
- Policy development
- Awareness raising & advocacy
- Evaluation & report writing

Upper Hume Community Health Service is committed to maintaining transparency and establishing trust amongst Aboriginal persons, community groups, Aboriginal-specific organisations and mainstream organisations as a principle means of ensuring ethical conduct and best practice in working with Aboriginal peoples.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply for this position.

Remuneration packages are based on the Social & Community Services Award according to qualifications/experience and are enhanced by excellent levels of Salary Sacrifice.

Enquiries: Alison Koschel, Manager Community Health Promotion
Ph: 02 6022 8888.

How to apply: A position description and application forms can be obtained from www.uhchs.vic.gov.au or by phoning 02 6022 8888.

Closing date: 5pm, Friday 13th March 2009

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Cultural Advisor

GEO Builds Better Lives

Do you have:

- An extensive knowledge of multi-cultural issues?
- Ability to facilitate cultural responsiveness through program development, staff education and community involvement?
- Demonstrated ability acting as a positive role model?

Cultural Advisor

The Cultural Advisor provides support and guidance to the Senior Management Team on cultural matters. The role includes the planning and coordination of appropriate cultural and educational activities aimed at providing opportunities for offenders to express their identity and beliefs in culturally sensitive ways, thus strengthening their ability to reintegrate and lead successful lives once released.

Applications Close: 4pm Wednesday 4th March 2009

To obtain information about the role please contact the Offender Services Manager, Col Caskie on (02) 69305591 or via email ccaskie@thegeogroupinc.com.au

If you would like an application pack please contact Kelly Goodyer via email: K.Goodyer@thegeogroupinc.com.au or phone 02 6930 5583

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TAFE NSW - Hunter Institute currently has the following vacancies.

Applicants must obtain an application package either, by logging onto the Hunter Institute website at www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au 'Employment at Hunter Institute' section or phone the Recruitment Officer on (02) 4923 7370 quoting the Job Reference Number.

➔ **APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5:00 PM, FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2009**

- **HI09/008E MANAGER ABORIGINAL EDUCATION & TRAINING UNIT, SEO**
Newcastle Campus - Salary: \$92,236 - \$94,521 p.a.
- **HI09/011E ABORIGINAL FACULTY & COMMUNITY PARTNER, EDUCATION OFFICER -**
Glendale Campus - Salary: \$65,124 - \$77,236 p.a.

NB: The Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 makes it an offence for a prohibited person (a person convicted of a serious sex offence, the murder of a child or a child related personal violence offence, as well as a Registrable person under the Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2003) to apply for or otherwise attempt to obtain, undertake or remain in, child-related employment.

03/03/09

www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au



Regional Project Officer

Clerk Grade 7/8, Various Locations, Temporary and Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No. DAA09/ Preferred location No.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$84 855 p.a. (\$69 468 - \$76 896) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

You will have a range of functions and programs and be working with nominated Aboriginal communities, peak bodies and stakeholders. In the following office locations: Bourke (028), Coffs Harbour (029), Batemans Bay (030). You must submit a separate application for each location you wish to apply for, quoting the location reference number. Refer to positions shown in package.

Current driver's licence needed. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply and an eligibility list may be created for future vacancies.

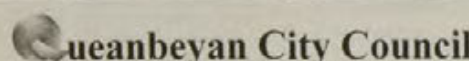
You will be required to liaise with Elders, young people, representatives from the Local Aboriginal Land Councils & other Aboriginal organisations.

Inquiries & Information Packages: Reception (02) 9219 0700 or www.daa.nsw.gov.au.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: post to: The Recruitment Clerk, ServiceFirst, GMI, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 Fax (02) 9228 5267 or email: recruitmentblight@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: 6/03/2009

7/2/2009



Cultural Development Officer

Part-time fixed term position (10 hours per week)

Queanbeyan City Council seeks an enthusiastic, motivated person to undertake the duties of Cultural Development Officer. This will be a fixed term position for an initial period of 3 months with the possibility of extending the appointment until December 2009.

This position is responsible for working with Council's Cultural Development Officer in undertaking Council's role as a planner, co-ordinator, facilitator and provider of cultural development services in the City, as outlined in the Council's Cultural Plan. The person will be responsible for assisting with preparation of promotional materials for cultural activities and events, the Cultural newsletter, maintaining the website information for the Exhibition Spaces at 'The Q', assist with setting up and promoting exhibitions, and assisting with designated Cultural Plan community projects, including the Queanbeyan in Bloom and Multicultural Festivals. Intending applicants will need to have a minimum qualification of a Diploma in cultural development, events management, the creative/performing arts, or other relevant areas of study, with experience relevant to the role of cultural development and planning. High level communication skills, both oral and written, are required, with an ability to work independently, to prioritise work and meet deadlines, with well developed organisational skills.

The salary range for this position is \$989.15 - \$1,153.10 for a 35 hour week (pro-rata for part-time), dependent on experience and qualifications, and the Local Government (State Award) conditions apply.

Further information on the position can be obtained from Peter Conlon on 6298 0298.

Applications close 5pm Monday, 9 March 2009.

Librarian (Saturdays and Online Services)

(Part-time, 14 hours per week)

The Queanbeyan City Council Library has a need for an enthusiastic person to assume the duties of the Librarian (Saturdays and Online Services) for 14 hours per week. This position has responsibility for the supervision of Library staff, operations and services on Saturdays, and responsibility for the development and support of the Library's Online Services and website. The position also provides reference and information services to the public, and assists clients in their use of the broad range of library services.

Intending applicants will need to have professional qualifications in librarianship recognised by ALIA. Relevant experience in supervising staff, experience in providing reference and information services, and strong skills and experience in developing and providing access to electronic information resources and databases. Experience in undertaking cataloguing using Libraries Australia is desirable.

The position requires high level communication skills, a strong customer focus, the ability to work as a member of a team, and the ability to consult and work with a broad spectrum of the community in providing library services. A current NSW Class C driver's licence (or equivalent) is required.

The salary range for this Grade 13 position is \$1,100.95 to \$1,216.55 per week (pro rata against a 35 hour week, dependent on experience) and the Local Government (State Award) conditions apply.

Further information on the position can be obtained from Peter Conlon on 6298 0298.

Applications close 5pm Monday, 9 March 2009.

How to apply for these positions

Intending applicants must obtain an information package from the Human Resources section located at 263 Crawford Street or alternatively by contacting the 24 hour answering service on 6298 4504, or by Email to: recruit@qcc.nsw.gov.au. The information package may also be obtained from Council's website at www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/positions/vacant.

Gary Chapman
General Manager

Queanbeyan City Council is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from Multicultural and Aboriginal people.

Council employees enjoy free parking and a dynamic, safe and healthy working environment



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 & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
45/285	FMS Pilbara Pty Ltd	60.58ha	77km NE of Wittenoom	Lat 21°56' Long 119°00'	East Pilbara
Campsite & associated facilities					
45/286	The Pilbara Infrastructure Pty Ltd	6.96ha	95km NE of Wittenoom	Lat 21°34' Long 118°54'	Port Hedland Town Port Hedland Town
Campsite & associated 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: 25 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 25 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. 25 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 TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/4506	Marion Mining Pty Ltd	5.34ha	8km NE of Coolgardie	Lat 30°53' Long 121°12'	Coolgardie
15/5298-9	Geoffrey Michael Kemphorne	297.25ha	16km S of Coolgardie	Lat 31°05' Long 121°07'	Coolgardie
15/5304	Lyndon James Downe	4.86ha	13km SW of Coolgardie	Lat 31°02' Long 121°04'	Coolgardie
15/5338	Audart Mining & Energy Pty Ltd	5.63ha	31km W of Coolgardie	Lat 31°01' Long 120°51'	Coolgardie
15/5368	Thomas Roy Faircliff	38.61ha	13km S of Coolgardie	Lat 31°04' Long 121°08'	Coolgardie
20/2036	JML Resources Pty Ltd	30.18ha	2km NE of Cue	Lat 27°25' Long 117°53'	Cue
20/2079	Allan Neville Brown	23.95ha	66km NW of Cue	Lat 26°57' Long 117°26'	Cue
24/4287-8	Scorpion Mining Pty Ltd	363.45ha	44km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°24' Long 121°12'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4395-6 & 24/4399-405	Heron Resources Ltd	1696.28ha	67km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°20' Long 120°56'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4397	Heron Resources Ltd	200ha	65km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°23' Long 120°55'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4398	Heron Resources Ltd	193.88ha	67km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°20' Long 120°57'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4406	Western Resources Pty Ltd	9.71ha	39km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 121°15'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4409	Ironcap Resources Pty Ltd	200ha	67km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°23' Long 120°54'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2057	Western Copper Pty Ltd	121.1ha	25km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°44' Long 121°44'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2058	Western Copper Pty Ltd	78.1ha	21km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°47' Long 121°40'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3676	Jupiter Mines Ltd	199.56ha	10km N of Kalbarra	Lat 31°06' Long 121°41'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3689	Rocky Reef Mining Pty Ltd	170.84ha	23km NE of Kalbarra	Lat 31°07' Long 121°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3690-1	Luke John Shaw-Walker	232.87ha	23km NE of Kalbarra	Lat 31°06' Long 121°52'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/1166	Michael John Risham	15.33ha	73km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°31' Long 122°11'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1168-9	Frederick Charles Saunders	360.76ha	102km E of Kalbarra	Lat 31°23' Long 122°42'	Dundas/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1170	Richard Thomas Sheehan	7.99ha	75km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°32' Long 122°13'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/2074	Jupiter Mines Ltd	1.76ha	2km S of Menzies	Lat 29°42' Long 121°02'	Menzies
29/2083	Kingsley Owens	54.88ha	1km S of Menzies	Lat 29°41' Long 121°02'	Menzies
29/2084	Kingsley Owens	179.38ha	3km SE of Menzies	Lat 29°42' Long 121°02'	Menzies
29/2085-7	Peter Ronald Gibson	556.69ha	57km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°20' Long 120°36'	Menzies
29/2092	Barr Resources Ltd	137.56ha	87km W of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 120°27'	Menzies
29/2093	Barr Resources Ltd	137.7ha	86km W of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 120°27'	Menzies
36/1654	Plutonic Operations Ltd	73.35ha	34km E of Leinster	Lat 27°54' Long 121°02'	Leonora
37/7684-5	Brace Robert Legendre	388.39ha	41km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°35' Long 121°35'	Laverton/Leonora
37/7686-95	Brace Robert Legendre	1603.89ha	39km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°37' Long 121°36'	Leonora
37/7697-8	Mazell Holdings Pty Ltd	315.2ha	25km E of Leonora	Lat 28°48' Long 121°34'	Leonora
38/3814	Regis Resources Ltd	196.85ha	75km NW of Leonora	Lat 27°42' Long 122°12'	Laverton
38/3815-6	Regis Resources Limited	239.9ha	40km N of Laverton	Lat 28°15' Long 122°23'	Laverton
39/4976	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	48.89ha	56km S of Laverton	Lat 29°07' Long 122°23'	Leonora
	Barrick (GSM) Limited				
	ROCN 002 594 881				
39/4977	Roger Michael Lindsay	30.4ha	91km S of Laverton	Lat 29°26' Long 122°20'	Leonora/Menzies
47/1491	Hartley Exploration Pty Ltd	84.39ha	63km NW of Newman	Lat 23°06' Long 119°10'	East Pilbara
47/1492	Hartley Exploration Pty Ltd	66.18ha	59km NW of Newman	Lat 23°06' Long 119°13'	East Pilbara
52/1274	Louise Minerals Pty Ltd	178.9ha	129km N of Wiluna	Lat 25°28' Long 120°04'	Meekatharra
52/1308	Panniwonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)	22.97ha	99km W of Newman	Lat 23°22' Long 118°51'	East Pilbara
	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
	North Mining Ltd				
	Mitsui Iron Ore Corporation Pty Ltd				
	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
52/1309	Panniwonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)	74.94ha	96km W of Newman	Lat 23°24' Long 118°47'	East Pilbara
	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
	North Mining Ltd				
	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
52/1310	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)	73.55ha	92km W of Newman	Lat 23°25' Long 118°50'	East Pilbara/Meekatharra
	Panniwonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
57/1236-7	Warramina Gold NL	215.98ha	22km SE of Sandstone	Lat 28°08' Long 119°25'	Sandstone
57/1238	Warramina Gold NL	7.29ha	12km SW of Sandstone	Lat 28°04' Long 119°14'	Sandstone
57/1240	Graeme Edward Reilly	93.52ha	8km NW of Sandstone	Lat 27°57' Long 119°14'	Sandstone
70/1578-9	Regan Scott Grant	285.87ha	64km NE of Jerramungup	Lat 33°26' Long 119°17'	Lake Grace
77/3475	Gondwana Resources Ltd	130.31ha	50km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 31°36' Long 119°36'	Yilgarn
77/3800	Orion Resources NL	72.91ha	51km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 31°35' Long 119°38'	Yilgarn
	Gosgoyne Gold Mines NL				
77/3801	Evanson Resources NL	0.57ha	88km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°06' Long 119°07'	Yilgarn
77/3802	Evanson Resources NL	0.93ha	87km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°07' Long 119°06'	Yilgarn

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

Notification day: 25 February 2009

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM SUPPORT OFFICER

Balund A' Facility, Tabulam, Permanent Full-Time.

(2 positions available)

Vacancy Number: 09073. Total remuneration package valued at \$65,072 including salary of \$53,855 pa to \$58,969 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Oversight of trainees' Program activities to contribute to the safety, security, welfare, development and rehabilitation of trainees, in compliance with the direction of the Courts and Departmental policies and procedures.

Selection Criteria: Knowledge of Aboriginal issues and commitment to work with Aboriginal communities to positively influence the outcomes of this Facility. Ability to work collaboratively and effectively with trainee management staff in program delivery and case management. Demonstrated ability to apply a fair, equitable and defensible approach to conflict resolution. Effective interpersonal, written and oral communication skills.

Note: All staff will be required to attend the integrated induction for up to 2 weeks at the commencement of their employment. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application and are also requested to provide email addresses for two nominated referees one of which must be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill any future vacancies. Applicants must obtain an information package and address each point of the selection criteria as part of their application.

Inquiries: Julie Webber ph: 6622 1277

Email: Julie.Webber@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information packages: Helen Butcher ph: 6660 8600

Email: Helen.Butcher@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked 'Confidential' to: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

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Customer Service Officer Alice Springs

12 month part-time contract (2 days per week)

Friendly and supportive working environment

Great learning and development opportunities within the company

Australian Hearing has provided hearing services to eligible pensioners, children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for 60 years.

We have an opportunity for a Customer Service Officer who's responsibilities will include:

- Front line service to our hearing impaired clients
- Reception duties including counter and telephone enquiries
- High level electronic appointment book management
- Data entry, receipting and banking
- Adherence to regulatory guidelines and protocols
- Involvement in liaison and marketing activities
- Minor hearing aid repairs

To be successful in this role you will need:

- excellent people skills and the ability and interest to develop great relationships with our clients (many of whom are elderly)
- to be a team player
- computer skills, including e-mail and web based applications
- previous experience in a client facing role and / or busy office environment highly desirable

Closing date for applications: 4 March 2009

You can learn more about Australian Hearing at www.hearing.com.au

Australian Hearing is an Equal Opportunity Employer operating under Department of Human Services, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply.



To find out more about this opportunity please contact Diana Johns on 0400 450 299 or email your resume to recruitment@hearing.com.au or by post to Sharzia Allam, Australian Hearing, 126 Greville Street, Chatswood, NSW 2067.



ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE OFFICER

Vacancy No. V09/012

You will be actively involved in developing and implementing education strategies and programs that will assist in achieving the Reconnecting to Country project objectives. In particular, you will help raise community awareness about the culture and history of Aboriginal people in the Blue Mountains. You will have the challenge of conveying complex information in a simple and culturally sensitive manner. You will be working with the Blue Mountains community including the Gully Traditional Owners and other Aboriginal groups, Council staff, local schools, community organisations and residents.

Council is seeking an enthusiastic, highly motivated and experienced individual to be involved in the Reconnecting to Country project in the Blue Mountains.

To be successful in this position, you will have experience in and a demonstrated ability to design and deliver community education programs. Experience working with Indigenous people and associated cultural sensitivities is essential. Excellent project, event management and proven communication skills are required.

This is a 2 year, casual contract, 14 hours (approx.) per week plus some weekend work required.

Salary: commencing at \$30.54 gross per hour.

For further information please contact: Robbie Beale on (02) 4780 5739.

Closing date: 6 March 2009.

APPLICATION INFORMATION: Prior to lodging an application, please visit our website www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au or contact (02) 4780 5000, to obtain a "Position Description" and "Information on How to Apply".

Notice of Proposed Grant of Authorities to Prospect

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 Authorities to Prospect (shown below) under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld).

Authorities to Prospect to which this notice applies:

Authority to Prospect Number	Location of Authorities to Prospect (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACN																																														
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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the *Mining Act 1978 (WA)*:

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/359-60 & 04/363	Lennard Shell Pty Ltd	2515.3ha	56km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°38' Long 125°49'	Derby-West Kimberley
09/126	Australian Mineral Mines Pty Ltd	23.99ha	107km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°27' Long 116°02'	Upper Gascoyne
15/1790	Chalice Gold Mines Ltd	622.86ha	34km SE'ly of Widgeemooltha	Lat 31°46' Long 121°43'	Coolgardie
21/123	Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd	50.14ha	4km S'ly of Cue	Lat 27°27' Long 117°52'	Cue
37/955	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	30.54ha	9km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°49' Long 121°16'	Leonora
45/1179	Atlas Operations Pty Ltd	1734.23ha	66km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°08' Long 119°06'	East Pilbara
45/1186	Elazac Mining Pty Ltd	157.51ha	47km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°43' Long 118°39'	Port Hedland Town
46/481-91 & 46/505-10	Roy Hill Iron Ore Pty Ltd	15831.31ha	54km W'ly of Newman	Lat 22°39' Long 120°05'	East Pilbara
46/493-B & 46/501-2	Roy Hill Iron Ore Pty Ltd	7607.21ha	69km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22°29' Long 119°55'	East Pilbara
46/500	Roy Hill Iron Ore Pty Ltd	633.87ha	68km NW'ly of Newman	Lat 22°32' Long 120°00'	East Pilbara
58/248	Mt Magnet Gold NL	48.05ha	7km NW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°01' Long 117°47'	Mount Magnet
58/263	Mt Magnet Gold NL	125.95ha	12km SW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°06' Long 117°44'	Mount Magnet
58/273	Mt Magnet Gold NL	5.32ha	6km NW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°01' Long 117°48'	Mount Magnet
58/285	Mt Magnet Gold NL	5.96ha	4km W'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°03' Long 117°46'	Mount Magnet
58/286	Mt Magnet Gold NL	2.41ha	4km W'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°04' Long 117°48'	Mount Magnet
59/723	Royal Resources Ltd	117.85ha	49km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°02' Long 117°15'	Yalgoo

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: 25 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 party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **25 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. **25 June 2009**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Authorities to Prospect

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Authority to Prospect Number	Location of Authorities to Prospect (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACN
ATP1044	Approx. 139km North East from Aramac Centred at approximately Lat.22°24'S Long.146°25'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Isaac Regional Council Barcardine Regional Council	Area: 3798 km ² Block Identification Map: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 1200 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1611 to 1612 (inclusive) 1683 to 1688 (inclusive) 1756 to 1760 (inclusive) 1829 to 1832 (inclusive) 1901 to 1904 (inclusive) 1974 to 1976 (inclusive) 2046 to 2048 (inclusive) 2118 to 2120 (inclusive) 2190 to 2192 (inclusive) 2262 to 2264 (inclusive) 2334 to 2336 (inclusive) 2406 to 2408 (inclusive) 2478 to 2480 (inclusive) 2550 to 2552 (inclusive)	Queensland Energy Resources Limited 107 882 057

* Authorities to Prospect are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) and the number of Sub-blocks (the Sub-Block Code) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000. Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

It should be noted that these Authorities to Prospect will not be granted over a National Park (Scientific), National Park, National Park (Aboriginal Land), National Park (Torres Strait Islander Land), National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land), National Park (Recovery) or Conservation Park that are in existence on the date of effect of these authorities.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Authority to Prospect under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for petroleum for a period not exceeding twelve (12) years. Under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) a holder of an Authority to Prospect is entitled to apply for a Petroleum Lease over land that is the subject of the Authority to Prospect. A Petroleum Lease entitles the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of petroleum.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Authorities to Prospect will be granted under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROOK, QLD 4151.

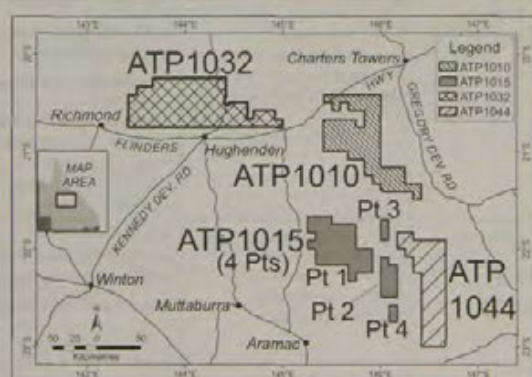
Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Authorities to Prospect, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3729.

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 Authorities to Prospect. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (7) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 15 March 2009



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Position Vacant.

JALI LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL (JALC) seeks to employ an appropriate person to coordinate Jali Playgroup situated on Cabbage Tree Island Wardell NSW. The Coordinator is required to be trained and/or have demonstrated experience in Child Care or Early Childhood development programs.

All applicants will be subject to Working with Children check and Police Check.

Information Package please contact Jali LALC on (02) 6686 7055 or email jallalac@bigpond.com.

Applications close on Friday 13th of March at 5:00pm.

HELEM YUMBA

ABN: 783 081 33279



Family Violence Prevention Legal Service

Principal Solicitor

The Family Violence Prevention Legal Service (FVPLS) unit provides legal advice and representation to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people in relation to family violence, sexual assault and related areas of law.

The FVPLS is seeking an enthusiastic, self-motivated Principal Solicitor to join a challenging and rewarding work environment. In addition to providing legal advice and advocacy support, the Solicitor will engage with a wide range of stakeholders in both the public and private sectors by drawing upon strong analytical, communication and people skills to achieve desired outcomes.

For further information or to obtain an Application Kit please contact the Helem Yumba Family Violence Prevention Legal Service office call (07) 4922 4557 or 1800 770 412.



BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY'S
HEALTH & WELLBEING

ACON is the leading health promotion agency for NSW's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. ACON also provides information, support and advocacy for people living with HIV or at risk of acquiring HIV, including sex workers and people who use drugs.

Aboriginal Project

Health Promotion Officers

ACON's Aboriginal Project is seeking enthusiastic and creative people to work as Health Promotion Officers. The Aboriginal Project builds the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander gay, lesbian, transgender/sistergirl communities and people living with HIV/AIDS in NSW. The Project's work has a strong focus on (but is not limited to) peer-based education, community development and outreach at major community events. Our Aboriginal staff are supported by an Aboriginal Advisory Group that provides guidance on ACON's work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Two part time positions, are available. Applicants may apply for two of these positions to make up a full time position.

Aboriginality is a requirement of this position.

Applications close: Friday 27 March 2009.

For all the details: download the job pack from the ACON website (www.acon.org.au/about-acon/jobs) or contact our reception after 11am Mon-Fri on 9208 2000.

ACON is an EEO employer and encourages people with HIV, in particular, to apply.



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 is preferable.

Short-listed applicants will be interviewed in the Oak Valley Community.

All positions at Oak Valley (Maralinga) Inc are awarded on merit; however people of Aboriginal descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

APPLICATION LODGEMENT

The job and person specification can be obtained from Mrs Tammy Miller at the Maralinga Tjarutja Office in Ceduna on (08) 8625 2946. Signed applications addressing all of the position objectives and key result areas and the contact details of three referees must be lodged with:

Mr Jeff Scott
Maralinga Tjarutja, PO Box 435, CEDUNA SA 5690

By 5:00pm (CST) on Friday 27th February 2009.

Electronic applications (in Word document form) can be lodged by email to maralaj@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.

Hey, Dad!

Indigenous Project Worker

Centacare Broken Bay is a non-Government organisation delivering a comprehensive range of welfare and support services.

Centacare Broken Bay is undertaking a National roll-out of the **Hey, Dad! Program for Indigenous Dads Uncles and Pops**. If you are interested in assisting our team deliver a train-the-trainer model and you are available in the month of May then this might be the position for you. Training delivery will occur in Campbelltown, Nowra, Mildura, Adelaide and Perth.

We are looking for someone interested initially in a short term contract for approximately one month. You will have significant experience and expertise supporting Indigenous men and their families, as well as group facilitation skills. Travel, meal and accommodation costs will be covered on top of a generous consultancy fee.

For enquiries and applications please call Lynne Slocombe on (02) 94882530. The closing date for applications is 5 March 2009.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER

Ivanhoe Work Centre, Permanent Full-Time.

Vacancy Number: 09040. Total remuneration package valued at \$81,165 pa, including salary range \$65,611 pa to \$73,552 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Responsible for assisting the implementation and delivery of education and vocational training programs, providing case management support, and teaching programs in Employability Skills including OH&S for up to 10 hpw.

Selection Criteria: Degree in Education or Degree plus Diploma in Education or equivalent. Qualification which includes subjects relevant to Employability Skills and/or Occupational Health and Safety. Experience teaching adults or demonstrated knowledge of adult teaching principles. Demonstrated knowledge of quality assurance practices which meet national standards. Ability to undertake administrative duties relating to teaching. Understanding of Case Management and Throughcare strategies. Ability to work effectively as part of a multi disciplinary team. Well developed interpersonal and communication skills.

Note: This is a re-advertised position. Previous applicants will need to re-apply. A Degree or Diploma in Education which includes teaching subjects in the core learning areas will meet both qualification criteria. Specific arrangements may apply to applicants who do not yet possess the required teaching qualifications. Applicants are requested to provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. Applicants must include a signed Applicant Declaration form and copies of qualifications and academic transcripts. Originals must be brought to interview. Note that overseas qualifications must be accompanied with relevant statement of Australian equivalent. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary positions. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment.

Inquiries and Information Packages: Sally Penny, Phone (06) 8082 6021.

E-mail: Sally.Penny@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked 'Confidential' to: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: 6 March 2009

02/17/2009/01

Department of ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
NSW Parks and Wildlife Group

Assistant Business Operations Officer

Clerk Grade 3/4

Hunter/Newcastle/Central Coast: Nelson Bay
Temporary Full-Time

Vacancy Ref: DECC09-022

Total remuneration package to \$65,072 p.a. including salary \$53,855 p.a. to \$58,969 p.a.

Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

To assist the Regional Business Operations Officer to ensure the efficient and effective management of business operations on the Worimi Conservation Lands.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality, knowledge of and a cultural association with, the local area and local Aboriginal community.
- Demonstrated experience in administration.
- Effective interpersonal communication (both verbal and written), negotiation and organisational skills and the ability to manage competing priorities and a high volume workload.
- Demonstrated experience in word processing and spreadsheet usage and the ability to prepare documents to a high standard of presentation.
- Ability to use computer based systems and records management systems.
- Knowledge of financial management procedures, policies and practices, and contract administration.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with minimum supervision and as a part of a team.
- Current Drivers Licence.

Job Notes: Temporary position for up to two years. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Michael Leary; (02) 4984 8201 or Michael.Leary@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 4984 8209

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 6 March 2009

02/17/2009/01

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17265	Approx. 132 km SW from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°46'S Long.142°20'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 307 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 93 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2356 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2357 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 2428 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2429 a, f, i, q, v 2500 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2501 a, f, i	Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd 126 768 143
EPM17267	Approx. 77 km SW from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°21'S Long.142°37'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 331 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1999 u, y, z 2000 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2001 a, q, v, w 2071 c, d, e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2072 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2073 a, b, c, d 2143 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 2144 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd 126 768 143
EPM17268	Approx. 116 km SW from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°35'S Long.142°22'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 331 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2212 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2213 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2214 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w, x 2284 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2285 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w	Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd 126 768 143
EPM17269	Approx. 94 km WNW from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.13°37'S Long.142°24'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 333 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1350 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1351 v, w 1421 e, j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1422 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 1423 a, b, f, g, i, q 1492 e, j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1493 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w	Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd 126 768 143
EPM17271	Approx. 111 km SW from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°40'S Long.142°30'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 325 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 98 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2285 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 2286 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z 2287 v, w, x, y 2357 e, k, p, u, z 2358 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2359 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2360 f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w	Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd 126 768 143
EPM17272	Approx. 66 km SW from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°21'S Long.142°45'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 315 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 95 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2001 c, d, e, k 2002 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2073 e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2074 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2145 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 2146 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd 126 768 143
EPM17273	Approx. 112 km SSW from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°49'S Long.142°40'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 281 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 85 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2431 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2432 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2433 f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w, x 2503 d, e, j, k, o, p 2504 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2505 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2506 a, f, i	Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd 126 768 143
EPM17274	Approx. 126 km SW from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°49'S Long.142°27'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 317 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 96 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2429 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2430 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2431 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w, x 2501 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p 2502 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2503 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n	Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd 126 768 143

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Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17275	Approx. 106 km WSW from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°22'S Long.142°19'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 321 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 97 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1996 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1997 f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 2068 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2140 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2141 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, u, v, w	Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd 126 768 143
EPM17276	Approx. 98 km SW from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.13°25'S Long.142°26'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 298 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 90 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2069 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2070 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2071 a, b, f, i, q, v 2141 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2142 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x	Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd 126 768 143
EPM17277	Approx. 85 km WNW from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.13°46'S Long.142°26'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 302 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 91 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1493 w, x, y, z 1494 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1495 v 1565 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 1566 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1567 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w 1637 e 1638 a, e 1639 a, h, f, g	Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd 126 768 143
EPM17310	Part 1: Approx. 89 km W from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°01'S Long.142°23'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 109 km W from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°06'S Long.142°12'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 199 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 60 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1709 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1710 q, r, s, v, w, x 1780 t, u, x, y, z 1781 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1782 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w Area of Part 2: 120 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 36 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1778 p, u, z 1779 l, m 1850 e, k, p, u, z 1851 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1922 e 1923 a, b, c, d, e	Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd 126 768 143

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1a, 22 August, 2007.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

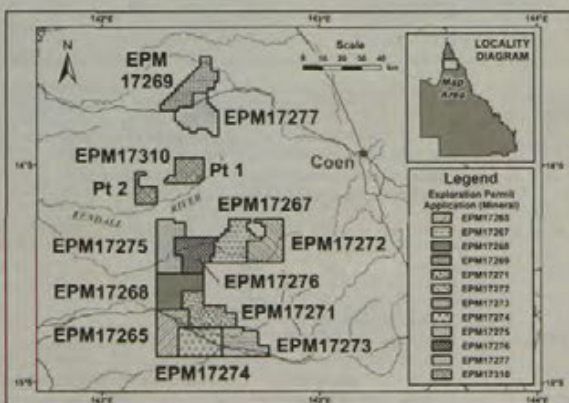
Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 18 March 2009



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



WALGETT ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE
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REGISTERED NURSE SEXUAL HEALTH

Are you a Registered Nurse with experience in Sexual Health and looking for a change in lifestyle? Then come and join the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service

Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service is currently seeking an enthusiastic Registered Nurse to work in partnership with The Aboriginal Health Workers to deliver a holistic Sexual Health Program to community of Walgett and surrounding communities.

This wonderful opportunity includes assistance with accommodation and a comprehensive induction process that will include a 2 week orientation period to Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service and surrounding communities. Ability to take up to \$15,000 if Salary as a Tax free Fringe benefit. Wage in accordance to experience and qualifications.

For more information and to obtain a copy of the Job Description please contact Mr. Richard Simpson (Acting Practice Manager Program Team) on 02 6828 1611 or email walgettams@bigpond.com

Closing Date: 27th March 2009

All applications in writing can be addressed to:

Chairperson
Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Ltd.
P.O. Box 396
Walgett NSW 2832

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT COURT SERVICES COORDINATOR

Aboriginal Community Justice Group,

Clerk, Grade 3-4, Armidale, Redfern and Wollongong Locations, Position Number AG09-097. Total remuneration package valued to: \$65,072 p.a. (\$53,855-\$58,909) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Aboriginal Community Justice Group Coordinator (ACJGC) supports and facilitates the activities of the local Aboriginal Community Justice Group.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality and extensive knowledge of Aboriginal culture and NSW Aboriginal communities. Knowledge of the New South Wales justice system. Ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally with people of all socio-economic backgrounds. Experience in negotiating with community organisations, particularly Aboriginal communities. Experience in negotiating with other Departmental officers. Experience in organising and presenting information sessions, workshops and other educational forums. Ability to manage projects. Current NSW Driving Licence

Notes: There are currently 3 positions, one permanent full time at Armidale Local Court, two temporary full time positions for a period of up to 12 months at Redfern (based at the Downing Centre) and Wollongong Local Courts. Applicants must state which position and location they applying for. This position is identified under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement.

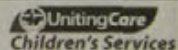
Inquiries: Gordon Simon phone (02) 8688 7360 Email: Gordon_simon@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages:

Business Systems Unit (02) 8688 7477.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: by email to agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 13 March 2009



An opportunity exists for you to make a difference by joining UnitingCare Children's Services in being the first person to meet and greet all of our clients as they enter our office.

The position of a

Trainee Administrative Assistant

(Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander) will provide secretarial, clerical and administrative support to UnitingCare Children's Services (UCCS) staff. This position reports to the Director, UnitingCare Children's Services.

Some of your responsibilities in this role will include:

- Register and distribute incoming and outgoing mail, facsimiles and telephone messages.
- Register and monitor all priority communication as and record on UCCS database.
- Assist with any mail-outs and correspondence.
- Register incoming publications on Subscriptions Database.
- Maintain databases, including archiving and disposal of service and administrative files.
- Maintain filing on a weekly basis, including start up of new files.
- Provide administrative assistance as required for internal and external communication as requested.

Essential Criteria will include:

- Completing Year 12 or hold the Higher School Certificate or equivalent, having attained a high standard in English.
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Ability to work to time constraints and handle tasks with good judgement and confidentiality.
- Ability to use Microsoft Office software applications.
- Ability to work in a team environment and participate as a team member.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Further information about this position is available on-line, www.unitingcarechildrensservices.org.au, and you must address the full selection criteria.

Information Package: email salib@uccs.nsw.uca.org.au with 'information package' in the subject line, or call Sali Bandal on 02 8267 4457 for the package to be mailed to you.



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO.	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
20/515	Windy Knob Resources Ltd	304332	69.24ha	52km NE'y of Cue	Lat 27°02' Long 118°09'	Cue
38/1001	Rogis Resources Limited	266879	16.49ha	54km W'y of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°50' Long 122°20'	Laverton
38/1867	Drescent Gold Ltd	301670	102.39ha	39km SW'y of Laverton	Lat 28°49' Long 122°43'	Laverton
38/2027	Carbon Energy Ltd	303130	73ha	10km SW'y of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°21'	Laverton
47/1649	Dallen Exploration Pty Ltd	299380	25.30ha	120km S'y of Palawaonica	Lat 22°45' Long 116°34'	Ashburton
53/1324	Echo Resources Ltd	307755	72.4ha	78km E'y of Wiluna	Lat 26°49' Long 120°58'	Wiluna
53/1326	Newmont Yandall Operations Pty Ltd	307763	99.45ha	79km SE'y of Wiluna	Lat 26°52' Long 120°57'	Wiluna
57/840	Trey Resources NL	304777	12.2ha	11km S'y of Sandstone	Lat 28°00' Long 119°17'	Sandstone
58/237	Windimurra Resources Pty Ltd	303249	82.97ha	54km E'y of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°57' Long 118°24'	Mt Magnet
59/1435	Silver Lake Resources Ltd	309999	128.19ha	81km E'y of Moora	Lat 29°14' Long 116°50'	Perenjori

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 25 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 25 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.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 25 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 licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



Residential Out-of-Home-Care

Inner West & Parramatta

Guardian Youth Care is a residential out-of-home care service providing care for children and young people between the ages of 12 and 17 years who are all under the care of the Department of Community Services.

Youth Workers - Position Overview

The health, safety and wellbeing of the children and young people placed in out of home care are paramount to this position. The primary function of this position is to assist children and young people to develop their day to day living skills, facilitated via care plans in relation to meals, activities, education, employment, behaviour, social and cultural / religious events etc. This position involves shift and weekend work. A current drivers licence and first aid certificate are desirable. In addition we are also looking for individuals to fill the positions of:

1. Team leader 2. Caseworker

Qualifications & Experience

It is highly desirable that applicants have a minimum of a Certificate III in Youth Work (or relevant qualification) and have experience* working with children and young people with high and complex needs.

*Applicants with demonstrated experience working with children or young people with high and complex needs may be considered for a traineeship in Youth Work through Guardian Youth Care.

To obtain a full position description and application package please contact:

Edward Dunlop - Recruitment Supervisor

P: 02-1300 85 79 72

F: 02-1300 85 79 73

E: ed.dunlop@guardianyouthcare.org.au

Website: www.guardianyouthcare.org.au

Guardian Youth Care is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Successful applicants will be subject to a Working With Children Check.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY THE 13TH MARCH 2009

Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land into Authority to Prospect

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to Authority to Prospect 592 (shown below) under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld).

The Authority to Prospect currently excludes land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Current Holder has applied under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect.

Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect to which this notice applies:

Authority to Prospect Number	Location of Excluded Land in ATP592P (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holder ACN										
ATP592 This Authority to Prospect is in two separate parts	Location of Excluded Land in Part 1 Approx. 65 km South West from Taroom Centred at approximate Lat:25°53'30"S Long:149°12'30"E Local Government Area: Banana Shire Council Dalby Regional Council	Area of Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect Part 1 Area: 120 km ² Block Identification Map: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 39 (each 1°Lat x 1°Long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>1575</td><td>n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>1647</td><td>b, c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u, y</td></tr><tr><td>1719</td><td>d, j, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>1791</td><td>e</td></tr></table>	Block Number	Sub-blocks	1575	n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	1647	b, c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u, y	1719	d, j, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	1791	e	Origin Energy CSG Limited 001 646 331
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	Location of Excluded Land in Part 2 Approx. 40 km East from Injune Centred at approximate Lat:25°51'30"S Long:148°58'30"E Local Government Area: Roma Regional Council	Area of Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect Part 2 Area: 34 km ² Block Identification Map: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 11 (each 1°Lat x 1°Long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>1644</td><td>d, e, j, k, n, o, p, r, s</td></tr><tr><td>1645</td><td>a, f</td></tr></table>	Block Number	Sub-blocks	1644	d, e, j, k, n, o, p, r, s	1645	a, f					
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* Authorities to Prospect are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) and the number of Sub-blocks (the Sub-block Code) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

It should be noted that this land will not be granted over a National Park (Scientific, National Park, National Park (Aboriginal Land), National Park (Torres Strait Islander Land), National Park (Cape York Peninsular Aboriginal Land), National Park (Recovery) or Conservation Park that are in existence on the date of effect of the tenure (or of the approval of the application of the excluded land).

Nature of the acts: It is proposed to grant the application to add the Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004 (Qld). On the granting of the application the Excluded Land is included in the existing Authority to Prospect. This authorises the holder to explore for petroleum on the Excluded Land for the current term of the Authority to Prospect.

Name and address of person doing acts: The application to add Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) will be granted by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

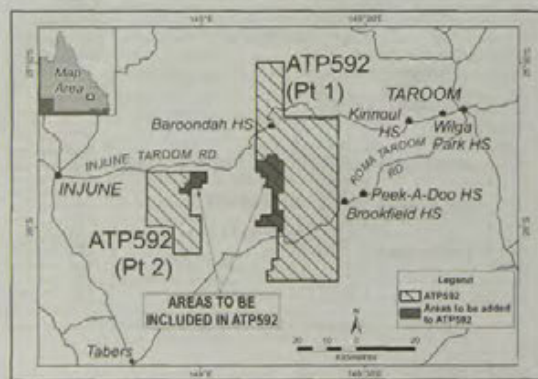
Further information: Further information about the proposed future acts, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3729.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the application for the addition of excluded land in the Authority to Prospect. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 18 March 2009



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Notification Day: 18 March 2009



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

An application for Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, has been received from:

LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

Adam Roland & Pamela Joan WETTENHALL for 1 x Bore on Lot 2 DP218886, Parish Willeroo, County Townsend for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 2187)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer

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Assessment Lease Application 46 (Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of an assessment lease:

An area of 29.5 hectares situated approximately 14 kilometres south southwest of Scone, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act:

Muswellbrook Coal Company Limited (ACN 000 009 521) is the applicant of Assessment Lease Application 46 Act 1992, for an assessment lease which would authorise the prospecting for coal and be granted for a term of five (5) years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done:

Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained:

Further information may be obtained from Peta Johannessen, Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, phone 02 4931 6613 or fax 02 4931 6676.

Notification Day:

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) the notification day is 12 March 2009.



National Calendar

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acceptance and her own identity. Warning: language and sexual references. Cost \$10 each. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide from 8pm onwards. Details: Liz Nowell on (08) 8224 3234 or email visualarts@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

4 March: NAIDOC meeting. This meeting will be held for those who are interested in being involved in this year's family fun day event which includes volunteering, performing and assisting the committee. RSVP by 26 February. All welcome. Held at Musgrave Park Cultural Centre, Jagera Hall, 121 Cordelia St, South Brisbane, from 11am onwards. Details: Trevarne Wighton on (07) 3846 5700 or email mpcc@inet.net.au or visit www.musgravepark.org.au

4 March: 'Australian Dreaming' by Lumina Vocal Ensemble. Australian Dreaming will bring together a kaleidoscope of musical works which respond to the Australian landscape and culture. Combining the humanity and complexity of the human voice with the ancient and evocative sounds of the yidaki (didgeridoo), the music will explore new works, new combinations and new ways of presenting Australian music. Cost \$20 adults, \$14 concession and groups. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide from 6pm onwards. Details: Liz Nowell on (08) 8224 3234 or email visualarts@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.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

6 March: International Women's Day. This is a public symposium that would provide dynamic discussion on this year's theme of Sharing the Future. Featuring some of Western Australia's top experts in caring will lead this year's International Women's Day events. Held at Central TAFE, East Perth, from 9am-1pm. Details: (08) 6217 8230 or 1800 199 174 or email owp@communities.wa.gov.au or visit www.communities.wa.gov.au

7 March: BLACK: In Darkness all Colours Agree - Indigenous Parade Entry 2009 Mardi Gras. The parade is the jewel in the crown of the Mardi Gras season. Come and share in the glitz, glamour, satire and sass of our final event of the season that is a celebration of pride and diversity. All welcome. Details: Cassandra on (02) 9206 2113 or free call or Shaun on (02) 9206 2000 or visit www.acon.org.au or www.mardigras.org.au

8 March: International Women's Day Indigenous celebrations. Featuring Indigenous performances by Kwarbah Djookian Dance Group, Thalia Skopellos and Moana Dreaming. Held at Central TAFE, East Perth from 10.30am-12.30pm. Details: (08) 6217 8230 or 1800 199 174 or email owp@communities.wa.gov.au or visit www.communities.wa.gov.au

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

10-11 March: 'Nunga Funny' comedy show. For two nights only get laughing at some corks Nunga comedy from the funniest mob in town. Showcasing Adelaide's

own Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander comedians, 'Nunga Funny' will introduce you to a new type of black comedy. Presented by Kurrurru Indigenous Youth Performing Arts. Cost \$15 adults and \$10 concession. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide, from 7.30pm onwards. Details: Liz Nowell on (08) 8224 3234 or email visualarts@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

13 March: Consumer Information Day. This is a free information day about consumer issues. The Good Service Mob staff from each of the nine complaint-handling organisations will be available to discuss individual inquiries. Held at Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, 187 Riverside Drive, Airds Campbelltown, from 9.30am-2.30pm. All welcome. Details: Rose Gordon on (02) 8218 5221 or toll free on 1800 043 159 or email roseg@ewon.gov.au or visit www.goodservicemob.com.au

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of Queensland

National Native Title Tribunal

Notification day: 11 March 2009

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Queensland Registry, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003, on or before 10 June 2009. After 10 June 2009, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Wanyurr Majay People

Federal Court File No: QUD296/08

Date filed: 15 September 2008

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 200 square kilometres, located approximately 27km south of Cairns as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within Cairns Regional Council Local Government Authority.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information contact
Louise Doyle on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17379	Approx. 15 km SW from Marlborough Centred at approximate Lat:22°55'S Long:149°47'E Local Government Area: Rockhampton Regional Council	Area: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1 lat x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2518 w, x 2590 b, c	ARC Marlborough Pty Limited 127 139 780

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

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Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approximately 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2007.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4002, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

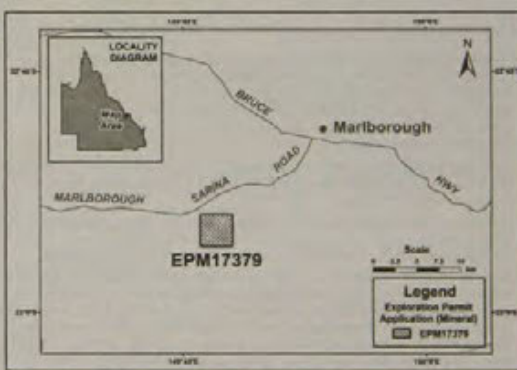
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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13-14 March: 'Songs of the Inland' - Where Red Earth and Blue Sky Meet. This is a journey into Inland Australia, through the original songs of Jeanette Wormald. Featuring traditional and contemporary Indigenous dance from Ngarrindjeri group Tal Kin Jeri. Cost \$30 adults, \$27 concession and \$20 children. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide, from 8pm onwards. Details: Liz Nowell on (08) 8224 3234 or email visualarts@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

21-22 March: Yarrowarra Women's Gathering. This is a spiritual and cultural retreat for women. Activities include: basket weaving, bush tucker cooking, beach activities and screen printing. You will be able to take home your own personally screen printed T-shirt and a water um you have weaved. Women from all cultures and all age groups are welcome. Dancing and stories around the campfire. A variety of packages are on offer, including accommodation with meals, camping and participation without accommodation. Held at Corindi Beach. Details: Sally on (0409) 824 803 or email yarrowarra_womens_network@bigpond.com

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 Gympie, Qld. Details: (07) 5483 7000 or email

info@heartofgold.com.au or visit
www.heartofgold.com.au

27 March-5 April: 2009 Castlemaine State Festival 'a feast of artistic expression'. This festival will feature a range of classical and contemporary music, and live theatre in Castlemaine's historic theatres and halls as well as in unique venues including mines, churches, parklands and public sites. Youth hip-hop, kids workshops, Indigenous performances and more. All welcome. For more information or a program call Natalie Mason on (03) 9481 4155 or (0407) 746 869 or email natalie@ohtraveller.com or visit www.castlemainefestival.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 info@comedyfestival.com.au or visit www.comedyfestival.com.au

27-29 May: Yulkuum-Jerrang - The second Indigenous Economic Development Conference 'Growing Out Future'. This unique Conference will provide key stakeholders with an opportunity to share perspectives, increase business and create employment opportunities. Featuring international and local speakers, Indigenous youth forum, business and social networking opportunities, gala dinner and more. Held in Melbourne. Details: (03) 9870 2611 or email events@conferenceworks.net.au or visit www.kbconference.vic.gov.au

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 Co-ordination 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 where we will be visiting four theme parks (Dreamworld, Sea World, Movie World and Wet-N-Wild), mixing with different youth groups from Qld 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

10 October: Sports Day and Youth Rally 09. The East Coast Christian Indigenous Youth Network is inviting you to their Round Robin games followed by a youth rally at 6pm with guest speaker Mr Harley Haywood. All teams must have the same coloured uniforms, a team Banner and war cry. 11years open. Cost \$100 Team, rego and including lunch and tea. Held at Woodridge State High School. Details: Mark Naden on (0404) 233 603 or Faith Green on (0404) 864 150.

Jawai at last puts points on the board



IT'S been a slow start, but Nathan Jawai (pictured) finally is on his way in the US NBA after registering his first career points.

The former Cairns Taipans basketball star played almost six minutes in the Toronto Raptors' 93-76 loss to the Cavaliers in Cleveland. He scored his first points from a lay-up in the final quarter.

Jawai also registered a rebound - another career first - in the match on 19 February.

His first three games, against Detroit, Sacramento and Orlando, had resulted in two turnovers, a foul and a missed shot, with the 208cm giant from Bamaga having to wait until 19 February to register a positive stat.

Mentor Aaron Fearn said he had received a text message from a thrilled Jawai after the match.

"He was definitely relieved and excited," Fearn said.

"Obviously it's a very happy day for him. It gets that monkey off his back if you want to call it that."

"With Jermaine O'Neal traded and Kris Humphries still recovering from that broken leg, that's a chance there now for him."

Jawai made his NBA debut last month after sitting out the opening three months of the season following a health scare.

Routine pre-season cardiac testing picked up an 'irregularity', with Jawai allowed back on the training court only in mid-December.

"It was always going to take some time to catch up to the speed and athleticism of the NBA," Fearn said.

"He was out for a long time and lost his timing."

Notice of Proposed Grant of Petroleum Lease

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 Petroleum Lease (shown below) under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld).

Petroleum Lease to which this notice applies:

Petroleum Lease Number	Location of Petroleum Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holder ACN
PL268	Approx. 65 km North East from Roma Centred at approximate Lat. 26°04'30"S Long. 149°09'E Local Government Area: Dalby Regional Council Roma Regional Council	Area: 259 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 84 (each 1 lat x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1718 j, z 1789 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1790 e, k, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1791 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 1862 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1863 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, v, w	Origin Energy CSG Limited 001 646 331

* Petroleum Leases are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) and the number of Sub-blocks (the Sub-Block Code) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

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Nature of the acts: Grant of a Petroleum Lease under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) authorises the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of petroleum for a period not exceeding thirty (30) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Petroleum Lease will be granted under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

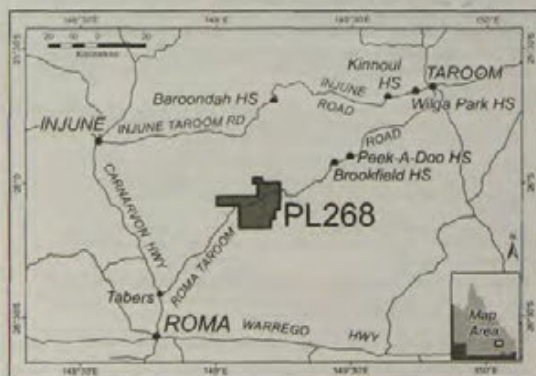
Further information: Further information about the proposed future acts, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3729.

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 Petroleum Lease. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcour.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 18 March 2009



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Best from the west

Academy tennis players join their peers in Melbourne



TWO members of the 2008 Far West Academy of Sport (FWAS) tennis squad – Aaron Ashley, from Trangie, and Ethan Johnson, from Brewarrina – attended the Goolagong National Development Camp in Melbourne during the first week of the Australian Open Championships.

They were joined by other Indigenous players from throughout Australia, with athletes coming from as far away as Broome. During the week-long camp, the players were put through an intensive training program, working with some of the best coaches in Australia.

The players also attended the opening day of the Australia Open and saw Lleyton Hewitt in action against Fernando Gonzalez. They were also lucky enough to meet and talk with Channel 7 commentators and tennis legends Todd Woodbridge and Jim Courier.

Learning wasn't confined to the court – players received seminars from sports psychologists, physiotherapists and nutritionists.

Aaron Ashley, 13, said he now wanted to go to Melbourne to live.

"I had such a great time at the camp and saw so many exciting things in Melbourne," he said.

Aaron will be at the Academy trials in March to further his tennis development.

2007 FWAS athlete Matthew Fuller, who now lives in Melbourne on a full tennis scholarship, attended the camp for a second year and acted as a chaperone for the two FWAS athletes.

The 2009 FWAS Tennis Scholarship program is set to start on Saturday 7 March with trials in Warren. The trials are open to male and female athletes in the Far West area who will be turning 12-16 years in 2009 (ie, born 1993-1997). From the trials, a squad of 12-15 athletes will be chosen.

Academy coach Ken Wray says the 2009 program is shaping up to be even better than 2008, with the addition of the Coonabarabran Junior Tournament and a possible development tour to Broken Hill with the Sunraysia Academy.

Also in Warren on 7 March, the FWAS squad will receive specialist lectures from a sports psychologist, exercise science specialist and a drugs in sport lecture from the Australian Sports Commission. Members of the Academy bowls, golf, Lone Star, netball and 16s league squad will be in Warren.

For information on the tennis trials or any other FWAS programs, contact your local secondary school sport co-ordinator or the FWAS on 6847 3638.



Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land Into Authority to Prospect Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to Authority to Prospect 663 (shown below) under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld).

The Authority to Prospect currently excludes land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Current Holder has applied under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect.

Authority to Prospect (to add Excluded Land) to which this notice applies:

Authority to Prospect Number	Location of Authority to Prospect (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holder ACN
ATP663	Location of Excluded Land Approx. 59 km East from Moonie Centred at approximate Lat. 27°45'S Long. 150°57'30"E Local Government Area: Daly Regional Council Toowoomba Regional Council	Area of Authority to Prospect including Excluded Land Area: 1287 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 425 (each 11at.X 11ong.) Block Number 3035 to 3037 (inclusive) 3107 to 3109 (inclusive) 3179 to 3181 (inclusive) 3251 to 3253 (inclusive) 3324 to 3325 (inclusive) 3395 to 3397 (inclusive)	Origin Energy CSG Limited 001 646 331

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Nature of the Acts: It is proposed to grant the application to add the Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld). On the granting of the application, the Excluded Land is included in the existing Authority to Prospect. This authorises the holder to explore for petroleum on the Excluded Land for the current term of the Authority to Prospect.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The application to add Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) will be granted by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

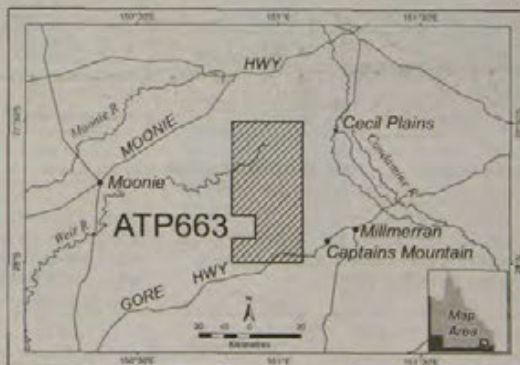
Further Information: Further information about the proposed future acts, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Culture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3729.

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Notification Day: 18 March 2009



Lalor in NSW Seconds

INDIGENOUS cricketer Josh Lalor is in the new-look NSW Second XI at the annual Gregory Cup match scheduled to be played now against Queensland at Glenn McGrath Oval, Caringbah.

The match was to have started on Monday and should end tomorrow.

Only under-23 players are eligible to play in the Gregory Cup and players who have participated in more than two first-class matches were ineligible. NSW are the current holders of the trophy.

Lalor is a member of the RTA SpeedBlitz Blues rookie squad. He recently played with his younger brother Jacob for NSW in the Imparja Cup tournament in Alice Springs, where their team narrowly missed qualifying for the final.



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Kyane a proud athlete



KOORIS don't come much prouder than young wheelchair athlete Kyane Samuels.

Kyane, 17, was born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and has been in a wheelchair all his life.

But that hasn't stopped him leading an active lifestyle. He is into wheelchair racing, rugby league and swimming.

Last year he competed in the Gold Coast half marathon, the Townsville half marathon and the Oita (Japan) half marathon, where he was the youngest competitor.

He also represented New South Wales at the Pacific School Games in Canberra last November, winning three gold medals.

He trains with Gary Foley, who coached Kurt Fearnley and Louise Sauvage when they were younger.

On 26 January he started in a 10km wheelchair race and was in second place in the juniors when he got a flat tyre and had to retire.

Kyane is a proud Koori who races in Aboriginal colours. He lives in the Penrith area, west of Sydney.

He started wheelchair racing about three years ago.

His sporting heroes are Paralympian Louise Sauvage and Olympic gold medalist Cathy Freeman.

Sauvage has been helping Kyane with his wheelchair racing and he now trains under her former coach.

Kyane recently started adaptive rowing as a cross-training exercise for his racing.

One of the biggest hurdles he has is public transport – the lack of help from staff at various stations.

Kyane will be competing at the Aratupa Games in Darwin this May.



Jawai kicks in to save sinking Cairns Taipans

FORMER Cairns Taipans basketballer Nathan Jawai, now playing in the United States, has joined others in a bid to save the ailing club.

A 'Save the Taipans' bid took the first step towards doing just that by buying the Cairns NBL licence.

Backed by almost 150 pledges of \$5000 each for their bid, Cairns Basketball (CB) successfully made an offer to the Taipans liquidator KPMG.

The sale remains subject to the Taipans' acceptance in next season's new-look NBL.

CB President Denis Donaghy said he would discuss plans for next season with Basketball Australia (BA) and NBL officials.

He said the bid team would work to meet all of BA's conditions for entry in the new league.

To qualify for the new-look NBL, the Taipans bid must have a \$1 million unconditional bank guarantee, \$500,000 in paid up and available working capital, and a three-year commitment from naming rights and other sponsors.

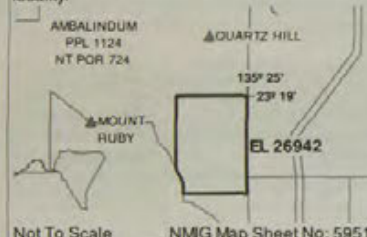
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 26942 sought by MITHRIL RESOURCES LTD, ACN 099 883 922 over an area of 129 Blocks (402.13 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5951

Exploration Licence 27072 sought by NORTHERN URANIUM LIMITED, ACN 119 966 353 over an area of 126 Blocks (391.22 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GOSSE RIVER locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5858

Exploration Licence 27046 sought by RUM JUNGLE URANIUM LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 500 Blocks (1553.83 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ERLDUNDA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5547

Exploration Licence 27047 sought by RUM JUNGLE URANIUM LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 372 Blocks (1156.87 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the IDracowra locality.



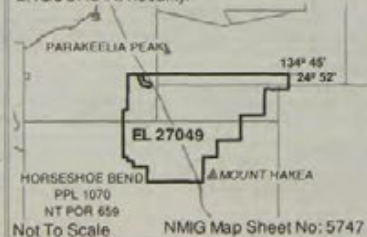
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Exploration Licence 27048 sought by RUM JUNGLE URANIUM LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 399 Blocks (1242.21 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CHARLOTTE locality.



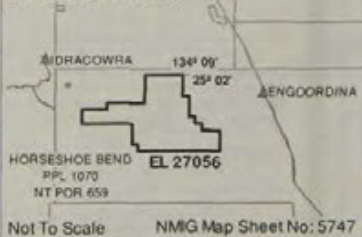
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Exploration Licence 27049 sought by RUM JUNGLE URANIUM LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 500 Blocks (1545.3 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ENGOORDINA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5747

Exploration Licence 27056 sought by RUM JUNGLE URANIUM LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 125 Blocks (388.72 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ENGOORDINA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5747

Exploration Licence 27060 sought by RUM JUNGLE URANIUM LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 151 Blocks (468.13 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the IDracowra locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5647

Exploration Licence 27053 sought by TERRITORY PHOSPHATE PTY LTD, ACN 130 065 351 over an area of 18 Blocks (57.40 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the OORATIPPA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6154

Exploration Licence 27054 sought by TERRITORY PHOSPHATE PTY LTD, ACN 130 065 351 over an area of 43 Blocks (137.19 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the OORATIPPA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6154

Exploration Licence 27055 sought by TERRITORY PHOSPHATE PTY LTD, ACN 130 065 351 over an area of 20 Blocks (63.75 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SANDOVER locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6054

Exploration Licence 27052 sought by TORO ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 117 127 590 over an area of 73 Blocks (231.94 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MACDONALD DOWNS locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5953

Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years for exploration licences and 4 years for substitute exploration licences and to seek renewals. 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 Centrepnt Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 25 February 2009

Football boot camp

Nth Queensland breaks new ground in developing talent

By ALF WILSON



ORGANISERS are hailing the 2009 Queensland Knockouts Indigenous Rugby Corporation (QKICS) Boot Camp as one of the biggest Indigenous training programs to hit north Queensland.

The 2009 Boot Camp series will highlight some of north Queensland's best rugby league and rugby union players. The series will culminate with selected squad aged between 16 and 23 years invited to compete at the Vern and Frank Daisy Cup in Townsville in 10 October.

QKICS President Obe Geia said players' costs could be covered at the Daisy Cup.

"Throughout the programs there will be visits from scouts from major clubs, sponsors, Government department officials and selected guests from both the rugby union and rugby league associations. All players will be on show and have the opportunity to showcase their skills to the codes' elite," he said.

The Boot Camp will run over six weekends and be held at various centres: 22-24 May, 6-7 June, 27-28 June, 11-12 July, 1-2 Aug, and 22-23 August.

The Boot Camp series will start with a one-week pre-training camp in Ingham.

Other camps will be held at Weipa (region 1), Normanton (region 2), Cloncurry (region 3) and Townsville (region 4).

Focus on Townsville

"The main two-week boot camp will be held in Region 4 (Townsville) upon completion of the one-week pre-training programs. All players, trainers, staff and administrators in the program will participate in a smoke-and-alcohol-free zone and will be governed by a Zero Tolerance Policy. There will be no exceptions to this rule," Geia said.

The one-week pre-training camps will include PT (physical training) each morning to be delivered by Spartan Physical Training Academy, code skills and rules, team building and group dynamics, time management, responsibility and accountability, healthy living and diet.

"Each player attending will receive a kit upon acceptance to the program. The kit includes football boots, jersey, sports shorts, program shirt and socks, water bottle, hat, duffle bag and a QKICS diary.

During the two-week main camp, players will be subjected to an intensive program of skills development and training to improve their abilities and physical conditioning.

"All areas from the pre-training program will be revisited, and there will be a focus on muscle development and strengthening, future direction and goal setting, and leadership.

"An emphasis will be on skills development, meaning a lot more physical activity will be covered on the boot camp than in the pre-training program," Mr Geia said.

In addition to the kit that was received at the pre-training program, Participants in the two-week camp will receive sneakers, jersey, sport shorts, Boot Camp shirt, socks, sports towel and mouthguard.

Costs covered by QKICS

All costs while at the training programs and the boot camp will be covered by QKICS. The initial travel costs to the pre-training camp will be subsidised by QKICS for those players selected to attend if required.

The amount of subsidy will be determined based on location, but will not exceed 50 per cent of the cost of travel. All travel costs for players selected to go to the main two-week camp will be covered by QKICS.

Medical, physical and related application costs will be the responsibility of the players.

All applicants need to be at least 16 years and nine months old (no exceptions). Maximum age will be held open but will be assessed on physical ability.

Each person wishing to attend the program and try for selection will be required to complete and provide information with their application, including a full medical and physical report, drug test, and a letter of reference signed by an Elder of community, a traditional owner or a member of the Community Council (must be Indigenous).



OBE GEIA

Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land into Authority to Prospect

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to Authority to Prospect 606 (shown below) under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld).

The Authority to Prospect currently excludes land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Current Holder has applied under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect.

Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect to which this notice applies:

Authority to Prospect Number	Location of Excluded Land in ATP592P (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holder ACN
ATP606	Location of Excluded Land in Part 1 Approx. 67 km North East from Roma Centred at approximate Lat.26°17'30"S Long.149°22'30"E Local Government Area: Roma regional Council Dalby Regional Council	Area of Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect Part 1 Area: 1369 km ² Block Identification Map: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 448 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1866 1935 to 1938 (inclusive) 1939 2007 to 2011 (inclusive) 2079 to 2083 (inclusive) 2154 to 2155 (inclusive) a, b, c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Origin Energy CSG Limited 001 646 331

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Nature of the acts: It is proposed to grant the application to add the Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld). On the granting of the application the Excluded Land is included in the existing Authority to Prospect. This authorises the holder to explore for petroleum on the Excluded Land for the current term of the Authority to Prospect.

Name and address of person doing acts: The application to add Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) will be granted by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

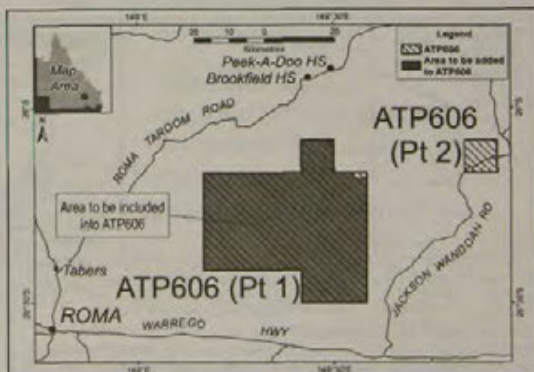
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Notification Day: 18 March 2009



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Goodes named co-captain of Sydney Swans



AFTER winning two Brownlow Medals and playing 230 AFL games, Adam Goodes has finally been judged by Sydney as worthy of the captaincy.

The Swans unveiled the two-time club champion on 13 February as co-captain for 2009, alongside fellow skippers Craig Bolton and Brett Kirk.

Goodes fills the gap left by fullback Leo Barry who is playing on this year without the title of co-captain.

It's a just reward for Goodes, a sensational talent in midfield who showed his versatility by kicking a career-best eight goals when sent to full-forward against Fremantle in round 19 last year while carrying a groin injury.

Back to full fitness for midfield duties, the 194cm, 96kg

powerhouse is also conscious of the need to be a vocal leader on the field.

In a frightening prospect for rival clubs, Swans coach Paul Roos says the captaincy role could make the athletic 29-year-old an even better player.

"I don't think it will hurt him. I think it will help him," Roos said.

A keen observer of political issues, Goodes is regarded as a future leader of the Aboriginal community in Australia. He joins a select group of Aborigines to have captained an AFL club.

The group includes Geelong's Graham Farmer in the 1960s and more recently Port Adelaide's Gavin Wanganeen, Brisbane's Chris Johnson and Essendon's Michael Long.

Goodes admitted he needed to lift his output on the field in a leadership sense.

Things to work on

"I think what happened last year, Craig (Bolton) was elected over me and it gave me a few things that I had to work on in my leadership and I still have things to work on in my leadership," the two-time club champion said.

"It's great that I have the other leaders here at the football club to help me through those things with Kirky and Craig above me now and also Hally (current player and ex-captain Barry Hall) and Stule Maxfield still at the club (a former skipper who is now player personnel manager), who can really help me with on-field leadership."

"It's just the on-field stuff, being more vocal. Making sure that if I'm not playing the best of football, that I'm still getting my team-mates up, I'm still being a voice and body language out of the field, those sorts of things."

Roos said Goodes was a tremendous role model.

"It's not only your on-field stuff, but it's off-field stuff and the way you carry yourself around the football club," Roos said.

"The way he responded last year, he was disappointed but he went about his footy with his professionalism and pride."

Battling a groin injury and a one-game suspension, Goodes finished outside Sydney's top 10 in their club award, but polled 21 Brownlow votes, only three behind winner Adam Cooney.

Roos said Goodes had impressed him with his desire for the captaincy role.

"In the past, captains have been given the job maybe because they have been there the longest or they were the best players and they never really got asked 'do you want to be captain?'" Roos said.

Prefers midfield

Goodes wants to keep causing havoc in the Sydney midfield rather than playing forward on a regular basis.

"The midfield is where the game is won or lost and I think my desire is still to be in the midfield running about causing a bit of havoc," he said.

"Hopefully at times I can push forward and have a little breather and kick some goals, it's something I've always wanted to do."

"But at the same time, I'm fit enough, I'm strong enough still to be running around the midfield and that's where I'd really like to be playing."

The 29-year-old Swan said he was feeling good both mentally and physically after a double hernia operation last September and expected to be available for Sydney's second pre-season game. - AAP

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 Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of Additional Surface Areas within the Mining Leases shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

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 (Qld) 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
Surface Area on ML5648 Morgan 10	Approx. 2 km West from Mount Morgan Local Government Area: Rockhampton Regional Council	Current Land Tenures: Lot 12 on USL47036 - State Land (mining and access) Lot 3 on RP601353 - Freehold (access only) Lot 1 on RP603374 - Freehold (access only) Area of Additional Surface Area applied for within the Mining Lease: 2.023 ha	Norton Gold Fields Limited 112 287 797
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 61 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 69 on USL42977 - State Land (mining only) Lot 1 on MPH11057 - State Land (mining only) Lot 3 on RP601353 - Freehold (access only) Lot 1 on RP603374 - Freehold (access only) Area of Additional Surface Area applied for within the Mining Lease: 9.895 ha	Norton Gold Fields Limited 112 287 797

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 Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, QLD 4002.

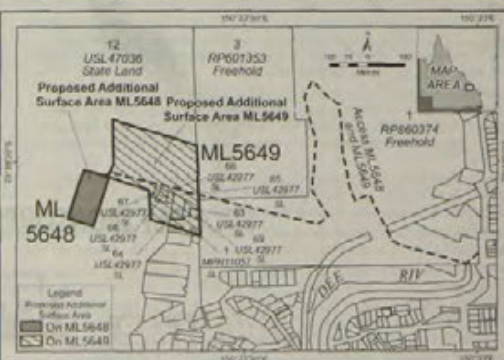
Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Additional Surface Area within the Mining Leases, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Additional Surface Area application within Mining Lease 5648 and Mining Lease 5649, can be obtained from the Office 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 person who 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 Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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Notification Day: 4 March 2009.



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Tent boxing returns

'House full' sign at The Block

NSW THE 'house full' sign went up at the big top tent on Black Friday as Aboriginal boxing, basketball and

culture made a triumphant return to Redfern – the Aboriginal heartland of Sydney.

Latecomers were turned away as a sell-out crowd of more than 800 crammed into the big top at The Block to watch a night of Aboriginal boxing as the stars of tomorrow linked with the stars of today and yesterday.

The Aboriginal fighters won five of the seven fights they were involved in, but each bout was evenly contested, a tribute to the matchmakers Paul Towel and Pat Kennedy.

In the amateurs, 16-year-old Queensland State champion Campbell Cobbo Riley displayed his silky skills.

Nathan Carroll, Paulie West, Terry Roberts and Jason Morris also impressed.

In the professionals, Joey Williams showed heart and power to overcome spirited kickboxer Adam King on points, and Glebe's Edgar 'Brown Sugar' Wymarra showed his impressive array of skills and movement after a slow start to unanimously defeat tough Filipino Jurland Geniza over six action-packed rounds.

Cool Willie Kickett was unable to

fight on the night due to a chest infection.

Aboriginal boxing and sporting identities were out in force, including boxers Anthony and Tony Mundine, Robbie Peden, George Bracken, Wally Carr, AFL players Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin and NRL legend Artie Beetson.

Aboriginal performers, including Idol winner Casey Donovan and rising talent Nellie Dargan, thrilled the crowd.

Wet night

Alex Wymarra, head of the Indigenous Sports Academy, was thrilled with the night.

"The rain was pouring, the lights gave us trouble, but we brought Aboriginal boxing back to The Block in a big way," he said.

"We had to turn people away and those who were inside were treated to seven fantastic fights.

"The place was pumping with Aboriginal pride and what a way to celebrate the anniversary of the Apology by bringing legends and future legends together for night of Koori-style tent boxing.

"Special thanks goes to Gavin Jones of Vibe for believing in our vision and being such a staunch supporter of Aboriginal boxing."

Before for boxing, Vibe Australia held a Vibe 3 on 3 Basketball Challenge which gave kids across Sydney a chance to participate.



Paulie West waits for the start of his bout.



● ABOVE: A young fan at the Redfern fights.

● LEFT: Sydney Swans AFL stars Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin were there.



● LEFT: Joey Williams (right) shows he's as sharp in the ring as he is on the rugby league field. He is pictured in action against Adam King. – Getty Images

Six goals in two nights



A SECOND straight hat-trick to striker Des Abbott saw Australia finish their three-match

hockey series against Belgium on a high with a 10-0 win in Canberra on 8 February. After demolishing Belgium 7-1 in game two, the Kookaburras set out to prove it was no fluke as they started the match at a lightning pace.

They led 3-0 within ten minutes.

Abbott got his first goal soon after and the match was as good as done.

The Kookaburras produced a ruthless display which would have pleased coach Ric Charlesworth.

Charlesworth said the most pleasing aspect from his point of view was the fact that his team kept Belgium goal-less.

Abbott also scored three goals against Belgium a night earlier.

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Back to my roots

RUGBY LEAGUE



With Guest Columnist
JAMAL IDRIS

ONE of the most difficult things I have had to deal with in chasing my sporting dreams has been the loss of the true sense of belonging I had growing up at the Cabarita Mission, outside of Forster, in on the NSW mid-north coast.

There, I always felt part of the community and a larger Aboriginal family as I grew up alongside friends and relatives alike.

This does not mean that the Bulldogs and my school have not gone out of their way to help me and to make me feel welcome.

It's just that it's different and you feel different.

Without the support of my family, I don't think I would have been able to survive, but the rewards have made it all worthwhile.

To play in the NRL last year was beyond my wildest expectations and to also play for the Australian Schoolboys was an honour.

To top that off with selection for the Indigenous Dreamtime team that played in the Rugby League World Cup was something I will always treasure.

The whole experience was brought back into perspective when I visited Horn Island, in the Torres Strait, recently with Ben Hannant, Sam Thaiday and others as part of Rugby League's Community Carnival.

One immediate impact was that it reminded me of how it felt like to be different.

But this time it was not me!

After we all had a bit of fun wake-boarding off the island, we went on a tour of all the schools.

Ben Hannant - who resembles a polar bear in more ways than one - provided such a stark contrast to all the black faces that I couldn't help myself.

I just cracked up with laughter!

He provided me with a reverse image of how I felt when I first arrived in Sydney.

But the best thing was that Benny was in his element and the kids just lapped it up.

It just reminded me that at different time in our lives we will all feel as if we



Jamal Idris and Ben Hannant during a recent visit to Horn Island, in the Torres Strait.

are the odd one out and have to make adjustments.

In many ways it was a simple lesson to remind me to make the most of my opportunities.

And I certainly made the most of my

opportunities while I was on Horn Island. The kids were 'mad'!

They all came up and wanted to talk to me about what it was like to play in the NRL.

But first of all, they all wanted to know where I came from and how old I was.

The older kids at school were amazed to find out that I was only a few years older than them.

I hope my story encouraged them to realise that youth is not a barrier and that dreams do not have to be something that takes years to achieve.

The other funny part of being in schools was when we were delivering some key healthy messages around eating well, playing well and staying well.

When we were talking about how fast foods such as Maccas or Hungry Jacks should only be eaten sometimes, a voice could be heard from the back of the room...

"Hey, no more Island Rooster..."

This was obviously the Torres Strait version of Red Rooster and the whole class broke into laughter.

At least we knew the message got through to one young fella!

Thankfully, one of the other key messages was having fun and we certainly did that when we went out on to the drenched oval to play touch football.

It reminded me of my days at the Mission when it didn't matter what the conditions were.

It could be pouring and everybody would still join in!

My final message to the kids related to a goal I am still trying to achieve.

Having made the full-time squad at the NRL, it would have been very easy for me to give up school.

With the support of the Bulldogs, I have returned to school and have three subjects to complete to get my HSC.

That - along with finally getting my car licence - remains my key non-football goal for the season.

Even now I realise that playing football will not last forever and I want to ensure that I continue with my education.



A youngster waits to have his football autographed during a visit to Horn Island by NRL players as part of rugby league's Community Carnival.

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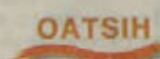
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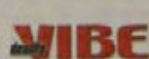
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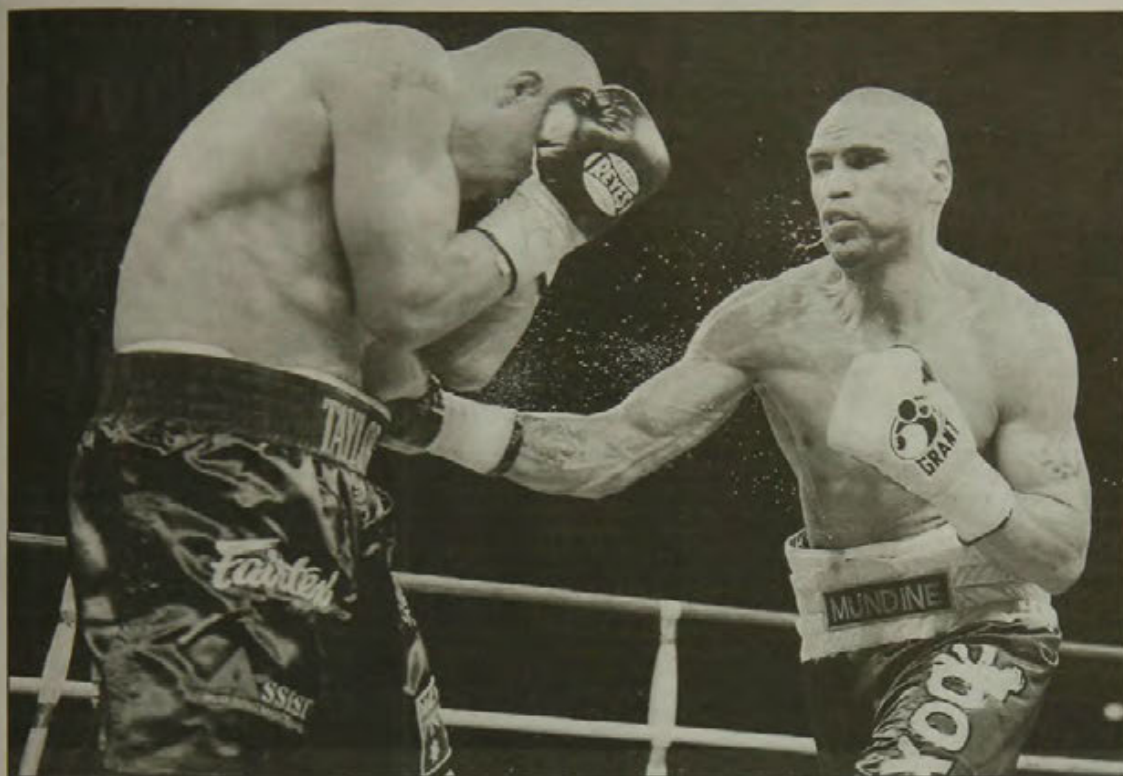


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Anthony Mundine (right) and Shannan Taylor during their WBA international middleweight title fight at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre, Wollongong, on Wednesday 11 February. — AAP image

Germany next challenge for Mundine



southern NSW.

Mundine was stopped by German great Sven Ottke in 2001 in the European nation, the heaviest defeat of his professional career and the only time he has been knocked out. But the win over Taylor has confirmed Mundine's status as the No1 contender for the WBA middleweight belt, meaning a return to Germany to take on champion Felix Sturm.

Mundine's first outing as a middleweight has instantly jumped him to fourth in the division's latest overall rankings, behind world champions Kelly Pavlik, Arthur Abraham and Sturm.

"I guess it's destiny that I have to go back to Germany, but this time I'm going as a man, not a boy," Mundine said.

"This time I'm going as a seasoned professional, a veteran, rather than an undeveloped kid who wasn't ready.

"I think that (being underdone) worked in my favour because even though I went

through what I did I gained so much from that fight. I lost the fight, but I really won."

First up on Mundine's schedule will be an operation on a bone spur in his hip which will sideline him for up to six weeks, but the 33-year-old said the procedure would not hamper any preparations to take on Sturm.

"It's been maybe six-to-eight months now and it's not getting any better," he said.

"I think it's time to get it done and come back 100 per cent.

"Then when I recover from that, I'm really going to assess the situation, but I really want Sturm for the WBA middleweight championship."

Mundine said he could take on Sturm in Germany within six months if preparations began soon.

"I'm looking, hopefully, my next fight will be in June, that's what we're probably looking at," he said.

And Mundine said he had no plans to make that fight against long-time rival Danny Green, after the West Australian announced his comeback from retirement earlier this week.

While the former rugby league player said he had no qualms fighting Green, he

wasn't going to jeopardise his middleweight ambitions to do so.

"If he wants to get whipped again, I'll whip him again, it's no problem," Mundine said.

"But I'm focused on the middleweight division and what I want to achieve and my goals in that, I want to be undisputed champion in the world.

"I'm a middleweight now and that's what I intend to be for the next two to three years."

Mundine won a unanimous points decision over veteran Shannan Taylor in their WBA middleweight fight in Wollongong.

Mundine showed he had lost none of his speed, winning every round.

In a scrappy encounter that never reached any great heights, Mundine landed far more punches and dictated terms without inflicting too much damage on the 'Bulli Blaster'.

Taylor was lucky not to be disqualified after using elbows, head clashes and low blows to try to pull off an unlikely victory and he was clearly outboxed.

Mundine improved his record to 35-3, while Taylor dropped to 48-7, with three draws. — AAP

PNG plan for rugby league visit to North Qld

By ALF WILSON



TOWNSVILLE man Albert Abdul Rahman and Murray Islander Potepa Captain are behind bringing a Papua New Guinea (PNG) team to north Queensland to

compete against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players.

Abdul Rahman and his offside Captain have been organising the trip to Townsville with officials from the Hanuabada rugby league competition in Port Moresby.

The inaugural matches will be under the Port Moresby and Townsville sister city arrangements.

"Our plan is to have the team compete at the Bindal Sharks United All Blacks carnival in October to be held at Townsville and the PNG team has the support of the Government and businesses over there," Abdul Rahman said. "The desire to compete in such a well run and successful indigenous carnival is strong and is the correct protocol with a native PNG team meeting Indigenous teams over here."

The Sharks United carnival is one of the most successful in north Queensland, and in late 2008 16 teams competed.

"I think the PNG side will be highly competitive and will also be a learning curve for the boys," Abdul Rahman told *The Koori Mail*.

The Hanuabada competition was one of the first established in PNG, but folded. It is being revived with backing from business people.

It will come under the auspices of the new Hanuabada Sports Development Association which has been set up to cater for the sporting needs of the young people of the biggest Motu village in the national capital.

"The PNG Government wants to have a team in the Australian NRL competition in the future and this will also have positive aspects for the people," Abdul Rahman said.

"Hanuabada had been the original village comp, established in the 1950s." PNG-born Abdul Rahman came to Australia in the 1970s.

He said said the PNG visit would be a forerunner for a visit to PNG in 2010 by a central Queensland All Blacks representative team.

"The revival of league there in the village will be a vehicle to alleviate some of the major social problems," he said.



Townsville-based Albert Abdul Rahman, right, and Murray Islander Potepa Captain are behind the visiting PNG side which will play Indigenous Australian teams.



The Indigenous team and officials after the grand final.

Our mighty Nines

All-Indigenous league team wins tournament



THE Australian All-Indigenous team swept through the opposition to win the NSW International Nines rugby league competition in Sydney on the weekend of 7-8 February.

The Indigenous team won its three qualifying games, then continued on their winning way through the quarter-finals, semi-finals and grand final.

The team included two high-profile footballers: Former rugby league star David Peachey and rugby league/rugby union convert Andrew Walker.

In their opening game the Indigenous team beat Tonga 22-4, with Peachey scoring one of the team's five tries.

In the second round the Indigenous team beat Niue Island 24-6.

Their third-round game was a cakewalk, beating NSW Universities 42-4. Walker scored a try and kicked two goals.

Their quarter-final with the Cook Islands was a battle, with the Indigenous team winning 4-0, thanks to a single try by Nigel Williams, from Cherbourg, Queensland.

Wests Magpies fielded what was virtually a reserve grade team for their semi-final clash with the Indigenous

side, but the Indigenous team won 10-6 following tries to George Kepa (Norths, Brisbane - formerly Torres Strait) and Trent Rose (Manly - formerly Bathurst) and an Andrew Walker goal.

In the grand final, the Indigenous side beat Balmain 10-6 following tries to Lyal Darby (Bundaberg) and Stafford Saltner (Cherbourg).

The 2009 Australian Indigenous Team: 1 David Peachey South Sydney - formerly Dubbo), 2 Lyal Darby (Bundaberg), 3 Matt Naden (Wellington, NSW), 4 George Kepa (Norths Brisbane - formerly Torres Strait), 5 Stafford Saltner (Cherbourg, Qld), 6 Andrew Walker (Brisbane), 7 Jason Thorne (Bathurst, NSW), 8 Garrett Field (Yeppoon, Qld - formerly Parkes, NSW), 9 Trent Rose (Manly - formerly Bathurst, NSW), 10 Bowen Ryan (Windsor, NSW), 11 Issac Gordon (Cronulla, NSW), 12 Peter Jensen (Narrellan, NSW - formerly Nth Qld), 13 Nigel Williams (Cherbourg, Qld), 14 Corey Saltner (Cherbourg, Qld), 15 Karoi Ryan (Penrith, NSW).

Coach, Rod Silva (NSW); Manager, Greg Appo (Woorabinda, Qld); Co-ordinator, Steve Hall (NSW); Assistant Manager, Kelli O'Grady (Bundaberg, Qld); First Aid Officer, Paul Hughes (Newcastle, NSW); Strapper, Mick Barlow (Nyngan, NSW); Head Trainer, Jie Pitman (Windsor, NSW).



George Kepa and Nigel Williams looking for the ice bath in the sweltering conditions.



Indigenous captain Andrew Walker with coach Rod Silva.



Former NRL player David Peachey making a break.

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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It was symbolic in more ways than one that Matty Campbell should lead by example in winning the Polly Farmer Medal as best-on-field in the Indigenous All-Stars win against Adelaide.

As I wrote in my last article, leadership was one of the key themes of our week in camp.

The whole theme of leadership and identity created a bonding environment that made the boys' task of winning against the odds something they fully believed possible before they took the field.

The whole week drove home to me the fact that while Indigenous players have made great advances in the game over the last few decades, we still have a long way to go.

I was taken aback when I walked into the room at the start of the week when I realised that I probably knew less than half the boys present.

In my talk to them, I reinforced the message that while it was hard to make it at the AFL level, it was harder still to keep your place in the system.

New message

But by the end of the week I found that I had discovered a new message for the future.

And that was that while we could take pride in having such a high representation in the AFL, numbers by themselves were not enough.

As an Indigenous playing group, we have to strive to be more than a percentage of the AFL population.

That is only making up the numbers.

Leading from the front

As important as performance on the field is, we have to strive to achieve off the field as well.

We need more player leaders, coaches and administrators at the top of the game to ensure that our voices are heard as well.

That is what really made the week tick for me.

The fact that Chris Johnson is now on the senior coaching staff at the Lions, and was able to translate his wisdom from winning three flags into practical messages for these players of tomorrow was a key practical lesson in leadership.

The theory of the classroom was put into practice on the training field.

You could see the young players start to come out of their shells as the whole week bonded and united us.

In our cultural identity sessions, we shared our personal stories, with every player providing a glimpse of their inner selves.

Somehow this translated into an understanding on the training field that went beyond mere communication.

You could see the youngsters picking up tips from the likes of Adam Goodes, whose leadership qualities have been rewarded with the co-captaincy of the Swans this season.

As always, the community visits provided all the players with the final piece to the motivation puzzle.

We were all reminded why we were playing this specific game and who we were representing.

For Matt Campbell, it was a trip down memory lane.

Fifteen years ago a young Matt Campbell sat in the stands of Marrara Stadium and watched as the Indigenous All-Stars made history with a 20-point win over AFL powerhouse Collingwood.

The game, the first of its kind, was played less than 12 months after St Kilda star Nicky Winmar famously pulled up his jumper and pointed to his Aboriginal skin after enduring racial taunts from a section of the Magpies supporters and players at Victoria Park.

The All-Stars' win, driven by captain Michael McLean and stars Darryl White, Derek Kickett and Chris Lewis, led to an even greater awareness of the Indigenous community and served to inspire Campbell and the next generation of would-be AFL footballers.

"I was actually here for the Collingwood game in 1994. I was only a little tacker and can't really remember much, but I know I really looked up to the players and wanted to be out there," Campbell said.

"After not being picked up in the (2004) national draft, I went to Adelaide and thought I wasn't going to get there, but once I got to the Kangaroos, my main priority was that I was right in the pre-season to get to these games."

"All the boys have memories of that (1994) game. Andrew McLeod said earlier in the week that he was only a young happy up here watching it. He was inspired and wanted to be the captain of the team and he did that on three occasions."

Livewire performance

Campbell followed in McLeod's footsteps by winning the Polly Farmer Medal for best on ground and impressed me with his livewire performance up front.

The Alice Springs boy surprisingly revelled in the wet conditions with his lethal left foot doing most of the damage.

Campbell said the dazzling display was a result of 'instinct' rather than any set game plan.

"We didn't really sit down with game plans until about Thursday and we didn't really know what to come up with because of the weather," he said.

"But I think that win means a lot after the loss to Essendon in 2007. We wanted to bounce back and we knew that Adelaide was going to be a really good side. They are one of the fittest sides in the pre-season, but the conditions probably suited us better



Adam Goodes during a community visit in the build-up to the Indigenous All Stars' match against Adelaide in Darwin.

than them. The boys just kept going and we didn't really give them a sniff."

The team members celebrated after the win, but the meaning of the game will only be fully comprehended for each individual over the coming weeks.

I hope that they will find another level of inspiration from the whole week in the same way I did.

Winning a game is important, but winning the battle of life is our ultimate challenge.

Let's not just make up the numbers.

Let's lead from the front.

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The Indigenous All Stars and team officials and support crew in Darwin.

An amazing week

CRICKET



With MATTHEW HAYDEN

WOW – what a week I had at the Imparja Cup! My week in Alice Springs was a busy and hectic one, but at the same time I loved every minute of it and I walk away very encouraged about the future of Indigenous cricket.

I couldn't help but think about the future as I saw young Indigenous children throwing down the stumps from all angles. Imagine some of those hand-eye skills at work at short cover during a one-day international or Twenty/20 match! Those same hand-eye skills also apply to batting and bowling and through to the ultimate goal of seeing more Indigenous players wearing the baggy green for Australia in a Test match.

My Imparja Cup adventure started with a minor hiccup – my bags got lost in transit! But it was soon forgotten as I arrived at Traeger Park to watch some matches and meet participants.

Two players stood out. One was Queensland batsman Trent Clemments, from Ingham, who was marooned due to the floods in that area and had to lug his gear along a railway track in bare feet for a couple of kilometres before catching a light plane to Townsville (see page 88).

The other was Morris Nona, from Badu Island. Morris competed in the major centres division with Cooktown, but made his way from Badu Island in the Torres Strait Islands in pretty extraordinary circumstances.



Matt Hayden and some of his new friends. Hayden visited several Indigenous communities in central Australia during his visit to the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs.

He piloted a 'tinnie' 42km from Badu Island to Thursday Island, but the waters were choppy, winds were high, and as I know in that situation, it puts you in a fair bit of danger.

No worries for Morris though – he speared a dugong and put in the front of the tinnie to add ballast and continued safely on his merry way! (See page 4)

It's these sorts of stories that are the spirit of the Imparja Cup and made it such a wonderful trip for me.

Off to the UK

It's also a great story when you get to chat to 16-year-old Trent about his trip from Ingham and then talk about the game and his development. It's made even better when you hear his name called out as the youngest member of the Indigenous Development Squad to tour England in June.

I'd made plans to keep in touch with Trent as a sounding board and I'll be

making sure I catch up with him before or maybe during the trip.

That's the other thing about the Imparja Cup – it's giving Indigenous kids a focus at the elite end as well as being a community competition.

If I can let kids like Trent know that they've got some extra support, it might be enough to spur them on to reach that next level. And what an incentive to develop your game when an overseas tour is the reward!

I also got the chance to head to the remote community of Titjikala, 120km south of Alice Springs – a tough place, but the spirit was truly alive as could be seen at the wonderful art gallery there.

We played some cricket at the school and then at the open recreation hall in the community, and again the kids had that natural ability.

If we can keep promoting the game on an ongoing basis into small these communities, we're a chance to develop this skill and at the same time cricket can assist in creating role models and leaders for the communities.

Two of the women of Titjikala (one, Dora, I naturally named the Explorer), then became our tour guides as we trekked out to see Chalmers Pillar. The Pillar gave a spectacular outlook, Dora telling us the Dreamtime tale of Chalmers Pillar and the surrounding 'female' rock formations love triangle. I could have stayed there all day.

The Friday morning visit to the Clontarf Foundation's Alice Springs Football Academy was truly inspiring. At-risk kids all being drawn to education through the carrot of doing something they love – playing footy.

It's a simple idea, but such a powerful one that has so many benefits. At a bare minimum, it gets kids going to school and gives them the powerful tool of education that hopefully benefits not just

themselves, but also their communities.

The Academy entered a team in the Imparja Cup, showing that a lot of kids who have a strong passion for AFL also have a passion for cricket. So maybe down the track cricket can be involved in the Clontarf model in some way.

Later in the day I visited the younger children at the Yipirinya School, an all-Indigenous school where the kids come from far and wide.

While there we launched Cricket Australia's new school resource for Indigenous communities. It talks about issues like leadership and respect in the classroom specifically in an Indigenous context and, like Clontarf, it's using sport to better engage children in education – a great idea.

Home-grown idol

It's also good to see that while the resource features pictures of Ricky Ponting and Brett Lee, the front cover features Queensland Imparja Cup team star Preston White with smiling children.

The Imparja Cup is starting to create role models of its own.

Which is a nice way to a final word on the results from the Imparja Cup.

The New South Wales girls proved just too strong in a fantastic game of cricket against a gallant Bellette Cougars in the women's division (watch for a special guest in the commentary box when its screened on NITV during March).

My fellow Queenslanders went back-to-back thanks to that man Preston White.

Preston is only 18, but to score 101 and then back that up with 4-15 in a high-pressure final representing your State shows real class.

Oh, and did I mention he took six wickets in last year's final? He's one to watch and that will start when he too tours Britain this winter.



Hearing it from the horse's mouth ... Matt Hayden, right, listens to the Pre-Imparja Cup adventures of Trent Clemments (left), of Ingham, and Morris Nona (second from left), from Badu Island.

'Dizzie's' big day

By PETER ARGENT

SA

THE Jason Gillespie testimonial match at Glandore Oval, Adelaide, ended in a tie.

The match was between 'Dizzy' Gillespie's International All Stars and the Buffalo All Stars, made up of players from Gillespie's South

Australian Cricket Association foundation club, Adelaide.

At the end of the day, the organising committee handed over a cheque for \$7500 to the McGrath Foundation.

Gillespie's long-time test opening bowling partner, Glenn McGrath, made the trip to

Adelaide and played alongside Gillespie.

Four spectators each paid \$100 to face three deliveries from McGrath or Gillespie.

"We're rapt with the result," Adelaide District Cricket Club organiser Neil Rickards said.

"The estimation of the crowd was around 2500 and to get the response we did was fantastic.

"It is most probably the most success event in the long history of our club, with a lot of unsung heroes behind the scenes."

Local media personality Ben Hook won the Buffalos' man-of-the-match award, while Australian one-day cricketer Brad Young collected the same award for Dizzy's International All Stars.



Clockwise from above:

- Gillespie smashes a four to the mid-wicket boundary.
- Gillespie being introduced to the 2500-strong crowd.
- Gillespie's father, Neil, was at the match. He was 12th man for the Buffalo All Stars.
- Gillespie opened the bowling, sharing the new ball with former Australian team-mate Glen McGrath.
- McGrath and Gillespie during the national anthem.





Just getting there was a fine feat

QUeensland Imparja Cup player Trent Clemments (pictured) was glad just to make it to Alice Springs. The 16-year-old from Ingham was caught in the north Queensland floods.

Roads were cut and it looked as if Trent would not be able to join his Queensland team-mates for the flight from Brisbane to Alice Springs.

His goal was to get from Ingham to Townsville to catch a flight to Brisbane.

With roads cut, Trent and his dad carried and dragged Trent's suitcase and cricket gear kit 2kms along a railway line.

Then it was a shorter road walk to Ingham airport, where Trent was lucky enough to hitch a ride in a light aircraft that was delivering newspapers to Ingham.

From there Trent was able to continue his journey to Brisbane and on to Alice Springs.



The Desert Wildcats' Peter Little hits a six over square leg in the communities division game against the Stuart Highway Mob at Head Street Oval.



Tasmanian captain Guy Grey plays an off drive in the final at Traeger Park.



This Ashley Renouf delivery claimed the wicket of Tasmanian Callam Moore, caught behind, in the Imparja Cup final at Traeger Park.



Preston White acknowledges applause after his match-winning century in the final against Tasmania.



Mary G made a surprise appearance at the Imparja Cup dinner and 'worked' the audience.



South Australian Faith Thomas, Australia's first and so far only female Indigenous cricketer to wear the 'baggy green', was a guest at the Imparja Cup. She is pictured with Cricket Australia's Damien Bown.



Janet Turner, native title holder from Alice Springs, gave the welcome to country at the Imparja Cup dinner at the Crowne Plaza.



● LEFT: The all-Indigenous All-Australian 'Black Caps' after being named at the Crowne Plaza dinner. They were selected following their performances during Imparja Cup qualifying matches.



Imparja Cup special guest Matthew Hayden speaking at the dinner at the Crowne Plaza.



● LEFT: Darwin players during their major centres division game against Tennant Creek at Sadadeen Oval, rear from left, Ken Solien, Jason Mortimer and Arthur Croydon; front, William Alderson, Robert Weribone and Raymond Walters.

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One ball becomes airborne as Tasmanian Dean Harris plays this ball on to his stumps off the bowling of Queenslander Ashley Renouf at Albrecht Oval.



Lost opportunity: Tasmanian captain Guy Grey was well out of his ground, but was saved by a wild throw to Queensland wicketkeeper Bradley Stout in the final at Traeger Park.



Young Queensland leg-spinner Chris Swain gave his first ball plenty of flight, but was hit for six by Tasmanian Josh Walmsley. Walmsley starred with the bat in Tasmania's victory over the defending champions at Albrecht Oval.



Big-hitting Victorian Keith Stevens lifts West Australian Jay Collard for six over mid-wicket at Traeger Park. Stevens hit 26 sixes during the carnival.



Tasmanian batsman Callam Morse catches an edge and is caught behind by Queensland wicketkeeper/captain Bradley Stout in a qualifying game at Albrecht Oval. The Tasmanians won this 40-over game.



Century-maker Adrian McAdam. He helped himself to 32 runs in one over while playing for Alkupitja against the Cooktown Crocs.



● LEFT: Five-year-old Ariki Lowe, of Alice Springs, is a next-generation cricketer. He was pictured at Albrecht Oval where New South Wales was playing the Northern Territory. Ariki's dad Darrell Lowe captained the NT team, but missed that match because of injury.

● RIGHT: NSW batsman Jonathan Halloran was given out off this delivery, caught behind, in a match against the ACT at Traeger Park.



The stumps are shattered, but he's not out. William Sevalious, playing for the Desert Wildcats in the community division game against the Stuart Highway Mob at Head Street Oval, was given a free hit under the rules of super 8 cricket. This was the result.



Cricket Australia and Imparja Cup officials with the Imparja Cup players chosen to tour England with the Indigenous Development squad in June. The squad also includes two players who did not take part in the Imparja Cup – South Australian Daniel Christian and Queenslander Worrin Williams.

They're off to Britain



THE Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs was capped with the naming of an Indigenous Development squad to tour the United Kingdom during this winter.

The primarily Under 23 squad aims to develop players in a range of ages, while allowing for some older players to fill leadership roles.

The squad was picked from performances at the Imparja Cup as well as players' performances in club and representative cricket and will be captained by South Australian Redbacks Weet-Bix Sheffield Shield and Ford Ranger Cup player Daniel Christian, a former player at the Imparja Cup.

Christian did not play in the Imparja Cup as he was on duty with the Redbacks.

Worrin Williams (Qld) is the other squad member who did not play in the Imparja Cup.

Williams is a contract player with the Queensland Bulls.

The touring squad is: Daniel Christian (c) SA, 25; Peter O'Callaghan (vc) ACT, 24; Trent Clemments Qld, 16; Josh Lalor NSW, 21; Brad Lovell Tas, 23; Ben Mainhardt Qld, 19; Darcy Short NT, 18; Chris Swain Qld, 18; Cameron Trask Qld, 19; Dane Ugle WA, 20; Lewis Upton WA, 16; Josh Walmsley Tas, 19; Preston White Qld, 18; Worrin Williams Qld, 21; Coach: Michael Mainhardt (Qld).

The squad will gather at the Cricket Australia Centre of Excellence in Brisbane on 16 June for a training camp before leaving for the United Kingdom on 19 June.

An Honour Squad for the 2009 Imparja Cup was also selected and presented with the 'baggy black' cap for performances at this year's Imparja Cup carnival: Ryan Bulger (NSW), Barry Firebrace (Vic), Andrew Gordon (NSW), Josh Lalor (NSW), Bernie Lamont (Tas), Anthony Smith (Tas), Chris Swain (Qld), Cameron Trask (Qld), Dane Ugle (WA), Lewis Upton (WA), Josh Walmsley (Tas), Preston White (Qld).



West Australian fast bowler Troy Collard winds up against Victoria at Traeger Park.



Victorian Alex Kerr plays a drive through the covers for a boundary in the match against Western Australia at Traeger Park.



● ABOVE: Members of the Cooktown Crocs team that competed in the major centres competition at Larrapinta Oval.



● LEFT: Queensland Imparja Cup team manager Larry Budd being interviewed on CAAMA Radio.

Alice Springs carnival a dream come true for Marcus

THERE were plenty of youngsters competing in the 2009 Imparja Cup, but none younger than the Northern Territory's 14-year-old Marcus McGregor-Cassady.

Despite his tender years, Marcus also could have played for South Australia in the all-Indigenous cricket carnival at Alice Springs.

Marcus comes from Darwin, but now attends Ros Trever College, in Adelaide. The college has an Indigenous sports academy.

He plays junior cricket for East Torrens in the South Australian under 16 competition and is a member of the South Australian 14 and under squad.

Because of his connections there, he was invited to join the South Australian Imparja Cup team.

But Marcus' loyalties remained with the Northern Territory.

He has long idolised Northern Territory captain Ian Redpath, and the opportunity to

play with him was too good an opportunity.

It only got better for Marcus when he 'roomed' with Redpath during the week in Alice Springs.

His dad told *The Koori Mail* Marcus was 'living his dream' in Alice Springs.

He did not set the world alight with his performances during the carnival, but give him another few years.

There are some who have big 'wraps' on Marcus.



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Alkupitija players during the major centres division match against the Cooktown Crocs at Larapinta Oval.



Alice Springs players and supporters were at Sadadeen Oval during the major centres division match between Darwin and Tennant Creek.



Beaten, but far from disgraced: The Alice Springs-based Bellette Cougars after their loss to NSW in the women's division final at Traeger Park.



Members of the NSW women's team in a celebratory huddle after winning the competition for the second year running.



Imparja Television's sales manager Steve Rattray presents the Imparja Cup to Queensland captain Bradley Stout.

● **RIGHT:** Family affair: Vicki and Matt Sharrah, of Peak Hill, near Dubbo (central western NSW) with their daughter Carmen Sharrah, Carmen's daughter Jada Redpath, 2, and Jada's dad, NT Imparja Cup captain Ian Redpath, at Albrecht Oval. Carmen works for NT Cricket in Darwin and was involved in organising the Imparja Cup. Carmen's parents drove to Alice Springs to take on child-minding responsibilities while Jada's mum and dad were immersing themselves in the Imparja Cup.



Alkupitija player Adrian McAdam brings up a whirlwind century with a boundary in the major centres division match against the Cooktown Crocs at Larapinta Oval. Alkupitija went on to win the final, beating Alice Springs.

Champions again

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Spring) were far from daunted against the Blues, scoring 6/92 in response to the NSW total of 3/112.

The Indigenous All-Star team also had a triumphant day as they defeated the Australian Cricketers Association (ACA) Masters XI in a crowd-pleasing curtain-raiser to the men's final.

The ACA Masters XI included former Test and first-class players such as Brad Hogg, Ashley Mallett, Matthew Elliott, Ryan Campbell and Wayne Houldsworth.

The major centres division title was won by Alkupitija, who defeated Alice Springs in the final, while Tangentyere took out their first community division title when they were too good for the Stuart Highway Mob.

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The all-conquering Queensland Imparja Cup team celebrating in their dressing room after thrashing Tasmania in the 2009 final to claim the cup for the fifth time in the past six years.

Champions again

By GRAHAM HUNT



FOR the second year running, Queensland destroyed Tasmania in the final of the all-Indigenous Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs.

Their 2009 demolition of Tasmania was even greater than the year before.

Eighteen-year-old Preston White practically won the match single-handedly for the Maroons.

White, originally from Rockhampton but now living in Brisbane, scored a stylish and powerful century as Queensland set Tasmania a formidable target.

Queensland was 4/202 at the end of 40 overs.

In their run chase, the Tasmanians were on the back foot from the first over when Ashley Renouf claimed a wicket.

White came on for the second over and he too took a wicket.

A third wicket fell and Tasmania was in a lot of trouble.

Boost for Indigenous cricket

CRICKET Australia and Lord's Taverners have agreed to proceed with the formalisation of the Lord's Taverners becoming a major partner of Indigenous cricket, involving the Imparja Cup, an overseas tour to the United Kingdom and localised activities.

The deal was announced during the Imparja Cup dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel by the Cricket Australia Chairman Jack Clarke and Lord's Taverners National Chairman Greg Brown.

The Lord's Taverners Australia is a benevolent association whose mission,

through subscriptions, sponsorship, fund-raising activities and donations, is to give young people, particularly those with special needs, the opportunity to participate in sport and recreation.

The Lord's Taverners was established in 1949 by a group of cricket enthusiasts who gathered to watch cricket from the Tavern Bar at Lord's, in London.

The Lord's Taverners Australia was formed in 1982 as an autonomous organisation. It has raised more than \$12 million in cash and kind.

The big-hitting Bernie Lamont found himself in the unusual position of having to hold up an end while wickets tumbled around him.

With Lamont subdued, Queensland turned the screws and won by 87 runs.

White finished with 4/15.

Earlier, during one of the qualifying matches, White took 8/3 against the hapless Victorians. But only one of the three runs White conceded came off the bat — the other two were sundries.

Probably the biggest mistake Tasmania made during the carnival was beating Queensland in a qualifying game at Sadadeen Oval.

Tasmania won that game comfortably to inflict the first and only defeat of the carnival on the Maroons. But all that seemed to do was make the Queenslanders determined to ensure they exacted revenge should their paths cross again.

Their paths almost did not cross. New South Wales came perilously close to edging out Tasmania for the Imparja Cup showdown with Queensland.

It was Queensland's fifth Imparja Cup win in the past six years.

There was some consolation for New South Wales when the State's women's team won the women's final in the 14-overs-a-side final.

The women followed a super 8s format throughout the qualifying matches.

In the final, the Bellette Cougars (Alice

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